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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

The MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) Convention Roll-up. As we've been talking about for the past year, the MSVC has co-hosted the OCC Convention along with Ohio Western Reserve and Cleveland Chapters that took place 29-30 September and 1 October at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

Program speakers were 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 (NVMM) in Columbus; Brig. Gen. Peter Collins, USMC, (Ret.) Director of the USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation; and from MOAA, MS. Lila Quintiliani, a former Army officer and Program Director for Financial and Benefits Education/Counseling.

The Friday evening meet and greet reception allowed everyone to get together, socialize and get reacquainted. Great fun.

The Saturday morning program was opened by LTC William Radcliffe, USA, Ret., OCC President with the National Anthem sung by LTC Scott Allen, USAF. This was followed by a mission brief by COL Joe Winchester, USAF, Commander 910th Maintenance Group. MS Lila Quintiliani covered MOAA's legislative issues, and member programs and benefits; Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter briefed on the National Veterans Memorial and Museum; and Brig. Gen. Peter Collins on the commissioning of the USS Cleveland. The afternoon sessions were roundtable discussions on "best practices for the chapter" with three topics: legislative advocacy, MOAA chapter membership, and personal affairs-end of life planning.

After the Saturday evening dinner Gen. Kelly presented the MOAA Level of Excellence Awards to all of the chapters, the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter was awarded a Five Star level. He then spoke on the "State of MOAA."

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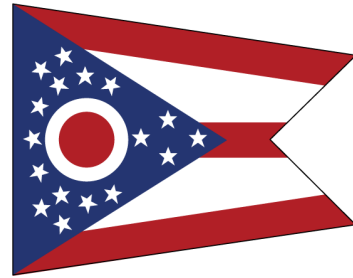
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[DOCUMENTS REPORTED OUT BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS](#)

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

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

As echoed by Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, MOAA's President and CEO, MOAA is the leading advocacy organization that is constantly on the "Hill" lobbying Congress for the benefits, pay and quality of life issues for American's uniformed services. Our primary mission and goal is to protect the benefits, pay and quality of life issues for American's uniformed services from being stripped away and to ensure legislation is passed granting out service members the benefits they've earned. Follow MOAA's legislative priorities and other issues by going to the MOAA website at <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/> and click on Advocacy and take action. Simple. Together we can make a difference to safeguard the rights of uniformed servicemembers and their families through aggressive legislative advocacy. MOAA has made the promise to those service members and their families by "**Never Stop Serving.**"

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YOUR CHAPTER, NEEDS YOU. It's that time again, when the chapter is seeking new leadership for the Board of Directors. The title 'Officer' is special and not all achieve that status. As officers, we all made the committed serve and support those that served. As officers, we have all stepped up to lead and be in charge, and we've also had successful post military careers. You have the talents that we need. All positions are available to be filled: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and six Board of Directors. The leadership positions are not hard because it's a team effort. Service, that's what officers do. It's time you step forward. Nominations will take place at our October meeting with elections in November. Contact Rod Hosler or any current Board member of your interest and intent. **MOAA's motto is Never Stop Serving.**

What Would a Shutdown Mean for Servicemembers, Veterans, and Retirees?

By: Brenden McMahon

Update: A 45-day continuing resolution [became law Sept. 30](#), keeping the government funded through mid-November. Send a message through MOAA's Legislative Action Center and tell your lawmakers to [finish the budget process](#) and [ensure servicemembers are paid](#) should a deal not be reached.

As the start of a new fiscal year draws closer with no agreement in place to fund the government, servicemembers, veterans, and their families face uncertainty, financial stress, and an erosion of trust in the government – all during a recruiting crisis for the all-volunteer force.

“Military members and their families volunteer and are honored to serve and make the needed sacrifices, but they don't and should not expect to sacrifice their financial security,” said Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), MOAA president and CEO. “The all-volunteer force is the backbone of our nation's national and economic security. We depend on them and hold them accountable -- which they embrace – and they want and deserve the same dependability and accountability from the elected members of Congress who are charged with supporting them.”

[TAKE ACTION: [Urge Your Elected Officials to Support the Pay Our Troops Act](#)]

MOAA continues its work on behalf of all who serve, and needs your help on both short- and long-term messaging to Congress to address this ongoing funding problem. [Here's what you should know as Sept. 30 inches closer.](#)

McMahon joined MOAA's Government Relations team as an Associate Director in March 2020. He researches and analyzes a range of topics, from military health care to pay and benefits, in support of MOAA's national legislative agenda.

