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John Hancock a former Naval Aviator Our Speaker for October Membership Meeting

Bill Johnson was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio and graduated from Youngstown State University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. A year after graduation he entered the U.S. Naval Aviation Training Program in Pensacola, Florida and in 1972 received his commission as an Ensign and wings of gold as a Naval Aviator.

Shortly after F4J Phantom fighter/bomber training his eyes went bad and he transitioned to patrol aircraft flying the P3C Orion, spending the remainder of his eight years of active duty

stationed on the East coast. His many deployments included cruises in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet and in Iceland. He left the Navy in 1980 as a Lieutenant.

Bill is now owner of Summus LTD, providing safety/OSHA compliance training throughout the United States. His professional life includes activity as a registered tax preparer and occasional talk radio host on WKBN radio in Youngstown.

His passion is writing and he has published two historic novels focusing on pre-revolution Boston, Mass. The titles

are; *Snug Harbor Tavern: Shaggin' for a Shillin'* and *The Seeds of Love and War: Still Shaggin' for a Shillin'.*

Two manuscripts, one for the third novel in the trilogy, and another about 1960 Youngstown, OH with a focus on the murders of Sandy Naples and Vincent DiNiro are almost completed.

As a result of the authorship, he provides many seminars and dinner speeches in the persona of John Hancock, a well-known Patriot, Founding Father and President of the Continental Congress that drafted the Declaration of Independence.



LTC Don Rasile, LTC Rod Hosler, Col Dick and Linda Calta, MAJ Peter Mihai and LTC Mike Wisniewski attended the Ohio Council of Chapters Convention in Akron.

MSVC Representation at Ohio Council of Chapters Convention

More than 70 military officers and spouses gathered at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn on Saturday September 21st for the 30th statewide Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Ohio Council of Chapters Convention.

Speakers during the day included Col Brian Anderson and Andrea Rand from MOAA National, Jason Dominguez, Ohio Interim Director of Military Services and State Senator Frank LaRose (District 27). Topics included various ways to support active duty military members, veterans, and their families. Specific areas discussed were MOAA

membership and scholarship programs and various state and national efforts to recognize and support all military veterans (there are over 900,000 veterans in Ohio). A trip to the MAPS Museum in Canton took place in the afternoon. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ronald Sega, Maj Gen USAF, Retired and former Astronaut. Dr. Sega described his two space shuttle missions. He emphasized the importance of the STEM (Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics) coalition and similar efforts into the future. A special recognition of our nation's POW/MIA was also conducted.

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 24 Membership Meeting at YARS see page 3 for details and RSVP.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Nov. 18 A first class mailing to all members, this will include an invite to the Christmas Party & RSVP information, Membership Directory and invoice for 2014 dues.

Nov. 22 Veterans & ROTC Alumni Reunion Dinner at the Williamsson College of Business, Youngstown State University. MOAA will have a table there, bring prospective members to pick-up a membership application.

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving

Dec. 8 MOAA and ROA combine Christmas party at the Manor Restaurant in Austintown, evening dinner and program.

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter Committee Chairperson Reports

Legislative Affairs, COL John Koshan

Legislative Update, October 2013

As you are aware Washington is in a state of total confusion. Two major events have taken place over the past several weeks. The first a partial shutdown of the government and the second, major initiatives for the Affordable Care Act went into effect.



The House and Senate failed to agree on a plan to fund the government for the new fiscal year causing a partial government shutdown. All but essential government operations are shuttered. Approximately 80% of the government is still operating. Both the House and Senate remain firmly entrenched in their positions. The House has tied defunding or delaying of the Affordable Care Act to the budget process. The Senate and the President have rejected that proposal.

The House has attempted to enact legislation for specific government operations. Legislation to continue the pay for members of our armed services was approved by both chambers and signed by the president. Other targeted funding actions by the House have not been acted upon by the Senate. Actions supporting specific federal agencies such as public health and weather service have not been acted upon by the Senate. An action to retroactively pay all furloughed Federal employees once the government reopens has been approved. It should be noted that military retirees and annuitants will receive their pay. These funds are not paid from Continuing Act Funds.

