



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Executive Council Luncheon Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 2 August 2011**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- President Jeff Liffick called the meeting to order at 1140 Hours.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Attendees introduced themselves.

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:**

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

- Installation Stats:
  - # currently deployed installation-wide = 380
  - # currently deployed for the ABW = 170
  - # returned in June = 99
  - # departed in June = 104
- Past Events:
  - 24 June – TATTOO
  - 4 July – Independence Day
  - 8 July – 445<sup>th</sup> AW C-17 Welcome Dinner
  - 14 July – SFS Change of Command
  - 20 July – FSS Skills Shop Groundbreaking
  - 22-23 July – Vectren Dayton Air Show
  - 26 July – AFOSA Change of Command
  - 29 July – CG Change of Command
  - 29 July – Team W-P Promotion Ceremony
  - 30 July – Military Appreciation Day, Cincinnati Reds
- Upcoming Events:
  - 1-5 August – Exercise Week
  - 3 August – Team W-P Awards Luncheon
  - 5 August – Special Needs Cookout
  - 24 August – AFMC Air Force Ball
  - 25 August – ALS Graduation
  - 26 August – Community Gourmet Dinner
  - 27 August – Hometown Heroes, Fifth Third Field Dayton Dragons
  - 31 August – Team W-P Promotion Ceremony
  - 17 September – USAF Marathon

**445<sup>th</sup> AW** – Col. Stephen Goeman:

- The C-17 Welcoming Ceremony took place on 8-9 July. Speakers included retired Congressman Dave Hobson, Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner, Jr., AFRC Commander, and retired Brig. Gen. Howard Ingersoll, Boeing C-17 Field Manager. A dinner took place at the Wright-Patt Club on 8 July and the actual welcoming ceremony was on the morning of 9 July.
- The 445<sup>th</sup> AW is currently operating two C-5A's and five C-17's. C-5 flying operations end on 30 September. Delivery of three additional C-17's will occur in FY-12.
- Our Maintenance Group Commander (Col. Anna Schulte) is being transferred to Keesler AFB, MS to assume that role there. Her successor here has not yet been announced. Our Mission Support Commander (Col. Mary Henderham) will be retiring in November. Her replacement will be Lt. Col. Dale Bateman, who will be coming to us from the 459<sup>th</sup> ARW at Andrews AFB, MD. Our Wing Vice Commander (Col. Steve Johnson) will also be retiring at the end of 2011. His replacement has not yet been announced.
- The 445<sup>th</sup> Annual Wing Picnic will take place on Sunday, 11 September, at Bass Lake.

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

**ROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr.: Not present.

ROTC: Capt. Rick Graham:

- The last Cadets have graduated Field Training – all but two Cadets made it through Field Training.
- Classes start at Wright State on 6 September. We are busy preparing new books, tests, quizzes, mid-terms and finals for the first class.
- We are preparing for our IG Inspection on 16-18 October – going through all paperwork, records, class plans, and anything else the inspectors will look at.
- At the Air Show, we had contact with many potential Cadets – we will see what the Fall brings.
- We are busy wrapping up recruiting events with all of the universities before school starts. When I get my recruiting team together, after school starts we will hit several high schools and universities.

Arnold Air Society: Cadet Ryan Clark:

- Not much going on right now; a lot of our members still enjoying the Summer
- 6 September is the first day for Wright State and others so we will be busy
- 16 September, we will be supporting the Marathon 5K, and on 17 September, we will be supporting the baggage claim area
- We are trying to get the AFA Facebook page up and running by the end of August – Jeff Liffick commented that we will add Cadet Clark to the agenda as a pop-up member to talk about Facebook

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

**Dayton Development Coalition (DDC)** – Maurice McDonald:

- Introduced himself as the new POC; has been there two weeks so does not have anything to report at this time.

