



**MEETING MINUTES**  
Executive Council Luncheon Meeting  
Tuesday, 7 September 2010

***INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

- President Jeff Liffick called the meeting to order
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Attendees introduced themselves
- Jeff Liffick thanked everyone for coming; we definitely have a “full house” today – hopefully you will be able to let us know you are coming – we have been a little slow in the last few months and pared down the number of tables set but we’re doing very well today; this is a good thing
- Shiela Wallace remarked she and Jeff are happy with the attendance. She is responsible to advise the Club of the numbers for lunch but put them into a bit of a panic today because I had given them one number. Everyone is certainly welcome and we are thrilled to have all of you. The agreement with the Club is to turn in an RSVP to them by Noon on the Friday before the meeting. If you are sitting here today and not getting our emails for any reason, before you leave today please make sure you talk to me about that; we want to make sure we have your correct email. Mary Bloyd has been sending out the notices. I know some of you that have Earthlink will have emails thrown into Spam. If you are not getting our emails, please let me know so that we can get this rectified.

***ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:***

- **88<sup>th</sup> ABW** – Randy Parker
  - Installation Stats:
    - # currently deployed installation-wide = 376
    - # departed this month = 87
    - # returned this month = 100
  - Past 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
  - Upcoming Events:
    - 08 September – Monthly Mayor and Managers event
    - 08 September – Air Education & Training Center Civic Leader Dinner
    - 09 September – Air Education & Training Center Civic Leader Breakfast
    - 10 September – ASC/CC Community Western BBQ
    - 11 September – Fairborn hosting the 8th Annual 9/11 Ceremony

- 17 September – USAF Marathon Race Director’s Breakfast, Pasta Dinner; and 5K Race; the 5K Race is still open for registration
  - 18 September – USAF Marathon; the number of runners in the race this year is close to 11,600 this year – expected to be up there with the Marine Corps Marathon soon
- **445<sup>th</sup> AW** – Col. Stephen Goeman – not present
- **178<sup>th</sup> FW** – Col. Mike Roberts – not present
- **ROTC/Arnold Air Society** – Lt. Col. Joseph Bouchard, Jr. – Updates:
  - We are seeing significant numbers at Wright State, University of Dayton, and Cedarville
  - 280 cadets in the Cadet Corp, a significant number from last year; almost 102 new Freshmen
  - There some significant changes in the program with some budgetary constraints
  - In the future, you will see some of my new cadre members – three new members over the Summer and will be teaching the 100 and 200 classes at Wright State
  - Thanked the AFA for their support of the Cadet Wing, specifically the \$250.00 for our support for the Air Force Ball
  - Looking for an outstanding year this year and hopefully give a lot of support your way
  - Jeff Liffick thanked Col. Bouchard for their support of the AFA Chapter activities throughout the year
- **Junior ROTC** – Col. Fred Schuster
  - Thanked the AFA Chapter for their support of Junior ROTC in the region
  - There are eight programs for which the Chapter provides a \$500.00 scholarship every year for cadets hopefully from the local area to join the Air Force ROTC
  - Eight were designated for this year but only six were given out – two cadets decided at the last minute to enlist; is sure by this time that they are probably regretting that decision – will try to give all of them out for next year, two from each unit
  - USAF Marathon – will have about 50 cadets there at the finish line, at the baggage claim and the food court – all of our cadets really look forward to that
  - Gave a brief overview of the Junior ROTC program in the United States, including the four services which have ROTC programs: Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines – it is a very popular program throughout the schools and many are on a waiting list – discussed the impact of school levies on the program as Junior ROTC is an elected program – throughout the four services in Ohio, there are 64 units -- 869 Air Force units worldwide
- **Civil Air Patrol** – Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Curell – not present
- **Dayton Development Coalition** – Colleen Ryan – not present

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

- Connie Engler – said she has been out of the loop for a few months; deeply appreciates Mary Bloyd’s input and sending out the notices and taking the minutes – the career path she has chosen puts her in a position where she cannot manage her own time – everyone of you has been a mentor to me and brought such professionalism from your areas of expertise – I have learned a lot

and really appreciate everything and thanks everyone – I hope that Mary will go on the nominations for the Executive Board Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Bob VanHook – Began the month of August with \$198,375. Expenses for the month were \$169,830. Deposits/income was \$130,117. The ending balance was \$158,663. A snapshot of the past year since I took over in October 2009, with about a month to go, shows income has exceeded outflow thus far by \$6,000 which is good news. These figures are not included in the August report since some of the income has just come in for this month. Next month, we will wrap up the year of my doing this and see how we come out.
- Jeff Liffick commented that August was a big month with a lot of checks written for different things – hopefully, we'll get our balance back up there

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **2010 Dayton Air Show Chalets** – Jim Heitz – not present
- **2010 AFMC Ball, Dragons Game, and Symposium** – Jeff Liffick
  - Renee Albright reported on the Silent Auction of 25 August: Raised \$7,889 from donations of 79 items. 10 items were not bid on and are now up for bid for AFA members; Jeff Liffick has the list. The Cadets that helped at the auction were fantastic! We hope to continue to use their support in the future. Working on getting out “Thank You” letters to the companies and individuals who donated this year.
  - Jeff reported that the donations this year were a little bit thinner than they have been in the years past but considering the economy, we did very well. For any of the items we have left, we have a list if anyone is interested in bidding on any of them; they were mainly gift certificates for different things out there.
  - Jeff commented on the Ball, saying there was nearly record attendance of me 450+; this was extremely good. Thanked everyone who was able to be there. It was a very nice event starting with the Silent Auction which Renee led up for us. For the last three years, we're just a supporter with a part in the Awards Ceremony and with our sponsors that were able to attend. But for the most part, the Air Force takes over that portion of it and we get to set back a little bit although there is quite a bit of input from our team getting everything to go together.
  - Jeff reported on the Technology Symposium on the following day. We had nearly 300 attendees. There were significantly less Air Force SLC attendees this year because it was made an optional event, but our attendance was up actually over the year before as well as the receipts. In total with the two events, the Air Force Ball Silent Auction and the Technology Symposium, we raised almost \$20,000 for the Air Force Aid Society. We will be writing a check for them in next week or so as soon as we finish totaling up everything on the books. I appreciate everyone's support, either helping with registration, or being one of the moderators, or other things. Looking around the room, I see a lot of people that helped in making all of this a great success. I really appreciate it. It takes a lot of work to pull off these events.

