



MEETING MINUTES
Executive Council Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, 7 February 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:

88th ABW – Randy Parker:

- Many of you may have lost track of all of the different organizations that comprise the 27,500 members of the Wright-Patt work force, both military, civilians and contractors, about a 40-40-20 split there. I recently demo'd a video that our Public Affairs folks put together that speaks to the organizations on Wright-Patterson. Shiela Wallace asked me to describe who these organizations are so here is the video to introduce them. (The video was then shown to the group.)
- Installation Stats:
 - # currently deployed installation-wide = 308
 - # currently deployed for the ABW = 129
 - # returned in December = 11
 - # departed in December = 98
- Past Events:
 - 11 January – Dayton Development Coalition Annual Meeting at Schuster Center
 - 12 January – Congressman Mike Turner Military Legislative Affairs Visit (Don Bergin)
 - 16 January – Martin Luther King Holiday
 - 17 January – Martin Luther King Awards Presentation
 - 17 January – MVMAA General Membership Meeting and Reception
 - 31 January – OSS Change of Command
- Upcoming Events:
 - 1 February – Team Wright-Patterson 4th Quarter Awards Luncheon
 - 3 February – CGOC Polar Bear Run
 - 4 February – CGOC St. Patrick Soup Kitchen Serving
 - 6-10 February – Health and Safety Inspection/JOINT Commission Inspection
 - 20 February – Washington's Birthday – Federal Holiday
 - 24 February – Grand Opening of Airman & Community Family Center
 - 29 February – Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

445th AW – Col. Stephen Goeman: Not present.

178th FW/OHANG – Col. Greg Schnulo: Not present.

ROTC/Arnold Air Society – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr.: The following reports were provided by ROTC and the Arnold Air Society representatives:

ROTC: Capt. Steve Hopp:

- We have been very busy at the detachment lately getting set up; all of the schools are finally in full swing. We are going through all of the materials and additional hands-on training that we do.
- Recently we submitted 18 freshmen cadets into our college scholarship program. Tomorrow we will be submitting our sophomore group.
- We have quite a few other recruiting events set up.

Arnold Air Society: C/Maj. Ryan E. Clark:

- On 11 February, we will be working with the Habitat for Humanity and are trying to secure volunteers from the local community.
- On 27 February, we will have our Krispy Kreme fund raiser.
- Coming up in April, we have NATCOM, our national conclave. All Arnold Air Society Squadrons and the Civil Wings Chapters get together, to discuss the focus and the new joint national projects for next year. NATCOM will be in Detroit this year.
- We are working with our universities to establish a civil chapter. Civil Wings are basically a civic wing to Arnold Air Society. They do a lot of volunteer events with us, fund raising, etc. We are working hard on this to generate some interest at the different universities like Cedarville, University of Dayton, and Wright State.
- This year we are working on our joint national project, “Active America”. What we are doing is letting people in the community and the schools know of the some of the risks that we have as a nation with obesity rates. We are trying to inform people about what is going on and how it affects our national security, and also trying to teach people how to get active and live healthy lifestyles.
- This will be my last meeting; I will be commissioned next month.

Junior ROTC:

Col. Fred Schuster (Tecumseh High School):

- Junior ROTC scholarships are offered every year to the eight Air Force JROTC units in the Dayton area. Each scholarship is for \$500.00 and is awarded to one cadet in each unit who is academically qualified and will enroll in Air Force ROTC in college.
- The email notification of the scholarship availability for this year will be sent to each AFJROTC unit this week.
- The AFA Chapter is very generous in supporting Tecumseh High School in our yearly Drill Meet. This year it is on 10 March, always the second Saturday in March. We would like to invite any Chapter member to come over for the Awards Ceremony to present some trophies to the winners of our Drill Meet. We would love to have you and get your name and telephone contact at the end of the meeting today. I will put you on the list and send you an email to give you some more information. A lot of the people here in the Chapter do come to visit us. We have 20 teams this year from seven different states; between 500 and 600 cadets. They take over the high school and the middle school in a full day of competition. It is inspiring and we would love to have people come and see it.
- Shiela Wallace asked Col. Schuster for the names of the eight schools he mentioned above regarding scholarships. He replied: Bellbrook, Tecumseh, Wayne, Stebbins, Springboro, Fairborn, Miami Valley Tech Center, and Lebanon.
- Shiela’s second question involved an email she received from the Commander of the Junior ROTC. She has never heard from him before but he said he has a desire to be involved in our Chapter. She responded back to him rather quickly but has not heard back. Are they in

