

**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES
14 MARCH 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at the Wright-Patt Banquet and Conference Center. President Jon Larrabee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Trustees in Attendance: Jon Larrabee (chair), Cassie Barlow, Paul Newman, Jr., Patti Phillips, Steve Goeman, Woody Stroud, Mark Bruns, Bill Kugel, Cathy Hutton, Sara Lommatzsch, Will Roberts, Rick Whitaker, Jim Schumann, Jack Brankamp, Steve Brodsky, Ralph Anderson, Berman Layer, Candy Prystaloski, Margaret Ritter, Dwayne Adams, Holly Beard, Jerry Pfeifer, Deborah Wallace, John Cherry, Sue Ellen Ater, John McCance, Jack Brankamp, Dwayne Adams

Trustees Excused: Rick Whitaker, Mike Mayer, Toni Overholser, Karen Celik

Trustees Absent: Michael Foy, Matt Owen, Dennis Roberts, Karen Wintrow

INTRODUCTION: After the pledge was said, Jon Larrabee welcomed everyone and introductions were made all around.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2017 MINUTES:

MOTION: Cassie Barlow. SECOND: John McCance. APPROVED.

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

Col. Elena Oberg – 88th ABW

- At the recent Air Force Materiel Command Conference, General Ellen M, Pawlikowski led with an overview of the hard problems facing defense in general.
- Corona Top will be held at the end of June.
- The Women's History Luncheon will be held this week.
- On March 29 at 10:00 AM EST, A special presentation on the Holocaust Remembrance Day will be televised to local schools.
- May 2, 2017 will be the Change of Command for AFMS and AFRL. That is also the same day as Springfield Day.
- Hiring freeze is effecting all civilian employees
- Area B gate off National Rd. will be closed for renovation for two months. The Wright Memorial gate will be opened as an alternative.

Col. John Knabel – 178th ANG

Before Col. Knabel spoke, Jon Larrabee thanked Col. Knabel for a tour he received at the 178th and the time that Col, Knabel spent with him. Jon added his perspective regarding the intel the 178th can provide to first responders and what an asset they are in emergencies.

- Col. Knabel shared his pride that out of 12 ANG units, the 178th won the MQ-9 Trophy which is a testimony to the superior ability the 178th shows with the UAV. For more information about the MQ-9, please see

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Atomics_MQ-9_Reaper

- Col. Knabel also offered to host a future MVMAA board meeting at the 178th which was very well received by the board.

Col. Adam Willis - 445th Airlift Wing

- No representative in attendance however, Col. Oberg commented that she recently saw an air evacuation training mission conducted by the 445th and was very impressed stating it was, "Pretty darn cool to see!"

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Jon Larrabee shared a thank you letter received from Julie Hansen for the 4th Quarter award MVMAA sponsored. She thanked MVMAA on behalf of her whole team and plans to take them out to breakfast.

CHAMBER REPORTS:

Beavercreek (Toni Overholser) – *No Report* <https://www.beavercreekchamber.org/>

Bellbrook (Holly Beard) – Holly reported that the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival will be held April 23 – 25. The Pet Expo will be held June 9 from 8 – 5 and the Cost of Poverty Experience will be on March 20 from 9 – 11:30. For more information on these events, please see: <http://bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com/>

Dayton (Woody Stroud) - Woody Stroud shared that the Dayton Chamber Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20 at Sinclair Community College and that the guest speaker will be Tim Brown, the President of the Cincinnati Kroger Stores. March 16 is the Dayton Business Hall of Fame, an event in conjunction with Dayton Magazine and held at the Mandalay Banquet Center. www.daytonchamber.com/

Fairborn (Matt Owen) – On behalf of Matt, Paul Newman reported that the Fairborn Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 6 at 2:00 pm at Central Park with the help of WPAFB and Foys Toy Store. In the past, 10,000 eggs are collected in under 3 minutes so it's a big event for Fairborn. <http://fairborn.com/>

Huber Heights (Mark Bruns) - Mark was pleased to share information about their annual Chamber Bowl to be held on March 31st at Poelking-Marian Lanes on Brandt Pike. The cost is \$125 per team. April 29th will be their annual Dog Walk at Thomas Cloud Park. Their Coffee Talk is held the 1st Wednesday of every month and will be at Tim Horton's on Brandt Pike. <http://huberheightschamber.com/>

Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood (Bill Kugel) - Bill shared that their annual golf outing will be held at Walnut Grove Country Club on May 9. <http://www.kmo-coc.org/>

Lewisburg (Dennis Roberts) - *No report (No chamber website link found.)*

Northmont (Cathy Hutton) – Cathy passed around a flyer for the Northmont Area chambers 40th Anniversary Annual Dinner to be held on April 6th at Meadowbrook Country Club. (*Flyer distributed with March Minutes board email.*) <http://northmontchamber.com/>

Riverside (Sara Lommatzsch) - Sara Lommatzsch stated that Riverside is pleased that some new restaurants have opened in their area. Otherwise, all is going well with their chamber.

