

# THE WRIGHT WORD

THE WRIGHT-PATTERSON OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

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# 80 Years of WPOSC

## WELCOME & INFO FAIR

### AUGUST 20, 2024

### 10:30AM-1:30PM

 WPAFB USO: 2221 Birch St, Wright-Patterson  
AFB, OH 45433



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## HOW DO I... ?

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

**Change my activity group sign-ups?** See p. 9

**Make a reservation?**  
Scan code to the right!



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# PRESIDENT'S PEN

## Welcome

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One thing you can guarantee in life--time can and will fly by! It seems like it was just May. We were celebrating our scholarship recipients, saying thank you to last year's Board and wishing luck to friends who were moving on. The WPOSC has also flown through time!! We are celebrating 80 years! Wow!

This year is the start of my 4th year as a member of the club. Each year I gather new friends with shared and different life experiences. We create memories and sometimes a craft or two. Time spent at the Thrift Shop allows me to give back to the community. I have grown as a Military Spouse in ways I couldn't have imagined. Back in May, I accepted the position to serve the club as 2nd Vice President and was honored to be nominated and voted into that position. As quickly as the year started, I was greeted with one of those growing moments. I made the decision to serve and lead the WPOSC as President. This was a challenge that could help time pass quickly during a deployed season, and spending more quality time with my Wright-Patterson family made a lot of sense.

Just like our Welcome Fair theme, this will be my First Flight as President. I look forward to traveling Around the 80th year of the Club with you all. While it is not our First Flight together, but it is going to be a memorable one. Hope to see you all at the Welcome Fair!

Sincerely,  
Desiree DeGarmo  
24-25 WPOSC President

*Desiree DeGarmo*



# SUMMER MEET-UPS!



**Spouses Night Out** had a great time at Meridian in Centerville enjoying delicious food and drinks!



**BUNCO** had a small group that kept going through the summer



The **Lunch Bunch** meet-up had a nice lunch with delicious Indian food in June at Curry Grill!



The **Wine Club** got out and explored some local wineries and wine bars!



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Hospitality & Information

**Submit news about your fellow members and their accomplishments to our Membership Chair!**

- \*Milestone Birthdays
- \*Graduations
- \*New Jobs
- \*Volunteering
- \*New Babies
- \*Newcomers
- \*Farewells
- \*Retirements

### How to submit:

1. Online form:  
A) Go to [www.wrightpattersonosc.org](http://www.wrightpattersonosc.org)  
B) Click on "Share Your News"
2. Via Email:  
[membership@wrightpattersonosc.org](mailto:membership@wrightpattersonosc.org)



### 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](mailto:publicity@wrightpattersonosc.org)

**Join the Wright-Patterson Officers' Spouses' Club and take flight with a year of friendships, fun, and philanthropy!**



## Membership Renewal!

Get excited for another fun WPOSC year! Don't forget to renew your membership

**MEMBERSHIP FORMS FOR 2024-25 ARE AVAILABLE:**

**There are 2 ways to renew:**

- Fill out the online application form on [wrightpattersonosc.org](http://wrightpattersonosc.org) **OR**
- Mail in paper application (can be downloaded from the website)

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

# THRIFT SHOP

Have you tried...  
**CONSIGNING  
AT THE THRIFT SHOP?**

## NEW FOR 2024: WALK-IN CONSIGNMENTS!

- The Thrift Shop reopens August 9, 2024 for shopping and donations only. Consignments resume on August 13, 2024.
- Please refer to Consignment Rules & Procedures and Permanent No Take List under "Thrift Shop Forms".
- Please call or check Facebook for the Weekly No Take List.



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

## REGULAR HOURS

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

### CONSIGNMENT HOURS

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

### DONATION DROP OFF

Inside during business hours

## SEASONAL INFO

**UPDATED!**

**AUG 9**            OPENING DATE  
**AUG 30**          CLOSED for Family Day

## 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**



The Thrift Shop presented \$31,000 to the WPOSC Welfare Fund at the end of the 2023-2024 club year. This contribution exceeded last year's by an increase of \$2000 which was especially significant as we opened one week later than planned due to renovation delays.

Thank you to our shoppers, consignors, VOLUNTEERS and those who donated their gently used items to the Thrift Shop during this past club year.

Does your organization need funding to support a military or local community endeavor? Please review the Welfare Request Guidelines under the "Philanthropic" tab of the WPOSC website ([wrightpattersonosc.org](http://wrightpattersonosc.org)) for more information.



