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### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings, fellow NASIC Alumni. I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well. I think we are finally escaping the grips of another long winter here in the Miami Valley. In this edition, you'll find updated info on our membership, finances, and several efforts to recognize excellent performers at NASIC. You will also note that we have added an additional fundraiser to our schedule this year...the 2015 NASICAA Wounded Warrior Support Open. This fundraiser will raise funds to enable a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project on behalf of our Alumni Association. Our very own Wayne Wolfe is contributing his time and talent to lead this worthy endeavor. I wish all of our members and colleagues a wonderful summer, and invite you to join us at the picnic, golf outings and our annual meeting in October. Kind regards, Gordon.

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### **2015 EVENT CALENDAR**

- 18 Jun - Wall of Honor nominee Suspense (names only)
- 20 Jun - NASICAA Annual Picnic
- 29 Jun - NASICAA Wounded Warrior Support Open
- 18 Jul - Wall of Honor completed pkg Suspense
- 13 Aug - NASIC Awards Luncheon
- 16 Sep - NASICAA Arcier Scholarship Golf Outing
- 23 Sep - Jim Caldwell's Hack 'n' Whack Golf Outing
- 23 Oct - Annual NASICAA Meeting Twin Base @0800

## Membership Report- 1 May 2015

(Contributed by Bill Setchell, NASICAA Membership Vice-President)

### 1. **Membership Dues:** Due by 1 Jan 2015. To enroll/submit dues, please do the following:

- a. Go to this website: <http://www.nasicaa.org/membership.html>
- b. Complete the enrollment/renewal form
  - Please note that as of 1 Jan 2014, dues are now \$10.00/year.
  - Also please note that we now have a Lifetime Membership program; details are on the enrollment/renewal form. Information is at: <http://www.nasicaa.org/index.html>
- c. Send your enrollment/renewal form and check to:  
NASIC Alumni Association  
PO Box 84  
Fairborn, OH 45324-0084

### 2. **Membership Status Update:**

	04-Dec-14	2-Apr-15
<b>Membership Breakout</b>		
Living members in NASICAA Membership Database	574	584
Number of members whose status/address is unknown	39	37
Number of new members to date by year	27	10
Number of Lifetime Members	78	96
Number of former Commanders	8	9
Number of former Vice Commanders	8	8
Number of former Chief Scientists (1)	8	1
Number of colleagues/spouses who have passed on	179	187
<b>Dues Status ("Current" defined as paid for 2013 and beyond)</b>		
Current: Dues current through 2015 and beyond (includes Lifetime)		205
Current: Dues current through 2014		68
Current: Dues current through 2013		41
Total current members	298	314
Total non-current members (dues not paid in last three years)	276	270
<b>Communications Status</b>		
Number of members who have provided email addresses	441	453
Number of members who we have to contact via USPS	133	131
<b>Notes:</b>		
(1) The data for 4 Dec 2014 number was a typo. Correct number is 1		

*Some of the changes reflected above are due to updates and corrections in our database, rather than actual membership status changes. We are grateful to members who have responded to our requests for updated status and contact information.*

### 3. **Membership Roster Status:**

- a. Latest update (Rev 6, dated 5 Dec 2014) emailed to membership on 5 Dec 2014.
- b. Hard copy of Roster Rev 6 snail-mailed with the last edition of the NASIC-AA newsletter (Dec 2014) to those members whose dues were current within the last two years.

### 4. **Deceased Members:** Members (and their spouses) for whom we have been advised have passed on since 1 Jan 2015:

**DECEASED COLLEAGUES AND FAMILY MEMBERS: 1 JAN - 2 APR 2015**

Sherrill	Carol	T		10-Jan-15
Hartman	Richard	S	Linda Wood's father	13-Jan-15
Rubins	Charles "Tom"	T		31-Jan-15
Pathic	Corel	W		11-Feb-15
Koolbeck	Dean			15-Feb-15
Lynch	George	A		23-Feb-15
Owen	Erika	L	Glen and Donita Owen's daughter	1-Mar-15
Balent	Richard "Skitch"	L		04-Mar-15
Marra	Delores	G	Susan Marra's mother	07-Mar-15
Hendricks	Reverend Roger	P	Al Hendricks' father	17-Mar-15
Steele	Auretta "Jean"		Dave Steele's mother	29-Mar-15

**5. Outreach Effort: Inactive Members**

- a. We currently have 270 members who a) are not Lifetime Members and who b) have not sent in dues since 2012. We are now engaged in an effort to:
  - Ascertain status of members we have not heard from prior to 2013.
  - Re-engage with those we can reach.
  - Any out-of-touch members we cannot reach by Dec 2015 will be moved to “inactive” status, and if they do not have email, no further effort will be made to send these individuals updated rosters, newsletters, or other items requiring postage.
- b. What’s next:
  - Attempt to contact “missing members” via email/USPS.
  - Update membership database accordingly.
  - Objective: Reduce NASICAA USPS mailings to only those non-email address members we have been able to locate and whose dues are current within the last XXX years (“XXX” to be decided at a future Executive Board meeting).

