



Monthly Luncheon Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Mar 4, 2014

Meeting called to order – Ken Curell

The Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

- **88th ABW** – Col Carolyn Patrick
 - WPAFB continues to explore alternative ways to support its missions and maintain quality of life programs for its Airmen and family members through partnership opportunities with community stakeholders
 - Challenge is to size our force with the right balance of skills to meet Air Force mission requirements
 - Will continue to focus on retaining high performance Airmen while reducing over-manned career fields
 - If leaving active service please visit the Force Support Team for a seamless transition
 - Airmen leaving the active component should consider serving in the AF Reserve and Air National Guard
 - Stay informed; visit myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>
 - At this time, no need for VERA/VSIP to offset reduction-in-force for civilians at WPAFB
 - Installation Community engagements:
 - 7 Mar – Team Wright-Patt Annual Awards Banquet
 - 11-13 Mar – AFMC Spring Senior Leadership Conference
 - 21 Mar – Women’s History Month Luncheon
 - 28 Mar – National Prayer lunch
 - 28 Mar WP Educational Outreach/Job Shadow Day
 - AFMC Total Force: 78,694
 - Active Duty: 18,303
 - Air National Guard: 186
 - AF Reserve: 810
 - AF Civilians: 59,395
- **445th AW:** Col Gallet – not present, no report
- **178th FW/OHANG:** Col Greg Schnulo: not present, no report
- **Cadet Operations:** Ken Curell
 - ROTC – Maj Hopp
 - AFROTC Det 643 supported AFCEA Ball 15 Feb
 - Scheduled visit to the 445th Airlift wing on 4 April
 - Conducting a mock deployment 12 April
 - Awards night 15 April
 - Will be commissioning 15 2nd Lts
 - Arranged meeting rooms for Air Camp Counselors
 - Cadets will be advised of Air Camp and Air Show volunteer opportunities
 - Arnold Air Society - Cadet Nigel Hewlett
 - Integrating new members into staff or assistant positions
 - Lost all candidates because of academics-reworking priorities to make best use of squadron members
 - National Conclave 18-22 Apr in Washington, D.C.; cost \$314 for registration
 - 25 active members; 13 inactive members; 0 candidates
 - Silver Wings – Lindsay Olson- not present, no report

- Junior ROTC
 - Tecumseh- Col Fred Schuster
 - Deadline for submission of \$500 AFA scholarship for area JROTC cadets is April 25, 2014
 - Tecumseh HS will hold annual drill meet competition Sat, Mar 8; 15 separate competitions with 15 teams from 6 states; 450 cadets and 70 trophies and medals.
 - All AFA members invited and may award trophies; if you want a drill meet t-shirt, provide name and size to Col Schuster
 - All-Services National Drill Competition is scheduled for Mar 21st at the Nutter Center- top finishers from Dayton, Washington DC, Macon, Houston, and Los Angeles will compete in May at Daytona Beach, Fla-this may impact the Tecumseh meet
 - Bellbrook-Col Gene Longo
 - Three day field trip to Florida, 11 - 15 February
 - 53 cadets
 - Spent a day at Naval Station Mayport near Jacksonville, FL. It ended up being too cold for the cadets to go through the Navy's wet trainer, but the navy troops did a great job of briefing the cadets and provided some hands on activities to include an indoor picnic.
 - We spent a few hours at the Historic Fort Castillo De San Marcos in St Augustine, FL
 - We spent the day at Kennedy space center that included lunch with an astronaut.
 - How can you go to Florida without going to Disneyland?
 - Flight was cancelled due to weather; took two days to take a bus back and forth
 - Thank you to the chapter for its support of our program. The money allows cadets that cannot afford the trip to go and experience the neat things we do.
 - Military Ball, 600 strong, the most since we have been in charge of it for the last five years.
 - Nearing the end of the third quarter
 - Stebbins- not present, no report
 - Fairborn - C/Maj Keith Young
 - Holding a fundraiser in honor of former cadet with Lymphoma
 - Change of command ceremony-new Ohio 31st Group Commander is Hannah Boggs
 - Attended and supported the AFIT Military Ball in December
 - Presented the colors at the National Math and Science Initiative ceremony that supports the STEM program
 - Built and launched alpha rockets in Nov and will again in Mar in collaboration with Greene County Parks and Recreation
 - Will renovate an apartment for a low income family provided by the Fairborn United Methodist Church
 - Attended the cadet Military Ball
 - Planning a trip to the National Museum of the USAF this month
- Civil Air Patrol - Ken Curell – no report
- **Dayton Development Coalition** –Chris Ford
 - April 7th – 9th 30th anniversary of the fly-in to Washington DC
 - Community and business leaders join in visits with senior government officials and members of the House and Senate Congressional delegation.
 - The Fly-In is an opportunity for leaders from our 14 county Region to learn about the federal government, interact with our government officials, and speak with one voice in support of our federal installations, promoting economic development, and improving quality of life for the Dayton Region.
 - keynote speaker, **Deborah James, Secretary of the United States Air Force**. Our kick off program will also include The Honorable **Steve LaTourette**.
 - **Track I: Defense Meetings** senior officials will discuss the community partnership opportunities with the Air Force, Unmanned Aircraft Systems update, Cyber and Intelligence developments and Health Care to name a few.

