



MEETING MINUTES
Executive Council Luncheon Meeting
Wright-Patterson Club and Banquet Center
Tuesday, 12 June 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:

88th ABW – Col. Daniel Semsel:

- Installation Stats:
 - # currently deployed installation-wide = 362
 - # currently deployed for the ABW = 189
 - # returned in May = 15 Installation Wide; 15 from ABW
 - # departed in May = 67 Installation Wide; 42 from ABW
- Past Events:
 - 30 April-4 May – Wright-Patterson AFB Exercise
 - 2 May – Team Wright-Patt 1st Quarter Quarterly Awards Lunch – Club
 - 3 May – Miami Valley Community Prayer Gathering – Montgomery County Courthouse Square
 - 7 May – 31st Annual Springfield-Clark County armed Forces Day Luncheon – The Hollenbeck Bailey Creative Arts & Convention Center
 - 10 May – 2012 CCAF Graduation Ceremony – Base Theater
 - 15 May – Generation Dayton/JFC Speaker Series – Hope Hotel
 - 15 May – Heroes Welcoming Heroes – NMUSAF
 - 19 May – Hometown Heroes – Dayton Dragons/Fifth Third Field
 - 24 May – Street Dedication Maj. Gen. John Ascani – Area B, Q Street
 - 26 May – WPAFB Appreciation Night with the Dayton Dutch Lions – Beavercreek High School
 - 28 May – Centerville Memorial Day Ceremony – Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park
 - 31 May – Wright-Patt Enlisted Promotion Ceremony – Club
 - 4-8 June – CORONA Top
- Upcoming 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

445th AW – Col. Stephen Goeman: Not present.

178th FW/OHANG – Col. Greg Schnulo: Not present.

ROTC/Arnold Air Society – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr.: Not present.

AFROTC Det. 643: Not present.

Arnold Air Society: Not present.

Shiela Wallace introduced AAS C/1T Lt Emily Allen from the John P. Robbins Squadron of Arnold Air Society at Ohio University. She and two other cadets drove over from Athens, Ohio specifically to introduce their Squadron to the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter. The Squadron has been involved in several projects, including Three Rivers Housing, Athens Beautification Day, and Walk for the Homeless. The Squadron is interested in pursuing opportunities with the Chapter for volunteering to assist with the various projects of the Chapter.

Junior ROTC –

Col. Fred Schuster – Tecumseh JROTC:

- Air Force budget constraints have started to impact AFJROTC units. Last year's operations funding was significantly reduced. Also, all O & M funds for Summer Leadership Schools were withdrawn leaving only supplemental funds for cadet meals. As an example, Tecumseh's Summer Camp, with approximately 50 cadets attending, has a food bill of \$5,850 for six days. The Air Force supplement this year will be \$3,600, leaving \$2,250 to be funded by our unit. Next year, the Air Force supplement will not be provided and all meal funding must be absorbed by the unit. This raises the cost of food for a cadet from \$45.00 to \$117.00. This will have a chilling effect on all Summer Camps and many cadets will not be able to afford it. Our fee for each cadet this year is \$135.00. Next summer, it will be approximately \$210.00. All 884 AFJROTC units and 117,000 cadets worldwide will be affected by the cuts.
- MSgt. Ruiz, at instructor at Tecumseh AFJROTC, attended the first "Air Force Marathon Volunteers" planning meeting last week. The Marathon is already sold out with 15,000 runners registered. This is 2,000 more than last year. Tecumseh will be providing approximately 75 cadets for support at the finish line area, opening ceremonies, food tent, baggage claim, and general support in the staging area. Bellbrook JROTC will support water stations and other areas with approximately 75 cadets.
- Tecumseh JROTC has moved toward its goal to become a Non-Profit, 501 C-3 corporation. The unit is now an approved non-profit corporation in the State of Ohio and has its application on its way to the Internal Revenue Service to become a tax-exempt organization. The unit's goal is to obtain tax exempt donations from corporations and other businesses to support its community and school activities. This will take a huge burden off the fund raising required from its cadets and their families.

Col. Gene Longo – Bellbrook JROTC: Not present.

Civil Air Patrol: Tom Koogler: Not present; Ken Curell provided the following report. It was read into the Minutes by Mary Bloyd, Chapter Secretary:

- Each Summer, the Ohio Wing of the Civil Air Patrol conducts a Summer Encampment that VERY loosely mirrors basic training for Air Force recruits. We bring cadets to Wright State University for a week of intense training which takes them through all of the basic elements of what it is to be a Civil Air Patrol Cadet – e.g., teamwork, physical fitness, organizational knowledge, leadership, uniform wear and care, etc. We will start Encampment on 16 June and it concludes on 23 June with a graduation parade and pass in review. Maj. Dave Jennison, Squadron Commander for the WPAFB CAP unit, is the overall Encampment

Commander and running the show from beginning to end, along with an extensive group of other CAP senior members and cadet leaders. We typically have about 200-220 cadets attend this week-long training.

