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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

The MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) Convention. As we've been talking about for the past year, the MSVC is cohosting the OCC Convention along with the Ohio Western Reserve and Cleveland Chapters and will take place 29-30 September and 1 October 2023 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Program speakers are: the new MOAA President and CEO, Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret.); Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, USA (Ret.), President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus; Brig. Gen. Peter Collins, USMC, (Ret.) Honorary Director of the USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation; and CAPT Erin Stone, Director of the Councils and Chapters of MOAA and others. Congressman Bill Johnson was requested to attend the convention and talk about congressional actions affecting Ohio, the military and veterans, but is not coming. Friday evening, 29 September will be the meet and greet reception and Saturday, 30 September is the Convention program, banquet keynote speaker, and presentation of MOAA's LOE awards. The OCC will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, 01 October, 9:30 – 11:30. The convention programs will touch on MOAA's legislative efforts, membership opportunities, and a myriad of other topics and issues. Over \$5,000.00 worth of great items will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus. So far 22 MSVC members have registered.

The Major Richard Star Act (S. 344) reintroduced in the 118th Congress did not make it into the latest National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). MOAA will need time to assess new and old legislation as it is introduced by lawmakers.

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17 AUGUST MEETING ROLLUP

The Chapter conducted our annual Steak and Corn Roast Dinner and meeting on Thursday, 17 August at A La Cart in Canfield. The program speaker was Denise Brownlee of DOVE; an outreach organization and program that arranges kidney donations for veterans. One of their missions is "encouraging people to give, so Vets can live." Denise Brownlee is a proud kidney donor that saved the life of a veteran. This was an extremely informative presentation.

Topping off the meeting was outstanding steak dinner. Twenty-six members attended the dinner meeting.



Denise Brownlee and MSVC President Rod Hosler



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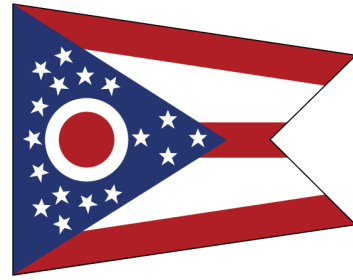
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These links take you to current OH & PA bills of military and veteran interest.

Walt's Words of Wisdom

- *Here's is an easy question, Why Join MOAA, and you say _____
- *MOAA originally was the Retired Officers Association, 1929-2002
- *Not a restaurant chain motto "NEVER STOP SERVING"its OURS
- *You are showing your age if you are having your cookies with milk and not the internet.
- *Your military records are open to the public,62 years after leaving the service...really?
- *See you all (Y'all) at the OCC Convention

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NOMINATION FOR MSVC LEADERSHIP AND BOARD FOR 2024-2026

YOUR CHAPTER, NEEDS YOU.

It's that time again, when the chapter is seeking new leadership for the Board of Directors.

As officers we have all stepped up to lead and be in charge. We've also had successful post military careers. You have the talents that we need.

Several positions are available to be filled: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and one Member-at Large.

The positions are not hard because it's a team effort. It's time you step forward.

Nominations in October and Election in November.

Most current Board members have served from 10 to 6 years and would like to hand over the responsibility to other chapter members, this means Spouse members too!

Contact Rod Hosler or any current Board member of your interest and intent.

MOAA's motto is **Never Stop Serving.**



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Why Join MOAA?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: NEVER STOP SERVING.

To Join MOAA National: use the web site www.moaa.org/join or call 800-234-6622

President's msg. continued:

Check to see what bills MOAA supports in the 118th Congress. MOAA's legislative priorities and other issues can be found at the legislative take action alerts on the MOAA website at <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/> MOAA's legislative advocacy program is well underway. Interacting with Congress places us in the forefront of protecting our military and keeping it strong. Please contact your and senators and urge them to support the Major Richard Star Act. But there is more MOAA could do to support America's military and maintain strong national defense. MOAA should take up torch and leading to eliminate the woke culture and political instability affecting our military.

Under current law, military personnel must serve at least 20 years to receive full retirement and disability pay. The Major Richard Star Act would change the law. It was introduced last year, but never made it to the floor for a vote. [WHY and who did not support it.]

It was disappointing to learn that it didn't pass. Just in Ohio, there are almost 500 medical retirees with combat-related injuries that would benefit from this act. Currently in Congress, 71 Senators support the Major Richard Star Act and 75% of the House Congress supports it. Why everyone is not on board is baffling. It is understandable that left leaning members of Congress won't support, still what is the hold up and who aren't supporting it? MOAA should find out and take action. I believe there's caution to put the bill up for a vote because there's still no solution on how to pay for it. There are options, though, but I'm not optimistic it'll be brought to the floor for a vote. Both chambers will be back in session by mid-September, so, we'll see. By the way, about 95-percent of all congressional legislative actions are still in committee, and most have nothing to do with national defense, veteran issues or improving the lives of everyday American citizens. Go to their website. I think, and almost everyone will agree, 'we're not getting our monies worth out of our Congress.' Bad indictment.