**6. Unknown Status/Unknown Address Members:** The following is a list of members for whom we have no information regarding current status or valid contact information. If any Alumni are aware of the status and/or contact information for any of the following, please advise Bill Setchell using the contact information in Para 7 below.

UNKNOWN STATUS OR CONTACT INFORMATION		
Auster	Judith	G
Dierkes	Edward	D
Eskins	David	H
Ford	Anna	M
Fulton	William	H
Green	Robert	D
Greenfield	William	D
Gregory	George	T
Haller	Ralph	S
Hembree	Linda	L
Jackson	Bettie	G
Jackson	Christine	
King	Jack	H
Lewis	Jeffrey	
Linton, Jr	William	
Lytle	Glenn	
Mitchell	Max	O
Moore	Joseph	J
Moss	J.	
Pennington	Kenneth	N
Piatniza	Edith	L
Piatniza	Michael	J
Rethman	Vincent	C
Rosset	George	T
Sanders	James	L
Schverak	Frankie	E
Seaman	Calvin	R
Sheley	Linda	
Smith	Mattie	G
Smith	Robert	
Sowder	E.Evelyn	
Stute	Robert	C
Tonge	James	L
Vice	John	T
Webb	Herbert	R
Willis	Virginia	C
Woodruff	Wendi	A

**7. Contact Information Updates:** Please provide updates to your contact information to Bill Setchell via the following: Email: [jsetchell@woh.rr.com](mailto:jsetchell@woh.rr.com) Cell: 937-479-9202

## **NASICAA CY 2014 Annual Financial Report**

*(Provided by Brian Munoz, NASICAA Treasurer)*

<b>Starting Balance (1 January 2014)</b>		\$12,873.07
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues	\$4,703.00	
Other Donations	\$1,600.00	
Annual Meeting	\$1,397.50	
Scholarship Fund Donations	\$232.50	
Golf Tournament	\$13,119.00	
Annual Picnic	\$365.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,417.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
PO Box Fee		\$62.00
Postage		\$9.80
News Letter Printing Exp		\$480.64
Web Support		\$197.76
Annual Meeting		\$1,425.00
2014 Scholarships		\$8,850.00
2013 Scholarship		\$250.00
Golf Tournament		\$6,254.00
Annual Picnic		\$1,036.00
Hack & Wack Exp		\$152.45
Scholarship Printing		\$61.80
Engraving		\$0.00
Misc Expenses		\$7.35
Scholarship Awardee Luncheon Fees		\$648.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$19,434.80</b>
<b>Operating Balance</b>		<b>\$1,982.20</b>
<b>Account Balance (31 Dec 2014)</b>		<b>\$14,855.27</b>

### **Francis Arcier Scholarship 2015**

Ms. Aurea Rivera, Chairperson for the A. Francis Arcier Scholarship, leads the awards selection committee. The NASIC Alumni Association received 41 nominees. The formal announcement of the awards and presentation of the scholarships will occur at NASIC's annual Awards Luncheon which is currently scheduled for 13 August 2015.

## **NASIC AA Annual Picnic, 20 Jun 2015 from 1000:1430 Rotary Park, Beavercreek**

Jim Caldwell has organized another great picnic for all of us, our families, and our friends who live in (or happen to be visiting) the local Dayton area. A special invitation is extended to all of our new members who joined us during 2015. The NASIC AA Picnic flyer is located on the NASIC AA website.

**When:** Saturday, 20 Jun 2015 from 1000-1430 (eat at 1200)

**Cost:** \$5.00 registration fee per person

**Food:** Catered barbecue from Crossroad's of Fairborn: Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, BBQ Beans and Macaroni & Cheese. Dessert: Carrot Cake and Peach Cobbler. Refreshments: Soft drinks & bottled H2O.

**Where:** Same place as last year. Rotary Park, 2260 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek. Rotary Park is located on left when eastbound about two blocks east of Beaver Valley Road. From US 35, north of Factory Road; right on Dayton-Xenia Road; about one half mile east. There are excellent directions on the web just by entering the park name and Beavercreek, OH.

