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Mahoning & Shenango Valleys Starts Its Third Year as a MOAA Chapter



The Honorable Robert P. Milich, Youngstown Municipal Court judge and a retired Lt. Col. from the U.S. Air Force is shown administering the oath of office to the newly elected officers of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA. From left are: LTC Roderick Hosler, President; CWO3 Donald Oglesby, Secretary/Treasurer. MAJ Peter Mihai, immediate past President and Board Member; CAPT Dennis Gartland, Board Member; LTC Michael Wisniewski, Board Member; COL John Koshan, Board Member; Mrs. Janet Oglesby, Board Member. Missing from the photo are LTC Gary Williams, 1st Vice President, and Capt Brian Chadwick, 2nd Vice President.

During a January meeting of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MSVC-MOAA) newly elected officers were sworn into office by retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, the Honorable Robert P. Milich, Youngstown Municipal Court judge. Taking the reins as President of the Chapter is LTC Roderick A. Hosler, USA, Retired of Boardman, LTC Gary Williams, USA Retired of Lisbon as 1st Vice President; Capt Brian Chadwick, USMC Retired of Canfield as 2nd Vice President; and CWO3 Donald Oglesby, USCG Retired of Hubbard as Secretary/Treasurer. Board Members installed were: MAJ Peter Mihai, USA Retired of Youngstown; former CPT Dennis Gartland, USA of Cortland; COL John Koshan, USA Retired of Brookfield; LTC Michael Wisniewski, USA Retired of Howland; and Mrs. Janet Oglesby of Hubbard. The ceremony took place on January 23rd at the Consolidated Activity Center of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna, Ohio.

The outgoing President, MAJ Peter Mihai was presented with a service pin for a successful term of office during which the Chapter was recognized as the number one Chapter in the nation in recruiting for its size. Major Mihai served with the 108th Artillery Division in Viet Nam, the 25th Infantry Division, and is a former president of the Canton MOAA Chapter.

LTC Hosler, the Chapter's third President, has had a distinguished military career spanning 25 years, most notably with Headquarters of First US Army, FORCES Command, 6th Infantry Division, and the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a Junior ROTC instructor at Rayen High School for two years and the Assistant Professor of Military Science at Youngstown State University for five years. In addition to serving as the Commander of American Legion Post 15 and President of the Mahoning County United Veterans Council, Hosler is a published author in *On Point Military History Magazine* and is awaiting publication of his recent history book about the *Niagara Campaigns*

of the War of 1812. LTC Hosler and his wife, Florence, reside in Boardman.

Guest speaker for the installation dinner was Major Patrick (Rick) Williams, USA, Retired of Negley, Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs at Youngstown State University who discussed the status of the new Veterans Resource Center currently being constructed at YSU. The 1.2 million dollar privately funded project is scheduled to be completed this summer and is the only one of its kind in Ohio.



President LTC Rod Hosler presents the MSVC flag set to MAJ Rick Williams.

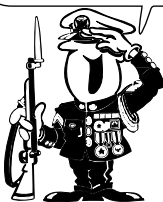
Congratulations to all Chapter Members as MSVC is a Repeat Winner – \$1000

For the second year in a row (chapter was chartered in 2012) the chapter received \$1,000 for recruiting the most incentive-qualified chapter members in their size category during 2013. The chapter recruited 27 new members in 2013, but to receive the \$1000 we need 18 of those 27 to be members of MOAA national. On December 27th we were two members behind for a tie and three members needed to win. With a plea for three individuals to join MOAA national on December 30th, we won in our category. Also, those 18 members increased the profit by \$205, \$10 for every BASIC member and \$15 for a PREMIUM member.

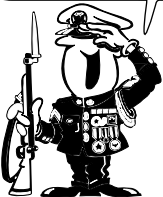
Membership #101

Yes, you can just be a local chapter member. When your name is submitted to MOAA national as a chapter member, within two weeks you will receive information about their membership either, as a BASIC, PREMIUM or LIFE member. MOAA will continue to advocate for a strong, top quality career force with compensation and benefits for military members, retirees, veterans, and their families and survivors that is commensurate with the extraordinary demands and sacrifices imposed upon them.

Can't I just join MSVC and not MOAA national?



What benefits do I get with Free MOAA BASIC Membership?



Anyone can join as a BASIC member, but members over age 35 are limited to three years. BASIC members will have access to limited products, transition, and financial information services. An email address is all that is required. **As a chapter we wish every new member would join MOAA national at least as a BASIC member. Our chapter will not sign you up for BASIC membership unless you ask one of our chapter officers to do so.** BASIC members after three years either lapse to a Prospect or upgrade to a PREMIUM or LIFE membership. It is geared for the younger electronic officer. This membership will provide you of an understanding of MOAA's goals.

As you are probably aware, American Legion, USAA, ROA and MOAA all carry the same or similar membership benefits. A magazine similar to *Military Officer*, a supplemental TRICARE insurance, long term care insurance, credit cards, car loans, financial information, travel discounts etc. So what is different? Our success as a chapter is that 89% of our members are MOAA national members, 11 are BASIC, 20 are LIFE, and 34 are PREMIUM.

