

Chapter Visits Ernie Hall Aviation Museum

By LTC Mike Wisniewski

The Chapter's Annual Steak Fry on August 27th at the picnic grounds of Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna was a huge success and well attended by our membership. The day was a stark contrast to the storm and power outage experienced by the Air Base during our Steak Fry a year ago. This time the weather was absolutely perfect to enjoy the fellowship and the succulently grilled filet mignon medallions prepared and served by the CAC staff. Before dinner, however, our members enjoyed an exclusive guided tour of the recently built Ernie Hall Aviation Museum located at the SLOAS Airfield at 4033 N. River Road in Howland. Bill Griffin, Director of the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum was presented with a chapter flag by Howland resident, Bruce Bille, former Navy Lieutenant and current treasurer of MSVC-MOAA. The museum was founded in 2013 to recognize the contributions made by U.S. aviators in advancing aeronautics, particularly those with local ties. Museum namesake, Earnest C. Hall was born in Trumbull County and flew with the Wright Brothers in 1909 before starting his own flight school in 1915. Hall operated the school continuously until his death in 1972. During World War I, he trained pilots at the Curtis School of Aviation in Newport News, Virginia and then at Call Field in Texas. Following WWI, Hall settled in Warren where he established the Hall Flying School at his airfield on Route 46. Ernie Hall is believed to be the first man continuously employed in aviation for over fifty years. The Museum is recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. Typically, the hours of operation for the Museum are Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Sundays – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Museum has many different artifacts, photos, hundreds of handcrafted model planes, a 19 ft. propeller from USS Akron Airship, and even the original fabric off the "Red Baron" tri-plane.

After dinner, members were treated to another tour. Bruce Bille opened up the newly established and renovated USO Lounge which is located in the old Officer's Club building. That building also houses the Chaplain's Office, and meeting and conference rooms for a variety of Base activities.



President's Notes



We've had great summer meetings with very good turnout at Golden Corral in Hermitage, PA; Centennial Park in Salem, Ohio and back at the YARS in August.

Our membership continues to be strong with 89 members, 2 surviving spouses, and 13 spouse members. **Our newest member is CAPT Jim Swager, USN, Ret.** I continue to

urge all MSVC chapter members to **become MOAA National members**. Remember that MOAA National is our direct voice with those in power in the halls of government and our hard earned benefits as well as those currently serving could be in jeopardy. Visit our chapter web site at MSVC-MOAA.org and share our newsletter.

MSVC-MOAA will resume its regular dinner meetings in the CAC at the YARS. The MSVC is seeking nominations for all chapter officers at the 24 September meeting. Our speaker is MAJ Robert Davidson, the new Assistant Professor of Military Science at Youngstown State University.

I have always indicated that any organization is just as good as its membership and leadership. We will be electing a new slate of leaders at our October meeting. You all have been in leadership positions in your military careers and I urge you to bring those talents into the MSVC leadership. The Executive Board of which they belong to meets eight times a year, generally the first Thursday of the month. Please give some considerations to serving our chapter.

Youngstown State University is hosting the **Fourth Annual YSU ROTC and Veterans Reunion Banquet** and gathering on Friday, 6 November with a dinner (5:30 – 8:30 p.m.) and Saturday 7 November with a picnic (12:00–2:00 p.m.) and football game (YSU vs, Missouri State (2:00–5:00 p.m.) Contact Heather Belgin at 330-941-1591 for information, reservations and cost of the events. Hope to see you there.

I encourage all of our members to continue to check the Chapter and MOAA National websites as well as reviewing the e-mail that are sent out. MOAA National continues to keep its members informed on legislative matters and as always, needs your responses to ensure actions take place. An informed and active membership is a progressive membership. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.

