

MAHONING-SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER

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August 2026 Chapter Update



From the President

Fellow Members:

Thank you to everyone who attended our August 20 Dinner Meeting and worked behind the scenes to welcome U.S. Representative Michael Rulli (OH-06). Personally hosting a sitting member of Congress and sharing MOAA's legislative agenda was a win for our chapter and MOAA.

I also recognize 2025 MOAA Harris Communications Award winners Florence Hosler, our immediate past newsletter editor, and Bruce Bille, our current webmaster and the Ohio Council of Chapters webmaster. MOAA recognized our chapter with its 2025 Five-Star Level of Excellence Award. Florence accepted it on behalf of our late immediate past president, Rod Hosler.

Kudos to Dayton Area Chapter President LTC John Shaver, USA (Ret.), who presented the awards. John is slated to lead the Ohio Council of Chapters in January.

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RULLI RULES THE ROOST AT MOAA DINNER

MSVC-MOAA welcomed U.S. Rep. Michael Rulli to its August 20 dinner at A La Cart Catering in Canfield for a discussion of MOAA's legislative agenda and support for service members, families, and veterans.

The chapter thanked Rep. Rulli for supporting the SAVES Act, Veterans ACCESS Act, and Pay Our Troops Act, and for his staff's attention to the Major Richard Star Act and a local Military Housing Allowance matter affecting YSU student veterans.

Rep. Rulli discussed a bipartisan congressional delegation visit to Alaska, Japan, Vietnam, and the Philippines. He said Congress generally finds wide agreement in supporting military and veteran issues.

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Our September 17 JROTC Grant Night will spotlight Austintown Fitch Air Force JROTC, Youngstown High School Army JROTC, and New Castle High School Air Force JROTC.

The Board approved \$250 for each school for Academic Year 2026-2027. An anonymous chapter member matched those grants, allowing each school to receive \$500. We plan to invite a JROTC instructor and school administrator from each program to accept the grant and explain their plans for the school year.

These instructors and administrators are growing our next generation of leaders, whether or not those students later wear a uniform.

We will soon switch to Friday lunches in October. Please check the Chapter Calendar on our award-winning website.

Thank you for all you do for our chapter and each other.

David J. DiTallo
President

President David DiTallo presented Rep. Rulli with an Ohio Council of Chapters coin, a chapter polo shirt, and honorary chapter membership.

LTC John Shaver presented the chapter's 2025 awards. Florence Hosler accepted the Five-Star Level of Excellence Award on behalf of her late husband, LTC Roderick Hosler. Florence and Bruce Bille received Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards.

The chapter welcomed CAPT Charles "Chuck" Baker, USN (Ret.), and his wife, Mollie. The 50/50 raffle raised \$180 for Student Affairs.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 17
JROTC Grant Night
A La Cart Catering

Details: msvcmoaa@gmail.com



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message directly to
Capitol Hill.



SEPTEMBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES • GIVE AN HOUR OR STAY FOR THE EVENT

VETERANS JOB FAIR — SEPTEMBER 18



For veterans and their families

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Abie Abraham VA Clinic
353 North Duffy Road, Butler, Pennsylvania

Participants: Danelle Perkins, 878-271-6162
Employers: Norman Magliocca, 724-431-4000, extension 124

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE

910TH AIRLIFT WING FAMILY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | NOON–4:00 P.M.

Help set up the MSVC booth, serve cold drinks and snacks, thank military families, and share MOAA information. Give an hour or stay for the event.

VOLUNTEER: Bruce Bille
330-219-2473 | treasurer@msvc-moaa.org

Base access: Members without a DoD retiree ID card should send Bruce a driver's-license photo.

SUMMIT COUNTY VETERANS STAND DOWN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Support the Youngstown Blue Coats as they assist local veterans. MSVC assignments will be announced after coordination is complete.

SAVE THE DATE — MERCER COUNTY STAND DOWN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Hickory VFW Post 6166, Hermitage, Pennsylvania

The starting time and MSVC assignments will be announced. Information: Lori Johnson, 724-342-6222, extension 14.

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LEGISLATIVE & BENEFITS SITREP

THE GUARD POST • AUGUST 2026

Useful intelligence for veterans, families, and surviving spouses

FINAL PUSH ON CAPITOL HILL

Major Richard Star Act

- Would help combat-injured veterans keep earned retired pay now offset by VA disability compensation.
- MOAA summer priorities also include military-spouse employment and pharmacy fairness for TRICARE For Life beneficiaries.

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TWO FREE SEPTEMBER BRIEFINGS

September 15 • 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern

Next Steps: What Survivors of Veterans Need to Know

September 22 • 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern

**Getting the Most Out of Medicare alongside TFL, CHAMPVA, or VA benefits
Cannot attend live? Register and MOAA will send the recording.**

**[CLICK TO REGISTER FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 15 BRIEFING](#)**

**[CLICK TO REGISTER FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 22 BRIEFING](#)**

RECOVER YOUR RECORDS & DECORATIONS

DD-214, personnel file, and military medical records

Replace lost medals, awards, and decorations

Official resources are provided by the National Archives.

[START YOUR DD-214 OR RECORDS REQUEST](#)

[VIEW SERVICE-SPECIFIC MEDAL REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS](#)



Chapter Membership Eligibility

WHO MAY JOIN

- Commissioned and warrant officers
- Active-duty, retired, and former officers
- Officers of all U.S. uniformed services
- Surviving spouses
- Active-duty and reserve-component officers are exempt from chapter dues.

Questions: msvcmoaa@gmail.com

Membership Application



SURVIVING SPOUSE RESOURCES

MOAA's Surviving Spouse Corner offers practical guidance for military families preparing for—or coping with—the loss of a loved one.

RESOURCES WORTH BOOKMARKING

- Benefits and Claims: VA survivor claims, Survivor Benefit Plan information, and state military benefits.
- Important Documents: Emergency records, executor selection, end-of-life documents, and national cemetery burial information.
- Help and Connection: TAPS grief support, financial guidance, caregiver resources, and the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter.

Information provided by Roy Yenchesky, Membership Chair, MOAA Virtual Chapter of Surviving Spouses, and shared by Janet Oglesby.

[CLICK TO OPEN THE MOAA SURVIVING SPOUSE CORNER](#)



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Membership connects you with advocacy, professional resources, financial-planning information, scholarships, publications, and member discounts.

PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP

- Full access to MOAA resources
- Career and financial-planning tools
- Publications, scholarships, and discounts

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- All Premium benefits for life
- Enhanced spouse protection
- Direct access to MOAA experts

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

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Never Stop Serving

AUGUST 20 DINNER AND AWARDS

