



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Executive Council Luncheon Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 2 November 2010**

***INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

- President Jeff Liffick called the meeting to order at 11:30 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 = 394
    - # returned this month = 58
    - # departed this month = 32
  - Past Events:
    - 6 October – Miami Valley DFD Agency Fair and Kick-off (Nutter Center)
    - 9 October – ASC Dining Out
    - 11 October – Columbus Day
    - 13 October – Mayors and Managers Dinner
    - 21 October – Military Retiree Appreciation Day
    - 22 October – AF Art Gala Display and Dinner hosted by SECAF and CSAF
    - 23 October – AFMC International Ball
    - 28 October – Veterinary Clinic Grand Opening
  - Upcoming Events:
    - 4 November – Information Technology Complex (ITC) Phase I Groundbreaking
    - 8 November – Pipeline Dorms Ribbon Cutting
    - 9 November – Heroes Welcoming Heroes
    - 11 November – Veterans Day
    - 14 November – to New York City to receive the Air Force Innkeeper Award Ceremony (Lodging)
    - 25 November – Thanksgiving Day
    - 26 November – AFMC Family Day
    - 08 December – UISAF and WSU Basketball Military Appreciation Day
- **445<sup>th</sup> AW** – Col. Stephen Goeman was not present

- **178<sup>th</sup> FW** – Col. Mike Roberts was not present; Col. Craig Wallace provided the report:
  - The 178<sup>th</sup> FW is no longer flying US F-16 missions
  - The Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) training mission will come to a close at the end of November
  - Two Dutch aircraft have already been transferred to Tucson and the total transfer of mission will be complete in December
  - There will be occasional F-16 traffic in and out of Springfield as the 178<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group will be performing modification work on other ANG F-16's during 2011; this is a "Bridge Mission" to keep personnel active as they await training into their new positions
  - The 178<sup>th</sup> will be unique in that it will have two formal Groups that answer to separate Major Commands (MAJCOMS)
  - The Reconnaissance Group will have the MQ-1 Predator mission and be under Air Combat Command (ACC)
  - The Intelligence Group will have four unique intelligence squadrons and be under Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Command (AFISRA)
  - The remaining entities of the 178<sup>th</sup> Wing will be ACC gained
  - Full-time manning will return to 1998 manning levels when the 178<sup>th</sup> was a "general purpose" F-16 unit
  - Although there is a loss of 153 positions on paper, we have been able to move toward the new goal with retirements and transfers to other units
  - The long-term goal for the 178<sup>th</sup> is to acquire actual MQ-1 hardware and the establishment of a "launch and recovery element" (LRE) which could maintain the viability of military operations at the Springfield Airport
  
- **ROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr. was not present; Capt. Rick Graham gave the report:
  - Arnold Air Society has 15-20 candidates trying to become active members. They are going through a candidate process that includes service hours, warrior knowledge about the Air Force, and community service.
  - Arnold Air Society Service Projects completed:
    - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk
    - Breast Cancer Walk
    - Highway Clean-Up on I-675
    - Halloween Hoops: Trick or Treating for the kids
  - Upcoming Service Projects:
    - Clothing and food drive for St. Vincent de Paul
    - Ronald McDonald House Annual Clean-Up at Dayton Children's Hospital on Valley Street
    - Veterans' Pinning on Veterans' Day
  - Three commissionings will take place:
    - Wright State University – November
    - University of Dayton – December
    - Cedarville -- January
  - AFROTC has become very competitive. GPAs and PT test scores are continually getting better so these cadets can compete for a field training allocation slot. Cadet enrollment at the beginning of the semester has increased to around 250 cadets.

- **Junior ROTC** – Col. Fred Schuster:
  - The economy has resulted in an increase in the number of high school graduates enlisting in the armed forces to receive education benefits. As a result, the services have raised the entry score of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) for new enlistees. The score is now 50 vs. the previous score of 35.
  - The Honor Flight Program has one more flight this year before suspending flights for the winter period. Flights will resume next April. Anyone who needs an application for a WW II veteran may contact Col. Schuster at 937-845-4464. Or visit the Honor Flight website at [www.honorflightdayton.org](http://www.honorflightdayton.org).
  - More AFJROTC units are becoming at risk of being cut by their schools because of the financial problems of schools in Ohio. Attempts to pass a levy for operating money have failed at an alarming rate throughout the state. More to follow on this subject.
  
- **Civil Air Patrol** – Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Curell: Nothing to report
  
- **Dayton Development Coalition** – Colleen Ryan:
  - We are working closely with Air Force Research Lab and Springfield as well as other industry and academic partners to secure airspace in which we can test and operate unmanned aerial vehicles. To become a national center for unmanned vehicles is one great step toward our long-term strategic goal for the Dayton Region to be known as the National Center for Aeronautics and Aerospace Systems
  - Our Priority Development and Advocacy process is well underway. Entities that have projects to submit need to have proposals to the DDC by 5 November. Contact Kelly Geers at the DDC for information at [kgeers@daytonregion.com](mailto:kgeers@daytonregion.com).
  - Our H2Open for Business Campaign recently won the Ohio Economic Development Marketing Award.
  - Our Annual Meeting is 11 January 2011 at 4:00 PM at the Schuster Center. It is open to the public.
  - Two of our advocacy projects are bringing the National VA Archives to the Dayton VA and a retired Shuttle to the NMUSAF.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mary Bloyd

