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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow MVMAA Members,

The activities in which I've had the privilege to participate over the past few weeks exemplify who MVMAA is – a group of dedicated individuals committed to supporting the mission of MVMAA in many ways.

In March, during our Meet n' Greet event, we had a great time getting better acquainted with the three wing commanders: Col. Brad McDonald (88th Air Base Wing), Col. John Knabel, (178th Wing Guard), and Col. Adam Willis (445th Airlift Wing) – all great leaders who are helping to strengthen the connections between the military and the civilian communities.

During our May Board meeting, we recognized Senior Master Sergeant William Janczewski with our Outstanding Military Member Award for his contributions to the Air Force while dealing with medical issues with his young children. Ad we thanked Col. Elena Oberg for her effective representation of the 88th Air Base Wing on our Board, and to wish her well in her new assignment with the AFMC-AFRL.

We also had the opportunity to



be briefed on activities occurring throughout Miami Valley communities that are represented by the seventeen Chambers of Commerce that are represented on our Board, as well as being introduced to members of the Company Grade Officer's Council, who are collaborating with us to serve our airmen and their families.

Later that week, we also had the chance to recognize two amazing MVMAA volunteers who were honored during the annual Presidents' Club Volunteer Awards Breakfast – Patti Phillips for her tireless work as MVMAA Secretary to make sure that things are running smoothly; and Holly Beard for her

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The Bob Chiles Golf Classic



On May 12th we had our 37th annual Bob Chiles Golf Classic. We had 131 golfers play and Mother Nature was on our side and gave us cool but dry weather. There was tough competition this year but we can only have three winners. In third place the Northridge team took the spot with a score of 57. The second place winner was Mayer Law with a score of 55 and the top team for our 2017 golf outing was Centerville Noon Optimist with a score of 52! Congratulations to all of you. In addition to the top three teams we also had the following winners of the skill holes, Jeff Monbeck for the men's longest drive, Elena Oberg for the women's longest drive, Greg Chiles for men's closest to the pin, Colleen Ryan for women's closest to the pin, and Rob Beyrer for longest putt. We would like to thank you for the continued support as well as thank Twin Base for hosting us again this year, Tony Stritenberger

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445th SFS Airmen take on ‘Winter Challenge’

**By Airman 1st Class
Ethan Spickler
445th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs**

As the first line of local defense, the Airmen of security forces units dedicate their time and effort to keep us safe and maintain the rule of law on all Air Force bases and installations.

All police activities associated with an Air Force base, from securing the perimeter of the base to being a dog handler, fall under this career field.

During the winter months, this job becomes increasingly difficult as security forces personnel not only manage unit training and threats to base security but also the threat of inclement weather they often face this time of year.

The Airmen of the 445th Security Forces Squadron didn't allow the cold, wet weather bother them as they participated in "Winter Challenge" Feb. 12, 2017 at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Warfighter Training Center.

The event consisted of several grueling activities including vehicle inspections, ammo carries, MOUT (military operations in urban terrain), and pushing a Humvee more



Airmen from the 445th Security Forces Squadron join forces to move tires during the 2017 Winter Challenge (Photo courtesy 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

than 200 feet by hand.

According to Tech. Sgt. Michael O'Callaghan, a fire team leader with the 445th SFS, "The winter challenge is a demonstration of the culmination of skills that we use across security forces as a whole. It demonstrates every skillset that we have."

It is not only a measure of toughness and endurance, but it is fundamental in building on the foundations of teamwork and esprit de corps that the 445th SFS views as necessary to complete the challenges that they face on a daily basis.

Maj. Charles Trovarello, the commander of the 445th SFS, stated that, "This multi-purpose training serves to prepare us for operations stateside as well as worldwide. We have to be prepared for whatever is asked of us."

The weather was less than ideal, but Maj. Trovarello did not seem to mind.

"The reason we do this training in cold weather is to prepare for any situation. You don't get to choose the weather in your zone of operation," he explained, as a smoke grenade goes off behind him with a loud bang. As green smoke billows in the background, he begins putting on his gear.



Airmen from the 445th Security Forces Squadron take cover as they move a Humvee during the 2017 Winter Challenge (Photos courtesy of 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

89 AS Pilot Reaches 5,000 Hour Milestone

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Bryan Bailey, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilot, reached a 5,000 flying hour milestone during a sortie Feb. 15, 2017 while on temporary duty at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

“I’m proud to have accomplished this milestone and be among those who have gone before me to achieve this goal, Lt. Co. Bailey said.

Lt. Col. Bailey hit the 5,000 mark while on a tandem aeromedical evacuation flight with both 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Airmen and Scott Air Force Base AE units.

“Flying a true mission with 20 crew members and General (Carlton) Everhart (Air Mobility Command commander) on board, that made it even more of a memorable experience.

5,000 flight hours is a significant milestone in the Air Force and is a rare occurrence in a single airframe. Lt. Col. Bailey has flown all 5,000 miles in the C-17 Globemaster III. He’s been flying for approximately 15 years.

“I love being a pilot and I plan to fly as long as I can.”