It seems that there is no short term solution to the shutdown. There is a need for leadership, negotiations and compromise but with the positions staked out by all parties this could become a long arduous task encompassing even the debt ceiling.

Initiatives enacted for the Affordable Care Act should not affect TRICARE, TFL, Medicare or VA Health. These programs are separate from the new healthcare Market Place or exchanges. If you utilize one of the above you should not have to sign up for a market place plan.

Sequestration is still the law of the land. DOD must trim \$500 Billion over the next ten (10) years. DOD has developed options in 3 major areas which have the potential to significantly impact military families. These options are in the following areas:

- Management efficiencies and Overhead reductions: The goal is to reduce total civilian and military headcount by 20%.
- Compensation Reforms: The objective is to effect Health Care changes, Cost of living reductions and limit pay increases.
- Force Structure: The goal is to significantly down size all services, both active and inactive.

Our Military should not be required to pay the price for Congress's stalemates, sequestration was designed to be drastic and force congress to do its job. It hasn't worked. Sequestration needs to be repealed where the military is concerned. Our local representatives need to know where we stand on this issue.

Lastly, the president has issued instructions to the Military Retirement and Compensation Modernization Commission that was created to overhaul the current military pay and benefits system. The commission's report is due May 2014. Early returns reflect proposals that may hinder rather than promote a strong military. Keep tuned.

As the events surrounding the shutdown, budget and the debt ceiling unfold, it is important that our political representatives know what we stand for. Please contact your rep and let them know how we feel.

Nomination Committee, LTC Mike Wisniewski

It is down to the "two minute warning" for a second Vice President. Here is the job description, when you meet a former, retired or active duty officer you tell them about MOAA give them a business card and brochure and then follow up. Don and Janet, once they receive the application, do the computer input for our chapter. You will receive information from MOAA national via email. If you're unsure what to do with them, just forward the email to another member on the board. Really, the only thing you have to do, is to believe in MOAA and our chapter. If interested contact mwisniewski007@gmail.com or (330) 856-1162.



President LTC Rod Hosler\nominated
1st VP (programs) LTC Gary Williams\nominated
2nd VP (membership) . . . **NOMINATION IS NEEDED**
Sec./Treasurer CWO3 Don Oglesby\nominated

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**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
MAHONING & SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER
October Dinner Meeting**

When: Thursday, 24 October 2013

Where: Youngstown AF Reserve Station
Consolidated Activity Center
3976 King Graves Rd
Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

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

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

Program: 1915 (7:15 P.M.) Welcome to join the dinner
guests for the program

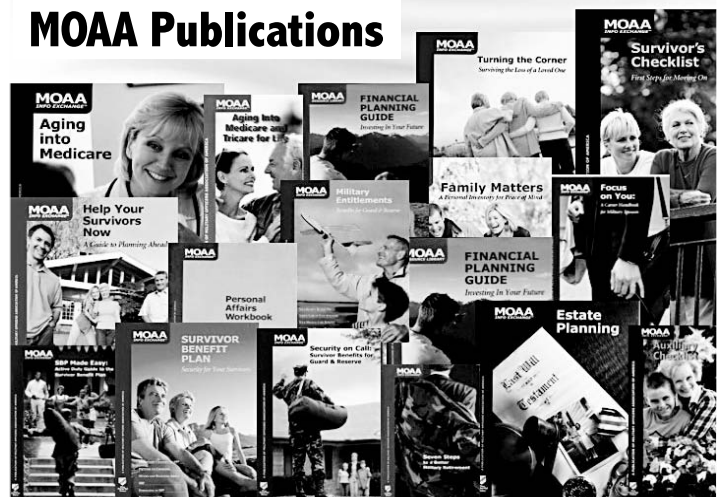
Attire: Business Casual Dress

Program: John Hannock (Bill Johnson) and
Annual business meeting, election of officers.

