

MAHONING-SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER

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July 2026 Chapter Update



From the President

Fellow Members:

Recently we bid farewell to two of our long-time members who passed away: Carl Nunziato and Rod Hosler. Thank you to all who attended their calling hours or funeral. Rod Hosler will be buried this fall, 16 October 2026, at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery currently scheduled for 1045 hours. When I have the details, I will pass them along.

I want to personally thank Bruce Bille for taking the lead to deliver our MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant to the 910th Airlift Wing's Airman and Family Readiness Flight and for setting up our first event with them, an August 1 Homecoming Event. Our chapter used the funds MOAA provided to purchase and distribute GetGo gas cards, beverages, and snacks for personnel returning from a recent deployment and their families.

Also on hand to assist were Joe Mersol, Ralph DeLucia, Jim Bishop, Dennis and Esther Gartland, and Mark and Patty Andrews. If I missed someone, I apologize!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - JULY 2026 Prepared by Joe Mersol, Legislative Liaison

****SITREP: Congress Is in Motion—MOAA Has a Mission****

The July briefing: three priorities, one member voice, and no need to pack a rucksack.

Situation report:** MOAA's Summer Advocacy in Action campaign is asking members to contact Congress on three priorities: expanding employment support for military spouses, restoring GLP-1 coverage for affected TRICARE For Life beneficiaries, and supporting combat-injured veterans through the Major Richard Star Act.

The mission: Reauthorize the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and add military spouses as an eligible group; restore coverage that ended in 2025 for certain TRICARE For Life beneficiaries using GLP-1 medications for obesity-related conditions; and support the Major Richard Star Act, which would address the retirement-pay and VA-disability-compensation offset affecting certain combat-injured medical retirees.

Watch this space: Congress is also moving its annual defense policy bill. The House passed its FY 2027 National Defense Authorization Act proposal on July 22. MOAA reports that the proposal includes military pay raises, child-care and health-care provisions, and a reversal of planned cuts at more than 40 military hospitals and clinics. This is a proposal, not final law: the Senate has its own version, and the two chambers must still work out a final bill. As every good briefing reminds us, the plan is not final until the last signature lands.

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We have a second event in support of the 910th AW on Saturday, September 12 from noon to 4pm for the Wing's Family Day. Once again we will distribute remaining gas cards, beverages, and snacks, and perhaps set up games for attendees. I will send a notice asking for volunteers as we get closer.

Our other MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant recipient, the Youngstown Blue Coats, will distribute cold weather clothing to veterans in need at two stand down events, one on September 15 and the second on October 22. Our chapter will assist them in preparing for these events and assisting at the stand downs themselves. More to come.

You can find these events on the Chapter Calendar on our FIVE STAR MARVIN J HARRIS COMMUNICATIONS AWARD WINNING website, under the direction of Webmaster Bruce Bille: <https://msvc-moaa.org/#calendar>.

I also welcome new chapter and MOAA member retired U.S. Navy Captain Charlie Baker of Southington, OH, to the MSVC family. We will meet Charlie and his wife, Mollie, at our August dinner meeting. Welcome aboard, Charlie!

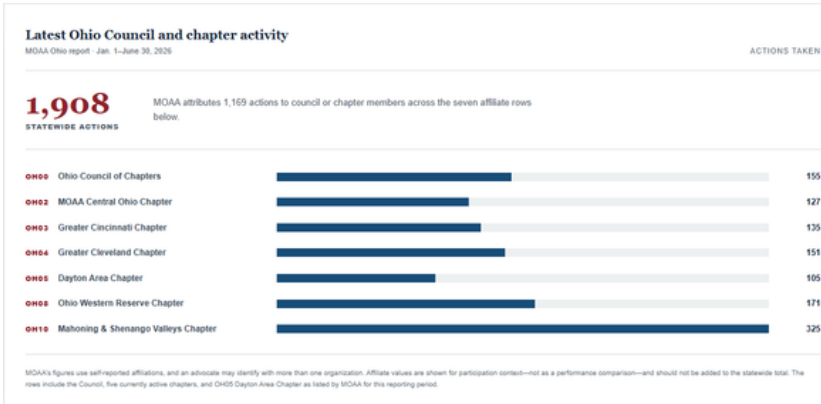
Please register for our August 20 Dinner, "An Evening with U.S. Rep. Michael Rulli." This is a terrific opportunity to hear from a sitting member of Congress and highlight our chapter, our national association, and MOAA's legislative priorities.

