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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

As we move closer to the end of the year, we look at the blessings we have this Thanksgiving ; and there is a lot to be thankful for. First and foremost is the fact that we live in a country that has been spared the turmoil of war on our homeland for more than one-hundred and fifty years. Secondly and just as important are the Veterans who have ensured our freedoms and liberty are protected by their honored service.

“Thank you Veterans for your service.” All too often that phrase, is echoed by many as a routine without the thought of its true significance, but when it comes from the heart, it is truly rewarding.

As veterans we have all experienced some form of service hardship in the defense of the nation: anxiety, fear, separation from family and friends, and possibly the a death of a comrade. But we also experienced the exhilaration of achievement, a job well done and knowing we did our duty. It is the Veteran that made America great. Thank you for your service, and I really mean it.

The Chapter will elect a new Board of Directors at the 17 November meeting. There are several positions (First Vice President and 1 Member-at-Large) that need to be filled. If you have the desire to see our chapter thrive and have the talent for leadership, I solicit your participation to become a member of the MSVC Board of Directors.

October Meeting Roll-Up

The Chapter met on Friday, 20 October at Enzo's in Warren. Trying something new, this was the first time MSVC met in a Trumbull County other than the Vienna Fish and Game Club.

The program was presented by Liz Hayes, Selina Pratt and Beth Leo of Washington Square Healthcare, in Warren.

Washington Square is the only care facility in Ohio that is VA approved and as such is able to accept veterans who receive VA benefits for their care. They have a very small veteran population and hope to have other facilities in their company VA approved as well.

Liz Hayes, Selina Pratt and Beth Leo of Washington Square accepting the MSVC flag set from President Rod Hosler



Photo by Dave DiTallo

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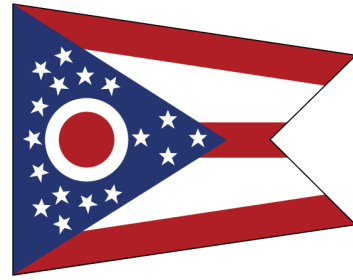
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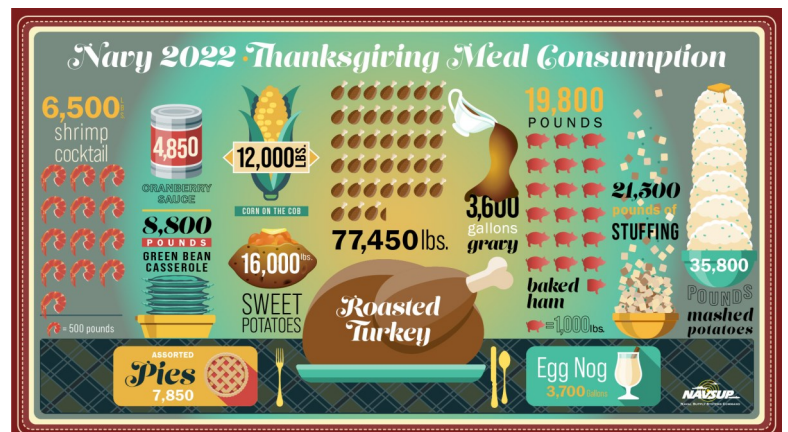


Pennsylvania

[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.

Guess I shouldn't complain about
Thanksgiving for 5 !



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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 at large members of the 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.

MSVC-MOAA/ROA CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FUND RAISER, SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA and ROA Chapter 42 will co-host our annual Christmas Party and Fundraiser on Saturday, 09 December at A la Cart Catering in Canfield. Social begins at 3:30 with dinner at 4:00 PM This is a BYOB function.

This is our premier fundraiser of the year and we're asking for a wrapped gift valued at \$25.00 for the mystery auction. *Please bring an item worthy of gifting*

Proceeds from the auction will go to Veterans Out-Reach in Liberty.

The Board will also offer a gift basket to be raffled off, this will be valued at \$100. The funds raised from this will go for gifts for veterans in nursing homes.



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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.

For those who are MOAA Life Members, MSVC offers a Chapter Life Membership if you are age 85 or greater and have been a chapter member for five (5) years.

Chapter Life Members are exempt from dues!

