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MOAA and ROA Raise Funds for USO of Northeast Ohio



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Last Row: Don Rasile, Bill Sweeney, Harold Hutzen, Dennis McMahon, Nick Pacalo, Rod Hosler



A Happy New Year to all Members, Spouses, Family and Friends of MOAA and ROA



This pile of donated gifts raised \$640 for USO of Northeast Ohio. Which will enable several worthy projects to be accomplished, many at Youngstown ARS.



You just never know what was in that wrapped package that Dick Calta auctioned off? A big thank you to ROAL (L-ladies) for planning the Christmas party.

President's Notes



This has been a great year and 2015 will be even better. I want to thank all of our members for their support last year and hope you'll be equally interested this year.

We had a good joint Christmas party with the ROA and raised over \$600 to support the USO. Our Treasurer, Bruce Bille and USO Board member has indicated there are

several worthwhile projects that can now be accomplished thanks to our generous monetary gift. Thank you.

The MSVC will continue to have interesting and insightful presentations at our monthly dinner meetings. Please attend and be part of the program. As we begin a new year, I remind you to renew your MOAA National membership as well as our MSVC membership. I also encourage our MSVC members to become MOAA National members. Remember, MOAA National is our direct voice with those in power in the halls of government.

The MOAA National legislative efforts to improve the armed forces (active, reserve and retired) that depend on the Federal government for sustainability continues to be strong. MOAA National is the only organization of 37 service and veterans organizations that leads the campaign to be heard on Capitol Hill. MOAA National figures and computations have consistently been better and more insightful than those provided by the Department of Defense to the Senate and House. MOAA National is in the forefront of leading the charge to end the "Sequestration" that is devastating the military and down grading our national defense. This can only be done by the vast numbers of MOAA National members that make up our organization. Let's carry the fight to maintain our strong armed forces, sustain our retirees, and to ensure the security of our nation. You still make a difference. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.

Finally, as I continue to say, 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 and MOAA National.

LTC Rod Hosler, MSVC President

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

Legislative Issues – January 2015

Legislative Affairs Chair, COL John Koshan



Happy New Year, I trust that all had a joyous Christmas season. A couple of significant events have happened since our last update. The mid-term elections resulted in new leadership in the senate and solidified the existing leadership in the house. New committee and sub-committee chairmen will be installed and this is significant in the senate, where very little transpired in the last session. A second important event was Congress passing a Continuous Resolution (CR) and signed by the President that funded the government through September 2015. This was important because it provided funding for the Defense Budget. Funds provided were more than what was requested, but fell short in areas that we will cover later. A third significant event was that the Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel has tendered his resignation and Ashton Carter has been nominated to replace him.

The defense bill was a measure of Bi-Partisanship compromise, a rarity, and with efforts of MOAA and others staved off many of the benefit reductions proposed by the administration. The military pay raise however fell short of the 1.8% parity with private sector wage growth. Instead a 1% pay increase was authorized. Instead of a 5% decrease in housing allowance over three years, the final bill included a 1% decrease for FY2015 and no further reductions in future years. The bill rejected administration proposals for TRICARE consolidation and means testing for TFL. Pharmacy co-payments will see a one- time \$3 increase for both retail and mail order prescriptions instead of the proposed doubling and tripling of rates. With increasing requirements on our military, now is not the time to erode benefits.

This year, **2015**, promises to be significant for military benefits and the impact on the all- volunteer force. The growing budget deficit and the failure of congress to pass a debt reduction plan has led to a series of proposals to erode pay and benefits. **SEQUESTRATION**, arbitrary budget driven cuts to defense funding not based on national security requirements threaten to return in 2016 and will require **\$50 Billion** from the defense budget each year for the next seven years. Additionally the **Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission** is scheduled to report out in February.

The Budget uncertainty and the potential reductions would lead to large and inappropriate cuts to crucial compensation programs essential to sustaining a Quality Force. Congress needs to carefully consider proposals that hurt retention and readiness. MOAA stands ready to provide input to congress

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on a variety of issues and in this regard has established **KEY 2015 LEGISLATIVE GOALS**.

These Goals can be grouped into major categories with multiple sub-sets to each category. Below is a broad outline of these Goals by Major Category

DEFENSE BUDGET

Fund People and Weapons

HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Bar Disproportional TRICARE fee hikes
Reverse MEDICARE/TRICARE payment cuts

Sustain TRICARE/TFL

RETIRED PAY and SURVIVOR ISSUES

Military Retirement Changes
COLA Commitments

ACTIVE and RESERVE FORCES ISSUES

Operations and Manpower
Compensation/Benefits

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

Veterans Employment and Disability

These Goals are discussed with significant detail in the **January** issue of the **Military Officer** and provide a more in depth understanding of MOAA's legislative position.

