**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

11 February 2020

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 11 February 2020 at the Wright Patterson USO. President Dan Semsel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dan Semsel, Rebecca Westlake, Steve Goeman, Lin Stokes-Crowe, Tony Colussi, Paul Newman, Jr., Brian Jarvis, Holly Beard, Woody Stroud, Sara Lommatzsch, Rick Whitaker, Jon Larrabee, Brandon Creech, Sandra Brubaker, Ralph Anderson, John McCance, and Candy Prystaloski.

**DOD:** Col Mike Phillips, 88 ABW Vice Commander, Col Ray Smith, 445 AW Commander, and CMSgt Scott Ross, 178 Wing Command Chief.

**Liaisons**: SMSgt Kern on behalf of the First Sergeants Association and Erik Oberg on behalf of the USO. Chris Stanley sent a report on behalf of the Fisher Nightingale House, but was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

**Mission Moment:** Col Ray Smith provided an introduction of himself and updated the board on happenings at the 445 AW.

**Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Woody Stroud, Second, Brian Jarvis. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Phillips reported the 88th leadership met with Senator Portman at the Wright Brothers Bike Shop. The Wing will be partnering with the National Park Service in support of maintaining the local historical sites. The Governor was on hand for the signing of a new bill so military spouses will have the ability to use licenses from other states with a 6-year reciprocity agreement so they can work in Ohio. Last weekend ten new CMSgt’s were honored in a ceremony at the National Museum of the USAF. He announced a Valentines for Vets at the VA on Thursday, 13 Feb and invited all members to attend. The club is hosting events on Thursday, 13 Feb and Friday, 14 Feb and invited anyone interested to attend. The Air Force Band of Flight will be playing at the Museum on 22 Feb, all are welcome. A Workforce We Need Summit will be held at the Museum on 24 Feb. Col Phillips reported the wing is supporting the 1st Lego and 1st Robotics groups as well.

**178th Wing:** CMSgt Scott Ross reported he has been 178th Wing Command Chief for four weeks and is getting acclimated at the base and the ISR mission of the wing. He reported Senator Portman will be visiting the 178th next week. He said a leadership conference will be held in Columbus in the near future.

**445AW –**Col Ray Smith reported that many of the leadership positions, like him are in the process of changing to new personnel. He reported working with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to ensure employers understand their employee’s role in the reserves. The wing is supporting Pittsburg ARB as they transition from C-130 aircraft to C-17s. The unit is participating in a flyaway this week to the west coast to actively train with other units to maintain skills.

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – SMSgt Kern reported he is the new President of the First Sergeants Council, but is expecting to PCS in the near future. The council will host a golf outing on 12 June 2020.

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley sent in a report. More than 1,200 families were assisted at the three Dayton area Fisher Houses in 2019. The annual fundraiser (An All-American Evening…..Beads and Bling – It’s a Mardi Gras Thing) is scheduled for 25 April at the NMUSAF Modern Flight Hangar.  Invitations will go in the mail early to mid-March.

**USO –** Erik Oberg is the new USO Center Manager, replacing Whitney. He reported the USO supported several activities, one of which was Operation Science that allowed 80 kids to participation. The 80 slots were filled within an hour of posting the invitation, so the center hopes to be able to double that number at the next event. The Gary Sinise Foundation Serving Heroes dinner served 100 families. The Super Bowl party was well attended with over 50 service members coming in for it. An Army Reserve unit was supported when the USO took food and drinks to them while they were getting their smallpox vaccines at the Med Center. Another new staff member will join the center next week. The USO plans to continue outreach to Guard and Reserve units beyond the base proper.

**President’s Remarks:** President Dan Semsel. thanked everyone for taking time from their busy lives to be in attendance. He requested all members be respectful of the other members private information. Recently a mailing went out to MVMAA members that was not MVMAA related—he asked that the membership information only be used for MVMAA related communication, not for personal or political agendas. The Wright Patterson Base tour is scheduled for 14 May—additional information and invitation will be going out soon. The Dayton Dragons are interested in the MVMAA participating in the community night at the game program. He is working out the details, but suggested it might be an easy way to gain some publicity and funds without a lot of work for the organization Sara Lommatzsch reported Riverside Chamber has participated for years and it has been beneficial. Dan also reported that NASIC is looking for individuals to mentor Airmen to introduce them to what’s available outside the fence. No funds would be required. More to come of both these activities.

