**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

14 May 2019

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 14 April 2019at the Wright Patterson USO. President Paul Newman, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Paul Newman Jr., Dan Semsel, Lin Stokes-Crowe, Steve Goeman, Candy Prystaloski, Brian Jarvis, Holly Beard, Woody Stroud, Mark Bruns, Anthony Colussi, Sara Lommatzsch, Rick Whitaker, Jon Larrabee, Rachel Castle, Brian Creech, Roger Anderson,Sue Ellen Ater, John McCance, Jerry Pfeifer, and Michael Mayer.

**DOD:** Col Dave Adzadula, SMSgt Jeremy Kern and MSgt Bowers on behalf of the First Sergeants.

**Mission Moment:** Erika Baker, USO Airmans Attic manager, updated the board on the mission and accomplishments of the base Airmans The Airmans Attic is located on the 3rd floor of the base USO; it is open Attic9-9 Monday through Friday. It is open to all enlisted service members E-6 and below. One Saturday a month it is open and once a quarter it is open to all ranks, enlisted and officer. There is always a need for more volunteers to help with sorting, organizing and giving out items. A list of the items most needed is attached.

SSgt Dundrasharae Plater shared a mission moment on the Wright-Patt Honor Guard. The Honor Guard covers six states: MI, OH, PA, IN, KY and WV. They provide ceremonial support to Veterans, Retirees, and Active Duty for all services with six permanent members and thirty augmentees who serve six months at a time. The provide the support with twelve vehicles traveling more than a million miles per year. Serving on the Honor Guard changes the personnel supporting the mission, according to SSgt Plater.

**Approval of 9 April 2019 Meeting Minutes:**  *MOTION TO APPROVE:, Tony Colussi, Second, Woody Stroud. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**88 ABW –** Col Andzaldua updated the board on upcoming base events. The base USO will host a burger burn on 18 May in recognition of Armed Forces Day. 24 May will be a Family Day which allows active duty members a four-day weekend. 13 June the base will host a Wingman Day, which provides time to focus on resilience activities. The Air Force Band of Flight will perform at the Fraze Pavillion on 26 Jun.

**178th Wing:** No report

**445th –** No representation

**First Sergeant Council** – SMSgt Jeremy Kern shared the council hosted a community Red Cross event providing free smoke alarms, with installation if asked to community members. The council is hosting a 4 day symposium for additional duty First Sergeants. A couple of Shirts retired and there are five new inbound shirts over the coming months. MSgt Bower thanked the MVMAA for their generosity with the Girl Scout cookies—they were well received by all the personnel. On 17 July from 1800 (6 pm) to 2100 (9 pm) at the former Dayton Racquet Club there will be Cocktails for a Cause and MVMAA members are invited to attend. There will be a six state Total Force First Sergeant gathering in August, hosted by the First Sergeant Council. Volunteers are needed to support the Austin Landing First Friday in support of the Fisher Nightingale Houses. The Fisher Nightingale House All American Evening was a huge success. The First Sergeant Council will again support the Vectren Dayton Air Show.

**President’s Remarks:** President Paul Newman, Jr. thanked everyone for being in attendance. He said Ralph Anderson would provide the update on the website. He wanted everyone to be aware that the Fisher Nightingale House All American Evening added a sponsorship opportunity where for $60.00 you could sponsor an Airman to attend. MSgt Bowers reported the sixty sponsored Airmen were very appreciative of the opportunity to attend. Paul also reminded the Board members that new Life Members get a coin.

**CHAMBER REPORTS:** Reports were given by the chamber representatives present. Please check out all our chamber member websites for any upcoming events. There are many great events across the region as noted by the representatives.

**Beavercreek** (Brian Jarvis) <https://beavercreekchamber.org/>

**Bellbrook** (Holly Beard) <http://bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.org/> Present

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

**Fairborn** (Matt Owen) <http://fairborn.com/> Present

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

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

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

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

**South Metro** (Dwayne Adams) <http://www.smrcoc.org/>

**Springfield** (Bernie Willis)  <http://www.greaterspringfield.com/>

**Spring Valley** (Judy Madden)

**Trotwood** (Marie Battle) <http://trotwoodchamber.org/>

**Vandalia-Butler** (Will Roberts) <https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

**Waynesville** (Rick Whitaker) [www.waynesvilleohio.com/](http://www.waynesvilleohio.com/)

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

**Yellow Springs** (Karen Wintrow) <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: John McCance reported the Girl Scout cookie sharing was well received. Fifteen thousand boxes of cookies were distributed to First Sergeants, along with boxes being given to both Fisher Nightingale Houses. John proposed the addition of a USO representative to the MVMAA board to further institutionalize the relationship. Steve Goeman stated the process will be researched and a decision to include the USO member will be reported to the board. The Armed Forces Day cookout will be on 18 May from 1100 (11 am) to 1400 (2 pm) hours. John provided a copy of the flyer for the board to view. On 22 May at the Wright State Student Union there will be a Vet Day event, including a job fair—it will be a great opportunity for military members and veterans to learn more about opportunities in the community. **USO update:** Mia Walthers thanked the members for all the support they provide the USO. 150,000 service members are supported throughout the area from all services. She is happy to represent the USO on the board, if that is the decision made.

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** Patti Phillips and Debra Wallace were not in attendance. Paul Newman, Jr. thanked Brandon Creech and Mike Mayer for researching and procuring the new insurance policy currently required by most venues.

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson stated the website seems to be very functional, with a few issues related to educating users. Three financial activities were supported in the first month of the website going live. It worked well for the events. The hosting site will change to Square space once the final dollar tallies are completed on the three events. Steve Goeman made recommendations for some changes to provide better fidelity on the finances. Ralph would like to get a small group together to review the site and provide training for the primary users over the summer. Holly Beard reported the website was wonderful for the golf outing.

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

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

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman provided the financial report with the proviso there was some detail regarding what monies were from what event, but the bottom line is accurate. The migration to Square space will happen soon. The golf outing numbers are complete except the signs and course fee still need to be paid; $41,000+ has been paid out. Thanks to our 178th friends we will be receiving a $3,000.00 donation from FedEx in the near future.

*MOTION TO APPROVE February Treasurer’s Report: Sara Lommatzsch. Second, Candy Prystaloski. PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Sue Ellen Ater report the membership is currently 149 paid annual members and 6 lifetime members.

**GOLF OUTING:**  Holly Beard reported the golf outing had to be postponed due to weather. The new date is 7 June. She reported Rumpke is returning with a foursome. There are still a few spots for golfers, so please let your golfing friends know about the opportunity. She also reported a need for more volunteers. Paul Newman, Jr. volunteered to update an electronic flyer to post on the website. Holly reported the possibility of looking for a new course for next year due to the challenges the current course presents. Paul thanked Holly for all here hard work on the golf outing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rachel Castle reported The Dayton Development Coalition and Dayton VA are hosting a Community Day on 30 May from 0745 (7:45 am) to 1445 (2:45 pm) hours at the Dayton VA. A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided, cost to attend is $15.00.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Rachel Castle reported the Civic Leaders dinner was very interesting and informative. She encouraged others to attend future events. Being able to interact with business leaders and military members from others locations was definitely a highlight.

*MOTION TO ADJOURN: Tony Colussi. Second by Woody Stroud. PASSED*

**Meeting adjourned at 1923 hours, 7:23 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Stokes-Crowe