



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Executive Council Luncheon Meeting**  
**Wright-Patterson Club and Banquet Center**  
**Tuesday, 2 October 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:

- Installation Stats:
  - # currently deployed installation-wide: 320
  - # currently deployed for the ABW: 142
  - # returned in September: 61 installation-wide; 21 from ABW
  - # departed in September: 79 installation-wide; 34 from ABW
- Past Events:
  - 5 September – Fire Chiefs Community Dinner – Fire Station 1
  - 9 September – Beaver Creek 9/11 Memorial Event – North Fairfield Road
  - 11 September – Fairborn 9/11 Ceremony – Calamityville
  - 14 September – Manpower & Personnel Awards Banquet – Hilton Garden Inn, Beaver Creek
  - 14 September – Air Force Marathon Pasta Dinner – NMUSAF
  - 14 September – Wright State AFM 5-K – Nutter Center
  - 15 September – Women Veterans of America 4th National – Drury Inn and Suites, Dayton North
  - 15 September – Air Force Marathon, Half Marathon, and 10-K – NMUSAF
  - 15 September – Battle of Britain Anniversary Reception – NMUSAF
  - 20 September – Chief of Police Community Reception – Building 146
  - 20 September – Dinner in honor of Mrs. Doris Day, wife of Col. Bud Day – Wright-Patt Club
  - 21 September – POW/MIA Ceremony – Arnold House
  - 21 September – 2012 Air Force Anniversary Ball – NMUSAF
  - 25 September – Trotwood Community Open House – Hara Arena (Trotwood Police Department achieving CALEA Advanced Accreditation [Gold Standard] with Excellence)
  - 27 September – AFMC's Civic Leader Lunch – Wright-Patt Club9
  - 28 September – Wright-Patt Promotion Ceremony
  - 29 September – Top 3 Car Show – Springfield Street across from Gate 1-B
- Upcoming Events:
  - 3 October – CFC Charity Fair & Campaign Kick-Off – Nutter Center
  - 4 October – Southwest Ohio Regional Development Forum – Savannah Center, West Chester Ohio
  - 5 October – Information Technology Complex Ribbon Cutting – Area B, Building 802
  - 5 October – CFC Soapbox Race (JFC) – Area B Acceleration Ramp

5 October – National Aviation Hall of Fame President’s Reception – NMUSAF, Aviation Hall of Fame, Adjacent to the Learning Center  
 10 October – Vietnam Traveling Wall – Greene County Fairgrounds  
 11 October – 88<sup>th</sup> ABW Quarterly Awards Recognition Ceremony (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) – Base Theater  
 12 October – Snow and Ice Parade – Flightline  
 13 October – University of Dayton Military Appreciation Day – U.D. Arena  
 16 October – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park – Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center  
 17 October – Consolidated Hobby Complex Grand Opening – Building 1227K  
 18 October – Grave Marker Services for Cpl. Edward Ward – Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery (Veteran’s Circle Section)  
 19 October – Homeless Veterans Stand Down – Dayton VA  
 19 October – CFC Pumpkin Chuck – Spinning Road Entrance to NMUSAF Grounds  
 25 October – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WPAFB Energy Fair – AFIT Main Lobby, Building 642  
 25 October – Wright B Blyer Annual Meeting – Wright Brothers Airport, Miami Township  
 26 October – Retiree Appreciation Day – Hope Hotel  
 31 October – Wright-Patt Enlisted Promotion Ceremony – Wright-Patt Club

**445<sup>th</sup> ALW** – Col. Stephen Goeman:

- The Wing-wide Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) took place in Gulfport, Mississippi from 16-23 September with 400 participants. Thanks to those volunteers who participated in our “China Beach” program prior to the ORE departure. This was a USO-type operation with food, etc.
- The Wing’s focus will be on our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORU) scheduled for late-January 2013.
- The C-17 conversion is expected to end-out in the summer of 2013. Flying time and off-station missions will increase throughout 2013.
- Wing manning remains at 2,000 Airmen with little change in manning forecasted for the upcoming year.

