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## AFA REGIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN DAYTON

Mark your calendars for May 9 and 10 and plan to attend the Great Lakes Region (GLR) AFA Convention. This will be a meeting of the officers of the GLR, the four states within the GLR (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky), and the 25 AFA chapters within those four states. The Conference will be held at the Hawthorne Inn & Suites at 730 E. Xenia Dr. in Fairborn (I-675 and State Route 235).

The Conference will commence Friday evening at the Hawthorne Inn & Suites with a dinner buffet served at 1830. We have tentatively planned for a student group from the Tecumseh High School Junior ROTC to perform the flag folding ceremony at dinner. Cost for the dinner is \$21. A State Meeting of the Ohio delegation will be held following dinner. The GLR meeting will take place in the hotel from 0830-1200 on Saturday, with registration from 0800 to 0830. Business will include election of a new President of the GLR, and the meeting will feature a presentation by Pat Condon, the AFA National President. A buffet lunch will be available with cold cuts, cheese and salads for \$11. Members will be encouraged to attend the "Centennial of Flight" events scheduled at Wright-Patterson on Saturday afternoon.

All members are invited to attend all or any portion of the Conference. Contact Ron Thompson for more information or to obtain a registration form. Registration forms must be completed and mailed to the GLR President on or before May 2.

### *Submit Articles for WMC Crossfeed*

Articles for future issues of the WMC Crossfeed should be submitted to Wright Memorial Chapter President, Ron Thompson. Editor would prefer electronic format (Microsoft Word or ASCII) forwarded via email to "rthompson@erinet.com". Photographs are welcome in JPEG format. Printed materials should be forwarded to Ron Thompson, 2569 Indian Wells Trail, Xenia OH 45385-9373.

### ATTEND WMC MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The Executive Council of the Wright Memorial Chapter meets for a luncheon business meeting at the Wright-Patt Officer's Club the first Tuesday of every month at 1130. The meeting is open to all AFA members. If you would like to meet a few of our most dedicated volunteers, and especially if you would like to volunteer to participate in chapter activities in any way, we would love to have you join us for lunch. Contact Chuck Spencer at 76465.411@compuserve.com or at 434-9411 for a reservation so that we can ensure adequate seating and lunches.

# WMC Crossfeed

Air Force Association – Wright Memorial Chapter 212

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*An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter*

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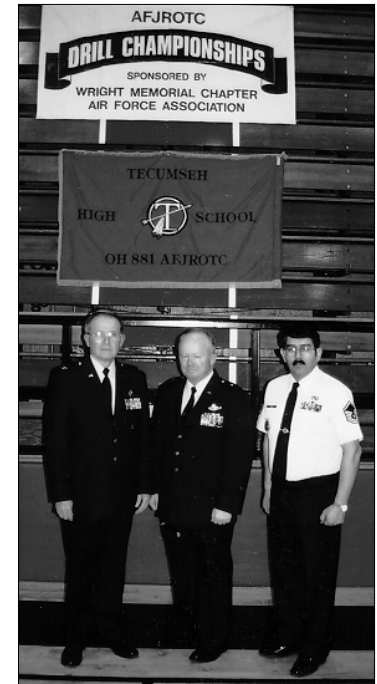
## Tecumseh High School Hosts 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Drill Meet

On March 8, 2003, the Tecumseh High School Junior ROTC, Unit #OH-881, in New Carlisle, Ohio, held the Midwest's largest drill meet. The "Arrowhead" Regional Drill Meet has been held for 14 years and is sponsored by the Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Forces Association. This year 18 JROTC units from seven different states attended. Almost 600 cadets competed in Personal Inspection, Drill exhibitions with and without weapons, Color Guard competition, Individual and Duet competition with rifles, and one event in which all cadets compete for the "Best Drill" award. The Wright Memorial Chapter provided a total of 33 trophies and 58 medals which were awarded to the most outstanding competitors.

The meet started at 0730 hours with Commanders Call. The units then started the competition which was held continuously at five different venues at Tecumseh High School. The 184 different events were held at ten-minute intervals and continued until 1600 hours. At that time, all cadets individually competed against each other in a drill competition called "knockout". This is a military version of "Simon Says" and the cadet is eliminated when a mistake is made. Medals were given to the 2nd through 10th place cadets and the winner was awarded a trophy.

The closing ceremonies included the award of many raffle prizes and the announcement of the winners in all categories. Brigadier General Hanferd "Rusty" Moen, Commander, 445th Airlift Wing (AFRC); Mr. Ron Thompson, President, Wright Memorial Chapter; and Mr. Jim Gay, Superintendent, Tecumseh Local Schools, presented the awards to the winners.

