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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 13 (Tuesday)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WPAFB Club -- 7 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION for
COL. AMANDA GLADNEY to follow meeting

JULY 16 (Friday)

DAYTON AIR SHOW PARADE
Vandalia -- Evening

JULY 17 & 18 (Sat. & Sun.)

DAYTON AIR SHOW
Dayton International Airport

AUGUST

No Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14 (Tuesday)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WPAFB Club -- 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 21 (Thursday)

ANNUAL MVMAA DINNER AND
OFFICER INSTALLATION
USAF National Museum

MVMAA Board of Trustees Meetings – 2010

Meetings are normally scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wright-Patt Club and Banquet Center. There are three exceptions: January (held before Get Acquainted Reception), August (no meeting) and December (board of trustees Christmas dinner)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by **JOHN W. McCANCE**
MVMAA President

BE PROUD OF YOUR ASSOCIATION

I've have had the opportunity during the course of my Air Force career to travel to or be exposed to numerous community support organizations across the country. Each of you, as members of the MVMAA, should be justifiably proud of your association and what it does for the men, women, and families of our military in the Dayton region.

Your membership and dues directly, on a daily basis, support a multitude of programs focused on supporting their needs in ways that, quite simply, wouldn't be fulfilled in any other way.

Whether it is Hearts Together, Hero's Welcoming Hero's, quarterly or annual awards programs, or receptions and hail or farewells, you make a difference. This year alone, on multiple occasions, we have sponsored or co-sponsored all of the above and we are only half way through the year!



Our ops-tempo (operations tempo) is high and I don't see it letting up any time soon, but that's a good thing. As arguably the largest organization of its kind in the Nation, I would expect nothing less. We expect nothing less out of our dedicated airmen, soldiers, and sailors.

Thank you for your membership and be proud of what we do!

COL. AMANDA W. GLADNEY TAKES COMMAND OF THE 88TH ABW

Photos courtesy of the WPAFB Skywrighter

On Monday, June 21 Col. Amanda W. Gladney assumed command of the 88th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Colonel Gladney, most recently, was the Deputy Chief Information Officer (DCIO) for the Joint Staff.

As DCIO, Col Gladney was responsible for assisting the Joint Staff Chief Information Officer in programming, planning, engineering and executing Information Technology Enterprise Architecture. She takes over the command at Wright-Patterson AFB succeeding Col. Brad Spacy, who will now

work in Washington D.C., serving as a liaison between federal legislators and the USAF/Pentagon.

Col. Gladney was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. She graduated from Moon High School in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1984, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Behavior from the United States Air Force (USAF) Academy in 1988 and a Master of Science Degree in Management from National-Louis University in 1994. She is a graduate of the USAF Squadron Officer School, the Air Command and Staff College,



Col. Amanda W. Gladney

and the Air War College. She becomes only the second female officer to accept command at the 88th ABW.

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Col. Roberts Is Adjutant General's Commander of the Year

Col. Harry "Mike" Roberts, 178th Fighter Wing Commander, has been selected for the State of Ohio's Adjutant General's Commander of the Year Award for 2010. Roberts is also a member of the MVMAA Board of Trustees, serving as a Department of Defense Liaison, representing the Springfield-based Ohio Air National Guard wing.

Col. Roberts was selected for this award from all of Ohio's Air and Army National Guard commanders. The award ceremony was part of the Family Readiness Annual Conference held in Columbus, this past April.

"It's an honor to receive this award for my support of our family programs," Col. Roberts said. Jane (Esprit) makes the program the GREAT program that it is today," he added. Esprit, the 178th Fighter Wing Family Programs Wing Coordinator, nominated Roberts for the award.

"Col. Roberts consistently shows his concern for our members and their families," said Debbie Falkenbach, a Family Readiness volunteer. "He is a true leader with his professional demeanor toward our family readiness group. He has allowed our group to excel from his leadership and support," she added.

Col Roberts was instrumental in the collaboration of the local Red Cross, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Springfield Family Exchange, Community Volunteer Recognition Program, and many family outreach programs supported by the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association. He also has supported many other community events in and around Springfield, Clark County, and WPAFB.

The Family Readiness Program is designed to provide support for spouses and families of unit members who are deployed. They offer further support through home station events and classes. Support includes family financial issues, job-related concerns and emotional stress classes.

Some of the local unit events that the Family Readiness Program coordinates are unit family day, Air Guard Youth Camp, Family Christmas party, Home Town Heroes Salute, deployment send-offs and homecomings, Bring Your Kid to Work Day, the annual golf outing, Strong Bonds/Marriage Enrichment events, Military Financial Planning classes and Grief Recovery workshops.

"All of us feel it is vitally important to take care of family members while another member is gone, defending our country," Col. Roberts said, accepting the well-deserved accolades.

New Fisher House Now "Under Roof" All-American Evening Nets Record Revenue

By Chris Stanley,
FNHI Executive Director

In each MVMAA newsletter, I update you on the status of the construction of the new Wright-Patt Fisher House. The foundation was completed on April 28th with the final concrete capping taking place – there sure were a lot of concrete trucks moving on and off the property for a few days. The framing began on May 3rd and before we knew it, there was actually a structure protruding above the fence line. At the time of this writing, the shingles are going on the roof and the house is really taking shape and we are certainly looking forward to a Fall 2010 opening.

Remember, the Fisher House Foundation has challenged the FNHI to raise \$1M of the total \$3.15M cost locally. As of this writing, cash-in-hand, less expenses, plus firm commitments has resulted in over \$920,000 raised. Again, we need to do our part to meet the Foundation challenge and would appreciate any leads MVMAA members can provide to individuals, organizations and corporations. If you have any leads that will help us to reach our goal, please feel free to e-mail me (cstanley@woh.rr.com) or call me at any time (937-672-8724).

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Lt. Gen. Tom Owen, commander Aeronautical Systems Center, passes the guidon to Col. Amanda Gladney as she takes command of the 88th Air Base Wing.



The Wright-Patterson Honor Guard presents colors at the opening of the change of command ceremony. On stage are Lt. Gen. Tom Owen, commander Aeronautical Systems Center; Col. Brad Spacy, former commander of the 88th Air Base Wing and Col. Amanda Gladney, commander 88 ABW.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

ASC 'Complex Enterprise' Employing 10,600 Worldwide 1,200 New Job Growth Slated For WPAFB

By Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Owen
Commander,
Aeronautical Systems Center

Aeronautical Systems Center is a complex enterprise privileged to employ approximately 10,600 dedicated professionals worldwide who focus on successfully executing our mission to design, develop, and deliver dominant aerospace weapon system capabilities.

ASC has employed a Wing, Group, and Squadron organizational construct for the past five years. In response to recent senior Air Force leadership direction which is designed to clarify lines of authority and accountability, we have migrated from the Wing, Group, and Squadron structure to one with Directorates, Divisions, and Branches.

