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MOAA Medal and Gold Bars Recipients

At our May dinner meeting our chapter had the privilege of meeting cadets, their parents and instructors who were awarded the MOAA medal. MOAA national provides medals and certificates to be given by our chapter to an outstanding cadet in the chapter geographic region. LTC Rod Hosler, CPT Mike McNair and LTC Ralph Minton attended the ROTC/JROTC award ceremonies to give each cadet their medal. The award is usually given to junior student. This enables the cadet to wear the medal on their uniform their senior year.

Awardees were Jasmine Dorsett of East High School (Army), Anna Hallman of Trumbull Career and Technical Center (Air Force). Brandi Burrows received the medal at Youngstown State University, she was unable to attend the dinner.

In addition to the medals, MOAA gave newly commissioned 2LT's Tyler Strohecker and Loren Delgros "Gold Bars". Loren was unable to attend the dinner. The chapter presented the new 2LT's their shoulder boards. Tyler received the MOAA medal last year from MSVC. He completed his graduate studies in Education Technology and will be training at Ft. Rucker, Alabama as a Medical Evacuation Helicopter pilot later this year.



On April 25th, SGT Douglas Moon the JROTC instructor at East High School assists MSVC member CPT Mike McNair in presenting the MOAA medal to JROTC cadet Jasmine Dorsett. JROTC programs are not a recruiting tool for military service, but to develop citizenship and leadership. The program goal is to encourage students to see the potential within them, to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community.



On April 17th, at Youngstown State University ROTC Awards breakfast. LTC Rod Hosler presented shoulder boards to newly commissioned officers Tyler Strohecker (above) and Loren Delgros (below).



CPT McNair did the formal presentation to Cadet Brandi Burrows at the Youngstown State University ROTC Awards breakfast. Afterwards a photo-op was taken with LTC Rod Hosler presenting Brandi with the MOAA medal certificate and an honorarium.



On May 10th, at Trumbull Career and Technical Center. LTC Ralph Minton presents the MOAA medal to JROTC Cadet Anna Hallman. TSgt David Taylor one of the JROTC instructor is in the background.



Update on MSVC 2013 cadets (left). Nathaniel Bacon graduated from TCTC in 2013 and joined the Air Force and is in Japan. Jo'von Morgan a 2014 graduate of East High School will enter the US Army this summer. Jacob Rafidi is in Germany and Eric Hippley is in Alaska.

President's Notes

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter continue to have good programs in conjunction with our dinner meetings. Our 22 May dinner meeting and final installment in "Personal Affairs" program was presented by chapter member MAJ Joe Mersol. We also hosted the MOAA Medal awardee from East High School Army JROTC, and the Trumbull County Technical Center Air Force JROTC, as well as newly commissioned Second Lieutenants from YSU. The dinner meeting was well attended.



Chapter Treasurer Bruce Bille has been working to make paying for our dinners easier and convenient as well as working on a chapter web site, and Janet Oglesby continues to produce our award winning newsletter. They are truly outstanding and positive assets to this chapter. I invite you all to go on our website and check it out. msvc-moaa.org.

We are preparing for the summer season which means our dinner meetings will be slightly different: the 26 June meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, Pa; the 24 July meeting is a cookout at Centennial Park in Salem, OH; and the 21 August meeting will be a steak fry/corn roast at the Air Base. We'll begin our regular meeting schedule on 25 September at the Air Base. Look for more information in this newsletter, and please come out to support your chapter by attending.

Many MSVC members participated in this year's Memorial Day. I had the pleasure to serve as the Master of Ceremonies at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery at Rittman on Sunday, 25 May. There were many supporting Veterans organizations and from the Wright Brass Ensemble from Wright Patterson Air Force Base. It was a great day with about two hundred attendees.

If you are only a MSVC member, but not a MOAA National, I urge you to consider becoming a MOAA National member. This gets you the Officer Magazine and other MOAA mail that provides critical information on national defense and security, as well as our fragile benefits. MOAA National is our voice on Capitol Hill and the halls of government.

I also want to remind and ask members to pay their 2014 dues. We still have about **four** members who have not paid. Thanks for your continued support to Msvc-moaa.

Finally, as I've said before, any organization is only as good as its membership and their active participation, and the Msvc-moaa is becoming one of the better chapters in Ohio. We have much to be proud of. I encourage all MSVC-MOAA members to continue to attend our dinner meetings, to meet other officers, renew old acquaintances and meet new members. It's up to US to keep our chapter active and vibrant.