Over 200 volunteers from Wright-Patterson AFB, the local community, the parents' booster club, area universities, military recruiting offices, and students and staff of Tecumseh High School supported the meet. The outstanding support of all the volunteers and the Air Force Association drew the praise of all attendees. The drill successfully accomplished its goal of providing a professional forum in which cadets can demonstrate their individual and team skills in an intense competitive environment. Tecumseh High School's JROTC Aerospace Science Instructor, MSgt Antonio Ruiz, the primary planner and organizer of the event, said, "This is an important event in our process of teaching our cadets the value of personal and team responsibility. The competition offers them an opportunity to experience a sense of accomplishment as a reward for their hard work and dedication."



(l-r) Col Fred L. Schuster, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor; BGen Hanferd J. Moen, Commander 445th Airlift Wing; MSgt Antonio G. Ruiz, Aerospace Science Instructor

## Message From the President of The Air Force Association's Wright Memorial Chapter

It is hard to write this message and not write about the war in Iraq. I'm sure I am not alone in devoting at least an hour of every day watching or reading news reports on the war's progress. But then today is April 9; when you read this, possibly in two weeks, the fighting will hopefully be all but over. With that positive attitude, this newsletter will mostly look beyond the war. We have included one article to help you better understand how just one organization on Wright-Patterson AFB, the 445th Airlift Wing, is heavily involved in fighting this war. You all should know from other news reports that many others from the base are also deployed to support our war effort, and that many Army Guard personnel are deployed here to protect our base. We in the Wright Memorial Chapter are discussing with base leadership ways in which we can support our deployed troops and their families, and also those that are deployed here. I have included an article with some websites that you might find helpful in supporting our troops, and I welcome any ideas or suggestions that any of you might have for ways our chapter can better support our troops and their families.

However, back to the future, our main emphasis in the Wright Memorial Chapter is education and we have devoted our front page to one of several great education programs that we support locally. You definitely should attend the Tecumseh High School Junior ROTC Regional Drill Meet next year. It will warm your heart to see the dedication and motivation of these young people, our leaders of tomorrow, and I guarantee you will depart inspired and confident in the future of our nation. Also in the general area of education, we have recognized one of the many outstanding teachers in our area, Mrs. Victoria (Vicki) Hesler. Any of you who know Mrs. Hesler, congratulate her on her tremendous accomplishments and wish her well in competing for AFA State and National recognition.

We have included articles on some "must attend" activities coming up this summer. We are about to close a very successful campaign to install a 1909 Wright Flyer at the new Gate 1B at Wright-Patterson AFB. If you have not yet purchased your granite paver brick, do so immediately or live with your regret. We are also well into planning our 2003 Air Force Ball and Wright Brother's Memorial Benefit, our big event of each year, which will be held in the newly expanded Air Force Museum. We have just received confirmation that the SECAF, Dr. James G. Roche, has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker. Definitely plan to attend this memorable event and contact Mike Winslow if you would like to volunteer to help.

Finally, we are in the middle of a national AFA membership drive. We hope you are current on many of our local activities through reading this newsletter, and we

have included an article from our National Membership Chairman to give you a better understanding of what your AFA does at the National level. We have also included an article on a tremendous "new member" incentive that our chapter is offering in addition to the many other benefits of AFA membership. AFA has challenged every member this year to recruit one new member, and we think our local incentive will make it easy for each of you to meet that challenge. Read the article in this newsletter on the opportunity for new members to receive chalet tickets to the 2003 Dayton Airshow. Note also that each of you can receive two chalet tickets by recruiting five new members. Start promoting the AFA today to your friends and co-workers. They will benefit from their membership in AFA, and you will enjoy the 2003 Dayton Airshow from the comfort of an air-conditioned chalet.

This is a great year for the Air Force, for the AFA, and for the Wright Memorial Chapter. Your active participation in AFA will make it even better. Come out and join us in working to improve the quality of life at Wright-Patterson AFB and throughout the surrounding Miami Valley.

— Ron Thompson, President  
Wright Memorial Chapter

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The Air Force Association is a grass-roots, independent, non-profit national association whose objective is to promote greater understanding of aerospace and national defense issues; to support this nation's need for adequate aerospace power to ensure the security of the United States; and to support the men and women of the United States Air Force. Our Community Partners listed below are companies or organizations that support this objective through membership and participation in our local AFA Wright Memorial Chapter. If you work for or with a company or an office that is not on this list, ask them to become a member of the Air Force Association. If they need more information or a membership application, have them contact Kent Owsley at (937) 427-2085 or by email at [kdowsley@ingr.com](mailto:kdowsley@ingr.com) or simply download an application form from the Community Partners page of our website at [www.afadaytonwright.com](http://www.afadaytonwright.com).

