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Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter Honors 2LT's and a Outstanding Junior Cadet



LTC Rod Hosler, 2LT's from YSU ROTC, Matthew McIntire, Adam Hoover. Cadet Lymon Hayford, from TCTC and LTC Gary Williams. Hosler is the chairman of the ROTC/JROTC committee and Williams is president of MSVC.

by LTC Mike Wisniewski

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America honored recently commissioned Youngstown State University ROTC Cadets and Junior ROTC Cadets from East High School and Trumbull Career and Technical Center (TCTC) at their May General Membership Dinner meeting at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna, Ohio. Attending the dinner were Second Lieutenants Adam Hoover and Matthew McIntire who received their commissions on May 7th from YSU. 2LT Candi Burrows and 2LT David Smith rounded out the graduating ROTC class but could not attend due to prior commitments. Junior ROTC Cadet Lymon Hayford, entering his senior year at TCTC, was presented the MOAA Medal by MSVC President LTC Gary Williams. Unable to attend the dinner were Cadet Marvinia Fulks, East High School (ROA Medal); Cadet Autumn Hensley, TCTC (ROA Medal); and Cadet Jennirys Rodriquez, East High School (MOAA Medal). Both the MSVC and the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association sponsored a Junior ROTC Cadet from each school and provided funding for all the honored guests and their families. Addition funding for monetary awards was made possible by a donation from USAA.

2LT Adam Hoover majored in Economics and is a member of the 145th Air Defense Brigade in Ravenna enrolled in the

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). 2LT Hoover, a Canfield resident, is scheduled to attend Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) in July as a Chemical Corps Officer at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon graduating BOLC, he will be assigned to a unit in Korea.

2LT Matthew McIntire majored in Criminal Justice and Forensic Services. He also received branch assignment in the Chemical Corps but won't start BOLC until January 2017 at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri. 2LT McIntire resides in Youngstown.

Cadet Lymon Hayford attended our dinner with his mother Karrie. He is enrolled in the Air Force Junior ROTC program at TCTC. He plans on attending YSU after graduation in the Spring of 2017. Cadet Hayford is one of 33 Jr ROTC students in his senior class at TCTC and was selected to receive the MOAA Award.

In an effort to keep the Chapter's membership aware of the current legislative proposals affecting the military and also the military retirees, former Lieutenant Florence Hosler highlighted some areas where changes seem eminent. This is especially true with fee increases for TRICARE, possible privatization of the commissaries, and a smaller pay increase that doesn't keep up with the cost of living. The "Legislative Moment" is part of the educational benefits our membership can rely on at each of our general membership meetings.

President Williams welcomed our newest member, COL William Kennedy, from Conneaut, OH. The 50/50 raffle won by Pete Mihai and again, beautiful ladies bracelets were donated by Dennis Gartland and won by John Marino, Linda Calta, Gary Williams, and Bruce Bille.

This month we start the fun part of our yearly meeting schedule with more informal gatherings at different venues. Take a look at the rest of the calendar of events listed elsewhere starting with a dinner meeting at the Golden Corral in Hermitage on Thursday June 23rd. The program is "Desert Storm" and members are invited to share their experience if they were mobilized and/or deployed. There's a steak fry and corn roast in July at the YARS and a chance for everyone to use the firing range at the Vienna Fish and Game Club in August. Firearms and ammunition will be available or you can bring your own. There is a stocked pond available so bring your rods and worms as well as your guns and ammo.

President's Pride

by LTC Gary Williams



I like to express a couple of prideful moments that I had last month. At our May dinner meeting with the new 2LT's and junior cadet proudly displaying his MOAA medal. It brought back memories of over 50 years ago when I graduated with my degree from Youngstown State and being commissioned and joining the officer's corps. What a sense of pride I felt that day. I think the newly commissioned officers felt the same way I did.

I hope you all made an effort to attend a Memorial Day service somewhere in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice for the rights and privileges we enjoy today. I personally attended the Canfield Memorial Day service complete with a C-130 flyover and my son Rick as the speaker. He represented us well in his military uniform and was very eloquent in his remarks, and made his dad very proud.

Winter and spring are now behind us, and now here comes summer! So let's enjoy it together! On June 23, we meet at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, Pa., for fun, food, and fellowship and to support a Camp Corral. This camp sponsored by the Golden Corral enables kids who's parent was killed or wounded in conflict to attend this camp for free. In July we have our annual steak fry and corn roast at the YARS and to cap off the summer, we'll have a picnic and weapons familiarization program at the Vienna Fish and Game Club. Lots of great activities to attend. Make an effort to attend them all, and ask a friend to attend too!