- **Confirmed Speakers:**
 - **Lt General Michael Basla**, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, United States Air Force
 - **Ms. Kathleen Ferguson**, Acting Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics, United States Air Force
- **Track II: Arts as an Economic Development Tool.** This track will explore national trends and best practices in using the arts as an economic development tool for local communities.
- **Confirmed Speakers:**
 - **Mary Jo Waits**, Division Director - Economic, Human Services & Workforce Division, National Governor's Association
 - **Edgar Dobie**, Executive Producer, Arena Stage
 - **Jay Dick**, Senior Director of State & Local Government Affairs, Americans for the Arts, All community leaders and guests are invited to **The Annual Ohio Congressional Reception.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Vita Eonta

- Feb Minutes were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Van Hook:

- The beginning balance for Feb 2014 was \$83,334
- Expenses for Feb 2014 were \$14,764
- Deposits for Feb 2014 were \$13,823 (Boeing \$11,000; Goodrich 1,250; BAE 1,000)
- The ending balance for Feb 2014 was \$82,393

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Everett Odgers – time to start making nominations for the four annual AFA wards.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT – Ken Curell

- Received a thank you from the VA for sponsoring a pool tournament during Salute to Veterans Week

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2014 Events:

- 7 Mar – Team Wright Patt Annual Awards
- 12 March – AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards Banquet
- 27 June - Freedom's Call
- June 28/29 Dayton Air Show – featuring a Harrier, the Blue Angels, and the AF Academy's Wings of Blue
- 2nd July – night at the Dayton Dragons, a star sponsor event
- 4 Sept – Team Wright Patt AF Anniversary Ball

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges – chapter award cycle has begun
- **Communications** – Tom Di Nino not present; no report
- **Social Media** – Eric Jaren not present, no report
- **Community Partners** – Fred Pumroy/Matt LeValley – not present; no report
- **Star Sponsors** – Jeff Liffick/Kent Owsley/Jessica Derr –
 - Memberships are slowly coming in
- **Membership** – Dee Cox-Parker
- **Aerospace Education** - Sharon Murner
 - The Educators' Action Team (Shiela Wallace, Julie Livingston, Sharon Murner) provided the TechFest Teacher Workshops on February 15, 2014 at Sinclair Community College.
 - The teachers were pleased with the classes and made some good suggestions for next year's sessions which we will take into consideration.
 - Continuing Education Units were provided by Wright State University for each session attended.
 - Shiela wrote an article about TechFest for our newsletter and Bill Richard provided pictures to accompany it.
 - Our Teacher of the Year candidate, is Ann Drake; Shiela Wallace sent out the email notifying the other AFA Chapters of National's deadline.
- **Programs** – Jessica Derr no report
- **Government Relations** – Strickler - not present, no report