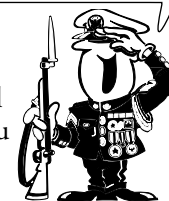
What benefits do I receive with a PREMIUM membership.



If you weren't a member of MOAA and depending when you signed up as a charter member, MOAA national gave free membership for two years.

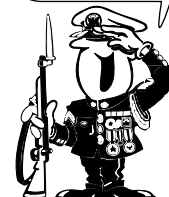
You may be receiving an invoice for you to renew as a BASIC, a PREMIUM or LIFE member. The *Military Officer* magazine will be delivered by the postal service only if you are a PREMIUM or LIFE member.

I'm a charter member of MSVC, I received an invoice from MOAA!



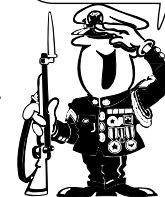
If you join MOAA national as a PREMIUM or LIFE member, MOAA national will give the individual a voucher to be used for one-year free chapter membership. Existing PREMIUM or LIFE members, chapter members on our chapter roster, and chapter members on our chapter roster within the past two years are not eligible to receive a voucher. This is a great way to experience MOAA national and the chapter for \$37. If you know any individual who meet this criteria it is the best way to be introduced to MOAA and MSVC Chapter

How do I get a voucher for chapter dues?



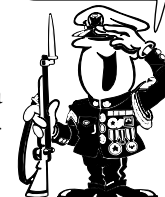
An auxiliary member is a widow or widower who's spouse was an officer. There is an auxiliary dues structure for MOAA national. It is a PREMIUM membership for \$34, for our chapter it is \$15 per year. Unfortunately MOAA national does not recognize present chapter member spouses as regular members. They have no objections to having spouse membership at the local chapter level and serving on chapter board.

What is an auxiliary member?



Every January MSVC submits our roster to MOAA national which compares it to the year before. MOAA will award a chapter \$500 as a retention incentive. The two areas that hurt a chapter are members that don't renew their chapter membership and those who are not members of MOAA national. Members that move away from the local area and deaths are not counted against the chapter. There are several steps in computations of retention, so the chapter won't know until March if we receive the \$500.

What is the \$500 award for membership retention?



2nd Vice Pres., Capt Brian Chadwick

Caricatures are always based on Marines. Do you know how difficult it is to win something three years in a row! Last year the chapter averaged two new members a month. At our January meeting were two new members **CPT Nick Spano, USA, Ret.** and former **LT Bruce Bille, USN.** Ask me if you have any questions on class #101.



Legislative Issues – Feb. 2014 Your Action Needed

Legislative Affairs Chair, COL John Koshan

Little of note has transpired in our nation's capital since our last legislative update. We have heard from the President on the state of our union, and Congress continues to bluster over the recent COLA cuts to retiree's pensions. As you recall, it was the Bi-Partisan Budget Act of 2013, passed and signed into law, that cut the annual cost of living for uniformed service retirees by 1% a year until age 62 (holds COLA adjustment to 1% below inflation). This is scheduled to start January 2016.

Before breaking for the Holidays, Congress did reverse the cuts to retirement pay for certain medically retired vets. The larger cuts to working age retirees was not affected. This fix, however, creates a disparity between separate groups of disabled retirees. So called Chapter 61 retirees (anyone medically retired with 20 or more years of service) are being restored. The COLA cap remains for VA rated disabled retirees. Full COLA will continue on disability compensation, but not military retired pay.

Law makers urged on by military associations and veterans groups, are still promising to roll back the COLA cap for all retirees. Obstacles to a full repeal do exist. The SecDef and the JCS initially supported the COLA cap as they see this as a lower priority than weapons programs. Additionally, significant disagreements on how to pay for the repeal exist between both political parties.

The Senate Armed Services Committee has vowed to speedily clear a bill to roll back the COLA cap. The committee's belief is that this should be sooner rather than later. The JCS did clarify their position and now are in favor of the committee's action to repeal should it occur. The committee is joined by dozens of Senators and scores of House members in support of full repeal.

Budget cuts are sending the wrong message to our veterans and service members. There are five good reasons why we should worry about these recent cuts.

Cuts to future Military Retirement are a breach of faith with those currently serving and for retirees under the age of 62. This has an immediate impact on morale and welfare.

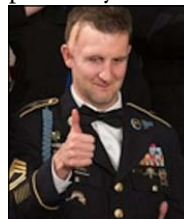
Reducing COLA by 1% each year before a person reaches age 62 has a profound effect on life time earnings. The total loss to an E-7 with

20 years of service could be as much as 75–80 thousand dollars. If you've served, you deserve the benefits promised.

Slashing future Military COLA breaks promises made by the Administration. Former SecDef Panetta and Chairman JCS General Dempsey have both publicly said that any changes to Military compensation and retirement would contain grandfather provisions. The real facts about spiraling cost growth are being misrepresented by Pentagon leadership. Personnel costs are not exploding. About one third of the Defense Budget goes to Personnel and Health costs, the same share it has been for more than 30 years.

