

MAHONING-SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER

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May 2026 Chapter Update



From the President

Fellow Members:

I wish to offer a final word of thanks to all members who contributed to our Cadet Fund, allowing us to have a very successful Cadet Night Dinner last month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Cadet Fund Impact

The extra money you donate in April and year-round via our 50/50 Raffles has made an impact: two years ago we raised the cash award accompanying our three (3) MOAA JROTC Awards from \$50 to \$100, and last year we instituted a JROTC Grant of two hundred dollars per academic year to each JROTC program, all while maintaining our annual chapter dues at \$20.

I also wish to recognize and thank the two newest members of our Board of Directors, Mr. Wil Kline and Ms. Janel Rice. Thank you, both, for agreeing to help lead our chapter now and into the future. We still have room for two (2) more Board members, and you do not have to attend meetings in person, as we have a reliable Google Meeting account.

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MAY MEETING - AFTER ACTION REPORT

Mission Overview

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America held its May 21 Dinner Meeting at A La Cart Catering in Canfield, Ohio. The chapter welcomed Ms. Mary Seybert, Volunteer Coordinator with Patriot at Home of Girard, for a practical briefing on home health care and hospice care.

Featured Program

Understanding Home Care and Hospice
Speaker: Mary Seybert, Patriot at Home of Girard
Also present: Hospice Volunteer Justin Culp

Lessons Learned / Key Takeaways

- Home health care may include skilled nursing, therapy services, wellness programs, and support for recovery or ongoing care at home.
- Hospice care focuses on comfort, dignity, and quality of life for people facing serious illness.
- Families benefit from discussing care options before a crisis occurs.
- Veterans, spouses, surviving spouses, and caregivers should know where to turn for help.

Why It Matters

This was a family-readiness briefing. Members were encouraged to understand care options early so no veteran, spouse, surviving spouse, or caregiver has to navigate difficult decisions alone.

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In addition to our May 21 Dinner Meeting this month, our chapter participated in the Decorating of the Graves on Saturday, May 16 at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown, OH. We had a near-doubling of attendees from last year, which allowed us to decorate our assigned section plus two others. My personal thanks to Don Allen, Ralph DeLucia, Joe Mersol, Richard Ocker, James Shurtleff, and Nate Walker for your time and efforts.

Looking ahead to our summer schedule, we have our June 18 Dinner Meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant and Grill in Hermitage, PA and the July 16 Gun Shoot/BBQ Dinner at the Fish and Game Club in Vienna, OH.

Lastly, if you have any photos of yourself attending a Memorial Day Observance and are willing to share them, please send them to me at our chapter email address: msvcmoaa@gmail.com. Be sure to include WHO, WHEN, and WHERE with them.

Thank you,
David J. DiTallo
President



Mary Seybert and Hospice Volunteer Justin Culp represented Patriot at Home of Girard during the chapter's May briefing on home health and hospice care.

Vice President Joe Mersol thanked the presenters for their practical guidance and support of veterans and families.

May Meeting Brief Continued

Ms. Seybert explained common misconceptions about home health and hospice care and emphasized that the right care at the right time can support patient comfort, family confidence, and quality of life.

New Officer Swearing-In



Major Janelle Rice



LTC Wil Kline

DINNER MEETING - JUNE 18, 2026

NEXT DINNER MEETING

Golden Corral Buffet, Hermitage, PA
Topic: Sharon Regional Healthcare System
Guest from Tenor Health Foundation

LOCATION

Golden Corral Buffet and Grill
1025 N. Hermitage Road
Hermitage, PA 16148

COST

Pay at restaurant

SCHEDULE

Arrive between 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM
Dinner meeting follows

No Advance Reservation Required
Reservations Appreciated

2026 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



By popular demand, MSVC-MOAA now has a private Facebook group for members. It is a secure place to share chapter news, updates, event reminders, and member discussion without outside clutter. Scan the QR code and join the conversation.



Follow Us for Updates

Note: Unless otherwise noted, chapter dinner meetings gather at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00 pm.

JUL 16 - BBQ Picnic at the Fish and Game Club of Vienna.



AUG 20 - Meeting, Topic and Speaker: TBD.

SEPT 17 - Dinner Meeting, Topic and Speaker: JROTC Grant Night.

Other Meetings:

OCT 16 - Lunch Meeting, Topic and Speaker: TBD.

NOV 20 - Lunch Meeting, Topic and Speaker: TBD.