any jeopardy of losing anything, and asked Col. Schuster if he has spoken with him. Col. Schuster replied that he has; he invites him every year to Summer Camp at Camp Perry; and has told him about the support and activities of the AFA Chapter and all of the different things that we do, and thinks this might have piqued his interest a little bit. Shiela mentioned again that she had not had a response to her email but will pursue it a little further with a phone call now that she has talked to Col. Schuster.

- Ev Odgers asked Col. Schuster if the meeting he attended where he was told their funding would be reduced was at ROTC Headquarters. Col. Schuster replied it was not a meeting; it was an email from the new Commander, the Director of Junior ROTC at Maxwell AFB, Col. Leland. Ev Odgers then asked, "How is he going to respond when I write to the Congress and tell them that the Air Force is deliberately cutting Junior ROTC detachments?" Col. Schuster replied, "How will he respond? I could not tell you but I am sure he will respond."
- Col. Schuster then added an example of the cut in funding. Last year, we received \$3,300.00 for our operations maintenance for the year for our cadets. We were told they were going to cut that and this year, we got \$480.00. Effectively they took all of our money. They have to pay half of the salary for the instructors as part of the program so they are trying to reduce the overhead. In order to keep the salaries for the ones they want to keep, they are willing to sacrifice us.
- Ev Odgers added that every year when you go back through the hearings on the Hill, particularly in the Readiness Committees and others, you find the questions directed for response or direct questions to the witness asking how many Junior ROTC detachments the Air Force has and how many they are going to open in the coming year. Because it is always an item of interest on the Hill. That is why I advocate that people write to the Congress. To the people in Congress, Junior ROTC detachments are like tuition assistance – it is has become a right; it is no longer a privilege. You will fund it 100%; you will fund it 150% if you have to. Because the Congress believes that in the high schools in this country, Junior ROTC, other than some sports activities and other club kind of activities, provides more leadership and discipline than any other activity in high school.
- Col. Schuster added that the other thing he understands they talk about on the Hill is the amount of service hours. Last year, the units in this area had about 5,000 hours from about 100 cadets. That is a tremendous amount of work done in the community. This includes what we do in Color Guards, and taking 50 to 75 cadets from the Tecumseh and Bellbrook units over to the Marathon. This is a lot of service hours that are very visible, not only to the local community but to the people around the school. Our school administrators use us like an advertising campaign. There are a lot of benefits to the program.

Col. Gene Longo (Bellbrook High School):

- On 3 March 2012, there will be about 500-600 Cadets at the Military Ball that will be held here at the Wright-Patt Club. What they say they are doing up here is dancing but it is pretty scary to watch! I recommend that you stay away from the Club that night.
- Col. Schuster covered it nationally and locally. Our program is doing well. Of the total of four buildings in our school district, cadets are doing recycling in three of them because they have asked us to participate and this is working well.
- We are already on the last half of the school year. We have the Military Ball next month, then Spring Break, our Awards Ceremony, and three months off. The year has gone very quick and we are staying busy.

Civil Air Patrol: Tom Koogler: Did not get a report from Col. Ken Curell but will have a report for next month.

