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THE WRIGHT-PATTERSON OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

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Join next year's Board of Governors? Contact the President!

Change my activity group sign-ups? See p. 14.

Make a reservation? Scan code to the right!



SET SAIL WITH A NEW CREW! WELCOME & INFO FAIR

# AUGUST 24, 2023

## 10AM-1PM

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## **PRESIDENT'S PEN**

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On behalf of the 2023-2024 Board of Governors, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our members, new and returning! It has been a busy summer and your BoG has been working hard to plan and prepare for an exciting year. WPOSC has so many ways for spouses to connect and make a difference in our military and local communities.

My first experience in a spouse's group was as a 2 nd Lt. spouse. Being a newlywed, I knew absolutely nothing about military life. I attended Heartlink at the suggestion of my husband's commander and it was there that I met members of the OSC. I immediately knew I had found my tribe—other military spouses who came together to have fun and give back to their communities. This experience catapulted me to join the OSC at each assignment! Although each of us may be in different stages of military life, we as WPOSC members share common experiences and understand one another. We are a community of pretty amazing people if you ask me!

As a member of WPOSC, there are many ways to become involved. We have monthly programs, small activity groups, various committees, and of course, the BoG. With a club our size it is not easy getting to know everyone, but through our monthly programs we have the opportunity to connect members who might not otherwise get a chance to meet. A good friend wisely said that friendships grow best in small groups. We have almost 20 small activity groups! There truly is something for everyone. Join us on August 24 at the USO for this years' Welcome & Information Fair. At this come and go event, we will have information about each of these activities, membership applications, and light refreshments.

I truly love the philanthropic side of WPOSC and how military spouses come together to make a difference in our communities. Our diverse backgrounds and experiences along with our desire to help others, give us the ability to work together to do great things! This year there will be many ways to serve both within our club and base Thrift Shop, as well as in our surrounding communities. We want others to know the invaluable resource of military spouses. There are so many ways – big and small – that you can be involved. Watch for these opportunities throughout the year!

I look forward to meeting everyone and hope you have had a great summer! Sincerely, Suzanne Davis 23-24 WPOSC President



## **SUMMER MEET-UPS!**



**Spouses Night Out** had a delicious dinner at The Caroline in the quaint town of Troy, followed by drinks at the new Crafted and Cured which is in a renovated bank and features all kinds of beverages and charcuterie boards.





July's BUNCO night crew had some serious 80's vibes!









Rubber Stamp Club continued to meet and made beautiful cards pieces over the Summer.

The **Lunch Bunch** meet-up had a terrific turnout in July. Members shared Summer stories, laughs, and great Indian food at Maharaja of Dayton!







It might be hot outside, but **Brush and Palette** played it cool to make lovely paintings.



## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

HELLO!

Hospitality & Information

Submit news about your fellow members and their accomplishments!

- \*Milestone Birthdays
- \*Graduations
- \*New Jobs
- \*Volunteering
- \*New Babies
- \*Newcomers
- \*Farewells
- \*Retirements
- A) Go to www.wrightpattersonosc.org B) Click on "Share Your News"

How to submit:

2. Via Email: hospitality@wrightpattersonosc.org

Hospitality chair Leigh Ann Yerrick

1. Online form:





## **SEND US YOUR SNAPS!**

If you have photos from this year's programs, activity groups, or volunteer events, please send them to Publicity Chair:

#### publicity@wrightpattersonosc.org



Wembership Renewal!

Get excited for another fun WPOSC year! Don't forget to renew your membership on or after June 1. Due to the nature of our fiscal year, we cannot accept membership payments for 2023-24 until June 1.

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS FOR 2023-24 WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING ON JUNE 1.

#### There are 2 ways to renew:

- Fill out the online application form on wrightpattersonosc.org <u>OR</u>
- Mail in paper application (can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the Thrift Shop)

Dues are \$60.00 via cash/check or \$61.74 via PayPal. Please make checks payable to WPOSC.