Following is a current list of Wright Memorial Chapter Community Partners:

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Dynamics Research Corp. (DRC)	MTL	USA Today
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Engineering Management Concepts (EMC)	Northrop Grumman Corporation	Wright 'B' Flyer, Inc.
Equity Corporate Housing	Northrup Grumman Mission Systems	Wright-Patt Credit Union, Inc.
Evans & Sutherland	Novak & Associates	Wright Technology Network
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## PROGRAMS FOR DAYTON VA MEDICAL CENTER

### VA Christmas Party

On 14 Dec 02, the Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA) Chapter 751 jointly sponsored a Christmas party for the veterans at the Dayton VA Medical Center. Wright-Patt Credit Union and the WPAFB Top 3 organization provided additional funding for this party. A group from the Air Force Band of Flight at WPAFB provided music for the entertainment of the veterans. Also, the 445th Airlift Wing provided two barbers to do haircuts for the veterans and many veterans took advantage of this opportunity.

Due to cold weather, the nursing home veterans were not able to get to the party in their wheel chairs, so AFA and AFSA members provided transportation to and from the party for these veterans. In addition, AFSA members and 445 Airlift Wing members carried sandwiches and desserts to nursing home veterans who were unable to attend the party. Representatives from the AFA, AFSA, Top 3, 445th Airlift Wing, and 74th Medical Group served sandwiches, desserts, and soft drinks to the veterans. In addition, the sponsors held drawings so that every veteran received one or more Christmas presents. The veterans enjoyed the party and expressed appreciation for the food, entertainment and gifts. The party was a rewarding experience for all of the participants.

### VA Valentines Day Party

The Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Dayton VA Medical Center Voluntary Services jointly sponsored a Valentine's Day party at the Dayton Medical Center on Wednesday, 12 Feb 03. This event was part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The purpose of this National Salute is to pay tribute and express appreciation to hospitalized veterans, to increase community awareness of the role of the VA Medical Centers, and to encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers. The annual VA National Salute Program began in 1978 when the VA took over sponsorship of a program started in 1974 by a humanitarian organization.

The Wright Memorial Chapter provided funding for the refreshments for the veteran's party and sponsored a band to play for the veterans. The party began with the New Horizon Band from the University of Dayton playing marches and patriotic music. After the band played, the VA Medical Center staff and AFA members served refreshments to 50 or

more veterans. Due to the very cold weather, nursing home and Alzheimer's patients were not able to attend the party and the Volunteer Services staff served their refreshments in the veterans' patient quarters. After the refreshments were served, the veterans played bingo for prizes of canteen books and phone cards. The VA Medical Center staff and the veterans expressed their gratitude for the AFA sponsorship of the party.

Individuals wishing to show their appreciation to veterans by volunteering at the Dayton VA Medical Center should contact Sharon Croteau or Kay Crawford at Voluntary Services (937) 262-2162.

## Share the AFA Application with a Friend

Please cut out the application and recruit a new member for the Chapter. Help them discover the benefits of AFA membership.

**AFA APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AFA CHAPTER CHOICE **WMC 212** DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY**  
I am eligible as a member or patron as shown and understand the annual \$36 fee includes a subscription (\$21) to AIR FORCE Magazine. The fee is not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

<input type="checkbox"/> DAF Civilian (Non-Veteran)	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous Service US Armed Forces
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Active Duty US Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Widow(er) of any of the above
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Service US National Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron (no service with armed forces)
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Service USAF Reserves	
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AFA MEMBER NUMBER FOR RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL**

<input type="checkbox"/> USAF (including civilian)	<input type="checkbox"/> NASA
<input type="checkbox"/> Other US Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Air Patrol

**JOB FUNCTION**

<input type="checkbox"/> Management	<input type="checkbox"/> R&D
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
<input type="checkbox"/> Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Procurement	<input type="checkbox"/> GS 15 and above

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$36 for 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90 for 3 years
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**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 single payment	<input type="checkbox"/> \$525 extended payments
	4 Initial payment of \$85 with 4 payments of \$110 each
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## AFA Sponsors Chalets at 2003 Dayton Air Show

The 2003 Dayton Air Show promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event! To celebrate the 100th Year of Powered Flight, the Dayton Air Show will be expanded to 4 days (July 17, 18, 19 and 20), and will feature the three top Military Jet Demonstration Teams on the entire planet, The US Air Force Thunderbirds, the US Navy Blue Angels, and the Canadian Snowbirds.

The AFA Chalet at the Dayton Air Show is a co-sponsored venue jointly funded by the local Wright Memorial AFA Chapter (WMC) and numerous industry partners including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Rockwell Collins, Raytheon, GE Aircraft Engines, Pratt & Whitney, Northrop Grumman, Battelle, CACI, Dynamics Research Corporation, HJ Ford, and Intergraph Solutions Group.



