**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

12 October 2021

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 12 October2021 in the Dining Facility at the Springfield ANG Base. President Toni Overholser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She welcomed the board members and thanked Col Johnson, 178th Wing Commander for kindly hosting the group. She welcomed Phil Parker, Member at Large to the group.

**Trustees in Attendance:**  Toni Overholser, Rebecca Westlake, Susy Himelhoch, Lin Stokes-Crowe, Steve Goeman, Tony Colussi, Dan Semsel, Woody Stroud, Brandon Creech, Jon Larrabee, Phil Parker, Ralph Anderson, Candy Prystaloski, Patti Phillips, Mike Mayer, and Chris Stanley.

**DOD:** Col Charles Barkhurst, 88 ABW, Vice Commander, Col Mark Johnson, 178 Wg Commander

**Liaisons**: Chris Stanley, Fisher House

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Candy Prystaloski, Dan Semsel, Second. MOTION PASSED.*

**MISSION MOMENT:** *-* Col Johnson welcomed everyone to the base. He provided an update on the latest happenings at the Wing.

**BASE COMMANDERS’ REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Barkhurst introduced himself as a financial management guy. He said the telework processes put in place during COVID are being reviewed for both military and civilian personnel; it is expected there will be changes. Essentially, the plan is to eventually have an ongoing workforce on base, with telework being an option for some personnel. Some personnel are required on base to do their jobs, i.e., security forces, fire personnel and others. In the future the number of personnel on base daily is expected to increase, but not to the same levels as pre- COVID. The Wing is closely monitoring COVID cases and the hope is to improve the overall rates to less than 10%. The Wing successfully completed the end of year closeout on 30 September. Phil Parker queried Col Barkhurst regarding any impact the current climate has had on recruiting/retention of members. Col Barkhurst reported all recruiting and retention goals were met.

**178 Wing:** Col Johnson reported all the deployed Airmen are home. The Wing is helping define the new space mission. There is discussion regarding the organizational issues around the Guard role in Space Command, including naming of the guard forces. The Wing Ball is on 6 November. MVMAA is supporting the Ball and anyone that wants to go, is invited. COVID is back on the rise, but the base is still open and meeting in person. The 123 AS (Blue Ash unit) has been moved under the Wing. The Operations Group is working to help define the launch, recovery and testing procedures to evaluate off the shelf products, thus promoting a significant cost savings.

**445AW –** Col Smith was unable to attend and sent his regrets. He provided an update on the Wing. Below are some notes from Col Smith: Col Smith went to the airport yesterday for departure of some our aerial port folks. Some were leaving for the 2nd and 3rd deployments. Thanks to USO for being there to see them off and handout goodie bags made by a volunteer. The Wing hosted a successful visit from CMSAF on 2 Oct. She recognized and coined 3 Airmen as outstanding performers during her visit. The 445th Airlift Wing deployed 5 aircraft and 5 crews to support Operation Allied Refuge. This is the most of any Air Force Reserve Command unit. The crew of aircraft call sign Reach 828 that descended aircraft to save the life of an expectant Afghan mother was from the 445th’s 89th Airlift Squadron. The family named the baby Reach, after the aircraft call sign. The 445th  currently has 19 people deployed to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey to support Operation Allies Welcome to provide support for vulnerable Afghans coming to the United States. The Airmen departed Wright-Patt, 10 Sept. For FY 21, wing flew 1,400 sorties; 168 missions for nearly 5,000 flying hours; delivered 23,472 tons or 46.94 million pounds of cargo; and transported 6,599 PAX, 1,400 sorties

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – No representative present.

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley reported that the All American Evening at the Dayton Masonic Center was a record breaker, raising more than $135K; 309 tickers sold/259 attended; 119 tickets were purchased for junior military personnel (E-5 and below, O-1 and O2). The Fisher Houses are under Health Protection Level Charlie, which only allows 50% occupancy, only one non-medical attendant. Others must be put up in billeting or the Hope Hotel at the Fisher Nightingale House expense. The Dayton VAMC still has limited capacity, but the VA rules are less stringent than DoD. So far in 2021 322 families has been helped (138 at WPAFB/184 at DVAMC). The renovation of Fisher House One at WP, which opened in May 1994 has started. The Fisher House Two at WP, which opened in April 2011 will start their renovation in 2023. There is a complete recap of all the Fisher House happenings on the website.

**USO –** Erik Oberg sent his condolences; he was not able to attend.

**President’s Remarks:** Toni Overholser shared the By-laws review that the executive committee have been working on. Susy Hemelhoch provided a brief synopsis for review. Toni reminded the board members of the Annual Dinner on 9 November at the Hollenbeck Center, Clark State in Springfield. The Dayton Development Council has become an MVMAA corporate member. They teamed with Clark State to sponsor the event and to sponsor Airmen to attend. The plated dinner will cost $40 per person. Toni announced that Cassie Barlow has been selected as the Winkler-Martin Award recipient for 2021. She will be honored at the annual meeting. Candy announced Cassie has also been inducted into the Top 5 Women of Greene County Hall of Fame.

**CHAMBERRE REPORTS**

Toni thanked all the chamber representatives for the continuing support they provide the MVMAA. Board members should go to the various Chamber websites for up-to-date activities and schedules.

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

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

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

**Fairborn** (Paul Newman, Jr.) <http://fairborn.com/>

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

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

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

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

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

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

**Spring Valley** (Judy Madden) 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**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: No report

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** Candy and Kris Goeman are working with Toni on the Annual Meeting being hosted by Clark State on 9 November.

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson brought a shirt from the online store so folks could see what was available. He reported the online invite for the dinner will be up and running soon.

**NOMINATING:** Dan Semsel provided copies of the proposed slate of Board Members for 2022. The slate

*MOTION TO APPROVE the Proposed slate: Dan moved to accept. Candy, Seconded, MOTION PASSED.*

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman provided copies of the October treasurer report via email**.** At the end of October there was $31,000 in the checking account, $16,000 in the Foundation account. The expected end of year amount is the checking account is $26,000. Steve reminded everyone that the new membership year begins 1 Oct, so anyone paying dues after 1 Oct are paid for the next year.

*MOTION TO APPROVE October Treasurer Report: Steve moved to accept. Patti, Seconded, MOTION PASSED.*

Steve provided copies of the proposed budget for 2022 for review.

*MOTION TO APPROVE the proposed 2022 budget:* Steve moved to accept, Woody, Seconded, *MOTION PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP: M**embership is up to 171 members for this year; 12 lifetime, 125 annual, 5 5-year, 13 honorary, 16 Charter, 1 Corporate.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Patti asked that everyone keep sending info to put up on social media.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**The By-laws have been under review and Susy Hemelhoch provided a brief synopsis of the proposed changes. The changes will be voted on at the 9 November Annual Meeting.

**GOLF OUTING:**  No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**  Rebecca Westlake reminded the board of the Combined Federal Campaign that is currently in progress. See the attachment for how to participate in this worthy endeavor.

**Meeting adjourned at 1910 hours, 7:10 p.m.**

The next meeting will be the MVMAA Annual Meeting on 9 November 2021 at the Hollenbeck Center in Springfield. The Social Hour starts at 1730 (5:30p.m.), Dinner is at 1800 (6:00 p.m.) and the program will be being at 1830 (6:30 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Stokes-Crowe, MVMAA Secretary