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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Opportunities abound to get involved. What are you doing about it??

You need to know (and tell others) how we actually support Wright-Patterson AFB and, more importantly, you. Perhaps you weren't aware of the following:

- The WMC supports a chalet (actually five) at the Dayton Air Show that provides a great venue for watching everything from the first to the latest aerospace technology in action. Tickets are provided to our Star-Sponsors and individual tickets are available as well. Call Jim Heitz or myself if you have questions (28-29 Jul)
- The WMC provides significant funding support to the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and the Wright B Flyer at its Springboro hangar. A special educational grant this year supports a special Women in Aviation event tailored to young women as the kick-off event for the National Aviation Enshrinement events.
- The WMC provides significant infrastructure and funding support to the AFIT Lecture Series and provide scholarships to the Community College of the AF
- WMC supports over 223 classrooms in the local area through the Visions program (now the LARGEST in the country) that provides USAToday and other resources to teachers to assist with a variety of subject areas that link directly to state and local skills and testing
- We support ROTC students at Wright State, University of Dayton, Cedarville College in the form of four \$1000 scholarships and other program funds for their annual Dining-In, Arnold Air Society area and national conclaves, and awards
- We support the local Civil Air Patrol unit and Jr ROTC programs at eight area high schools via six \$500 scholarships for ROTC bound seniors, major funding for drill meets, and other infrastructure funds and awards
- We support teacher in-service training events (over 90 teachers at a recent Hope Hotel conference), teacher recognition programs (Ohio's AFA Teacher of the Year for the past two years and last year's runner-up for the AFA National Teacher of the Year), educator grants (23 in the past year), and aerospace education awards, as well as grants to WPAFB educational outreach activities, such as the Wizards of Wright
- WMC provides personal one-on-one tutors and mentors for dozens of students across the area, earning citations from Fairborn City Schools and the State of Ohio
- Wright Memorial Chapter directly supports the Team Wright-Patt annual and quarterly awards, as an underwriter of the infrastructure and awards to the winners. Additionally we help support the AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards events, ASC Program Managers Awards, and similar programs
- WMC provides funding support for unit events and numerous family support activities, such as the Heroes Welcoming Heroes event for returning deployed members/families, the Key Spouse Support program, the Fisher-Nightengale House and Family Day Picnics for 88th ABW, 445th MW and 178th RW
- WMC facilitates and hosts a number of meet and greet events for organizations across Wright-Patterson, such as ASC Newcomer's Orientation, Community Awareness Symposiums, and several New Commander Meetings with the community
- WMC supports a number of veterans activities at the local VA Hospital and Nursing Home, including a Valentine's Party, a summer picnic, and Christmas events



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VA Valentine's Party 2007

The Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Dayton VA Medical Center Volunteer Services jointly sponsored a Valentines Day Party at the VA Medical Center on Wednesday, 14 February 2007. 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, increase community awareness of the role the VA Medical Center, and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers. The annual VA national salute programs began in 1978 when the VA took over sponsorship of a program started in 1974 by a humanitarian organization.

The AFA chapter provided funding for the refreshments for the veteran's party. The AFA representatives scheduled a band for the party, but due to the bad weather, the band was not able to make the party. The weather, that included cold temperatures, ice, and snow, also reduced the number of veterans, that could attend the party. However, the veterans who were there enjoyed the refreshments, played bingo for prizes of Canteen Books and had a good time. All of the veterans received at least one prize.

If you wish to show your appreciation to veterans, you may volunteers at the Dayton VA Medical Center. The Department of Veteran Affairs Nationwide will have nearly 64,000 patients in its medical center and nursing homes today and over a quarter of a million veterans will visit Outpatient Clinics each week. These are our nations veterans who have served us by protecting our freedom.

You are invited to become a part of the VA health care team as a volunteer at a Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center near you. Each year thousands of people like your self are providing millions of hours of health care services to our veterans. Without the help of volunteers, the VA could not provide the quality of health care it offers America's 30,000,000 veterans. The gift of giving can make a real difference to our veteran patients.

Your skilled hands and warm heart are needed by outpatients to heal, progress and be comfortable. Through the partnership of dedicated employees and caring volunteers their needs are being met. As a VA volunteer you can experience meaningful assignments throughout the Medical Center, as well as in satellite and community outreach locations at times convenient for you. Careful attention is given to

matching the skills and abilities of the volunteer to the varied needs of our medical centers.