I am pleased to report that all of the new organizations now have recognizable names. For example, the 516th Aeronautical Systems Wing has become the Mobility Directorate. Inside the Mobility Directorate, the organization that was named the 516th Aeronautical Systems Group is re-designated the C-17 Division, making it much more recognizable. This same nomenclature process is being applied across all of ASC.

Additionally, these Directorates are to be led by Program Executive Officers (PEOs), reporting to the Air Force Service Acquisition Executive. An additional benefit of this re-organization is we have established Center Senior Functionals (CSFs) who provide focused management of our personnel and improve the way we organize,



Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Owen

train, equip, and manage our growing workforce.

This re-organization is designed to be transparent to the majority of the workforce, providing stability during the transition, while significantly improving communication and program oversight. These changes will also help our customers through improved understanding of ASC, enhancing their ability to easily find the right organization that is able to meet their needs.

In the future I foresee the re-vitalization of key acquisition disciplines. My key areas of focus include: life cycle logistics, program control, cost estimation, cost control, cycle time reduction and improvement of our business processes.

Throughout Wright-Patterson AFB, we are implementing the 2005 base realignment and closure decisions. These changes will result in an influx of approximately 1,200 new military and civilian positions to the base. This is "real growth" in terms of the total number of people working at Wright-Patterson AFB.

The 88th Air Base Wing is part of the Aeronautical Systems Center. Their new Commander, Colonel Amanda Gladney, and the entire 88 ABW team

are diligently working to ensure all of the facilities and infrastructure are ready for the new Team Wright-Patt members.

I am so very proud of our people. They are very talented, experienced and professional, and they continue to step up to the challenges required to put war winning capability into the hands of our armed forces. I also applaud them for successfully restructuring our organization. It is my privilege to lead this amazingly complex, diverse, and successful team at the Aeronautical Systems Center.

NEW FISHER HOUSE NOW "UNDERROOF" . . .

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The "All-American Evening – Extreme Makeover – Fisher House Edition" took place on April 24th, 2010 at the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force. In an unusual move, the net proceeds from the event went to the capital campaign and due to generous corporate donations, the highest ticket sales in history, a hugely successful quilt raffle as well as a fantastic silent and live auction, with Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly as the live auctioneer, the event raised a record amount of over \$107,600.

I was fortunate enough to have been a player in the annual MVMAA and President's Club golf tournament and had a great time! It sure didn't hurt that our team finished seven under and in third place either! Bob Chiles and his group even ordered up perfect weather for the day. Thanks Bob.

As always, we are very thankful for the long-time support the MVMAA provides to the operations of the Fisher and Nightingale Houses, as well as the wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women and their families who come to the Wright-Patt Medical Center to received treatment.

Huber Heights . . . Many Years of History and Partnerships with WPAFB

by Anita S. Brock, Executive Director, Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce



The Community of Huber Heights is emerging as the Northern City who offers it all. Our location makes us the “Hub” of the region. We are 10 minutes from WPAFB and minutes away from the newly designed I-70/75 interchange and the Greater Dayton Airport.

Huber Heights has become the Community that offers Ohio’s business and residential community an outstanding quality of life including beautiful parks, a progressive school system and high levels of services provided by the city. For example, The City of Huber Heights, in partnership with United Water, operates the City-owned Division of Water and Wastewater. Many manufacturing companies find this to be an asset when it comes to operating their businesses.

The Community of Huber Heights has a long and successful relationship with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

In the late 50’s early 60’s Charles Huber, known for building the Mid-Western home, began to build slightly larger homes that many WPAFB military and civilian families moved into. The proximity to the base and

the affordability made Huber Heights the place to live.

Back then, Huber Heights was known as Wayne Township and over 20% of our population worked at WPAFB. In 1981 Wayne Township became the City of Huber Heights and our first Mayor was Richard F Shomper, a Retired Division Director at WPAFB Air Force Material Command.

His honesty and involvement in the community was an instrumental part of making Huber Heights what it is today. Soon after we became a City, Dr. Ints Kaleps, a Retired Chief at WPAFB Biodynamics and Acceleration Branch, Biodynamics and Protection Division, Human Effectiveness Directorate was instrumental in writing the City Charter. The Charter established a modified council/manager form of government. This military background gave Huber Heights a foundation to build relationships with WPAFB that continues today.

This is our 6th year to partner with the base for the annual Freedom’s Call Military Tattoo. The Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce, the City of Huber Heights and the Huber Heights YMCA partnered for this year’s event

and volunteers from all three organizations were on hand to give away Frisbees that seem to be a big hit for many of the children who stopped by the City’s tent.

All of our Huber Heights City Council Members belong to the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association and are also members of the Dayton Development Coalition’s Community Ambassador Program. As Ambassadors they help welcome military personnel and families who are assigned to WPAFB by escorting individuals and families on tours through Huber Heights and the Greater Dayton Region. The Ambassadors focus on making their transition to the area as easy as possible.

The Huber Heights Chamber has also enjoyed our involvement with The Miami Valley Military Affairs Association (MVMMA). Howard Updyke (Vice-President HH Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors) has served on the MVMMA Board for the past two years. His leadership and willingness to serve has given the Chamber an opportunity to help sponsor the past three “Heroes Welcoming Heroes” celebrations and the Hearts Together Picnic.

Our Chamber women’s group, Women in Networking Generating Success (WINGS) has hosted many guest speakers from WPAFB. Over the past several years speakers have discussed their life in the military, experiences in Iraq, returning home from military duty, military protocol and even the filming of a Ghost Buster episode at WPAFB.

One of our Board Members, Claudia Scarborough, has her own special history and knowledge of WPAFB. Her father, C. Frank Scarborough was a WWII Veteran and soon after his retirement, was one of three men who co-founded the Air Force Museum Foundation which is now the National Museum of the . . .

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COMMAND CHIEF'S CORNER

"PEOPLE CARE DEEPLY"

Mission, Base, Each Other

*Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Eric Jaren
Command Chief, Air Force Materiel Command*

Just the other night my wife Laura and I were talking about how time flies -- how in a blink we have been assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for six months. That milestone provides a great opportunity to share what is on my mind, in terms of both people and Air Force culture.

Serving almost 28 years in the Air Force has taught me a few things about people. One important lesson is that regardless of the patch on your uniform, or whether or not you wear one at all, you need only look left or right to find an Airman making a difference. To me, the term "Airman" symbolizes all of our talented and dedicated "CEOs" -- Civilians, Enlisted and Officers.

It is easy to see that whether assigned to Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Aeronautical Systems Center, 88th Air Base Wing, 445th Airlift Wing, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, the Air National Guard's 178th Fighter Squadron in Springfield, Ohio, or the many tenant units at Wright-Patt, people care deeply about the mission, the base and each other.

But I've also learned there are countless off-base contributors who dedicate their time and energy to better the lives of men and women serving their nation. I believe the term CEO also symbolizes our local Communities, Enterprise partners and private Organizations, like those involved with the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association.