## THRIFT SHOP

#### **NEW FOR 2023: WALK-IN CONSIGNMENTS!**

• Consignments by appt. only on Tues & Fri, appt & walk-in on Wed

\*\*WE ACCEPT DONATIONS ANYTIME WE ARE OPEN!\*\*

• Please refer to <u>Consignment Rules & Procedures</u> and <u>Permanent No Take List</u> under "Thrift Shop Forms".

Very Special Shout Out:

• Please call or check Facebook for the Weekly No Take List.

Thrift Shop managers and volunteers have been working non-stop and spent countless hours



## **REGULAR HOURS**

Have you wild... WEDNESDAYS

SUNDAY	CLOSED
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
SATURDAY	CLOSED

#### **CONSIGNMENT HOURS**

**BY APPT:** 9:30 - 11:30 AM: Tues, Wed, Fri **WALK-IN:** 9:30 - 11:30 AM: Wed ONLY

## SEASONAL INFO

#### UPDATED!

MAY 26CLOSED for Family DayJUN 26-AUG 7CLOSED for Summer Break

## LOCATION & CONTACT INFO

#### 5265 WRIGHT AVE, WPAFB, OH 45433 AREA A, BLDG. 95 NEXT TO OUTDOOR REC

- **(937) 879-5630** 
  - Ext 1: Directions and hours
  - Ext 2: Weekly No Take list for consignors
  - Ext 3: Office: to make a consignment appt or to speak with our volunteers
- WPOSC Thrift Shop
- thriftshop@wrightpattersonosc.org



Shop Treasures

Take a look at some of these great finds at the Thrift Shop!

Visit the **WPOSC Thrift Shop** Facebook page each week to see the latest arrivals and weekly no take list for consignors.

## SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS!

We always welcome new volunteers. There is a place for everyone to fit in. Please contact the Thrift Shop Chair for more information: thriftshop@wrightpattersonosc.org

# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW?

group: "Creative Corner"

## With Carrie Punches

Beginning September 18, 2023, Carrie Punches will be hosting "Creative Corner" at her house in the Bricks quarters on base in Area A on the 3rd Monday of every month.

The inspiration behind the formation of this club is to bring spouses together on a designated day each month to start, work on, or finally finish crafting projects "there never seems to be enough hours in the day to get to" in a social, yet relaxed atmosphere. So get those creative juices flowing again!

Carrie, who is a graduate of The Art Institute of Houston and first time empty nester, will also be there to guide you in any new project you would like to try. Personally she is over 20 years behind on her scrapbooking, but also loves to make Ren Fair hats and costumes, unique gifts, beading, recycle furniture, themed table centerpieces, door hangings, etc... So bring your ideas, or your knitting. It's all good!



For more information you can look for more information to be posted on the WPOSC fb page as it gets closer to September. See you there!

## Other ways to get involved:

## COMMITTEE EMBERS NEEDEDI

Have a couple hours a month to spare and want to make a difference in the WPOSC? Consider being a member at large!

### HIGH PRIORITY!

The following committees are beginning to meet soon and have immediate and high priority openings for members at large.

#### **GOVERNING DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE**

- (1) BOG Member at Large
- (1) General Member at Large
- Meets in summer (now!) expected to meet through Sep/Oct
- · Responsibilities include revision of the WPOSC Policies & Procedures

#### **OTHER AVAILABLE POSITIONS:**

(currently available, but of a less urgent nature)

- Admin Budget Committee Scholarship Committee
- Welfare Budget Committee
- Welfare Committee

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- (1) BOG Member at Larae • (3) General Members at Large
- Meets Aug-Nov to recruit 23-24 BOG
- and committee members at large
- Meets Jan Apr to organize elections for 24-25 officers

#### INTERESTED? WANT MORE INFO?

CONTACT THE PRESIDENT: SUZANNE DAVIS

president@wrightpattersonosc.org

## BOG MEMBERS NEEDED!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity that helps you connect with members and make a difference? Consider joining the BOG!