- Thanks to everyone for submitting monthly reports. You will continue to be asked to submit them by email for accurate reporting of the Monthly Minutes.
- One of my goals is to learn more about the Chapter. Contacts will be made in the coming weeks for conversations with Board and committee members to build my knowledge base.
- Another goal is to post more information on the Wright Memorial Chapter website to publicize Chapter activities within the AFA community. Hopefully, this can assist the Chapter to qualify as the "2011 Chapter of the Year".
- Sources are being sought that will accept publicity releases to publicize Chapter activities and increase awareness of what we do in the Dayton region.
- Any comments or suggestions from members to help make our Chapter communications better and more effective are always welcome.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob VanHook was not present.

- Jeff Liffick mentioned that a budget is being worked on for 2011.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **2011 Dayton Air Show Chalets** – Jim Heitz was not present. Jeff Liffick mentioned that the Chapter is planning to have five chalets, as we have in past years.
- **2010 AFMC Ball, Dragons Game, and Symposium** – Jeff Liffick:
  - AFMC has changed their conference schedule. Starting next year, the Senior Leader Conference will be going “on the road”. We will no longer have the major presence of the Senior Leaders in August.
  - But we will have a new event next Spring when the Chapter will host the Enlisted Awards Dinner.
  - We will still have the AFMC Ball during the last week in August, and participate in the Dayton Dragons game hosted by the Chapter.
- **2010 Marathon** – Fred Pumroy was not present. Kent Owsley said that he had talked with the Marathon office and they were very appreciative of what the Chapter did. Also, he talked with them to insure that the Chapter will go back to hosting an hydration station at next year’s Marathon.
- **2011 USATT Expo** -- Kent Owsley:
  - The Board that has been in place for this event will be making an announcement sometime in November.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges: Nothing to report
- **Communications** – Tom Dinino:
  - Has updates for the next issue of Crossfeed which will go to the printer next week.
  - Another issue is targeted for publication in January.
- **Community Partners** – Gary Strack: Not present
- **Membership** – Dee Cox:
  - Nothing to report this month.
  - Jeff Liffick presented Dee with a Medal of Merit for her work in Membership for the Chapter.
- **Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner:
  - We have 205 classes of the USA TODAY’s Visions Program up and running. Shiela Wallace did a terrific job helping to accomplish this.
  - We have 16 Teacher Workshops set up for TechFest on Saturday, 19 February 2011 at Sinclair Community College. We have a one-time, great opportunity for the teachers to take eight Computer Workshops utilizing regular Word, Excel, and Publisher Programs as well as four Smart Board Workshops. And there will also be eight regular Teacher Workshops.

- More tutors have started working with children in the Fairborn School system.
  - We have made a tentative selection of the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 “Teacher of the Year” and will be in contact with that teacher in the near future.
  - The AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 Aerospace Education Committee presented a check for \$500.00 to the Wright-Patterson Educational Outreach Foundation. The donation was accepted by Kathy Schweinfurth, USAF AFMC DET 1 AFRL/WSC, and Dan Andrews, her deputy. Kathy spoke briefly about how the donation will be used.
- **Programs** – Fred Pumroy: Nothing to report.
  - **Government Relations** – Ron Thompson was not present
  - **Veterans Affairs** – George Simons:
    - We will be supporting the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Recovery Center at the Dayton VA on 18 November.
    - Vita Eonta and Joanne Powell will attend the Holiday Party.
    - On Saturday, 4 December, we will jointly sponsor with the AFSA the Annual Christmas Party at the Dayton VA. All AFA Chapter members are invited to attend. We will start setup at 0930 and serve at 1100.
  - **State of Ohio President’s Report** – Kent Owsley:
    - Mentioned the new Chairman and other persons elected during the HQ AFA national convention in Washington, DC last month.
    - A committee was formed to study if it makes sense to have a nationally-known person in an appointed position to go out to help folks to do things in radio, TV, print ads, etc. This might be a sports figure, a politician, etc. Their findings will conceivably be voted on next year.
    - Another committee will try to understand why more people do not come to the national convention and find out what can be done to increase participation.
    - Discussion is also underway about breaking the convention off of the air and space part that goes from Monday through Thursday. Would it be better to have the convention on the West coast one year, then the Midwest the next year, and the East coast the next year.
    - They are looking at everything. The goal is to find out what can be done to involve more people in the national convention.
    - Since the Wright Memorial Chapter is such an active chapter, Kent has asked the committee to contact Jeff Liffick .
    - Kent invited Jeff, Shiela Wallace (who is the State of Ohio Vice President), and Vita Eonta (who is the State of Ohio Secretary), and anyone from the Chapter who wants to come, to attend a meeting in Cincinnati on Saturday, 6 November.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mention was made that the Chapter may want to do something for Gen. Metcalfe, who will be retiring from the Air Force Museum on 31 December. We need to contact Teresa Montgomery at the Museum to see what we might do.
- The Chapter will host its annual Star Sponsors' Reception on 1 December at the Wright-Patt Club.
- The December Luncheon will be a Holiday Lunch "on the Chapter".

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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