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President's Notes

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter have had a great two years! We have become very active and have received national recognition in several areas. Furthermore, we continue to grow. Much of our development and growth we owe to our Chapter Secretary and President, CW3 Don Oglesby and his wife, Janet. Don will be greatly missed by all who knew him as a good friend and kind gentleman. I speak for all of us that knew and respected Don as a tireless MOAA member with one goal, to make our chapter the very best in supporting the military community in the area and in the nation. The face of our chapter has forever been changed as we remember the many contributions made by Don and Janet. We continue looking forward to Janet's association with the chapter, and stand ready to offer her any assistance that is due to the surviving spouse of a fellow officer and friend.

Although the weather dampened our meeting in February, we still had a good turnout of members to listen to Ms. Gina McLaughlin, Executive Director of ATC Healthcare Services, Inc., who provided information regarding her business that provides quality home care



President LTC Rod Hosler presents the MSVC flag set to Gina McLaughlin.

to veterans and other seniors. I was happy to see that most in attendance were members who had recently joined the Chapter. We also had two new members that I'd like to welcome **LCDR Fr. Andrew Nelko, USN, Ret.** and **former 2LT James Fairbanks, USA.**

The 27 March meeting at the YARS will include a presentation by Mr. Sean Baumgartner, the Director of the Western Reserve National Cemetery at Rittman, Ohio. *See page 4 for RSVP.*

The Chapter will be focusing on several key events for the future, the first of which will be providing the MSVC-MOAA Medal to a Cadet from the YSU Army ROTC program as well as providing Second Lieutenant shoulder straps to two upcoming commissioned officers at the 17 April YSU ROTC Awards Ceremony. East High School awards program for the JROTC cadets is 25 April. We will also be hosting both Senior and Junior Army ROTC Cadets at our 22 May meeting and ROTC/JROTC Awards Dinner. Additionally, of importance is our support of the YARS Open House and Thunderbird's Airshow scheduled for 17 and 18 May. We will need help in manning our MSVC-MOAA table in one of the hangers at this event.

If **Randy, Paul, Frank and Vince** can pay their dues, the chapter will have 100% retention for 2014. Thanks for your continued support.

Rod Hosler, MSVC President



IN MEMORIAM

CWO3 Don Oglesby, USCG, Ret.
4 March 1940 – 3 March 2014

Don was born in Aberdeen, Wash. He attended Morgan Jr High School in Ellensburg, Wash., North Central High School in Spokane, Wash., and received his BS degree from the University of the State of New York in 1982. Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957, serving on destroyers home ported in Norfolk, Va. and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and at Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Fla. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 1969. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1971 and served at Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor, retiring from the Coast Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1982 with over 23 years of total active duty. After retiring, he relocated to LaCrosse, Wis. and served for 15 years as a Motor Carrier Inspector for the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Don was an active member in the Military Officers Association of America. He was a member and past president of the La Crosse Chapter, member of the Ohio Western Reserve Chapter and a charter member and secretary/treasurer of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter. He is survived by his wife Janet and close companion of almost fourteen years.



MSVC was mentioned in this March issue. See page two for the story.

Legislative Issues – March 2014 Your Action Needed

Legislative Affairs Chair, COL John Koshan

The administration unveiled its FY 2015 Defense Budget request earlier this month and has been forecasted it is not exactly good news for the Military. This budget reflects the administration's desire to **Draw Down** the military. Too many of us who are old enough to remember previous draw downs, this budget uses the same cost cutting measures that invariably cause more harm than good.

The proposal calls for a \$495.6 Billion budget, virtually unchanged from the past two years. With the full impact of sequestration continuing to loom for 2016, the Pentagon has looked at all accounts. That being said however, we still see the same tact of reduced head count and pay and allowances.

Specific budget cuts include proposed end strength reduction, cuts to military compensation and healthcare, and to housing and commissary benefits. The proposed cuts to compensation caps the 2015 raise at 1% and continues through 2017 rising to the normal 1.8% in 2019. This, if enacted would create a significant pay gap with the private sector. Something Congress has worked hard on since 2000 to eliminate.

Health care proposals call for major changes for TRICARE beneficiaries of all ages, eliminating or changing programs for retirees and families and moving towards a fee-for-service plan that would require co-pays, deductibles and an annual participation fee. Additionally it would establish an annual TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL) enrollment fee as a percentage of retired pay.

Housing and commissary benefits would also change. The Basic Housing Allowance out of pocket cost would rise to 5% of the total cost. Cuts to the commissary subsidy would result in a reduction in savings to the user.

These proposals would provide a quick fix and serve to bring savings that if repeated for several years can end up generating a **Hollow Force** incapable of performing basic mission readiness.

The Legislative Action Center at the MOAA web site provides prepared messages and letters

that members can use to send to their political representatives. These letters can be sent as is, or used as a guide to draft a personal appeal.

MOAA home page>Take Action Menu>Contact Congress. If you receive this newsletter via email, click on the hyperlinks on the right. Which will take you to representatives and senators web sites, where you can post on their web sites. Whatever you choose, we cannot stand idly by and watch the disintegration of our Military. We need to take action, everyone.

Janet Oglesby

How I'll Remember This Issue



The title of the article is *Untapped Talent* on page 44 of the March 2014 issue of *Military Officer* magazine. It spotlights auxiliary members and spouses that share their talents with the chapter. Kris Hegle who wrote the article sent it to me in December. I shared it with Don then. The magazine arrived March 3rd. I read the article around 10:00 A.M. I couldn't wait to show the article to Don along with his birthday cards he received. I questioned why he wasn't up yet, as he was sleeping-in longer than usual. I found out why a few minutes later.

An auxiliary member as defined by national MOAA is the spouse of a deceased officer, it isn't the type of membership you choose. I can't put into words the support I've received from MSVC. I appreciated your prayers, cards, those who came to the visitation, those individuals who spoke such kind and loving thoughts at his service. All of these things will be precious memories.

I hope to continue to help the chapter out in the future. MSVC is a great chapter, I've just experienced it.



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New Membership Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name: _____ Military Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Component _____ Branch of Service _____ Rank _____ ☐ Active *(Regular)—☐ Reserve*—☐ National Guard*

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

*Free chapter membership if under government contract.
A non military email address is preferred, **return this form**

☐ 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

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

You may pay regular and auxiliary dues online www.moaa.org/OnlineChapterDuesPayment

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We Need Individuals to Step-up to Fill Vacancies

Contact Rod Hosler if you are interested. If you can do email, that will cut down on face-to-face meetings.

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MSVC-MOAA March Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, 27 March 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 (couldn't make it last month)

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

Menu: Garden tossed salad, oven roasted potatoes,
broiled lemon butter tilapia, chicken marsala,
mixed vegetables, 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, March
24th. Call Janet 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. (There are 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 Janet
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There is a list of members who may attend, if their
schedule permits them that day. If you wish to be
on this (text) list contact Janet Oglesby.