



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Executive Council Luncheon Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 5 April 2011**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Vice President Shiela Wallace called the meeting to order at 1130 Hours. President Jeff Liffick joined the meeting shortly thereafter.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Shiela remarked to the group: "I want to give a special thanks to everyone for the candy, cards, and telephone calls. For those I haven't talked to personally, I'm 100% better. I'm feeling good; hopefully I look good. I will have to do a second surgery; that is a given. But if I got through the first one, I'm going to get through the second."
- Attendees introduced themselves.

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:**

**88<sup>th</sup> ABW** – Randy Parker:

- **Installation Stats:**
  - # currently deployed installation-wide = 434
  - # currently deployed for ABAW = 154
  - # returned in March = 39
  - # departed in March = 61
- **Past Events:**
  - 2 March – Tops-In-Blue
  - 9 March – Heroes Welcoming Heroes
  - 11 March – Team Wright-Patt Awards
  - 25 March – DDC/WPAFB Legislature Tour
  - 29 March-1 April – AFMC Senior Leader Conference
  - 31 March – Team W-P Promotion Ceremony
  - 31 March – AFMC Enlisted Awards Banquet
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - 14 April – 88<sup>th</sup> ABW Awards Recognition Ceremony
  - 15 April – Foreign Liaison Officer Annual Banquet
  - 26 April – Security Forces Ribbon Cutting
  - 29 April – Fisher House Ribbon Cutting
  - 30 April – Fisher House All-American Evening
  - 30 April – Team W-P Promotion Ceremony

**445<sup>th</sup> AW** – Col. Stephen Goeman: Not present; Col. Roger Gallet gave the report:

- Status of C-17 conversion:
  - We are well into our C-5 to C-17 aircraft conversion.
  - Three C-17s have been delivered; the fourth airplane will arrive in two weeks; the last four will arrive in January 2012.
  - We will continue to operate two C-5s until the October-November timeframe; then we will be C-17 only.
- Upcoming events:
  - 4 June 2011 – Employer’s Day. We will take our Reservist’s employers up on a C-17 flight.
  - 8-9 July 2011 – C-17 Welcome Event
    - Friday, 8 July – Dinner at the W-P Club
    - Saturday, 9 July – Ceremony to officially welcome the C-17

**178<sup>th</sup> FW** – Col. Mike Roberts: Not present.

**ROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr.: Not present; Capt. Rich Graham gave the ROTC report:

- Detachment 643 submitted the names of 49 cadets for nomination for the Summer 2011 Field Training; we picked up 24 slots. This is a reduced number from last year, and next year will probably be no different.
- The whole ROTC process is becoming very competitive. Average scores of those selected were GPA’s of 3.3, PT scores of 95.6, and SAT scores of 1275.
- There are five field train encampments taking place this Summer; they will last for four weeks.

Jason G. Mills, C/Maj. AAS, Squadron Commander, Wilbur & Orville Wright Squadron, gave the report for the Arnold Air Society:

- The Arnold Air Society is an honorary, professional and service society associated with Air Force ROTC.
- The Wilbur and Orville Wright Squadron of Wright State University, has seen some massive overhaul in the past year. We made fundamental changes to our 8-week training program. This increased the intensity of the program substantially, which in turn created more effective members into the Society. The fact that college students are going out of their way to attend 4-hour training sessions every Friday evening is a declaration of the character of the Society and those who strive to join our ranks.
- Our last rotations candidate class (those effectively pledging to join) was more than double the size of previous years with an initial turnout of almost 40 cadets. This winter’s rotation is also about double, indicating a consistently higher interest in the program.
- Members of the Squadron participate in service activities and events throughout the Society, ranging from the cleanup of highways, servicing bingo halls and the Ronald McDonald House, to providing volunteer staffing for events such as the Air Force Marathon and parades.

- We are also committed to active fundraising and the general development of the community. Therefore we welcome all requests for our help and services.