Lastly, as I continue to say, any organization is only as good as its membership and their active participation in chapter programs and meetings. Our chapter has become one of the more active chapters and perhaps one of the best chapters in Ohio. I truly think in the country as well. In our short existence, we have much to be proud of, and I encourage all MSVC-MOAA members to continue to attend our dinner meetings, to meet other officers,

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MSVC-MOAA 2015 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
9/24	MSVC at YARS—See page 6
9/25-26	MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Convention at Fairborn Holiday Inn, Dayton Chapter Hosts. Registration \$80 includes all meals
10/22	MSVC at YARS – Speaker TBA Annual Business Meeting, Election of Officers
11/6-7	Veterans and ROTC Alumni Reunion—See page 5
12/6	MOAA/ROA Christmas Party
1/23/16	MSVC at YARS – 1:00 Luncheon
2/27/16	MSVC at YARS – 1:00 Luncheon



YARS - Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio

TBA - To be announced

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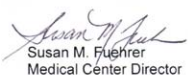
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Dear Military Officers Association:

On behalf of the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of Girl Scout Cookies, valued at \$100.00. Your thoughtfulness reflects the appreciation that you feel for our Veterans for their service and sacrifice while defending our country.

Without your support, we could not provide items that make our Veterans more comfortable. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


 Susan M. Fuehrer
 Medical Center Director

Dennis Gartland collects books, DVD's, CD's and takes them to the VA Youngstown Outpatient Clinic. If you have items like this you may drop them off at the VA Clinic on Belmont instead of bringing to a meeting.

renew old acquaintances and meet new members. It's up to US to keep our chapter active, vibrant and strong. Thanks for your continued support to MSVC-MOAA and MOAA National.

Rod Hosler, MSVC President

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



Legislative Issues – September 2015

Legislative Affairs Co-Chair, COL John Koshan

Congress returns this week, 8 Sept, from their summer recess. Awaiting them is a heavy load of unfinished business. Foremost among this is the **FY 2016 Defense Department Budget** and other bills appropriating funding for the remaining government departments. Congress had pledged to return to normal order when budgeting, that is to pass annual appropriations to fund government activity.

It is unlikely that this will happen. With only 10 days that both houses are in joint session before the new fiscal year starts on 1 Oct, congress has an impossible task and in all likelihood will rely on a **CR** (Continuing Resolution) to fund the government. Is this a surprise, Political posturing and Partisanship rule the day.

Lawmakers are trying to find ways to untie their hands from **SEQUESTRATION**, a self-imposed Budget Ceiling. Bills appropriating the various parts of the government will require significant negotiations before they can be enacted. An increase here under SEQUESTRATION rules demands a decrease there. With the level of Partisanship existing today, don't look for any quick agreements. A period of **Grand Negotiating** will prevail in Washington this fall.

Prior to the summer recess, both the House and Senate had competing Defense Budget Bills. Both bills were described in our June and July newsletters. Several divides, (areas of disagreement), over pay raises, housing allowances, commissaries and TRICARE prescription fees remain and will have to be reconciled. Both bills skirted the issue of SEQUESTRATION by using exempt War Funding accounts to pay for operations. This Budget ploy is currently stalemating the process as the White House has threatened to veto any defense-spending bill using this tactic. A CR will keep the existing funding levels in place until Congress can come up with a solution.

The issue of the Military Annual Pay Raise in all likelihood will be a repeat of the last two years. The House had budgeted for a **2.3%** increase while the Senate had adopted the Pentagons recommendation of **1.3%**. The President has stated he will use his **Executive Authority** to cap Military Pay at 1.3% instead of the 2.3% raise called for by law. This claiming support for our service members, but necessary to keep our country on a sustainable fiscal course. Really! A third year of pay caps expanding the difference between the Military and Private sector, a Recruiting and Retention nightmare is brewing. The other areas of disagreement concerning housing, commissaries, and TRICARE will need to be reconciled before a Budget can be passed. What's sure to occur is that we will see increased Pharmacy fees. TRICARE Prime enrollment fees will also rise. This affects families and retirees under age 65. MOAA successfully convinced Congress to index enrollment fees to the COLA increase. Much more information on Legislation affecting the Military is available at the MOAA web site, and we are encouraged to frequent the site.