In terms of our Air Force culture, when we first arrived here, I was asked what my goals were for AFMC. First and foremost: I planned to keep our Airmen safe, secure and trained. Beyond that, I thought it would be a bit presumptu-



ous to have a plan when I hadn't traveled to the different bases to see where I could help. However, one vitally important part of being the AFMC Command Chief is having that opportunity -- to see the many amazing contributions and to hear and address the concerns of the men and women assigned to the AFMC bases.

Over the past few months one common theme has been the need to get "back to basics." This refers to the way leaders manage their people and the way those people fulfill their duties. But getting back to basics must be more than a cliché. We intend to take one step back to take two steps forward. In May, AFMC Public Affairs published the article "Hold the line on timeless standards." A slightly modified version has been included in the July edition of the MVMAA Newsletter. I hope you appreciate the direction AFMC is headed.

CEOs, thank you for your continued support, camaraderie and partnership. You exemplify that being an Airman comes from the heart and not from the patch, and your contributions make Wright-Patt a better place to live, work and play.

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178TH RECEIVES NEW MISSION ASSIGNMENT

MQ-1 PREDATOR GROUND CONTROL; EXTENSION OF INTEL FOR NASIC

The 178th Fighter Wing, Springfield, Ohio will no longer be an F-16 Fighting Falcon training base. As announced May 7 the U.S. Department of Defense and the Air Force have decided to assign the base new missions as a ground control station for the MQ-1 Predator and an extension of the intelligence analysis mission from the National Air and Space Intelligence Center.

The 2005 BRAC Commission removed the flying training mission from the 178 FW and declared the mission to end no later than 2010. In the interim, through the Foreign Military Sales program, the base was able to obtain another training mission with the Royal Netherlands Air Force. Knowing the American training mission would be ending soon, the base pursued another foreign military training mission with the Singapore air force. However in 2009 it became apparent that mission would not be coming to Springfield due to economic limitations.

"There is much to be happy about," said Maj. Gen Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general. "In 2005, the Air Force and the Base Realignment and Closure Commission nearly shut down this base, and now, we are establishing cutting-edge missions that should ensure the viability of this base long into the future."

On May 14, following the announcement of the new missions, a coalition of political delegates who championed bringing the new missions to the wing gathered to celebrate with the base. Those present were General Wayt, Governor of Ohio Ted Strickland, U.S. Rep Steve Austria, former U.S. Rep. Dave Hobson, State Sen. Chris Widener, Ohio Rep. Robert Hackett, Ohio Rep. Ross McGregor, Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland, as well as numerous other area representatives.

General Wayt stated, "This is the beginning of a new era for the 178th.

These new missions you're receiving are solid missions."

In his address to the 178 FW, Governor Strickland thanked the coalition of political advocates for their efforts for the base.

"With the future of the base uncertain, federal, state and military officials along with area business leaders and political leaders worked side-by-side in pursuit of a new mission," said Governor Strickland.



Congressman Austria seconded the governor's accolades of the delegation stating it was a team effort.

"This has been an effort from the White House to your house," he said.

"After so much uncertainty it is good to be able to finally move forward knowing that we have a long-term and relevant mission here," said Col. Mike Roberts, 178 FW commander. "The 178th has had an awesome history flying single-seat single-engine fighters for 60 plus years."

For those pilots remaining at the 178 FW, they will convert to fly the MQ-1. Maintainers of the F-16 and other positions affected by the change in mission will have to retrain into one of the other Predator system positions or into intelligence in support of the NASIC mission.

Retraining for the new missions will begin this summer. Training locations and duration will vary depending on the position requirements. The equipment involved in accomplishing the MQ-1 mission is expected to be delivered to the base some time in 2012.

The MQ-1 Predator is not merely an unmanned aircraft but a complete system. An operational MQ-1 system consists of four aircraft with sensors, a ground control station, a Predator Primary Satellite link along with operations and maintenance crews. The 178 FW has been assigned the role of the ground control station within the MQ-1 system. From the base, a Predator crew consisting of a pilot, sensor operator and mission intelligence coordinator, will conduct interdiction or armed reconnaissance missions in other countries via an extended communication link. The actual aircraft will be flown and maintained at another location.

"From this very soil decisions will be made, aircraft will be guided that will transform what is happening in the warzone in a way that will keep our soldiers safer, will make our military even more effective and it's possible because of the work you will be doing at this facility," said Governor Strickland.

According to the U.S. Air Force Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Strategic Vision document, The MQ-1 Predator, armed with the AGM-114 Hellfire missile continues to be one of the military's most requested systems, assisting in the execution of the global war on terror by finding, fixing, tracking, targeting engaging, and assessing suspected terrorist locations.

"All relevant organizations must adapt to new realities; and here, the reality is an insatiable demand for UAS-borne [unmanned aerial system] capabilities, and an evolving relationship between people, machines . . .

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Finally, We Have a Mission!

by Col. Mike Roberts, 178th Fighter Wing Commander

Finally! We have a new mission! How long have we been waiting for those words? It was announced on May 7 the 178th Fighter Wing will begin the transition to an MQ-1 Predator remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) and an expansion of the current National Air and Space Intelligence Center mission.

We will be re-designated as the 178th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing with Air Combat Command as the gaining major command. The Operations Group will be re-designated as the 178th Reconnaissance Group and consist of the 162nd Reconnaissance Squadron and the 178th Operational Support Squadron with 131 traditional and 81 full time personnel.

Planned initial operational capability (IOC) for the reconnaissance group is August 2011 with training classes to start as early as this summer. The maintenance group will be re-designated as the 178th Intelligence Group with the Air Force ISR Agency (AFISRA) as the gaining major command and will consist of four intelligence squadrons: geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) squadron, space analysis squadron, cyberspace analysis squadron, and a foreign military exploitation (FME) squadron. The intelligence group will have 175 traditional guardsmen and 124 full time personnel assigned. Planned IOC for the intelligence group is yet to be determined.

We have already been offered RPA training slots beginning this summer. Other training slots for the intelligence mission should start to appear soon as well. We have received a planning document for the RPA and we will begin priority placement procedures for assigning displaced operations, maintenance, and logistics readiness squadron personnel into the new mission ASAP.

The intelligence document will probably take a little longer to receive; therefore the placement of personnel into

the NASIC missions will take place after the build-up of the RPA mission. Even though the manning document for the intelligence mission is still being worked, the guard bureau has training slots available and ready for us to begin sending personnel to school this summer.

We will conduct a second SATAF for the intelligence mission later this summer after we receive confirmation from NASIC on the exact mission requirements and mission construct for the intelligence group.

In the mean time, we will continue with the implementation of the current reduction in force as we work our way to the new full time authorization of 338 employees. There will be opportunities for full time employees to work in our maintenance bridge mission, but remember, that as of now, the maintenance bridge is only funded for fiscal year 2011.

Traditional guardsmen will play a huge role in the transition to the new mission. Any traditional guardsmen who are interested in retraining should not delay in volunteering for new mission positions as they are announced. For those interested, there could easily be two years worth of active duty available in training, seasoning days, and initial mission stand-up.