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

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

- The beginning balance for July 2011 was \$200,109 in our two active accounts
- Expenses for July were \$147,052 and Deposits were \$98,586
- Expenses were rather heavy for the Air Show; we spent \$72,052
- The ending balance for July 2011 in both accounts was \$151,643
- We received three sponsor's contributions for \$43,000 during the month
- Jeff Liffick added that he has two more sponsor checks to give Bob

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**2011 Vectren Dayton Air Show – 23-24 July** – Jim Heitz was not present; Shiela Wallace gave the report:

- I think that most of you what were there really enjoyed it
- Numbers this year were down due to the weather – we were at 65,000 vs. the typical 80,000
- For your calendars for next year, the Air Show is moved earlier in the month, to 7 and 8 July 2012. The reason for this is in order to secure a jet team. We have a team for next year that has been tentatively announced, but they have a European tour that cycles every two years, and next year it was their time to do the tour. So if we did not move our Show to accommodate their schedule, we would have been without a jet team.
- As far as we know, we will have the five chalets for next year, and asked Jeff Liffick if this is correct. He responded that it is, as far as he knows.

**2011 Special Events** – Jeff Liffick:

- 23-24 July – Vectren Dayton Air Show: Hopefully a number of you might have had a chance to participate in the Air Show, the chalets that the Chapter hosts. It was a tremendous turnout that got curtailed early on Sunday because of the weather but another great event that the Chapter hosted. Thanks to all those that assisted in making this another successful year.
- 24 August – AFMC Air Force Anniversary Ball: All Chapter members and sponsors should have received invitations by email. If not, let Jeff know and we will make sure you get it. Registration ends the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month so you need to make sure you get your ticket reservations in if you want to go. It will be another great event. Unlike past years, this year we will not have the Senior Leadership Conference involved. But the Base is inviting much more Base participation, and the local DV's in the community that have not been able to be on the list because of the size of the SLC event so there will be a lot more community involvement. Renee Albright will once again be helping with our Silent Auction along with Vita Eonta and the committee working

that. Once again, the Base, from the command, is helping to collect items for the donations for the Silent Auction beforehand. The Chapter will be presenting three awards that evening: for a civilian, a military, and a community leader supporting the AFA. The awards will be announced and presented that night.

- 17 September – Air Force Marathon: Kent Owsley will talk about the Marathon.

### **17 September 2011 Air Force Marathon** – Kent Owsley:

- The AFA Wright Memorial Chapter runs hydration station. We will be handing out three things: water, Gatorade, and that stuff that comes out of a package that if you are a runner you know what it is.
- The good news is that we are on the full marathon circuit. The great news is that we are right at the beginning. Once the marathon starts, we will probably only be there about three hours vs. in years past, we have been there all day, until 3:00 in the afternoon.
- Asked for volunteers – right now, we only have 7 or 8. The #1 hydration station is up to 32 people. A large contingent from Gene Longo's ROTC helps us but we need to get people from our Chapter involved. It is fairly early; you need to be there at 6:15 am but we will be done in 3 to 3-1/2 hours. And you won't be trapped on Base.
- The registration website is on the flyer. I have been asked about getting on; I have that detail but just don't have it now. They are going to have gates open; last year, it was the hospital gate. We are near Headquarters AFMC. There will be a way to get on base and I will get the details out to the people that have registered.
- This year, the National AFA Convention got moved to the same weekend as the Marathon. So myself and several others in the Chapter that are normally involved in the Marathon will not be there but will be in Washington, DC. Ev Odgers has agreed to be my co-chair on this so he will be at the Marathon and in charge that day.
- The most important thing I need right now is for people to volunteer. You will get a T-shirt, you will get a goodie bag, and it's a fun thing that will only take about 4 hours and you will be done for the day.
- Several remarks were interjected here about the upcoming National Convention. Jeff Liffick commented that we need to wrap up the number of people who will be going to convention so that we can determine the stipends. Both the Chapter and the State offer stipends to help anyone get to the convention, which is a Saturday and Sunday that weekend. If you are interested, let us know so that we can account for everyone. The deadline is coming up very quickly. As the State of Ohio President, Kent stated he has to certify the people who will attend and can only certify the people that the chapter presidents give him, and he probably really needs to have this information within the next 10 days. Kent mentioned also that National is "putting out a lot of stops" for the convention. Typically on Saturday night, there is an awards banquet where they recognize the leaders with everything