<http://www.riversidechamber.com/>

South Metro (Dwayne Adams) – *No Report* <http://www.smrcc.org/>

Trotwood (Dr. Karen Celik) – *No Report* <http://trotwoodchamber.org/>

Vandalia-Butler (Will Roberts) - *No Report* <https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

Waynesville (Rick Whitaker) - On behalf of Rick, Jon Larrabee shared the appreciation of the Waynesville Chamber for Steve Goeman attending a recent chamber board meeting on behalf of MVMAA. www.waynesvilleohio.com/

Xenia (Steve Brodsky) - Steve Brodsky shared a flyer for the Xenia Scouts baseball game versus the Hamilton Joes which is also a military appreciation event. It will be held June 30 at 19:00 at Gradys Field. (*Flyer distributed with March Minutes board email.*) Steve also said they are very sad to see their administrative assistant, Carol, leave and are looking for her replacement.

<http://www.xacc.com/>

Yellow Springs (Karen Wintrow) - *No Report* <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf (Holly Beard) – Holly thanked Jon for arranging for an auto-fill form for gold registrations. She is working with Karen Frye, Steve Goeman and Jerry Pfeiffer on streamlining the registration process. **SPONSORS ARE NEEDED** so please contact Steve or Holly for more information. Anyone who needs a mailed registration form should contact Holly directly.

MEMBERSHIP (Jerry Pfeiffer) – Jerry Pfeiffer reported there are 168 paid members with a total of 208 members including lifetime members. Reminders are being emailed out for renewals.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Candy Prystaloski) – Candy reported that the Meet ‘N Greet (also known as the Get Acquainted Reception) scheduled for March 22 at Walnut Grove Country Club is going well and she thanked Jon Larrabee for his efforts to get commitments of attendance from all three commanders. There is no reserved seating or reserved parking. Cheese, veggies, fruit, salmon etc.... will be served. Cost is \$30 pp with a COD bar. It is an excellent opportunity to interact with the base commanders and fellow MVMAA members and the board. Candy also shared that 100% Participation Awards will be handed out in August.

MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH (John McCance) – John has agreed to take over the committee chair position for Karen Celik. The Super Bowl Party was a great start to future collaborations with the USO. Armed Forces Day is May 20th and John is looking for event ideas to celebrate the day. John has also met with Col. Oberg to brainstorm others groups MVMAA can work with such as the Spouses Club, Officers Council and the Company Grade Officers Council.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Ralph Anderson) – Ralph reported that he has spent the year working to update the website. Currently the website is not compatible with smart phones which is a problem he is trying to address. The cost to upgrade is a factor. He is also hoping to have

a separate page set up for the golf outing by the end of the month. Patti Phillips added that she is periodically posting to the MVMAA Twitter and Facebook accounts.

On another note, Ralph discussed the Springfield Armed Forces Day Luncheon which has been held by the Springfield Rotary for 35 years and is a big event for the 178th ANG as well. MVMAA helps by sponsoring lunches for the service members to attend. The event is being held on May 1st this year. The 88th ABW and 445th AW are invited to attend as well. US Rep. Warren Davidson is the guest of honor.

FISHER/NIGHTINGATLE HOUSES (Margaret Ritter) – No report.

FINANCE (Steve Goeman) – The treasurers report was submitted and voted upon.

MOTION: Woody Stroud. SECOND: Debborah Wallace. APPROVED.

NOMINATING (Steve Goeman) - John Cherry and Sue Ellen Ater were nominated to fill 2 of the 3 member at large positions still open.

MOTION: Cassie Barlow. SECOND: Debborah Wallace. APPROVED.

STRATEGIC PLANNING (Cassie Barlow) - Cassie reported that she and her committee have been busy attending meetings in the area to help promote and share MVMAA. Everything is going well.

MILITARY RECOGNITION – With the board meeting time change from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Berman will not always be able to attend however he will continue to be involved and lead Military Recognition. He has received a nomination for TSgt Lynette Hurst. (*Nomination distributed with March Minutes board email.*)

There being no further business, the March 14, 2017 MVMAA board meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Lorette Phillips
Secretary