**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

11 May 2021

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 11 May 2021 at the USO on Wright-Patterson AFB. Thanks to Eric Oberg for the gracious use of their space. President Toni Overholser called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Toni Overholser**,** Rebecca Westlake, Susy Himelhoch, Dan Semsel, XXX

**DOD:** Col Mike Phillips, 88 ABW Vice Commander; Col Kim Fitzgerald, 178 WG,

**Liaisons**: Erik Oberg, USO

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

*Sara Lommatzsch., Ralph Anderson, Second. PASSED.*

**MISSION MOMENT:** *-* Toni thanked Dan for his exceptional service as the president of the Association last year. He did an excellent job of keeping us together during the difficult pandemic times, transitioning the organization to virtual meeting and managing to raise membership even during the hardship.

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Phillips echoed Toni’s thanks to Dan. He further thanked Eric Oberg, USO, for hosting us to a cook-out prior to the meeting. During the past year, since the USO wasn’t getting the foot traffic they usually get, the base took the time to upgrade the USO (new AC, paint, flooring and work to the kitchen). They Wing thanked the Association for our continued support. The base is trying to keep in line with the governor’s goal of not more than 50 cases in 100,000 and is working to lift the COVID-19 protection position. They are working toward gradually bringing back services and events. The current position is not more than 50 attendees in a gathering and they are looking at each location specifically to see what the limits should be based on the size of the spaces. This is important to get right as we approach summer events such as Change of Commands. They have surpassed 21,000 shots in arms and they have plenty in inventory if any base affiliated personnel still need them. Their immunization clinic is located in the Club but will be moving back to the hospital as needs wane. The Commander went to Detroit to see the operation of the Wing deployed health technicians. The city is providing 7-9k shots per day at Lions Field. This week is Police Week and the defenders are rucking. This is also Nurses Week so thank your local police and nurses. The club is still providing meals for those going down-range. The base is looking to bring back Airmen Leadership school. Work continues on gate 15A and their will be work on pipes running under the streets. Look to the Skywriter for specifics on when and where. Patti Phillips asked what social media platform to look to share information. Col Phillips said they had a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Wing has hired a new social media manager and Col. Miller will be holding a Town Hall via Facebook on 26 May.

**178 Wing:** Col Fitzgerald reported that the 178th has submitted the MVMAA for a Humanitarian Award. They worked with the 88th, 445th, Dan, Toni and Cassie to gather information and they will let us know what becomes of it. The 123rd is redeploying starting tomorrow and over the next two weeks – they have been gone since Nov. The Wing is testing using MQ9s in Combat, Search and Rescue operations previously done by A-10s. Their Intel units is returning from Colorado where they have been working with the Space Force to see what intel support they need. The Wing is returning to work, in place vs virtual. All seem to be happy with returning to normalcy.

**445AW –** No report.

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – Welcome to MSgt Davis, the First Sergeant for the 88th Comm Group who is replacing Sgt Jukes. He thanked the Association for our recent donation. He reported that the First Sergeant’s Symposium will be 16-20 Aug and the annual golf tournament is scheduled for 10 Sep. Welcome MSgt Davis.

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley could not attend in person but reported that the Fisher House occupancy was increasing and was at 65%. Hospital guidelines have been changed to allow visitors, one per patient. This also affects the VA. They continue to plan for the All-American event on 28 Aug.

**USO –** The Association thanked Eric for personally grilling our fine dinner. Eric welcomed us back to the USO and wanted us know that they appreciated our support. Dinner had been grilled on the grill donated by our Association. They further thanked us for the $150 in kind donation of leftover items from our golf tournament last Friday. They USO had 300 children participate in the Month of the Military Child event and were able to provide them with chicken nuggets provided by Chic-fil-A, Girl Scout cookies provided by the local Girl Scout council and donated sidewalk chalk. It was a very successful event. They recently held Operation Science -Bubbles in collaboration with the Boonshoft Museum. The event was virtual and showed children how to make bubbles in their kitchen. The “operation” was well received. Airman’s Attic has been busy working a program to provide uniforms to the Civil Air Patrol and ROTC locally and as far away as Kentucky. They asked that as the military transition from one uniform to another that they provide the older uniforms to the USO so they may be donated to CAP and ROTC units. Community members reported they had heard great things from units who had received the donations and it had made a world of difference to these units who many not have been able to provide the uniforms otherwise. The USO is working to provide entertainment to the troops virtually since they can no longer take stars out to deployed locations. Stars such as Bill Nye, Scarlett Johansen and Top Chef were participating virtually live to provide entertainment and take questions directly from deployed Airman. WPAFB’s USO held a virtual event with a WWE wrester, R. Truth. Families attended, there was pizza, and they broadcasted to a unit in Hawaii. A future event will star Jordan Davis.

**President’s Remarks:** Toni thanked Eric and reminded members that a donation box is located in the USO for our generous donations. She announced that our Annual Meeting will be in Nov and will take place at Clarke State. She thanked Dan again for his leadership and let everyone know that with Cassie’s help, Dan was able to gain 30 new members last year even during a pandemic.

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/> Present

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

**Northmont** () <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/) Present

**Xenia** (Steve Brodsky) <http://www.xacc.com/>

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: No report

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** Nothing to report at this time.

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson reported that updates had been made to the website.

**FINANCE: Steve was unable to attend but Toni read through this month’s treasury report.**

*MOTION TO APPROVE April Treasurer’s Report: Candy* Prystaloski*. John Larabee, Seconded, Motion PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cassie Barlow reported that the committee was setting up a shop on the website to include things such as polo shirts with our logo. Membership is at 197. Three from the 200 member goal. Cassie reminded everyone that the goal included a personal goal for each member to bring in 5 new members**.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Patti Phillips asked that each chamber send her an e-mail with any news they want reported on MVMAA’s Facebook site. Patti’s e-mail address is ……

**NOMINATING:** Nothing to report at this time.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**No report.

**GOLF OUTING:**  Jerry XXX reported for the golf committee. He said this was Holly’s 5th year leading the committee and they had another great tournament. Kettering Health Network sponsored again, 5th year and Z-bart returned after a year break for their 9th year. After are split with the President’s Clube we are looking to clear $20,000.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Toni reported that there are two open board seats. Phil Parker, past CEO of the Dayton Chamber has expressed an interest in filling one of them. Toni proposed that he fill the seat that is open for the term Jun thru Oct and then he would be eligible to continue on that seat for an additional 3 one-year terms.

MOTION TO APPROVE Toni’s proposal: Sara *Lommatzsch* moved and Candy Prystaloski seconded. Motion PASSED.

**Meeting adjourned at 1858 hours, 6:58 p.m.**

The next meeting will be on 8 June 2021 at 1800 hours (6 p.m.) in person at the USO.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Westlake