## 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](mailto:thriftshop@wrightpattersonosc.org)

# LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

## Open Board of Governors Positions:

### *Secretary*

- Take minutes at Board Meetings
- Organize invites and track RSVPs to meeting for quorum
- Compile board reports and create agendas

### *Reservations Chair*

- Manage online and phone RSVPs
- Run check-in and ensure member name tags are at monthly membership program
- Reconcile finances after program

### *2nd Vice President*

- Works with President and 1st VP to run the club
- Oversees the Welfare and Volunteer Activities
- Works with Thrift Shop Chair to collaborate with the Thrift Shop

### *Membership Chair*

- Help recruit new members to the club
- Track and verify incoming applications for membership
- Reach out to members in need or who achieve milestones

### *Fundraising Chair*

- Organize fundraisers for the club
- Plan and organize annual silent auction with Programs Chair



Volunteers  
needed

# GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

## ANTIQUES SOCIÉTÉ

Elizabeth C.

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 M.  
Doriann C.

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

## BRUSH & PALETTE

Carrie P.

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

Judy T.

Join us! Bunco is fun and easy to play - beginners are welcome! This year Bunco will meet towards the end of the month in someone's home. Details on a new set day to come!

SOCIAL BEGINS AT 6:00, DICE ROLLING STARTS AT 7:00 PM. ALSO, PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE. WE USE EVITE TO GIVE MONTHLY SPECIFICS; PLEASE CONTACT CHICAGOJUDY23@YAHOO.COM TO BE ADDED.

**Facebook Group:**  
**WPOSC BUNCO**

## GAME NIGHT

Brendon M.

Game Night is just as it sounds. We get together and play a variety of typically board games.

**Facebook Group:**  
**WPOSC Game Night**

## KIDDOS & ME

Alexa V.

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:**  
**WPOSC Kiddos & Me**

## LUNCH BUNCH

Carrie P.  
Ashley Z.

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**

## MAH JONGG

Cathy G.  
Sarah S.

**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 Cathy Gagnon or join our Facebook group if you are interested in joining!

**Facebook Group:**  
**WPOSC Mah Jongg**

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Adriana E.

**Facebook Group:**  
**WPOSC Photography Club**

## RETIRED OFFICERS' SPOUSES

*Position open.....*

**Facebook Group:**  
**WPOSC Retired Officer Spouses**

## RUBBER STAMP CLUB

Lori E.

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!

**Facebook Group:**  
[WPOSC Rubber Stamp Club](#)

## SPOUSES' NIGHT OUT

Nova O.

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:**  
[WPOSC Spouses Night Out](#)

## SKYLARKS

**Position Open**.....Contact Activities Chair

**Rehearsals not currently scheduled.**

## TAKE THEM A MEAL

**Position Open**.....Contact Activities Chair

### **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:**  
[WPOSC Take Them a Meal](#)

## WINE CLUB

Elisa R.

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](#)

## THE WRIGHT RINGERS

Heidi C.

**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 S.

Welcome to our 24-25 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](#)

## 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](http://wrightpattersonosc.org).
- Hover over "Activities" on the top bar
- Select "Activities Form" from the drop-down menu.
- Fill out the form and click submit!





# 2024-2025 WPOSC LEADERSHIP

## Board of Governors - Executive Committee

PRESIDENT.....	<b>Desiree DeGarmo</b> president@wrightpattersonosc.org
1ST VICE PRESIDENT.....	<b>Brendon Myers</b> 1st_vice@wrightpattersonosc.org
2ND VICE PRESIDENT.....	<b>OPEN POSITION</b> 2nd_vice@wrightpattersonosc.org
ADMIN TREASURER.....	<b>Ashley Zelinski</b> treasurer@wrightpattersonosc.org
WELFARE TREASURER.....	<b>Tracey Tomme</b> welfaretreasurer@wrightpattersonosc.org
SECRETARY.....	<b>OPEN POSITION</b> secretary@wrightpattersonosc.org
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....	<b>OPEN POSITION</b> parliamentarian@wrightpattersonosc.org

## Committee Members-at-Large

ADMIN BUDGET.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
NOMINATING.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
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SCHOLARSHIP.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
WELFARE.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
WELFARE BUDGET.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>

## Service Activity Leaders

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
SKYLARKS.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
TAKE THEM A MEAL.....	<b>SEEKING VOLUNTEER</b>
WRIGHT RINGERS.....	<b>Heidi Cahoon</b>