Dayton Development Coalition (DDC) – Maurice McDonald: Not present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mary Bloyd:

- Beginning in March, the Meeting Agenda and the most recent Meeting Minutes will be emailed with the meeting notice. Members will be asked to print out copies of the Agenda and the Minutes and bring them to the March meeting. The Minutes will be reviewed and a formal motion made to ratify/approve them so they go into the formal documentation and reporting the Chapter is required to submit.
- If anyone has a change or correction in their email address, please notify Mary so the most current and accurate email addresses are available for sending out Chapter notices.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Van Hook: Not present; Shiela Wallace presented the report submitted:

- The beginning balance for January 2012 was \$125,056
- Expenses for January 2012 were \$27,395 – this includes payment of \$24,600 to AFA Headquarters for the Visions Program
- Deposits for January 2012 were \$250
- The ending balance for January 2012 was \$97,911

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Everett Odgers: Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Shiela Wallace:

- A thank-you letter came from the Affiliate Societies Council, the umbrella organization over the top of TechFest, thanking us for our donation of \$500.00 for the event this year.
- A letter from the Dayton VA Medical Center thanking the Chapter members on behalf of the veterans' families and staff for the donation of \$300.00 for the Emergency Fund and bus token program.
- A thank-you card for our sponsorship of the 2011 Women Veterans Conference, from the Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women's Affairs. Each of the ladies on the committee took the time to sign the card.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 2012 Special Events:

- **29 March 2012, AFMC Airman's Enlisted Awards Banquet** -- Shiela Wallace: We are already working on this. Invitations will come out. Star Sponsors will be involved. More information will be coming along to all of you so please watch your computers for it. This is a wonderful, black-tie event held at the Museum.
- **17-18 April 2012, USATTE expo** -- Kent Owsley/Tom Koogler: Kent was not present; no report was given.
- **20 April 2012, All-Members Meeting** -- Shiela Wallace: This meeting will be hosted by Tom Studebaker's property, the Wyndham Garden Dayton South. The hotel is providing complimentary meeting space and food. The only cost to attendees will be for the purchase of drinks. The event will start at 6:30 PM and the dress will be Business Casual.
- **7-8 July 2012, Vectren Dayton Air Show** -- Kent Owsley – not present. Shiela Wallace stated that everything is moving forward. We have no new information about the acts. I am sure everyone has heard that the Blue Angels are coming. The dates are 7-8 July, which is one week after the Tattoo. This will be a busy timeframe for a lot of our folks here. Randy Parker added that somewhere in there, we are going to have a change of command.
- **15 September 2012, Air Force Marathon** -- Kent Owsley: Not present.

- **21 September 2012, Air Force Ball** -- Shiela Wallace: At this point, the Ball is still scheduled to be here at the Club. There is a rumor that there may be an opening for the Museum that weekend and I will be discussing this with Protocol. We do not know yet if the Ball will be at the Club or at the Museum.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leadership Development/Awards – Ron Georges: Getting ready to kick-off our awards process.

Communications – Tom Di Nino: Not present. Shiela Wallace commented that she, Tom Koogler and Tom DiNino will be meeting and going over a variety of things regarding communications, the website, the “Crossfeed” Newsletter, etc. They hope to meet this month and will have a more extensive report next month.

Community Partners – Fred Pumroy/Tom Studebaker: Fred reported the following:

- Approximately 15 flyers are in the hands of those considering joining the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter as a Community Partner
- Three have expressed definite interest and are expected to join
- Tom Studebaker was not able to attend today’s meeting but is working this same kind of thing with businesses South of Dayton
- Shiela Wallace commented that she is throwing this out here because Tom’s name has come up. One of the things that Ev Odgers has said to me more times than not is the fact that we need to have an All Member Meeting on a yearly basis. We will have one this year. Tom Studebaker, who is in Sales at the Wyndham Garden Dayton South, is going to host this event for us. And when I say “host” it, the hotel is offering this to us at no cost. People will pay for their own beverages. The food and the location will be at no cost. It will be on the evening of Friday, the 20th of April, with a 6:30 PM start time; it will be Business Casual. I would like for everyone to mark your calendars for this date and time. I will be working with Jessica Derr on this to make sure everyone gets all of the information they need. We are putting the word out at the Base to try to get an appropriate speaker for that evening. Kent Owsley is working with AFA Headquarters to see if we going to be able to have someone who will be coming in from there that might also be able to speak.