Gary

Thank You...

...for representing our chapter when you spoke at the local Memorial Day programs.

Col Dick Calta, USAF, Ret., Bath Township, Akron
LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret., Beaver Township, North Lima
CAPT Tom Petzinger, USN, Ret., Boardman
MAJ Rick Williams, USA, Ret., Canfield

...who Brought A Dinner for a Cadet

Mark & Patty Andrews
Matt & Karen Chikosky
Jim & Jeanne Fairbanks
Rod & Florence Hosler
John & Lucille Marino
Irv & Dianne Maurer
Ralph & Beth Minton
Richard & Janice Morgan
Tom & Marla Raseta
Gary & Patty Williams

Mahoning and Shenango Chapter Blue Star Families

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| Son of Mark and Patty Andrews Maj Matt Andrew, USAF, Randolph AFB in San Antonio, TX. Air Education and Training Command (AETC) | |
| Son of Jim & Carrie Hosack, LTJG Brennan Hosack, USN, Sasebo, Japan. Serving on the USS Green Bay. | |
| Son of Tom & Julia MacRae Maj John MacRae, USAF, Elgin AFB, Florida F35 instructor pilot. | |
| Sons of Rick & Janice Morgan LTC Andrew Morgan, USA, at NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX LCDR Benjamin Morgan, USCG, with International Ice Patrol, New London, CT | |
| Grandson of Tom & Marla Raseta A1C Joshua Raseta, USAF, Hill AFB, Ogden, UT, F16 Fighter Squadron. | |
| Son of Gary & Patty Williams LTC Gary Timothy Williams, USAR, deployed to Africa | |
| Son of Rick & Kelly Williams — PFC Garrett Williams, USA at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (2 nd BN) 75 th Ranger Regiment | |
| Son of Mike and Barb Wisniewski CPT Steven Wisniewski, USA in Germany, UH-72 Lakota helicopter pilot | |

Active Duty Chapter Members

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| Maj Scott Allen, USAFR, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station |
| MAJ Robert Davidson, YSU ROTC PMS, retiring this summer |
| CDR David Di Tallo, USN, retiring this fall |
| Col James Dignan, USAFR, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station |
| LTC Wil Kline, USAR, Norfolk, Virginia |
| Rev Michael Marcelli, USN Chaplain, USS John F. Kennedy |
| LT BJ Sacramento, USN, Youngstown Navy Reserve Center |
| MAJ, Lisa Stremel, USA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii |

YSU ROTC Graduates

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| 2013—1LT Eric Hippley, USA, Elmendorf/Richardson Alaska |
| 2013—1LT Jacob Rafidi, USA, Germany |
| 2014—2LT Tyler Strohecker, USA Fort Rucker Alabama training for HH-60M Blackhawk helicopters |
| 2014—2LT Lorin Davis, USA, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii |
| 2014—2LT James Stiger, USA Republic of Korea |
| 2015—2LT Jared Hideg, Eastern Texas in the Texas National Guard as a Fire Direction Officer for the 1/133 rd FA. |
| 2016—2LT Candi Burrows, Military Intelligence, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky |
| 2016—2LT Adam Hoover, Chemical Corps, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO then Korea |
| 2016—2LT Matthew McIntire, Chemical Corps, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO in 2017 |
| 2016—2LT David Smith, Infantry, February 2017 |

Welcome new members

COL Bill Kennedy, USA, Ret., he lives in Conneaut, OH
CDR David J. Di Tallo, USN, Alexandria, Virginia, is retiring in the fall and will return to his home area. His current assignment is Military Faculty, Information Resources Management College, National Defense University, Ft. Leslie J. McNair, Washington, DC

Correction: Col Richard Morgan, USAF Dental Corps, Ret.

Legislative Issues – June 16



COL John Koshan, Legislative Affairs Chair

Our legislative update for June is similar to our updates of the past few months in that we continue to follow the money. Money, that is for the **FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill**.