**Suspense:** 16 Jun 2015. Please let us know if you are coming not later than 16 Jun 2015, as we need to get a good count to the caterer by that date. If you do sign up, and then find out that you need to cancel, please let us know as soon as possible...just call me at 937-479-9202 and leave a message, even if it is after 16 Jun.

How to sign up:

1. Email Response. Please respond via email to Bill Setchell ([jsetchell@woh.rr.com](mailto:jsetchell@woh.rr.com)) with the names of the folks who are coming as soon as you can; that way I can forward the names to those running the picnic for us so they can get a good estimate to the caterer. You can update that estimate as you need to at any time.
2. Mail in picnic Registration form and a check with "PICNIC" annotated on the envelope to the following not later than 16 Jun 2015: NASIC Alumni Association P.O. Box 84 Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Include your check for \$5.00 per person made out to "NASIC Alumni Association."

\*\*\* NOTE: If you have a problem with the attachment (or just do not want to mess with it), no worries. Just email Bill ([jsetchell@woh.rr.com](mailto:jsetchell@woh.rr.com)) the names of those who are coming (Alumni, family, and friends) not later than 16 Jun and simply bring a check or cash to cover your group to the picnic.

### **Chivalry (in honor of Mother's Day)**

*(Contributed by Jane Griffin, NASICAA Newsletter Editor)*

Is chivalry still alive in today's society? I am here to tell you that it is still alive. I had the most pleasant lunch the other day with some of my NASICAA friends, one of whom was Jim Caldwell. Now there is a man who knows how to treat the ladies. He stood when ladies approached the table, helped them off and on with their coats, pulled the chairs out and helped seat them, and was engaging and attentive to conversation. I was so impressed with his chivalry, that I commented profusely on it. His response was: my mother raised me that way. So, to all those moms and grandmoms out there who still teach their sons and grandsons the value of chivalry: right on sisters!

## **NASICAA Free Activities**

*(Contributed by Nita Lewis, NASICAA Historian)*

NASICAA, led by Nita Lewis, offered a **genealogy class for free** to anyone that was interested. 9 people attended the genealogy session on 14 Mar 2015 at the Xenia Library. The class went over so well, we are going to have an extended class, discussing publication of genealogy information and cemetery information. If there is additional interest, we could offer another class. If you would like to participate in the next genealogy class, please email Nita at [nitalewis53@gmail.com](mailto:nitalewis53@gmail.com). Nita Lewis is also offering a **free class on hand quilting in August 2015 timeframe**. If you ever wanted to learn to quilt this will be a great beginner's class. Anyone is welcome to sign up. Spouses are welcome to attend. No one will be rejected from attending. Please email Nita at [nitalewis53@gmail.com](mailto:nitalewis53@gmail.com) to sign-up.

## **Montgomery County, Ohio College Promise Program: Looking for Mentors**

*(Contributed by Tamara "Tee" Townsend, 937-522-6848, [tamara.townsend.2@us.af.mil](mailto:tamara.townsend.2@us.af.mil))*

The College Promise Program will provide a life changing opportunity for up to 500 Montgomery County students over a 10 year period. These students, whose lives have been impacted by poverty, will be identified and selected during their 8th grade year. Each student will be supported through high school by a caring adult mentor who will meet with them weekly for 30-50 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the College Promise Program and their partners. The selected students, upon successful completion of high school and the meeting of the entrance requirements of the college and university partners, will be awarded scholarships that allow them to attend college at little to no cost to them or their families. There is a lot involved by both parties, but all you need to give is your time, as the ideal situation is to see them through high school and get them into college!! I picked up my 8th grader last year and we are well into the 3rd quarter already!!!! If you're interested I can tell you more, the URL is <http://mcocp.org/>, or call Gary or Jenni at 937-225-9922. **We need more mentors!!!!**

## **2015 NASICAA Wounded Warrior Support Open**



**What:** Golf outing to support the NASIC Alumni Warrior Support Fund donation to the national Wounded Warrior Project.

**Where:** Twin Base (Civilian) Golf Course at Wright-Patterson AFB, off of Route 444

**When:** 29 June 2015 (Monday), Shotgun start at 0900, registration begins at 0800

**Who:** Open to all personnel—military, civilians, contractors, retirees, families, friends, etc

**Why:** To have fun, play golf, and donate all proceeds to the NASIC Alumni Warrior Support Fund. NASIC Alumni is an approved 501 C (3) Non-Profit Charity, EIN#: 45-4174116

**Cost:** \$50.00/person for golf, cart, food, drinks, door prizes, Warrior Support Fund donation.



- Non-golfers: \$20.00 for lunch, drinks, door prizes, Warrior Support Fund donation

