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置WRIGHT WORD

THE WRIGHT-PATTERSON OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S PEN



Having been a military spouse for 4 years, I am very lucky to have met so many wonderful people. Here at Wright-Patterson, I am often reminded what a unique and wonderful group of people we have in our spouses club get to surround ourselves with. We come together in different stages of life, but quickly find commonalities and share the desire to create and foster community. Having worked as a teacher for almost 10 years, (before I made my first PCS with my husband) I am often reminded of the community that is built each school year, much like we build in our Membership. We build this community with our Monthly meetings through the Programs offered, weekly in the Activity and Service groups that meet, and often daily in the friendships we forge. As I walked around the Welcome and Information Fair this year, I knew the success of the event came from the united strengths of those on our committee. The success of the WPOSC comes from those who are willing to share their strengths with the greater community and serve. As we continue this year, we still have many opportunities for those new and returning members to share their skills and strengths with the club.

While I know my time as President will be short in the history of the WPOSC, I hope to help find those willing to share their passions for the continued growth of the club so that we can continue into the next 80+ years! If you're ready to join me and share those strengths, please reach out! I'm excited to see what else unfolds this year!

Sincerely,
Desiree DeGarmo
24-25 WPOSC President





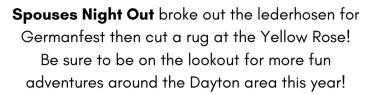
Share Your Story...

- OWC/OSC STORIES PRIOR TO 2000
- DEPLOYMENT/WARTIME
- VETERAN STORIES
- ADVICE FOR YOUNGER GENERATION OF MILITARY SPOUSES



SUMMER MEET UPS



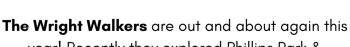












year! Recently they explored Phillips Park & Beavercreek Wetlands Reserve.









SPOTLIGHT

Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg

It is still commonly believed that Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese game, but in fact, it was discovered relatively recently in China after the Tai Ping revolution in the late 1800s. It would be brought to the United States by Joseph P. Babcock, a young Standard Oil employee, who was assigned to a port city near Shanghai, named Soochow (Suzhou today). Babcock witnesses the game being played everywhere in the bustling city but quickly realized there was no recognized Chinese method of play. Babcock and other western entrepreneurs had a thought that the game could be exported to the States with written rules to make for better consistency, understanding, and western acceptance.

Babcock's Rules for Mah Jongg was copyrighted and published by 1920. Abercrombie and Fitch took on making and exporting game sets. At the height of the game's popularity they made more than 12,000 sets, and for a time, Mah Jongg related goods became the sixth largest export from China.



However, after a few years, enthusiasm for the game started to dwindle. Disagreement on new interpretations for Babcock's rules led to players starting to devise their own rules. In 1937 the National Mah Jongg League was formed for the purpose of addressing these disparities and to this day is the arbitrator of the American rules of Mah Jongg.

The game came to Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base by way of Helene Morris. She first
encountered the game in California when Mah
Jongg was at the height of it's popularity. She first
introduced the game in July of 1941 when her
husband was assigned to the Air Service
Command at Patterson Field, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base today.

She and a group of friends worked together to create a standardized set of rules that would not include jokers or gambling aspects not allowed on military installations. The interest for the game quickly grew and soon the only room big enough to hold the large group for play was the ballroom at the Officers' Club.

As transfers were made, members took the game to new installations and were constantly writing back to friends still at Wright-Patterson wanting "the sheet of instructions". Helene and her friend Sylvia Bauer sensed they could continue to standardize the game in order for military spouses to be able to go to any installation and have a group ready to welcome them.

SPOTLIGHT



Pictures of play then and now. At the bottom left of pg. 4 see Sylvia Bauer instructing new members on play. At the top left of pg. 5 see members from 1964 mid-game. In the right column of pg. 5 see members from this past year playing.

By 1963 the official Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg Book was copyrighted and reached more than 2,000 in sales in just a couple of years. Tournaments were held as fundraisers for the hospital, Air Force Village, and Officers' Wives' Club (OWC) welfare fund.

