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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Year is well underway and there continue to be exciting opportunities for the chapter and AFA members to educate the public about the value of aerospace power for the nation and the local community, to advocate on behalf of the Air Force and its mission, and to support the mission, men, and women of the Air Force.

Consider that your AFA membership, through the Wright Memorial Chapter:

- Provided over \$450,000 over the past 10 years for major aerospace and educational programs supporting WPAFB, including the AF Museum, Wright "B" Flyer, and education programs and scholarships for AF personnel and the Miami Valley
- Supports the local ROTC unit programs at Wright State University, University of Dayton, and Cedarville University with \$4000 in scholarships awarded annually, as well as financial support for unit Dining-In and Award nights, a local Arnold Air Society Area Conclave, and individual support to selected Arnold Air Society ROTC cadets to attend national conference
- Supports AFIT students through a \$4000 grant toward the AFIT Lecture Series, affording students opportunity to meet and talk with some of the AF's best known flying legends.
- Supports the local Community College of the Air Force by awarding two \$250 Pitsenbarger Grants to outstanding graduates at graduation ceremonies.
- Supports seven high school AFJROTC programs offering \$1500 scholarship to cadets in these programs as well as funding for drill meets and other awards
- Significantly supports local school districts as the largest Visions Program provider in the country, providing over 225 classrooms in the local area with copies of USA Today and other resources to teachers to assist with a variety of subject areas that directly link to state and local skills and proficiency testing
- Supports the local Civil Air Patrol unit and Jr ROTC programs at schools across in the local area also via scholarships and funding for drill meets and other awards
- Supports teacher training events, teacher recognition programs, aerospace education awards, WPAFB educational outreach activities, such as the Wizards of Wright, and provides personal tutors and mentors for dozens of students across the area
- Directly supported scores of teachers across the state in submitted educational grant requests to AFA National's Aerospace Education Foundation. In 2007, 23 recipients from across Ohio, most of them from WMC's area of responsibility were selected as recipients, helping local teachers bring kids and aerospace insights and resources together
- Supports the Team Wright-Patt annual and quarterly awards, in terms of infrastructure support and award funding, helps support the AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards events
- Provides infrastructure and funding support for unit events and numerous family support activities, such as the Heroes Welcoming Heroes honoring returning deployed members/families, the Key Spouse Support program, the Fisher-Nightingale House and Family Day Picnics for 88th ABW, 445th MW and 178th RW
- Facilitates and hosts multiple 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
- 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



DENNIS DRAYER

2006 Annual Activity Report for the AFA - Dayton Memorial Chapter

The Dayton Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association sponsored a welcoming reception for General Bruce Carlson and his wife Vicki on 28 Sept 06. Over 160 local area city managers, mayors, council representatives, commissioners and civic leaders attended the reception.

The Dayton Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association sponsored a welcoming reception for lieutenant General Jack Hudson and his wife Marsha on 25 Oct 06. Over 120 local area city managers, mayors, council representatives, commissioners and civic leaders attended the reception.

The Dayton Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association sponsored a welcoming reception for the Peace Accord Ambassadors on 16 Nov 06. The purpose of the reception was to get feedback from the Ambassadors for the Dayton Peace Accord on their experiences in setting up the accord. Ambassador John Kornblum, Ambassador Robert Frowick and retired Colonel Robbie Robinson provided an interesting insight into their experiences.

The local Dayton Memorial Air Force Association chapter co-sponsored a luncheon on 3 Feb 06 with Dayton Area Defense Contractor Association (DADCA) featuring Honorable United States Congressman Mike Turner as guest speaker. Over 100 local industry and municipal leaders attended the luncheon.

Shiela Wallace, Fred Pumroy, Mike Winslow and Dennis Drayer participated in the Heroes Welcome Home on 15 March 06 at the National Museum of the Air Force where military supervisors, local politicians and officials all welcomed the returnees' home. Over 350 people were in attendance.

The local Dayton Memorial Air Force Association chapter co-sponsored the Wright Dialogue with Industry 2006 with the Dayton Area Defense Contractors Association (DADCA). This event held on 26 and 27 July 2006 created a forum for the Air Force Research Laboratory directorates located at Wright Patterson AFB to discuss their mission areas, upcoming requirements, and critical technology gaps facing the war fighter to over 400 industry attendees.

A reception honoring two newly assigned commanders was held on 27 Sept 06 at the Wright Patterson Club and Banquet Center. The honorees were: Col Karen Cleary (NASIC) and Col Colleen Ryan (88

ABW). The reception was setup by the AFA Wright Brothers Chapter and co-sponsored by the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association (MVMAA). The commander's reception had approximately 100 attendees to include local area city managers, mayors, council representatives, commissioners and civic leaders.

AFA PRESENTS CHECKS TO VA

On Wednesday, 11 October 2006, Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) presented two checks to the Dayton VA. One check will be used to purchase a replacement television for a veteran's room at the VA Medical Center. The other check was for The VA Emergency Fund. This fund provides money to veterans for travel and other emergency needs.



