

**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES
11 April 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 11 April 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, Cassie Barlow, Paul Newman Jr., Patti Phillips, Steve Goeman, Toni Overholser, Holly Beard, Woody Stroud, Matt Owen, Mark Bruns, Bill Kugel, Cathy Hutton, Sara Lommatzsch, Col. Bernard Willis, Will Roberts, Rick Whitaker, Steve Brodsky, Deborah Wallace, Sue Ellen Ater, Col. John Cherry, Jack Brankamp, Jim Schumann, Ralph Anderson, Margaret Ritter, Col. Elena Oberg, Col. John Knabel

Trustees Absent: Dennis Roberts, Dwayne Adams, Judy Madden, Karen Celik, Karen Wintrow, Mike Foy, John McCance, Candy Prystaloski, Emma Sheridan, Mike Mayer, Col. Adam Willis,

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2017 MINUTES:

CORRECTION: Will Roberts was not in attendance at January meeting. Minutes approved as amended.

BASE COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

Col. Elena Oberg – 88th ABW

Col. Elena Oberg shared that its wedding season for the base and facilities will be very busy. The impact of the gate enclosures has been kept to a minimum and appears to be going smoothly overall. The Change of Command is approaching which will bring new leadership and they are gearing up for supporting the area communities in their Memorial Day festivities. The airshow will be in June and on its heels is Corona Top. Finally, the base is looking forward to supporting the Fairborn Easter Egg Hunt which is an event military families all look forward to.

Col. John Knabel – 178th ANG

Col. Knabel told us that a new Vice Commander will be showing up next week at the 178th. June 3rd their Command Chief is retiring. There is also the possibility of having our July 11 board meeting at the 178th but that is not confirmed at this time.

Col. Adam Willis - 445th Airlift Wing

- No representative in attendance.

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: President Jon Larrabee was pleased to share that with the help of Col. Oberg and Ted Theopolus, MVMAA is being offered a guided tour of the missions at WPAFB which is rather an exclusive opportunity. The date is June 20th from 8 until noon(ish). Meet at Hope Hotel to be transported on tour, including a lunch with the airmen.

Questions will be encouraged. This event is not open to the membership as a whole but rather the board first and foremost with the possibility of chamber reps able to invite one other person from their chamber board. Before continuing with the Chamber Reports, Jon told us that he has been getting a great deal of good, positive feedback on MVMAA efforts. He thanked the chamber reps for helping us achieve favorable exposure and public relations.

CHAMBER REPORTS:

Beavercreek (Toni Overholser) – April 23 Taste of Greene County, Chamber Open House Wednesday April 12 9 – 4. May 5th Greene county legislative breakfast.

<https://www.beavercreekchamber.org/>

Bellbrook (Holly Beard) – Pet Expo – June 9, Farmers Market area. Sugar maple Festival in 2 weeks. May 18 – 20 Community Garage sale. Parks and Recreation won Governors award only 1 in Miami valley area to receive the award for being Green.

<http://bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com/>

Dayton (Woody Stroud) – Woody shared that the Dayton Chamber will hold its annual meeting on April 20th with guest speaker, Tim Brown, President of the Dayton/Cincinnati Krogers Stores. April 22nd will be a special Main Event for the Dayton Metro Library Grand Opening. Legislative Day in Columbus is will be May 16 and there will be a breakfast briefing with guest speaker Col. McDonald on June 9th. <http://www.daytonchamber.org/>

Fairborn (Matt Owen) – Easter Egg Hunt – 10k eggs were gone in a flash April 21st is their annual banquet at Holiday Inn Fairborn. July 4th parade – largest in area with 7-12k people. Redevelopment going on downtown especially old hotels and revitalizing areas around the base gates. <http://fairborn.com/>

Huber Heights (Mark Bruns) – A big Dog Show will be held at Cloud Park – costumes. First Wed Chamber Chat Tim Hortons. VFW will be having a Memorial Day program at 1:00 on Memorial Day. <http://huberheightschamber.com/>

Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood (Bill Kugel) – No Report. <http://www.kmo-coc.org/>

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

Northmont (Cathy Hutton) – Northmont had Active Shooter training and their annual golf outing is scheduled for May 22. <http://northmontchamber.com/>

