



MEETING MINUTES
Executive Council Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, 3 August 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:

- **88th ABW** – Randy Parker
 - Installation Stats:
 - # currently deployed installation-wide = 360
 - # departed this month = 181
 - # returned this month = 50
 - Past Events:
 - 08 July – “Heroes Welcoming Heroes” at the NMUSAF – Purple Heart Ceremony
 - 17 July – WPAFB supports Dayton Air Show
 - 30 July – Year of the Air Force Family (Final Event) – Special Needs Families’ Cook-Out
 - 31 July – Military Appreciation Day (Cincinnati Reds)
 - Upcoming Events:
 - 21 August – Huffman Prairie Aviation Day
 - 22 August – SLAB T (Senior Leader Conference, Air Force Ball, and Technology Symposium)
 - 25 August – Air Force Ball at NMUSAF
 - 26 August – Technology Symposium
- **445th AW** – Col. Stephen Goeman was not present
- **178th FW** – Col. Mike Roberts was not present
- **ROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr. is currently on leave; -- Capt. Jill Durbin, USAF, Air Force ROTC Det 643, Wright State University, provided the report:
 - New Cadre members are Capt. Jill Durbin, Education Officer; Capt. Stefanie Van Dyk, Unit Admissions Officer (on maternity leave until September); Capt. Graham, the new Exec is expected to arrive in mid-August
 - Capt. Grafton is still here but currently deployed to Maxwell assisting with Field Training; Capt. Cathell is deployed until later this Fall; Bonnie Perales, Admin. Assistant is currently on leave; Capt. Rodney Miller is in the office but not part of the Cadre (he is the Regional Admissions Officer; SSgt. Van Winkle deployed to assist with Field Training (due back upon completion of Max 6 in late-August); SSgt. Good is still here and doing well

- Field Training is currently going on: 4 of 6 complete. Max 5 is finishing up now; Max 6 began on 1 August.
- 120 new Freshmen this year bringing the Det total Cadet numbers to 240 – an historical high!
- School Starts: Wright State on 7 September; Cedarville on 25 August; University of Dayton on 25 August
- High School Scholarship Program (HSSP) deadline to apply is 1 December for those starting college next Fall. All applications must be made online at www.afrotc.com.
- There was a parachute incident at the Academy but it was not one of our Cadets. The parents have requested that no information be disclosed.
- **Junior ROTC** – Col. Fred Schuster was not present
- **Civil Air Patrol** – Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Curell was not present
- **Dayton Development Coalition** – Colleen Ryan was not present

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Connie Engler was not present – Mary Bloyd took notes; thanked those making reports for sending them to her for accurate reporting in the Meeting Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bob VanHook
 - Started the month of July with \$199,739 in the bank
 - Receipts were \$10,590
 - Expenses were \$11,954
 - Ending balance was \$198,375 – there was a little bit more expense this month; July was not a typical month

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **2010 Dayton Air Show Chalets** – Jim Heitz
 - Enabled by generous corporate sponsors, the Wright Memorial Chapter hosted guests at five air-conditioned Chalets at the Dayton Air Show. This year's show featured the Navy Blue Angels who performed on 17 and 18 July. The weather was great both days and over 1,600 people were in attendance at the Chalets.
 - Special recognition is extended to Linda Kennedy of the Greentree Group for the support she provides for the Air Show. She sends out emails, works special issues, distributes all the tickets, mails things out, makes sure everyone is taken care of. This year Linda personally identified a World War II vet who may not be with us much longer, and worked everything with the person's daughter and son-in-law to get that person to the chalets. I saw some emails from these folks and they were so gratified that the AFA reached out to their World War II veteran. That was all Linda; all I did was say, do what you think is right, and she really took care of that well. She does not like personal recognition but anything that this Chapter can do for Linda is well-deserved.
 - The Wright Memorial Chapter hosted 45 individuals from TAC Enterprises on Friday before the Dayton Air Show giving them a sneak preview. They received VIP treatment at the AFA Chalet enjoying box seats for the performance, watching all types of aircraft test the limits, from vintage war birds to modern high performance jet fighters. TAC Enterprises is a non-

- profit organization that employs people with disabilities. One of the jobs they perform is the repair of cargo nets for the USAF. A great operation
- **2010 AFMC Ball, Dragons Game, and Symposia** – Jeff Liffick
 - Dayton Dragons Game: Tuesday, 24 August – The Chapter contributed 50 tickets to returning airmen. Will have five suites on the party deck. All sponsors are invited. Sponsorship packages are going out to the community and to the Base population to attend. The SLC has it on their agenda as an optional event for attendees. Will have a count next week of how many SLC attendees will be there
 - AFMC Anniversary Ball: Wednesday, 25 August – SLC attendees and many of our sponsors will attend. The Chapter will get a limited number of tickets; at some point, the extra tickets will be available to sell to the general population and the public. Will work this with our members and volunteers as closely as we can. If tickets are available, everyone who wants to go will have an opportunity.
 - AFA Tech Symposium: Thursday, 26 August – 110 people have registered so far, mainly from industry outside of the Dayton area. We are ahead of registration for last year, and looking for a bigger event than last year as far as attendance goes. Asked Renee Albright for an update on the Silent Auction for the event.
 - Renee reported she is collecting items for the auction from various local and national companies/organizations; connected with the Air Force contact but has not received any AF donations at this time; requested seven cadets to help with the night of the auction and needs to send the schedule to them; will be helping with registration at the Symposium.
 - **2010 Marathon**, 15 September – Fred Pumroy
 - The Chapter will not have an hydration station this year but will be joining with the Fairborn Downtown Business Association to have a VIP booth. Inviting a lot of companies offering to sponsor a block.
 - The Chapter will have a banner across Main Street so the runners from both ways will see it and our Welcome/Cheering Station. Some of the ROTC units will be supporting this effort.
 - Bellbrook ROTC will join with Fairborn ROTC to put up some camouflage netting and other materials to decorate the street.
 - The Mongolian Barbecue Grill is donating food for all the volunteers
 - **2011 USATT Expo**, Tuesday-Friday, third week in July 2011 – John McCance and Kent Owsley were not present; will wait on their attendance for the next update