- CAP will support the AFMC Tattoo with a team of senior members and cadets who will primarily provide crowd control and parking guidance. We typically have about 30-40 CAP members provide this volunteer support.
- We are in full-blown preparations now for supporting the U.S. Air & Trade Show, Dayton Air Show in July. Last year, we provided over 100 members for this volunteer support effort and anticipate having the same number this year.
- From 20-25 June, we will provide volunteer support for CAAP's National Cadet Competition held at Wright State University.

Dayton Development Coalition: – Maurice McDonald: Not present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mary Bloyd:

- The May Meeting Minutes were discussed, concluding with a motion to approve for the Chapter records. The motion was made and carried.
- The Minutes will be sent to the webmaster for posting on the Chapter website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Van Hook:

- The beginning balance for May 2012 was \$162,748
- Expenses for May 2012 were \$41,413 – this includes \$30,405 for U.S. Air and Trade Show
- Deposits for May 2012 were \$13,608
- The ending balance for May 2012 was \$134,920
- May Sponsors:
 - Wyle Laboratories \$1,250
 - Exelis \$1,250
 - Northrop Grumman \$8,000
- Other:
 - Bricks Account \$15,421
 - USATTE Account \$ 8,835

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Everett Odgers: Two items:

- Last July, two distinguished individuals were lost when the Wright B Flyer went down. We lost Don Gum and Mitch Cary in that accident. Several months ago, a few of us got together and under the AFA banner, we decided to buy a memorial bench and have it installed over by the Wright B Flyer that sits over in Area B. Through the generosity of several individuals and a couple of corporations, we now have all of the funds we need to be able to install the bench. It is in the process of being manufactured and put together. We will have a ceremony over at the Wright B Flyer before the one-year anniversary of their deaths. We will be inviting folks and it will be made known to anyone in AFA that wants to come and be a part of that ceremony. It will honor them for their contributions to the Air Force, to the history of Dayton, and to the nation.
- Awards: A letter was sent out about two weeks ago asking people to nominate individuals for the Ambassador, Heritage and Legacy Awards. No letters have come in. If you need someone to write, call hm. I have lists of people who have not been recognized. If you cannot do anything more than give me a name, we will help you write the nomination letter. Let's nominate people for these awards because they are very worthy.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Shiela Wallace:

- Everything received has been an invitation and there is no other correspondence that we need to report on.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 2012 Special Events:

- 14 June 2012, Gen. Mechenbier's Tribute and Book Signing – Shiela Wallace: This event has taken on a life of its own. The RSVP's closed yesterday but as of today, the number was at 383. Gen. Mechenbier is a Vietnam POW and he has written a book called "Life On A \$5.00 Bet". As a young person, someone said to him that he would never fly an airplane and never go to the Air Force Academy; he defied both of those. The event takes place on this date which is the 45th Anniversary of the day he was shot down. It is suggested that if you plan to attend, you get there early as close to 400 people are expected. There will also be a large contingent of general officers and other commanders who will be in attendance. We received confirmation yesterday that Gen. Wolfenbarger and her husband will be in attendance, along with Gen. Moore, Gen. Owen, several others generals on the base and then all of the Air Base Wing Staff are going to be attending. The cost of the book is \$30.00; it is hardback book. If you intend to purchase a book, it will be Cash or Credit Card only; checks will not be accepted. This is not an AFA decision but a Museum decision; they do not accept checks at the Museum.
- 7-8 July 2012, Vectren Dayton Air Show -- Kent Owsley: The Air Show is fast approaching and need to remind everyone that it is early this year, based on the schedule of the Navy Blue Angels. The AFA will have five chalets on the flight line. We invite every general officer and every chief on the Base and other companies and expect 750 to 1,000 people a day. If you are on a Standing Committee, you are entitled to receive a pair of tickets. I have the tickets today and will appreciate it if you can stay after the meeting to get your tickets and parking pass.
- 15 September 2012, Air Force Marathon -- Kent Owsley: We will have an hydration station that is right across from us here where we will have water, Gatorade, and gel. It would be great to have the Junior ROTC people there as we did last year. Ev Odgers has offered to run this again as I will be going to the AFA National Conference. If you will volunteer for this station, you will be done in a couple of hours. A flyer will be put out soon for sign-ups.
- 21 September 2012, Air Force Ball -- Shiela Wallace: Asked Renee Albright to give an update on the Silent Auction, and she commented that their first meeting was held and they could use a couple of more volunteers. Shiela added that everything is moving along for the Ball to be held in the Museum.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leadership Development/Awards – Ron Georges: Nothing to report.