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

**AFROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Richard Hughes:

- We have 170 cadets enrolled at this time.
- In addition to their ROTC duties, they are busy supporting myriad extracurricular activities, such as the United States Air Force Anniversary Ball, the AFMC International Ball, and the traveling Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial.

**Junior ROTC:**

Col. Fred Schuster – Tecumseh High School JROTC:

- The Tecumseh, Bellbrook, and Stebbins Junior ROTC units supported the USAF Marathon on 15 September 2012. Bellbrook and Stebbins worked the hydration stations while Tecumseh worked the opening ceremonies, food tent, finish line, and baggage claim. Around 150 JROTC cadets volunteered for duty at the Marathon.
- Six of the eight Chapter JROTC scholarships for this school year have been distributed. The other two cadets have been sent emails inquiring about their status. They have until 15 October 2012 to respond. If they have not fulfilled the requirements of the scholarship, the funds will be returned to the AFA Chapter for deposit.

- The following is an article which Col. Schuster requested be read into the minutes:  
*“Centerville High’s Air Force JROTC unit lives on! Unfortunately during tough budget times, stories like this are too common. In June, the school board cut AFJROTC unit PA-771 citing budget constraints and shrinking government funding. The district ended the 2011-12 school year with a \$4.3 million deficit. However, Board President J. Neil Campbell said the program could continue if the ROTC supporters could raise the \$157,000 needed to fund the program for the entire year themselves. This left them just 7 weeks to raise the money! Program supporters held bucket brigades, beef-and-brews, and car washes. Donations came in from businesses, churches, and individuals. After just 7 weeks, the total needed was both met and surpassed. So far, they have raised over \$172,000, said Safiya Edwards, one of the fundraising group leaders. The school board voted to reinstate the program at its Aug. 28 meeting. The group has now partnered with the Coatesville Community Education Foundation, a local non-profit. Funds left over after the school board is paid will be used to help keep the program alive beyond the 2012-13 school year. Here’s wishing this motivated program all our best from the JROTC world.”*

Lt. Col. Joseph Bryan – Stebbins High School JROTC: Not present.

Col. Gene Longo – Bellbrook High School JROTC:

- We just started our food drive last week. This is the seventh year for the food drive. Annually we collect over 10,000 cans and donate them back to the local community. The cadets do a great job with that.
- We have our Golf Fundraiser coming up on 13 October if anyone wants to play golf. It will be over at the Greene Country Club. This is our once-a-year fundraising event and you are all welcome to participate.
- Our Color Guard continues to get requests. We were out just yesterday and they continue to stay very active. They have been with Congressman Austria a few times, a retirement ceremony here at Wright-Patt, done a Cincinnati Reds game, and continue to get calls from Kroger, K-Mart, and about anything else that opens up in our local area.

**Civil Air Patrol:** Tom Koogler: Nothing to report.

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

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Mary Bloyd:

- Introduced a motion to include the September 2012 Meeting Minutes into the Chapter records. The motion was seconded.
- Due to personal and family considerations, did not stand for re-election as the Chapter Secretary. Thanked everyone for their support and said it has been an honor and privilege to work with everyone in the Chapter.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Bob Van Hook:

- The beginning balance for September 2012 was \$134,012
- Expenses for September 2012 were \$5,348
- Deposits for September 2012 were \$3,126
- The ending balance for September 2012 was \$131,790

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

- Thanked everyone, and particularly the Bellbrook ROTC, for helping us with our AFA hydration station for the Marathon. We had a great time and as always, all of our young ladies and gentlemen were very eager, enthusiastic, hard-working, and did a super job taking care of the runners. Each year the runners have their number and their name underneath the number, with the first name printed. The kids always watch and they always greet each one of the runners by their name as they go by. The people really get a kick out of that; they think that's really neat that the kids pay that much attention to what is going on around them. We have some great young men and young women coming along.
- Talked about the AFA Awards which were given out at the Air Force Ball on 21 September. Three great people were honored and recognized with the awards. But the entire process was much less than desired, and apparently it must have been less than others desired because of the complaints I received. We will be back looking at it once again.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:** Shiela Wallace:

