



Our Valleys Has Good ROTC and JROTC Programs, Cadets and Instructors

by CDR David J. Di Tallo & Mrs. Janet Oglesby

Members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MSVC-MOAA) were out in force Friday evening, April 20 supporting the Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) unit at East High School in Youngstown, Ohio. The "Golden Bear" Battalion of the Army JROTC Unit hosted an end-of-year banquet, drill demonstration, and awards ceremony from 6 to 9 P.M.

The evening began with a pasta dinner prepared by the Culinary Arts Department of Coffin Career Center, before moving to the gymnasium for armed and unarmed drill team demonstrations and a "Knock Out" competition. The final hour took place in the auditorium where outstanding cadets, school faculty, and administrators were recognized. Last year there were only two presenters,

Continue on page 2



MSVC at East High School



Cadet Javier Rodriguez accepting the MOAA Medal and Certificate from LTC Jim Shurtleff



Cadet A'zuray Haynes accepting the plaques from LTC Rod Hosler who represented ROA



Cadet Evelianis Carrasquillo accepts the certificate and medal from MAJ Rick Williams who represented AM-VETS



Cadet Kayla Grice accepts the Order of Daedalians Award from CDR David Di Tallo

Left: Cadet Kimberly Agosto accepts National Sojourners Award from Mrs. Janet Oglesby



East High School Army JROTC



Trumbull Career and Technical Center Air Force JROTC



Youngstown State University Army ROTC



MSVC President Florence Holser presenting the MOAA Medal and Scholarship to Derek Kozlowski



LTC Rod Hosler, ROA along with Florence Hosler MOAA, presents soon to be 2LT Zachary Szewczyk, gold bars, officer's guide and 1LT shoulder boards.



LTC Rod Hosler, ROA along with Florence Hosler MOAA, presents soon to be 2LT Zachary Gibson, gold bars, officer's guide and 1LT shoulder boards.



MSVC at Trumbull Career and Technical Center CDR David Di Tallo, presents the MOAA medal and certificate to Anna Wareham. He also presented the ROA award and the Order of Daedalians Award.

MSVC-MOAA 2018 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
5/3	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
5/4–6	MOAA Leadership Seminar, Chicago, Illinois
5/5	YSU graduation & ROTC Commissioning after graduation
5/8	VOTE in Ohio
5/10	Dinner Meeting JROTC/ROTC/new 2LT's Recognition CAC, YARS This is our Recognition Dinner Meeting for our cadets of ROTC & JROTC and newly commissioned cadets. For this meeting we have instituted a "Buy A Dinner for a Cadet" where a member can contribute \$25 to offset the cost to the chapter, paying for the dinner for a cadet, their guest, or their military staff member. If you can assist by "buying a dinner" you may do so at the door or mail a check to the address on page 5. Any surplus of donations will be put into the scholarship fund.
5/12	Decoration of Graves, Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown
5/15	VOTE in Pennsylvania
5/17	Youngstown Air Reserve Base Community Council Armed Forces Dinner \$25 MOAA has reserved at table for eight. Contact Bruce Bille for more information and reservation See page 5.
5/19	Armed Forces Day at Buhl Park
5/28	Memorial Day Ceremonies 8:30 A.M. Oak Hill Cemetery, Youngstown
6/7	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
6/21	Dinner Meeting at Golden Corral, Hermitage, PA program TBA
7/26	Picnic, Vienna Rod & Gun Club, rifle & pistol shoot, picnic The ladies will have the pistol range with their own instructor
7/28	Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus
8/5	Wings-n-Wheels 9-5 SLOAS Airfield, 4085 N River Road, Warren
8/17-18	D-Day at Conneaut, Ohio www.ddayohio.us free bus transportation available on Friday, reservations required
8/16-19	"The Wall that Heals" Packard Park, Warren www.vvmf.org
8/23	MSVC at YARS Steak Fry/Corn Roast—legislative night
9/6	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
9/21	TBA (Nomination of Officers)
10/4	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
10/26	Luncheon Meeting, CAC, YARS (Business Mtg & Election of Officers)
10/28	Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus
10/31	MOAA Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
11/8	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
11/16	Luncheon Meeting, CAC, YARS (Installation of Officers)
12/2	MOAA/ROA Christmas Party, Manor Restaurant, Austintown