Guests Arrive early to enjoy 2002 Dayton Airshow

The Wright Memorial Chapter of AFA in Dayton, Ohio will be sponsoring two air-conditioned Chalets from which to watch the festivities on all four days. A rousing success in previous years, the AFA Chalet provides an inviting respite from the normally sweltering temperatures of July, as well as providing refreshments and a place to meet senior Air Force officials and congressional representatives that stop by to say "Hi".

In previous years, members of Congress, as well as flight crews of the demonstration teams, and their families, visited the AFA Chalet. This year should attract an even more impressive array of local, national and military leaders given the special occasion of the show.

In conjunction with the National Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight, Dayton is celebrating "Inventing Flight" all year long but has a crescendo of special events planned during July 2003, starting with the opening ceremony at Deeds Point on 3 July. Other attractions include Dayton's Independence Day celebration, a National Balloon Race, an International Blimp Meet, Dayton Black Cultural Festival (Tuskegee Airmen), AIAA/ICAS International Symposium and National Aviation Hall of Fame ceremonies. The Dayton Air Show on July 17 - 20 is the culmination of these special events.

Although most tickets are reserved for invited base personnel, individual AFA members of the WMC also have the opportunity to purchase chalet tickets. However, because of space constraints, only a limited number of chalet tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of tickets to AFA members will depend on costs passed on to the chapter by the Air Show managers and has not yet been determined. Please call Ruth Anne Mosconi or Bill Schaff at (937) 429-0100 for detailed information on the purchase of tickets. (Also see article in this

newsletter on the opportunity to receive free tickets through our membership drive.)

The Air Show Chalet area is restricted to ticket holders. With a chalet ticket, the holder will be allowed into the Air Show grounds and static display areas, be permitted to ride the chalet shuttle buses, and have access only to chalet #15 (or the designated AFA chalet entrance). Refreshments will be available each day to chalet ticket holders. The Dayton Air Show gates open at 8:00 a.m. and flying begins at approximately 9:30 a.m., ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. To learn more about the Air Show events, visit web site: <http://www.airshowdayton.com> or <http://www.usats.org>.



AFA Chalet Entrance at 2002 Dayton Airshow

## Wright Memorial Chapter Offers Airshow Chalet Tickets To Incentivize Membership Drive

As an all-volunteer organization, the local AFA Chapter is totally dependent upon the interest and energy of local member volunteers to successfully accomplish its programs. At the National level, the power of the AFA to influence decisions which affect the men and women of the Air Force is directly proportional to the number of AFA members.

The AFA has recently challenged all AFA members to recruit one new member, and all AFA officers at local, state, region and national levels to recruit five new members. This would seem to be an extremely easy challenge to meet, especially with the current interest in the Air Force (and all of the Services) and the widespread support for our troops who, as this is written, are risking their lives to defend the liberty and freedom Americans hold sacred. An AFA application form is printed in this newsletter. The Wright Memorial Chapter strongly encourages every member to cut out that application and recruit one new member.

Our membership drive incentive is designed both to motivate new members to join, and also to motivate current members to recruit new members. As an added benefit to new members, each new member will be entered in a drawing to be conducted at the end of May or in early June, and 20% (randomly drawn) will receive two chalet tickets for their choice of Thursday or Friday at the 2003 Dayton Air Show. (These are tickets for an air conditioned chalet that are being sold by the Air Show for \$200 each.) Individuals purchasing an AFA life membership will not be entered into the drawing but will simply be given two tickets. As a recruiting incentive to current members, current members who recruit five new members will be given two chalet tickets. To be entered into the drawing for chalet tickets, all new applications should be submitted to the chapter and not mailed directly to AFA National. Also, for a current member to gain credit for recruiting five new members, that member should mail those five applications together to the chapter and include the member's current address and telephone number.

With this added incentive, on top of all the benefits of being a member of the AFA, we hope that each of you will have little difficulty recruiting new members. We are also hoping that a significant number of you will be motivated to earn your own chalet tickets and will start now to recruit five new members. For more information on the membership drive, contact Ron Thompson at [rthompson@erinet.com](mailto:rthompson@erinet.com) or at (937) 376-3068. We hope to see many of you at the Air Show!

## 2003 AIR FORCE BALL AND WRIGHT BROTHER'S MEMORIAL BENEFIT

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 4th, and Friday September 5th. The annual Air Force Anniversary Ball will once again be held at the newly expanded Air Force Museum and "will be the best yet!"