Following initial training in the RPA, the intent is to have the unit go IOC in August FY 2011 by manning combat air patrols at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, AZ. We will establish a rotation schedule to send crews between Davis-Monthan AFB and Springfield Air National Guard Base until we will receive our equipment in FY 2012 to begin conducting the RPA mission locally.

The intelligence mission will go IOC out of Wright-Patt AFB (for the GEOINT and FME squadrons) and Springfield (for the Cyber and Space Analysis Squadrons) at a date yet to be determined.



Col. Mike Roberts

The next few months will be very busy as we begin our transition. I know you've heard it before, but I'm going to keep saying it: We still have a demanding mission of maintaining and flying airplanes. Keep your head in the game and stay focused on the mission at hand while we wrap up F-16 Fighting Falcon operations. Exercise the same level of professionalism and self discipline that has made us so successful in the past. Let's finish up the flying mission with class as we look forward to a great future.

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FISHER HOUSE SEEKS PLEDGE RUNNERS FOR MARATHON

by James Baker, Skywrighter Staff

Team Fisher House will once again be joining forces with Wright-Patterson AFB to take part in the 2010 United States Air Force Marathon Sept. 18.

Wright-Patterson Fisher House Executive Director Chris Stanley said getting involved with the marathon is a great way to help raise money for a very worthy cause and emphasized that it is not too late to join the effort. Even if you have already signed up for the race, you can still sign-up for the Fisher House team. You can collect money through the end of the year.

"I know a good number of runners come from the area and we want to spread the word," said Stanley, who will be Master of Ceremonies for the 11th time for all events associated with the annual marathon. "If someone is going to run a long distance, maybe they can help raise some money for something great and help support the troops."

Stanley said the Fisher House Capital Campaign set out to raise \$1 million in order to help build a new Fisher House estimated at a cost of more than \$3 million. The Fisher House Foundation will donate funds to cover the remaining cost.

Presently the capital campaign stands at \$922,000-plus. It is hoped that the million dollar goal will be reached early this fall.

The facility is now under roof; completion is expected later this fall.

"This year's marathon can be a huge boost as we near our goal. All proceeds from the marathon will be dedicated to the construction of the new house," Stanley said.

Signing up entitles each individual to a Team Coordinator who will send regular emails so you receive up-to-date team event information and fund-raising support and ensure race weekend activities run smoothly. You also have a Team Trainer who will provide training advice, schedules and tips along the way.

The Fisher House program is both a private and public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and their hardships of military service and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility. For more information you can visit www.fnhi.org or www.fisherhouse.org/2009afm.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS



JOHN R. SMITH

John R. Smith is Director of the Department of Operations for Trotwood-Madison City Schools, a position he has held since 2001. Prior to that, he was a financial analyst and business planner for GM. He has lived in the Miami Valley for 30 years and is currently Vice President of the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Lexington, he graduated from the University of Louisville with a major in accounting and finance.

Mr. Smith has four daughters (two in Houston and two in Atlanta) and seven grandchildren.

He is very involved in his church, likes to play golf, and serves on the Trotwood Madison Education Foundation. He and his wife live in Clayton.

DEBORAH PACK

Deborah Pack became Director of Sales and Catering at the Hope Hotel in February. She has been in the food and beverage business since 1971, including owning her own business, Pinnacle Banquet and Catering in Troy, for six years. Born and raised in Columbus, she worked in private country clubs in that area for 17 years. Before her current job, she worked for the President of Wright State University for two years.

She has four children, two stepsons, and three grandsons. She and her husband of three years enjoyed a recent vacation in Las Vegas, and like to get out and explore the area on motorcycles. She also loves antiques and has furnished most of her home with them. They live in Beavercreek.



HAIL TO MAJ GEN ELLEN PAWLIKOWSKI, AFRL

Hosted by MVMAA and AFA at the Dayton Racket Club ~ May 6, 2010

Photo page by Bill Richard



HUBER HEIGHTS MANY YEARS OF HISTORY . . .

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United States Air Force. The foundation raises money to support the day to day functions of the National Museum and help maintain its image as a world class facility. For more than 40 years Frank served as Treasurer of the Foundation and remained on the Foundation Board of Managers until his death on November, 1st 2009.

City Council Member, Jan Vargo is a proud Blue Star Mother who helps support the men and women serving our country. With the help of the Huber Heights Senior Citizens' and St. Peter's "Fill the Boot" program, Jan and many other Blue Star Mothers pack up the donated items and send them overseas to the men and women who continue to fight for our freedom.

Jan also recalled a recent story of two students from St. Peter School, Haleigh Shaw and Gretchen Theil who both wanted to support this program in a special way. They decided instead of receiving gifts they would ask their guests to guests donate items to "Fill the Boot." It was a success and the kids enjoyed the fact that they were helping others. Vargo said "this is a great example of how supportive the Huber Heights Community is of our men and women overseas." Many businesses in Huber Heights also offer military discounts. For example, Poelking-Marion Lanes has Military Mondays. Just show your military I.D. to receive a 30% discount.

Our loyal community believes in a quality education and in the fall of 2008 residents passed a bond levy to build seven new schools. All five elementary buildings are scheduled to open in the fall of 2011 with the middle and high school to follow. The community has taken an active role in all aspects of the construction project. From the very beginning, parents and community representatives (Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce) were involved in the design and implementation of the Master Plan including state of the art security and environmentally friendly buildings (GREEN). Our community has made it a priority to provide our students with the tools needed for academic excellence.

For the past few years Huber Heights City Schools have taken part in the STARBASE WRIGHT-PATT educational program. Thanks to former STARBASE coordinator and active community member Kathy Schweinforth, many students who have taken advantage of this prestigious and challenging program are sons and daughters of military parents working at WPAFB.

Students and staff are given activities in aviation, science, technology, engineering, math, (STEM) and space exploration. They interact with military personnel and STEM professionals who use a "real world" approach to education. This educational relationship between the schools and STARBASE proves that Huber Heights and the Dayton Region are committed to the future of our youth.

Huber Heights City Schools is also a partner in The Dayton Regional STEM School. We are fortunate to have WPAFB and The Air Force Research Laboratory so close to our city. Their resources provide a vital role in the continued growth and real world educational experience our students need to succeed. Once again, because of our location, Huber Heights has an advantage over other communities in Ohio that are looking for a one-of-a-kind educational resource like WPAFB.

We are thankful for our long history and multiple relationships we have made with individuals at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The Huber Heights Community will continue to support WPAFB because we believe in developing and continuing positive relationships with our neighbors.

We are grateful to have WPAFB as our neighbor and over the years our community has benefitted from this relationship. Just like in the 1950's Huber Heights continues to be a great place to raise a family, work and play with affordable homes from \$100,000.00 to \$400,000.00. We have so much to offer and we look forward to our continued relationships with WPAFB.

178TH RECEIVES NEW MISSION ASSIGNMENT . . .