YARS –Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, OH TBA –To be announced
CAC –Community Activity Center NOC–Navy Operational Center
Suggestions for programs contact: COL John Koshan 330-448-4758

President's Notes

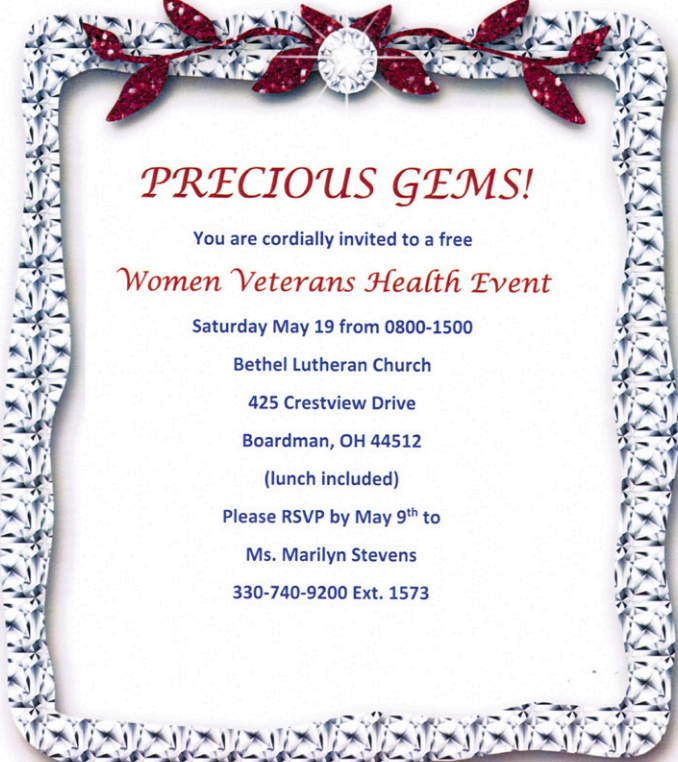
This morning several members of our chapter attended the YSU-ROTC Awards Breakfast where we gave several presentations. A scholarship to a rising Senior and 1LT shoulder boards to the two spring commissionees. We also heard about the ROTC's many activities and accomplishments over the past academic year.

What struck me the most was the widening gap in age between the presenters and the cadets; we are ageing faster and the young men and women who will become the new military leadership seem younger each year. However, their enthusiasm and dedication to service and country remains high.

The military many of us remember is a far cry from the reality of today, computers the size of a refrigerator are now hand-held, there are new specialties based on the changing tactics of warfare, and women are able to participate in combat roles.

These young people are the reason I work with MOAA, to assure competitive pay, benefits and post service care with the VA. I hope they are inspired to do the same at some point in their military and/or civilian careers, remembering Duty, Honor and Service don't ever end.

Florence Hosler, MSVC President



PRECIOUS GEMS!

You are cordially invited to a free

Women Veterans Health Event

Saturday May 19 from 0800-1500

Bethel Lutheran Church
425 Crestview Drive
Boardman, OH 44512
(lunch included)

Please RSVP by May 9th to
Ms. Marilyn Stevens
330-740-9200 Ext. 1573



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Northeast Ohio VA Healthcare System

April Meeting on Flying Fishing—All the Information You Need to Know to Get Started

by LTC Mike Wisniewski

The Mahoning Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of American met on Thursday, March 19, 2018 at the Consolidated Activities Center of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna for a luncheon meeting. Vice President COL John Koshan served as MC and welcomed Dr. William Clearly, guest of Dr. Bill Sweeney, and COL Patrick Briceland, USA, Ret. a guest of MAJ Michael Briceland. Fr. Andrew Gall gave the invocation and LTC Gary Williams led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Before introducing our guest speaker, COL Koshan gave a brief update of MOAA's legislative initiatives. The concerns MOAA is advocating is a resolution of Chapter 61 retirees—those who have been medically discharged before serving 20 years, and also the concerns regarding enrollment fees for Tricare for Life retirees. By contacting our local Congressional legislators by mail, phone, and social media, we are the voice of our men and women who serve on Active Duty and we must speak up on their behalf.