- Received a very nice "Thank You" note from Col. Hughes regarding the Air Force Ball and the time that he (and as he described it "his lovely bride") had, and the pleasure of seeing the cadets involved and his becoming involved with our Chapter.
- Received a "Thank You" note from Jean Carey. She said, *"My family and I would like to thank the entire AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 for dedicating the beautiful stone bench to my husband Mitch and Don Gum. It was a lovely ceremony and we appreciate your kindness. Sincerely, Jean Carey"*
- Received a "Thank You" note sent on 12 September; it says, *"Shiela Wallace and Dayton Wright Brothers AFA. Thank you so very much for co-hosting the reception for Mary Beth and me before we departed the area. You are doing a wonderful job helping the AFA and Wright-Patterson, and your Chapter always makes us feel so welcome. I look forward to seeing many of you in the future. Sincerely, Tom Owen"*. (If anyone does not recognize the name, this is retired Lt. Gen. Tom Owen, former ASC Commander.)
- Received an invitation to the International Ball. Tom Koogler and I will be representing the Chapter. Tom has been to this event many times but this will be my first time. I hear it is a very nice event and I am looking forward to it.
- A lot of you know Pat Cooper; she now goes by Pat Bell. She has officially turned in her papers for retirement and advised us of this. She will be retiring on 1 December and shared some thoughts and comments about enjoying the work she has done with the Chapter. She is another retiree from AFMC, who like many of you have chosen to get involved with what is going on with our Chapter and we appreciate that.
- Received a letter from Betty Shellhorn; she asked that I share this with all of you and I made a commitment that I would read it all: *"Dear Shiela. I want to thank you and all of those in AFA that showed such love and care towards Walter and me with his recent illness and passing. It was so difficult for me to be so far away from home and feeling helpless to help get him back to Dayton. I couldn't believe when my daughter Rhonda got on the phone with you how diligently and swiftly you worked to find a way to potentially get Walt Med-evac'd back to Dayton. It was such a comfort for me to know that you and others were dropping everything to help in our time of need. I have always loved the Air Force Association and so did Walt. I know he always had such a strong respect for the Air Force after his time in Korea and the top cover they provided him and the troops on the ground when they were in enemy territory. I will miss his stories. I have heard so many in AFA say how much they loved to hear them as well. The day of Walter's viewing, I was overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support by so many of you when you came to pay your respects to the wonderful man I was able to*

*spend a short but extraordinary time with here on earth. He would have been so happy to know that he meant that much to each of you. I think he did know and I hope you know how special you were to him and continue to be to me. The floral arrangement from the AFA was very beautiful, and it reminded me of all the years working floral arrangements for the Air Force Ball. We both loved working the registration table for the Ball and getting the arrangements put together for the year our organization was in charge of that. Walt had such a sweet spirit about him and always loved to joke with many of you. It was never a dull moment for me with him, and I am sure you have your own "Walt story" too. I am planning on coming back to AFA and had hoped to get this note of thanks to you before the meeting as it will be difficult to hear it read to the group. But I do hope you will read it to the group as it was the association as a whole that I felt support from while we were in Idaho and at the funeral. I am so very fortunate in my lifetime. I have had two wonderful men to love and care for me. I miss him so very much and I know you are missing him too. I am very appreciative that God brought Walt into my life even for the brief time that we had to spend together. I want to thank each of you for checking on me. It's rough without him taking care of me the way he did. He definitely spoiled me and not a day goes by I don't wish one more moment to spend with him. Thank you again for all that you did and the diligent work you tried to do to help me bring him back to Dayton. Through the support you showed both of us at the funeral and for the details and emails I continue to receive to this day. I feel very blessed to have all of you in my life. And I know that while it will be difficult to come back to a place and a group he loved without him by my side, I look forward to having my AFA family connection when I return. Sincerely, Betty Shellhorn"*

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

15 September 2012, Air Force Marathon -- Kent Owsley: Not present; is at home very ill today.

- Shiela commented that we have heard a great deal about the Marathon today. Asked if anybody wanted to add anything else; there were no additional comments.