The Medical Center provides complete training, uniforms, career exploration, meals and health screenings. VA staff appreciate volunteer contributions and express their gratitude through a variety of recognition awards. And most of all, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our nation's hospitalized veterans. Other benefits derived from volunteering are the many opportunities to use skills, network with health care professionals, socialize and become a member of the largest single health care "team" in the world. Men and women from teens to nineties are volunteer partners on the health care team. Some bring skills and knowledge, while others bring a desire to explore and learn. Many come with a gift for working directly with patients while others bring dependability to assignments behind the scenes.

All come bearing the greatest gift of all – themselves. To volunteer at the Dayton VA Medical Center, contact Kay Crawford at Volunteer Services (937) 262-2162.

AFA WMC Scholarship Awardees

We congratulate the following ROTC cadets who were selected for the AFA WMC \$1000 Scholarships. They are:

REBECCA J. HAWKINS

Freshman

Cedarville University

LINDA C. KELLEY

Sophomore

Wright State University

GREGORY L. CAYLOR

Junior

University of Dayton

KYLE T. SPAIN

Senior

University of Dayton

Good luck in your continued studies.

National Aviation Hall of Fame *Announces the Inaugural* **WINGS OF WOMEN CONFERENCE** **Friday – July 20, 2007**

The National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio (NAHF) is proud to present the 2007 Wings of Women Conference (WOW) as part of its SkyReach youth education initiative with the additional support of the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter #212, Netjets, Signature, EAA Chapter 48 and SOTA.

The NAHF in Dayton, Ohio announces its inaugural WOW Conference to be held on Friday, July 20, 2007, as part of its annual enshrinement weekend.

Outstanding women who have achieved success and recognition in their respective fields will share their passion, commitment and time with high school girls who are looking towards their future career.

Some of the dynamic women of aviation invited to participate as WOW speakers and mentors include Sally Ride (first woman astronaut and one of five NAHF inductees for 2007), Dr. Peggy Chabrian (President and Founder of Women in Aviation International), Mary Dilda (a FedEx Corporation pilot and aerobatic air show performer), Connie Tobias (US Airbus Captain to Europe and first woman to fly a Wright 1903 replica), Nadine Nagle (WASP), USAF Colonel Colleen Ryan (Commander, 88th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base), and others to be confirmed in coming weeks.

You are encouraged to share this information and registration form with girls in grades 9 through 12 who would most benefit from this unique and memorable mentoring experience. The 2007 Wings of Women Conference is part of the National Aviation Hall of Fame's commitment towards inspiring the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, pilots, astronauts, and dreamers by providing mentors in those fields in which women continue to be under represented.

Registration for this one-day event at the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the hope Hotel and Conference Center at Wright-Patterson AFB is \$5.00. Included in the registration are a continental breakfast, luncheon and conference materials.

Download or print a registration form by visiting www.nationalaviation.org and clicking on the WOW

link. Space is limited (to sixty participants throughout Southwest Ohio) so immediate response is encouraged. If you choose to mail the registration form, please send it to: National Aviation Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 31096, Dayton, Ohio 45437-0096. Should you have further questions about the conference or registration process, please call the NAHF at (937) 256-0944 ext.17.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is a Congressionally chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to honoring America's outstanding air and space pioneers.

Tentative Wings of Women Conference Schedule July 20, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at National Aviation Hall of Fame – Introduction Pass out schedules
- 8:45 a.m. Historical Re-enactment of Harriet Quimby
- 9:15 a.m. Tour the NAHF with
Women in Aviation Booklets
- 9:45 a.m. Travel to Hope Hotel via Bus
- 10:00 a.m. Group Kick-Off Keynote Speaker (TBD)
- 10:30 a.m. Restroom Break – Breakout Sessions
assigned – Parent's Panel
- 11:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions
- Possible Mentors would include:* Betty Darst, Connie Tobias, Lynda Meeks, Mary Dilda, Sarah Rickman, Nadine Nagle, Dr. Peggy Chabrian, and Air Force women involved with aviation
- Mentor's Aviation Experience:* Commercial, Corporate, General Aviation, Independent, Engineer, Space, Aircraft Mechanic, Instructor Groups of 10 girls with mentor(s)
- 11:30 a.m. Switch Breakout Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. Restroom Break
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker –
Colonel Colleen Ryan 88th ABW/CC
- 1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions Start
- 2:15 p.m. Switch Breakout Sessions
- 2:45 p.m. Breakout Session Ends
- 3:00 p.m. Certificates of Attendance Given

GATHERING OF MUSTANGS ATTRACTS USAF HERITAGE WEEK

Both Events To Be Held This September In Columbus, OH

Aero-News has learned the US Air Force selected Columbus, OH as the site of this year's Air Force Heritage Week, in conjunction with the Gathering of Mustangs & Legends at Rickenbacker International Airport in September.