Just in time for the opening of trout season along the lakes and streams of eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania and a refreshing change of pace from our Chapter's usual line up of guest speakers, Ted Fauceglia, was introduced as our featured guest speaker. Ted is a freelance outdoor photographer, writer and fly tier. His photos have appeared in such well-known publications as Fly Fisherman, American Angler, Field and Stream, Outdoor Life, and many more. His other book credits include: Trout Stream Insects, The Caddis Handbook, Creative Fly Tying, and A Passion for Steelhead. He is a graduate of Youngstown State University with a pre-law and accounting degree and an advanced degree in the Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin. He is a retired Vice President of First National Bank of Pennsylvania. Despite these laudable credentials, Ted's presentation matched his down-to-earth personality. Ted brought several exhibits including two showcases of fancy and colorful "flies"



that were hand-tied by himself, a casting rod and reel, an indoor practice casting rod, several magazines with his featured articles and photographs, and his number one best seller on Amazon "Mayflies". The exhibits were passed around the room and he demonstrated the technique that made him a Certified Casting Instructor. Although the rod that Ted brought with him cost "only" \$800, serious fly fishermen can easily spend up to \$2500 for a graphite or carbon fiber rod and hundreds of dollars more for a quality reel, line, and an assortment of flies. Other fishing gear can easily bring the total investment to over \$4,000 for top of the line equipment. Ted has had over 17 years of experience to perfect his mastery of fly fishing, fly tying, writing, and wildlife photography. Amazingly, he says he never eats his catches but is a true catch and release fisherman. His book, "Mayflies" by Ted Fauceglia, can be purchased by going online to Amazon.com. Ted's presentation was both refreshing and enlightening.



Our next chapter meeting will revert to evening dinners. We will be hosting JROTC/ROTC and newly commissioned YSU Second Lieutenants at the CAC starting at 5:45 pm on Thursday, May 10th at the CAC. Please consider sponsoring a dinner for our invited guests. As always, check out the schedule of events printed in this newsletter and also on your luncheon/dinner program information sheet. Winners of the 50/50 were Mike Wisniewski and George Jarbeck. Third prize winner, Jim Fairbanks, took home a book, "In a Time of War: The Proud and Perilous Journey of West Point's Class of 2002" by Bill Murphy, Jr.

Membership Requirements for MSVC-MOAA

Membership in MSVC-MOAA shall be composed of: Men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers of the seven United States uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service). Surviving spouses of deceased individuals who, if living, would be eligible for membership. Chapter specific membership for spouses of present members and honorary members. MSVC-MOAA memberships are open to all eligible people.

May Birthdays: 1–Adam Hoover, 14–Jack Russell, 18–Mark Andrews, 25–Janet Oglesby, 28–Audrey Chengelis

June Birthdays: 7–Harold Hutzen, 9–Al Lind, 14–US Army, 14–Audrey Beatty, 18–Jim Bishop, 19–Bob Morris, 21–Tom Raseta, 22–Eric Lasure, 26–Rod Hosler, 30–Don Rasile.



Cadets from page 1

army recruiter and MOAA. Not so this year, most of the awards were presented by members of the respective organizations. MSVC members did fill in for those who were missing.

LTC James Shurtleff who presented the MOAA JROTC Achievement Award to Cadet Javier Rodriguez. Also presenting awards were LTC Rod Hosler on behalf of the Reserve Officers Association, MAJ Major Rick Williams for AMVETS, and CDR David Di Tallo of for the Order of Daedalians. Mrs. Janet Oglesby presented the National Sojourners Award. Mrs. Linda Shurtleff was also in attendance.

LTC Hosler has a special relationship with East High School's Army JROTC program, having previously served as Senior Military Science Instructor, when the unit was located at the former Rayen High School (now closed) and moved to its current site.