Today Mah Jongg Book Sales continue to be a volunteer endeavor overseen by the Wright–Patterson Officers' Spouses' Club (WPOSC, formerly OWC). We have a very active group of players that meet weekly to continue the game and our Activity Lead for the game helps write the new version of the book every 5 to 7 years to keep the rules current.

This year, member Cathy Gagnon has stepped up to lead our Mah Jongg Activity Group and to oversee Mah Jongg Book Sales. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg Book or joining in on play, please contact Cathy at mahjonggewrightpattersonosc.org.





THRIFT SHOP



WALK-IN CONSIGNMENTS!

- Please refer to <u>Consignment Rules & Procedures</u> and Permanent No Take List under "Thrift Shop Forms".
- Please call or check Facebook for the Weekly No Take List.

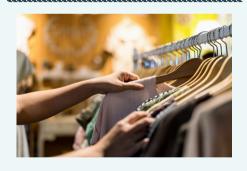


REGULAR HOURS

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

9:30 - 11:30 AM: Tues, Wed, Fri



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

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS ANYTIME WE ARE OPEN!





School is back in session, and the Thrift Shop is stocked and ready for Fall shopping! If your children have outgrown or are tired of their clothes and games, consider donating those items and then restocking with our collections of gently used, but "new to you" merchandise. We also have adult clothing, uniforms, household items, home improvement, and much more. Come shop with us!

We will be closed Friday, August 30 for the Labor Day holiday but open our usual Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. through the month of September.

We are currently welcoming new volunteers who enjoy working with the public, merchandising, or repurposing gently used items in a sustainable manner. We'll be having an informational meeting/training on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Thrift Shop.

For more information email thriftshop@wrightpattersonosc.org or call (937) 879-5630

Thrift 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 VOLUNTEERSI

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

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

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



CLUB NEWS EXTRAS

Notes from activity group leads...

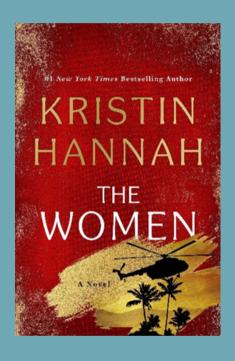
Book Club

Thursday, September 19, 2024
10:30-11:30 AM
Barnes and Noble/Starbucks
Across from Fairfield Mall in Beavercreek

This month we will be reading The Women by Kristin Hannah.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, The Women is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

We hope you will join us as we discuss this novel.





Wine Club

Join Wine Club for our first official event of the new club year with dinner at Cooper's Hawk on September 27 at 6:00p.m. Please join our Facebook group or contact Elisa Rickard to RSVP.

Wine Club events vary each month and we have a growing list of local wineries and wine bars we hope to check out this year!

CLUB NEWS EXTRAS

Notes from activity group leads...

Spouses Night Out

Dating in Rotary Park. We will be meeting at the big shelter on the right just before the softball fields. Please bring a snack or dessert to share and beverage of your choice. We will have water available. We will eat at 5:45 p.m. and speed dating starts at 6:30 p.m.

Photography Club

Now that the kiddos are back in school, let's go explore a local state park, John Bryan in Yellow Springs. A unique feature of the park is the limestone gorge that was cut by two rivers. Let's meet on Wednesday, September 11th at 10:00a.m. The park is located at 3790 State Route 370, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387. After exploring the park we can have lunch in nearby Yellow Springs or get a treat at Young's Dairy Farm. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Rubber Stamp Club

Our next creative get-together is
Friday, September 13th (second Friday)
from 10:00-12:00 at Lori's house. We'll
have 2-3 projects lined up, so be
prepared to stamp! The project
designers will bring all the supplies
except scissors and adhesives.
Everyone brings those for themselves.
Please watch for the Evite and
respond by Tues., Sept. 10th, so we'll
know how many to prepare for.

See you there!

Wright Wringers

It's time to get the bells and music out. If you love making music then this will be the right group for you. We are looking for ringers and no experience is required. We meet Monday mornings. Visit our Facebook page for more information.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

ANTIQUES SOCIÉTÉ

Elizabeth Clark

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 WPOSC Activities Room, Bldg. 95

5265 Miller Rd, WPAFB

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 Taylor

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 chicagojudy23eyahoo.com to be added.