Lt. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski, vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command at Ohio's Wright-Patterson Air Force Base made the announcement Friday during a press conference at Rickenbacker.

In 2007, the Air Force is commemorating its 60th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the Heritage Flight Program which involves today's state-of-the-art fighters flying in close formation with World War II and Korean War vintage fighters such as the P-51 Mustang and the F-86 Sabre.

Air Force Heritage Week will include community visits and talks by senior Air Force officials, flight demonstration team performances and ground displays providing an up close and personal look at the Air Force men and women serving on the front lines, all of which will culminate at the Gathering of Mustangs & Legends.

The Gathering of Mustangs & Legends, hosted at Rickenbacker International Airport September 27-30, 2007 will provide the opportunity to share the history of the P-51 Mustang aircraft and honor the heroes of World War II. The Mustang played a major role in the Allied campaign to achieve air supremacy in Europe during World War II leading to a successful ground-forces invasion and the defeat of Germany.

The Gathering will bring together an estimated 100 beautifully restored P-51 aircraft with 51 of the heroes, legends and aces forever connected to these aircraft. At the event the skies will be filled with the P-51 aircraft in addition to other World War II fighters and bombers, civilian airshow performers and the Air Force Thunderbirds.

Lt. General Terry L. Gabreski has a unique perspective on Air Force Heritage Week. General Garbreski's father-in-law was the

great WWII and Korean War ace, Colonel Francis "Gabby" Gabreski. Flying a P-47 Thunderbolt "Gabby" Gabreski, flew 266 combat missions in two wars destroying 37.5 enemy aircraft in World War II and 6.5 MIG-15s in Korea while flying a F-86 Sabre. The Air Force Heritage Week will bring to the fore front the sacrifices of the both the famous, such as Gabby Gabreski as well as the nameless who fought for our freedom in the skies over Europe and Korea.

Heritage Week is about honoring the past that laid the building blocks to the Air Force's 60 year legacy of service, commitment to values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that they have done. The Gathering of Mustangs in conjunction with Air Force Heritage Week is the perfect tribute to the millions of Americans who have served in the World's Finest Air Force, the over 520,000 Airmen who serve in our Air Force today, and the millions yet to serve who will shape our future and shape our success.



Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Day Friday, March 09, 2007

Over 200 Job Seekers and 25 companies participated in a new career day added to the 7th Annual Wright-Memorial Chapter's IT Conference and Exposition. As in years past, attendance for the IT conference was over 500 IT personnel from throughout Wright-Patterson AFB and the surrounding contractor community. The Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Day provided a forum for government and industry employers/recruiters seeking job seekers from either the Wright-Patterson AFB/Dayton, OH community, with any security clearance or have a background within intelligence, contractor, military or government communities. Targeted technical skill sets for job seekers included: encryption and communications specialists, satellite communications, information systems security, project management, engineers, scientists, systems administrators, physical security, homeland security, analysts, linguists, intelligence specialists as well as Information Technology professionals. The event was free to Job Seekers.

AFA CHALETS AT 2007 DAYTON AIR SHOW

The Dayton Air Show dates for 2007 are July 28 and 29. This year's show will feature the USAF Thunderbirds jet team. Through the generosity of our corporate sponsors, the Wright Memorial Chapter will once again have a significant presence at the show. This year we expect to have a total of 5 chalets! AFA members and guests will be able to watch the show and enjoy food and beverages from the air conditioned comfort of the chalets. AFA members may purchase tickets for Saturday or Sunday for \$50 each. The ticket entitles you to free parking in the Pavilion (P) Lot, transportation to the chalet, food and beverages at the chalet and access to all air show ground activities. Tickets should be available for purchase early July. For information contact Jim Heitz at The Greentree Group, 937-490-5580, jheitz@greentreegroup.com. Air show details are at daytonairshow.com.

**Update your AFA Records
at www.AFA.org**

More photos from the Gathering of Mustangs & Legends . . .



IT'S TIME FOR AFA STAR-SPONSORS TO COME FORWARD

2007 marks the 60th Anniversary of the United States Air Force, and your Wright Memorial Chapter AFA is helping to recognize this by hosting Five (Count 'em –Five) chalets at the Dayton Air Show – 28-29 July.