**Junior ROTC** – Col. Fred Schuster: Not present.

**Civil Air Patrol** – Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Curell: Not present

**Dayton Development Coalition (DDC)** – Colleen Ryan:

- The DDC will hold the next Unmanned Aerial Systems Roundtable event on 20 May 2011 at Sinclair Community College in Building 12. Networking begins at 2:30 PM; the meeting will be from 3:00-5:00 PM.
- The DDC Annual Community Leader Fly-In to Washington, DC will take place on 3-4 May 2011. Contact Kary Iddings at [kary@daytonregion.com](mailto:kary@daytonregion.com) if you are interested in joining us.
- On 12 April 2011, NASA Administrator Gen. Bolden is scheduled to announce where the retired Shuttles will be located. We hope to hear that the National Museum of the United States Air Force will be one of the lucky recipients. However, there is a chance the announcement will be delayed if the government shuts down.
- Jim Leftwich, former President and CEO of the DDC, has left this position to become the Director of the Ohio Department of Development. Colleen Ryan will be leaving the DDC in mid-May to join Vectren. The DDC will be interviewing for replacements for both individuals.

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

- Thank you to those submitting their reports for the monthly minutes. This helps to insure that accurate and complete information is reported to the members, posted to the Chapter website, and stored in the Chapter archives at Wright State University.
- In my role at the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau, I recently worked to secure hotel options and provide visitor information and support for the JROTC group from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, SC. A total of 95 cadets and several adults will be coming to Dayton on 15-17 April 2011. The purpose for their trip is to tour the National Museum of the United States Air Force and learn more about the aviation history in our region.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob VanHook:

- Beginning balance in March 2011 was \$143,304 in our two active accounts.
- Expenses were \$5,498. This included the Transfer of \$5,000 from the Major Account to the Main Account. The ending balance was \$167,707.
- We have two outstanding checks: One dates back to October of last year for the First Sergeants Association for \$400. If anyone has contact with them, we would like to have our check cashed or returned. (Randy Parker agreed he would take care of this.) The second check is from last year as well, for \$100

written to the VA Emergency Fund. It was never cashed and we would like to get this cleared up as well.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**2011 Vectren Dayton Air Show** – Jim Heitz: Not present; asked Shiela Wallace to provide the following report:

- Everyone on this committee has agreed to be part of it again this year.
- The Greentree Group has agreed to provide administrative support again; this is really appreciated.
- Linda Kennedy will be gone for three weeks on a family vacation to China. Someone will be stepping into the role during that time.

**2011 Special Events** – Jeff Liffick:

- 31 March – AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards Banquet and Senior Leaders Conference: The Chapter participated in a number of events last week. The welcoming event for the nominees on Monday night, the Senior Leader Reception on Tuesday night, and the Banquet on Thursday night which many of you were able to attend. It was an incredible event. I'm sure everyone who attended would agree it was very impressive, with General Hoffman being nominated for the Order of the Sword. This will be a great honor for him. This culminated a new event for us being able to add this sponsorship, providing the wine and the decorations, the awards the nominees received, and the awards for the four who will be going on for Airman of the Year. The Chapter made a pretty sizeable donation and we were able to help kick this off as an annual event here locally. This could be good for our future.
- 5 May – Dayton Dragons Baseball game: The Base is already working on their participation. One of the things we have to do is to get tickets to recently returned Airmen and to other designees from the Base. We will work through Randy Parker on this.
- 24 June – AFMC Tattoo
- 23-24 July – Vectren Dayton Air Show: We have reserved five chalets, as we have done in the past. Planning will begin soon.
- 24 August – AFMC Air Force Anniversary Ball
- 17 September – Air Force Marathon
- There are upcoming changes of command Hails and Farewells that we are working on.

**2011 Marathon** – Fred Pumroy: Nothing new to report.

**USATT Expo** -- Kent Owsley: Not present.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges: It is time for nominations. He and Jeff Liffick will be discussing this further.

**Communications** – Tom Dinino: Not present. Jeff Liffick asked that if anyone has articles for the Newsletter, they should get them into Tom as soon as possible.

**Community Partners** – Gary Strack:

- Presented a Community Partner plaque to Tom Studebaker from the Holiday Inn Dayton Mall, our newest Community Partner. Gary thanked Tom and the Holiday Inn for their excellent support to AFA.
- AFA National has promised to send replacement plaques for the Dayton Marriott and the NCR Country Club. They should be here soon.
- AFA National's database is finally up and running. A roster has been received containing names, phone numbers, and email addresses. Gary will begin contacting expired Community Partners to secure renewals, then later this month begin recruiting new Community Partners.

