

MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

1 November 2022

The Annual Meeting of the MVMAA was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the Walnut Grove Country Club, Riverside, OH. President Rebecca Westlake welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

National Anthem: SMSgt Christin Foley began the meeting by singing the National Anthem.

President Westlake introduced dignitaries present for the evening.

Guest Speaker: Events Chair Michele Miller introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Kevin Rusnak, Chief Historian, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, WPAFB. His presentation covered how Dayton saved Wright- Patt 100 years ago.

Presentations from Wing Commanders: President Westlake introduced the Wing Commanders: Col. Dominic S. Fago, 178th Wing; Col Raymond A. Smith, Jr., 445th Airlift Wing; and Col Charles D. Barkhurst, 88th Air Base Wing. Each commander provided an overview of the past year.

Contributions Announcements: Susy Himelhoch provided a summary of the fund raising efforts for the year, indicating that the Bob Chiles Golf Outing is the largest revenue generator, led by Holly Beard, followed by membership dues. She stated the contributions made to the following organizations: Fisher Nightingale House, check for \$7,156 in 2022 with a total of \$49,872 since 2017; First Sergeants Association, check for \$3,068 with a total of \$17,299 since 2018; USO, check for \$1,000 with a total of \$1,500 since 2021; Junior Force Council, check for \$1,000 with a total of \$1,750 since 2021. Susy added that each year the MVMAA selects a new organization to also receive a donation. This year, the 5/6 Council, an organization of Staff and Technical Sergeants at Wright-Patt who recently assumed management of the Airman's Attic, was selected and received \$500.

Business: Ms. Sara Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Dr. Cassie Barlow, to approve the minutes of the 13 September 2022 meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** Dr. Cassie Barlow moved, seconded by Mr. Brian Jarvis, to approve the most recent treasurer's report. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** Ms. Patti Phillips moved, seconded by Ms. Lin Stokes-Crowe, to approve the 2023 budget. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Dr. Cassie Barlow presented the membership report as follows: Annual: 88, Honorary: 12, Charter: 16, Corporate: 3, Lifetime: 14, and Five-year: 11, with an overall membership of 144.

Winkler – Martin Award: Dr. Cassie Barlow and Mr. Brandon Creech presented the Winkler – Martin Award to Mr. Mike Mayer for his long term commitment to the MVMAA, his service, and his involvement in the community. Mike thanked the MVMAA for the recognition.

2023 Officer Installation: President Westlake installed the 2023 MVMAA Officers: President – Susy Himelhoch, President Elect – Brandon Creech, Vice-President – Brian Jarvis, Secretary – Katie Lewallen, and Treasurer – Tony Colussi. Each took the oath of office, concurrently.

President Himelhoch recognized two of MVMAA's charter members in attendance: Candy Prystaloski and Woody Stroud. She discussed how Wright- Patterson ranks in the top five of most enjoyable station assignments from a poll done by Air Force members. She thanked the military partners, chamber, and community partners for their year-round commitment to the communities where they live, raise families, and work, as well as to the MVMAA.

President Himelhoch stated that the board will meet five times in CY2023 and listed the dates and times. She asked attendees to consider volunteering to serve on or chair a committee. She reminded attendees to join and/or renew their membership.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, at 1800 hours, 6:00 pm, at the Beaver Creek Chamber of Commerce.

The annual membership meeting adjourned at 2028 hours, 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Lewallen
MVMAA Secretary