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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JEFF LIFFICK

With Chapter elections coming in September, this will be my final message as your Chapter President. The last two years have flown by. I would like thank all of you for supporting the Chapter. Whether your support was large or small your membership played a role in the Chapter. Thank you for your continued support.

Being the President of Wright Memorial Chapter has been an honor. Our Chapter truly is extraordinary. I say this in all modesty having interacted with the Associations leadership from other Chapters and seeing the impact we make. What we are able to accomplish is truly amazing. Having said this there are a few people I must recognize a few people that went way above and beyond. So, while I can't list all of their many accomplishments I hope that Ev Odgers, Shiela Wallace, Bob VanHook, Mary Bloyd, Kent Owsley, Jim Heitz, Al Schoolcraft, Renee Albright, Ron Goerges, Geoff Oliver, Dee Cox, Sharon Murner, Randy Parker, and Anthony Boehm know that you all have my greatest respect and thanks for the superior work you have done in supporting me, and more importantly supporting the WMC 212!

While it is easy for me to remember the many great accomplishments the Chapter has performed over the last 2 years, and there have been many, I think it is more important to remember what we are doing right now and moving forward. Once again we will host five Chalets at the Dayton Air Show. As usual, Jim Heitz and his volunteers are doing magnificent job preparing for this event. For those of you that may not be aware of what the Chalet program is all about, our five chalets are located on the flight line and offer fantastic views of the Air Show performers, food, beverages, and air conditioned facilities. We provide Wright Patterson AFB with 500 tickets for the chalets to be distributed to base personnel. In addition the chapter sends an invitation to every General Officer and Senior Executive

Service member on base offering them a pair of tickets, and finally we provide all of our 3, 4, and 5 STAR corporate sponsors tickets for their use. Also, as a member of the chapter you should have received an invitation to purchase tickets for the chalets.

The Chapter is heavily involved in supporting the WPAFB as they make preparations for this year's USAF Anniversary Ball. Details on how to purchase for this event will be available at the chapter website, www.afadaytonwright.com. In addition we are supporting the USAF Marathon again with a hydration station. We still have the room for a few more volunteers. Again, details on the chapter website. **THANK YOU** for supporting the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter!

I can be contacted by email jliffick@afadaytonwright.com or via phone (937) 985-4152

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JEFF LIFFICK,

*President Air Force Association,
Wright Memorial Chapter 212*

Rescue Movie to Dayton

On Thursday, June 16th the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter was very pleased to help bring the world premiere of RESCUE, in IMAX to the Dayton area. Along, with The Boeing Company, and the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) over 300 people were able to take part in the thrilling action provided by the USAF and the Canadian Forces Maritime Command as they showed what it was like to be part of the rescue mission in Haiti.



Mark Poirier, RESCUE Director of Photogrphy and guest speaker, chats with Janis Cotton, Leanne Caret, Rebecca Aguilar and Steve Teske from the Boeing Company.

Besides the screening of the move, guests were able to partake in a pre-movie reception, a Q&A session about the making of the movie and the roles/missions that



IMAX Staff and Director of Photography. L to R: Michael Maley, Ginger Reeves, Assistant Manager, Charlotte Gray, Nina Rosales, Mark Poirier, Director of Photography for RESCUE, Mary Bruggeman, Chief of Theatre Operations, Mike Van Ausel

both the USAF and Canadian Forces Maritime undertake to perform a rescue mission. After the movie the night was concluded with coffee and dessert and warm camaraderie enjoyed by all. It was very exciting to note that many different generations of rescue professional were in attendance, including those from World War II, Korea, Vietnam as well as those from the current conflicts.

The Wright Memorial Chapter is continually working to sponsor and support varied events that are of interest to the Air Force Association members and looks forward to many more of these events.

~ Special Announcement ~ Save the Date!!!

Please join the Cincinnati World Affairs Council on November 11th to share dinner and discussion with Lieutenant General (ret.) Lawrence F. Snowden. General Snowden, whose 37-year career was forged in the crucible of Iwo Jima, will bring a unique perspective on the significance of Veterans Day. General Snowden is the most senior surviving Marine officer from the Iwo Jima battle

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The Club has made available a Patriot Membership program, which provides an exclusive opportunity for Dayton area Active Military, Retired Military as well as Active/Retired Civilian Service Personnel to join the Club. AFA members representing any of these classifications are encouraged to contact Ryan Roos, the Club's Membership & Sales Director, at (937)



643-6910 or ryan.roos@ncrcountryclub.com for details. The Club's web site is www.ncrcountryclub.com.

NCR Country Club is proud to be an AFA Community Partner and looks forward to our continued relationship!

AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards

The AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards is held every spring and coincides with the US Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year program. Each year, 46 of AFMC's best of the best come to Wright-Patterson AFB OH for a week-long event. The very first thing that the nominees go through is a "Face-to-Face" board. The board members are CMSgts from throughout the command. Each nominee spends about 15 minutes before the board members answering questions on AF Customs & Courtesies, Current Events, and AF History. Each member is also graded on compliance to dress and appearance and military bearing during the session. Prior to attending the event, each board member reviews a package on each nominee. The primary document in the package is an Air Force Form 1206 which gives 30 lines of information that explains what the nominee has accomplished throughout the calendar year prior. The next couple of days are comprised of professional development and briefings on updates throughout AFMC and the AF. The event culminates with a banquet on Thursday evening in the National Museum of the Air Force. At this banquet, the AFMC Commander, along with the guest speaker, Command Chief, and the Wright Memorial Chapter AFA President, presents trophies to the annual Airman, NCO, SNCO, and First Sergeant of the year.