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and the sky," said General Norton Swartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, at the UAS Beta test class graduation Sept. 25, 2009, Creech Air Force Base, NV.

"The MQ-1 is a very relevant mission right now," said Lt. Col. Joe Schulz, 306th Detachment commander. "As a training mission we've had an indirect contribution to the war because we were training other people to go and we were not deploying ourselves. This new mission will be a more direct operational contribution to the war for us."

In addition to the MQ-1 mission the 178 FW will also be supporting an extension of the NASIC mission. NASIC is headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base not far from the Springfield base and the wing already has an intelligence squadron working with the center.

"They [Springfield Guardsmen] will work with NASIC in creating intelligence to make sure the nation is at the cutting edge of understanding foreign threats to US Air and Space operations," said James Lunsford, chief of Public Affairs for NASIC.

According to Mr. Lunsford NASIC intelligence products span air, space and cyberspace domains and are in use every day. The President, members of Congress and the most senior military leaders rely on NASIC analysis to form US defense policy decisions.

"NASIC products are used in places like Iraq and Afghanistan to make military operations safer and more effective and are used to prepare the nation to combat future air and space threats," said Mr. Lunsford.

"The combatant commanders on the ground are dependent on what's going on inside of NASIC," said General Wayt. "[178 FW members] are going to be saving lives of those on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan because you're going to be the eyes and ears for those commanders on the ground."

"From the P-51 to the F-16 this unit's outstanding work has marked it as one of the top fighter units in the country," said Colonel Roberts. "We're going to take on the new mission with the same professionalism dedication and patriotism that we have everything else we've done in the past. "

445TH AIRLIFT WING PREPARES FOR C-17 CONVERSION

*By Col Stephen D. Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing Commander
Photos courtesy of USAF*

The first step in the transition to our new C-17 Globemaster III mission took place April 13 – 15. The 445th Airlift Wing hosted representatives from Air Force Reserve Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Mobility Command, 4th Air Force, 88th Air Base Wing, and the Boeing Company for a Site Activation Task Force visit.

Many of our wing personnel were directly involved in this initial SATF visit and provided expert guidance to members of this team as we prepare for the conversion.

Nine separate working groups were in place to gather a wide array of information about our wing and base that will be needed as we move forward in the conversion process. Tours of our facilities were completed, and our existing and proposed manpower documents were reviewed. A long list of observations and concerns were documented and provided to AFRC. This will serve as a basis for what is to happen next in the 2-3 year process.

In the next few months, a new organization will stand up in the 445th AW to



By 2012 eight C-17 Globemaster II aircraft will call WPAFB and the 445th Airlift Wing “home” with the new mission recently announced at the base. The first C-17 is expected to arrive in early 2011 as the 445th prepares for transition from the C-5A Galaxy to its new mission.

oversee our work during the transition period. The Program Integration Office (PIO) will consist of a staff of approximately 10-12 individuals with expertise in operations, maintenance/logistics, facilities, and representation from the Boeing Company. The office will work directly with AFRC, AMC, and our 88th ABW host to smoothly transition our wing from the C-5 to the C-17 mission.

The conversion will be a lengthy process as we initially posture our personnel for training and work to modify our existing facilities to the new required standards.

In the interim, our C-5 mission continues as we support the warfighters both in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have a significant number of our aircrew and maintainers in a mobilized status who continue to fly missions into the AOR on a weekly basis and will continue to do so as long as we operate the C-5A Galaxy.

In early 2011, we expect delivery of our first C-17 aircraft and will receive a total of four aircraft in that first year, followed by an additional four aircraft

in 2012. Exactly what will happen to our existing force of 10 C-5A aircraft has yet to be determined. It will take Congressional approval if the final decision is made to retire these 10 C-5As. However after 2012, they will no longer be based with the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing are excited about our new aircraft and the challenges we will have over the next two years. Our first group of pilots is now attending C-17 training at Altus AFB, OK. The transition training is approximately four months long and will be followed by an additional period of seasoning training while they fly actual missions with a cadre of C-17 experienced aircrew from other bases.

In the future, we will have our own C-17 flight simulator facility at Wright-Patterson which will enhance the proficiency of our C-17 aircrew and maintainers. We are ready and able to meet the requirements of this new mission.

The 445th Airlift Wing is the WRIGHT WING, RIGHT PEOPLE, RIGHT NOW!

KNAUP, GRISWOLD, WEBER HONORED AT CLARK COUNTY ARMED FORCES DAY

by Ralph Anderson, Communications Chair, MVMAA • Photos by Bill Richard

Monday, May 3, 2010 marked the 29th Springfield Clark County Armed Forces Day Luncheon. This event recognizes and honors military units, installations and assigned personnel who serve the Springfield-Clark County Community, the State of Ohio and the US in the preservation of our freedom and the pursuit of world peace through strength.



The annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon began as a Springfield Air National Guard Base initiative in 1982. Springfield Rotary joined as a sponsor in 1986. Since then, the Kiwanis Club and the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association have joined.

This luncheon has become one of MVMAA's several annual Springfield-Clark County civic-military functions and is held each year at Casey's restaurant in Springfield Ohio. Slightly more than 200 people attended this year's event with 40 military guests of the three clubs.

Colonel Craig Wallace was the featured speaker and delivered an update on the fate of the 178th Fighter Wing as its closing date established by BRAC 2005 nears. He also gave some insight to the future of the Air National Guard Base in Springfield with some of the possible new missions that might come. After his report it was announced that the 178th would receive a new mission (related articles in this newsletter edition).



The Lt. Henry Addison Beckley Award was established by the Springfield-Clark County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. It was named in honor of WWI aviator and distinguished community leader, Lt. Henry Addison Beckley, for whom the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport is named. Presented annually, the award recognizes distinguished service to community, state and nation, with emphasis on achievement in support of military and aviation related activity.

Being faced with three excellent nominations for this prestigious award, the committee elected to honor each. All three are from the World War II era. They not only fought in battle, but also accomplished great things here at home as well as all over the world.

Congratulations to this year's distinguished award winners Dr. Wesley Edward Knaup, M.D., Raymond M. "Ray" Griswold and Howard O. "Howdy" Weber. Each have shown service above



self and have made your families, community and country proud of your sacrifices.

Knaup was in the US Navy, serving in medical services. He was a ship's doctor on board a destroyer in the Mediterranean, participated in support of the invasion of Italy, and also served in the South Pacific during WWII.



Griswold served in WWII as an Army Air Corps pilot in the Pacific Theatre. He remained on duty to complete a military career with the USAF, which included a tour in Vietnam.

Weber, who spent his civilian career as a news photographer for the Springfield News-Sun, served as a waist gunner in B-17s in the European Theatre during WWII. During one mission his aircraft took a devastating hit from German anti-aircraft batteries; he and the other waist gunner were the only two able to bail out and survive.