This is Just the Beginning, Bottom line is if Congress and the Pentagon can break faith on promises made, how can services members trust what their leadership says about Pay, Retirement and Healthcare.

Troops, vets and military families are used to being roughed up by various moves, deployments and combat injuries and deaths. They've been at war for more than a decade while the civil – military divide has grown wider. The continued use and abuse of the military and veteran communities by Washington is an indignity that needs to end. As Alan West has pointedly noted, a disabled vet was given a rousing standing ovation at the State of the Union speech by those present (both bodies of Congress and the executive). However, these were the same people who voted to cut his COLA adjustment until he reaches the age of 62. How disconnected are we, clapping for someone they just hurt. Irony isn't it.



If the American people and the US Congress believe that we, the veterans, are too expensive they should stop making us.

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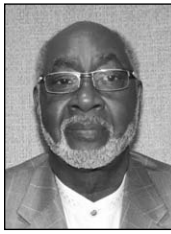
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TRICARE Dental Program

Personal Affairs, CW3 Chris Whitehead

Last month I submitted an article on the VA dental insurance. The chapter received flyers (inserts) for TRICARE dental insurance which is enclosed in this newsletter. For those who get the newsletter as a PDF file here is the link www.tricare.mil/trdp



TRICARE offers three dental plans for beneficiaries. The TRICARE Dental Program and TRICARE Retiree Dental Program are voluntary and require you to enroll for coverage.

Beneficiaries who enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program or the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program will pay monthly premiums and cost shares for covered dental services.

The TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program augments services provided at military dental treatment facilities for active duty service members. There are typically no out-of-pocket costs for covered dental services.

Interest-Free Student Loans

MOAA's Educational Assistance Program provides interest-free loans to students who are Children of Former, Active, or Retired Officers or Active or Retired Enlisted Military Personnel for college costs.

Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college or university during the 2014–2015 school year as a full-time student. All loans, grants, and scholarships are designated for students seeking their first undergraduate degree. Funds must be used for educational purposes in the semester they are received. *No loans, grants, or scholarships are applicable toward graduate study.*

Application *There is one online application for all scholarships, grants, and interest-free loan programs.*

Deadline The online application opens the first Monday in November and must be completed and submitted no later than **noon EST March 3, 2014**. Semifinalists are notified in March. Recipients are notified in May.

Scholarship/Student Loan Website

www.moaa.org/main_article.aspx?id=2411

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New Membership Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name: _____ Military Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Component _____ Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

☐ Regular Member (Retired, Former, Active* Officer of the seven uniformed US Services **Membership \$20/year**)

☐ Widow(er)—Auxiliary Member (Auxiliary membership is available for surviving spouses of officers **Membership \$15/year**)

☐ Spouse (local MOAA chapter only, not national, spouse is member of chapter) **Membership \$20/year**

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth _____

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

Member of MOAA National ☐ Yes ☐ No # _____

Chapter dues from Jan. 1 2014 to Dec. 31, 2014

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The MCBDD is Proud to Host the 3rd Annual

Veterans of the Valley Luncheon

Who: All Service Veterans (past and present)

What: Veterans of the Valley Luncheon

When: Thursday, March 13th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Poland United Methodist Church

1940 Boardman-Poland Road

Poland, Ohio 44514

Why: To recognize and honor our Veterans of the Valley

As part of the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month celebrations, the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is proud to announce the third annual Veterans of the Valley Luncheon to celebrate the accomplishments of those who have fought for our freedom, sacrificed for our way of life and given their lives to protect our families.

The MCBDD will recognize one of our honored veterans for their dedication and service to our community with a special award.

Lunch will be catered by Lariccia's Italian Foods at no cost to all veterans who RSVP to Lois at 330-797-2902 by 3-10-14.



"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."

Abraham Lincoln

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MSVC-MOAA February Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, 27 February 2014

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

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Lounge and Cash bar opens at 1600

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: Sean Baumgartner, Director of Ohio Western
Reserve Cemetery

Topic: Burial in a national cemetery and your veterans
benefits for burial in any cemetery.

Menu: Stuffed chicken breast, rosemary pork loin,
candied sweet potatoes, steamed broccoli
florets 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, February
24th. Call Don Oglesby 330-568-4456 (the answer
machine is not broken) or email [djo52800@neo.
rr.com](mailto:djo52800@neo.rr.com) please indicate how many will be attending.**

Directions: The base is on King Graves Road which can be
accessed either off Rt. 193 or Rt. 11. After pass-
ing through the security gate on Arnold Rd., take
the second left onto (Spatz Rd.). The Community
Activities Center (CAC), "Herk's Place", is build-
ing #113. (You'll see a loading dock, back entrance
of CAC) Parking is available on either side of the
building but it is easier to enter the dining area
from the upper parking lot. (It is a few stairs.) The
handicapped entrance is at the front of the building.
There are signs that indicate that location. The CAC
is adjacent to the Eagle Nest Lodging Building.

Cancellations: If it is necessary to cancel, please call Don
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There is a list of members who may attend, if their
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