

MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - MINUTES

11 April 2023

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 11 April 2023 at the Trotwood Branch of Dayton Metro Library, 855 E. Main Street, Trotwood, OH. President Susy Himelhoch called the meeting to order at 1800 hrs (6:00 pm).

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustees in Attendance: Susy Himelhoch, Brandon Creech, Brian Jarvis, Katie Lewallen, Rebecca Westlake, Ralph Anderson, Brenda Baker, Marie Battle, Holly Beard, Cathy Hutton, Dan Kirkpatrick, Sara Lommatzsch, Judy Madden, Mike Mayer, John McCance, Phil Parker, Patti Phillips, Donna Saraga, Candy Prystaloski, Chris Stanley, and Woody Stroud.

DOD: Col Charles Barkhurst, 88 ABW, Vice Commander; Col Ray Smith, 445 AW, Commander

Liaisons: MSgt Jason Vavro, First Sergeants Association; Gina Franz, USO; Lexi Heironimus, JFC

Guests: Margaret Kruckemeyer, MVMAA Member

Welcome and Introductions: President Himelhoch welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Marie Battle provided a brief background of the City of Trotwood as well as insight into the community's recent enhancements and future plans.

BASE COMMANDERS' REPORTS

88 ABW – Col Barkhurst stated this will be his last meeting as he and his family are being stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. President Himelhoch thanked Col Barkhurst for partnering with and supporting the MVMAA, wished him well, and presented him with an MVMAA challenge coin.

445 AW – Col Smith read the script from the 11 March 2023, 445th awards banquet at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force with presentation of the award for the MVMAA being recognized as the community partner of the year. President Himelhoch thanked Ms. Westlake and Mr. Goemann and others on last year's board for making it possible.

Ms. Patti Phillips stated that the presence of base commanders at the MVMAA meetings has made a huge difference to the MVMAA.

MVMAA LIAISONS

First Sergeant Council – MSgt Jason Vavro stated he is the newly elected vice-president of the First Sergeants Council and is attending in place of the new president Adrienne Galcik. He stated on 12 May 2023 there is a golf outing scheduled at Twin Peaks Golf Course. A lot of the information is still in the works. He added that they will be scheduling Goat Yoga, which is just yoga with goats. They will also participate with Little Heroes; currently, they have a Black Widow, Batman, and Dead Pool.

Fisher Nightingale Houses – Mr. Stanley stated that Fisher House I is finally open. There is a project coming up to renovate the kitchen and baths and will likely start in mid-summer. He announced there

will not be an All American Evening Event for 2023. Feedback received stated that attendees would like to have it back in the spring as many were gala-ed out by the fall. They were uncertain they could get enough corporate sponsors to have a spring event in 2023, so they moved it to 2024. He added that the annual report is available on the website, www.fnhi.org. He stated that Sheila Wallace is looking for volunteers to work the Air Show in July. Mr. Stanley announced that he is retiring from Fisher Nightingale Houses; his retirement party will be 14 July 2023 at the Air Force Museum.

Junior Force Council – Ms. Heironimus stated she did a lunch-and-learn with senior leaders. The Young Guns vs. Old Pistols is two weeks away. They have about 26 old pistols and 72 young guns, and are still in need of some old pistols. She thanked the 88th for their support as they sent out an email and registration doubled. This is a 10-week long challenge. Participants track points on a daily basis and participate in sporting and networking events. The sporting events may include bicycling, dodge ball, bowling, volleyball, etc. If you are unable to physically participate in every sporting event, you can still cheer your team on in-person. Networking events may include trivia, board games, hiking, etc. All events are scheduled on Wednesday with a show up time of 1600. Registration is now open through 24 APR. The cost to participate \$20.00, which includes a t-shirt and lunch at the end of the challenge to honor the winners. All candidates can register at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/PRzhgDknBc>.

The initial Kick-Off meeting for those participating will be held on 26 APR on teams and the Challenge begins 10 MAY. For additional information, contact WPJFC Vice-President: brittany.sommers-woods.1@us.af.mil

They will be going to a Dayton Dragons game with the membership in May and also supporting the May golf outing. She added that the Junior Force Council wants to get connected in the community and asked how they can volunteer.

USO –Ms. Gina Franz, USO Center Operations and Programs Manager stated that the USO strives to be a community hub for military families. April is the month of the military child, and they are trying to bring on programs to recognize military kids. They have Coffee Connections, and on Thursday have a Dandelion Club, a preschool connection to read to preschoolers. Last week, they had an egg hunt for dorm residents held inside the USO, and it seemed that the volunteers had more fun than the residents using duct tape to hid things. A volunteer appreciation dinner is scheduled for April 20 with Col. Beeker and his bar-be-que. IT was reported that the USO supported over 6,500 people thus far this year. In 2022, they helped over 33,000.

CHAMBER REPORTS *All chamber reports can be obtained through their respective links.*

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek (Holly Beard) <http://bellbrook-sugarcreekchamber.org/> **Present**

Dayton (Woody Stroud) www.daytonchamber.org/ **Present**

Fairborn (Dan Kirkpatrick) <http://fairborn.com/> **Present**

Greater Springfield Patnership (Mike McDorman) <https://www.greaterspringfield.com>

Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood (Anthony Colussi) <http://www.kmo-coc.org/>

Lewisburg (Dennis Roberts) <https://lewisburgchamber.com>

Riverside (Sara Lommatzsch) <http://www.riversiechamber.com/> **Present**

South Metro (Julia Maxton) <http://www.smrccoc.org/>

Spring Valley (Judy Madden) www.springvalleyoh.com **Present**

Trotwood (Marie Battle) <http://trotwoodchamber.org/> **Present**

Vandalia-Butler (Nick Kavaslauskas) <https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

Waynesville (Rick Whitaker) www.waynesvilleohio.com/

Xenia (Donna Saraga) <http://www.xacc.com/> **Present**

Ms. Holly Beard of the Bellbrook Chamber stated she will no longer be the representative as she will continue to focus on the Bob Chiles Golf Outing. A new representative will be at the next meeting.