- Jeff asked Kent Owsley to talk about a couple of things. Kent remarked that next year, the Air Force may be changing how they will do their Senior Leader Conference. This will affect how the Chapter will decide how to work with the Air Force on the Technology Symposium for next year. It may be different or it may stay the same. It could be at the beginning of the year or it could be all kinds of different things. But the Ball and the Symposium went really well, and remarked to Renee that she did a great job.
- Jeff continued that for those who were not able to attend the Symposium, the discussions and the presentations were very interesting.
- Fred Pumroy asked to comment on one more thing about the Ball, if you were there, you know who the Awards went to. If you weren't there, the Ambassador Award went to Amanda Wright Lane for all she has done to continue the legacy of the Wright Brothers obviously here in Dayton, Ohio. She travels the world to do that. The Heritage Award went to Lt Gen. Bob Raggio, the past commander at Aeronautical Systems Center. The Legacy Award for the civilian side of the business went to Mr. Jim Matisse. This is the best year we've had in terms of people actually voting. Great input; we'd like to see more. The problem we are having is finding people who will nominate people in the community or the Air Force for these awards. He ended up hunting up people to write nominations and this is not how it should work; it should come from the Chapter. Next Year, he will be asking people to do that. On the voting side, we had 100 people vote this year which is the most we've ever had. This sounds great only we sent out 2,500 emails with ballots but we had some 2,125 ballots out there that somebody should have responded to. The last ballot in actually swung the Legacy Award to Jim Matisse. I encourage you to take part and participate in this.
- Jeff commented that all of the award winners were very excited. There were some great acceptance speeches.
- **2010 Marathon**, 15 September – Fred Pumroy – A report will be made at the next meeting
- **2011 USATT Expo**, Tuesday-Friday, third week in July 2011 – Kent Owsley reported that no tracks, speakers, or exhibits have been signed up but there should be more details by the next meeting.

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

- **Leadership Development/Awards** – Ron Georges – nothing to report
- **Communications** – Tom Dinino – Please send articles for the next newsletter.
- **Community Partners** – Gary Strack
  - Two new CP's were recruited this past month: the Crowne Plaza Hotel and the NCR Country Club. Ryan Roos from the NCR Country Club attended the meeting, talked about the Club, its upcoming National Day of Golf event, and a current Patriot Membership opportunity for Dayton-area Military and Federal Civil Service personnel. In the past, this outing has raised over \$2 million at various courses over 30 states. NCR looks forward to being a part of AFA and serving the military community in the Dayton region.
  - Gary presented a CP plaque to Mark Metzner of Merk Metzner Consulting Services. Mark provided information regarding his objectives in becoming an AFA Chapter Community Partner.

- At the recent AFA Technology Symposium, Gary presented a CP plaque to Brian Osborne from the Ross Group. A CP plaque will be presented to Kendall Printing later this week.
- Kent Shin from ITT Electronic Systems invited Cheryl Cruz and Mark Mills, Ryan Roos from NCR Country Club, and Joe Greene, President of the Dayton Gems Hockey Club. Kent thanked the Chapter for including ITT in the AFA family.
- Joe Greene has applied for membership as a Community Partner. The Gems are friends to the military community offering military discounts on single tickets and Family Packages. The Gems look forward to working with the AFA and welcoming the Wright-Patt community to their games.
- During the Dayton Gems Hockey Club season, ITT and the Dayton Gems will sponsor “Gems for a Day”. This will allow five Air Force members recently returning home from combat to accompany the team on a full day to include a pre-game skate, a locker room tour, and team jerseys.
- **Membership** – Dee Cox – Received a report from National; as of the end of May, only two members were added but this did not include those that came in from the Air Show – has new membership applications if anyone needs them
- **Aerospace Education** – Sharon Murner
  - Education has set the dates of October 1 and 2, 2010 for the Wright Memorial Chapter #212 AFA Grant Writing Workshops for all teachers in the Dayton metro area and beyond. We will have a 2-1/2 hour workshop to help teachers apply for a \$250.00 grant for their classroom. The attached flyer will be sent out. The workshops will be available on a first-come basis.
  - Looking forward to setting up the Visions Program in the near future
- **Programs** – Fred Pumroy
  - Col Amanda Gladney's Welcome Reception was sponsored by the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association and Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter – it was a success with some 70 people in attendance at the Wright-Patt Club
- **Government Relations** – Ron Thompson – He will be contacting our elected officials after the elections regarding joining AFA.
- **Veterans Affairs** – George Simons
  - Vita Eonta and I will attend the 9 September quarterly VAVS meeting at the Dayton VA. We will present 5 checks for unfunded needs for the VA. This includes General Purpose Fund, Emergency Fund, Women Veterans Fund, Canteen Book Fund, and Bowling Alley Fund.
- **State of Ohio President's Report** – Kent Owsley – Preparing for the national convention.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Liffick.

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