



Monthly Luncheon Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 5 September 2017

Meeting called to order – Ken Curell

The Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all

Introductions - 21 attendees

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ken Curell

- Updates
 - 70th Anniversary of the Air Force is 8 Sept, 1800-2300, at the NMUSAF in Hangar 4
 - Tickets are still available; must contact Ken to order
 - Several Senior Leaders are not AFA members
 - Several government officials attending: Congressman Mike Turner, Commissioner Debbie Lieberman
 - Chapter Executive Committee elections are next month
 - Please consider volunteering for one of the several vacant positions that exist in the chapter
 - Average age of an AFA member is 70
 - Need to have younger members step up to volunteer
 - Correspondence - none

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Vita Eonta

- A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Ken Curell and seconded by Ray Otto
- The August minutes were approved by voice vote

TREASURER'S REPORT - Grace Thomas – not present; no report

- No Treasurer's report for June, July or August
- Need to switch the bank with AFA account; not user friendly

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

- **88th ABW – Col Anzaldúa**
 - 8 Sept – AF's 70th birthday Ball
 - 9 Sept- Aero Carnival 100th Anniversary of Wilbur Wright Field at Huffman Prairie
 - 11 Sept – 9/11 Run for the Fallen
 - 14 Sept – Sports Expo at the Nutter Center;
 - 15 Sept - Breakfast of Champions and POW/MIA Ceremony & 5K Run (AFSA Kittyhawk 751) at Wright State
 - 16 Sept – USAF Marathon; 70 yrs of the USAF
 - 5 Oct – McCook Field 100th Commemoration event (AFLCMC/AFRL)
- **Cadet Operations**
 - **AFROTC Det 643 –**
 - **Arnold Air Society -**
 - **Silver Wings –** report submitted
 - Lt. Frank S. Patterson Chapter has conducted a recruiting event at Wright States “Do the U”
 - As a result, 14 e-mails were given by those interested in joining the organization.
 - **Junior ROTC Tecumseh –** Maj Couch
 - Report not submitted
 - **Civil Air Patrol –** Ken Curell
 - CAP-USAF/CR Col Ray Otto just returned from four day CAP National Conference in San Antonio, TX
 - CAP set up a command post to provide support for Hurricane Harvey
 - 34 Wings, and states, sent teams
 - CAP flew 300 sorties with 24 plus aircraft as of Saturday, the 2nd of Sept
 - Linked up or arranged rescue for 300 stranded people via radio contact
 - OH was represented with three air crew and five ground crews

- **Dayton Development Coalition** - Rachel Castle
 - 16 August 16, 2017 - The UAS Midwest Conference held in Dayton, Ohio at the Dayton Marriott
 - 13 September 2017 - AFLCMC Life Cycle Industry Days (LCID)
 - 17-18 October, 2017 Ohio Defense Forum
 - Elected officials, Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty attending
 - AFA has the potential opportunity for a third conference and partnership with USAF in the Dayton area
 - The seed was planted for such a partnership
 - This would be a MidWest event from AFA National
 - Tom Koogler will follow up with Kent Owsley and Mo McDonald for details

