

**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
10 JANUARY 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 10 January 2017 at the Wright-Patt Banquet and Conference Center. President Jon Larrabee called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:** In attendance were Ralph Anderson, Cassie Barlow, Jack Brancamp, Steve Brodsky, Mark Bruns, John Cherry, Steve Goeman, Cathy Hutton, Col. John Knabel, Bill Kugle, Jon Larrabee, Berman Layer, Sara Lommatzsch, Judy Madden, Mike Mayer, Paul Newman Jr, Col. Elena Oberg, Patti Phillips, Candy Prystaloski, CMSgt. Katie Racine, Sharon Ritter, Jim Schuman, Woody Stroud, Rick Whitaker, and Micah Whitis.

**EXCUSED:** Dwayne Adams, Holly Beard, Karen Celik, Matt Owen, Toni Overholser, Jerry Pfeifer and Debborah Wallace.

**ABSENT:** Michael Foy

**GUEST:** Shirley Omientanski

**INTRODUCTION:** After the pledge was said, Jon Larrabee welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017 and passed out pertinent documents. Introductions were made all around.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2016 MINUTES:**

*MOTION: Cassie Barlow. SECOND: Woody Stroud. APPROVED.*

**BASE COMMANDER'S REPORTS:** *Col. Elena Oberg* shared how thrilled she is with Chief Katie Racine who has a wealth of experience. She also thanked MVMAA for the Christmas party held at Moraine Farms and said it was one of the nicer ways she celebrated the holidays. The installation is for and MLK function by the Air Force Sergeants Association in January and quarterly awards are wrapping up which will build up to their annual awards. The awards are a way to celebrate the best and the brightest Airmen. There are also plans for education outreach with the help of Wright State University which involves robot and Lego projects with children; a Valentines event for Vets at the VA Center, and the NCAA First Four in March. Col. Oberg also explained the many renovations and upgrades going on all over the installation including the Wright-Patt Banquet Center ballroom, Bass Lake, and both the indoor and outdoor pools at the Doge Gym.

*Col. John Knabel* reported for the 178<sup>th</sup> and shared that the Command Chief is retiring in June and he is working on finding his replacement. He passed along a thank you note to MVMAA for a recent donation for their awards ceremony. Col. Knabel also highlighted their Remote Drone Predator Project that is ongoing. In addition, he was proud to share that one of their young tech Sergeant will be briefing General Clapper on his recent discovery that an adversary satellite system was found to have more capabilities than previously believed. This sergeant will be going to brief the DNI. Col. Knabel closed by sharing that the Air Force has a new policy making tattoos much more acceptable though they are still restricted to certain

locations. Ralph Anderson also noted that the Springfield Clark Armed Forces Day Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

445<sup>th</sup> – No Report

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Jon Larrabee discussed the results of a recent, anonymous board survey regarding meeting times for our board meetings. Based on compelling numbers, it was decided that the new meeting time will be 6:00 PM. He also handed out a list of dates for the year. Jon continued with the 2017 roster and the additional information regarding chambers in the area that are not members. (Handout) He stressed what the chamber representative's responsibilities are, requested help in increasing chamber participations and attendance, help with the annual golf outing; potential event sponsors with each chamber as well as helping to increase the general membership.

**CHAMBER REPORTS:**

**Waynesville** – Rick Whitaker shared that they have had new board elections and are making plans for the upcoming year. [www.waynesvilleohio.com/](http://www.waynesvilleohio.com/)

**Dayton** – Woody Stroud shared that Cassie Barlow is the new chair of the Dayton Chamber Military Affairs Committee. January 13<sup>th</sup> they will be having a breakfast with a speaker discussing the Dayton Arcade. April 20<sup>th</sup> will be their annual meeting to be held at Sinclair Community College. [www.daytonchamber.com/](http://www.daytonchamber.com/)

**Riverside** – Sara Lommatzsch stated that all is going well with their chamber. <http://www.riversidechamber.com/>

**Spring Valley** – Judy Madden shared that Spring Valley is in “hibernation”. [www.springvalleyoh.com/](http://www.springvalleyoh.com/)

**Xenia** – Steve Brodsky reported that January 12<sup>th</sup> will their monthly networking event at Sip & Dipity Paint Bar from 4:30-6:30 PM. January 25<sup>th</sup> will be their annual awards banquet to be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds. <http://www.xacc.com/>