### **HIGH PRIORITY!**

The following positions are currently open and vital to the success of the WPOSC this board year. All BOG members are responsible for writing a monthly board report and attending monthly BOG meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month.

#### PUBLICITY

- Design flyers, graphics, and/or charts to promote the WPOSC's events and charitable endeavors using Canva (no experience necessary, very user friendly, templates available!)
- Post to and moderate social media (public/members Facebook pages and Instagram)
- · Take photographs and collect members' photographs to create end-of-year slideshow and yearbook

#### RESERVATIONS

- · Collect and manage reservations prior to general membership programs, including creating guest list, managing waitlist, and ensuring all members have name tags as needed
- Check in members upon arrival to programs, collect program fees owed, and reconcile monies at conclusion of each event

#### ROS (RETIRED OFFICERS' SPOUSES) Organize, schedule, and provide for ROS meetings

- Act as liaison to the BOG
- Publish ROS activity information in collaboration with the newsletter editor, publicity chair, and the webmaster

#### **INTERESTED? WANT MORE INFO?**

CONTACT THE PRESIDENT: SUZANNE DAVIS president@wrightpattersonosc.org

## **GROUPS & ACTIVITIES**

## **ANTIQUES SOCIÉTÉ**

**Elizabeth Clark** 

#### **Kathy Cohrs**

Antiques Societe will resume regular meetings in September. We thank all of our attendees for a wonderful year and look forward to meeting again in the fall.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Kris Mangold.

**Doriann Council** 

Book Club meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month to discuss each month's selected novel. !

## **BRUSH & PALETTE**

**Carrie Punches** 

Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 2PM

Love to paint but can never find the time? The Brush and Palette is an Artist's Studio where we all work on our own projects and help each other with suggestions and encouragement. We welcome both beginner and experienced artists and everyone in between. Bring a project and your painting or drawing supplies to our meetings. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

## BUNCO

Nova Otte

#### Judy Taylor

Join us! Bunco is fun and easy to play – beginners are welcome! Bunco generally meets the first Tuesday of the month in someone's home. SOCIAL BEGINS AT 6:30, DICE ROLLING STARTS AT 7:00 PM. ALSO, PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE. WE USE EVITE TO GIVE MONTHLY SPECIFICS;

FACEBOOK GROUP: WPOSC BUNCO

## **GAME NIGHT**

Lori Enochian

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Game Night</u>

## **KIDDOS & ME**

Alexa Vincie

#### Natasha Ravak

We are a monthly playgroup for children of WPOSC Members. We invite you to join us and enjoy various child friendly activities. All ages are welcome. We hope you will come out and play with us!

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Kiddos & Me</u>

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

#### Marie Albright

Misty Perry

Lunch Bunch typically meets once a month for a casual lunch at restaurants in and around Dayton. Join our FB group for updates.

Facebook Group: WPOSC Lunch Bunch

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Adriana Eden

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Photography Club</u>

## **MAH JONGG**

#### **Misty Perry**

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM Location varies - Check Facebook

Mah Jongg is a tile-based game of skill, strategy, and luck. It originated in China and has since gained popularity worldwide. The WPOSC has been the home of the official Wright-Patterson Rules Book for over 50 years!

Our group meets regularly on Tuesday afternoons to play this addictive game and continue a long-standing WPOSC tradition. Contact Misty Perry or join our Facebook group if you are interested in joining!

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Mah Jongg</u>

### RETIRED OFFICERS' SPOUSES

Position open.....

rosewrightpattersonosc.org

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Retired Officer Spouses</u>

## SPOUSES' NIGHT OUT

#### Nova Otte

SNO meets each month at different spots in the Dayton area for various activities like happy hour, dinner, bowling, etc. Outings typically take place near the end of the month. Dates change from month to month, so join our Facebook group for updates.

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Spouses Night Out</u>

## WINE CLUB

Mandy Duncan

Elisa Rickard

We are a group of wine connoisseurs who get together once a month to enjoy and explore the world of wine. We meet for both casual gatherings at each other's homes as well as local wine venues in the Dayton area.

