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**Ben Klepek graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in April 1980. He logged over 1,200 hours after graduation flying for Airborne Corporation and DeMille Aviation. In 1983 he earned his Air Force Officer wings and reported to KC-135 aircraft training at Castle AFB CA. He earned his graduate degree in Management from Webster University 1986. He graduated from Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB AL 1986.**

**Ben Klepek is the Air Force Junior ROTC, OH-871<sup>st</sup>, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Columbus Downtown High School, Columbus Ohio from January 2003 until present. The Air Force Junior ROTC, OH-871<sup>st</sup>, has been recognized by the United States Air Force as being in the top 20% of Air Force Junior ROTC units in the Air Force. His Air Force Junior ROTC cadets have always accomplished over 2,000 hours of Columbus Ohio Community Service every academic year. The American Red Cross has recognized, OH-871<sup>st</sup>, as a “Silver Spoon” for three successful American Red Cross Blood Drives this past year. His Air Force Junior ROTC cadets honor the Tuskegee Airmen every October at Rickenbacker Air Force Base. His Cadets have orchestrated a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading program this year to assist 3<sup>rd</sup> graders enjoy reading and improve 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading skills. His cadets also work to assist 400 Homeless Veterans at the annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down at Veterans Memorial. Community service is the avenue Ben Klepek uses to mold his Air Force Junior ROTC cadets into better citizens for the United States.**

**Ben Klepek is proud to provide opportunities for his Air Force Junior ROTC cadets. The Ohio Valley Leadership Program at Wright State University/Wright Patterson AFB is a once in a lifetime opportunity for his cadets to compete with 160 Air Force Junior ROTC cadets from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio every summer. His Cadets experience flying in a Cessna 172, Canoeing on a lake, Bowling at Wright Patterson AFB, Air & Space Museum visit and the lifelong friendships for the cadets is priceless.**

**Ben Klepek has been married 25 yrs. to Donna Klepek. His son, Tyler Klepek, graduates from Ohio State University, Financial Planning, May 2014. His daughter, Holly Klepek, is a Junior at Miami University, Oxford Ohio. She is pursuing DNA Counseling and plans to graduate May 2015. His primary interest is his family, and the many avenues Columbus Ohio provides.**