The 100th anniversary of powered flight is a major historical milestone and the men and women of Wright Patterson AFB have made significant contributions to the phenomenal advancements that have taken place over that century. Add to that the amazing accomplishments and sacrifices that our men and women in Blue have made recently in support of the war effort, and we have a powerful setting for this year's recognitions and celebrations. We are inviting well-known local and national leadership to join us but, most importantly, it is you – the chapter members, the Community Partners, the business leaders, the appreciative residents of the Greater Miami Valley – that make this event a nationally recognized special event.

**New WMC Aerospace Education Foundation** – Your chapter leadership has recently established the Wright Memorial Chapter Aerospace Education Foundation. This is a 501(c)3 organization which allows contributions made to the Air Force Anniversary Ball to be tax deductible. Don't forget that the Ball and the Golf Outing are the Wright Memorial Chapter's major fundraisers. All of the net proceeds are returned to the community in support of the Air Force Museum, the Wright "B" Flyer, Dayton Culture Works, and our own AFA Aerospace Education Programs and Scholarships. We are most appreciative to The Law Offices of Jeffery R. Dundon in Centerville for their assistance in establishing this new foundation.

**Silent Auction Grows!** – The Silent Auction that precedes the Air Force Anniversary Ball has been a very popular event, and promises to be even better this year. We are planning to open the doors for the auction 30 minutes earlier to allow more time to view the interesting gifts generously contributed by individuals and area businesses. If you would like to contribute an item, contact Kent Owsley, Silent Auction Chairman, Intergraph Government Solutions, (937) 427-2085.

For additional information, or to make reservations for the Black Tie Banquet, or the Golf Outing, contact Mike Winslow, Chairman Air Force Ball and Wright Brother's Memorial Benefit Committee, Aerospace Business Development Associates, (937) 427-2229.

## SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Americans are again asking what they can do to show their support for service members, especially those serving overseas in this time of crisis. Below are Web sites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces. This information is being provided so that our extended Air Force family can show our support.

- ☛ Donate a calling card to help keep service members in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at <http://www.operationuplink.org/>
- ☛ Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/> or [www.OperationDearAbby.net](http://www.OperationDearAbby.net)
- ☛ Sign a virtual thank you card at the **Defend America** Web site at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>
- ☛ Make a donation to the AdoptaPlatoon Soldier Support Effort (AAP) at <http://www.adoptaplatoon.org>. This is a nonprofit 501C-3 organization managed by volunteer mothers to provide support to US deployed soldiers from all branches of the military and their families.
- ☛ Make a donation to one of the **military relief societies**:
  - ☆ Army Emergency Relief at <http://www.aerhq.org/>
  - ☆ Navy/Marine Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrs.org/>
  - ☆ Air Force Aid Society at <http://www.afas.org/>
  - ☆ Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at <http://www.cgmahq.org/>
- ☛ Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at <http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html>
- ☛ Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at <http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/>
- ☛ Volunteer at a **VA Hospital** to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.
- ☛ Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org). Because military members and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher

House Foundation donates "comfort homes" built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease or injury.

### Fisher/Nightingale Houses

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(some guests stay for only a day or two while others stay for two months or more -- as a matter of fact, they have one active duty individual from an overseas base staying in the house now who will be there for almost a year while undergoing treatment at the Med Center). The FNHI prides itself in helping to keep the room cost down to only \$10.00 per family/per night. In the event a family expresses concern about their ability to pay this nominal fee, the House Managers have the latitude to waive the fees for the guests and the FNHI then pays the waived fees – ensuring no family is turned away or has to sleep in their cars in the Medical Center parking lot due to a financial situation.

The FNHI provides an invaluable service to military members and their families. Most of their guests come from the 7-state TRICARE region (Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin). However, they have had guests from all over the world.

If you need further information or would like to make a donation to help support this very worthwhile cause, please feel free to contact the Executive Director of the FNHI, Chris Stanley, at 672-8724 (home) or by e-mail at [cstanley@woh.rr.com](mailto:cstanley@woh.rr.com).

### CROSSFEED ADVERTISING

The WMC-AFA *Crossfeed* is sent to all 2,500 members of the WMC-AFA at least three times a year. Advertisements should be submitted to the *Crossfeed* editor in camera-ready form. WMC-AFA reserves the right to print chapter news or not-for-profit announcements on the reverse side of inserts. Questions should be directed to Ron Thompson at (937) 376-3068.

Display	1 Issue	2 Issues	3 Issues
1 col. x 2 in. (business card size)	\$ 25	\$ 48	\$ 70
2 col. x 2 in.	\$ 36	\$ 70	\$100
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## United States Air Force Museum

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### New Mission for Air Force Museum?