Veterans Summer Picnic 2011

Saturday, June 4, 2011, The Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Kittyhawk Chapter 751 of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) jointly sponsored a picnic for the veterans at the Dayton VA Medical Center. Also, members of the 445th Airlift Wing and other Wright Patterson Organizations joined in serving the veterans.

The weather was beautiful and the representatives were able to barbeque and serve outside the Lakeside Manor at the Dayton VA Center. Representatives from the above organizations served hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, fruit, cookies, and soft drinks to the veterans. During the event, the AFSA provided a music system to play music for the enjoyment of the veterans. Several representatives of the participating organizations delivered food to the nursing home and hospital residents who were not able to attend the picnic. While veterans were enjoying the food, the representatives of the participating organizations socialized with the veterans.

The organizations provided over 200 meals to veterans, their families, and VA staff during the picnic. This was an opportunity to show appreciation and recognition to our veterans for defending the freedom of our country and was a rewarding experience for all members of the organizations present.



Joanne Powell, AFA Veterans Committee and Vita Eonta, AFA Veterans Committee handing Food to veterans.



AFSA members cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the veterans.



Chuck Worm, AFSA Rep for VAVS George Simons, AFA VP for Veterans Affairs.



Vita Eonta and Joanne Powell giving food to veterans.

A-10 DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Many of you were thrilled by the spectacular performance by the A-10 demonstration team at the Vectren Dayton Air Show. They also thrilled a number of folks at the VA. Members of the A10 Demonstration Team (Maj Dylan Thorpe—Pilot, MSgt Matt Harris--Team NCOIC SSgt Ken Marthey--Crew Chief, SSgt Ben McIntosh--Engines Specialist, SrA Eldrin Davidson--Assistant Crew Chief MSgt Steve Glick--Team Chief, SSgt Adam Sunner--Crew Chief, SSgt Ryan Ball--Avionics Specialist, SrA Kyle Myers--Assistant Crew Chief) took a tour of the VA center and visited with patients in the hospice and acute care units. They signed pictures of their A10, distributed patches, and signed boxes of their A10 model to be raffled off. Staff members and volunteers were just as thrilled to talk to the crew as the patients were.



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AFA Night Out at the Dayton Dragons Game

AFA, Wright Memorial Chapter had a great night out at the Dragon's Game on Thursday, May 5th. Nearly 150 people enjoyed the game as we occupied five suites and the party deck. It was a great ball game with great ball park food and all enjoyed watching the Dragon's win another game. Come join us again next year!



New Fisher House Completed and Ribbon-Cutting/Dedication Ceremony Conducted

After what may seem to have been a very long time, especially if you watched the construction for the last year and a half, the new Wright-Patterson AFB Fisher House opened to guests on April 15th.

On April 29th, the official ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony took place with many base and local dignitaries gathered.

Lieutenant General Thomas Owen, Commander of Aeronautical Systems Center, hosted the event and addressed the audience, speaking of what a great day it was for the men and women and their families who come to Wright-Patterson AFB for their medical treatment and will stay in the beautiful facility.

Mr. David Coker, President of the Fisher House Foundation also addressed the audience, speaking of the Foundation's work and thanking the base and the Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. for their support of the project. Mr. Coker was the first employee of Fisher House Foundation in 1994 when the program had 14 houses. He has the privilege of working with Ken Fisher, the Fisher family, and the board of trustees to expand the Foundation's programs and the network of Fisher Houses.

Medal of Honor recipient, Sergeant First Class Ronald Rosser, U.S. Army retired, presented a plaque to Karen Healea, House Manager, on behalf of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Sergeant First Class Rosser was presented the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman in 1952 for his selfless actions during the Korean War.

Other guests in attendance were General Donald Hoffman, Commander of Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) and his wife, Jacki; Dr. Steven Butler, Executive Director of AFMC and his wife, Jackie; and Lt General Owen's wife, Mary Beth. Lt General



(Retired) Michael Zettler and Lt General (Retired) Richard Reynolds, both members of the capital campaign committee were also in attendance, as was the entire capital campaign committee, FNHI Board, Fisher House staff and volunteers and other supporters.

From the local community, The Honorable Joan Dautel, Mayor of Fairborn, and The Honorable Bill Flaute, Mayor of Riverside, attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nickert, Fisher House Foundation Trustee who lives in Cincinnati also attended. Mr. Nickert and Mr. Coker presented the key to the new House to Karen Healea, House Manager and Colonel Kim Slawinski, 88th Medical Group Commander.

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AFA Wright Memorial Chapter Facebook Page

The Wilbur and Orville Wright Squadron of Arnold Air Society at Wright State University are working on constructing a Facebook page for the Air Force Association (AFA) Wright Memorial Chapter. The Facebook page will feature a list of events, chapter officers, contact information, and other useful chapter information. Our goal is to provide our members more information and notification of future events by utilizing an easy accessible and widely used platform. Currently, the web page is slated to be up in running by the end of August. More information will be provided at a later time. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact Ryan Clark by e-mail at Clark.257@wright.edu or by phone at 937-572-0529.



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Finally, Gretchen Lizza, founder of the Nightingale



House, was in attendance with her husband, Carl, and their daughter Aly with her fiancé Mr. Blake Baransky, a wounded warrior. Ms. Lizza is now the National Director of the D.O.D. Education and Employment Centers for Wounded Warriors and Disabled Veterans.

The ribbon was cut by Lance Corporal Christopher Ellis, U.S. Marines, a wounded warrior and Fisher House guest. He was joined by General Owen, Mr. Coker, Colonel Amanda Gladney, Installation Commander, Colonel Slawinski, Ms. Lizza and Carol Holden, representing the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

Although it was cool that day, many hearts were warmed by the opening of the newest Fisher House.

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