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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

Membership Corner

By David J Di Tallo, 2nd Vice Pres/Membership Chair

We have **three (3) resolutions** for the membership to vote on at our Annual Business Meeting on Friday, October 20. All were passed by the Board of Directors earlier this year.

First, the Board recommends maintaining **dues for 2024 at twenty dollars (\$20)**.

Second, we need to **update our membership criteria to include U.S. Space Force**.

Third, the Board believes **new Regular chapter members should be required to join MOAA, at least as Basic members**. Currently, they are only encouraged to do so.

If you have any questions regarding these resolutions or membership related questions, please contact me at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or call me at (703) 859-3523.

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



Is a 55-and-Older Community Right for You?

What is a 55-and-older community? These residential communities are designed to be friendly to seniors with low-maintenance amenities such as pools and clubhouses and close proximity to shopping, restaurants, and attractions. There are more than 19,000 retirement community businesses in the U.S. as of 2023, an increase of 1.2% from 2022, according to IBISWorld.com.

Pros of living in one of these communities include:

Like-minded people. Because of the age requirements, many people living there are likely to be from your generation and share your interests. This will help making new friends easier.

Activities and events. Many of these communities have a clubhouse where you can find social events, games, movies, concerts, speakers, and more. These activities are usually open to the whole community, so you can participate in as many as you want.

Less maintenance. You'll probably need to pay an HOA fee for maintenance and repairs, but you won't need to worry about managing the outside of your property. The fee could also include services such as trash collection, cable, water, and security.

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**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.]

OCT 20 – Lunch Meeting To be held at ENZO'S in Warren. Nomination of Officers Presentation by the Director of Washington Square, a VA approved nursing care facility in Warren.

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.

Great to know our organization is in good health financially and supporting our military through robust programs and scholarships.

The OCC also conducted its quarterly meeting on Sunday, 01 October, 9:30 – 11:30. \$1700 was raised from the auction with \$2000 going to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus.

Twenty-five MSVC members attended, the most of any chapter, out of a total of 80 attendees. Well done MSVC members.

Col J. Winchester



**Col Winchester
Rod Hosler
LtCol Scott Allen**

Linda & Dick Calta with Linda Farkas



Barb & Mike Wisniewski

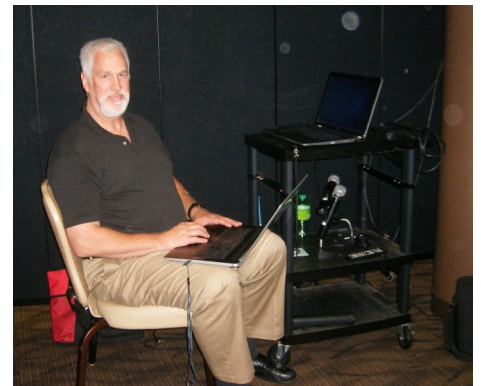


Mike W. & John Marino



Rod Hosler just being Rod

IT at work, Bruce Bille



The Music Man, Al Lind

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Surviving Spouse Cont.

Having lived in a gated 55-plus community since 2020, I find the only con is that I did not move here sooner. But for some, cons of these communities might include less privacy, higher costs, challenges selling, and younger family members potentially being restricted.

If you're considering moving to a retirement community, before you buy, make a list of other questions and ask the homeowner association (HOA) for answers. Get a copy of the HOA rules (which are also called restrictive covenants) and fees, and make sure you understand them before you make your decision.

Nora Durham is a member of MOAA's Surviving Spouse Advisory Council.

MOAA LUNCH MEETING FOR FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER

The Chapter is moving into the "winter lunch" meeting schedule. Our October meeting will be conducted on Friday, 20 October, arriving at 11:30 AM and lunch at 12:00 Noon at **Enzo's Restaurant** at 2918 Elm Rd., NE in Warren, OH. Chapter members have asked to have a lunch meeting in the Trumbull County area and your Board has listened. The Chapter must provide a \$200 security deposit. The cost is \$20.00 for a full lunch, and the chapter is obligated to pay for 25 meals. The difference must be made up by the chapter treasury, so please come. The program will be on Washington Square Health Care, a VA-approved skilled nursing center for short-term rehabilitation or long-term skilled nursing care in Trumbull county. Reservations must be received by Monday, 16 October. Call: 330-788-3270 or Email: mshvcmoaa@gmail.com. **FOR THIS LUNCH MEETING, WE ARE REQUESTION YOU BRING CASH OR CHECK FOR PAYMENT. NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS, PLEASE.** Those members that make reservations and do not come will be asked to reimburse the chapter for those meals as the chapter will have committed for those meals. I hope you all understand, and I hope to see you all there.

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.
— Colin Powell

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."

- Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States