Sleek jets, sophisticated technology, diverse career fields and a dynamic mission – all portrayed in action-oriented recruiting commercials appearing on national television – help the Air Force appeal to and attract young people to the service. Increasingly, another resource is emerging as a persuasive recruiting tool for the Air Force – it’s own national museum.

Already recognized as a major historical institution and tourist attraction, the U.S. Air Force Museum is positioning itself as a major recruiting asset to the Air Force. Having embarked on a path of dramatic growth to its facilities and collection, the museum continues its pattern of drawing increasingly younger visitors, and, by extension, possible recruits.

The recent opening of the museum’s new 200,000 square foot third building marks the near completion of the first and centerpiece phase of a massive expansion effort to later include a Missile Gallery, Space Gallery and education center. The building, designated the Eugene Kettering Building in honor of the first head of the Air Force Museum Foundation’s Board of Trustees, affords the museum additional space to highlight the Cold War story and exhibit more modern and emerging capabilities to appeal to young visitors contemplating an Air Force career.

“Our expansion provides us badly needed extra space to add to our collection items such as the Boeing technology demonstrator Bird of Prey and a prototype of the Joint Strike Fighter,” said Museum Director Maj. Gen (Ret) Charles D. Metcalf. “Factor in a B-2 stealth bomber that we will put on display this year along with aircraft we currently have such as the F-117 stealth fighter, YF-22 Raptor prototype and the Predator and Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and the picture that forms is that of a place that houses not just fabulous history, but also a growing collection that dramatically represents today’s high tech Air Force.”

Considering recent demographic trends in the museum’s visitor-ship, projecting the service’s technologically innovative image is an important aim of the museum in performing its mission of telling the Air Force story. In recent years, the museum has recognized a demographic shift, bringing younger visitors captivated by modern Air Force capabilities such as

speed, stealth, precision weapons and information dominance.

“Invariably, many of our younger visitors run past our older aircraft and head for the more modern collection,” said Metcalf. “They want to see the YF-22 or stealth fighter. Today’s Air Force really animates them, and we’re glad to be a place where pilots, engineers and Air Force leaders of tomorrow can come to gain vision and inspiration for their career goals.”

The museum’s current effort to expand its facilities and modern aircraft collection follows on the heels of an earlier implemented and continuing effort to dramatize the Air Force story through the proliferation of sensory appealing exhibits. Building such dioramas around aircraft places the aircraft in historical context for younger visitors and transmits to them core values and principles inherent in the Air Force and military tradition.

“There’s no doubt that technology captures the attention of our younger audiences and encourages many of them to consider the Air Force as a possible career path,” said Metcalf. “But it’s the timeless values that transcend historical eras that inspire their hearts. Principles such as duty, courage and sacrifice combined with the Air Force’s core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do are what truly make the Air Force story come alive and call to young Americans seeking to serve their nation.”

– Chris McGee, U.S. Air Force Museum Public Affairs



### Wright Memorial Chapter Selects “Teacher of the Year”

The Wright Memorial Chapter of AFA is pleased to announce that our candidate for “Ohio Teacher of the Year” for 2003 is Mrs. Victoria Hesler. If she is selected as AFA’s Ohio Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Hesler will then compete nationally for recognition as AFA Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Hesler has over 30 years of teaching experience in elementary education. She is employed by the Miamisburg City Schools and currently teaches sixth grade at Neff Elementary. Mrs. Hesler has many accomplishments to her credit. She holds a National Board Certification, is state certified as a Praxis III Evaluator (one who evaluates new teachers for state licensing), and is nationally recognized as an instructor of teachers in the discipline of mathematics.

Mrs. Helsing has a deep love of aviation that she shares with her students in all of her classroom activities. Students are taught basic aviation ground school concepts by tying them into her sixth grade mathematics classes. Children are taught about aviation history, the Wright Brothers, and the 100th anniversary of powered flight as part of her reading and social studies classes. In addition, Mrs. Helsing has facilitated several major aviation programs that impact hundreds of students in the Miamisburg School District.

### WRIGHT FLYER CAMPAIGN UPDATE

In August 2003, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will unveil a full scale model of the 1909 Wright Flyer at a new Gate 1B. The 1909 Flyer was the first aircraft purchased from the Wrights by the United States government. The model will be mounted in a courtyard of pavers which will include sculptures of the Wright Brothers. The finalized design positions the model where it will be fully accessible by the public.

Your AFA Wright Memorial Chapter is working with the base on this great project. Have you purchased your commemorative brick yet? Many of our members will have their names permanently placed in the courtyard of pavers. The progress toward our fund raising goal has been exceptional during January

and February due in a great part to the efforts of Sam Greenwood. We salute Sam’s selfless giving of his services to the AFA and Wright-Patterson AFB.