A sense of change is in the air (?) with a new Secretary of Defense and with the Republicans taking control of congress and key legislators retiring. The Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committees will have several new leaders. MOAA is already making the rounds on Capitol Hill. It will be crucial to foster a productive relationship with these new leaders and representatives to build the support we need to maintain the All-Volunteer Force and to support our nation's veterans.

Our voice is critical in supporting MOAA's legislative actions. With the changes noted above and now only **20% of the new congress having military experience**, we are urged to provide input to our legislatures whenever we can and to respond to **MOAA's Legislative Calls to Action**.

Join MOAA Connect

Connect, Create, and Collaborate With Fellow Chapter Members - MOAA Connect is a new, MOAA members-only community where you can connect with other MOAA members and find old friends, participate in discussions both within your chapter and the general membership. Want to get started?

Click here: <http://connect.moaa.org/Home/> and use your regular MOAA.org login credentials (email address & password) to login at the top right.

No Objections

Unless someone strongly objects all prospective MOAA national members will be enrolled as a basic membership (free). MSVC is one of the outstanding chapters for it's size. Our black eye is the lack of MOAA national members.

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LTC Matthew Fox, Professor of Military Science for the Golden Eagle ROTC Battalion cordially invites you to attend the

2015 Spring Military Ball

Hosted by the Youngstown State University ROTC Program

Friday, February 13, 2015
5:30 - 9:00 pm

Ciminero's Banquet Center
123 N. Main Street, Niles Ohio

From KSU Take Rt. 76 East to Rt. 80 East. Take the OH-46 exit, EXIT 223, toward Niles, Turn left onto OH-46/N Canfield Niles Rd. Continue to follow OH-46 N Main St. is on the right.

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Please contact Peggy (KSU) 330.672.5822, or Carol (YSU) 330.941.3205, cmmarsh@ysu.edu, with any questions. Please make payment (cash only) by no later than **February 6, 2015**.

Uniform:
Military: Mess Dress, Army Service
Uniform: Class A (white shirt/bow tie)
Civilian: Formal civilian attire equivalent

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Keep Inviting—24 New Chapter Members in '14

Matt Andrews, invite from his dad Mark Andrews, Matt is one of our newest members he is a Major in the Air Force.

Bruce Bille, chapter locator on MOAA web site after he was invited to hear VADM Norb Ryan at the Cleveland chapter.

William Begalla, invite from Don Rasile. DDS Begalla is one of our newest members he is a former LCDR Coast Guard.

Stephanie Crawford, invitation from the board when we met cadet James Stinger

Ralph De Lucia, invite from Rob Hanni

Lorin Delgros, ROTC 2LT

James Fairbanks, invite from John Marino

Brennan Hosack, invite from his dad Jim Hosack, Matt is one of our newest members he is LTJG in the Navy.

Florence Hosler, invite from her husband

William Johnson, (John Hancock) invite from Rod Hosler

Sandra Lasure, invite from Don Oglesby

Michael Marcelli, invite from John Marino

Alan McBane, read an article in the newspaper

Andrew Nelko, invite from Fr Gall and Fr Rohan

Jack Russell, invite from Rod Hosler

Roger Saphore, invite from a chapter member at the Subaru dealership

Bill Schoenfeld, invite from Dennis McMahon

James Shurtleff, invite from Rod Hosler and Janet Oglesby at the Christmas party. Jim is a retired LTC from the Army.

Nick Spano, an invite from ROA & MOAA member

James Stiger, ROTC 2LT

Tyler Strohecker, ROTC 2LT

Deanna Thomas, postcard mailing

David Yeropoli, read an article in the newspaper

Joseph Zentis, invite from Don Oglesby

Thank You To These 60% for Their Chapter Dues—The Other 40% Please Pay

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

☐ Active *(Regular)—☐ Reserve*—☐ National Guard*
*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 \$10/year**)

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CHANGE in Location Thursday, January 22 Membership Meeting at MVR Youngstown

Where: **Cassese's MVR Restaurant**
410 North Walnut St.
Youngstown, OH 44505

Who: **Members, Spouses, Guests**

Social: **1800 (6:00 P.M.) Cash Bar**

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

Program: **1930 (7:30 P.M.) Welcome to join the dinner guests for the program, installation of officers.**

Topic: **Organization and Function of The White House Military**

Speaker: **LTC Tom Raseta, USA, Ret.**

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: We will order off the menu. Please RSVP so that MVR can staff the restaurant and prepare the table settings accordingly.

RSVP: **By noon Tuesday, January 20**

1. Call Janet Oglesby, 330-568-4456 (leave a message if no answer).
2. Or Email Janet at djo52800@neo.rr.com

Directions: Entrance is off N.Walnut Street. Two parking lots, one on the Rayen Street side of MVR and one across from MVR on Walnut Street side. The restaurant location is on the backside of the YSU parking garage.