Gen. Carlton D. Everhart, II, Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and Lt. Col. Bryan Bailey, 89th Airlift Squadron director of operations, wrap up a local aeromedical evacuation flight around the Scott AFB area Feb. 15, 2017. Lt. Col. Bailey hit his 5,000 flying hour milestone during the flight. (Courtesy photo)

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dedication as Golf Committee Chair to ensure that the annual Bob Chiles Golf Classic would be a success.

And, what a success the golf tournament was! Thanks to the great partnership with the Presidents’ Club, the golf tournament sold out, was played under rainless skies (despite a forecast of 80% chance of rain), was well organized by Holly and her team, and raised thousands of dollars for the designated charity – Wright-Patterson Fisher House.

It’s my honor to serve this great organization that is exemplified by the individuals I’ve mentioned – great people doing great things for our community.

Here’s to a great summer!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 20, 2017

WPAFB Tour

August, 2017

Meet ‘n’ Greet week of Aug 21-24TBA

Nov. 28, 2017

Annual MeetingTBA

Check out the website for changes and updates.

2017 Annual Meet and Greet

88th Air Base Wing
Commander, Colonel
Bradley McDonald
addresses the crowd at the
2017 MVMAA Annual Meet
and Greet (Photo courtesy
Patricia Phillips)



MVMAA President, Jon
Larrabee explains the
MVMAA mission during the
2017 MVMAA Annual Meet
and Greet (Photo courtesy
Patricia Phillips)

MVMAA member and 178th
Wing Commander, Colonel
John Knabel speaks to
members and guests during
the 2017 MVMAA Annual
Meet and Greet (Photo
courtesy Patricia Phillips)



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The MVMAA Strategic Planning

By: Dr. Cassie Barlow, MVMAA Vice President

The MVMAA Executive Committee began the year with a Strategic Planning initiative that will guide our organization for this year and many years to come. First and foremost, the committee focused on our Mission to ensure we were appropriately focused on areas we could truly impact as an organization. This focus resulted in the Mission to strengthen relationships with Miami Valley communities by assisting in meeting the needs of military personnel and their families. Our guiding principles as an organization are patriotism and service which are in complete alignment with our Mission. We then spent some time thinking about our organizational Goals for the year. This conversation led us to three focus areas with multiple tasks under each goal:

1. Strengthen our relationships in the community
 - a. Increase awareness of MVMAA with civic organizations
 - b. Increase awareness of MVMAA in military community
2. Address the needs of the military community and their families
 - a. Support base annual and quarterly awards
 - b. Support events on base
 - c. Host annual Golf Tournament
 - d. Partner with other organizations in support of

- our military community
 3. Revitalize our organization
 - a. Rewrite bylaws
 - b. Build membership
 - c. Grow foundation
- I am proud to report that your MVMAA has already accomplished many of the tasks under each goal and is working towards completion of all of the tasks by the end of the year. Thanks to everyone in the organization that has assisted in building our organization in

PAST EVENTS... Armed Forces Day



US Congressman Representative Warren Davidson, 8th District.



MVMAA member Ralph Anderson and other organizers of the Annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon held May 1, 2017 in Springfield.

support of our local military and their families. Our two fundraising initiatives throughout the year are the annual Golf Tournament and our Membership. Currently, our Golf Tournament that will occur on 12 May is sold out and we are working to build to over 200 members this year.

Thanks for all you do for our MVMAA and thank you for your support of our military and their families!

MVMAA Outstanding Military Member Award

TSgt Dallas Root - May 2016 MVMAA Outstanding Military Member Award

One of the newer ways MVMAA is working to foster support between community and the military is through the "MVMAA Outstanding Military Member Award". At the May 10, 2016 meeting last night, we were very pleased to present this award to TSgt. Dallas E. Root, of the 178th. He is an Ohio State Trooper as his full time profession and was off duty on his way to his job when he came upon an accident. He was nominated by Chief MSgt. Scott McKenzie of the 178th and the following pertains to his nomination:

"The details of his actions are from an eyewitness account of an

Army National Guard, Brigadier General, that happened to be on her way to work as well. The actions taken are indicative of TSgt. Root and his leadership capability. He is a long time, proven top performer within our Wing and has always exemplified the qualities of a professional airman."

The details are as follows:

"Yesterday (10 Dec 2015) on my way in to a readiness meeting, I witnessed a very bad injury accident involving three vehicles. While I was checking on the injured party in one of the vehicles, I noticed what I believed to be an off duty law enforcement officer also on the scene.

This is what I observed. TSgt. Root was on his way to work traveling from Springfield to Columbus



on I-70 eastbound when he came upon the accident. He stopped at a safe distance and put visible lighting in his unmarked car and then immediately took charge of the scene. He called for help by radio as he approached the most damaged vehicle. Due to the volume of accidents that morning, this was good as it took about two minutes before 911 answered my cell phone call. When Root approached the most severely wounded victim, she was unconscious and struggling to breathe. Her jaw was clenched closed, so he told me that he stuck a pen in her mouth to assist in opening an airway through her mouth. Once

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from Twin Base for helping the day go seamlessly, and the staff at the Officer's Club for providing us with an amazing meal. We look

forward to seeing everyone again next May! If you are interested in being on the committee next year please call Holly Beard at 937-572-3409.

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