As stated above, both Defense Budget Bills must be reconciled before enacted, but what we can conclude is that the Military Pay Raise will be below what's needed to keep pace with the private sector and that the Military Retirement System will change. Congress has the responsibility to fund the government under normal order, but until they find a way out of SEQUESTRATION there will continue to be posturing and partisanship. The losers in this process are the Military and American People.

MOAA continues to lobby for programs that make sense and that strengthen our Military. Our voice is part of the process and we are asked to get involved. Contacting our representatives through MOAA's web site, or individually will help in achieving a strong National Defense.

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Election Time — Just a Few Hours not a Life Sentence

228 MOAA National Members in MSVC Area

There are 228 MOAA national members in our chapter area. If you don't count surviving spouses there are 187 officers that have MOAA national membership. The MSVC chapter has their name, their address, their telephone number and even their age. What we don't have is a 2nd Vice President to take the list and analyze whom should we contact first. They already belong to MOAA, we just have to get them interested in the chapter. MOAA national has a video on how to assist in this task.

Gary Williams will leave the position of 1st Vice President and assume the president's position. MSVC needs a 1st Vice President who is responsible for programs. The board has received numerous suggestions for programs. It makes all board members jobs easier when we can turn to one individual and say can you follow-up with this suggestion. Then confirm the dates and what props the speaker may need.

We have 12 spouse members that can hold these positions also a married couple could hold these positions.

Please consider giving just a little of your time for your chapter. If you or someone you know that you think would make a good candidate, contact president Rod Hosler.



A fringe benefit of being a board member. A Scrapper's baseball game from the comfort of Cafaro's Loge. Seated Pete & Ilona Mihai. Standing Esther & Dennis Gartland, Rod & Florence Hosler, Scrapper, Don & Bonnie Rasile, Bruce Bille

Save the Date!

November 6-7, 2015

Youngstown State University will hold its 4th annual
Veterans and ROTC Alumni Reunion

Friday, November 6 - Saturday, November 7

Friday, November 6th

Williamson College of Business Administration Atrium

5:30 p.m. | Reception
 6:30 p.m. | Reunion Dinner

Saturday, November 7th

Veterans Resource Center

Stambaugh Stadium

12:00 p.m. | Reunion Picnic 2:00 p.m. | YSU vs. Missouri State Football Game

Invitations will be mailed in September. Contact Heather Belgin, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement, at 330.941.1591 or habelgin@ysu.edu for additional information.

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To Join MOAA National: use the web site www.moaa.org/join or call 800-234-6622

The membership in MSVC shall be composed of: Men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers of the seven United States uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service). Surviving spouses of deceased individuals who, if living, would be eligible for membership. Spouses of present members and honorary members. MSVC-MOAA memberships are open to all eligible people.

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 \$10/year**)

☐ Spouse (local MOAA chapter only, not national, spouse is member of chapter) **Membership \$20/year**

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone _____

E-mail: _____ Applicant DOB _____ Spouse DOB _____

☐ Newsletters will be emailed, if you prefer postal service, check this box

Member of MOAA National ☐ Yes ☐ No # _____

Chapter dues from now to Dec. 31, 2016—\$20 now for new members.

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

You may pay regular and auxiliary dues (not spouses) with a credit card at: www.moaa.org

you may use credit card and PayPal and paid, regular, spouses and auxiliary dues at msvc-moaa.org/membership

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Thursday, September 24th Membership Meeting at YARS – RSVP by noon Monday the 21st

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 1500

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: ROTC at Youngstown State University

Speaker: MAJ Davidson, Assistant Professor of Military Science at YSU ROTC program

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

Menu: Garden tossed salad, London broil, chicken cacciatore, cavatelli with blush sauce, mixed vegetables, dessert, rolls, 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 a cash, check, credit or debit card.

The cost of our dinners have gone up. The \$20 that the chapter charges will cover the expenses except for a credit card transaction. If possible pay by cash or check. We will still accept credit cards.

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 (Spatz Rd.). The Consolidated 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.