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Informative Information

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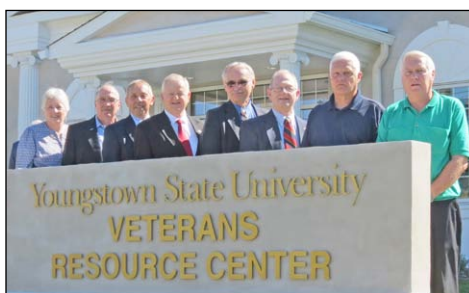
Our guest speaker was LCDR Michael Goldstein, USNR, Ret., is a career intelligence officer and a lifelong student of military and political history. He talked in great detail about the labyrinth of Middle East politics and the military situation there, both historically and present day emphasizing the rise of radical Islam. Mike Goldstein discussed the connection between the dangers there and here because of the military capabilities combined with religious imperatives of ISIS. He further talked about the divisions in Islam that have made our choices difficult: Weakening one enemy which hates the United States will strengthen another enemy which also hates the United States. Which is the greater danger right now? Which is the greater danger long term? I believe we all left with a greater understanding of the Middle East situation, and the rise of radical Islam vis-à-vis the United States, and with some direction to make our country safer. This was a two hour program that went beyond our normal twenty minute affairs, but there were few complaints about the subject and its importance.

For further study and an expert on this subject Mike referenced Clare Lopez a strategic policy and intelligence expert with a focus on the Middle East, national defense and counterterrorism. Lopez served for 25 years as an operations officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Grand Opening of YSU Veterans Resource Center

Several MSVC-MOAA members at the Veterans Resource Center at YSU on September 26th. Our chapter donated \$1,500 to the center, which placed our name

in the program. This is the link to the WFMJ video for the dedication www.wfmj.com/story/26634989/ysu-dedicates-new-veterans-resource-center



MSVC-MOAA members who were available for the photo are Janet Oglesby, John Marino, John Koshan, Gary Williams, Jim Fairbanks, Rod Hosler, Harold Hutzen, Don Rasile.

Our Members Military Children



MAJ Mark Andrews, USAR, Ret., traveled to Yokota Air Base, Japan, in early October, to preside over the promotion ceremony of his and wife Patty son MAJ Matthew Andrews, USAF. MAJ Andrews is a C-130 Navigator, Weapons Officer, and currently an Assistant Director of Operations in the 36th Airlift Squadron.



The Andrew's family in their flight suits is just too cute not to be published.

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This is the business card of CPT Steven Wisniewski, USA, son of LTC Mike and Barb Wisniewski.

Col Dick & Linda Calta will attend the retirement of their son Col Michael Calta, USAF on December 29th at Hulbert Field, Florida. Mike will have served 25½ years active duty.



President's Notes



I want to welcome back everyone from their wonderful summer endeavors. As I've continued to say, the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter continues to have outstanding programs in conjunction with our dinner meetings. This was certainly the case at our 25 Sept. meeting with LCDR Michael Goldstein, USNR, Ret.

I want to thank Gary Williams, Nick Spano, Bruce Bille, Janet Oglesby, John Koshan, Mike Wisniewski, Peter Mihai for their willingness to serve again on the board for 2015. They each bring an asset to the board. As a chapter we would like to become "Inc." if you have some experience with this endeavor, please become a board member at large for a year.

Mahoning-Shenango Valleys Chapter has recently won MOAA's 4-Star Level of Excellence Award for Category V, the only one our size from Ohio and one of the few from across the country. The recognition streamer will be presented at MOAA's Annual Meeting in Arlington, VA, on 27 October and will be going to receive this honor on our behalf. Thank you all for this special recognition and honor. Not bad for a chapter that is only three years old.

We have several new members, see the next column. Welcome to all, thank you for also becoming MOAA national member.

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 *Military Officer* magazine and other MOAA mailings that provide critical information on national defense and security, as well as our fragile benefits! Your national membership also helped us achieve the 4-Star Award. Remember, MOAA National is our voice on Capitol Hill and the halls of government. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.

If you know other officer, retired or former, invite them to one of our meetings.

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 and perhaps the country. 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. Thanks for your continued support to MSVC-MOAA.

LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.,

"It's important that people know what you stand for, and what you won't."

Welcome Our New Members

Former Navy LTJG **Alan McBane**, lives in Warren. He was president of a printing company before retiring.

Former Air Force 1st Lt **Bill Schoenfeld**, lives in Canfield with his wife Dorothy. He worked at RMI Titanium managing various departments before becoming general manager of the Niles plant. When he retired he held the position of vice president, technology and quality assurance.