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges
 - Anyone interested in attending should register for the AFA National Conference at the Gaylord Hotel in Washington, DC.
 - Should be an interesting session this year. For the first time in history, there is competition for Chairman of the Board.
 - Traditionally, the President of AFA automatically stepped up to the Chair. But after some reorganization, two Vice-Chairmen are running for Chair as well as retired four-star General Ron Keys.
 - Jeff Liffick added to Ron's comments. Anyone who wants to attend the National should let him know. Anyone going from the Chapter will receive a small stipend from the Chapter and the State. The amount available for

each individual is determined by how many people will be going. The convention is on Saturday with the conference the following week. It is always a great event. You can really learn about the inner workings of the AFA and get to meet a lot of really great people participating in the National Conference.

- **Communications** – Tom Dinino was not present. Shiela Wallace gave a report for him. .
 - Tom hopes to get the next Newsletter out in September and is asking that articles be emailed to him as soon as possible so he can begin putting things together.
 - Tom is asking Jim Heitz for photos from the Air Show or to direct him to a photographer who has photos that can be used for the Newsletter.
- **Community Partners** – Gary Strack is on travel. Sharon Murner gave his report.
 - Contacted AFA National HQ to secure a current list of our Community Partners . HQ is changing to a new database and hope to have it in place the week of 2 August. Gary will receive the list when it is setup.
 - Chapter Treasurer, Bob VanHook, is also trying to create a list as a backup in case the HQ database changeover takes longer than anticipated
 - With the current list, Gary will work on securing renewals on the Community Partner memberships reaching expiration, and begin recruiting new memberships with a goal of securing four a month. Not sure how realistic this will be given the economy and since businesses in the area are regularly approached to support various events on the Base.
 - Received 30 additional applications and noted they indicate an annual Community Partner fee of \$90.00 vs. the previous cost of \$75.00. This may or may not present an additional challenge in the current economy
 - Two new Community Partner plaques are ready to give out. Delivered the plaque to Kendall Printing on 28 July and will deliver to The Ross Group during the second week of August
- **Membership** – Dee Cox
 - July is always a good month for membership.
 - Spent two days at the Air Show and secured one lifetime membership and five, one-year memberships.
 - Membership has increased to \$45.00 a year and \$600.00 for the lifetime membership. This increase did not seem to deter anyone.
 - Has some new membership forms but only a limited number. National is trying to get their database together; will get new forms from them soon. If anyone needs forms, just let her know
- **Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner
 - Aerospace Education has been on a small vacation but working the Air Show.
 - Gearing up for the Visions Program and want to beat out Florida again. We had 205 last year and know they want to take us on so we have this little competition going. The Program affects schools in all of the surrounding districts; can provide real numbers next month.
 - Discussing dates at the end of September or early-October for the Grant Writing Workshop that gives a teacher \$250.00 for their classroom. Teachers have to write specifics on how they will use the money. Teachers from all across the state are involved in this program. The

classrooms involved are in public, private, parochial and charter schools. The grants do not go below the third grade, with the fourth grade being the preferred level, but do go all the way through high school.

- Jeff Liffich mentioned that the Wright Memorial Chapter will receive the Chapter Aerospace Education Excellence Award at the national conference this year -- an excellent accomplishment.
- **Programs** – Fred Pumroy
 - MVMAA is taking the lead with AFA Wright Memorial Chapter in welcoming Col. Amanda Gladney, 88 ABW Commander on Thursday, 19 Aug, 6:00 PM at the Wright-Patt Club
- **Government Relations** – John McCance was not present
- **Veterans Affairs** – George Simons
 - Vita Eonta reported on an upcoming event for October 2010: Members of the Captain Edward Rickenbacker Memorial Chapter and the Motts Military Museum in Groveport, OH will host the First International Rickenbacker Car Rally on October 1-3, 2010. The sponsor of this event is the Rickenbacker Car Club of America. There are only about 250 Rickenbacker cars known to exist in the world today from the approximately 34,000 cars built in Detroit, Michigan between 1922-1927. They hope to have eight to ten Rickenbacker cars on display at this event. One car is being towed in from the State of Washington.
- **State of Ohio President's Report** – Kent Owsley was not present
- **Great Lakes Region (GLR)** – John McCance was not present

OLD BUSINESS:

- Everett Odgers reminded members to respond to the email sent from AFA with the ballot for the Heritage Legacy and Ambassador Awards – everyone needs to vote and include an email address when you do so AFA knows you are not voting more than one time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20

Submitted for the Chapter:
Mary Bloyd, Dayton/Montgomery County CVB
AFA Chapter 212 Community Partner