**Membership** – Dee Cox: Nothing new to report.

**Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner:

- The AFA Wright Memorial Chapter Educators Action Team (EAT) will put on the last workshop for the 2010-2011 school year on Saturday, 16 April 2011, at the Holiday Inn Dayton Mall (a new Community Partner).
- Teachers that attend will be able to earn certificates for four free Professional Continuing Education Units, sponsored by Wright State University.
- At this time, we have over 70 teachers registered, coming from as far south as Cincinnati, as far west as Indiana, as far north as Russia, Ohio, and as far east as Columbus. They will be able to choose two, two-hour sessions from the six that will be available.
- Presenters for this workshop are:
  - Dan Edwards (WDTN-TV reporter) on Body Language
  - Krista Gerhardt (WOW! Program Coordinator with Col. Ronald J. Stauffer on Flying Different Models of Gliders
  - Angela Riethman, Jason Streiff, and Connie Jensen (STARBASE WPAFB) on Smart Boards with Elementary or Junior/Senior High Science Application
  - Judith When (Chief, Education Division, NMUSAF) on Rubber Band Powered Airplanes
  - Tim Pinkerton (Beavercreek City Schools) and Janet Barnard (Troy City Schools), both past AFA Ohio Teachers of the Year, on Magic or Science, Discrepant Events
- The workshop will start off with remarks from Dann Edwards, Educational Outreach Interim Director.
- At the Buffet Luncheon, there will be a presentation of the Local and State AFA Teacher of the Year, introduction of the AFA Grant Writing Winners for 2011, remarks by Judith Wehn, and a short presentation by Bernie Skoch, Cyber Patriots Commissioner.

**Programs** – Fred Pumroy:

- Contacted Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Lanni, AFSAC/CC to see if he would like a Farewell Reception. He has too many activities going on in addition to a retirement ceremony which will include many local government officials, so he does not want a Reception. Still working on his replacement, Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr. to see if he would like a Welcome Reception.
- Contacted Maj. Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski, AFRL/CC's office to see if she would like a Farewell Reception. Her Exec is trying to find time on her calendar and is also talking to her replacement, Maj. Gen. William N. McCasland, to see if and when he would like a Welcome Reception.

**Government Relations** – Ron Thompson: Unable to attend but submitted the following report for April:

- Completed the task of offering free AFA memberships to the local offices of our local representatives and our two senators.
- Except for Jim Jordan, who is being contacted by and will be assigned as a member of the Mansfield Chapter, all Ohio representatives and senators accepted the membership except Dennis Kucinich of Cleveland.
- Both Steve Chabot and Jeanne Schmidt should be assigned as members of the Cincinnati Chapter. Both senators and the other fourteen representatives should be assigned as members of the Wright Memorial Chapter. However, we will probably not get credit for them as new members since their memberships are free.
- As the AFA representative, will attend the Thursday, 7 April 2011, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Military & Federal Government Affairs Committee Meeting. The featured speaker will be John Leland, University of Dayton, who will provide briefings on the GE EPISCenter and the Ohio Aerospace Hub.

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

- George and Vita attended the VA Volunteer Services quarterly meeting on 10 March 2011. The next quarterly meeting will be on 9 June 2011.
- The AFA/AFSA co-sponsored Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, 4 June 2011. We have budgeted \$250.00 for this event.
- A news release from the Department of Veterans Affairs stated the VA is now permitted to provide health care to veterans in halfway houses and other temporary, post-incarceration housing. The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Studies reported that between 29,000 to 56,000 veterans are released annually from state and federal prisons, and at least 90,000 veterans from city and county jails. It is reported that good health care in the first months of community re-entry plays a key role in easing readjustment and reducing recidivism. It is not known at this time what impact this will have on the Dayton VA.

**State of Ohio President's Report** – Kent Owsley: Not present. Jeff Liffick mentioned that Kent is inviting all AFA members to attend the State AFA Meeting on 16 April 2011. The meeting will be in Dayton at the Holiday Inn Dayton Mall at the same time as the State Teachers' Workshop. An overview will be presented of the Cyber Patriot program, and everyone who would like to learn more about this program is welcome to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing new to report

The meeting was adjourned at 1220 Hours.

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