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

- Brought extra programs from the Air Force Ball for anyone who was not here and would like to have one, and also extra coins for anyone who would like one or more. She will pass on the rest to Dee Cox-Parker; when we go to different events where we get new members, one of the things we do is to provide them with a coin.
- Asked for thoughts, comments and reflections from those who attended the Ball.
- Shiela did speak with Gen. Wolfenbarger, who thought the Ball went well and she was very happy with everything. We did have a couple of discussions with food for thought for next year. One thing we are going to do for next year, which is already in process, is to get it off of Friday night. A lot of our companies were not comfortable with it being on a Friday night. It did decrease our numbers by about 50 people, and most of those numbers came from corporate. And from what I was hearing from many of our Star Sponsors is the fact that Friday night is not a good night to bring people in because they are then tied up for the weekend, with no way for them to get home if they are from out of the area. So they would much prefer to see it moved back to a week night. Gen. Wolfenbarger asked how the Ball got on this date anyway and I gave her the answer, but she is very much in agreement. So we are going to probably be looking at a Wednesday or a Thursday for next year.
- A few things were brought to our attention by Star Sponsors regarding seating. We are going to be working through these issues and looking at how we can make this flow a little bit better in the future.
- All in all, the evening went well. The only other personal comment came from people who were not excited about the dancers. Some thought they were wonderful; some were not

overly excited; and some felt they would be better served with a more patriotic music as opposed to what it was that evening. Again, this just had to do with personal taste. Gen. Wolfenbarger was just fine, as was I, even though it was a little different than what we thought it was going to be.

- Vita Eonta gave a report on the Silent Auction. One of the suggestions we came up with for next year is to have a "Save the Date" once the date is nailed down. Once the date was mailed out and invitations sent, many of our donators said that it was later in the year than they had anticipated and they did not have a budget to donate much of anything. As a consequence, we did not make as much as we have in the past. So we need to have a "Save the Date" that would go out much earlier. Otherwise, it went well; we raised a little over \$4,000 which is considerably less than we raised in the past. Praised the JROTC cadets for their support; they are there on time; they manage the crowd; they are wonderful.
- Shiela commented that they are looking at keeping the Ball in September. AFMC Protocol is already in the process of working on a date that will be as close to the actual date as possible. Hope to have the official date for next year within the next couple of weeks.

#### **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges:

- We need to elect our existing Officers for the next year. Asked Shiela Wallace to introduce the candidate for Secretary; she introduced Vita Eonta.
- Ron made a motion that Shiela be elected as the President, Tom Koogler as our Vice President, Bob Van Hook as our Treasurer, and Vita as our new Secretary. The motion was seconded and confirmed with "Aye's" from the group.

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

- Shiela commented that the "Crossfeed" newsletter has been released and is in the mail for those who need to receive a hard copy. For others, you should have received an email from our Webmaster, Tony Boehm, saying that it is available on the Chapter website.

#### **Community Partners** – Fred Pumroy/Matt Levalley: Not present.

- Shiela commented that she had received one new Community Partner application in the mail, from Harrison College. This came from the 445<sup>th</sup> ALW Professional Development Conference Shiela and Dee worked. They made contact with some of the professional universities there. The person from Harrison College will be invited to next month's meeting and asked to give a presentation there.

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

- We do not have any new sponsors.
- Planning needs to get underway for the December Star Sponsors' Reception.

#### **Membership** – Dee Cox-Parker:

- One new membership was sent in from a Star Sponsor.

#### **Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner: Not present.

- Shiela Wallace introduced two gentlemen from SRC, who presented a \$1,000 check to the chapter for its continued work in aerospace education.

#### **Programs** – Jessica Derr: Not present; returning from maternity leave in January 2013.

**Government Relations** – Shiela Wallace commented that Ron Thompson has chosen to step down from this position; he shared this with Shiela effectively last month. Tom Koogler and I are working on some ideas of people for this position; currently this is an open position.