88TH ABW COMMANDER SAYS GOODBYE

Photos by Bill Richard

Appropriately, on Flag Day, June 14, the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association and the Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association, along with other community organizations saluted Col. Brad Spacy and his wife, Lisa with a farewell reception at the WPAFB Club.



MVMAA President John W. McCance, along with AFA Chapter President Jeff Liffick presented Col. Spacy and his wife with small tokens of appreciation to remember their years at WPAFB. Spacy, officially relinquished his command on June 21 when Change of Command ceremonies took place, honoring Wright-Patt's newest commander, Col. Amanda Gladney (an article in this edition announces her new command).

Nearly 100 people attended the reception with various township, municipal, and county governments represented. Local state representatives also presented the Spacy couple with official proclamations.



The MVMAA thanks Col. and Mrs. Spacy for their untiring service to Wright-Patt and the surrounding communities. We wish them well on their new assignment in the nation's capital. Col. Spacy, who has been assigned to Wright-Patterson since July 2008, was selected as the Chief Air Force Senate liaison at the Pentagon.

Miami Valley Will Salute Returning Deployed At Heroes Welcoming Heroes July 8

**By Woody Stroud
HWH Chair and Dayton
Chamber Representative
MVMAA Trustee**

In celebration of our returning deployed the National Museum of the United States Air Force will be the host site for the next Heroes Welcoming Heroes on July 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

Honoring military troops and their families, this event continues to be a celebration of the most recently returned warriors, in a demonstration of appreciation of the WPAFB community and the Dayton Region's community partners.

Recently, the MVMAA voted unanimously to increase its financial commitment to HWH with a monetary pledge of \$750 each of the three times per year "heroes are welcomed."

The event is greatly supported by local restaurants and organizations as invited military and families come to simply enjoy the evening. Informational booths are also set up, allowing

the military and families to learn more regarding services on and off based.

The HWH Team announcement letter below contains the pertinent contact information for making cash or in kind contributions to support this recognition of airmen and their families who have been deployed in support of our national defense. HWH will importantly benefit from the offers of support which you have made.

Thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated by the WPAFB community, especially by those who have so recently served in the current wars.



To Our Ohio Community Partners,

Thank you for your offer to support our next "Heroes Welcoming Heroes," on 8 July at 6 p.m. at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

As you know, welcoming our military home from deployment is more than just their spouse meeting them at the airport. Our troops greatly value the knowledge that not only their family, but the rest of the base and the community appreciates what they do to serve our country. Part of that welcome is the "Heroes Welcoming Heroes" party, an event thrown three times a year to celebrate the homecoming of our deployed troops. They are not only brave warriors; they are husbands, wives, sons, daughters and all are a part of our community.

Thank you in advance for your support of the troops. If you would like to offer a donation of food, beverages or prizes please contact Ms. Laura Jaren at (937) 879-6440. If you would like to offer a donation of money please contact Ginger McCracken at (937) 257-2008. You can also mail your donation to:

Wright-Patterson
First Sergeants Association
c/o Ginger McCracken
PSC Box 11281
5435 Hemlock St
WPAFB, OH 45433

Heroes Welcoming Heroes Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AIR FORCE

Editor's Note: The Miami Valley Military Affairs Association will regularly release upcoming events, as well as coverage of recent events held at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is honored to serve as the venue-host to the National Museum of the USAF and the MVMMA is pleased to offer this space serving as announcement for upcoming events.

The National Museum of the U. S. Air Force, 1100 Spaatz St., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433. The entrance to the museum is located in Riverside at Springfield Street, just north of Needmore/Harshman Road.

Open daily 9:00AM-5:00PM; Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. Free Admission.



SOAR INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS BEGINS JULY 12

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, in cooperation with the Air Force Museum Foundation, Miami University and the University of Dayton, will conduct the Project SOAR (Science in Ohio through Aerospace Resources) Summer Institute for Teachers on July 12-16.

Held at the museum, the institute will help teachers in grades 5-9 capture the interest and enthusiasm of their students using aviation and space concepts and a "hands-on" approach. Teachers will learn to integrate aerospace lessons into the core curriculum, satisfying state standards in math and science.

"Today's students respond to real world applications and challenges, and aerospace topics really capture their interest," said Judith Wehn, chief of the museum's Education Division.

Teachers will receive a variety of classroom materials to assist them in using aerospace to teach science and math topics. Throughout the week, participants will build kites, hot air balloons, experiment with model airplanes, build and launch a model rocket, learn about navigation and fly a route with a flight simulator. During the fall semester, they will receive two free hours of credit from the iDiscovery course through Miami University. They also have the option to purchase three to six hours of graduate workshop credit at a reduced rate from the University of Dayton.

This Project SOAR Summer Institute is made possible through the support of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio.

Registration for this free program is open to Ohio public school teachers for grades

5-9. Space is limited so please register online at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100603-059.pdf>. For more information, call (937) 255-3128.



MUSEUM UNVEILS RESTORATION WEB SITE

Keep up with the latest news from the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force's restoration hangar by visiting the restoration page on the museum's web site.

Updated monthly, the web page provides details and photos of aircraft such as the B-17F Memphis Belle, B-17D The Swoose, and Minuteman I missile, among many others as they are restored for display as part of the museum's ever-growing collection.

This month's restoration update also contains information and photos on two new restoration projects - the MiG-21 and SG-38 glider. To view the restoration page visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/exhibits/restoration/index.asp>.

In addition, the page also contains a link to a list of critical parts that are needed by the restoration division to complete work on aircraft such as the Memphis Belle. To see what parts are needed or for more information about donating an item, visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/exhibits/restoration/wantlist.asp>.



LEGENDS OF FLIGHT ADDED TO IMAX THEATRE LINEUP

Fly alongside the Boeing Company's chief test pilot Capt. Mike Carriker as he soars through the breath-taking Rocky Mountains, releases the raw power of a Harrier Jump Jet in vertical takeoff and maneuvers loops and rolls in the cockpit of a vintage wooden bi-plane. Beginning June 12 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, audiences can experience Legends of Flight, a captivating presentation that illustrates the influence of past and present aircraft on a new era of aviation, the 787 Dreamliner and A380.

Amidst the adventure, moviegoers will explore the engineering challenges and financial endeavors of designing a completely new airplane. Some of the most influential aircraft in aviation history will be used as part of a flying sequence to demonstrate many manufacturing mile stones. As the film reaches its height, viewers will join Capt. Carriker on the 787 Dreamliner's highly anticipated maiden flight.

The film has a running time of 42 minutes.

Legends of Flight is one of four films included in the 2010 summer IMAX schedule that will begin June 12 at the museum. The summer schedule is as follows:

- **Legends of Flight** at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily.
- **Hubble** at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Recounting the amazing journey of the most important scientific instrument since Galileo's original telescope, Hubble will immerse moviegoers in the great wonders and astounding beauty of our universe.
- **Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag** at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Follow young fighter pilot John Stratton as he makes his way through "Red Flag," the most complex, high-tech military operation in the world.
- **Amazon** at 6 p.m. daily. Amazon is the story of two medicine men from vastly different worlds sharing a common quest: the search for the medicinal qualities of native plants.

