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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE *Rod Hosler*

MSVC is open for business! Here we are in July already, I hope everyone had a great Independence Day. I also hope you all are well and surviving. This has been an interesting four months for us as a MOAA chapter, and for the country as a whole.

The MSVC will meet on Thursday, 23 July at 5:00 PM. We were scheduled to be at the Vienna Rod & Gun Club in Vienna, but the club remains closed.

We're looking at another venue and will let everyone know where we'll meet as soon as possible. This will be a caterer picnic dinner costing \$10.00 per person. Please let us know by Tuesday, 21 July, if you plans to attend and I hope to see you all there. If you have concerns for social distancing, use your own judgement. **hosler1@zoominternet.net or mscvmoaa@gmail.com**

The YARS remains closed, but as it stands for now the base and CAC be able to accommodate our scheduled meeting dinners for August and September. However, if conditions may at any time that may cause a cancellations of our scheduled events. We will keep everyone apprised of the situation as they arise and contact you as soon as possible. The August steak fry and corn roast meeting could be a "picnic affair" similar to what we held several years ago at the Medical Pavilion next to the USO. More information to follow.

Our signature program of recognizing local outstanding ROTC/JROTC cadets will take place. The chapter will host ROTC/JROTC Recognition Dinner at our 23 September Meeting in the CAC at the YARS. Keep you eyes open for more information.



SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

I continue to be angered at the recent political and civil unrest taking place in the country. The nation is being wrought by internal political strife and violence in many cities. It began with the killings in Minneapolis and Atlanta. The narrative has shifted from protesting police violence to wanton and deliberate rioting and destruction of our cities, and the destruction of American culture, heritage and history. We've seen this play out many times in our recent past, but this latest episode is telling. Regardless of the chants of militant fascists and Marxists in the mob and the complicity of the media, America is not a racist nation.

As reported in their website, Black Lives Matter (BLM) is a Marxist political organization, and has all of the Marxist qualities; suppression of free speech, intimidation, violence, destruction of the foundations of culture, heritage and history. We see the destruction and vandalism of iconic statues of Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Frederick Douglass, Hans Christian Heg, Andrew Jackson and others. The streets are filled with hate as rioters attempt to dismantle America and many elected officials are turning a blind eye and letting the destruction happen. BLM cares not for the lives of many black on black murders and shootings across the country, but concentrates on radical racial hatred and violence against all who oppose them. We must not give in to the intimidations of those that disregard our heritage in order to promote Marxism and Anti-American dogma.

As officers, we have an obligation to speak up for the rights of Americans, our founding documents, our heritage and history. We must not let ourselves and our family and friends be swayed by the radical Marxist and fascist fringe that work for the destruction of the country and values we fought to defend. Stand up to be counted. You have nothing to lose, but our country and the American way of life. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."— Edmund Burke, British Statesman and Philosopher

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June Chapter Meeting Wrap-up

The Chapter met on Thursday, 25 June at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Heritage, Pennsylvania, the first time since February. Fifteen Chapter members met and enjoyed the standard Golden Corral spread and lively dialogue. The topics of conversations were of course the China/Wuhan Virus, disturbances in the streets of America and the destruction of historic statues and American heritage and culture. We topped off the meeting by donating \$300 to Golden Corral's Camp Corral and provided restaurant manager Bill Weaver with a cheque and our thanks for taking care of soldiers families.

GC Manager Bill Weaver accepting the \$300 donation for Camp Corral from Chapter Treasurer Florence Hosler. Photo by Mike Wisniewski



Photo by Florence Hosler

Chapter President Rod Hosler presented member Mike Wisniewski with the Col Marvin Harris Award for the MSVC newsletter 2019. Mike was editor and PR for the chapter.