Bricks are available at various levels of contribution, \$50 to \$5,000. You can also make cash contributions in any amount. For more information please see our web site [www.afadaytonwright.com](http://www.afadaytonwright.com) or call Jim Heitz at 426-7290.



### Fisher/Nightingale Houses

The Nightingale House on WPAFB was the first compassionate care facility in the DoD, opening in May 1990. Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, through the Fisher Foundation, donated the Fisher House to Wright-Patterson in 1994. The Nightingale House has 7 bedrooms and the Fisher House has 9 bedrooms, equating to 5,840 bed nights a year. They average in excess of 92 percent occupancy. Unfortunately, demand for rooms fluctuates and each month they have to turn some families away due to unavailability of space. With the threat of war and associated wounded requiring treatment, the demand could increase significantly while family members travel to see military members hospitalized at the Wright-Patt Medical Center.

The Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. (FNHI) is a private non-profit, 501(c)3 organization operating on WPAFB. Their sole mission is to raise all of the funds to support compassionate care lodging for patients and their families receiving medical treatment at the Wright-Patt Medical Center. The Air Force is only responsible for the upkeep of the physical structures (broken windows, inoperable heating/air conditioning units, etc.)--it bears no financial responsibility for the operational expenses of the houses. The Fisher Foundation provides no funds for the operation or upkeep of the facilities once they construct and initially furnish them. The FNHI raises all of the funds associated with the day-to-day operations of the two houses. Charitable donations to the FNHI from individuals, as well as organizations on- and off-base and corporations, help defray the day-to-day operational costs of the WPAFB houses.

To date, the houses have served thousands of families from all branches of the military. The average length of stay of a family is eleven days . . . CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AFA'S NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A civil servant in a top leadership position recently said this about the Air Force Association: "... AFA volunteer efforts are just like my church volunteer efforts in that they are both nice things to do but don't support the mission at work".

Many people who really don't know what it is all about probably hold this erroneous view of AFA. AFA does, in fact, directly support the Air Force mission. Education of the public at large is a function of AFA and it appears that we need to do a much better job in this area while helping to instill the importance of AFA in the civilian and military sectors. They need to know and truly believe AFA does help and support local missions as well as the overall Air Force mission. As an example of that support, some of the top issues that AFA will work in 2003 with the legislative and executive branches of government are listed as follows (they are abbreviated and paraphrased in the interest of space):

**Terrorism and Homeland Defense:** AFA believes Americans should not have to live under the constant threat of terrorism. Homeland Defense is urgent and must be funded with priority in the federal budget.

**Four Percent of GDP for Defense:** The United States can afford to spend more on national defense. The 2002 defense budget allocation, representing 3.3 percent of GDP, is inadequate for supporting our national security requirements. AFA believes a sustained four-percent is needed.

**Recruiting and Retention:** Even before the war on terrorism, operations tempo was a problem and it has now intensified. It creates pressure and hardships on military members and their families. The services are struggling to keep pace with demands. Congress must increase end-strength to meet actual requirements and continue funding military quality of life.

**Total Force Concerns:** The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are being deployed with a frequency that has no precedent. AFA believes Guardsmen and Reservists should be equipped, modernized and compensated commensurate with their contributions to the Total Force.

**Civilian Workforce Shaping:** AFA believes the wave of civilian retirements affords the Air Force and DOD the opportunity to shape and recruit the workforce of the future. New incentives must be approved to correct skill imbalances and keep the Air Force competitive in today's labor market.

**Space Leadership:** AFA believes that Air Force stewardship is essential to the development of people, programs, systems and forces to secure the nation's preeminence in space. Congress should grant the Air Force Title 10 authority and responsibility in space activities in order to codify the service's space leadership role.

**Real Time C4ISR:** The advantages of integrating manned, unmanned and space capabilities are enormous. DOD and Congress should work to upgrade Air Force capabilities for C4ISR. A robust technology development effort for a space-based radar should be funded, along with research and developments of

manned and unmanned atmospheric and space vehicles for intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and combat roles.

**Force Modernization:** Today's Air Force aircraft have been in service for so long that maintaining the fleet is becoming increasingly costly and difficult. New platforms are urgently needed. AFA believes that the F-22 and F-35 represent complimentary capabilities and should be fully funded. The development of a new long-range strike platform should be accelerated. DOD should procure additional C-17s beyond the 180 planned and press ahead with upgrades to C-5s, U-2s and B-1s and procure a modern tanker capability.

**Force Structure:** AFA believes force structure should be sized to match real-world requirements. The Administration and Congress should fund the equipment, organization and facilities required for the mission and find an efficient and fair method of identifying and reducing excess infrastructure.