Facebook Group: WPOSC Wine Club

### SKYLARKS

Ellen Ratti

Amanda King

Rehearsals not currently scheduled.

### TAKE THEM A MEAL

#### Natasha Ravak

#### No meetings currently scheduled

Group meets on an as-needed basis

This group serves members of the WPOSC by signing up to bring meals to fellow members in times of need. Did you just have a baby? Suffer a death in the family? Spouse deployed? Reach out to let us know and this group will mobilize to help you through life's transitions. Are you someone who is willing to sign up to occasionally bring a meal? Make sure you join this group!

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Take Them a Meal</u>

### **TEA GROUP**

Pamela Paskewitz

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Tea Group</u>

## **THE WRIGHT RINGERS**

Valerie Slover

Heidi Cahoon

#### Mondays from 9:45 - 11:00 AM

We welcome new members to our group, no experience required. Please contact Heidi Cahoon for more information.

#### WRIGHT WALKERS

#### **Robin Sowder**

Welcome to our 23-24 club year. Wright Walkers (WW) will be enjoying the outdoors while generating great conversations, exploring new areas of the Miami Valley/WPAFB, and encouraging new friendships, and healthy habits with you and your family or furbabies. The plan is to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am at various locations in Greene and Montgomery County. We will be open to suggested walking locations to be fair to those who live in the various communities that support WPAFB. -You will be responsible for any drinks or snacks you may need. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking. We will walk for about an hour or more, which will equal about 1.5 miles at a casual pace. There are lots of opportunities to visit and meet new people. I will carry a first aid kit.

-As the weather changes, either fog or snow, there may be a need to cancel our walk. I will try to do my best to email or text the group and post on Facebook if this becomes necessary.

Looking forward to seeing our regulars and many new faces.

Facebook Group: WPOSC Wright Walkers

### **RUBBER STAMP CLUB**

#### Lori Enochian

Our next creative get-together is Friday, Aug 11th (second Friday) from 10:00-12:00. We'll have 2-3projects lined up, so be prepared to stamp! Please watch for the Evite and respond to it by Tues, Aug 8th, so we'll know how many kits to prepare.

All levels of stampers are welcome, even beginners who have never inked up a stamp. We'll bring you up-to-speed in no time! We share crafting tips and techniques, plus where to find the best bargains, stamp conventions, and stamping websites! Please sign up online to get on our Evite list!

Anyone want to get inky before then? One of the best stamp conventions in the country will be held a mere stone's throw(less than an hour) from the base! Please consider attending this on your own or hooking up with other members to carpool. Join us in our FB group, WPOSC Rubber Stamp Club, for all the discussion. <u>(17) WPOSC</u> <u>Rubber Stamp Club | Facebook</u> **"Stampaway, USA"** Convention Saturday, Aug. 5th, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Sharonville, OH, \$10.00 admission <u>http://www.stampawayusa.com/</u>

You can shop for all the latest and greatest stamping products, watch demos, participate in make-n-take projects, learn new techniques, trade artwork (ATCs), and socialize with close to 2,000 other rubber stampers. Hope to see you there! And be prepared to give a full report the following week at our August meeting!

Facebook Group: <u>WPOSC Rubber Stamp Club</u>

## **CREATIVE CORNER**

#### **Carrie Punches**

Beginning September 18, 2023, Carrie Punches will be hosting "Creative Corner".

## NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ACTIVITY SIGN-UPS?

Do you see a fun group you'd like to join that you didn't originally sign up for? Not a problem!

• Go to wrightpattersonosc.org

- Hover over "Activities" on the top bar
- Select "Activities Form" from the drop-down menu.
- Fill out the form and click submit!



