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**Air Force Association – Wright Memorial Chapter 212**

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*An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**JEFF LIFFICK**

As this is my first report as your President, I would like to say Thank You for your support in electing me as your President. Secondly I would like to announce the other newly elected Wright Memorial Board members; Sheila Wallace Executive Vice President, Connie Engler Secretary, and Bob VanHook Treasure. Con-

gratulations to all of you and Thank You for making the significant commitment to the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter which these positions represent. I look forward to serving with all of you.

I also want to take the time to recognize the chapter's appointed positions. They include; Everett Odgers, the Chapter's Executive Director, Jim Heitz (Air Show) Sharon Murner (Aerospace Education), Wanda Lander (Marathon), Al Schoolcraft (AF Ball), Renee Albright (Silent Auction), Ron Gorges (Leadership Development), Dee Cox (Membership), Tom Di Nino (Communications), George Simons and Vita Eonta (Veterans Affairs) and Fred Pumroy (Programs). Without these individuals support and the support of many others the Chapter would not be able to be one of the most successful AFA Chapters. Thanks again to all of the Chapter's leadership.

I am very grateful to be elected to this position. It gives me great pleasure to be involved with some of the finest men and women within the entire Air Force Association. The Wright Memorial Chapter is one of the largest chapters in the Air Force Association with currently over 2200 members. Among these members are seven Charter Members of the Air Force Association. I am proud to pay special recognition to the Charter Member who are part of our chapter. Francis McNamara, JR., D. Hutchens, Paul Koerner, Lawrence Grayson, Martin Hertz,

Robert Kuhnert, and William Runser. These are members were present at AFA's first convention in 1947 held in Columbus Ohio. Thank You for being part of this great association.

I look forward to continuing the many programs the chapter supports working to improve communications and membership involvement.

Our Chapter has an outstanding relationship with Wright Patterson and works closely with the senior leadership at the base to support our Air Force family with programs such as Heroes Welcoming Heroes which is a reception held quarterly to recognize our returning deployed troops. This is just one of many programs supported by the Chapter. Because of the significant impact made by our Chapter, AFA National continues to recognize the Wright Memorial Chapter as one of, if not the preeminent, chapter in the nation. In closing I look forward to seeing you at a Chapter event and I invite you to get involved in supporting your Association.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be contacted by email [jliffick@afadaytonwright.com](mailto:jliffick@afadaytonwright.com) or via **phone (937) 427-2226**.

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### **JEFF LIFFICK**

*President*

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# Air Force Association Fellowship Awards Presented



*Gen. (Ret.) Bruce Carlson, former Air Force Materiel Command commander, accepted the Air Force Association's H.H. Arnold Fellowship Award from (left) Jeff Liffick, AFA Wright Memorial Chapter #212 president, and (right) John McCance, AFA Great Lakes region president, during a Nov. 20 recognition breakfast at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center. Carlson was presented with the award for his encouragement and support of this year's U.S. Air, Trade and Technology Expo. Also receiving awards for their support of the U.S. Air, Trade and Technology Expo were*



*BGen John Thompson, Commander, 303rd Aeronautical Systems Wing, and Air Force Program Executive Officer for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Aeronautical Systems Center, received a Fellow of the Association award. And Ms Shiela Wallace, Executive Vice President Wright Memorial Chapter received a Fellow of the Association award.*



*Maj Gen Bedke Commander of Air Force Research Laboratory who received Ira Eaker Historical Fellow.*



*Many thanks to all of these individuals for the vision and dedication they provided in support of the inaugural U.S. Air, Trade and Technology Expo.*

# AFA Grant Writing Workshops

**H**eadquarters Air Force Association believes that one of the most significant means to affect student learning is to fund grants to meet the unmet and unfunded educational needs of students. Each school year, the Association awards grants of up to \$250 to worthy projects that significantly influence student learning. The AFA Wright Memorial Chapter #212 Educators Action Team (Shiela Wallace, Julie Livingston, and Sharon Murner) provided its second Grant Writing Workshops at Wright Patterson's Starbase classroom on October 2nd and 3rd, 2009.



The object of the workshops is to make the grant writing process for the participants a positive experience and also to hopefully allow them to obtain a grant. We had 50 educators from public, private, charter and parochial schools in attendance from Montgomery, Miami, Clark, Shelby, Warren, Preble, Butler, and Greene Counties.

The grant process is competitive in nature. A committee comprised of outside experts in the field of aerospace education will review all qualified grant applications and make recommendations on funding. Based upon the funding available, the Association will choose to invest in projects that best serve our nation's students and support the mission of the Air Force Association.

The Educator Grant program promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages

development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum.

Educator Grants provide up to \$250 per academic year in support to elementary and secondary classrooms for aerospace education programs, opportunities, and activities when no support is currently available. The educators that submitted a grant will be notified in January if they have been awarded a grant.

The Grant Writing Workshop is only one of 4 workshops provided by the AFA Educators Action Team this year. The others were held in February in conjunction with TechFest, in April, and in July in conjunction with the United States Air, Trade and Technology Expo.



# Annual VA Christmas Party

On Sat Dec 5th the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) came together to host a Christmas Party for the veterans at Lakeside Manor of the Dayton Veterans' Administration. Volunteers from AFA, AFSA, the 445th, Kettering girl scouts, and auxiliary units began setting up at 0930 when the Christmas tree, its decorations, and boxes of food began arriving. Tuna and egg salad and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were prepared and lunch was served at 1100 with fruit, cookies, cake and some home made breads. The girl scouts gave out candy canes and gifts were donated for the door prize raffle. Two bands played Christmas music; the New Horizons band played from 11- noon and then the Gem City band played from noon to 1PM. Santa arrived and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.



*Chuck Spencer, an AFA member, with his New Horizons Band*



*Pictured are George Simons and Vita Eonta, our AFA VA reps, with Ruben Garcia and Chuck Worms from AFSA.*



*Joann Powell, our AFA VA committee member helping one of the female vets.*



*Members of the 445th visiting with some of our vets.*

# *Lieutenant General Terry Gabreski Farewell*

Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association, Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, the and other community organizations in paid farewell to Lieutenant General Terry Gabreski Vice Commander Air Force Materiel Command Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio on the completion of her distinguished Air Force career on Monday, November 16th, 2009 during a luncheon at the Wright Patterson A.F.B. Club and Conference Center. General Gabreski, retiring after serving our country 35 years was commissioned in 1974 as a graduate of Officer Training School, General Gabreski also served as Director of Maintenance for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. She has directed two aircraft maintenance units, served as a squadron maintenance supervisor in three units, commanded three maintenance squadrons and a logistics group, and twice served as a major air command director of logistics. She has served at the Air Staff, Secretary of the Air Force and Joint Staff levels.

During Operation Allied Force in the 1999 air war over Serbia, General Gabreski directed logistics efforts as the A-4 for the air war across the entire theater. Prior to her current position, she was Commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla. She holds a master aircraft maintenance badge and a basic parachute rating.

Her leadership in the Air Force and support for our community will be missed. Best wishes to her and her family.



## **2009 VETERAN'S PSR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

On Nov 19th the Wright Memorial Chapter of the AFA helped to provide a festive holiday feast for over 100 people at the Dayton VA for their 2009 Veteran's Holiday Celebration. The holiday feast was offered to veterans and their caregivers of the Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) program. The PSR assists veterans in developing appropriate skills for living independently. The PSR Holiday meal was professionally prepared and included roast turkey, glazed ham, potatoes, vegetables, salads and casseroles, and pies and desserts. Everyone had a great time visiting with old friends, making new ones, and they even enjoyed a visit from Santa!

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