George Simons, chapter Vice President for Veterans affairs, presents checks to Carolyn Crawford, Dayton Medical Center VA Volunteer Service (VAVS) Specialist.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF U.S. AIR FORCE ADDS BRISTOL BEAUFIGHTER TO AIR POWER GALLERY



DAYTON, Ohio - An aircraft that once filled the need for an effective night fighter in the U.S. Army Air Forces until an American aircraft could be produced was placed on display during a special ceremony on Oct. 18 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The newly restored British Bristol Beaufighter first entered operational service with the Royal Air Force in July 1940 as a day fighter. Equipped with a very early Mk IV airborne intercept radar, the powerful and heavily armed night fighter version entered service just as the Luftwaffe (German air force) began its "Blitz" night attacks against London in September 1940. Beaufighter crews accounted for over half of the *Luftwaffe* bombers shot down during the Blitz.

When the USAAF formed its first radar-equipped night fighter squadron in January 1943, the only American night fighter available was the makeshift Douglas P-70, a modified A-20 bomber using the U.S. version of the Mk IV radar. After initial training in the P-70, the first USAAF night fighter squadrons went to war in the more capable British Beaufighter.

"We are very proud of the addition of the Bristol Beaufighter to our Air Power Gallery because it reminds us of time when we were not fully prepared for war," said museum director Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles D. Metcalf. "A good night fighter was not a capability that the U.S. had developed at that point, so we had to use British aircraft and equipment."

In the summer of 1943, the 414th, 415th, 416th, and 417th Night Fighter Squadrons of the

Mediterranean-based Twelfth Air Force received more than 100 "reverse Lend-Lease" Beaufighters, achieving their first night victory in January 1944. Although purpose-built American P-61 Black Widow night fighters began to replace them in December 1944, USAAF Beaufighters continued to fly night cover for Allied forces in Italy and France until the closing days of the war.

The museum's aircraft was built under license by the Fairey Aviation Company in Stockport, England, and delivered to the Royal Australian Air Force in 1942. It is marked as the USAAF Beaufighter flown by Capt. Harold Augspurger, commander of the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, who shot down an He 111 carrying German staff officers in September 1944.

Today, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Augspurger serves as a volunteer at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Admission and parking are free.

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VA CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday, 9 December 2006, Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) sponsored the 12th annual Christmas party for the residents and patients at the Dayton Veterans Administration (VA) Nursing Home. Members of the AFSA, the 445th Airlift Wing, the AFA, the Wright Patterson AFB Commissary, the AFB Hospital, boy scouts, girl scouts, and the Xenia Nazarene Christian School served food and good cheer to the veterans. Many of the members brought their spouse and children to provide Christmas cheer to the veterans.

During the party, "Systems Go", the light jazz duo from the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, played holiday favorites and smooth jazz tunes. Their music set a comfortable and festive mood for the party.

As the veterans arrived, members from the various organizations handed out sandwiches, fruits, cookies, chips, punch and coffee to the veterans. At the same time, volunteers were delivering food and spending time with the veterans in the wards who could not come to the party. Also, girl scouts passed out candy canes, door prizes and Christmas cards to the veterans. During the party, students from Xenia Nazarene Christian School sang a song complete with hand gestures.

While the party was in progress, a sergeant with the 445th Airlift Wing and one of the employees from his barbershop provided free haircuts to the resident veterans. About a hundred veterans enjoyed the Christmas party and expressed their thanks to the volunteers who contributed to the party.

Next December, or at the summer picnic, come out and connect with the veterans. It will be a rewarding experience.



These are the 5 AFA reps who helped with the VA Christmas party. They are Dennis Drayer-AFA chapter president ; George Simons- vice president for veteran affairs; Vita Eonta-deputy on veteran affairs committee; Betty Moredock on facilities committee; and Walter Shellhorn-chair facilities committee.



BOEING X-45A RECENTLY PLACED ON DISPLAY AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

DAYTON, Ohio - The Boeing X-45A Unmanned combat air vehicle was officially inducted into the National Museum of the United States Air Force collection during a ceremony on Nov. 13.

"The X-45A is a prime example of an air vehicle that points to the future of our Air Force," said retired Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, museum director. "Unmanned aerial vehicles are increasingly being used, and we are excited to show the public the giant step that has been taken with these aircraft."



Other ceremony speakers included Dave Koopersmith, vice president and J-UCAS program director at Boeing, Darryl Davis, vice president and general manager of Advanced Precision Engagement and Mobility Systems at Boeing, and Maj. Gen. Ted Bowlds, commander of Air Force Research Laboratory.

The Boeing X-45A served as a scaled-down, advanced technology demonstrator for a project conducted by the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency and the U.S. Air Force. The goal was to demonstrate the technologies needed to conduct suppression of enemy air defense missions with unmanned combat air vehicles.

In September 2000 Boeing's "Phantom Works" completed the first of two X-45A UCAVs, using research gathered from its manned Bird of Prey aircraft. After extensive ground testing, the first X-45A completed its first flight at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., on May 22, 2002, and the second vehicle followed in November.

