**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

13 September 2022

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at the AltaFiber Conference Room, 230 Webster Street, Dayton, OH. President Rebecca Westlake called the meeting to order at 1800 hrs (6:00 pm).

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Trustees in Attendance:** Rebecca Westlake, Susy Himelhoch, Brandon Creech, Steve Goeman, Anthony Colussi, Toni Overholser, Katie Lewallen, Woody Stroud, Sara Lommatzsch, Marie Battle, Cathy Hutton, Phil Parker, Ralph Anderson, Cassie Barlow, John McCance, and Patti Phillips.

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

**Liaisons**: MSgt Kesha Harper, First Sergeants Association; Erik Oberg, USO

**Guests**: Ann-Lisa Allen, KMO Chamber of Commerce President; Ryan Kelsey, Commercial Sales Manager, AltaFiber

Ms. Allen explained how the Kettering-Moraine-Oakwood Chamber has redeveloped dead space and there are many great places to work and live within the three city community. She stated that there are 18 parks in Oakwood, 22 parks in Kettering, and 16 parks in Moraine. The chamber is working to realign businesses that may be underperforming to get them in a positon of growth and connect them with partners specific to their needs.

Mr. Ryan spoke about the partnership AltaFiber has with the City of Kettering for the installation of optic fiber throughout the community.

**Introductions:** President Westlake asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

**BASE COMMANDERS’ REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Barkhurst stated they are currently focusing on the upcoming USAF Marathon, which will take place this weekend. On 12 October 2022 they will hold its Honorary Commanders Induction Ceremony.

**445AW –** Col Smith stated there was a huge turnout for Family Day, which had last taken place three years ago prior to the pandemic. He thanked the USO and the MVMAA for their help and monetary gift,which allowed them to rent a bounce house for the event. He stated they are currently holding their readiness exercises, which are required by law to make sure that they are ready to go at a moments notice. On 12 September 2022, they launched nine jets as part of this exercise. He added that there is a two week annual training going on where some units are sent over sease to hone their skills; 13 of 20 airman are overseas at present.

**MVMAA Liaisons:**

**First Sergeant Council** – MSgt Harper stated they are hosting a golf tournament on 23 September 2022. The cost is $200/team or $50/person. The event will take place at the Twin Base Golf Course. All funds raised go back to airman to support them in their needs.

**Fisher Nightingale Houses –** Vice-President Himelhoch presented the received report from Chris Stanley. It was reported that the FNH recently held their 18th Annual All-American Event and set a new record raising $141,800. So far this year, 436 families have used the Wright-Patt and VA houses, whereas last year only 322 failies used the houses. Fisher House 1 continues to be closed at this time, but the House Manager is working towards opening by 30 September 2022. The FNHI board elections for president, secretary, and one Trustee-at-Large position will be held on 9 December 2022; any who are interested in running should contact Chris Stanley.

**USO –** Erik Oberg stated tht their budget gets tighter by end of year and thanked the MVMAA for their donations. Thirty volunteers came and helped out with the Saturday and Sunday family event. He added there will be one or two volunteers from the USO at the upcoming USAF Marathon. The USO has many other events and activities that they wish to continue such as the Dandelion Club, Coffee Connections, and other monthly events. They will be handing off the Airman’s Attic to the 56 since the USO is not organized to be an economic relief organization and the 56 is a partnet excited to take this opportunity.

**CHAMBER REPORTS:**

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

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

**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 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) [www.springvalleyoh.com](http://www.springvalleyoh.com))

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

 **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:**  Susy Himelhoch reported for Michele Miller and stated that the MVMAA annual membership meeting will be held on 1 November 2022 at the Walnut Grove Country Club in Riverside, Ohio. The cost of the event has not yet been determined, but information will be sent out in the very near future.

**Golf Outing:** Holly Beard stated that the final total for the 2022 golf outing was $17,046. The distribution of funds is as follows: $3,068 to the First Sergeants Council, $7,159 to the Fishner Nightingale House, $4,978 to the MVMAA, and $1,841 to the President’s Club. These will be voted on during the Business Meeting. The date for next year’s Bob Chiles Golf Outing is Friday, 12 May 2023, at the Beavercreek Golf Club.