**Mulligans:** 2 for \$5.00, limit of 4 per person; **String:** \$1 per foot—limit 8 feet per team

**Rules:** Best ball scramble, must use at least 1 drive of each person on the team.

**Hole Sponsorships:** \$250.00 per hole – can place your corporate sign at designated tee box.

**How:** If you are interested in participating in the Warrior Support Open, donating door prizes, or sponsoring holes, please contact Wayne Wolfe at 429-6711, or [h.wolfe@ngc.com](mailto:h.wolfe@ngc.com); or David Drake/NASIC SC-T at 257-3538, or [david.drake@us.af.mil](mailto:david.drake@us.af.mil); or Brian Niswander/NASIC SCP at 552-4406, or [brian.niswander.1@us.af.mil](mailto:brian.niswander.1@us.af.mil); or John Crispino at 323-5811, or [crispino@prodigy.net](mailto:crispino@prodigy.net). Checks for golfing fees, door prize donations and or hole sponsorships may be mailed to Wayne Wolfe at 4065 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Beavercreek, Ohio, 45324, or be dropped by his office. Checks should be made out to the NASIC Alumni Association Warrior Support Fund.

Team: Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_; Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_; Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_; Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsorship: Name of Company or Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2015 NASIC Alumni Association Scholarship Open



**What:** NASIC AA Open Golf Outing to benefit the NASIC AA Scholarship Fund

**Where:** WPAFB Twin Base (Civilian) Golf Course

**When:** Wednesday, 16 Sept 2015, Shotgun start at 0900, registration begins at 0800

**Who:** Open to all personnel—military, civilian, contractors, retirees, etc

**Why:** To have fun and donate proceeds to the NASIC AA Scholarship Fund  
(Awarded \$9600 to NASIC family students in Spring 2014)

**Cost:** \$50.00/person for golf, cart, prizes, drinks, food, fun, scholarship fund donation  
(Non-golfers: \$20.00 for food, drinks, door prizes, scholarship fund donation)



**Mulligans:** 2 for \$5, limit of 4 per person

**String:** \$1 per foot, limit 8 feet per team

**Rules:** Best ball scramble, must use at least 1 drive of each person/team.

**All Participants will get a door prize.**

If you are interested in participating in the Open, volunteering to help on day of event, lining up players, donating prizes, or sponsoring a hole, please contact Wayne Wolfe at 429-6230, or e-mail [h.wolfe@ngc.com](mailto:h.wolfe@ngc.com) or John Crispino at 323-5811 or e-mail [crispino@prodigy.net](mailto:crispino@prodigy.net). Twin Base Course is located off of Route 444 west of Area A.

### **2015 HACK 'n' WHACK GOLF OUTING 23 September 2015**

The Hack 'n' Whack golf outing is only for NASIC alumni members and selected guests and will be played on the 23rd of September (this is a Wednesday). The cost for Hack 'n' Whack is just \$40 (green fee, cart, and prizes) and will be played at Prairie Trace (WPAFB military course). Free coffee and donuts will be available at 0800. We will be playing "best ball" format and have a shotgun start at 0850. Entry fees will be cheerfully refunded until 0830 on the 23rd. Contact Jim Caldwell at 937-236-3601 or e-mail him at [jdcaldwell0919@aol.com](mailto:jdcaldwell0919@aol.com).

### **2015 NASIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The NASIC Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting for all members on 23 October 2015 at the WPAFB Twin Base Golf course restaurant beginning at 0800.

### **NASIC ALUMNI MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

The NASIC Alumni Memorial Plaque was established in 1999. It was established to generate funds for the Alex Francis Arcier Scholarship Award. This award is named in honor of FTD's first Chief Scientist. A monetary award is presented to deserving students furthering their undergraduate education. A contribution of \$150.00 is required. All money contributed is used to fund scholarships. The memorial plaque is one way to recognize the life and career of our family members, friends and co-workers. We encourage you to use this plaque to keep a lifetime of memories ever present. Contributions can be an individual or group effort. The Alumni Memorial Plaque hangs in the atrium of the NASIC Intelligence Production Center, near the entrance to the auditorium. With a minimum donation to the NASIC AA Scholarship Fund, you can honor a deceased member of our professional family by having an engraved name plate added to the plaque. Please contact Mrs. Shirley Harris ([saharris43@aol.com](mailto:saharris43@aol.com)) for details.

