



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Executive Council Luncheon Meeting**  
**Wright-Patterson Club and Banquet Center**  
**Tuesday, 10 July 2012**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- President Shiela Wallace called the meeting to order at 1130 Hours
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Attendees introduced themselves

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:**

**88<sup>th</sup> ABW** – Col. Daniel Semsel – Not present; submitted the following report:

- Installation Stats:
  - # currently deployed installation-wide = 339
  - # currently deployed for the ABW = 160
  - # returned in June = 65 installation-wide; 24 from ABW
  - # departed in June = 85 installation-wide; 41 from ABW
- Past Events:
  - 12 June – MVMAA Meeting – Club
  - 12 June – Student Activity Center Ribbon-Cutting – Student Activity Center
  - 14 June – Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Mechenbier Book Signing – NMUSAF
  - 21 June – Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run – NMUSAF
  - 27 June – Wright-Patt Enlisted Promotion Ceremony – Club
  - 27 June – AFIT Model Fabrication and Open House – Area B, Building 470
  - 28 June – ALS Graduation Ceremony – Club
  - 29 June – Tattoo – NMUSAF
  - 30 June – Independence Day Parade – Huber Heights
- Upcoming Events:
  - 3 July – Fairborn Annual Block Party – Community Park
  - 4 July – Fairborn’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Fairborn
  - 7-8 July – Vectren Dayton Air Show – Dayton International Airport
  - 9 July – AFSAC Inactivation Ceremony -- Club
  - 10 July – MVMAA Meeting – Club
  - 12 July – 88<sup>th</sup> ABW Quarterly Awards – Base Theater
  - 12 July – AFA Farewell to Lt. Gen. Tom and Mary Beth Owen – Club
  - 12 July – National Conference of the Gold Star Wives – Holiday Inn-Fairborn
  - 17 July – 88<sup>th</sup> ABW Change of Command – NMUSAF
  - 27 July – BBQ for our Troops – Location TBD
  - 31 July – Wright-Patt Enlisted Promotion Ceremony -- Club

**445<sup>th</sup> AW** – Col. Stephen Goeman: Not present.

**178<sup>th</sup> FW/OHANG** – Col. Greg Schnulo: Not present.

**ROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr.:

- They will actually be highly staffed for the Fall. Two officers are planning on retiring. Capt. Grafton will be returning from his deployment, and Capt. Graham will be staying for another year. We are seeing a slow turnover this Summer. The Commander will have a new Operations Officer; a new Operations Flight Commander, Capt. Shroff, who we will have for only a year, prepping him for a transition up to the Region as the Ops Officer there; and Capt. Durbin is transitioning to the Region as the Ops Officer for a year before he rotates.
- A couple of small minor notes: In the bigger scheme of things, Capt. VanDyke has a new baby girl; wife and baby are doing well. We did have a scare this Summer. Capt. Graham actually had a stroke. As much as you can recover from a stroke, he has fully recovered, probably back to the 90% level. When he had his stroke was in the base of the brain; and as the stroke doctors say, if you are going to have a stroke that is the place to have it because you tend to get your faculties back from it. He is currently on leave right now but will be back at the end of the month; but he is doing well.
- Col. Bouchard then announced he is on his last week at the Detachment. He will be transitioning down to Patrick AFB, working for the Air Force Technical Application Center and is looking forward to it. He has been notified he will be a grandfather in September and again in February.
- Col. Bouchard then turned the floor over to Col. Richard Hughes, the incoming Commander. Col. Hughes introduced himself and thanked the Chapter for having him. He said he is a native Ohioan and this is his first opportunity to come back to visit his home state in about 22 years. He is excited about coming back and made a conscious decision to come back. My intent for our Cadets is to build the best young men and women with a solid base of intellectual, moral, ethical, physical preparedness as young leaders in our Air Force.

AFROTC Det. 643: No representative present.

Arnold Air Society: No representative present.

**Junior ROTC** –

Col. Fred Schuster – Tecumseh JROTC:

- They are in the Summer doldrums of the high school academic so there is not much to report from JROTC activities.
- Tecumseh AFJROTC hosted its annual Summer Leadership School for cadets on 17-22 June at Camp Perry Ohio Army National Guard Post near Sandusky. Fifty-three cadets from three AFJROTC units attended: Tecumseh High School from New Carlisle; Stebbins High School from Riverside (Dayton); and Buchtel High School from Akron, Ohio. The cadets fired the M-16 and Daisy Air Rifles, received training in orienteering, first aid and survival, were given teamwork and leadership tasks on a Leadership Reaction Course, had daily marching and athletic competitions, and received a tour of historical Put-In-Bay Island in Lake Erie.

Col. Gene Longo – Bellbrook JROTC: Not present.