**Kettering-Moraine-Oakwood** – Bill Kugle offered us some background on himself as the new representative to our board. <http://www.kmo-coc.org/>

**Huber Heights** – Mark Bruns reported on that January 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a special Wayne Warrior Basketball game to benefit United Rehabilitation Services. He also shared that there have been rumors that the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds may be re-located to Huber Heights but at this point it is just a discussion and there is nothing definite. Jack Brancamp added to the Huber Heights report that the new chamber director will be an excellent one. He also gave us a quick update on the VFW. [www.huberheightschamber.com](http://www.huberheightschamber.com)

**Northmont** – Cathy Hutton shared that their chamber will be holding a lunch on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 – 11:00 pm and that their annual dinner is scheduled for April 6. Cathy (with the additional help of Mark Bruns) also told the board about an organization called the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio (CCEO). They are having a winter conference Feb. 1-3 in Newark Ohio, a great opportunity to learn about the industry; tips from peers and motivational speakers. If anyone has questions they can contact Mark or Cathy. [www.northmontchamber.com/](http://www.northmontchamber.com/)

**BUDGET DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:** Jon passed out a Budget Summary and explained that our fiscal year will now be redefined as January – December. The board discussed golf net revenue percentages, the outlined 2017 Budget and Steve Goeman’s Treasurers Report as of November 1, 2016. (Handouts) The following motions were approved:

Motion: Starting in 2017, 60% of net revenue from the annual golf outing will be donated to charities of our choice with 40% remaining to be divided by MVMAA and The President’s Club. Moved by Sara Lommatzsch. Second by Berman Layer. Passed.

Motion: Approve the 2017 Budget as presented. Moved by Patti Phillips. Second by Woody Stroud. Passed.

Motion: Approve the November 1, 1026 Treasurer’s Report. Moved by Cassie Barlow. Second by Woody Stroud. Passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Golf** – Micah Whitis reported on Holly Beard’s behalf. Micah passed around “Save the Date” cards for the golf outing. The price for the lunch during the golf outing has gone up substantially and the golf committee is working on prices.

**Marketing** – Ralph Anderson reported that he is making progress on the website. New members can also pay their dues online through our website as well as member renewals. He is going to work on a page for the golf outing.

**Membership** – We have received 43 paid memberships this past week since sending out the membership dues notices and the PO Box was full today.

**Military/Family Outreach** – Jon reported on behalf of Karen Celik and the board agreed that MVMAA should organize a Super Bowl Party for the USO on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>. John McCance will likely participate by helping to organize the event.

**Events-** Candy Prystaloski reported that she is working with Walnut Grove Country Club on a Get Acquainted Reception and is looking at November 28<sup>th</sup> for our 2017 Annual Membership Meeting.

**Fisher-Nightingale** - Margaret Ritter shared that the All-American Evening is scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.fnhi.org/all-american-evening/>

**NOMINATING:** Steve Goeman and Jon Larrabee reported for nominating. Bill Richards, Carol Clark and Christy Ahrens regrettably submitted their resignations from the board. All three terms are expiring 2018. Jon thanked Bill, Carol and Christy for their willingness to serve MVMAA. John Cherry was nominated as one of the replacements. The entire board was asked to actively look for the other two replacements.

Motion: Approve the appointment of John Cherry to the MVMAA Board. Steve Goeman moved. Second by Cassie Barlow. Passed.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Cassie Barlow reported with an update on the strategic planning process to date. (Hand out) It was suggested that the addition of county commission, township trustee and school board meetings be added to the list of meetings for briefers to attend.

**MILITARY RECOGNITION:** Berman Layer shared that participation by area military groups was up last year but more needs to be done to get the word out that MVMAA offers these awards. There was also discussion about adjusting the award nomination deadlines due to there being no board meeting in February. (New schedule being forwarded with these minutes.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Steve Goeman reported that he received an email requesting consideration of sponsorship for the MLK Awards.

*Motion: Move to approve \$250 sponsorship by Steve Goeman. Second by Patti Phillips. Passed.*

There being no further business, the January 10, 2017 MVMAA board meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patti Lorette Phillips  
Secretary