**Nuclear Posture and Comprehensive Missile Defense:** AFA believes nuclear deterrence provided by the triad of land-, air- and sea-based nuclear forces is vital to national security. The United States should maintain flexible, reliable and survivable nuclear forces while continuing to press ahead with the development of a comprehensive missile defense capability.

**Cyber Defense and Attack:** AFA believes it is crucial for the US to defend against cyber attack. Protecting military, government and national networks will require increased cooperation between private sector, DOD and other government agencies.

**Defense Industrial Base Support:** The US industrial base is vital to sustaining, modernizing and transforming our armed forces. Moreover, we must nurture and strike the right balance in the partnership between the private sector, logistics centers, research labs and academia.

**Science and Technology Concerns:** Future military performance hinges on the investments we make today. The declining level of investment in defense related S&T is a concern. AFA supports the goal of increasing S&T investment to three percent of the overall DOD budget.

**Military Healthcare System:** TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy programs are notable achievements. Still, problems linger in both military direct care and managed care systems. The retention of physicians and critical care specialists in the Air Force is a major concern. The problems of military health care must be addressed to ensure military readiness.

**Commitment to Veterans:** Shortsighted and antiquated laws, along with underfunded budgets, are preventing former service members from receiving benefits and entitlements due them as the result of their military service. AFA urges that action be taken to correct inadequacies in the areas of veterans' health care, survivor benefits, concurrent receipt and burial honors.

These are some of the issues AFA will tackle in 2003. Many AFA state convention delegations have already discussed these issues with their respective congressional delegations. And, it will be a continuing process throughout the year. Yes, AFA is far more than a volunteer organization doing nice things at the local level.

— Jack H. Steed, Chairman  
AFA National Membership Committee

## 445<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT WING HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE WAR

### 22 Feb 03--Reserve maintenance troops deployed to Europe

More than 20 reservists from the 445th Maintenance Group were deployed this day into the European theater of operations. The reservists were deployed to work alongside their active duty counterparts to keep America's Air Force flying. They were to work specifically on the C-141 aircraft that are flying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. The personnel deployed were among the more than 300 reservists that were activated Feb. 17 for an initial period of 12 months.

The 445th Airlift Wing is among the Air Force Reserve Command's largest and most experienced units, with 15 squadrons and two flights providing America's armed forces with long-range strategic airlift and support capabilities. The wing operates the C-141 Starlifter, capable of carrying more than 47 tons of cargo, 208 troops, 168 paratroops, or 103 litter patients with attendants. The 445th Maintenance Group encompasses personnel from the maintenance squadron, aircraft maintenance squadron, combat logistics support squadron, and maintenance operations squadron.

### 24 Feb 03--Wright-Patt reserve wing selected to host C-141 staging hub

The 445th Airlift Wing was selected as the continental United States staging point for Air Force Reserve C-141 missions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. The operation was expected to involve over 20 aircraft and crews from three Air Force Reserve C-141 units, the 459th Airlift Wing from Andrews AFB, Md.; The 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and the 445th Airlift Wing here at Wright-Patt. The missions coordinated out of Wright-Patterson involve the transportation of equipment, supplies and some personnel to the European theater – with the expectation of further travel into Central Command's area of responsibility.

### 18 Mar 03--More 445th Maintenance Personnel Activated

Over 200 reservists from the 445th Airlift Wing's Maintenance Group received activation orders this day to support Operation Enduring Freedom. With

115 maintainers previously activated, this activation increased to approximately 335 the number of maintenance personnel activated. The members were activated at home station here to provide maintenance support for the Air Force Reserve C-141 staging location. Altogether more than 500 reservists or 25 percent of the 445th Airlift Wing has been activated to support the war.

On average, six planes process through Wright-Patterson's staging point daily. Once a plane lands, maintenance personnel take over the aircraft. The maintenance crew chief determines from the aircraft forms the type of maintenance required. Then extensive through-maintenance, potentially in over 25 different specialty areas, is performed per aircraft. The aircraft may require more than 35 man-hours per every one hour the plane was aloft to ready it for the next mission planned for that aircraft.

## Wright "B" Flyer



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Wright "B" Flyer Inc., a totally volunteer non-profit charitable Dayton-based organization dedicated to the preservation and re-enactment of historical aviation achievements, would appreciate your help as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight. You can proclaim Dayton's heritage and also help the Wright "B" Flyer by asking for the "Leader in Flight" license plate when you purchase a new vehicle or renew your current vehicle license. This attractive commemorative license plate which depicts the Wright "B" Flyer and the space shuttle costs only \$25 additional, or the same as any other special license plate, and \$15 of every plate goes to support the Wright "B" Flyer. For more information please call the Wright "B" Flyer at (937) 885-2327.