



MEETING MINUTES
Executive Council Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, 5 July 2011

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Jeff Liffick called the meeting to order at 1135 Hours.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Attendees introduced themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

88th ABW – Randy Parker: On vacation; the 88th ABW was not represented.

445th AW – Col. Stephen Goeman:

- The C-17 Unit Conversion is well underway. We currently possess four C-17 aircraft with deliver of #5 expected this month. We also continue to operate two C-5A flying training missions and off-station missions supporting AMC missions overseas. C-5A flying is expected to end on 30 September 2011 and then the 445th will be operating only the C-17's. We expect delivery of three-four additional C-17 aircraft in FY 2012. Actual dates have not yet been determined.
- Approximately 60% of our operations and maintenance personnel have completed their initial C-17 training. The remaining personnel are in the training pipeline and we hope to have all personnel trained within two years.
- A C-17 Welcoming Ceremony/Dinner will take place on 8 and 9 July. The AFRC Commander, Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner, will be part of the official party along with Congressman David Hobson (retired) and Boeing VP, Mr. Howard Ingersoll (retired Air Force Brig. Gen.). A dinner will be held at the Wright-Patt Club on Friday evening, 8 July, and the ceremony will be held at the 445th AW at 1000 Hours on Saturday, 9 July, in our large hangar.

178th FW – Col. Mike Roberts: Not present.

ROTC/Arnold Air Society – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr. was not present.

Capt. Rick Graham gave the report for AFROTC:

- We are getting ready for our upcoming IG Inspection. We have received new text books so we are re-doing slides and course materials. We have cleaned out the rooms and are getting all paperwork in line for the Fall Inspection.
- We have sent two groups through field training, and only had one cadet who did not make it through training.

- Arnold Air Society has Cadet Goeb setting up the webpage on Facebook for the AFA. Cadet Clark, Commander of Arnold Air, is working with Tom Di Nino to get an article together to include in the upcoming newsletter to let everyone know we will soon have a Facebook page.

Cadet Ryan Clark gave the report for the Arnold Air Society:

- There is not much going on right now. A lot of our students are out for the summer.
- One student will be working on an AFA Facebook page, so we should be in contact with you soon.

Junior ROTC – Col. Fred Schuster has advised that, for all practical purposes, the Junior ROTC is shut down until the end of July. There is no report this month.

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

Dayton Development Coalition (DDC) – Joe Zeis: Not present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mary Bloyd: Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob VanHook:

- The beginning balance for June 2011 was \$199,191
- Expenses for June were \$5,413 and Deposits were \$6,331
- The ending balance for June 2011 was \$200,109

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2011 Vectren Dayton Air Show – 23-24 July – Jim Heitz:

- Everything is on target for the Air Show. We have all of the information we need from the sponsors.
- I can answer any questions you have. But primarily what I would like to do now is, in a perfect world I would already have the information from the committee leads on the two tickets that they are eligible for, two on Saturday or two on Sunday, and a parking pass. The committee leads are eligible for two complimentary tickets from the Air Force Association chapter. So if you are in that capacity and you know which day you would like to attend and you want tickets, I can provide those for you today. If you want to step outside one at a time, we can do this with very little disruption. If you are on a committee or you are a volunteer working at the desk, or you are a day captain, and you know you are already in that job, if you are on that list, you are already covered, irrespective of your committee membership or any of the AFA committees. But we don't "double-bang" it.
- Since no one is here today from the 88th, I will go over to the 88th and give them the tickets from the sponsors. We provide 100 Saturday and 100 Sunday tickets to the Base as a gift from the Chapter sponsors. We changed this a few years ago from going through an incredulous paperwork drill to try to give individual tickets out to Base members. Now we just give a flat contribution of 200 tickets and they can distribute them however they want

to, to award winners and things of that nature. After leaving here, I will just deliver them to whoever I can find over there.

- Jeff Liffick commented that the Chapter had decided to invite all congressional delegates and that most of them are Chapter members. Ron Thompson had given us an update that there are only three in the state that are not Chapter members. That invitation went out as well but we do not have any takers yet.
- Tom Di Nino asked for any articles from the Air Show for the Newsletter. That will be the last input for the Newsletter before it goes out. Jim Heitz replied that he could not give him pictures; the show hires a photographer.