- **Veterans Affairs** – George Simons/Vita Eonta
 - 10 Feb 2014 - sponsored pool tournament at VA during salute to veterans week
 - 3 cakes were purchased; one to the 5th floor of the hospital, the nursing home, and the recreation center
- **State of Ohio President** – Jeff Liffick - not present; no report
- **Great Lakes Region President** – Kent Owsley –not present; no report
- **Communities** -
 - **Ohio Department of Veteran Services (ODVS)** - Jonathan Field

ODVS Outline:

- Ohio Veterans Homes (Sandusky/Georgetown) (more info can be found on PG 16 of our Annual Report)
- State Approving Agency (GI Bill approval for higher education and vocational institutions) (PG 18)
- County Service Officers Field Training (PG 11)
- ODVS Liaison Office in the VA Regional Office-Cleveland (PG 13)
- Ohio Veterans Bonus (77,000 veteran have collected 62 million in bonus money) (PG 14) or go to:
https://veteransbonus.ohio.gov/odvs_web/

Examples of Our Efforts:

- Ohio doesn't tax military retirements
- Spousal licensure
- Child Custody- service cannot be used against a service member when deciding custody cases
- Executive Order signed by Governor to streamline licensure and certification process and public colleges take into account relevant military training and education.

Where we need help:

- We would like to be able to communicate Ohio policy and programmatic changes to Airmen at WPAFB and the retiree base associated with WPAFB.
- **Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley** - Dan Semsel - Program Manager, Veterans Employment Services for oversees the Veterans & Employers Connection.
 - provides meaningful, long-term employment opportunities for veterans across the greater Miami Valley with particular emphasis on veterans with disabilities and wounded warriors
 - operating in a cooperative and collaborative environment, produces a holistic approach toward meeting the employment and personal support needs of our veterans.
 - Identifying veterans who can benefit from this effort
 - Partnering with companies that will commit to supporting this effort
 - Identifying and applying the support services needed to sustain veterans as they progress in this effort
 - Job search/match support through an interactive web based resume board
 - Specialized training for employers to aid in the understanding of veterans' needs and how to apply specialized skills
 - Translation of military skills/language into civilian terms and identification of training to fill "last mile" gaps toward civilian equivalent certifications or similar requirements
 - Information on events geared toward hiring veterans such as job fairs
 - Facilitation of vocation and personal specialized support through private and government organizations
- **City of Beavercreek - Mayor Brian Jarvis**
 - Beavercreek, Fairborn and Greene County are partnering on a project that will add a center turn lane from Colonel Glenn Highway to where Peerless Technologies sits off of National Road; the project should be completed sometime in 2015. Fairborn and Beavercreek city councils approved the agreement in January. The turn lane will help relieve traffic backups caused by stopped traffic turning off the road.
 - Those using gate 19B at Wright Patterson Air Force Base should experience quicker trips
 - Beavercreek is the lead agency in planning and administering the 2,200-foot project, which should take four to six months to complete once started.
 - The project is the result of a 2013 transportation study conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation to assist Peerless Technologies with future expansion.

- The project is estimated to cost \$880,000, the bulk being borne by ODOT and Jobs Ohio 629 funds, public money made available for roadwork improvements that can assist high technology and corporate headquarters activity.
- The Jobs Ohio grant is providing up to \$400,000; ODOT up to \$300,000; Beaver Creek, \$100,000; and Greene County \$80,000. Fairborn applied for the ODOT grant funding. Peerless Technologies has committed \$20,000 to the project as well.
- o **McCance Consulting Group** – John McCance
- April 18th of 2015 recognizing Vietnam veterans
- Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley making a WPAFB visit

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

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