**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

8 March 2022

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 8 March 2022,at Fairborn Senior Center in Fairborn, Ohio. President Rebecca Westlake called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Rebecca Westlake, Susy Himelhoch, Brandon Creech, Steve Goeman,  
Holly Beard, Woody Stroud, Lee Henrich, Amber Begley, Paul Newman, Cassie Barlo Jerry Pfeifer

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions:** Rebecca asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

**Community Chamber Spotlight:** Lee Henrich, Interim Executive Director, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, provided overview of the Fairborn chamber which was founded in 1950 and has 400 members. She elaborated about the community’s large military presence which is home to active duty, DoD civilians, veterans, retirees. Lee spoke about several community programs/projects that celebrate the military including Fairborn High School ROTC, Heels for Heroes, Military Veterans Memorial, Hometown Heroes Banners, Miami Valley Military History Museum. Information about the Fairborn and its support of the military community is available on the organization’s website:  
[Fairborn Chamber of Commerce | Fairborn, OH](https://fairbornchamber.com/)

**BASE COMMANDERS’ REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Barkhurst reported that COVID-19 cases are trending downward so tomorrow (9 March) Col Miller will announce the Health Protection Condition (HPCon) level being lowered to HPCon Bravo+, which will allow for up to 50% of office or event capacity, not to exceed 50 individuals. The current Public Health Emergency is in effect until 21 March and he anticipates Col Miller could extend that until a later date. WPAFB has 55 medic teams deployed across the US assisting with an array of COVID-19 needs. Military representatives from WPAFB will be attending college basketball’s First Four and Hoopla events. Upcoming changes-of-commands: General Bunch; Colonel Miller.

**445AW –** Col Smith reported FSS and MSG were awarded honors and will be recognized at an upcoming ceremony. Thirty-three members deployed to JB McGuire are assisting with resettlement of Afghan refugees.

**MVMAA Liaisons:**

**First Sergeant Council** – No representative present

**Fisher Nightingale Houses –** Chris Stanley reported on the continued renovations of Fisher House I, with anticipated completion in April. There will be a call for volunteers to move items stored in FHII back to FHI; a moving company will transport furniture and house-hold items stored off-base back to FHI. Under HP CON Bravo+: occupancy is limited to 70% capacity, about 8-9 rooms; only one nonmedical attendant; no children; masks required for guests and staff. FNHI continues to pay for guests in Wright-Patt Inn (Billeting) or Hope Hotel; since MVMAA January 2022 meeting, 3 guests, $380 expense. Occupancy at WPAFB and DVAMC Fisher Houses: January 2022: 43 families; February 2022: 60 families. Numbers are up from 2021 but have not re-bounded to same time 2020 (pre-covid).

**USO –** Erik Oberg reported many events are being held and planned for military, spouses and families; when held at the USO, they will be small to comply with HPCON status. Recent take-home pizza night attracted 186 families. A local Ernst Concrete truck has artwork dedicated in honor of Air Force Men and Women and in support of the USO. Eric showed meeting attendees a photo of the impressive tribute.

**President’s Remarks:**

1. Rebecca thanked Paul Newman for Fairborn Senior Center serving as the host site for this meeting.
2. Rebecca called for a motion to discuss the proposed amendments to the code of regulations (aka: bylaws): Brandon Creech motioned to discuss, Woody Stroud seconded the motion. Rebecca noted that one suggestion was received and has been incorporated into the proposed amendment specific to Nominating. In addition to one typo being noted, a lengthy discussion ensued about the proposed amendment to the annual golf tournament. As such, the vote was tabled. Rebecca requested board members provide updates. The Executive Committee will address concerns raised, consider updates provided, and distribute proposed amendments to the board.
3. Rebecca provided an overview of Junior Force Council (JFC) and asked that the organization be included as an MVMAA Liaison. Holly Beard motioned to accept, Cassie Barlow seconded the motion; the motion passed.
4. Rebecca proposed Michele Miller (Strategic Communications, AFRL/PA) to serve as MVMAA’s Events Coordinator and spoke about Michele’s vast knowledge of events and our community. A request was made to vote on this nominee: Holly Beard motioned to vote, Brandon Creech seconded the motion; the motion passed.
5. Rebecca mentioned this year’s meetings will continue to be held bi-monthly in locations throughout our community: May in Riverside; July location tbd (possible Meet ‘n Greet); September location tbd; November Annual Meeting location tbd.

**Approval of 11 January 2022 Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Rebecca Westlake, Woody Stroud, Second. MOTION PASSED.*

**CHAMBER REPORTS:**

Rebecca 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** (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/> Present

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

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts) <https://lewisburgchamber.com>

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

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

**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/>

**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:** No report

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Paul Newman reported that Ralph Anderson and he are working on directions for updating MVMAA’s website.

**NOMINATING:** No report

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman referenced the 1 March Treasurer’s Report: $30,799.61 in the checking account, $16,400.20 in the Foundation account. He noted MVMAA supported a request from Top 3, paid the required fee to Square, is receiving member and golf payments, IRS tax forms have been filed. Steve mentioned that a required fee was paid to the State of Ohio because MVMAA’s checking account balance exceeds the state’s threshold for balances not being subjected to the fee.

*MOTION TO APPROVE 1 March Treasurer Report: Cassie Barlow moved to accept; Brandon Creech seconded. Report was approved as presented.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cassie Barlow reported 81 annual, 12 lifetime, 8 5-year, 3 corporate, 12 honorary, 17 charter.

**GOLF OUTING:** Holly Beard provided updates about this year’s golf outing, to be held 6 May (rain date:  
7 May): printed fewer brochures this year; seeking sponsors; getting prices for buffet lunch vs boxed lunches. She spoke about the possibility of having a 10X drawing and explained how it could work. Holly made an ask for someone to Co-chair the event with her. Cassie mentioned sending an email to all MVMAA members.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** No report.

The next meeting will be **10 May 2022, 1800 hours,** hosted by **Riverside Chamber of Commerce,** to be held **at Riverside City Hall, 5200 Springfield St. (Wright Point Office Park), Dayton 45431.**

Being that there was no further business, at 1915 hours, 7:15 p.m., Rebecca Westlake motioned to adjourn the meeting, Brandon Creech seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susy Himelhoch, MVMAA President-Elect (on behalf of MVMAA’s Secretary)