Menu: Tossed Garden Salad, Turkey w/dressing, Italian Sausage (Peppers & Onions) Candied Sweet Potatoes, Sweet Peas w/pearl onions, dessert, coffee/tea, tax and gratuity included for \$20.00

RSVP: Pay at the door, but the chapter pays for the meals ordered. Make your reservation by email or leave a message by phone before **Noon, Monday, October 21st**. Call Don Oglesby 330-568-4456 email djo52800@neo.rr.com please indicate how many will be attending.

MOAA Publications



All MOAA publications are available at no cost to our members. Get vital information about financial planning, military retirement planning, military health care, the Survivor Benefit Plan, Guard and Reserve benefits, and more.

As a member, you have free access to MOAA's Info Exchange® books and guides. Written in plain English, you'll find information for every stage of your military experience; covering subjects ranging from career transition and college preparation to TRICARE For Life (TFL) benefits and estate planning. MOAA even has publications written specifically for Guard and Reserve members, surviving spouses and spouses of current and retired servicemembers.

NOT A MOAA NATIONAL MEMBER?

Basic membership (electronic) is free for 3 years.

Premium, 1 year—\$37, 2 years—\$72, 3 years—\$95.

Life, fee is age dependent membership transfers to spouse.

All memberships can be completed online at www.moaa.org/join or call 1-800-234-6622

New Membership Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name: _____ Spouse 1st Name _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____ ☐ Retired ☐ Former ☐ Active *(Regular) ☐ Reserve* ☐ National Guard*

☐ Widow(er)—Auxiliary Member (Auxiliary membership is available for surviving spouses of officers.)

☐ Spouse (local MOAA chapter only, not national, spouse is member of chapter) *Free if under government contract.

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail: _____

☐ Newsletters will be emailed, if you prefer postal service, check this box

Member of MOAA National ☐ Yes ☐ No

New Chapter Member Oct. Special \$20/year from 10/1 to Dec. 31, 2014

Make Check Payable to: MSVC-MOAA mail to address on right

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MOAA 2013 Chapter Leaders' Symposium in Hershey, Pennsylvania



LTC Gary Williams, CWO3 Don and Janet Oglesby and LTC Rod Hosler and his wife Florence (not pictured) attend MOAA's 2013 Chapter Presidents' Symposium Sept. 19-20. MOAA's chapter system includes 35 state councils and 409 chapters nationwide. Each year MOAA holds the Chapter Leaders' Symposium in one of four regions, moving from east to west across the country.

Chapter board members joined 266 council and chapter leaders and their spouses from 14 states, 10 councils, and more than 70 chapters in MOAA's North East region. Thursday evening, attendees enjoyed a dinner at the ice-breaker, courtesy of MOAA's partner USAA. Participants met with other council and chapter leaders and key members of the national staff and board of directors before hitting the dance floor.

Leaders attended breakout workshops the following day, where they discussed membership challenges, shared best practices, and brainstormed new solutions. Membership chairs discussed how to recruit and retain more members, while council and chapter presidents and vice presidents reviewed management techniques. Council and chapter transition liaisons also attended a special workshop to learn how to start or improve their affiliates' career-transition assistance program.

BG Andrew P. Schafer, Jr., Assistant Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard was the keynote speaker at the dinner on Friday.

"This symposium was the best I've seen and I believe our leaders really enjoyed themselves, shared ideas and got a lot out of the time spent together." Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret), said. "This is a valuable way for us to listen and learn from each other about how to lead our chapters and make them more effective for their members and their surrounding communities. These chapter leaders work hard, and we want to do all we can to help them with their responsibilities," he concluded.

VADM Ryan did specifically ask how our chapter was doing as we had lunch with him and his wife. He did remember all the names at his table on the evening the chapter received the charter.