If you meet these criteria, please contact me at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or call me at (703) 859-3523 (cell/text) to update your chapter membership status.

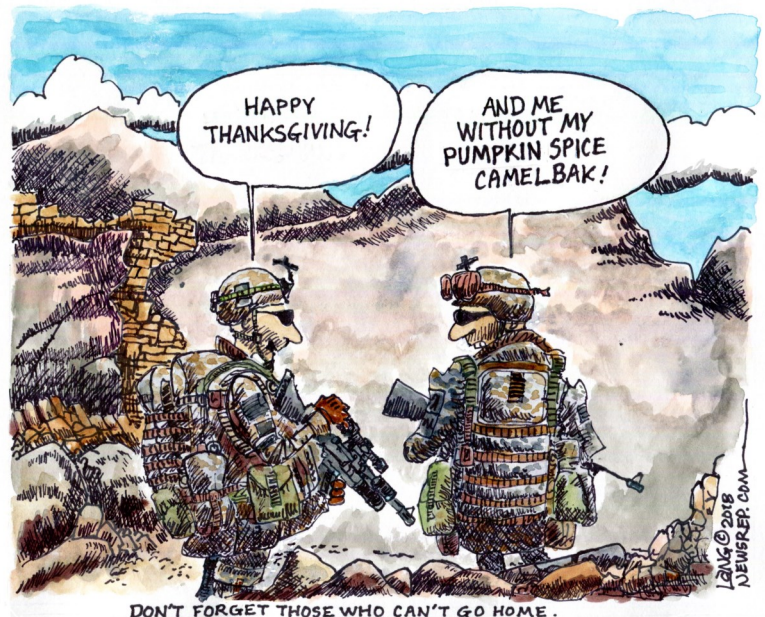
If you have any questions regarding these resolutions or membership related questions, please contact me at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or call me at (703) 859-3523.



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](tel:1-800-234-6622). Changes include:

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



MSVC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

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

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.

MOAA LUNCH MEETING FOR FRIDAY, 17 November

The Chapter is moving into the “winter lunch” meeting schedule. Our November meeting will be conducted on Friday, 17 November, arriving at 11:30 AM and lunch at 12:00 Noon at **A La Carte**, 429 Lisbon Street Canfield, Ohio 44406. The program will be on Air Traffic Control by Mr. Eric Weeden, a retired air traffic controller who worked at the Youngstown Regional Airport.

Reservations must be received by Monday, November 13. Email msvcmoaa@gmail.org or call 330 788 3270. **We will not be able to take reservations after that date as we'll be out of contact for 3 days.** Those members who make reservations and do not come will be asked to reimburse the chapter for those meals as the chapter will have committed for a certain number. I hope you all understand, and hope to see you all there.

The meal will be a Thanksgiving theme plus a meat free entrée.



TRICARE For Life Fees: MOAA Works to Stop the Threat Before It Starts

Kevin Lilley

As Congress continues work on an [overdue annual budget](#) as well as [longer-term financial concerns](#), MOAA continues its work to keep TRICARE For Life fees and cost shares off the table as possible revenue-generating tools.

MOAA [outlined these concepts early this year](#), shortly after their inclusion in a 2022 Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report designed to offer lawmakers options for downsizing the federal deficit. But MOAA's Karen Ruedisueli, director of Government Relations for Health Affairs, took the opportunity during a recent radio show appearance to stress the need to remain engaged on this topic with lawmakers.

“A big part of my job at MOAA is to be out there scanning the environment for threats. And when the CBO puts out an idea like this, we consider that a threat,” Ruedisueli said during an interview with *Veterans Corner Radio* host *Bill Hodges*. “*Is it an imminent threat? No. It is out there, though, and we believe it's really important to address these ideas upfront.*”

Lilley serves as MOAA's digital content manager. His duties include producing, editing, and managing content for a variety of platforms, with a concentration on The MOAA Newsletter and MOAA.org.

*The department of Defense employs over 1.3 million people on active duty

*About 780 K currently serve in the Reserve and Guard

*F-16 fighters, not a rock band, but fast lights sighted by WW11 pilots and still unexplained

*Military Veterans make up over 7% of the civilian workforce

*30 of our presidents served in the Army

*Only one woman received a pension for serving in the Revolutionary Army

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