**CHAMBER REPORTS:** Reports were given by the chamber representatives present. Please check out all our chamber member websites for any upcoming events. There are many great events across the region as noted by the representatives. Thank you to all the chamber representatives for the continuing support you provide the MVMAA.

**Beavercreek** (Brian Jarvis) <https://beavercreekchamber.org/>

**Bellbrook** (Holly Beard) <http://bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.org/> Present

**Dayton (**Woody Stroud) [www.daytonchamber.org/](http://www.daytonchamber.org/) Present

**Fairborn** (Matt Owen) <http://fairborn.com/> Present

**Huber Heights** (Mark Bruns <http://huberheightschamber.com/> Present

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

**Northmont** (Cathy Hutton) <http://northmontchamber.com/>

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

**South Metro** (Dwayne Adams) <http://www.smrcoc.org/>

**Springfield** (Bernie Willis)  <http://www.greaterspringfield.com/>

**Spring Valley** (Judy Madden)

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

**Vandalia-Butler** (Will Roberts) <https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

**Waynesville** (Rick Whitaker) [www.waynesvilleohio.com/](http://www.waynesvilleohio.com/)

**Xenia** (Steve Brodsky) <http://www.xacc.com/>

**Yellow Springs** (Karen Wintrow) <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: John McCance the USO on the Super Bowl party was a success. He is starting to plan to add support for the Armed Forces Day activities.

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** Rachel Castle and Patti Phillips have resigned. Candy Prystaloski is stepping in to provide support and to plan the Meet-n-Greet in March. More to come.

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson stated the website is going well. Paul and Ralph will continue to work issues as they arise.

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman provided copies of the Finance report; there is just under $30,000.00 in the checking account. Funds were provided to support the 88 ABW Annual Awards dinner. Steve reported there has been a change is the Ohio tax requirements for non-profit organizations. The Ohio Attorney General now requires filing for the state, which costs $50.00. The proper forms were filed yesterday, along with the electronic filing of the Federal tax forms.

*MOTION TO APPROVE January Treasurer’s Report: Sara Lommatzsch, Second, Candy Prystaloski. PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Steve Goeman reported He reported currently there are 117 annual members and 10 Lifetime members paid..

**NOMINATING:** No report at this time.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**Nothing to report at this time.

**GOLF OUTING:**  Holly Beard reported the committee met and the next Bob Chiles Classic will be held on Friday, 8 May 2020 at the Beavercreek Golf Club—Mark your calendars!! The rain date will be 9 May. The cost this year is$175.00 for individual and $450.00 for teams. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the cost. Flyers will go out soon. The committee is looking for help identifying sponsors and are hoping to connect with defense contractors this year. Holly has obtained a guitar to help boost the golf income. Tickets are available from golf committee members. Holly is working with Jon Larrabee to make the application a fillable PDF which will be sent out soon. She asked the board members to help with finding Key Sponsors; Vectren is choosing not to support the golf outing this year, so the board members help is most appreciated. Marie Vanover is assisting Holly Beard with the Golf sponsorships. The golf committee is super this year, committed and energetic. Mike Sells Potato Chips have been very generous in donating chips for the outing. It was suggested that Sam’s Club and Kroger ae also generous donors. Sandra Brubaker recommended Holly contact Mutt’s-Sauce to see if they will support the outing. Holly stated she hopes to pre-sell raffle tickets for the donated patriotic-skin guitar. She is seeking signatures from the Gary Sinise foundation and Tom Hanks. She hopes that will increase the raffle ticket sales. Holly will get a picture of the guitar to Ralph for the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:** SMSgt Kern asked whether the Girl Scout cookies will be donated again this year. Cassie Barlow managed that last year, but there was a consensus the cookies will be donated to MVMAA to distribute this year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Board members were urged to provide events information to Ralph and Paul so the events can be put on the MVMAA website.

**Meeting adjourned at 1903 hours, 7:03 p.m.**

**Next meeting is 10 March at the WPAFB USO.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Stokes-Crowe