Star Sponsors – Jeff Liffick/Kent Owsley: Not present; Jessica Derr gave an update:

- We are working on 2012 AFA Renewal Star Sponsorship packages. All of the Star Sponsors from last year have been contacted.
- Shiela Wallace added that we keep reaching out to the same folks and they are very kind and very generous and work very well with us. But if you have suggestions of other companies that we should be looking at for Star Sponsorship, send me or Jessica or any of us an email so that we can get information into their hands. There is a wide range of cost between the one-star and the five-star sponsorship so for a lot of companies, there is an opportunity.

Membership – Dee Cox:

- Betty sent in one membership this last month.
- This is about the time that I contact AFA Headquarters for an updated list with the number of people. They usually send it to me but I have had to call them every year.
- Ev Odgers commented that they are supposed to put out the list quarterly and for some reason, they never correct it. I would ask everyone who is a member to go on the AFA website and try to update your profile that is out there, because many of you have an incorrect email address in the AFA data bank. We purge them as best we can; we always run our old database against the new one that comes out. We pick off some that way

because we do correct them as we go through and get feedback from all of you. The last time we went out with a mass emailing, I believe we only had 125 incorrect email addresses which out of 2,500 members is not too bad.

Aerospace Education – Sharon Murner:

- As Vice President for Aerospace Education, Sharon visited Heidi Steinbrink at Oakwood High School where she teaches Science. Heidi will be the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter's Teacher of the Year. She was extremely enthusiastic about the chance to try for the AFA Ohio State Teacher of the Year.
- The Educators Action Team has all of the TechFest presenters for the 18 February Teacher Workshops in place and we are ready for the teachers. Sharon invited everyone to come to TechFest in Building #12 at Sinclair Community College on Saturday, 18 February or Sunday, 19 February and bring their children or grandchildren.
- The Team has all of the presenters for the AFA Teacher's Workshop on 21 April 2012 and are finalizing the email flyers. A copy will be sent to the website when it is available for publication. Again, the teachers will be able to sign up using Eventbrite.

Programs – Jessica Derr:

- Working on sponsorships for the 29 March 2012 AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards Banquet
- Also working on the 2012 AFA Renewal Star Sponsorship packages programs

Government Relations – Ron Thompson: Nothing to report.

Veterans Affairs – George Simons/Vita Eonta:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Shiela Wallace introduced two special guests, CMSgt. Eric Strohecker and Robert Kasprzak. They were invited to share information about the POW/MIA Day 2012 and the plans for the 65th Anniversary of the Air Force.

POW/MIA DAY 2012 – “A Tribute to Honor”:

- CMSgt. Eric Strohecker, Band Manager, USAF Band of Flight, attended the meeting as a representative of the Chiefs' Group and presented information on this event which will take place on 21 September 2012. The POW/MIA ceremony has two components: the half-hour Ceremony/Wreath Laying with the MVMAA followed by the Retreat Ceremony at the Base flag pole across the street from the Arnold House where the ceremony will be held. (Attached is the 2012 “A Tribute to Honor Agenda of Activities” document.)
- Last year, approximately 100 volunteers participated in the Retreat Ceremony and veterans were given the opportunity to stand with the AD, Guard, and Reserve members to remember the sacrifices of our POW's and MIA'S.
- At last year's dinner, Mr. Villalva, an aircraft equipment specialist at the Identification Laboratory in Area B provided some outstanding authentic uniform and equipment displays for Col. Kassler and his spouse's visit. We highly recommend that Mr. Villalva be involved again as his displays educated us on the changes in technology and brought meaningful reminiscences to Col. Kassler and his wife. The next day began with breakfast with Quarterly Award Winners and then a talk at the Med Group auditorium. All was highly successful and very much enjoyed by the Kasslers and all who had the opportunity to hear them speak.