The USAF has identified the Dayton Air Show as an official 60th Anniversary event, and we are expecting significant Senior Leadership participation at the Chalets. Companies planning to participate in this year's events need to sign up prior to June 1.

The Star-Levels of sponsorship are:

Five Star Sponsor – \$10,000

- ✦ Dayton Airshow Chalet
 - 72 Airshow/Chalet passes (up to 12 additional @ \$19 each)
- ✦ Air Force Anniversary Ball and Wright Brothers Heritage Benefit
 - 2 Special 'Presenting Sponsor' tables (8 seats each)
 - Corporate Logo displayed on AFA Awards Kiosk.
 - VIP Parking
 - Special Commemorative Photo with Senior WPAFB Leadership at AF Anniversary Ball.
 - Foursome at the Golf Outing
 - Recognition as Hole-Sponsor
- ✦ Prominent Corporate Recognition at all AFA-Hosted Events
- ✦ 1 year AFA Membership for 5 new members

Four Star Sponsor – \$8,000

- ✦ Dayton Airshow Chalet
 - 56 Airshow/Chalet passes (up to 8 additional @ \$19 each)
- ✦ Air Force Anniversary Ball and Wright Brothers Heritage Benefits
 - Special Corporate Sponsor table for 10
 - Foursome at the Golf Outing
 - Recognition as a Hole Sponsor
- ✦ Prominent Corporate Recognition at all AFA-Hosted Events
- ✦ 1 year AFA Membership for 4 new members

Three Star Sponsor – \$6,000

- ✦ Dayton Airshow Chalet
 - 32 Airshow/Chalet passes
- ✦ Air Force Anniversary Ball and Wright Brothers Heritage Benefit

- Special Corporate Sponsor table for 10
- Foursome at the Golf Outing
- ✦ Recognition as a Hole Sponsor
- ✦ Prominent Corporate Recognition at all AFA-Hosted Events
- ✦ 1 year AFA Membership for 3 new members

For those sponsors who don't wish to participate in the Airshow Chalets, the following levels provide for the Air Force Anniversary Ball and /or Golf

Two Star Sponsors – \$2,500

- ✦ Air Force Anniversary Ball and Wright Brothers Heritage Benefit
 - Special Corporate Sponsor table for 10
 - Foursome at the Golf Outing
- ✦ Prominent Corporate Recognition at all AFA-Hosted Events
- ✦ 1 year AFA Membership for 2 new members

One Star Sponsor – \$1,250

- ✦ Air Force Anniversary Ball and Wright Brothers Heritage Benefit
 - Choice of
 - Special Corporate Sponsor table for 10 – *or* –
 - Foursome at the Golf Outing
- ✦ Prominent Corporate Recognition at all AFA-Hosted Events
- ✦ 1 year AFA Membership for 1 new member

*Any Star Sponsor can be recognized as a **True Blue Sponsor** and host a Banquet Table at the Air Force Anniversary Ball for Team Wright Patt members who within the past year have returned from a tour in a hostile fire zone for \$1000 additional.*

For information or to make payments, contact:

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- WMC provides both support and event coordination with Dayton Culture Works to provide a cultural educational outreach to local schools supporting the Wright-Patterson population, as well as tickets to events for the families of deployed Airmen
- WMC advocates with the local community on issues that mutually affect both the local business/community environment and WPAFB. Our Community Partners programs and the great relationship we have with the Dayton and Miami Valley leadership enhance this aspect of our mission. WMC leadership is actively involved with the Dayton Development Coalition and Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and is an advocate for you with our Congressional delegations, taking the message of important issues directly to your elected representatives.

So where do you want to be involved in an organization that is doing great things that affect us all?

We need membership recruitment leaders targeting civilians, retired, enlisted, officers, and corporations. We need membership retention leaders. We need event volunteers. We need planners to stage the Air Force Ball, the Wright Brothers Heritage Golf Outing, the Silent Auction fund-raiser, and an Aid Station at the Air Force Marathon. We need volunteers to tutor kids, work with education outreach, and develop opportunities to directly help our schools. We need people to educate the community about aerospace power, the Air Force, and Wright-Patterson AFB.

You have exactly the skills that fit one of those tasks. Give me a call, send me a note, let me know how you want to be a part of the best AFA chapter in the country.

I look forward to hearing about your vision of our continuing success.

Have a Great Air Force Day!