**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

12 July 2022

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 12 July 2022 at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base 445th Conference Room #410 following a tour of the 445th. President Rebecca Westlake called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Rebecca Westlake, Susy Himelhoch, Brandon Creech, Anthony Colussi,   
Katie Lewallen, Judy Madden, Marie Battle, Rick Whitaker, Ralph Anderson, Patti Phillips

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

**Liaisons**: Chris Stanley, Fisher Nightingale House; Capt. Taylor McAlister, Junior Force Council

**Guests**: TSgt Tyler Williams, 445 AW; Rich Rosado, 88 ABW, Public Affairs

TSgt Williams provided a glimpse into one of the many unique projects accomplished by the 445’s Metals Tech Shop. He explained that, because many of the aircraft are older, the shop is tasked with developing and fabricating pieces that provide workable solutions for aircraft maintenance. We were shown an example of a metal bumper that is now being used on aircraft doors.

When asked about 3D printing, TSgt Williams mentioned that advanced technology was not justified  
for certain aircraft parts.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions:** Rebecca asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

The group viewed a short video that illustrated the full spectrum of the 445’s capabilities.

**BASE COMMANDERS’ REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Barkhurst explained a lot of the duties of the installation wing having to do with administration functions. Their function is to act as “town mayor” and make sure the installation is ready so everyone else can do their jobs. He stated that they just welcomed a new Wing Commander, Col. Chris Meeker, who is a civil engineer. Col. Miller has been selected to the rank of Brigadier General and is in Hawaii for his next assignment. He added that while Greene County has raised their COVID status level, Col. Meeker wants to be cautionary and determine by Friday if they need to move from “Bravo” to “Charlie” on COVID protocols.

**445AW –** Col Smith reported that the Wing has 133 folks deployed. This August, there will be a change in command from Col Otto to Col Lesleski (sp?). He stated that they will be having a family day on 10 September 2022 and many are looking forward to it as they have not held one for two years. This is much needed for morale. The following Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, after family day, he plans to have some readiness exercises, so they will be doing a lot of flying.

**MVMAA Liaisons:**

**First Sergeant Council** – No report; representative unable to attend

**Fisher Nightingale Houses –** Chris Stanley announced the 18th Annual All-American Evening on 13 September 2022 will be held in the Dayton Arcade in downtown Dayton. The theme for this year’s event is “Dayton, History Made Here”. He added that Dayton has the most patents per capita in the country. He stated 1,075 invites were sent out already. They are offering free tickets to E-5’s and below and junior enlisted as many times they are unable to afford tickets for themselves and their spouses. There are a limited number and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. He is looking for sponsors for those tickets at $65 each. Parking will be free the night of the event for all who attend. He provided stats for occupancy at the three Fisher houses. From January to June 2022, they have hosted 315 families. During that same time frame in 2021, they hosted 233 families. Same time pre-covid: 524 families were served. He stated that Fisher House I remains closed for renovations. House staff continues to wear masks out of caution for the families who are in them. Finally, he added they are thinking of putting generators at the Wright-Patt II Fisher House, which would cost nearly $200,000; and at the Dayton VA House, which would be significantly more.

The Air Force Fisher House Program Manager visited WPAFB Fisher Houses the last week of June.   
No violations, errors, mismanagement were discovered however some adjustments to inventory and reports were advised.

**USO –** Susy Himelhoch reported for Erik Oberg, who was unable to attend. The USO continues to be busy with Coffee Connections, Dandelion Club and non-recurring events like the 29 June family picnic which was attended by 65 families. Daily foot traffic at W-P’s USO is slowly increasing.

USO is looking for volunteers to assist with the 445 AW’s Family Day on Sat., 10 Sep 2022. Volunteers are being recruited to help prepare and serve food; two shifts: 0830-1230; 1130-1530. USO anticipates up to 1,800 service members and their families could attend. Those who have questions or would like to volunteer can reach him at [EOberg@uso.org](mailto:EOberg@uso.org).

Volunteeers are also needed on Sun. 11 Sep, when the USO supports an event at the 178 Wing, Springfield ANG. Contact [EOberg@uso.org](mailto:EOberg@uso.org) to volunteer or with questions.

**Junior Force Council** – Captain Taylor McAlister stated they are gearing up for their “Young Guns and Old Pistols” event to try and get everyone out of the office and into the sun. Young Guns are represented at Captain rank and below while Old Pistols are those above Captain rank. The goal of the event is for the teams to earn points. The winning team is declared at the end of August. This event is a morale booster and was held last year with the Young Guns coming out on top.

**CHAMBER REPORTS:**

**Beavercreek** (Wendy Rodgers) <https://beavercreekchamber.org/>

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

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

**Fairborn** (Lee Henrich) <http://fairborn.com/>

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

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

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

**Northmont** (Angela Clifford) <http://northmontchamber.com/>

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

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

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

**Spring Valley** (Judy Madden) [www.springvalleyoh.com](http://www.springvalleyoh.com)) Present

**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** (Alexandra Scott) <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EVENTS:**  Michele Miller unable to attend. President Westlake thanked Michele Miller, Col Smith,  
and 88 ABW Public Affairs for organizing today’s tour and accommodating our meeting.

**GOLF OUTING:** Holly Beard was not in attendance to give a report.

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:**  Ralph Anderson reported that the website has been updated and discussed having a member’s only section. He is looking to add pictures and asked for any to be provided.

**MEMBERSHIP:** President Westlake reported for Cassie Barlow: 81 annual, 14 lifetime, 3 corporate,   
8 5-year, 17 charter, 12 honorary.

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: No report

**MVMAA FOUNDATION:** Official report included with monthly financials.

**NOMINATING:** President Westlake reported for Toni Overholser stating she is gathering names for the MVMAA proposed slate for the upcoming year.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Patti Phillips stated she will put anything out as it is sent to her on the Facebook page. She will also post pictures. She did indicate she would welcome someone who may be interested in doing this role.

**President’s Remarks**

1. Rebecca asked for everyone who has voting rights to vote on the proposed amendments to the current Code of Regulations. Voting has been extended until 8 August. She mentioned that anyone who has not received the voting email should check to see if their membership dues are current.
2. Rebecca mentioned the upcoming Navy Week at the Dublin Pub will be 25 July 2022.
3. Rebecca stated the next meeting will be 13 September 2022, hosted by Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood Chamber at 6 pm, to be held at AltaFiber.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES:** Brandon Creech moved, seconded by Marie Battle to approve the minutes of 10 May 2022. There was one abstention. **Motion carried.**

**FINANCE:** Patti Phillips moved, seconded by Ralph Anderson to approve the current financial reports. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:** Rebecca presented for vote to issue a $1,000 check to the USO, and a $1,000 check to the JFC. Brandon Creech moved, seconded by Tony Colussi to approve the donations. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting will be **13 September 2022, 1800-1915 (6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.), hosted by Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood Chamber, to be held at AltaFiber, 230 Webster St., Dayton 45402**.

Being that there was no further business, at 1610 (4:10 p.m.), Rebecca Westlake adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Lewallen

MVMAA’s Assistant Secretary