2011 Special Events – Jeff Liffick:

- 24 June – AFMC Freedom’s Call Tattoo: This was a great event, one that the Chapter helps sponsor for the Base. It had fabulous entertainment and was well-attended by the community. The weather actually was bearable this year; it was not too outrageously hot; and the rain held off. There was a fly-by supported by the Base. If you have not been in the past, you should try to get out there to check it out. There is a lot to see, good food, and it is a really good time. I think the Chapter is well-served to be able to support that event.
- 23-24 July – Vectren Dayton Air Show: Covered above.
- 24 August – AFMC Air Force Anniversary Ball: Currently working on the Air Force Ball with headquarters. Again this year, the Air Force will have the lead. Unlike the last few years, the Senior Leadership Conference that the command holds is going to be out of town. They have changed their rhythm if you will. Their permanent Senior Leadership Conference has moved to the spring, in conjunction with the Enlisted Awards that we assist with. In the fall, their Senior Leadership Conference is going to be on the road. This year’s ball will be opened up to many more in the community. Invitations will go out to all sponsors, members, and DV’s so it will be a lot more community-based than it has been in year’s past. Many people were upset because they did not get the invite to the Ball last year as we were worried about running out of space. Then in some years, we had a problem with government participation. Gifts for the Silent Auction instead of coming from all of the ALC’s, they will be coming from the different directorates on Base. They are pulling those currently and hope to have their invitations out to the Ball this Friday. So they are working it hard. They have already gotten the menu approved and apart from anything we have been involved with so they are really moving out. We will be getting out invites out to the Chapter in the very near future, I expect no later than next week.
- 17 September – Air Force Marathon: Nothing new to report.

2011 Marathon – Kent Owsley: Not present.

USATT Expo -- Kent Owsley: Not present.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leadership Development/Awards – Ron Georges:

- Suggested we put election of officers on next month's Agenda.
- Ron brought up the upcoming AFA National Convention. Jeff Liffick commented that the Chapter and the State offer a stipend to help offset the cost. It does not cover everything you would incur but depending upon the number of people who attend, it can be a fairly good amount. I cannot tell you how much it will be until we know how many people will be going, but it is typically around \$700.00 per person, between the State and the Chapter. It is always a great event so if you have not had a chance to go, I encourage you to try to make it.

Communications – Tom Dinino:

- The next Newsletter will be published soon, hopefully by the end of July or in early-August. We will want pictures from the Air Show.
- We normally publish VA and AFA events but we want to expand that to include information from the community, how the Air Force affects the community, the National Guard facility, the reserve units, what the Air Force is doing here locally, to educate the community about the value of the Air Force. If you are one of those people, please think seriously about putting together some comments and sending it to me.
- I have some extra newsletters from the last publication. Normally we have a stack of them at the chalet at the Air Show. Will arrange to get them to Dee Cox.
- Jeff Liffick commented that he had just received pictures from the Enlisted Awards Dinner. Tom replied that he would try to fit those into the Newsletter somewhere, maybe as a page-filler.
- Jeff added that we will be putting up a Facebook page soon so we can try to promote the Chapter in as many places as we can.

Community Partners – Gary Strack:

- He has received several Community Partner plaques and renewal medallions this past week from AFA National Headquarters, and will be getting them out to the recipients this month or presenting them at the August 11 meeting if possible.
- He will be standing up a new Air Force Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Outreach Coordination Office at the Pentagon later than Fall. He will be moving as soon as travel orders can be issued, which he anticipates will be shortly after the October 1011 Chapter Meeting but could happen sooner.
- A new Community Partners Vice President is needed for this transition. Anyone who is interested should express their interest to Jeff Liffick or Shiela Wallace.
- He will be working with the AFA National Senior Leadership in his new capacity at the Pentagon as he works to coordinate the Air Force STEM outreach efforts with those of the AFA.

Membership – Dee Cox:

- Getting ready for Air Show – will be there all weekend promoting membership.

Aerospace Education – Sharon Murner:

- Waiting to hear from USA Today with the comments they normally give us at the end of the year.
- We are thinking about the Grant Writing Workshops that will take place the end of September, beginning of October. Have solidified their plans with Tom Studebaker at the soon-to-be Wyndham Garden Inn.
- Jeff Liffick commented that in preparation for the Fall, we would like to get a letter put together about Cyber Patriot to reach out particularly to those schools in the area that participated last year. We want to let them know the Chapter is here to provide whatever assistance we can, not only regarding Cyber Patriot but anything else they need some help with.