Thank you for contacting our elected leaders through MOAA's Legislative Action Center. For the quarter ending June 30, we led the Ohio Council of Chapters in this effort. THANK YOU!

David J. DiTallo
President

Call to Action

****What members can do:**** Visit MOAA's Legislative Action Center to send the prepared messages to your elected officials and receive timely advocacy alerts. Consider it the easiest mission of the month: a few minutes, a clear message, and no early-morning formation.



Scan the QR code
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message directly to
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PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS OPPORTUNITIES

Info forwarded by Janet Oglesby

VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE OF
LAWRENCE COUNTY



JOB FAIR DETAILS

For Veterans and Their Families

Friday, September 18, 2026 from 11am - 2pm

Able Abraham VA Clinic

353 North Duffy Rd., Butler, PA

Participants: Danelle Perkins 878-271-6162

Employers: Norman Magliocca 724-431-4000 Ext: 124

Boots to Business and Stand Down
For veterans, servicemembers, spouses, and families

BOOTS TO BUSINESS (B2B)

Entrepreneurship training for Servicemembers and military spouses.

26-27 August 2026 | 0830-1500

Bldg 842, Sumner Rd; Transition Classroom; Carlisle, PA 17013

Contact: Jeffrey Hanks, Transition Assistance Coordinator, Military Personnel Division, Carlisle Barrack, PA

Transition Manager 520-673-7657

SBA/VBOC p.o.c. Hazel Diaz | 814.863.9120 | ajc8998@psu.edu

Registration: <https://bootstobusiness.sba.gov/s/b2b-course-information>

Learn more: SBAVETS.FORCE.COM

SAVE THE DATE

Mercer County's 12th Annual Veterans Stand Down and Resource Fair
Thursday October 22nd, 2026

Hickory VFW Post 6166, 5550 E. State Street, Hermitage, PA

Time: 1:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Info/resource tables/donations: Lori Johnson, 724.342.6222 X14,
ljohnson@capmerc.org

MCCT rides: 724-981-6222. ALL Veterans Ride FREE.

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- ****President Donald J. Trump (R)****
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 - Website: whitehouse.gov

****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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Final Salutes: LTC Roderick A. Hosler and MAJ Carl A. Nunziato

LTC, USA (RET.) Roderick A. Hosler

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA salutes LTC, USA (RET.) Roderick A. Hosler, who died July 17, 2026. LTC. Hosler was sworn in as our chapter president in 2014 and continued to serve in that role in 2025—steady leadership across more than a decade of chapter life.

His service extended well beyond the chapter. An airborne jumpmaster, he also mentored JROTC and YSU ROTC students, led American Legion Post 15 for 10 years, and served 10 years on the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission Board. His example was one of service, mentorship, and commitment to the military and veteran community.

MAJ, USA (RET.) Carl A. Nunziato

The chapter also salutes MAJ. USA, (RET.) Carl A. Nunziato, , who died June 10, 2026. An Army combat veteran wounded in Vietnam in 1966, MAJ. Nunziato went on to serve veterans as an attorney and disability advocate.

In the early 1990s, he helped bring VA care to Youngstown. His lasting impact is reflected in the Carl A. Nunziato VA Clinic and the Youngstown State University Veterans Resource Center, both of which bear his name. We remember Maj. Nunziato with gratitude for his service and for the care and advocacy he advanced for fellow veterans.



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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



Surviving Spouse Corner

VA Streamlines Some Survivor Benefit Claims
Beginning February 23, 2026, VA changed its process for certain survivor claims to help decisions and payments arrive sooner. When a surviving spouse or other eligible claimant applies for both Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension, VA will generally pay the higher benefit—usually DIC—without waiting to fully develop the lower-benefit claim.

DIC is a tax-free monthly benefit for eligible survivors of service members who died in the line of duty or Veterans who died from service-connected injuries or illnesses. Survivors Pension is a tax-free monthly benefit for qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet VA income and net-worth requirements.

Eligibility and payment amounts depend on each family's circumstances. Survivors who have questions or want help applying may contact VA at 800-827-1000 or work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization representative.

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

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- All Premium benefits—for life
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- Dedicated Life Member support

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