**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

9 March 2021

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 9 March 2021 via Lifesize virtual format. Thanks to Toni Overholser for setting up the virtual platform. President Toni Overholser called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Toni Overholser**,** Dan Semsel, Susy Himelhoch, Steve Goeman, Holly Beard, Woody Stroud, Paul Newman Jr., Sandy Brubaker, Ralph Andersen, Cathy Hutton, Brandon Creech, Jerry Pfeiffer, John McCance, and Lin Stokes-Crowe.

**DOD:** Col Mike Phillips, 88 ABW Vice Commander; Col Ray Smith, 445 AW Commander, Col Roark, 178 Wg,

**Liaisons**: Chris Stanley, Fisher Nightingale House; Erik Oberg, USO

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE:*

*Dan., Woody Stroud, Second. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Phillips welcomed everyone to mustache March. He said good news on the pandemic front. Gatherings up to 50 members are now allowed. The club is open on Friday evenings. 1100 doses were administered in two days; #2 in the Air Force. 75 and over population are now able to get the vaccine. Still probably 30,000 folks not vaccinated. The partnership with the VA has been a great benefit. Ohio is opening up for 50+ next week. Service members will be assisting in vaccination stations across the state. Very successful active shooter exercise last week. There will be more exercises in the near future as we move forward out of the pandemic. Next month gate 15A to install a canopy, so 12A will be the gate you have to come in. There will be schedules for inbound/outbound gate hours. Dan made a recommendation related to putting videos with traffic flow on social media.

**178 Wing:** Col Roark said Col Johnson is currently at Maxwell and Col Fitzgerald is advocating for the ISR mission. March is bringing back several members from State Active Duty supporting activities across the state. Many members have been across the state supporting Food Banks. The members at the Springfield Food Bank were recognized as key supporters last week. The vaccination program has completed 40% of the base. There’s a return to work working group targeting 1 April as a planning date for folks, May at the latest. The focus is on getting the youngest airmen back so the training they need to get done. They are researching what is necessary to safely have a community day and family day.

**445AW –** Col Smith said his new command chief, CMSgt Chris Williams is on board as of the Scarlet UTA. He hit the ground running. Ongoing partnerships with Germaine Ford for training the vehicle/logistics readiness folks. The wing is focusing on the vaccine program, using the model of the 88th, probably at 10% across the Wing. There are still a few folks that are concerned. The Aerospace Medicine Doctor was able to work with PA to develop informational videos to help allay the fears of the Airmen. Five CMSgts retired in March. That’s a lot of experience leaving the force. The wing is working to have a family day in September. Woody queried whether the Wings have had any issues with military members not getting the vaccine. Col Smith replied that the vaccine is currently elective, but the vaccine will probably be required in the future. No date for the mandatory vaccine has yet been identified. Col Phillips said he agrees with Col Smith’s assessment. All the Wings have more individuals wanting to get the vaccines than vaccines available for administration.

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – No report

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley congratulated the group on making it to the one-year anniversary for the quarantine. The repairs to Fisher House 1 are complete, with the exception of the landscaping. There are some interior renovations like flooring that will be completed soon.

**USO –** Erik Oberg reported on USO happenings. Great news, the base is opening up a bit, so up to 50 people can meet. The USO can welcome the group back, up to 35 people with the social distancing requirements. The first Serving Heroes meal of the year, thanks to the Gary Sinise Foundation. Erik reported on the USO providing snacks to the vaccination site. Another wave of deployers is being supported by the USO. Third edition of Operation Science!; this year’s theme is kitchen chemistry.

**President’s Remarks:** Toni said it would be nice if we can meet in person in April but retain this platform for those that cannot attend in person. We are planning to support the USO with the Girl Scout cookies. We received a request from the Top Three for support. Steve will report on that.

Thank you to all the chamber representatives for the continuing support you 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/> Present

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

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

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

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: John McCance said the events have been minimal. The Force Support Squadron put on a drive-through event for the Super Bowl. John is looking forward to being able to support the base community through the USO in the future. The USO supports the crews of the National Command Authority airplane.

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson said he is working on making sure the website if working well. Holly asked Steve if he’s seen anything on the golf outing. All the charges that were pending have gone through. Paul said he thought he and Ralph could fix Ralph’s access to reports. Ralph said he continues to fix things. Armed Forces Day luncheon in Springfield will not happen this year and hope that it will happen next year.

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman reported the latest financial report was emailed to all the board members with the board reminder. He said the month was fairly quiet. Next month’s report will include the back logged membership dues.

*MOTION TO APPROVE January Treasurer’s Report: Steve Goeman, lin Stokes-Crowe, Seconded, Motion PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Steve reported the membership renewals are starting to come in. Currently there are 78 members annual members, 12 lifetime, 5 five-year memberships. Cassie and Steve worked on building a tool to track members. Soin has signed up as a Corporate member. Cassie is willing to visit with Chambers to share our message. Holly queried how to do a corporate membership. Holly and Toni will work on that.

**NOMINATING:** Dan said there’s not much at the moment. Things will pick up in August.

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

**GOLF OUTING:**  Progress is being made on the outing. Let Holly know where she can get with folks to hand out the golf outing brochures. Kettering is the main event sponsor again. Several folks have sent in their registrations for the golf outing. Several new faces and many younger golfers have registered. The course has a new hot dog vendor and they will not do food. Holly is researching catering. Toni thanked Holly.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 1906 hours, 7:06 p.m.**

The next meeting will be on 13 April 2021 at 1800 hours (6 p.m.). Due to an increased number of COVID cases, the meeting will be in the Lifesize forum this month. We will try to resume the in person meeting in May.

Respectfully Submitted, Lin Stokes-Crowe