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ENTS <b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS
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Robin Sowder	NOMINATING
OPEN POSITION	NOMINATING
Katie Hofmann	SCHOLARSHIP
Mandy Duncan	WELFARE
Candice Waldroup	WELFARE BUDGET
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SEEKING VOLUNTEER
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Amanda King
Natasha Ravak
Valerie Slover
Heidi Cahoon

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ANTIQUES SOCIETÉ	Elizabeth Clark
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BOOK CLUB	Kris Mangold
Co-Lead	Doriann Council
BRUSH & PALETTE	Leigh Whitehead
Co-Lead	Patty Sprouse
BUNCO	Nova Otte
Co-Lead	Judy Taylor
GAME NIGHT	Lori Enochian
KIDDOS & ME	Alexa Vincie
Co-Lead	Natasha Ravak
LUNCH BUNCH	Marie Albright
Co-Lead	Misty Perry
MAH JONGG PLAYERS	Misty Perry
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RUBBER STAMP CLUB	Lori Enochian
SPOUSES' NIGHT OUT	Nova Otte
TEA GROUP	Pamela Paskewitz
WINE CLUB	Mandy Duncan
Co-Lead	Elisa Rickard
WRIGHT WALKERS	Robin Sowder

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN OPEN POSITION? WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION? Contact the President, Suzanne Davis, at president@wrightpattersonosc.org

### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF OUR ACTIVITY GROUPS? Contact:

service\_activities@wrightpattersonosc.org OR social\_activities@wrightpattersonosc.org

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# CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS









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## **WRIGHT WORD**

THE WRIGHT-PATTERSON OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB P.O. BOX 67 FAIRBORN, OH 45324

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**Reservation Line:** (937) 315 –1550 **Website:** www.wrightpattersonosc.org

### WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

#### **GENERAL**

Base Operator	(937) 257-1110
Directory Assistance	
Military & Family Readiness Center	(937) 257-3592

#### SAFETY & LEGAL

Security Police/Fire Dept	
Security Desk (Bldg. 295)	(937) 257-6516
Pass/Registration (Bldg. 286)	
Legal Assistance (Bldg. 10)	
Military IDs (Bldg. 2)	(937) 257-2547

#### MEDICAL (Hospital & Clinics are on Area A)

Medical Appointments	(937) 522-2778
Emergency Room	(937) 257-2274
Pediatrics	(937) 257-6991
Women's Health	(937) 257-1160
Mental Health	(937) 257-6877
Veterinarian	(937) 257-6853

#### SHOPPING

Base Exchange	
Main Store (Bldg. 1250)	(937) 879-5730
Home & Garden/Class VI	(937) 878-8831
Commissary	(937) 257-2060
Military Clothing Sales	(937) 257-2800

#### HOBBY COMPLEX

Arts & Crafts	(937) 257-7025
Framing Shop	(937) 257-7183
Information, Tickets, & Travel	

#### **FITNESS & RECREATION**

Dodge Fitness Center (Bldg. 849)	(937) 257-4225
Jarvis Fitness Center (Bldg. 1245)	
Wright Field Fitness Center (Bldg. 571)	
Base Theater (Bldg. 1239)	
Bowling Alley (Bldg. 1221)	(937) 257-7796
Outdoor Recreation (Bldg. 95)	(937) 257-9889
Wright-Patterson Club (Bldg. 800)	

\* For a more complete WPAFB phone directory, visit www.wpafb.af.mil & click on "Phone Directory" in the upper right hand corner\*

#### **ACTIVITY ROOM PARKING INFO**

During business hours, please leave the parking spots in front of the Thrift Shop and Outdoor Rec. for their respective customers.

Volunteers and OSC members using the Activity Room should park in the lot at the end of the building. And of course, the spots for unloading and handicapped should only be used for those customers.

In the evenings and other times when the businesses are closed, parking in front of Building 95 is available for use!

#### **STAY CONNECTED!**

- Website: <u>www.wrightpattersonosc.org</u>
- f Facebook: <u>WPOSC Members</u>
- Instagram: @wrightpattersonosc
- Reservation Line: (937) 315–1550 (updated weekly)
- **Email:** Emails sent out monthly with calendar and reminders