At YSU Awards Breakfast on April 26th once again the MSVC members were out in force to present awards. The breakfast is held in the DeBartolo Stadium Club from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. approximately 150 were in attendance. MSVC President LT Florence Hosler presented the MOAA Medal to Derek Kozlowski. Florence (MOAA) and LTC Rod Hosler (ROA) presented the MOAA/ROA Commissioning Officer Award to Zackery Gibson and Zackary Szewcyk. Rod also present the AUSA Military History Award and AUSA ROTC Medal. COL Will Stamp presented Reserve Officer's Association Award to four cadets. LTC Rich Lonardo presented the SGT Arthur R. Lonardo (Rich's dad) YSU ROTC Scholarship. 1LT Jim Fairbanks presented the YSU ROTC Alumni Scholarship Award. MAJ Carl Nunziato presented the Room and Board Scholarship to several cadets. Other MSVC members in attendance, LT Al Lind, 1LT Irv Maurer, Mrs. Janet Oglesby, LTC Don Rasile, LTC Jim Shurtleff, LTC Paul Stepuk, LTC Gary Williams and MAJ Rick Williams.

The Air Force JROTC at Trumbull Career and Technical Center was held on Saturday, April 28th from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school atrium. Even though there was a change of date there was still good turn out from VFW, DAR, AMVETS, Purple Heart and the American Legion. CDR David Tallo presented the MOAA medal to Cadet Hannah Wareham. He also presented the Order of Daedalians award to Cadet Noah Monahan and a certificate to Cadet Jared Christy for ROA. After the awards ceremony refreshments were served. Mrs. Janet Oglesby was in attendance for photos.

On May 10 MSCV-MOAA will host a JROTC/ROTC Banquet at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station for Cadet Rodriguez, Cadet Hannah Wareham, Cadet Derek Kozlowski, 2LT Zachary Szewcyk and 2LT Zachery Gibson and their families. LTC Hosler and CDR Di Tallo serve as Co-Chairs for the MSVC's JROTC/ROTC Committee.

Let's Celebrate America

May 19, 2018 – Buhl Park, Hermitage PA

11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Come and say "Hi" to Jon Kolb, former Pittsburgh Steeler and winner of 4 Super Bowls at 12:45-1:15 p.m. Performing Arts Center stage and then with "Adventures in Training with a Purpose" in the Shelter 2 grass area.

Military Displays

Veterans Benefits

Music All Day

Children's Activities

Vendors

Veterans – Bring your DD 214 to enroll for benefits

Lots of activities for the children: Obstacle Course, Adventures for Training with a Purpose, Civil War Boot Camp, coloring pages and writing to Military...activities for all ages.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR COL Thomas MacRae, US Army, Ret. 7 October 1947 – 11 December 2017

Memorial service: 12:30 p.m. **May 18, 2018**, with military honors at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, 1158 Morgan Road, Bridgeville, Pa., 15017.

A reception celebrating Tom's life will follow the ceremony at DoubleTree, 340 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA 15301 RSVP to sloanmacrae@gmail.com by May 5.

If you are interested in car pooling contact John Koshan at (330) 448-4758 cdr475@roadrunner.com

Tom served in the Vietnam War as a platoon leader, company commander, and MACV team distract advisor. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2007 having served as Battalion Commander of the 402nd Quartermaster Battalion, 99th ARCOM during Operation Desert Storm.

He is survived by his wife Julia; son and daughter-in-law Sloan and Camille MacRae; son and daughter-in-law John and Amber MacRae and four grandchildren.

MSVC-MOAA Dinner at YARS Thursday, May 10 ROTC/JROTC Recognition – RSVP by May 7th

Where: Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station
Community Activity Center
3976 King Graves Rd • Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Lounge and Cash bar opens at 1530 (3:30)

Social: 1800 (6:00 P.M.)

Dinner: 1830 (6:30 P.M.) Reservations Required for the Dinner

Program: 1930 (7:30 P.M.) Welcome to join the dinner guests for the program

Speakers: Our cadets

Attire: Request a sport coat and tie or equivalent

Menu: Tossed Salad, stuffed chicken breast, roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, dinner roll, dessert, beverage, gratuity for \$25.00 per person. Chapter pays for no-shows.

RSVP: You can pay at the door with cash, check (preferred), credit or debit card.

1. Call Janet Oglesby, 330-568-4456 (leave a message if no answer).
2. Or Email Janet at djo52800@neo.rr.com
3. Or use the web site www.msvc-moaa.org and pay through PayPal with a credit card.