Programs – Fred Pumroy: Not present; submitted the following report:

- The Welcome Reception for the new AFRL Commander Maj. Gen. William McCasland will be held on 6 July 2011, from 1800 – 2100 hours at the Wright-Patterson Club and Banquet Center. We expect around 80 people to attend. All arrangements have been made with the help of Jerry Pfeifer, MVMAA President, Candy Prystalowski (MVMAA), Julia Livingston (MVMAA), Jeff Liffick (AFA), Shiela Wallace (AFA/MVMAA), and Gary Strack (AFA). Thanks to all.

Government Relations – Ron Thompson was not present. Jeff Liffick commented that all congressional leaders will be sent invitations to the Air Show.

Veterans Affairs – George Simons was not present; Vita Eonta provided the report:

- George and Vita attended the last quarterly meeting of the Veteran Administration's Volunteer Services (VAVS) on 9 June. Two new programs are being implemented.
- The acting director, M. Dan Montaque, announced they are trying to “vest” as many patients as possible in order to get reimbursement for the services and medical supplies they distribute. All that is needed is for a patient to get a yearly physical in order to be vested. It is estimated that over \$1 million can be recouped just by vesting more patients.
- The second program is called Operation Bundle of Joy – A Maternity Support Program. The program is being developed to assist the VA in providing continuity of care for women veterans throughout their lifespan. The program is supported by the Women Veterans Health and Wellness Center and Volunteer Services. A gift basket will be delivered to the veteran mom after delivery. All donations can be dropped off at the VAVS Office in Building 408 – or call Maritha Trass, the Women Veteran Program

Manager, at 937-268-6511, Ext. 1907, for more information. The baskets can include but are not limited to:

Baby Basket: Receiving blankets, newborn Pampers, infant towels, infant layettes, pacifiers, bottles, booties, clothing, safe baby toys, basic infant care needs, bibs, books.

Mom Basket: Candies, lotion, bubble bath, bathrobe, candle, sparkling grape juice/cider to celebrate the birth.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shiela Wallace commented that at the last meeting, we heard Col. Hazdra and Randy Parker talk about the fact that we would be able to start getting our passes as of 1 July. The answer is not; it is still a mess. I am going to share a little bit of something that has occurred so we can understand where the next step is going to. One of the other organizations has issued a large number of passes to the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association. They had an event on the last Saturday in June called “Hearts Together”. The lady facilitating the event was held at the gate for an hour and 20 minutes. It was an absolute three-ring circus just because she got married. Her name changed; she has given her name numerous times; her new name, her old name, anybody else’s name that they want, to Public Affairs – and it has not changed. This elevated into a rather strong letter that went from the MVMAA president, Jerry Pfeifer, to the powers that be. The response came back quickly that, “We are in complete agreement and have taken action to remedy this factor by providing DV passes for our valued members. We certainly apologize for the inconvenience and recognize the problems that this has created.” It also stated that Mr. Klemack is the person who is supposed to assist with Base passes, and he has been told to do it soon. He is the Chief of Public Affairs at the Air Base Wing. I was hoping that Randy Parker would be here but he is on vacation. Mr. Kelmack will be at the reception tomorrow evening so hopefully when I see him then, I can get information on when the “soonest” really is.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeff Liffick asked Ryan Roos from NCR Country Club to reiterate their membership program and provide information about it. There will be another Newsletter coming out shortly so we can send it out again.
- Ryan Roos: NCR Country Club has what we have have developed as a Patriot membership, offering someone a golf membership or a social membership, the whole realm really – for active military, retired, even civil service. So there are all different levels available. In fact, for the active level military personnel, and we have had a total of five or six people join, the initiation fee to join is totally waived. It is a program that we will continue to put out there and develop and we definitely want to pass the word about it.

If anyone knows someone that is a golfer or would like to join the Club on a social level, please have them contact me and I will be glad to share details.

- Jeff asked Ryan to put information together and make sure Tom Di Nino gets it for publication in the next “Crossfeed” Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1215 Hours.

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Wright-Patterson Club and Banquet Center**