**Civil Air Patrol**: Tom Koogler: Not present.

**Dayton Development Coalition**: – Maurice McDonald: Not present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**: Mary Bloyd:

- Requested a motion that the June 2012 Meeting Minutes be included in the Chapter records. The motion was seconded. The June Minutes will be forwarded to the AFA Chapter webmaster for posting on the Chapter website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob Van Hook:

- The beginning balance for June 2012 was \$134,920
- Expenses for June 2012 were \$7,646
- Deposits for June 2012 were \$35,651
- The ending balance for June 2012 was \$162,925
- May Sponsors:
  - CDO Technologies      \$ 6,000
  - Lockheed Martin      \$11,000
  - Greentree Group      \$11,000

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Everett Odgers:

- 21 September is coming rapidly, the date of the Air Force Ball. As you know, each year the Chapter sponsors three very significant awards: the Ambassador Award, the Heritage Award, and the Legacy Award. The past sinners have been notable individuals in our community. The 2,500 members of our local organization were asked through a letter sent out by email, to give me nominations for each one of the awards. I have one nomination for one of the awards, and am working on getting a second nomination for another award.
- About four or five years, we were asked to change the way we did this, for several reasons. So we sent out a process for the annual awards and it has failed miserably. So if we are going back to the old way of doing things where one person (me) writing up all of the paper that I want to write up and nominate the awards, then you are going to have to like it.
- We have some time yet, so I am asking all of you to put your thinking caps on. We have to get the ballots out for voting by the end of July, otherwise we cannot get the plaques done correctly; we need about six weeks. We really have to get the ballots out soon to get the results back and the plaques done correctly.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:** Shiela Wallace:

- Along with many invitations that have come in my direction, I have received one "Thank You" letter. It is regarding "Heroes Welcoming Heroes" and was written on 15 May thanking us for the Chapter donation supporting this celebration. Saying, "The success of the event is due to your commitment and dedication. Without your contribution to the team, they would not be able to offer such an outstanding program to our deployed families. On behalf of the entire Wright-Patterson community, I heartily thank you for your support. Sincerely, Michelle Serrano, Team Co-Chair, Heroes Welcoming Heroes."
- Last March, those of you that were here heard me mention to Col. Semsel that some checks seemed to be missing for different events. I will say that he is obviously an extremely good detective or he inspired people quite well because the day after I brought this to his attention, our checks were found and this has been taken care of.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 2012 Special Events:**

Saturday-Sunday, 7-8 July 2012, Vectren Dayton Air Show -- Kent Owsley: Not present; submitted the following report:

- I will begin my report with a USAF saying, BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front): the 2012 Air Show was another rousing success and while I will be providing some details of this successful event, I must start by once again recognizing our STAR Sponsors who provide us the funds to put on this event. Simply put, without their sponsorship I don't think they would be a chalet program and certainly not to the scope or level of excellence currently demonstrated.

- The AFA provided the opportunity to attend the Air Show to our STAR Sponsors, individual AFA members, GO's/SES's/Chief's, identified sponsor guests, and included providing 148 tickets to the 88<sup>th</sup> ABW for distribution. A total of 1,156 people, 636 on Saturday and 520 on Sunday, enjoyed themselves at the AFA Chalets.
- As we have done over the last several years, throughout the two days, the Chapter sponsored five chalets providing our guests and STAR Sponsors with air-conditioned comfort, sodas, water, beer, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, chips, pretzels, and cookies, and bathrooms inside the chalets. And all of our guests enjoyed first-class views of the air show.
- With a temperature of 103+ degrees on Saturday, the sun made it feel like 110-115. The Chapter was very excited that Gen. Wolfenbarger stopped by and spent time with us. We were also very honored that Capt. (USAF Ret.) Theodore Van Kirk spent time with us. For those who might not be familiar with his name, Van Kirk is the last surviving member of the Enola Gay crew that performed the Hiroshima mission. He was the Enola Gay's navigator. On Sunday, with a much needed break in the temperature, the chalets had a real family feel as many of our guests were children.
- Financially, the cost to run the 2012 chalet program is in the \$90K range.
- It is very important to note that without the dedicated support from Jim Heitz, Al. Schoolcraft, Sharon Murner, Dee Cox, Betty and Walt Shellhorn, the five cadets from Detachment 642, Dion Makris, Terri Russell Kratch, and the entire chalet reception team, this event would not have happened. I would also like to thank The Greentree Group for once again providing us with the lead administration support for this effort. Without their investment into the program, the Chalet Team would be nowhere as effective or as organized as we are. Specific mention needs to be made of Greentree's Lynda Kennedy. She provides an enormous amount of support in this area and I want to personally recognize her efforts and continued support to the AFA and the Chalet program.
- The chalet team is looking forward to the 2013 Air Show.