- The Chiefs' Group (CMSgt. Angela Cassel, President) sent an email inquiry on 7 February to Col. Day's law office to inquire of his availability and interest in he and his wife coming to join us at the 2012 event at Wright-Patt. We are waiting on his response. If Col. Day is not available, we will approach Col. Thorsness, followed by Capt. Gruters and Gen. Mechenbier, in that order.
- We are working toward finding a POC for the 21 September 2012 Air Force Ball that will invite our guest of honor to also be the guest of honor at the Ball. We think it would be a golden opportunity to recognize those who have sacrificed so much at multiple events for our Airmen: AD, ANG, and Reserve. Having the same guest of honor at both events will also save money vs. having multiple guests and the cost of multiple trips.
- The Chiefs' Group and the Military Retiree Association at AFMC HQ believes they can raise the funds to pay for the expenses of the visit. But in the event we come up short, we may wish to ask the AFA Chapter for funding assistance. So far we have about \$1,000 put together for the effort. We will also approach other organizations on Base such as the AFSA, Top 3, and others for assistance. We project another \$1K-\$1.5K will be needed to pay for all travel, billeting, and meals as well as a gift.

65th Anniversary of the United States Air Force:

- Bob Kasprzak provided some background on the genesis of our Military Awareness Day Program sponsored by the Enterprise Financial Systems Division at WPAFB. He stated that informal events are held monthly as a "re-blueing" initiative. The focus of the monthly discussions includes briefings, tours, uniform/art displays which deal with Air Force history, traditions, and operations. In addition, each year a major event is hosted to celebrate the Air Force Anniversary and the POW/MIA Recognition Day. Prior year guests of honor were five Pearl Harbor survivors, a Tuskegee Airman, a Vietnam-era POW, A WWII WASP, and the only three-time recipient of the Air Force Cross.
- For this year's 65th Air Force Anniversary, the hope is that one of the Air Force Medal of Honor recipients (and their spouse) will accept our invitation to be our guest on 20-21 September 2012. The event will be hosted by the Enterprise Financial Systems Division and the Base Chief's Group. At this time, we expect sufficient funding will be provided by our Air Force Retiree Group and the Chief's Group. Events will include a Dinner in honor of the spouse, Breakfast with the Base Quarterly Award Winners, a presentation by the Medal of Honor recipient at the Med Center Auditorium, Lunch, and the Base POW/MIA event at the Base flagpole. Dinner at the Air Force Ball is yet to be determined.
- The following is the Agenda for this year's event:

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR AGENDA OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 20 Sep 2012

- Arrival Travel Day - arrive on base and stay in VOQ Suites
- Escort Officer and Driver assigned
- Dinner at Officers Club in honor of Mrs Day; WPAFB leadership invited

Friday, 21 Sep 2012

- 0800 - 0930 Breakfast at Pitsenbarger Dining Hall w WPAFB Amn/NCO/Officer of quarter
- 1000 - 1200 Anniversary Event open to base personnel

- Audio Visual presentation about the MoH, provide visual biography of Col Day, presentation by Col Day (30 – 45 minutes)
 - Traditional POW/MIA Honor Table Ceremony
 - Most junior and senior members cut AF Anniversary cake
 - "Grip and grin" cake & punch reception
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- 1200 - 1330 Informal lunch w/event organizers at Officers Club
 - 1330 - 1600 Break
 - 1600 - 1700 POW/MIA ceremony at base flagpole; organized by WPAFB Chief's Group; short remarks (5-10 minutes) by Col or Mrs Day
 - 1700 - 1830 Private dinner - no guests

Saturday, 22 Sep 2012

- Return home travel day
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The meeting was adjourned at 1250 Hours.

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