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges
 - Ron asked if the chapter was going to give a stipend to members attending the National Convention
 - Ken replied that each member attending the convention would receive \$400
- **Communications** – *position vacant*
- **Public Relations** – Libby Van Hook – not present, no report
- **Community Partners** – *vacant position*
 - Ken recognized Sue Ellen Ater for renewing her community partner membership
 - Sue Ellen is the only community partner in the state of OH
 - Sue Ellen has been a community member for 15 years
- **Star Sponsors** – Kent Shin – not present, no report
- **Membership** – Betty Shellhorn/Ronda Roberts – not present, no report
- **Aerospace Education** – *position vacant*
 - Ken presented Maj Doug Couch with the Chapter Teacher of the Year certificate, pin, and gift check
- **Programs** - Kristen Stevens- not present
 - Working with Ken on the AF Ball DV Reception
- **Government Relations** - *position vacant*
- **Veterans Affairs** – George Simons/Vita Eonta
 - 16 Sept - All veterans will be recognized by The Fairborn Fly Zone Committee and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). RSVP fairbornflyzone@gmail.com to attend. Marathon runners pass by about 0745.
 - Our chapter will again hold a coffee campaign, donating cans of coffee to the Dayton VAVS; bring your coffee to the Oct/Nov meeting and George and Vita will take it to the Dayton VA.
 - On Sat Aug 12th more than 500 women attended the 7th biennial Women Veterans' Conference at the Union at Ohio State University.
 - It is put on by the Women Veterans Advisory Committee of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.
 - Sessions included translating military skills to a civilian resume, managing money, networking, and much more
 - Difficult to know how to reach out to all women veterans in the area
 - Dir Tansill honored Veterans at two different companies
 - 13 percent of TimkenSteel employees are veterans
 - Dir Tansill honored 30 veterans with an ODVS challenge Coin during the visit
 - Dir Tansill presented OhioMeansJobs Challenge Coin to Scotts Mirtacle-Grow's Chairman and CEO Jim Hagedorn, a veteran
 - Dir Tansill honored 30 veterans at Scott's with an ODVS Challenge Coin
 - AFSA Kittyhawk Chapter is holding a Pirate-Themed Casino/Raffle Event Fundraiser at the Hope Hotel on 7 Oct
 - Funds will go to the Dayton VA Fischer House
 - AFSA VP Jennifer Rosenbaum will be available at the end of our meeting to sell tickets/raffles
 - Raffle tickets are \$50; dinner tickets are \$32

STATE OF OHIO PRESIDENT– Tom Koogler – not present, report submitted

- 22 Aug – Presented State of Ohio Teacher of Year package to Maj (retired) Doug Couch, Senior Aerospace Instructor for Ohio 881 Air Force Junior ROTC Unit, Tecumseh High School.
 - Breck Woodard, Executive Vice President Wright Memorial Chapter, Tecumseh Principal Mr Ivan Gehret, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Paula Crew, MSgt (retired) Ruiz, Aerospace Instructor for Ohio 881 AFJROTC and Cadets Mason Plank, Merrill Cline and Samantha Ward were in attendance.

- 26 Aug – State of Ohio Annual Meeting at Motts Military Museum in Groveport OH.
 - 17 AFA chapter leaders across Ohio were in attendance including the State of OH AFA President, Vice President, and Secretary, Presidents & Vice Presidents of all four (Ralston, Rickenbacker, Steel Valley & Wright Memorial) Chapters.
 - Kent Owsley, AFA National Director at Large & member of WMC, gave an update of AFA National activities
 - Vita Eonta, State of Ohio & WMC Secretary, gave a report on the Ohio Women’s Veterans Conference that she attended on 12 Aug in Columbus.
- Nominees for 2018 State of OH AFA
 - President: Ken Curell; VP: Ron Goerges (with understanding he is not next State of OH President).
 - Tom Koogler was nominated to be the next Great Lakes Region President.
- Upcoming
 - 16/17 Sep – AFA National Convention at Gaylord Hotel & Convention Center, Oxon Hill MD.
 - Planning to attend: Kent Owsley, Ron Goerges, Ken Curell, Tom Koogler.

AFA NATIONAL DIRECTOR AT LARGE– Kent Owsley –not present, no report

COMMUNITIES

- **Dayton VA** – Ev Odgers
 - Veterans with drug addictions are in need of help/support
 - The last Fischer House fundraiser raised \$20,000; the goal was \$500,000 and \$800,000 has been raise already
 - The Grotto is a beautiful peaceful atmosphere for veterans to go
 - The pond across Gettysburg Ave has been cleaned up and lights will be installed under the 35 overpass
 - 6 Oct - The American Veterans Heritage Center and The Dayton VA Medical Center PRESENTS - Defenders of Freedom Walk of Honor Dedication Ceremony
 - Cargill bought 36 bricks for the Walk of Honor
- **AF Marathon** – Ev Odgers
 - AFA is at hydration station “F”, mile marker 7.3 affectionately known as known as “F Troop”
 - Bellbrook JROTC led by Lt Col Gene Longo and Sgt Chitwood will again staff the station
- **Question was raised about gate passes for WPAFB access**
 - Ken is working with Mission Support Group to get names into the DBIDS system
 - Members needing base access should give their name to Ken before the end of the month

Meeting adjourned

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