The House has passed their version of the Defense Authorization Bill, setting up a summer long negotiation process with their senate counterparts. The House version calls for a 2.1% Military pay raise starting in January 2017, a big boost in Army personnel and an overhaul of the Military Medical Care System. Additionally, the House shifted about \$18 billion from the **Overseas Contingency Operation** funds, war fighting funds, into the base Defense budget, to pay for ships, fighter jets, and personnel that the president's budget did not request but the service chiefs did. The House's approach cuts off war funding on April 30, 2017, forcing the next Presidential Administration to make a new war fighting supplemental request. The current Administration does not agree with this approach and has threatened a veto if this use of Contingency funds is in the final Defense Authorization Bill.

The Senate meanwhile, continues to labor in passing its version of the Defense Bill. The Senate's version stays primarily with the administration's recommendation of a 1.6% Military pay raise. The Senate's version of the Defense Bill does not follow the House approach in the use of Overseas Contingency Operations funding. The Senate's approach would be to seek authorization for more Defense dollars in a separate action on the Senate floor. Essentially the Senate's version of the Defense Authorization Bill matches the Administration's budget proposal. Seeking additional Defense dollars increases the likelihood of a budget battle over reconciliation in that any increase in spending requires a matching decrease in spending.

The Senate has yet to pass its version of the FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill. The Senate Armed Services Committee drafted its bill in record time but the Bill has attracted over **500** amendments on everything from Guantanamo Detainees to Pentagon employee's titles. "Heavy Stuff."

With 500 amendments there was no end in sight to debate, therefore the Majority leader filed a cloture motion on the entire Defense Bill and the vote succeeded. This means that restrictions will be placed on debate time and the type of amendments to be debated. Look for a long period of time before something comes out of the Senate.

The differences between the House and Senate versions as we know them now is significant. Especially the issue of Overseas Contingency Operations funding. Time is fleeting and as we have noted before the House and Senate have to reconcile with each other and present a completed Bill to both Houses with final passage and forwarded to the President for approval in the last quarter of this year.

Speculation is that the Congress will end the year as in years past, DEADLOCKED, with a stop gap measure to fund the government. (Another continuing resolution CR)

As we have in the past we continue to encourage all of our members to support MOAA's efforts in pressing Congress on issues affecting the Military, both Active and Retired. During this period of budget debate, MOAA continues to inform and educate our law makers. We can help in this process by talking with and writing to our congressional representatives. The Legislative Action Center at MOAA's web site provides talking points and letters that we can modify or send as is to our representatives. Events of the past few days and this being an election year leave little room for business as usual. Our wellbeing as a nation depends on our Military.

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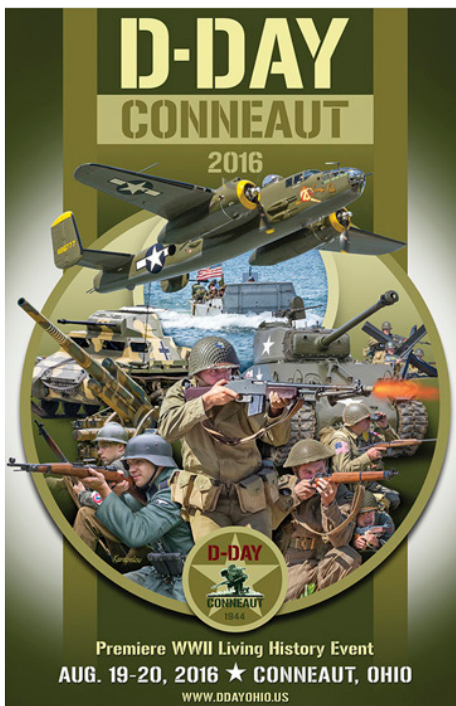
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We'll try to get some ammo, we need to know what type What type of gun will you shoot?

On August 18th MSVC member picnic will be held at the Vienna Fish & Game Club. We will start off the event by offering our members a special opportunity to fire military pistols and rifles at the rifle range. A picnic dinner will follow after the range has been secured. A stocked pond for fishing is also on site.

We are asking our members to volunteer in bringing their military weapons to the event. Please ensure they are in proper working order. You will be asked to allow others to shoot your weapon. You will be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of your weapon after the event. If you would like to offer bringing a gun to shoot, please contact me. **Bruce Bille** bbille.usna82@gmail.com or call 330-333-0397. I need to know what type of gun you will provide and will you bring your own ammo?

Ammunition. Those wanting to shoot the various military weapons will be responsible for bringing their own ammo or having cash to pay for ammunition used. We plan on having ammo provided by local sporting goods stores for purchase for the event, or to take home.