Coronavirus Resources MOAA website

[Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

[CDC Advice for Higher-Risk Individuals VA Coronavirus Website](https://www.va.gov/coronavirus)

[TRICARE Coronavirus Information](https://www.tricare.mil/coronavirus)

[DoD Coronavirus Response Website](https://www.dod.mil/coronavirus)

[Health.mil Coronavirus Information](https://www.health.mil/coronavirus)

[Military OneSource Coronavirus Resources](https://www.militaryonesource.com/coronavirus)

[National Institutes of Health Coronavirus Information](https://www.nih.gov/coronavirus)

[From MOAA: What You Need to Know About the CARES Act](https://www.moaa.org/coronavirus)

[Latest Coronavirus News from Military.com](https://www.military.com/coronavirus)

[Latest Coronavirus News from Military Times](https://www.militarytimes.com/coronavirus)



MSVC 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 23 Jul: Meeting and Rifle & Pistol Shoot (**Location To Be Determined**).
- 20 Aug: Steak Fry & Corn Roast Dinner Meeting, at CAC, YARS.
- 03 Sept: MSVC Board Meeting, Veterans Resource Center, YSU.
- 24 Sept: ROTC Recognition Dinner Meeting, CAC, YARS.
- 01 Oct: MSVC Board Meeting, Veterans Resource Center, YSU.
- 16 Oct: Lunch Meeting, CAC, YARS (Annual Business Meeting).
- 07 Nov: MSVC Board Meeting, Veterans Resource Center, YSU.
- 08 Nov: Vietnam Veterans Laying of the Roses, Youngstown.
- 11 Nov: Veterans Day Ceremony, Mahoning County Courthouse.
- 20 Nov: Lunch Meeting, CAC, YARS.
- 03 Dec: MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS.
- 06 Dec: MOAA/ROA Christmas Party, Manor Restaurant Austintown.

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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Congress continues to dither over partisan issues and finger pointing while ignoring the major issues of concern to our membership and the country. Balloon spending on “emergency issues” has put key legislative actions on the back burner. Frivolous programs continue to be funded with these “emergency issues” at the sake of real legislation designed to help America’s military community.

Please take action now to urge our legislators to act on the potential elimination of 18,000 Military Medical Billets and Restructuring Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The July edition of the Military Officer magazine has several preprinted letters to be sent to the Congressional leadership soliciting support regarding the elimination of Military Medical facilities and personnel slated for the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 (FY 2021 NDAA). Please sign and send off to the Congressional leadership. Go to the MOAA website and start your actions now.

MOAA Legislative Update moaa.org/takeaction
or 1-800-234-6622 ext. 215

You can refer to the article in last months newsletter on this issue.

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**TOM HANKS NEW FILM ‘GREYHOUND’**

Tom Hanks has come full circle. After vividly depicting D-Day from the perspective of 2nd Ranger Battalion in *Saving Private Ryan*, the European Theatre via the 101st Airborne Division in *Band of Brothers*, and Pacific Theatre operations with the Marine Corps in *The Pacific*, he’s starring in *Greyhound*, which recounts Navy operations during World War II.

Enlisting director Aaron Schneider, Hanks — the film’s star, screenwriter, and producer — adapts C.S. Forester’s *The Good Shepherd* (Little Brown & Co., 1955) into a suspenseful account of seafaring heroism. Hanks plays a career officer facing off against a fleet of German U-boats — and his own self-doubts — in the early days of U.S. involvement in the war.     By: Todd Gilchrist , MOAA staff

My favorite Navy movie is ‘The Enemy Below’ with Robert Mitchum and Kurt Jurgens. A destroyer and U-boat cat and mouse game in the South Atlantic. No CGI available but pretty realistic for the time (1957.)

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**Elections are coming up in October, nominations are in September. Please consider serving on the MSVC-MOAA Board.**

**MSVC-MOAA Committees**

These are not Board positions but voluntary. They work with the Board when needed.

Legislative Affairs

Membership

Nominating

Personal Affairs

Programs

PR/Communications

Student Affairs

Surviving Spouse Rep.

Several Members at Large and Officers are the Chair of some of these committees but always need an extra bit of help from time to time.

Other positions are Newsletter Editor and Meal Coordinator.

Each on there own don't take much time but when they are combined with other positions...well it can be a bit overwhelming.... as Treasurer, Editor and Lunch Lady I know of what I speak!



**MEMBERSHIPRENEWAL for MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER MOAA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Years Active/Reserve \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Regular Member (Retired, Former, Active\* Officer of the seven uniformed US Services (Membership \$20/year)