15 September 2012, Air Force Marathon -- Kent Owsley: Not present.

- Shiela Wallace commented that things are moving along and underway. Registration is now completely closed; it has hit the 15,000 mark. The Chapter will be handling an hydration station. Shiela and Sharon Murner will be there; the Sidney police chief and his wife will be there; and there are some other friends coming in from out-of-town who have asked if they can also help out.
- Col. Fred Schuster commented that their JROTC unit is not normally involved in the water stations, but they do work directly with the volunteer contact. Their Region has already attended the first organizing meeting. We usually send from 15 to 75 to work in the baggage tent, the finish line, and we do the opening ceremonies and the start line.

21 September 2012, Air Force Ball -- Shiela Wallace:

- Will be in contact with AFMC Protocol this week to get everything started and work out all of the details for the Ball. The date is still firm, it will be at the Museum, and the dress will be Black Tie. After meeting with Protocol, details will be given to Mary Bloyd to disperse.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges: Not present.

**Communications** – Tom Di Nino: Not present.

**Community Partners** – Fred Pumroy: Some applications are pending.

**Star Sponsors** – Jeff Liffick/Kent Owsley/Jessica Derr:

- Jessica commented that there was nothing new to report.
- Shiela mentioned that two checks have just been received. She then added that the Chapter needs to search out new Star Sponsors. The economy is tight; people who have been Five Star Sponsors in the past may not be able to continue at that level. We have seen Five Stars become One Stars, and Five Stars become Three Stars, and we have seen three One Stars go away. We need to be very cognizant of the economy and how it affects our organization. If you have any suggestions whatsoever of new companies that would be beneficial to us to have as a Chapter, we need to contact them.

**Membership** – Dee Cox-Parker:

- We have just come off of the Air Show this weekend. Actually, we got one more that last year – we got nine new memberships this year. Thought that we would be down because attendance was done but we did really well. Walt and Betty Shellhorn helped me with that.
- Dee and Shiela are preparing for the 445<sup>th</sup> ALF Professional Development Conference event. We always get a few memberships there and also give away five to the attendees at the conference.
- July is our biggest month for getting new memberships.

**Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner:

- Still on Summer vacation but gearing-up again to find our “Teacher of The Year”.
- We will start in September with our Grant Writing Workshops, and be involved again with TechFest.

**Programs** – Jessica Derr:

- Gen. Wolfenbarger’s Hail is coming up next month, and invitations will be coming out soon.
- We recently held Gen. Owen’s Farewell here in the Club ballroom.

**Government Relations** – Ron Thompson: Nothing to report.

**Veterans Affairs** – George Simons/Vita Eonta:

**2012 Veterans AFA/AFSA Summer Picnic:**

- On Saturday, 2 June 2012, AFA Wright Memorial Chapter #212 and the Air Force Sergeants Association Kittyhawk Chapter #751 jointly sponsored a picnic for the veterans of the Dayton VA Medical Center. Also members of the 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and other Wright-Patterson organizations joined in serving the veterans. Mr. Glenn Costie, Dayton VA Medical Center Director, attended the picnic to support the veterans.
- Representatives from the above organizations served hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, fruit, cookies, coffee, and soft drinks to the veterans. The weather was beautiful and cooks barbequed outside the Lakeside Manor. During the event, the Gem City Band played music for the enjoyment of the veterans. Several representatives of the participating organizations delivered food to the nursing home and hospital residents who were not able to attend the picnic. While the veterans were enjoying the food, the representatives of the participating organizations socialized with the veterans.
- Over 200 veterans and hospital staff members were served during the picnic. The veterans expressed their appreciation for the picnic. It was a rewarding experience for the participants to show recognition to our veterans for their service to our country.

- Donations totaled \$3081.67.
- 50 Volunteers - including Gem City Band totaled 148 volunteer hours

VAVS Quarterly Meeting:

- On Thursday, 14 June 2012, George Simons and Vita Eonta attended the VAVS quarterly meeting.
- Mr. Costie, VA Director, gave an update on the status of the VA's petition to become a National Landmark and to be the Archival Center for the VA.
- Jackie Williams, a veteran and a survivor of military sexual trauma, a form of PTSD, asked for help to get the documentary "The Invisible War" shown in this area. She needed \$500 for a showing at the Neon Theater in the Oregon District in downtown Dayton. One of the veteran organizations pledged the money and the viewing is scheduled for August 2012.

PSR Annual Picnic:

- On Thursday, 28 June 2012, George Simons, Vita Eonta, and Joanne Powell supported the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program's (PSR) Annual Family Picnic at the VA's picnic grounds.
- We were on hand to help serve hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, and watermelon to over 150 veterans and their caregivers. Because of the extreme heat, the picnic was moved indoors to the multipurpose room in the recreation center.
- Since all the food for this picnic was donated this year, the funds collected to support this picnic will be held over to support the PSR's annual holiday party in November.

**State of Ohio President's Report** – Kent Owsley: Not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Shiela Wallace:

- 14 June 2012: Gen. Mechenbier's Tribute and Book Signing
- 7-8 July 2012: Vectren Dayton Air Show

**NEW BUSINESS:** Shiela Wallace:

The meeting was adjourned at 1250 Hours.

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