Communications – Tom Di Nino: Not present.

Community Partners – Fred Pumroy:

- Before turning to Fred for comments, Shiela informed the group this is the last time we will see Tom Studebaker's name; he will be moving out of state to the Kansas City area in mid-July. She will be looking to get more help for Fred so he is not doing this all on his own.
- A Community Partner application has been received from First Command and is being processed.

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

- Kent has received another check from a three-star sponsor, and is going to pick up another check after lunch.
- The environment is tough. If there is a company out there, please let us know so that we can contact them. We would like to get a couple of new sponsors.
- Vita Eonta added that many of the star sponsors are not responding, even if we want to give them their Community Partnership.

Membership – Dee Cox:

- Ten memberships have been sent it – some are for cadets.
- Preparing for the Tattoo and the Air Show. Several new memberships usually come in at the Air Show.

Aerospace Education – Sharon Murner: Sharon was not present; Julie Livingston provided the report:

- The search for “Teacher of the Year” will begin once the new school year has started.
- We are planning to offer the AFA Grant Writing Sessions in the Fall.
- We plan to cut back on the USA Today Visions Program due to the lack of assistance from USA Today. We are investigating how this saved money can best be used.
- Teachers Workshops will again be offered in conjunction with TechFest and our own Spring Workshops.

Programs – Jessica Derr:

- The event for Gen. Mechenbier has been rather busy but is going to be great.
- The game at the Dayton Dragons got rained out – re-issuing 150 tickets back to Star Sponsors.
- Shiela commented we will be looking at two “Hails” and one “Farewell” occurring in the next several months. One will be individually for Gen. Wolfenbarger. Shiela was contacted by Public Affairs and was given five dates to choose from and is checking on availability at the Club for sometime in August. We will be doing an individual “Farewell” for Gen. Owen and his timeframe is the latter part of July. There are a variety of other changes of people in leadership capacity, and since they are not general officer positions, we will look at doing them as a group. The 88th ABW, NASIC, AFSAC, 711th HPW, and AFIT are all getting new commanders. MVMAA will be working with us again and the Dayton Development Coalition has also expressed a very strong interest in being a player in these events. As this all begins to unfold, we will be getting information into everyone’s hands.

Government Relations – Ron Thompson: Nothing to report.

- Added that there was a meeting last week of the Dayton Chamber’s Military & Federal Government Affairs Committee. They have been working for about a year with the Dayton Daily News to increase communication about the Base. Asked Mary Bloyd to add her comments since she was at the meeting. Mary commented that representatives from Cox Media discussed recent changes they have made in trying to report and cover military affairs more extensively. They now have a reporter assigned to the Base, have made various contacts there, and are now being allowed to attend various functions and report about them in their different media outlets. This is something Cox is going to continue to do as they have realized the focus needs to be more on Wright-Patt is doing because of its importance to the region and basically that is what they covered at this meeting.

Veterans Affairs – George Simons/Vita Eonta:

- Saturday, 2 June – George Simons and Joanne Powell helped with the joint AFA/AFSA VA Picnic at the Dayton VA Medical Center. Representatives of the organizations served food to over 200 veterans, staff, and family members.
- Thursday, 14 June – George Simons and Vita Eonta will attend the Quarterly VAVS Meeting at the Dayton VA Medical Center.
- Thursday, 21 June – George Simons, Vita Eonta and Joanne Powell will assist the veterans at the PSR Picnic at the Dayton VA Medical Center. The AFA has contributed \$100.00 to support this picnic.

State of Ohio President's Report – Kent Owsley:

- The Great Lakes Chapter Meeting was very quickly organized in Indianapolis. Bill Grider has put together a pretty nice agenda. We will be going over on Friday night for the dinner and an open bar, worked out pretty inexpensively with the hotel, the Airport Marriott. On Saturday, they will have their air show at the airport.

OLD BUSINESS: Shiela Wallace

- 5 June 2012 – AFMC Change of Command: It was a history-making event, well-attended. 1,250 seats were put up and they were prepared to add more. Many people had never attended an event where there was also a Corona. The expression on the faces of some of the media was noticeable when they watched the entire group of general officers come walking in. It was a wonderful event. Gen. Wolfenbarger is a wonderful lady as well as being a superb Air Force officer.

NEW BUSINESS: Shiela Wallace:

- 29 June 2012 – Tattoo: Tickets were just received and Shiela will be getting in touch with people to get them out when she goes through them, sees how many she has, and starts the organizing process. When she does get in touch, the number of tickets available will be two; this will be the maximum number she is able to give to one person.

The meeting was adjourned at 1240 Hours.

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