Rod Hosler, MSVC President

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Welcome Our New Members

MAJ Jack Russell, ANG, Ret lives in Youngstown.

MAJ Sandy Lasure, Nurses Corps, USA, Ret. lives in Hermitage.

Frm CPT Joe Zentis, USA lives in Hermitage.

Our chapter membership is 73 with two auxiliary members. Out of this 75 only 10 members don't belong to MOAA national that is 87%—not bad. Most chapters have 98% MOAA national members. It is **FREE** membership for 3 years, you have nothing to lose.

Did you notice that Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter was mentioned again in the June issue of *Military Officer* magazine. See page 47.

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Legislative Issues – June 2014

Legislative Affairs Chair, COL John Koshan

Both houses of Congress continued their review and mark up of the 2015 Defense Authorization Bill during the month of May. MOAA has played a role in providing information to the various hearings. MOAA's position is and has been to **Sustain Pay and Benefits, Reject TRICARE Fees, and to Eliminate Sequestration**

The House of Representative passed their version of the 2015 National Defense Authorization Bill. This bill would set policy goals and spending targets for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. The bill would provide a 1.8% pay increase and rejects Department of Defense's proposals to curb personnel costs by reducing housing, commissary and TRICARE costs. This action was taken by the House despite a veto threat by the White House and major areas of disagreement with the Senate.

Meanwhile the Senate is amending and or marking up its version of the legislation. The Senate Armed Services Committee has rejected the Pentagon's plan to cut commissary benefits and overhaul the TRICARE system. The Senate, however, did approve a 1% Cap on active duty pay raises. This is below the 1.8% increase that current law requires. The Senate also approved an increase for out-of-pocket housing costs for Military families and increases to pharmacy co-pays for prescriptions filled out of military treatment facilities. These proposals, considered short-sighted by MOAA, must be approved by the whole Senate. Whatever the final product coming from the Senate is, must be reconciled with the version passed by the House. The reconciliation process should prove to be quite contentious.

MOAA believes that the senate proposals reverse much of the hard work and progress Congress had made between 2000 and 2010. MOAA's position basically supports the House bill and encourages all members to contact our lawmakers asking them to resist these short-sighted cuts.

As noted in last month's update, tough choices loom on the horizon via the Budget Control Act of 2011, known as **SEQUESTRATION**. More than a \$1 trillion in defense cuts are scheduled to occur between now and 2021. Continued movement towards Sequestration levels will result in readiness and modernization challenges, creating a "Hollow Force" and significantly affect National Security.

Again, members are asked to contact their representatives concerning both Sequestration and the Defense Bill for 2015.

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter Cares About You

The care and comfort of our hospitalized and homebound members is an ongoing concern in our Chapter. Feel free to contact the Chapter Personal Affairs Officer or any other Chapter Officer or member if any member is aware of a fellow member or family member in need of support or assistance.

Also the Chapter Personal Affairs Officer or Secretary will send an appropriate card for any hospitalized, homebound, ill, injured, or lonely member who needs to have contact.

*CW3 Chris & Edwina Whitehead, Personal Affairs Chair
Janet Oglesby, Secretary of MSVC*

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From *The Affiliate MOAA Council and Chapter June Newsletter*

In the Limelight: Col Dick Calta, USAF, Ret.

Col. Dick Calta, USAF (Ret), is a go-to leader in MOAA's council and chapter system. Calta, a Life Member, joined national MOAA in 1995. Five years later, he decided to see what the association's affiliates offered and joined the Orange County (Calif.) Chapter, where he served on the board of directors.



"I joined a chapter so I could continue to support national defense and veterans," says Calta. "I also missed the camaraderie and wanted to get more involved in the community."

In 2008, Calta relocated to Akron, Ohio, and joined the Ohio Western Reserve Chapter (OWRC). Within a year, he was elected president and went on to serve as the chapter's trustee, newsletter editor, and ROTC/Junior ROTC (JROTC) chair. Currently, he's the first vice president and publicity chair.

Calta, who is no stranger to volunteering in the community at events like the Akron Stand Down and the Adopt-a-Flag program, helped reenergize the OWRC by getting members involved in community-service projects. Members began supporting Honor Flight and providing financial support and volunteering at Valor Home in Akron, a 30-bed transitional housing facility for veterans.

The OWRC also formed a scholarship fund. Members award three \$500 scholarships annually to cadets in each of the three ROTC programs. Now they're planning to expand the program to include college-bound cadets in JROTC programs the chapter supports. Calta also is working with OWRC President Maj. Gen. Daniel Hahn, USA (Ret), and other chapter leaders to increase membership through MOAA's Chapter Recruiting 2014 program.

