



MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION



The Miami Valley Minute

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the President



Hello MVMAA members and welcome to the first edition of our newsletter; The Miami Valley Minute!

Starting this quarter, we will be able to provide you with news about our organization's activities, membership health, and other timely information.

I encourage you to continue to support the MVMAA with your annual dues and ask that you tell a friend about us. The more our organization grows, the more we can support the men & women who serve us every day.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our upcoming golf outing on May 10, 2024.

Thank you,

Brandon Creech

MVMAA President



445TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On March 9, 2024, members and families of the 445th Airlift Wing, and local community leaders gathered at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB to recognize the Wing's 2023 Annual Award nominees and winners.



Brian Jarvis, MVMAA President Elect, standing to the right of Col. Matthew Muha, 445th AW Deputy Commander, attended the awards banquet along with other local community leaders.



SRA Sergio Santelli and A1C Michael Barbee receive check in support of the Airmen Dormitory council at Wright-Patterson AFB.

MVMAA Presents Check to Airmen Dormitory Council

On 14 December 2023, the MVMAA presented a check to the Airmen Dormitory Council at Wright-Patterson AFB.

The purpose of the Airmen Dormitory Council is to establish positive recreational activities, identify facility and furnishing improvements, and ensure the Airmen have everything they need in the dorms — their little piece of home. The MVMAA is honored to support the Airmen Dormitory Council at WPAFB, to help ensure the Airmen are comfortable with the dormitory facilities, and that their needs are being met.

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A word from our Immediate Past President...

Dear MVMAA Community,

MVMAA’s 44-year history of successful collaboration with our military and civic communities is directly attributed to our diverse membership and the ability to effectively communicate our mission.

The Miami Valley Minute is designed to highlight news about our organization, members, and events. The goal is to publish four times a year with each edition being sent electronically to MVMAA’s honorary members, general membership, and liaisons. It will also be posted to MVMAA’s website.

Our first highlight is extending sincere thanks to both Captain Tyler Vanderzwaag and WPAFB’s First Sergeant Council (FSC). Capt. Vanderzwaag oversees Operations for AFROTC, Northeast Region, and was recruited by FSC to design and name the newsletter.



Immediate Past President Susy Himelhoch and Captain Tyler Vanderzwaag introducing MVMAA’s newsletter at the November 2023 annual dinner meeting.

MVMAA’s ability to attract volunteers for projects such as this newsletter is a direct result of our organization’s vibrant collaboration with our dynamic military community. Sincere thanks to our entire membership and community partners.

As you read each issue of *The Miami Valley Minute*, please note upcoming events in your calendar. When you have read this issue of *The Miami Valley Minute*, kindly forward it to a prospective MVMAA member.

Thank you!

Susy Himelhoch

Immediate Past President, MVMAA



Brian Jarvis presents Mr. Jon Larrabee with the Winkler-Martin award.

2023 Winkler-Martin Award Recipient Jon Larrabee

Every year, the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association (MVMAA) honors a member who has given unselfishly of themselves in their support of the MVMAA and the military community.

For 2023, the Winkler-Martin Award was awarded to Jon Larrabee. Jon has served MVMAA faithfully and honorably for many years in his support of the military community and families both at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Springfield Air National Guard Base. Initially serving as the representative for the Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood Chamber of Commerce, Jon was an integral member of the MVMAA Board for many years. Following his service as a Chamber representative, Jon served as MVMAA Vice President, President-Elect and President from 2015-2017. During his tenure, he reached out to other organizations who actively partnered with MVMAA for multiple events which were held throughout his year. As President, Jon opened new doors with local business, political, and corporate leaders which dramatically increased the MVMAA membership rolls. Jon has continued to serve the organization as a Member-at Large where his guidance and leadership has ensured that MVMAA continues to support the military community and families at Wright-Patterson AFB and Springfield ANGB. Thank you, Jon!!!