**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

14 January 2020

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 15 January 2020 at the Wright Patterson USO. President Dan Semsel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dan Semsel, Toni Overholser, Rebecca Westlake, Steve Goeman, Lin Stokes-Crowe, Maria Van Over, Woody Stroud, Matt Owen, Mark Bruns,, Sara Lommatzsch, Rick Whitaker, Rachel Castle, Brandon Creech, Sandra Brubaker, Ralph Anderson, John McCance, Mike Mayer, Jerry Pfeifer and Patti Phillips.

**DOD:** Col Mike Phillips, 88 ABW Vice Commander, Col Mark Johnson and 178th Vice Wing Commander.

**Liaisons**: SMSgt Schipper on behalf of the First Sergeants Association, Mia Walthers on behalf of the USO and Chris Stanley on behalf of Fisher Nightingale House.

**Mission Moment:** Col Johnson passed along Col Fitzgerald’s apology for not being in attendance, but her new position required her to be elsewhere. He then provided an overview of the 178th Wing’s history of domestic support to the region and the state.

**Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Sara Lommatzsch, Second, Paul Newman, Jr.. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Phillips reported the 88th is focused on Be Ready/Be Vigilant. There is 100% ID check when coming on base in support. He noted that the new Gate 26A is now open and allows for covered inspection of commercial vehicles and easier access to the West Ramp. He reported on the golf course changes, including moving two holes to accommodate the new facility under construction by NASIC. The Night at the Museum was an overwhelming success, with over 11,000 visitors that evening. The AFMC Commander will be hosting the senior leaders in the near future. Col Sherman will be replaced by Col Pat Miller later this year.

**178th Wing:** Col Johnson reported that Chief Heidi Bunker has moved to Columbus as the OHANG Command Chief and CMSgt Scott Ross is now the 178th Command Chief.

**445AW –** Col Phillips reported for the 445 AW; he noted the 445 AW will have a change of command and Col Ray Smith will assume command of the Wing. Col Goeman reported the wing will host its annual awards dinner on 7 March; invitations will be sent to the membership.

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – SMSgt Schipper reported the First Sergeants Council supported the enlisted wives holiday cookie drive, helping distribute about 20,000 cookies. They also “Rang the Bell” at the BX/Commissary complex providing $6,000.00 for Airmen in Need over the holidays. They adopted a family for the holidays, providing food and gifts. They will be hosting an after holiday party in the near future.

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley reported 11,000 families were supported at the Fisher Nightingale houses. The last Saturday in April will be the All-American Evening at the National Museum of the USAF. Your $90.00 ticket gets you a meal and the opportunity to be part of the silent auction. You can also sponsor an Airmen to attend. The meal is a buffet, with open seating; beer, wine and soda are included in the ticket price. Patti Phillps queried whether there can be a link that MVMAA can put on their Facebook page.

**USO –** Mia Walthers reported 48,000 family members were taken care of in 64 counties throughout Ohio. She stated the USO goes out to help when they identify needs, especially for the Guard and Reserve units in rural areas. The USO was open on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The supported two kids parties, thanks to donations. More than $30,000.00 in donated food was distributed to younger families in need. The USO will continue to have dance lessons, the stripe sewing service and Operation Science. The Miami Valley Casino is sponsoring Country for a Cause in the future. There are some new faces around the USO.

**President’s Remarks:** President Dan Semsel. thanked everyone for taking time from their busy lives to be in attendance. He shared Glenda Marck’s Thank-you card for the assistance the MVMAA provided as she is battling cancer. He reported Cassie Barlow is requesting chamber contact information by 31 January so she can make contact and schedule visits with the various chambers. Cassie is unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to a series of medical events he mom is dealing with. Dan reminded everyone the membership renewal notice has been sent out. The Life member option is $450.00. Dan is working to schedule the WPAFB tour and will let everyone know when a date is set.

**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 apologized for not communicating about the holiday cookie drive. He reported he is working with the USO on the Super Bowl party and will provide a flyer soon. He said he is planning to meet with the new dorm council president to identify ways to help that council support the individuals living in the dorms.

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** Rachel Castle and Patti Phillips reported they will meet on Thursday, 16 January to develop their plan for events in -2020. The first event will be a 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 the foundation report and the financial report. He reported the standing goal is to have $20,000 in the account; this year it was up to $22,000. He also stated the early golf donation from Kettering Health Network provides a slightly skewed view of the current funds status.

*MOTION TO APPROVE January Treasurer’s Report: Lin Stokes-Crowe, Second, Patti Phillips. PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Steve Goeman reported forty members have renewed their annual membership and nine have become Lifetime members.

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

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

**GOLF OUTING:**  Marie Vanover is assisting Holly Beard with the Golf sponsorships. Marie 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, which Marie showed the group to help boost the golf income. Tickets are available from golf committee members.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 1902 hours, 7:02 p.m.**

**Next meeting is 11 February at the WPAFB USO.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Stokes-Crowe