



**Join Us at the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Convention
(Friday/Saturday/Sunday, 22 – 24 September 2017)**



The MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters State Convention will take place 22 – 24 September 2017 at the Community Activity Center (CAC) on the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS), Vienna, Ohio. The Mahoning-Shenango Valleys Chapter (MSVC) of MOAA is pleased to host this year's convention. **PLEASE NOTE: Military ID Card necessary for access to the base.** *(If you don't have a Military ID, your name and date of birth will have to be on the Base Entry Access Request ten days prior to the event, then you must show your driver's license at the gate.)*

Our convention will begin on Friday, 22 September, with registration starting at 1500 hours at the Eagle's Nest Lodge. You will receive a complimentary bag, courtesy of MOAA and USAA, which will include registration materials and gifts. We'll all get together in the CAC, for a Meet and Greet at 1800 hours. Beverages (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres will be available. The dress is casual.

On Saturday, 23 September, the convention, will be a full day of activities starting with a buffet breakfast at 0730 in the CAC. The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 0830. Speakers include the Commanders of the 910th Airlift Wing; 9th Coast Guard District, Ohio's National Guard Camp Ravenna; the Director of V Public Health Region and others. Spouses are invited to attend and make patriotic cards that could be sent to veterans in local VA medical facilities or to deployed units. The dress is business casual.

Saturday afternoon is planned to allow you to participate in a two-hour C-130 orientation flight from the YARS to Niagara Falls, New York and return. (For safety, no high heel shoes or dresses/skirts for ladies.)

The evening social begins at 1800 and banquet at 1830 in the CAC, and we are very fortunate to have Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF, Retired, President and CEO of MOAA as the keynote speaker. The CAC lounge will be open before and after the banquet. It'll be a great time for all, and we hope you will come and enjoy the evening with us. Dress is coat and tie.

On Sunday, 24 September, the quarterly meeting of the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters, 0900 – 1200, will be held preceded by a Non-denominational Chapel Service at 0730 for those that wish to attend, and a buffet breakfast at 0800, both in the CAC. Part of the buffet breakfast cost is courtesy of MOAA National and USAA, and is open to Chapter delegates, members and spouses. LTC Clarence Counts, USA, Retired, Deputy Director of MOAA Chapter Affairs will be our guest speaker on Sunday. The dress is business casual.

The complete agenda, times and other convention information can be found at these websites beginning in June; www.msvc-moaa.org or www.ohiomooa.org and just click on the MSVC Chapter link. The downloadable information includes: 1.) Convention Information & Fact Sheets; 2.) Convention Registration Form; 3.) Convention Agenda and 4.) Maps. The cost for the convention meals is \$55 and covers the Saturday buffet breakfast, buffet luncheon and formal dinner and a Sunday buffet breakfast or any combination you desire.

Other lodging (Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn, Residence Inn, or Hampton Inn) are available 8-miles from the YARS in the Warren/Niles Eastwood Mall area on State Route 46/Niles-Cortland Rd. There is a gas station located in Vienna, 2-miles from the YARS on State Route 193 and Warren-Sharon Road.

Registration form and remittance, payable to **MOAA-MSVC** needs to be received **NLT 8 September**. Mail to: Navy Operational Support Center Youngstown, ATTN: MSVC-MOAA, 3976 King Graves Road, Bldg. 540, Vienna, OH 44473-5980 Please make your lodging reservations directly with the **Eagle's Nest Lodge** at the YARS (Phone Number: **330-609-1268** or e-mail: <http://af.dodlodging.net/> and mention "MOAA Convention," **NLT 8 September**. The room rate is \$60 per night or VIP rate at \$69. per night. Total costs are much less than previous OCC conventions due to this special location.

See you at the 2017 Ohio Council of Chapters Convention!!

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