Call (937) 253-IMAX or visit www.airforce-museum.com for ticket prices.



ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Fridays during July, August, September -- Behind the Scenes Tours of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force -- Look behind the scenes in the museum's restoration area. Advanced registration required. 12:15 p.m. For more information, go to www.nationalmuseum.af.mil Morning tour, 9 a.m. Friday, July 16.



Saturday, July 17 -- Family Day -- Commemorate the anniversaries of the Apollo 11 and Apollo 15 moon landings while learning about rocketry and space flight. Day will also include story time, and aerospace demonstration stations. Free admission, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Extended Hours -- Air Show Weekend: As part of the Dayton Air Show weekend festivities, the USAF National Museum will be open from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Monday, July 19 -- Into the Wild Blue Yonder Aerospace Camp: This beginning level aerospace camp is designed to students who have finished grades 4-6 and who have little or no background knowledge of the principles of flight. Campers will learn the basics about five different aspects of flight: airplanes, kites, hot air balloons, helicopters and rockets. 9 a.m.-noon daily from July 19-23. Cost is \$40 per camper. Advanced registration required.

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HEROES WELCOMING HEROES

Senior Airman Tre Porfirio, a voice network systems technician for the 88th Communications Squadron at WPAFB, who was wounded in action by hostile gunfire in Afghanistan Nov. 21, 2009 while serving with the 755th Air Expeditionary Group at Combat Outpost Spera, Afghanistan at presstime, was scheduled to be presented the Purple Heart during the Heroes Welcoming Heroes celebration July 8.

Senior Airman Porfirio needed several surgeries and has lost his spleen, pancreas and small intestine as a result of injuries sustained during the attack.

While serving with an Army unit in Afghanistan, the 21-year-old Air Force Airman was shot three times in the back by an insurgent Nov. 21. Seventy-two hours and 8,000 miles later, Porfirio was at Walter Reed with injuries so extensive it would require 11 surgeries to reconstruct his abdomen.

To save his life, doctors had to remove his pancreas during one of 11 surgeries to repair the damage caused by an Afghan insurgent. Without his pancreas, Porfirio would normally face life as a severe diabetic, with daily insulin injections and a higher risk of blindness, kidney failure, amputations and strokes.

But groundbreaking surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., is expected to keep that from happening. Surgeons at Walter Reed, working with a Florida doctor who developed the procedure, took cells from Porfirio's pancreas and injected them into his liver.

The surgery was the first known successful transplant of insulin-producing cells after severe trauma resulting in the complete loss of the pancreas, according to Walter Reed officials. If all goes as planned, the cells inside Porfirio's liver will produce insulin that normally would come from his pancreas.

The procedure began the night before Thanksgiving, when doctors at Walter Reed packed Porfirio's pancreas in ice

and shipped it by airplane to Dr. Camillo Ricordi at the University of Miami.

Ricordi's team spent six hours isolating the "islet cells" that produce insulin, then suspended the cells in a special cold solution before sending them back to Walter Reed. On Thanksgiving Day, Walter Reed doctors performed the transplant.

"Being able to serve a wounded warrior who risked his life to defend us all, I can think of no better way to spend Thanksgiving," Ricordi said.

Porfirio had been in Afghanistan for about three months before being critically injured while inside a combat operations post, said his father, Karl Porfirio.

The 21-year-old communications technician remained conscious until he was being flown back to Bagram Airfield and "remembers holding his guts in his hand," his father said.

Credit for his son's survival can be traced all the way back to Afghanistan and the first soldier who picked him up, Karl Porfirio said.

"By all means he should've bled to death and he didn't," he said. "He's a lucky man and I'm a lucky dad."

The surgery is so far viewed as a success.

"The liver is doing the job of the pancreas," Karl Porfirio said. "They already have evidence that it's working. They're hoping he won't be insulin dependent."

His recovery was largely at Walter Reed Medical Center to which he has frequently returned. His family, including his father, Karl, from hometown St. Marys, Georgia was scheduled to be present at the July 8 ceremonies.

Heroes Welcoming Heroes is held quarterly throughout the year and is intended to salute all area military and their families who have recently returned "home" from deployment.

(See related story in this issue, requesting donations for this very worthy cause.)

Additional Upcoming Events At The National Museum of The Air Force . . .

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Monday, July 26 -- Soaring High!

Aerospace Camp: Students who have finished grades 6-9 will have the opportunity to experience the exciting world of flight by building and flying a variety of paper and Styrofoam gliders as they progress to a large balsa and hardwood high performance hand-launch glider. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. daily from July 26-30. Cost is \$70 per camper. Advanced registration required.



Monday, Aug. 2 -- High Flying

Adventure! Aerospace Camp: Students who have finished grades 2-3 will have high-flying fun as they examine flight through a series of aviation-oriented books and a variety of hands-on activities. 9 a.m.-noon daily from Aug. 2-6. Cost is \$35 per camper. Advanced registration required.



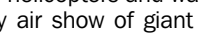
Saturday, Aug. 21 -- Family Day:

Celebrate National Aviation Day (and Orville Wright's birthday) by building and flying your own egg-carton glider. Also features storytime and aerospace demonstration stations. Free admission. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 3, 4, 5

-- Giant Scale RC Model Aircraft Air Show: See daring acrobatics performed by model jets, helicopters and warbirds during a three-day air show of giant scale radio-controlled aircraft on the runway behind the museum. Sponsored by the Dayton Ohio Giant Scalars. Free admission. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Monday, Sept. 6 -- Labor Day: Museum Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Saturday, Sept. 11 -- U.S. Air Force Band of Flight Concert: The Band of Flight partners with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra to commemorate Patriot Day. Free admission but tickets are required (tickets available beginning at 9 a.m. on Aug. 11). 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, Sept. 18 -- Family Day:

Celebrate the beginning of the fall season while learning how we can overcome and cope with the force that causes falling -- gravity! Activities include sitting in an actual B-2 ejection seat and trying on a parachute. Also features storytime and aerospace demonstration stations. Free admission. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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MVMAA CO-SPONSORS VIETNAM VETERAN OF YEAR PROGRAM

The treatment Vietnam War veterans received upon returning home from serving their country remains a dark chapter in the nation's history. Instead of being welcomed home as heroes, they were often condemned for participating in an unpopular war. Erection of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. has helped heal some of those wounds, and now an opportunity is being provided locally to recognize veterans of that war.

Brown Publishing Co. newspapers in an eight-county area, in conjunction with AAA and the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, are sponsoring a program to honor local Vietnam Veterans. It is titled, "Thank you from the Heartland – a salute to Vietnam Veterans." Ultimately, one veteran from each county (Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby) will receive an all-expense paid vacation to the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration Aug. 26-29 in Fort Knox, Ky.