DEC 05 - Christmas Luncheon and Chapter Fundraiser, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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****Additional Resources:****

- MOAA Legislative Update: <https://moaa.quorum.us/> or 1-800-234-6622 ext. 215

****State Legislative News:****

- Ohio Legislature
- Pennsylvania Legislative Notifications

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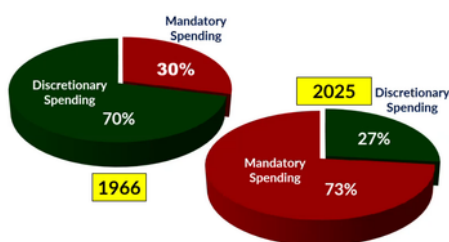
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MOAA emphasized the shift from discretionary spending to mandatory spending. In 1966, roughly 70% of federal spending was discretionary and 30% was mandatory. By 2025, that had nearly reversed, with about 27% discretionary and 73% mandatory spending.

This matters because defense and many veteran-related priorities compete within a smaller discretionary portion of the federal budget.

Where the Fed Money Goes



Source: [Congressional Budget Office](#)



Ohio Legislative Action Center Engagement

MOAA's Legislative Action Center remains one of the easiest ways for members to contact elected officials on issues affecting servicemembers, retirees, veterans, families, and survivors. Our chapter increased from 15 registrants and 16 actions in 2025 to 20 registrants and 105 actions in 2026. Chapter

Chapter	2025 Reg.	2025 Actions	2026 Reg.	2026 Actions
Ohio Council	13	25	17	<10
Central Ohio	46	53	47	72
Greater Cincinnati	46	64	54	77
Greater Cleveland	23	25	34	79
Dayton Area	47	17	68	138
Ohio Western Reserve	29	93	32	61
Mahoning-Shenango Valleys	15	16	20	105



MOAA-Approved Grants and Local Foundation Opportunities

Our chapter received approval for three MOAA-related grant initiatives, allowing us to support veterans, military families, and local service projects in a visible and practical way.

- Dying Is No Excuse - \$1,625
- Youngstown Blue Coats - \$4,250
- 910th Airlift Wing / Coffee Before Chaos - \$2,500

Total approved grant support: \$8,375.

Foundation Benefits and Qualified Charitable Distributions

The Mahoning-Shenango Valley Chapter Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This gives members, supporters, and community partners a tax-efficient way to support local veteran and military family programs. For members age 70 1/2 or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) may allow a direct IRA transfer to the Foundation. A QCD can count toward required minimum distributions when applicable and may reduce taxable income. Members should consult their tax advisor, because the IRS enjoys making simple generosity require adult supervision.

Recommended Member Actions

- Register for MOAA's Legislative Action Center.
- Respond to MOAA action alerts when they arrive.
- Consider supporting the Foundation through direct gifts, sponsorships, or QCDs where appropriate.

Final Thought: MOAA's mission is advocacy, but our local mission is also action. We can protect benefits nationally while serving veterans locally. Not a bad day's work for a bunch of officers who allegedly retired.

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to deploy your message directly to Capitol Hill.



Chapter Membership Eligibility

- Commissioned and warrant officers
- Active, retired, or former service members
- All uniformed services
- Surviving spouses

Contact msvc-moaa@gmail.com for more information or download the membership form here.

Membership Application



Treasurer's Report

May 21 Dinner Meeting

Meal income: \$380.00
Meal expense: (\$378.00)
Meal profit/loss: \$2.00
50/50 collected: \$90.00
50/50 paid out: (\$45.00)
50/50 net: \$45.00
Deposit: \$305.00

Note: A La Cart mistakenly charged \$18 per person instead of \$16 per person and will apply a \$42 credit to the August invoice.

Chapter Strength Report

Annual chapter dues remain \$20. Dues may be paid at any meeting, online at msvc-moaa.org/membership, or by mailing a check to MSVC-MOAA, P.O. Box 5342, Poland, OH 44514.

Current Strength Report:

- Regular Members: 70 +2
- Spouse Members: 11
- Surviving Spouses: 4
- Friends of MOAA: 3
- Life Members: 6
- Dues-Exempt Active Duty: 21

Dues received: \$1,360
Dues outstanding: \$140

JOIN MOAA – CONTINUE YOUR SERVICE

Membership in MOAA National and the Mahoning-Shenango Valleys Chapter is open to active duty, retired, and former commissioned and warrant officers of the U.S. uniformed services, as well as surviving spouses.

Active duty and reserve component officers are exempt from chapter dues.

PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP

- Full access to MOAA resources
- Career transition and financial planning tools
- Exclusive publications and updates
- Scholarships for dependents
- Member discounts on travel and products

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- All Premium benefits—for life
- Enhanced spouse protection
- Direct access to MOAA experts
- Dedicated Life Member support

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Join online:
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Never Stop Serving



CHAPTER PHOTOS

Mary Seybert Presentation, New Officer Swearing-In and the USS Cleveland