"I couldn't accomplish anything without the help of others," says Calta.

In 2011, leaders in the Ohio Council of Chapters asked Calta to serve as the new chapter development chair. He soon began working with Capt. George Williams, USN (Ret); Col. Walt Duzzny, USAR (Ret); LTC Don Rasile, USAR (Ret), LT John Holzer USN, and the late CWO3 Don Oglesby, USCG, and his wife, Janet, to form a new chapter that would serve members in the Youngstown, Ohio, Sharon, Pennsylvania area.

Less than a year later, Calta helped charter MOAA's Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter (MSVC), where he served as secretary-treasurer and later as a board member. Calta continues to be an active member of the MSVC, driving 120 miles to attend monthly meetings.

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Cleveland, Ohio

Please join us at one-of-a-kind, free hiring fair for veterans, active duty military members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the The Cleveland Public Auditorium & Conference Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 8:30 a.m.

Event Schedule

8:30 a.m. Employment Workshop

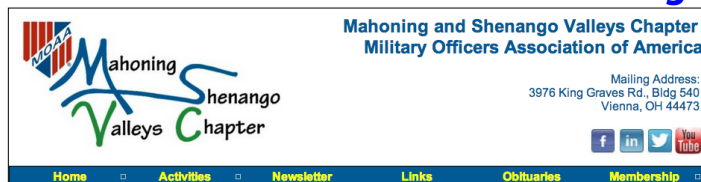
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hiring Fair

Location

The Cleveland Public Auditorium & Conference Center
500 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

More Information: www.hiringourheroes.org/cleveland

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"Having been a part of establishing a new chapter and growing the MOAA movement in Ohio is one of my proudest accomplishments," he says.

Calta also worked with leaders in the Ohio Council of Chapters to form the Mohican Satellite. The satellite, which has about 25 members, is attached to the Central Ohio Chapter in Columbus.

In September 2013, Calta received a MOAA coin for his superior leadership in helping organize and host the Ohio Council of Chapters' Convention. Calta used the event as an opportunity to get OWRC members more involved and interested in national MOAA and the chapter.

Calta spends about 40 hours a month working on council and chapter business. Those hours likely will increase once he finds his next challenge.

"I want to continue to help both the OWRC and MSVC grow in membership and influence," says Calta. "There is a lot of work to be done for our military members and veterans and their families."

MSVC-MOAA June Membership Meeting in Hermitage

When: Thursday, 26 June 2014

Where: Golden Corral

1025 North Hermitage Road (Rt. 18 N)
Hermitage, PA 16148
Just before Walmart

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Dinner: 1830 (6:30 P.M.)

Program: 1930 (7:30 P.M.) Welcome to join the dinner guests for the program. Just inform the cashier you wish to attend the meeting.

Suggested Attire: Casual

Program: Social time, planning evening for future activities.

Menu: All you can eat buffet \$11.99 plus drink and tax.
Seniors 60+ \$9.99 plus drink and tax

RSVP: Not necessary but if you get a chance, email or call Janet Oglesby jlo52800@neo.rr.com or 330-568-4456 she can inform Golden Corral to have the proper number of servers for us and your name tag will be waiting for you.

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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MSVC -MOAA has been invited to OWRC-MOAA July Outing — Golf Scramble & Picnic

Who: OWRC MOAA Members,
Spouse/Guest, Family

What: Annual Golf Outing

When: Tuesday, 8 July 2014

Tee Time: 1200 (noon)

Meal Time: 1700 (5:00 P.M.)

Where: Loyal Oak Golf Club

2909 Cleveland Massillon Road
Norton, OH 44203
330-825-2904



Reservation Form/Cost

Golf Only w/cart @ \$25 = _____

Picnic Only @ \$14 = _____

Golf and Picnic @ \$39 = _____

RSVP: No later than **Saturday, July 5th**

1. Use the web site www.owrc.net then to "events" tab.

2. Email your reservation to: owrcmoaa@owrc.net

3. Call LTC Dave Riegler at 330-666-2257



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MAJ Joe Mersol MSVC May Presenter



LTC Gary Williams, left, 1st Vice President of MSVC-MOAA presents a Chapter Flag Set to guest speaker retired U.S. Army Major, Joseph M. Mersol, owner of Joseph Mersol Financial Solutions in Poland. Mersol, a Certified Life Underwriter and an accomplished Estate Planning Specialist with New York Life.

MILITARY NIGHT AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD

FRIDAY JULY 11TH, 2014
 7:05PM START
 VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX'S

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