BECOME A MOAA NATIONAL PREMIUM (ANNUAL) OR LIFE MEMBER:

The Chapter currently has 129 members: 35 Life members, 27 Premium (Annual) Members, and 48 Basic members. Premium (Annual) and Life level of membership allows members full access to all MOAA benefits, travel service, free information publications, and discounts at many MOAA supported businesses. Basic member are MOAA National members, but pay no National MOAA dues and only have access to the MOAA website receiving just the electronic newsletter. Paying Premium or Life member dues also funds the programs sponsored by MOAA, and more important MOAA's lobbying efforts with Congress. Get full MOAA National benefits by becoming a Premium or Life member. Use the MOAA web site www.moaa.org/join or call 1-800-234-6622

KEEP MOAA NATIONAL INFORMED

Personal information listed on the MOAA National membership roster can only be changed by **you**, the individual member. Correct your information via your login at www.moaa.org, "My Profile" Information or call 1-800-234-6622. Changes include:

- ◆ address
- ◆ email
- ◆ telephone number
- ◆ rank or military status



MOAA WEBINARS

**Transition and Career
Finance
Health Care
VA and Military Benefits
End of Life
How MOAA Can Help**

MOAA offers both live and archived webinars under the topics listed above, if you can't make a current event they are sent to registered participants as well as being archived for your own schedule. Check them out, there is a great deal of useful information!

MSVC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

[Note: Unless otherwise noted, all chapter meetings are held at A La Cart Catering, Canfield.]

[Dinner Meetings (Apr. – Sept.) - 5:30 PM gathering, 6:00 PM dinner served.]

[Lunch Meetings (Oct. – Mar.) - 11:30 AM gathering, 12:00/Noon lunch served.]

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30 – OHIO COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS, Youngstown Air Reserve Base

OCT 20 – Lunch Meeting To be held at ENZO'S in Warren. Nomination of Officers More info to follow, check emails/newsletter.

NOV 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, Mahoning County Courthouse, Youngstown, 11:00 AM.

NOV 17 – Lunch Meeting, election of officers. Program speaker Eric Weeden will talk about Air Traffic Control.

DEC 09 – MOAA/ROA Christmas Party and Fund Raiser, 3:30 PM gathering, 4:00 Dinner.

MILITARY HISTORY, EVENTS AND COMMEMORATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

2 Sept. 1945: Japan formally surrenders aboard the USS Missouri in Toyoko Bay.



11 Sept.: Patriots Day, 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 2000 terrorist attack on America.

15 Sept.: POW/MIA Recognition Day. Remembering Rod Hosler's Mothers' cousin, PFC John Alkire, USAAF; Captured on Bataan; Death March survivor; died POW, remains not recovered.

17 - 25 Sept. 1944: Operation Market-Garden, Allied Airborne assault into Holland.

18 Sept. 1947: Birthday of the United States Air Force (formerly the U.S. Army Air Force).

24 Sept: Gold Star Mother's Day

MOAA OHIO COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS CONVENTION AGENDA

Friday, 29 September 2023

15:00 - 17:00 – REGISTRATION – Eagles Nest Lodge

18:00 - 21:00 – Meet and Greet Social – Community Activity Center (CAC)

Saturday, 30 September 2023

07:00 - 08:30 – REGISTRATION – CAC

07:00 - 08:30 – Breakfast – CAC

09:00 – 09:15 – Opening Ceremonies

09:15 - 09:45 – “910th Airlift Wing Mission Brief” (Col. Michael Maloney, 910th)

10:00 - 11:45 – Program: “MOAA's Council and Chapters” (CAPT E. Stone)

11:45 - 12:30 – LUNCH

12:30 - 13:15 – Program: “National Veterans Memorial and Museum” (LTG Ferriter)

13:30 - 14:15 – Program: “Commissioning of the USS Cleveland” (BG P. Collins)

14:30 - 16:00 – Round Tables Discussions: Best Practices for Chapters.

Personal Affairs (End of Life Planning): LT Florence Hosler, MSVC

Legislative, Advocacy for Action: LTC Rod Hosler, MSVC

Importance of MOAA Membership: CAPT Erin Stone, MOAA

14:30 - 16:00 – Local Art Museum Tours (as Desired)

Butler Museum of American Art or Medici Museum of Art

16:00 - 18:00 – Open/Free Time

18:00 - 19:00 – Social Hour – CAC.

19:00 - 21:00 – Banquet

Gen. Kelly's Remarks/Presentation of MOAA LOE Awards (Gen. Kelly, MOAA)

21:00 – Benediction and Recess

Sunday, 01 October 2023

07:30 - 08:30 – Breakfast – CAC

09:00 – 09:15 – Opening Ceremonies

09:15 - 11:30 – “Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting.”

11:30 – Benediction and Adjournment.

“It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.”

– U.S Air Force Manual

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"This is so cool. Where'd you get the saber rattle ringtone?"