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### Lots of Good Food, Great Fellowship = Great Time in Salem There were 33 in attendance



Rod & Florence Hosler



Marlene Gall & Ilona Mihai



Thanks to Will & Barb Stamp our Salem hosts



Bill Meshot, Paul Stepuk



You were cooks in the military, right?



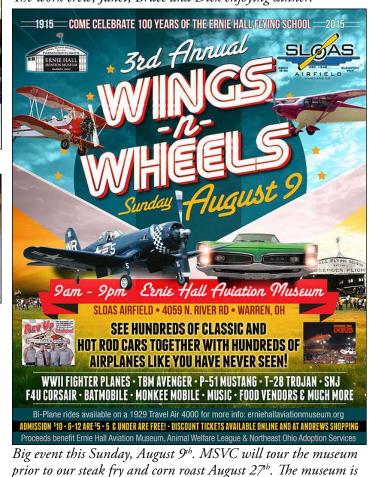
The work crew, Janet, Bruce and Dick enjoying dinner.

at our annual cookout in Salem in July. A big thank you to Bruce Bille who obtain a gas grill and with the help of Dick Calta cooked 40 hamburgers and 40 hot dogs. That complemented the dishes

and desserts that members

niewski for the pictures.

brought. Thanks Mike Wis-



located a few miles from the air base. See page 4 for details.



Gary Williams, Kay & Bob Milich and Rick Williams



Joe & Edi Zentis



Don Rasile, Bill Sweeney



Diane & Harold Hutzen, Barb Wisniewski, Ginny Meshot



Bonnie Rasile, Carol Stepuk

# Ohio Council of Chapters State Convention September 25–26

DAYTON AREA CHAPTER HOSTING

Theme: Ohio Helping Our Veteran and Active Duty Communities

Convention Registration Form must be received by Friday, 18 September

Name:			Rank:	Service:
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1800 – 2500	Beverages and hors d'oeuvres			apter Affairs
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	ng Opening Ceremony or Guard – Fairborn High Sch	vool		Free Time
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Welcoming Council President – Richard Schroeder		1930 – 2130—Ban	1	
Chapter President – Fred Pumroy			IOAA General Counsel,	
Fairborn Mayor – Dan Kirkpatrick				Iaj Gen Joseph Lynch
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State Representative District 73, Rick Perales Director Ohio Veterans Services,				terly Business Meeting
Director	COL Tim (	Gorrell		Council Quarterly Meeting
Attire: Friday–Casual, S	Saturday–Business Casual, Saturda	iy Banquet–M		

# House Leaves without Passing a Defense Bill Visit Your Legislators in August

Despite early optimism from lawmakers, Congress was unable to pass a final defense bill before leaving town for a month long summer recess.

Stuck in a stalemate over several key compensation and benefits issues, House and Senate lawmakers will have to return to the negotiation process in September.

The following table shows the compensation and benefits positions of the House- and Senate-passed defense bills:

Proposal	House	Senate	Final
Retirement Reform	Yes	Yes	Yes
TRICARE Consolidation	No	No	No
Means testing forTRICARE fees	No	No	No
Active Duty Pay Raises	2.3%	1.3%	TBD
Cuts to housing allowance	No	Yes	TBD
Cuts to Commissaries	No	Yes	TBD
TRICARE Rx Fee increases	No	Yes	TBD

In its initial draft, House lawmakers rejected proposals to nickel and dime servicemembers and their families, but the Senate is pushing to keep them in the final version of the defense bill.

In a reported memo to negotiators, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) said, "The House believes it must keep faith with our military retirees and their families and that we should seek to make other improvements in TRICARE before digging more deeply into the pockets of our servicemembers and retirees."

Senate lawmakers argue that personnel costs are "eating the defense budget alive," a tired piece of rhetoric MOAA has repeatedly debunked.

The silver lining to Congress failing to pass the defense bill before the August recess is that now you have the chance to influence your lawmakers.

# Most elected officials return to their home districts to meet with constituents during the August recess. Use this opportunity to visit your elected officials and discuss:

Preventing the further erosion of pay and benefits;

Authorizing full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and disability compensation; and Eliminating the dollar for dollar offset of military survivor pay and VA indemnity compensation.

MOAA has developed fact sheets on these three issues for you to use.

# **One-Page Fact Sheets for Three Key Issues**

### 1. Reject Military Pay and Benefits Cuts (PDF)

http://www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/MOAA\_Main/Main\_Menu/Take\_Action/DefenseBill-FactSheet.pdf

### 2. Support Full Concurrent Receipt (PDF)

http://www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/MOAA\_Main/Main\_Menu/Take\_Action/FullConcurrent-ReceiptFactSheet.pdf

### 3. Eliminate the Widow's Tax (PDF)

http://www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/MOAA\_Main/Main\_Menu/Take\_Action/WidowTaxFact-Sheet.pdf

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#### **Return Service Requested**



Place Stamp Here

# Thursday, August 27<sup>st</sup> Museum Tour and Steak Fry RSVP by August 20<sup>th</sup>

- To: MSVC-MOAA Members, Spouse/Guest, Family, Friends
- Program: Touring Ernie Hall Aviation Museum (Seven minutes from YARS) minimum walking as you can park close and it a small museum.
- Location: 4059 N. River Rd. Warren OH 44484. North River Road is off Rt. 46. If heading north on Rt. 46 there is a traffic light at Rt. 46 and Kings Grave Rd. (the road air base is on) the next light is N. River Rd. Turn left museum on the right.
- *Time:* The museum will be open for us from 1700 (5 p.m.) to 1800 (6 p.m.)
- Admission Cost: Free (the chapter will make a donation to the museum)

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Steak Fry is at Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station Picnic Pavilion. The main gate is closed, use the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate. Turn left on Kenney Road, (arrow for Chapel). Pavilion is near the chapel and the medical building. Minimal walking distance from parking lot and restrooms located inside the pavilion.

Social: 1810 (6:10 p.m.) Dinner 1830 (6:30 p.m.) Note later time than previously announced.

Attire: Summer Casual.

Menu: 8 oz. filet, baked potato, tossed salad, corn-on-the-cob, rolls, dessert, bottled water and coffee.

#### Cost: \$20 per person

RSVP: No later than Thursday, August 20, 2015 If you want a steak you need a reservation.

- 1. Use the web site <u>www.msvc-moaa.org</u> and pay with credit card or paypal..
- 2. Email your reservation to Janet Oglesby djo52800@neo.rr.com and pay at the door with cash, check or credit card.
- 3. Call Janet Oglesby 330-568-4456 leave a message.