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

*“FOR GENERAL RELEASE*

*To honor those who throughout the generations have stood strong in defense of our freedom, this Veteran’s Day we would like to display the photos of Ohio residents who have served our nation. Please email us a photo\* of you or your loved one by Oct. 14, 2012 to vetsvcs@dvs.ohio.gov.*

*These photos will be displayed on the Ohio Department of Veterans Services web site.*

*\*Photo requirements: Wallet size (2.25 x 3 inches), jpg or jpeg format only. Please include name, rank, and branch of service. One picture per individual service member, multiple submissions will not be accepted. No mail-ins please. Photos will not be accepted after October 14, 2012. Again, email photos to: vetsvcs@dvs.ohio.gov*

*We hope you’ll join us in honoring Ohio’s Military Community.*

*Ohio Department of Veterans Services*

*77 South High Street,*

*7th Floor,*

*Columbus, OH 43215*

*(888) DVS-OHIO*

*(888) 387-6446”*

**State of Ohio President’s Report** – Jeff Liffick:

- Has been president since 29 September; does not have anything to report yet.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Shiela Wallace: Asked Tom Koogler to give a report about the AFA National Convention:

- Seven attended from the Wright Memorial Chapter. Across the Great Lakes Region, there was one from Michigan, one from Kentucky, and three from Indiana. This gives you an idea of the representation from the Chapter.
- Hit on two of the social events. One was the tour of the DC area on Friday night; several of us went on that. Sunday morning we went to the Pentagon; the Chief and the Secretary were both there; it was a really nice dedication under the Air Force Memorial.
- Indications are that there is an Air Force JAG letter coming out encouraging the JAG community to be more inclined to say “Yes”, particularly to the Air Force Association and some associations like us that support the Air Force instead of saying “No”. If this letter is not out yet, it is scheduled to be out very shortly. Also there is an email going out to the Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and Air Force civilian encouraging all of them to join the Air Force Association. Again, not sure if this is out yet but there is the potential of these getting out by the end of September.
- Attended the Leadership Workshop and they talked a lot about Social Media and what they are doing at the national level with Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc. There are some things in this area that we can do that will really help us. Shiela and I have talked about this and have some thoughts about expanding in this area.
- We had a briefing on Sunday morning from the “Teacher of the Year”. This lady was absolutely phenomenal and a true advocate for education across AFA National. Shiela and I were talking about how we get our teachers more involved with the Chapter. (By the way, our “Teacher of the Year”, Heidi Steinbrink from Oakwood High School, was the second

runner-up.) I think we are showing support to the teachers and doing a great job with the Aerospace Education but there are ways we can expand that as well.

- You heard some of the election results. Bill Rider, who was the Great Lakes Region President, is now one of the National Delegates At-Large. So we have some friends up at the senior level of the AFA.
- Regarding special recognition, the Great Lakes Region for regional growth, Ohio for Dayton growth, and our Chapter for chapter growth.
- During the Awards Dinner, I got to accept the “Extra-Large Chapter of the Year” Award from National and presented it here to Shiela. The leadership that this Chapter has had over the years, the Executive Director we have had, and the support from the Committee members, Committee Chairs, the Base, and all of the innovation around this area, we cannot do any better than this.
- We may want to look at what we do with partnerships, with the relationships we have with local colleges, with the high schools, bringing the Civil Air Patrol in here eventually, and others – just different things I think we can build on, with Cyber Patriot and a lot of the other things. I think we have a lot of good things for the future. Thank you, Shiela, for your leadership and to everyone else around this table.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Shiela Wallace:

- 6 December is the date confirmed with the Club for the Star Sponsors’ Reception.
- Consideration is being given to doing a combined meeting with the AOC (Association of Old Crows), as an opportunity for the Chapter and the AOC to learn more about each other. A January 2013 date will be looked at for this meeting.
- We need to start looking at the budget and will be contacting many of you. We will need to look closely at our budget for next year. Everyone’s budget is tight; ours is no better. We will have a little bit of help since we will not continue doing the USA Today Visions program; this will bring some extra money back into the coffers. We must have a budget finalized and in place before the end of the calendar year that has to be provided to Jeff Liffick, along with a list of our Officers and our plans for next year.
- The following will be added to the Agenda of future meetings: Social Media-Eric Jaren under Standing Committee Reports; and adding a Great Lakes Region President’s Report-Kent Owsley after the State of Ohio President’s Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1300 Hours.

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