During its test program, the X-45A accomplished a number of significant events in aviation history. On April 18, 2004, the X-45A demonstrator hit a ground target with a 250-pound, inert, precision-guided weapon released from its internal weapons bay. On Aug. 1, 2004, for the first time, one pilot-operator successfully controlled two X-45As in flight simultaneously.

This X-45A replaced the museum's previous display of a UCAV model.

More information about the X-45A is available at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil>.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Admission and parking are free.

To Our Ohio Community Partners,

Thank you for your offer to donate funds, food and door-prizes for our next "Heroes Welcoming Heroes," on March 8 at 6 p.m. at the National Museum of the United States Air Force

As you know, welcoming our military home from deployment is more than just their spouse meeting them at the airport. Our troops greatly value the knowledge that not only their family, but the rest of the base and the community appreciates what they do to serve our country. Part of that welcome is the "Heroes Welcoming Heroes" party, an event thrown three to four times a year to celebrate the homecoming of our deployed troops. These troops are not only brave warriors; they are husbands, wives, sons, daughters and all are apart of our community.

Thank you in advance for your support of the troops. If you would like to offer a donation of food or beverages, please contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If you would like to offer a donation of money or prizes, please contact Mr. Robert Nutt at (937) 255-7166, or you may mail checks to WP First Sgt Assoc., PSC Box 11281, 5435 Hemlock St, Wright-Patt AFB, OH 45433

WMC #1 IN CLASSROOMS RECEIVING USA TODAY VISIONS PROGRAMS

Wright Memorial Chapter #212 is delighted to be the top AFA chapter in support of the Visions Program through USA Today newspapers. We are supporting 223 classrooms in a six county area surrounding Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Following DoD guidelines, the newspapers are placed in public, parochial, private, and charter schools. The papers service children in elementary, middle, and high schools. Believing that all children have a right to learn, special needs students as well as gifted students and those in the traditional classrooms receive the benefit of these papers.

Teachers always enjoy teaching through the use of the USA Today Visions program since it gives students material that is presented in a different format from the day to day use of their textbooks. One of the hardest concepts for students to grasp and interrupt is non-fiction material, so what better way to get comfortable processing non-fiction material than through the newspaper. Lesson plans are prepared by the experts at *USA Today*, and they always comply with state standards. All teachers across the country are required to prepare their lessons in compliance with their state standards.

Letters of thanks and appreciation are already arriving. One student starts out by saying "I am a big fan of the paper. I just love opening the pages and exploring the world." For many of our students this is the only way they will ever explore the world. Every letter talked of the "kindness, caring, and generosity" that the Wright Memorial Chapter demonstrated to their school through our donation of USA Today newspapers. What a wonderful way for the Wright Memorial Chapter to be seen by the youth in our community.

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These activities don't just happen. Many people work hard to bring them to bear, but there are many opportunities in the next few months for you to become hands-on involved:

→ WMC will host five chalets at the Dayton Air Show this year, providing a great venue for watching everything from the first to the latest aerospace technology in action. If you want to assist in this activity, contact Jim Heitz at heitzjim@earthlink.net

- WMC co-hosts the Air Force Ball for the Wright-Patterson AFB family - we expect over 600 individual participants during this year's 60th Anniversary celebration. To support this preparation and planning of this event, please contact Kent Owsley at kent.owsley@intergraph.com
- A Silent Auction preceding the Air Force Ball will provide all net proceeds to CFC. To assist with this great event, please contact Ray Reinhard at RLReinhard@atsva.com
- To volunteer as a local tutor, work with WMC's education outreach, and develop opportunities to directly help our schools, please contact Sheila Wallace at swal3754@ameritech.net
- Our chapter membership team needs points of contact in every major organization at Wright-Patterson, and community contacts responsible for business communities across the area. To participate in this truly important task, please contact Dave Judson at djudson@qbase.us or Ernest Osborne at eosborn@meticorp.com.
- We are in the initial stages of a new mentoring program to leverage the leadership skills and insights of both active and retired leaders in training-up the next generation of leaders in and around WPAFB. To participate in this program - on either side of the equation - please contact me at dennis.drayer@ncr.com
- We need your ideas, talent, and energy to help us educate the community about aerospace power, the Air Force, and Wright-Patterson AFB.

The Air Force Association is a volunteer-led, professional non-paid service organization, and our members join because they want to serve that mission. Most members of service organizations want to give back more from life than they take from it and want, likely need to be involved in activities that make the journey better.

The bowl games over the holidays this year were great, but we are reminded that life is not a spectator sport. Rather, it's not real until you're in the game and put a little sweat and love and energy into working with others toward a common goal. In any activity, whether work or play, everyone tires at some point and needs to rest and refresh, awaiting opportunities to jump back into action. But life is not meant to be observed from the bleachers or on a television screen.

If you've been on the sidelines resting too long, get involved and help make a difference.

As always, I look forward to working and talking with you about our continuing success.

Have a Great Air Force Day!

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