Former Navy LT **Florence Hosler**, she lives in Poland with her husband Rod. She has followed the drum and became volunteer mom at school, Girl Scouts and now at their church. She like her free time, and of course grandma time!

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, 25 Oct. 0930 – MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, Akron

Monday, 27 Oct. 1830 – MOAA Chapter Level of Excellence Award Dinner Washington DC

Tuesday, 11 Nov. – Veteran's Day

Approx, Monday, 17 Nov. - A first class mailing to all members, this will include an invite to the Christmas Party & RSVP information, Membership Directory and invoice for 2015 dues.

Sunday, December 7 – Christmas Party at the Manor in Austintown social at 4:45 p.m. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift to be auctioned off for a veteran's charity. Bring your checkbook to buy gifts.

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Legislative Issues – Oct 2014

Legislative Affairs Chair, COL John Koshan

Congress has not been in session for the past month so little if any legislative activity has taken place since our last update. Our members of Congress have been on “**mid-term election**” recess, and are busily campaigning for their or others re-election.

Congress still needs to pass a **FY2015 Defense Authorization Bill**. The house has passed its version and is awaiting action by the Senate. Once this happens both bills will have to be reconciled. This will probably occur during the lame duck session following the elections. As stated before MOAA's legislative priorities are to block the active duty pay cap reduction, 1% vs 1.8%, to block the reduction in housing allowance compensation and to block the increase in TRICARE pharmacy fees. Additionally MOAA continues to call on Congress to reach a bi-partisan (??) solution to repeal sequestration.

Members are encouraged to contact their representatives on these issues and re-enforce MOAA priorities. As a point of reference, this month's (October) issue of the *Military Officer* magazine has information on where each of our legislators stands on the issues. Page 33 of the magazine summarizes this information.

Here in Ohio, House Bill 513 has been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives. This bill *American Laws for American Courts*, ALAC, effectively prevents the enforcement of any foreign law including Sharia Law that would violate the US and State of Ohio constitutional liberties or state public policy. A law that prevents enforcement of unconstitutional foreign law in American courts. The bill is currently in the judicial committee. Members are encouraged to contact their state representatives and encourage them to endorse this bill. Additionally, the mid-term election in Ohio includes a number of state offices including governor. Governor Kasich has been friendly to veteran causes and is worthy of our consideration.

Lastly, we all are or should be aware of the Mid-Term elections that will take place next month. This election will have long lasting effects on the lives of every American and especially the Military. All of us are encouraged to “**Get Out The Vote.**”

FYI Trumbull County Voters

As a chapter we can't endorse any candidate for Trumbull County Commissioner. We can mention that JD Williams is a charter member of MSVC. He is a retired Lt Col from Youngstown Air Reserve Station, where he piloted C-130's and is now a commercial pilot for United.



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*The Defense Commissary Agency,
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Commander, 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)*



You are Cordially Invited to Attend the
Grand Opening Ceremony of the
Pittsburgh Area Commissary and Exchange Plaza
On Tuesday, the Twenty-First of October at
Ten-O'Clock in the Morning
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Military Guests: Duty
Civilian Guests: Business Attire



Displacement 7½ lbs.
Length 14"
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Thursday, October 23rd Membership Meeting at YARS – RSVP by noon Monday the 20th

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

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Lounge and Cash bar opens at 1530

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

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

Program: 1930 (7:30 P.M.) Welcome to join the dinner guests for the program

Topic: Cuban Missile Crisis, October 1962

Speaker: John Raica, retired CIA agent

Attire: Business Casual which simply means no jeans or tee shirts. Attendees in the past wear a sport coat or sweater with open collar shirt and some wear shirt & tie with a sport coat.

Menu: Tossed Garden Salad, Turkey w/dressing, Italian Sausage (Peppers & Onions) Candied Sweet Potatoes, Sweet Peas w/pearl onions, coffee/tea, tax and gratuity included for \$20.00 the **chapter pays for no-shows.**

RSVP: 1. Call Janet Oglesby, 330-568-4456 (leave a message if no answer).

2. Or Email Janet at djo52800@neo.rr.com

3. Or use the web site www.msvc-moaa.org and pay with PayPal. It isn't required to have a PayPal account to use the system. You will answer "no" to the message asking if you have a PayPal account then you will be asked for credit card information. PayPal is a secure system.

You can pay at the door with cash, check, credit or debit card.



Directions: The air base is on King Graves Road which can be accessed either off Rt. 193 or Rt. 11. After passing through the security gate on Arnold Rd., take the second left onto (Spaatz Rd.). The Community Activity Center (CAC), "Herk's Place", is building #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.