Riverside (Sara Lommatzsch) – No update. <http://www.riversidechamber.com/>

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

Springfield/Clark County (Col. Bernard Willis) – Col. Willis shared that their chamber is giving its hardy support to the Springfield Armed Forces Day luncheon. <http://www.greaterspringfield.com/>

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

Vandalia-Butler (Will Roberts) - Will reported that Vandalia is gearing up for the Air Show June 23rd and the Air Show Parade. June will also be their Taste of the Crossroads
<https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

Waynesville (Rick Whitaker) – Rick reported that Spring is in the air with the Beautification of the Village in preparation for “Antiques on Main” May 28th. He also shared that they are looking for a new Chamber president. www.waynesvilleohio.com/

Xenia (Steve Brodsky) – Steve was pleased to report that they have a new executive administrative assistant and are thrilled to have her. May 5 “First Fridays” kicks off with car show, food and vendors. May 19-21 Hamvention – will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Hotels all booked up and expecting huge crowds. May 20 Kil-Kare will host the “Blessing of the Bikes”. May 24 is their annual golf outing. <http://www.xacc.com/>

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP (Jerry Pfeiffer) – MVMAA currently has 177 Active Members, 34 Lifetime Members for a total of 211 members.

TREASURERS REPORT AND FOUNDATION REPORT (Steve Goeman) – Please see attached Treasurer’s Report. MVMAA has a balance of \$24,058.21 as of 10 April 2017.
Treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (Steve Goeman) – Steve introduced prospective new trustee Linda Stokes-Crowe. Linda Stokes-Crowe is a retired Colonel, Aeromedical Evacuation was her career field. She lives in Bellbrook and is active in the community. She is an existing MVMAA member and is interested in serving with us. *Linda was approved to fill the open 2018 term Member-at-Large position.*

Golf (Holly Beard) – Holly reported that there are 27 teams currently signed up for the golf outing. She was pleased to share that credit cards are not only being accepted for registration online but will be accepted at the golf outing as well. Sponsorships are doing well so far with \$16-17,000.00 in sponsorship commitments. However, more sponsors are still needed. Door prizes and items for goody bags are still needed as well. She also thanked Ziebart for the great advertising they are giving the Bob Chiles Golf Outing on their billboard. The Bob Chiles family also plans to be in attendance at the golf outing.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Candy Prystaloski) –Jon Larrabee reported on behalf of Candy to share that the Meet-n-Greet went very well. He thanked everyone who attended and thanked all for their support of the event. Another Meet-n-Greet may be planned one more time this year if possible.

MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH (John McCance) – Jon Larrabee reported on behalf of John McCance. In a follow up from last months meeting which highlighted potential new groups to support on base, a request was made for MVMAA to fund a \$250.00 request to the Company Grade Officers Council. *The request was approved.*

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Ralph Anderson) – Ralph reported that the push has been going well to have credit card ability up and running for memberships and events and he hopes to see a “shopping cart” capability added in the future. He requested that there be more discussion by the finance committee regarding our future prospects regarding adding more online features.

Regarding the newsletter, MVMAA is looking at other printing company options to help reduce our printing expenses. Jack Brankamp will be taking over the newsletter from Glenda Marck and Glenda will continue to iron out any loose ends. One item she is working on is getting a new “Dropbox” account set up that will be tied to the MVMAA Newsletter email address. Her goal is to get as much as possible transferred over to that account, for all future newsletter items to go to that Dropbox and to have a seamless transition for future newsletter editors by tying it to the generic MVMAA newsletter email address. Jack also may be able to help with a less expensive printer and layout.

FISHER/NIGHTINGALE HOUSES (Margaret Ritter) – Margaret reported that April 29th will be the “All American Evening”. Also, “Party in the Park: Cinco de Mayo at Chuy’s is scheduled for Friday May 5 from 4-11. Please see <http://www.fnhi.org/events/> for more information on these events. The houses are doing well and the new location is making great progress.

STRATEGIC PLANNING (Cassie Barlow) - Cassie requested that chamber reps please contact her if a visit/presentation by an MVMAA representative has not yet been made to one of their chamber board meetings. She would like to make sure every chamber has been visited.

MILITARY RECOGNITION (Berman Layer) – Glenda Marck is going to help Berman promote the awards and do what she can to aide Berman. He has received a nomination for TSgt Lynette Hurst. (*Nomination distributed with March Minutes board email.*)

There being no further business, the April 11, 2017 MVMAA board meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Lorette Phillips
Secretary