Mr. Dan Kirkpatrick stated he would be stepping down and retiring as the Fairborn Chamber Executive as of 19 May 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Ms. Brenda Baker stated that the Meet and Greet at 178th Wing (ACC) (ANG) is scheduled for Tuesday, 13 June 2023 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Springfield-Beckley Air National Guard Base, 5319 Regula Avenue, Springfield, OH. The event is sponsored by Col. Kent Kazmier and Captain T. Evan Carver. The 178 th Wing will provide a tour of their Base, with bus transportation to different locations. Refreshments will be provided after the tour. MVMAA will conduct their Board meeting immediately thereafter in the Dining facility, at 3P. Ms. Baker added that all personnel attending this event must have authorization to be on the Base. Everyone who wants to attend should send their name as it appears on their valid driver's license, driver's license number and issuing state to her at Bbaker@daytoncvb.net. Names must be on the list in order to be permitted entrance. She needs all information to her by Monday, 29 May 2023. She added that there will be a community event at the Base on 20 April 2023, 9 am – 2 pm for those who cannot attend the June 13 event.

Golf Outing: Ms. Beard stated there are eight slots remaining for foursome golf teams. The deadline is 21 April 2023. Kettering Hospital is the main sponsor for the event. She stated they are still collecting raffle prizes and welcomes any donations. If donating, please let her know as she needs to get it the week before the 5 May 2023 golf outing. She added that next year's date will be the second Friday of May and not the first as it is this year.

Marketing/Communications: Mr. Anderson stated that the picture of the MVMAA receiving the Community Partner of the Year award from the 445th is on the MVMAA home page. An announcement area has been added to the home page of the website as well. He stated there were 42 financial transactions, 24 membership renewals, 18 golf related: 10 sponsorships, five golf teams, three individual golf rounds, and one lunch registered through the website (the numbers are off because one of the sponsorship transactions was included with a team transaction). He added that the website works better on the Google browser than Microsoft and other browsers.

Membership: Mr. Brian Jarvis served as pro-tem giving the report for Dr. Cassie Barlow: 91 Annual Members, 4 Corporate, 15 Lifetime, 12 5-Year, 16 Charter, and 12 Honorary.

Military/Family Outreach: John McCance stated Tom Koogler may be newest life-time membership. Mr. McCance stated they scheduled a Burger Burn on Thursday, 22 June 2023, after talking with Erik Oberg, who indicated they would get more participation by the younger troops quartered in the dorms at Kittyhawk on a weeknight as many go away on weekends during summer. This event will occur from 5 – 8 pm and is open for membership participation. More information will come after he speaks with Gina of the USO.

Historian: Ms. Westlake stated she is collecting items for their history. If there is electronic data, please get it to her in a format that she can load it. There is now a storage shed for golf items and historic items. She stated that the board has realized that they have not onboarded members in three years. She will be glad to give the history to the new members along with the purpose of the organization and

member's roles in the organization. Patti Phillips mentioned Wright State University has an archival department that may be available to assist with preserving MVMAA's history.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: President Himelhoch thanked the Executive Committee for overseeing the January 2023 board meeting. She stated there was information on the Dayton Metro Library on the table. The Dayton Metro Library has 18 locations, each with a Community Room that can be reserved 90 days in advance of an event. Library cards/e-cards can be done with an online application. She reported that members of the Executive Committee are attending most monthly luncheons held by the Presidents Club of Dayton. The Presidents Club will host their annual recognition event, the Outstanding Club Member Breakfast, on Thursday, May 11, 7:00 am at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. The Fairborn and Riverside Chambers of Commerce will be recognized. Tickets to the event are \$19 each and can be purchased through registration at www.presidentsclubdayton.org. President Himelhoch added that the Presidents Club will also have a Citizens Legion of Honor Award ceremony on Thursday, October 5, 11:30 am at the Dayton Convention Center. This award is the region's premier volunteer recognition honoring community servant leaders for their unselfish dedication to our area and its people. The MVMAA will put forth a nominee whose credentials exceed the award's stated traits and accomplishments (nominations are due May 31).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Himelhoch stated that they are continuing to work on the Bylaws, and the proposed enhancements will strengthen MVMAA's overall operations. A change to the board having five days notifications in advance of vote and the general membership having 30 days in advance has been proposed. The deadline for written recommendations is Friday, April 28.

NEW BUSINESS: President Himelhoch had no new business to report.

BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES: John McCance moved, seconded by Woody Stroud, to approve the minutes of 10 January 2023. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Mr. Creech presented the budget. Candy Prystaloski moved, seconded by Patti Phillips, to approve the financial report. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Beard asked if there was anything they can do to assist with the First Sergeants Golf Outing. Discussion was held on what is currently given to them to assist.

President Himelhoch presented Ms. Marie Battle with an MVMAA coin and thanked her for hosting.

OTHER BUSINESS: The next meeting will be held on **13 June 2023, at 1500 hrs (3:00 pm) hosted by the 178th Wing in the dining facility.**

Being that there was no further business, at 1929 hours (7:29 p.m.), Ms. Donna Sarage moved, seconded by Ms. Holly Beard, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Lewallen
MVMAA Secretary