The public is invited to nominate Vietnam Veterans for the honor. Ballot boxes and nomination forms are available at all AAA facilities, local newspaper offices, selected VFW, AmVets, and VFW Posts, and at various locations at WPAFB.

Advertisements, saluting early nominations are being featured in advertisements in newspapers in each of the area counties, as well as in the WPAFB Skywriter.

Participating AAA offices include those in Beavercreek, Dayton (Downtown, North and South), Eaton, Greenville, Piqua, Sidney, Springfield and Troy.

Nominations will be accepted through July 23.

Three finalists from each county will be drawn at random and a panel of judges, representing the AAA, the local newspapers, and the MVMAA will then select the winners. All finalists will receive gift bags.

The eight winners, each with a guest, will be taken by motor coach to Fort Knox where they will stay three nights



at a hotel and participate in a variety of events associated with the Welcome Home Celebration. They will attend private receptions and be recognized at Brooks Parade Field for their contributions during the Vietnam War. They will be officially greeted by active duty soldiers and music by the 113th Army Band. A barbecue will be held in their honor and they may view static displays relating to the war. Special events for the veterans will be held at "Camp Saigon" and a festival, parade, balloon glow, concert and fireworks will also be featured.

To be eligible for nomination, a veteran must have served in Vietnam or in a support role between 1964 and 1975. Anyone who has received or is eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal may be nominated.

It has been more than 35 years since troops began returning home from Vietnam and making a difference in our local areas. Many are now, or soon will retire from their jobs and have greatly contributed to our way of life. A nomination is an opportunity to acknowledge their accomplishments since returning home.

Nominators will be asked to relate, in 50 words or less, how the individual Vietnam veteran has contributed to the local community(ies) since returning from the Southeast Asian War. All troops, regardless of military branch of service, are eligible. Feature articles, saluting the winners and recognizing nominees, will appear in this newspaper following the "Thank you from the Heartland" celebration.

THANK YOU FROM THE HEARTLAND A SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS

Nomination Forms & Ballot Box Locations

DARKE COUNTY:

- Daily Advocate office, 428 S. Broadway, Greenville
- AAA, 302 S. Broadway, Greenville
- American Legion Hall, 325 N. Ohio St., Greenville
- VFW, 219 N. Ohio St., Greenville
- Darke County Veteran's office, 611 Wagner Ave., Greenville

SHELBY COUNTY:

- Sidney Daily News, 1451 N. Vandemark Road, Sidney
- American Legion Post 217, 1265 Fourth Ave., Sidney
- AMVETS Post 1986, 1319 Fourth Ave., Sidney
- VFW Post 4239, 2841 Wapakoneta Ave., Sidney
- AAA Shelby County, 920 Wapakoneta Ave., Sidney

MIAMI COUNTY:

- Troy Daily News, 224 S. Market Street, Troy
- Tipp City/West Milton Record Herald, 1455 W. Main St., Tipp City
- Piqua Daily Call, 310 Spring St., Piqua
- Troy American Legion Post 43, 622 S. Market St., Troy
- Piqua American Legion Post 184, 301 W. Water St., Piqua
- West Milton American Legion Post 487, 2334 S. Miami St., West Milton
- Tipp City VFW Post 4615, 121 E. Miami St., Tipp City
- AAA Troy, 1041 S. Dorsett, Troy
- AAA Piqua 115 E. High St., Piqua

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY:

- Urbana Daily Citizen, 220 E. Court St., Urbana
- VFW, North Main St., Urbana
- American Legion Pearce-Kerns Post 120, North Main St., Urbana
- AMVETS Post 121, N. Locust Ave., Urbana
- The Champaign County YMCA, Community Dr., Urbana

GREENE COUNTY:

- Xenia Daily Gazette & Fairborn Daily Herald, 30 S. Detroit St., Xenia
- American Legion, 526 Legion Lane, Fairborn, OH
- VFW, 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek, OH
- VFW, 850 W. Second St., Xenia, OH
- American Legion, 610 E. Main St., Xenia, OH
- AAA Greene County, 2372 Lakeview Drive, Suite 1A, Beavercreek, OH 45431

PREBLE COUNTY:

- Eaton Register Herald, 1332 N. Barron St., Eaton
- American Legion Post 215, 1000 US 35 West, Eaton
- American Legion Post 322, Ohio 503 South, West Alexandria
- American Legion Post 665, US 127 North, West Manchester
- AAA Preble County, 221 N. Auckerman, Eaton

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

- Times Community Newspapers, 3120 Woodman Dr., Suite A, Kettering
- Englewood Independent, 5 N. Walnut St., Englewood
- Vandalia Drummer News & Huber Height Courier, 320 James Bohanan Dr., Vandalia
- VFW Post 7741, 7921 N. Main Street, Clayton
- American Legion Post 707, 200 W. National Road, Englewood.
- VFW Post 5434, 116 N. Main Street, Union
- American Legion Post 598, 5700 Kentshire Dr., Kettering
- AMVETS, 2250 Patterson Rd., Kettering
- VFW, 3316 Wilmington Pike, Kettering
- American Legion Post 200, 5046 Nebraska Ave., Huber Heights
- VFW Post 3282, 5074 Nebraska Ave., Huber Heights.
- American Legion Post 668, 742 W. National Rd., Vandalia
- VFW Post 9582, 4170 Old Springfield Rd., Vandalia
- Downtown Dayton AAA, 825 S. Ludlow St., Dayton, OH
- South Dayton AAA, 14 W. Whipp Rd, Dayton
- North Dayton AAA, 6580 N. Main St., Dayton

CLARK COUNTY:

- AAA Clark County, 755 Bechtel Ave., Springfield

HEARTS TOGETHER PICNIC

By Shiela Wallace

Photos by TSgt Jeffrey Schetroma and John W. McCance

Approximately 75 family members and volunteers came together for fun and camaraderie during the Hearts Together picnic which was held on Saturday, June 19th from noon till 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Center at the Parries of Wright Field. The Wright-Patterson AFB Family Support Center and MVMAA hosted the event. Attendees were greeted by Ronald McDonald and enjoyed McDonald's cheeseburgers, apple dippers and chocolate chip cookies. A special thanks go to the Kaufman Ave. and Broad St. locations in Fairborn for the preparation of the meals and to Woody Stroud and John McCance for handling the pick-up of our lunches. The beverages were provided by the Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce.



was a picnic where the children were entertained by Ronald McDonald who took time to pose for photographs before leaving for his next event.



Hearts Together is held monthly. This event allows family members to meet new friends and keep in touch with old friends, trade advice, and assist others. The monthly event for June



John McCance, president of the MVMAA, shared a few words about the organization and thanked the families for their service. Lt. Col. Wendy Larson, from the 88MSG informed guests of the mission of caring for troops and the care of their families while they are deployed. She encouraged the families to keep in close contact with Family Support, with MSgt James Tyus in easy reach to be there for them.

Family members in need of assistance can contact the Family Support Center at 200 Allbrook Dr., Bldg 2 or call 937-257-1147.



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