



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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MUSEUM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR WINS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

DAYTON, Ohio – Bonnie Holtmann, volunteer program manager at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, is the 2009 recipient of the Miami Valley Association of Volunteer Administrators' Outstanding Volunteer Administrator Award.

Holtmann has directed the museum's volunteer program since 1987. In Holtmann's 22 years as program manager, the program has grown from around 100 to nearly 500 volunteers. These individuals play a vital role in nearly every aspect of the museum's operation, serving as gallery monitors, docents, research assistants, restoration workers, special events help, and administrative aides.

"Bonnie stands out because of her commitment to high standards and a deep respect for volunteers," said Carolyn Slott, assistant volunteer program manager. Slott nominated Holtmann, her supervisor, for the award. "She manages a large and successful volunteer program because she is committed to learning from other programs and integrating new knowledge and new tools into her program."

Slott says that Holtmann has worked to develop new programs for the public and to integrate ongoing education and effective work agreements for volunteers. Each position requires initial training and observation, and volunteers must sign an "ethics and standards" agreement before working with the public and with the museum's priceless artifacts.

Holtmann serves in many other leadership capacities throughout the community. She currently sits on the United Way Volunteer Advisory Council, the Association for Volunteer Administrators, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council for Montgomery & Greene counties, and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Volunteer Advisory Council. She has served as chair for the Red Cross Diversity Committee, Ohio Governor's Task Force on volunteer service, Wright State Innovative Leadership for Today's Managers, and the Cincinnati Planning Committee for the

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Museum Affinity Group.

She also serves as the main point of contact for all Department of Defense volunteer programs within the United States, serving as a mentor to new volunteer administrators.

Holtmann appreciates the recognition, from an organization in which she was a founding member, for her work with the volunteers who serve as the face of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

“It has been a pleasure to watch this organization grow from a meager beginning in 1993 to the fully effective and dynamic professional organization that it is today. There is no higher compliment than to be recognized by your peers and I am deeply honored to receive a recipient of this prestigious award,” she said.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Street, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day). Admission and parking are free.

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