Asking for Sponsors

“Buy A Dinner for a Cadet”

Our May 10th Recognition Dinner Meeting for our cadets of ROTC & JROTC and newly commissioned cadets. For this meeting we have instituted a “Buy A Dinner for a Cadet” where a member can contribute \$25 to offset the cost of the chapter, paying for the dinner for a cadet, their guest, or their military staff member. If you can assist by “buying a dinner” you may do so at the door. If you can't attend make checks payable to MSVC-MOAA and mailed to the address below our logo on this page. Any surplus of donations will be put into the scholarship fund.

MSVC-MOAA has reserved a table of eight for
A recognition dinner to thank the Armed Forces

Thursday, May 17, 2018

5:30 p.m.-Social Hour 6:30 p.m.-Dinner

Community Activity Center
Youngstown Air Reserve Station
3976 King Graves Rd. Vienna, Ohio 44473

\$25.00 per person (cash bar)

RS.V.P. by May 4, 2018

to Bruce Bille bbille.usna.82@gmail.com (330) 856-7958

You must present photo I.D. at the front gate.

MSVC BOARD MEMBERS

President Former LT Florence Hosler, USN
HOSLERFM@ZOOMINTERNET.NET (330) 788-3270

1st Vice President (programs) ..COL John Koshan, USA, Ret.
CDR475@ROADRUNNER.COM(330) 448-4758

2nd Vice President (membership) LTC Sam Axtell, USA, Ret.
LCAXER01@AOL.COM(330) 448-2673

Secretary Former LT Al Lind, USN
ALCALIND@ZOOMINTERNET.NET (330) 757-3036

Treasurer Former LT Bruce Bille, USN
BBILLE.USNA.82@GMAIL.COM..... (330) 856-7958

Past President ex officioLTC Gary Williams, USA, Ret.
GWILLIAMS15@COMCAST.NET (330) 385-4873

Board Members at Large

Personal Affairs..... Former CPT Dennis Gartland, USA
GARTLANDD2@YAHOO.COM (330) 637-4843

Public Relations.....LTC Michael Wisniewski, USA, Ret.
MIKEWAPPRAISER@AOL.COM (330) 856-1162

Legislative Affairs LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.
HOSLER1@ZOOMINTERNET.NET(330) 788-3270



Military Officers Association of America
NOSC-Youngstown
3976 King Graves Road Bldg #540
Vienna, OH 44473-5980



5-star chapter



5-star web site and newsletter

This newsletter is published for the benefit of the members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter, which is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). MOAA and its affiliated chapters and councils are non-partisan. Articles in this newsletter are the opinions solely of the individual authors and do not necessarily express the policy or opinions of the newsletter's editor or publisher. Also, the individual opinions do not reflect an endorsement by the Mahoning Shenango Valleys Chapter or the national organization of the Military Officers Association of America, unless so indicated [Copyright 2016 Military Officers Association of America All rights reserved.] Questions or comments should be directed to: LT Florence Hosler, USN Frm email: hoslerfm@zoominternet.net

Legislative Issues – May 2018 *Legislative Affairs Liason, LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.*

On Wednesday, 18 April, Dick Calta and I participated in the MOAA “Storming the Hill.” This week long challenging annual event allows MOAA members to visit their federal legislative delegation (Senators and Representatives) and to discuss and talk about key legislative issues. It is hopefully these issues will come before Congress, be voted on and approved. Dick and I split the Ohio delegation and each of us took a Senator and eight Representatives to visit a talk to.

Although it may be sometimes difficult to get “face time” with the “primary” legislator, we did have an opportunity to talk to their key legislative staffer on these issues. It is often the staffer that does most to all of the leg work in researching and prepare bills for legislation. In all cases these staffers were knowledgeable, attentive and helpful. The Ohio legislators or staffers that I met were: Mr. Brent Bomback for Sen. Rob Portman; Mr. Nicholas Semanko for Rep. Joyce Beatty; Mr. Matthew Silver for Rep. Warren Davidson (former CPT, USA); Ms. Mimi Bair for Rep. Steve Stivers (BG, OH ARNG); CPT Jason Bahmer, USA, Defense Fellow for Rep. Tim Ryan (OH-13); Ms. Kendall Kalagher for Rep. David Joyce; Mr. Nick Adams (former CPT, USA) for Rep. Dr. Brad Wenstrup (COL, USAR); and Mr. Jonathan Lowe for Rep. Steve Chabot. I did get a chance to meet Rep. Chabot as he returned from a committee hearing.