Facebook Group: WPOSC Bunco

GAME NIGHT

Brendon Myers

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 Vincie

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 Punches

Ashley Zelinski

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 Gagnon

Sara Smith

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 Monday afternoons to play this addictive game and continue a long-standing WPOSC tradition. This year we are returning game play to our Activities Room. Contact Cathy Gagnon or join our Facebook group if you are interested in joining!

Facebook Group: WPOSC Mah Jongg

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Adriana Eden

Facebook Group: WPOSC Photography Club

RETIRED OFFICERS' SPOUSES

Position open.....

Facebook Group:
WPOSC Retired Officer Spouses

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RUBBER STAMP CLUB

Lori Enochian

Rubber stamp artists, greeting card makers, paper crafters, and paper-crafting wannabes... this is the group of friends you're looking for!!! Come join us as we get inky and make things! 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 and join us over in our Facebook group for all the details, discussions, and sign-ups for between-meeting activities.

Facebook Group: WPOSC Rubber Stamp Club

SPOUSES' NIGHT OUT

Nova Otte Catherine Krivitsky

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 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

THE WRIGHT RINGERS

Heidi Cahoon

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

Keep a look out for updated rehearsal schedule for the coming year.

WRIGHT WALKERS

Robin Sowder

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,

-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
- 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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WELFARE..... Amy Beert

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SPOUSES' NIGHT OUT	. Nova Otte
WINE CLUB	
WRIGHT WALKERS	. Robin Sowder

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

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

> > activities@wrightpattersonosc.org

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thriftshop@wrightpattersonosc.org

welfare@wrightpattersonosc.org.

webcoordinator@wrightpattersonosc.org

September Social

Wooden Mini Block Painting by AR Workshop

Sept 12th 11am-1pm at the USO

Mini Wood Block Painting Approx. 4x8 in size

OHIO

\$12 for one or two for \$20

Catering: Taste of Jerusalem Members: Lunch Included -- Guests \$15

RSVP: How many blocks and which one(s) sunflower or Ohio, dietary accommodations by September 5th.

Reservation Number 937-315-1550



Wright-Patterson OSC PROGRAMS 2024-2025

- Get Crafty Sep 12 Daytime
- Family Fun Night Oct 10 Evening
- Comfy Cozy Crafty-Nov 14 Evening
- Holiday Luncheon Dec TBA
- Dayton Tour Time Jan 9 Daytime
- La Comedia Feb 20 Daytime
- Lady Luck Bunco Bash Mar 13 Evening
- Make It, Bake It, Fake It April Evening
- Scholarship Night May TBA

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

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Military & Family Readiness Center		Main Store (Bldg. 1250)(937) 879-5730
Williary & Farmly Redamess Center	(557) 257 5552	Home & Garden/Class VI(937) 878-8831
SAFETY & LEGAL		Commissary(937) 257-2060
Security Police/Fire Dept	911	Military Clothing Sales(937) 257-2800
Security Desk (Bldg. 295)		HOBBY COMPLEX
Pass/Registration (Bldg. 286)		Arts & Crafts(937) 257-7025
Legal Assistance (Bldg. 10)		Framing Shop(937) 257-7183
Military IDs (Bldg. 2)	(937) 257-2547	Information, Tickets, & Travel(937) 257-7670
, , , ,		FITNESS & RECREATION
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Medical Appointments	(937) 522-2778	Jarvis Fitness Center (Bldg. 1245)(937) 257-4469
Emergency Room	(937) 257-2274	Wright Field Fitness Center (Bldg. 571)(937) 257-1961
Pediatrics	(937) 257-6991	Base Theater (Bldg. 1239)(937) 257-4697
Women's Health	(937) 257-1160	Bowling Alley (Bldg. 1221)(937) 257-7796
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Veterinarian	(937) 257-6853	Wright-Patterson Club (Bldg. 800)(937) 257-9762

^{*}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: www.wrightpattersonosc.org

Facebook: WPOSC Members

Instagram: @wrightpattersonosc

Reservation Line: (937) 315–1550 (updated weekly)

Email: Emails sent out monthly with calendar and reminders