## Board of Governors - Standing Committees

ACTIVITIES.....	<b>Lori Enochian</b> activities@wrightpattersonosc.org
COMMUNITY SERVICE.....	<b>Katie Hoffman</b> community_service@wrightpattersonosc.org
FUNDRAISING.....	<b>OPEN POSITION</b> fundraising@wrightpattersonosc.org
MAH JONGG BOOK SALES.....	<b>Cathy Gagnon</b> mahjongg@wrightpattersonosc.org
MEMBERSHIP.....	<b>OPEN POSITION</b> membership@wrightpattersonosc.org
NEWSLETTER EDITOR.....	<b>Elisa Rickard</b> twnewsletter@wrightpattersonosc.org
PROGRAMS.....	<b>Debbie Workinger</b> programs@wrightpattersonosc.org
PUBLICITY.....	<b>Alese Havens</b> publicity@wrightpattersonosc.org
RESERVATIONS LINE - ANSWERING MACHINE.....	
RESERVATIONS.....	<b>OPEN POSITION</b> reservations@wrightpattersonosc.org
SCHOLARSHIP.....	<b>Stephanie Cronin</b> scholarship@wrightpattersonosc.org
SOCIAL MEDIA.....	<b>Kylie Nicklas</b> social_media@wrightpattersonosc.org
THRIFT SHOP.....	<b>Stephanie McDonald</b> thriftshop@wrightpattersonosc.org
WEBMASTER.....	<b>Christi Brendlinger</b> webcoordinator@wrightpattersonosc.org
WELFARE.....	<b>Amy Beert</b> welfare@wrightpattersonosc.org

## Social Activity Leaders

ANTIQUES SOCIÉTÉ.....	<b>Elizabeth Clark</b>
BOOK CLUB.....	<b>Kris Mangold</b> Co-Lead..... <b>Doriann Council</b>
BRUSH & PALETTE.....	<b>Carrie Punches</b> Co-Lead..... <b>Patty Sprouse</b>
BUNCO.....	<b>Judy Taylor</b>
GAME NIGHT.....	<b>Brendon Myers</b>
KIDDOS & ME.....	<b>Alexa Vincie</b>
LUNCH BUNCH.....	<b>Carrie Punches</b> Co-Lead..... <b>Ashley Zelinski</b>
MAH JONGG PLAYERS.....	<b>Cathy Gagnon</b>
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB.....	<b>Adriana Eden</b>
RETIRED OFFICERS' SPOUSES...	<b>OPEN</b>
RUBBER STAMP CLUB.....	<b>Lori Enochian</b>
SPOUSES' NIGHT OUT.....	<b>Nova Otte</b>
WINE CLUB.....	<b>Elisa Rickard</b>
WRIGHT WALKERS.....	<b>Robin Sowder</b>

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN OPEN POSITION? WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION?** Contact the President, Desiree DeGarmo, at [president@wrightpattersonosc.org](mailto:president@wrightpattersonosc.org)

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF OUR ACTIVITY GROUPS?** Contact: [activities@wrightpattersonosc.org](mailto:activities@wrightpattersonosc.org)



*Save the Date*  
Celebrating 80 Years of the  
Wright-Patterson Officers' Spouses' Club

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**Website:** [www.wrightpattersonosc.org](http://www.wrightpattersonosc.org)

## WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

### GENERAL

Base Operator..... (937) 257-1110  
Directory Assistance..... 113  
Military & Family Readiness Center..... (937) 257-3592

### SAFETY & LEGAL

Security Police/Fire Dept..... 911  
Security Desk (Bldg. 295)..... (937) 257-6516  
Pass/Registration (Bldg. 286)..... (937) 257-6506  
Legal Assistance (Bldg. 10)..... (937) 257-6142  
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..... (937) 257-7670

### FITNESS & RECREATION

Dodge Fitness Center (Bldg. 849)..... (937) 257-4225  
Jarvis Fitness Center (Bldg. 1245)..... (937) 257-4469  
Wright Field Fitness Center (Bldg. 571)..... (937) 257-1961  
Base Theater (Bldg. 1239)..... (937) 257-4697  
Bowling Alley (Bldg. 1221) ..... (937) 257-7796  
Outdoor Recreation (Bldg. 95)..... (937) 257-9889  
Wright-Patterson Club (Bldg. 800)..... (937) 257-9762

*\* For a more complete WPAFB phone directory, visit [www.wpaafb.af.mil](http://www.wpaafb.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:** [www.wrightpattersonosc.org](http://www.wrightpattersonosc.org)
-  **Facebook:** [WPOSC Members](#)
-  **Instagram:** [@wrightpattersonosc](#)
-  **Reservation Line:** (937) 315-1550 (updated weekly)
-  **Email:** Emails sent out monthly with calendar and reminders