## WALL OF HONOR NOMINATION

### - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Any former civilian or military employee whose career with NASIC deserves recognition is eligible to be selected for placement on the Wall of Honor.
- A “former” employee is defined as any individual who separated or retired from US Government service before 1 Jul of the current award period.
- Normally, for the purposes of this award, a career would be at least 15 years of federal service, with at least 30 months spent at NASIC.
- Any individual previously selected as a Watson Award winner was automatically placed on the NASIC Wall of Honor upon their separation or retirement from US Government service.

## NASIC Flower Beds Perennials Call

Alumni - if you're getting ready to divide your shade-loving perennials like hosta, august lily, sedum, etc. please consider donating some to the NASIC North Garden. We're looking for fairly well-behaved plants that tolerate shade and don't require too much water. Here's your chance to leave a living legacy for your alma mater! In 2014 a group of NASIC volunteer gardeners and the NASIC Junior Force Council beautified the North and West entrances to NASIC. The pictures provided below show what we were able to accomplish with a group of volunteers to establish beds, water and weed. We also funded the entire project. We'd love to have more volunteers to assist in making an even even bigger difference! In any case, anything and everything is appreciated - we'd love your plants, your donations, your advice or your labor. Come visit us at the North Entrance this spring to enjoy the space! POC: Bev Brown, [Beverly.brown.2@us.af.mil](mailto:Beverly.brown.2@us.af.mil), 937-522-3612.



## **NASIC Current Activities**

*Submitted by Mr. Larry Benson, NASICAA Senior Operations Advisor*

It was announced on 30 March 2015 that President Barack Obama has nominated Colonel Aaron Prupas, NASIC Commander 2012-14, to the U.S. Senate for promotion to brigadier general. Colonel Prupas is currently serving as Military Assistant to the Undersecretary of Defense, Intelligence. Known for his special way of paying attention to and assuring recognition of his people, Colonel Prupas is well remembered and his selection for promotion has been met with appreciation that his great capabilities will be even better applied to our Nation's intelligence needs. Heartiest congratulations to Colonel Prupas. We will keep him and his family in our thought as he moves on to meet the significant challenges facing today's military leaders.

Mr. Curt Rowland, the NASIC Chief Scientist, could soon make many of the old folks feel young again. He is leading a team tasked to assess NASIC's current intelligence production and assure it responsive to defense and national requirements. One aspect is an examination of current product types. As Mr. Rowland told a recent gathering of corporate intelligence support folks, today's information technology offers many options to communicate NASIC's message. However, it is easy to let these options lead the organization away from its focus on depth of knowledge of foreign capabilities and intentions, a focus which has been a defining characteristic of intelligence community leadership for decades. His group's efforts are pointing toward an ideal objective, the ability to create and maintain the detailed knowledge in ways that permit its creation, maintenance, access, and communication to customers with the level of responsiveness that today's technology permits. Not nearly as many trees will die but the depth of knowledge philosophy represented in the "doorstop" studies of the past will be resurrected and presented in ways most of us could never have imagined.

Now that winter weather is hopefully behind us, there is dirt to be moved. Spring groundbreaking is scheduled for the new foreign materiel exploitation (FME) facility to be located adjacent to the current main FME complex on the northwest side of the main runway. The complete project, including internal configuration, will take at least two years to complete. The immediate objective is to have cover before the next cold season arrives.

Mr. Randy Tebbing is due congratulations for his recent selection to fill the Defense Intelligence Senior Leader (DISL) position vacated almost a year ago by Lee Fuell in the Space, Missile and Forces Intelligence Group. The time span to fill is indicative of the arduous selection criteria candidates must face in a highly competitive process. Randy's selection is well deserved recognition for a long, varied and outstanding career beginning in the 80s. The latter fact was recently emphasized by the rumored appearance of his first gray hairs – finally!

As a reminder, last year the Association agreed to try and assist Bev Brown and her team with their NASIC beautification efforts. She should be providing us some opportunities soon. Please watch for announcements regarding chances to assist these volunteers as they seek to make-up for the lack of funding available for landscaping and appearance projects. They managed to keep bright spots in the NASIC complex last year when the rest of the area was looking pretty poor. Hopefully, we can add to their capabilities.

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**DATED MATERIAL**

Air Force A2  
National Air and Space Intelligence Center  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

**The National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), under the command of the Air Force A2, is the Air Force's single intelligence production center and the primary Department of Defense (DoD) producer of foreign air and space intelligence.**

**The NASIC Alumni Association (NASICAA) is an association of both retired and active personnel from the past and present Intelligence organizations T2, ATIC, FTD, FASTC, and NAIC, whose purpose is to keep alive the functioning, needs, and effectiveness of NASIC, and to aid in perpetuating these assets to assure the continued quality in the future.**