Legislators or staffers that Dick spoke to were: Sen. Sherrod Brown; Rep. Jim Jordan; Rep. Bob Latta; Rep. Bill Johnson (OH-6) (LTC, USAF, Ret.); Rep. Bob Gibbs; Rep. Marcy Kaptur; Rep. Michael Turner; Rep. Marcia Fudge (who cancelled); and Rep. James Renacci (running for U.S. Senate).

The key two MOAA issues that we presented were:

- 1.) Military Pay Increases - Sustain military pay increases of 2.6% in accordance with the President’s budget request and the Federal Employment Cost Index which is comparable to civilian sector wages and salaries. The result of this pay increase will enhance recruitment and retention within the Active, Reserve and Guard forces.
- 2.) Chapter 61 Military Retirees - An unfair law places a financial burden on servicemembers unable to complete 20 years of service through no fault of their own, because of non-combat training accidents or major illnesses. End the deduction of service-earned retirement pay to offset VA disability compensation for those servicemembers whose service-connected, non-combat related disability retirement under Chapter 61, 10 U.S.C. that precludes them from serving at least 20 years.

We also left behind MOAA Fact Sheets regarding

- 1.) Eliminating TRICARE fees increases
- 2.) Eliminate the Widow’s Tax (SBP/DIC off set).

As with last year’s Storming of the Hill, it was one of the most fulfilling activities that I’ve done in years.



LTC Rod Hosler, USA (Ret), MOAA Ohio Council 1st Vice President, meets with Brent Bomback staffer for Senator Rob Portman



Col Dick Calta, USAF (Ret), MOAA Ohio Council President, meets with Anna Gokaldas, Legislative Assistant for Senator Sherrod Brown



LTC Rod Hosler, USAF (Ret), MOAA Ohio Council President, meets with CPT Jason Bahmer veteran's aide for Rep. Tim Ryan OH-13th



Col Dick Calta, USAF (Ret), MOAA Ohio Council President, meets with Laura Wilson, Senior Policy Advisor, Rep. Bill Johnson, OH-6th



Dick Calta took this photo on the day MOAA Stormed the Hill

Legislative Contacts

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

Pres. Donald Trump (R)
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
 Washington DC 20500
 Switchboard: 202-456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov

OHIO
Senator Sherrod Brown (D)
 United States Senate
 713 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
 Washington, DC 20510
 Phone: (202) 224-2315
 Fax (202) 228-6321
www.brown.senate.gov

Senator Rob Portman (R)
 United States Senate
 448 Russell Senate Office Bld.
 Washington, DC 20510
 Phone: (202) 224-3353
www.portman.senate.gov

Representative District 6
Bill Johnson (R)
 192 East State St.
 Salem, OH 44460
 Phone (330) 337-6951
 Fax (330) 337-7125
<http://billjohnson.house.gov>

Representative District 13
Tim Ryan (D)
 241 West Federal St.
 Youngstown, OH 44503
 Phone: (330) 740-0193
 Fax: (330) 740-0182
<http://timryan.house.gov>

PENNSYLVANIA
Senator Robert Casey Jr. (D)
 393 Russell Senate Office Bld.
 Washington, D.C. 20510
 Phone: (202) 224-6324
 Fax: (202) 228-0604
www.casey.senate.gov

Senator Patrick Toomey (R)
 248 Russell Senate Office Bld.
 Washington, D.C. 20510
 Phone: (202) 224-4254
 Fax: (202) 228-0284
www.toomey.senate.gov

Representative District 3
Mike Kelly (R)
 33 Chestnut Avenue
 Sharon, PA 16146
 Phone: (724) 342-7170
 Fax: (724) 342-7242
<http://kelly.house.gov>

Email the legislative contacts through their web site.