July 5 –List of guns which will be available to shoot. Ask members which guns they want to shoot so we can have ample ammunition. Contact sporting goods stores.

July 28–Final preparations and confirmation. Determine guns and ammunition available.

Aug 18–tentative schedule

4:00 arrive, register

4:15 safety brief, range rules

4:30 shoot

5:30 range safe, clean up

6:00 picnic dinner



This free and open to the public event will feature a great selection of military, civilian and historic warbird aircraft, interactive ground displays and non-aviation military demonstrations. Times: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Cooks are needed to grill-up lunch for the volunteer security forces contact Bruce Bille contact information above if you can help.

Membership Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name: _____ Military Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Component _____ Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

☐ Active *(Regular)—☐ Reserve*—☐ National Guard*

*Free chapter membership if under government contract.
A non military email address is preferred, **return this form**

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

☐ Surviving Spouse is available for surviving spouse of a military officer **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 \$10

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

You may pay regular and surviving spouses 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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MSVC-MOAA 2016 Calendar

| Date | Location and Program |
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| 6/18 | YARS Open House 0900–1600 see page 4 |
| 6/23 | MSVC at Golden Corral, Hermitage, Pennsylvania 1830 |
| 7/23 | Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus |
| 7/28 | MSVC at YARS – Steak Fry and Corn Roast 1830 |
| 8/4-8 | Vietnam Moving Wall 2670 E. State St. Hermitage, Pennsylvania |
| 8/6 | USO 75 th Anniversary at YARS Ticket are \$50 per person/\$80 per couple. Bob Hope impersonator 1800-2300 for more information contact Brue Bille |
| 8/7 | Wings-n-Wheels Show Ernie Hall Aviation Museum SLOAS Airfield 4033 North River Road Warren, www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org |
| 8/18 | MSVC at Vienna Fish & Game Club 1600–1700 shoot-up, see page 4 1508 Youngstown Kingsville Rd (Rt 193), Vienna, OH 44473. |
| 8/19-20 | D-Day Conneaut Premier WWII Living History Event. Bigger than previous years. |
| 9/22 | MSVC at YARS TBA |
| 10/22 | Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus |
| 10/21 | MSVC at YARS annual business meeting, at 1300 |
| 11/18 | MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA |
| 12/4 | MSVC and ROA Christmas Party |
| YARS - Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio | |
| TBA - To be announced | |
| Suggestions for programs contact: Florence Hosler | |

MSVC Membership

Membership in MSVC-MOAA 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. Chapter specific membership for spouses of present members and honorary members. MSVC-MOAA memberships are open to all eligible people.

MSVC Mission Statement —Our Purpose

MSVC will promote the objectives of the Military Officers Association of America providing a uniform lobbying platform on behalf of the active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired, and former officers of the uniformed services and their spouses and families.

Conduct activities which: perpetuate traditions, educate and inform members of world, national, and local events, which affect the current and former members of the U.S. military. Provide a fraternal and supportive community for members to network, socialize and promote camaraderie.

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MSVC-MOAA Thursday, June 23rd Membership Meeting at Golden Corral in Hermitage

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.) Upon arrival you may go ahead to the buffet

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: Summer Casual

Program: Living History of our chapter members sharing their experience of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, informal setting.

Menu: All you can eat buffet \$13.99 plus drink and tax.
 Seniors 60+ \$12.99 plus drink and tax

RSVP: Not necessary but if you get a chance, email or call Janet Oglesby djo52800@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.

Where You Deployed for Desert Shield or Desert Storm?



We would like to have chapter members who were deployed for Desert Shield or Desert Storm to share their experience at our June 23rd meeting at the Golden Corral in Hermitage. All our summer activities are casual and less formal. If you wish to contribute to this living history evening, plan your remarks to take 10 minutes. If there is an overwhelming response, we may need round two

in July. Contact Florence Hosler our program director at hoslerfm@zoominternet.net or (330) 788-3270 if you are willing to share your memories from 25 years ago.

Keep your MOAA national membership information up to date. (Address, phone number, email, change in rank, change in military status.) If you have created a profile on the MOAA web site, you just need to log-in and update your Profile page and make sure you are receiving at least the legislative update, that comes into your email inbox on Friday. If you don't have internet access contact MOAA Member Service Center (MSC) at (800) 234-6622 or MSC@moaa.org.