**Marketing/Communications:**  Ralph Anderson reported that the website has been updated for 2023. He added that he would like to have help on managing the website.

**Membership:** Cassie Barlow stated that membership is holding steady. She encouraged those attending to sign up for next year. Additionally, it was suggested to reach out to the Springboro Chamber for a potential membership.

**Military/Family Outreach**: John McCance stated they are trying to find ways to help the USO and he is speaking with Mr. Oberg about collaborating and reengaging with the USO. He stated he is also a conduit fo the First Sergeants Council and any other organizations that fall through the cracks to help military families to see what they can do to help.

**MVMAA Foundation:** Steve Goeman reported that there is a balance of $16,500 and some change. Official report included with monthly financials.

**Social Media:** Patti Phillips suggested that all attendees should be followers of the MVMAA Facebook page and share it.

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Westlake stated that the new bylaws for the MVMAA have passed. She announced that it is the Combined Federal Champion (CFC) season. Retirees (both civilians and military) will receive notice from their retirement payroll system.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ms. Lommatzsch asked what had been done for Carol Pfeiffer and her recent passing. President Westlake stated that the MVMAA sent flowers and made a donation on behalf of her scholarship fund. Ms. Barlow stated that her memorial service will be held on 24 September 2022 at the Tobias Funeral Home in Beavercreek, OH at 1100 hrs. Ms. Beard added that the Bob Chiles Golf Committee has donated money for a gift card to give to her husband, Jerry Pfeiffer, to purchase a tree or some type of item to honor her memory.

Ms. Lommatzsch stated that Patti Phillips will be inducted into the Greene County Women’s Hall of Fame on 24 September 2022. This event will take place at 1100 hrs at Walnut Grove Country Club.

Woody Stroud asked about the annual POW/MIA ceremony. President Westlake reported that Toni Overholser and herself would be laying the wreath at the ceremony on 16 Sep 2022.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES:** Holly Beard moved, seconded by John McCance, to approve the minutes of 12 July 2022. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**FINANCE:** Mr. Goeman stated there was just under $44,000 in the checking account. He stated they typically try to keep $20,000 in the account for the year and spend what they bring in. Toni Overholser moved, seconded by Cassie Barlow, to approve the financial reports. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Further discussion was held regarding the $1,500 donation to the 178 Wing, and a donation of $1,000 to the AFSA and First Sergeants Council for baskets/food for the holidays. The AFSA acts as a lead agency and the First Sergeants Council finds where there is need. Brandon Creech suggested that they increase the donation to $2,000. Discussion was held on increasing the amount as the MVMAA no longer shops for the items so they donate funds. It was also suggested to make a $500 donation to the 56 as they will be taking over the Airman’s Attic. Cassie Barlow moved, seconded by Toni Overholser, to approve the $1,500 donation to the 178 Wing, a $2,000 donation to the AFSA and First Sergeants Council, and a $500 donation to the 56. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Holly Beard presented the breakout as mentioned during her report for the checks that were to be issued: $3,068 to the First Sergeants Council, $7,159 to the Fishner Nightingale House, $4,978 to the MVMAA, and $1,841 to the President’s Club. She explained the percentage breakout for the split between MVMAA and the President’s Club. Sara Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Patti Phillips, to approve the checks as stated. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION:** President Westlake suggested they send out checks right away. Discussion was had on promoting and marketing the presentation of checks for photo ops and social media posting, and presenting large checks to the following five organizations at the MVMAA Annual Meeting: the 56, the Junior Force Council, the Fisher Nightingale House Inc., the First Sergeants Council, and the USO.

**2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS:** Toni Overholser presented the slate of officers as a whole:

Vice President – Brian Jarvis

Member at Large – Patti Phillips

Member at Large – Toni Overholser

Treasurer – Anthony Colussi

Secretary – Katie Lewallen

Historian – Rebecca Westlake

Sara Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Cassie Barlow, to approve the slate of officers as presented. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting will be the annual Membership Meeting on **1 November 2022, 1730 hrs to 2000 hrs (5:30 pm to 8:00 pm) at the Walnut Grove Country Club, 5050 Linden Avenue, Riverside, OH.**

Being that there was no further business, at 1925 hours (7:25 p.m.), President Westlake adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Lewallen

MVMAA Assistant Secretary