from member of the year, which Ron Georges was in 2003, plus all of the chapter awards, and may different things. They usually do this at the hotel but this year, they are going to do it on a boat with bar facilities and live entertainment, open for dancing and things afterwards, trying to do things differently. Going to Washington, DC is ridiculously expensive. So the other thing National has done is to get the hotel rate down from a normal \$225.00-\$250.00 room, which is a discounted room, to \$150.00 or \$175.00 without any resort tax added on top of that. My point is that Headquarters AFA is trying to listen hard to our concerns and make it a little bit economically easier to attend, doing things to make it more exciting with different tours that week and over the weekend if you're bringing a spouse or companion. So it will be a lot of fun and I would like to see a lot of us go up there and represent the Wright Memorial Chapter and the State of Ohio, and to let them know we appreciate the work that they do. The State of Ohio has about \$3,000.00 in their stipend fund, so whatever the number is from the state must be divided into \$3,000.00. We usually do not have more than 10 people which is \$300.00 for each person. Jeff Liffick added that most years, the stipend is close to \$1,000.00 but it goes up and down depending upon the number of people. It does represent a pretty big chunk of what you would have to pay out-of-pocket.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges:

- He has still not seen any announcement on the awards

##### **Communications** – Tom Di Nino: Not present

##### **Community Partners** – Gary Strack:

- Reported that the Chapter now has a total of 24 Community Partners
- Invited the following Community Partners to the front of the room to receive their new plaques/medallions and thanked them for their tremendous support for the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter:
  - City of Riverside: Mayor Bill Flaute
  - Wyle Labs: Mr. Sam Carbaugh
  - Ater International: Mrs. Sue Ellen Ater
  - Alion Science & Technology: Ms. Connie Engler
  - Sawdey Solution Services: Mrs. Connie Sawdey
  - Dayton Marriott: Ms. Tina Waldrop
  - Dynamics Research Corporation: Mr. Frank Grosso

##### **Membership** – Dee Cox: Not present; Shiela Wallace presented her report:

- Signed up 8 new people at the Air Show, both military and civilian; they were all one-year memberships
- Asked me to give a special thanks to Walt and Betty, as Dee felt a lot of the new memberships they picked up were due to the conversations that Walt had

with some of the folks that were there as he showed them the Crossfeed and talked to them about his own background and being involved with the AFA

**Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner:

- The USA TODAY Visions Program will occur again this year. We plan to have as many classes as last year. We will have Sherry Blankenship back again as our POC.
- The Educators Actimon Team is working with Dann Andrews, Director of Starbase, in setting up the dates for our Fall AFA Grant Writing Workshop.

**Programs** – Fred Pumroy:

- The Welcome Reception on 6 July at the Wright Patterson Club for Major General William N. McCasland was a success with over 60 people in attendance. Thanks to the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association for co-sponsoring the event and helping with the arrangements. Special thanks go to Shiela Wallace and Gary Strack for covering for me during my absence.

**Government Relations** – Ron Thompson: Not present.

**Veterans Affairs** – George Simons: Not present. Vita Eonta gave the following report:

- The A-10 crew came through the VA and the minute they walked in the lobby, you could see the vets in their wheelchairs gravitating towards them.
- The team that was there was able to visit the Hospice Center as well as the Acute Care Center. It was just amazing how the vets and even the staff were so excited that people in uniform coming to visit, just to talk to them. They were giving out their patches and showing models of the A-10 that they were going to auction off at the three facilities they had.
- It was a wonderful experience and I was glad to be a part of it.

**State of Ohio President's Report** – Kent Owsley:

- As he has asked all of the other chapters, if you are doing anything on Cyber Patriot, I would like to add it to the report I owe to AFA Headquarters.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kent Owsley asked Jeff Liffick if he could give a copy of the new, updated Congressional Directory from National to Ron Thompson.
- Kent gave Jeff and Shiela Wallace CD's of pictures from the Air Show. Jeff Hayden has already written an article and given it to Tom DiNino for the Crossfeed.
- Jeff Liffick added that upcoming are the Chapter elections. Requests for nominations will be sent out by the Chapter. The Board will nominate for the positions going forth for the next year. This will be the end of my second year

- and the end of my presidency coming up, so we will be taking nominations for a new president. We look for input from everyone in the chapter as well.
- Kent Shin of ITT introduced Bob Evans, their new Vice President for Air Force Programs at their headquarters in Washington, DC. Bob then made a few remarks to the Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1230 Hours.

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