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Desert Storm Experiences 25 Years Later

By Janet Oglesby and COL John Koshan

Twenty-five years ago Desert Shield and Desert Storm took place. Men and women from our chapter were deployed during these events. We ask chapter members if they would be willing to share their experiences from 25 years ago. One of our newest members LTC Larry Scheetz, USA, (Ret.) and his wife SSG Dawnle Scheetz, USA, (Ret.), shared their experience at the June dinner meeting at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, where 25 members were in attendance.

2LT Scheetz was on a training mission with a West Virginia Army Reserve Petroleum Unit in Okinawa when he received word that would be deployed to Saudi Arabia.

Sheetz's unit belonged to the 475th Petrl Gp, and the Group was also deployed to Saudi Arabia. The 475th Gp had the mission of petroleum distribution of all grounds fuels for Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The Group was the senior unit responsible for fuel to the theater army support command. The Groups command consisted of 3 Petroleum Supply Battalions, 1 Water Supply Battalion, and 2 Petroleum Liasion detachments, approximately 5000 soldiers and equipment.

The Group gave the Battalion that Scheetz's unit was assigned to, the mission to move from the rear towards the Iraqi border and to establish a fuel depot at a log base known as LogBase Bravo. During the Gulf War, it has been estimated that at least 2 billion gallons of fuel was consumed. His unit was responsible for receiving and distributing of the fuel to the allied ground forces. Fuel is stored in collapsible fabric tanks that enable a company to have the capability of storing approximately 3,100,000 gallons of fuel. The moments that put you on edge was when scud missiles are shot down by Patriot missiles and the shrapnel falls on your fuel bag. How far away do you need to be when this happens? It wasn't covered in their training! Trucks with a capacity of 5,000 gallons are used to distribute fuel to designated users.

The largest mass casualty of the war happened to 14th Quartermaster Detachment of water purification unit from Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 2LT Scheetz recalls when the Iraqi Scud missile hit that unit. The detachment's soldiers were quartered in a warehouse that had been converted to a temporary barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The unit had only been there six days when the missile hit and 28 were killed and 99 were wounded. Scheetz continued his career with the Army after the Gulf War. He has



LTC Gary Williams (center) presents MSVC flag sets to LTC Larry Scheetz and his wife SSG Dawnle Scheetz. The Scheetz's shared their experiences of being deployed to Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm that took place 25 years ago.

been in most of the countries in the middle east countries. He had multiple deployments, usually 18 months long. He would be home for a month and then be deployed for another 18 months. He said it was harder on his family than on him. He retired in 2014 after 39 years, 29 years at the Reserve unit in Farrell. He is presently the Veterans Service Representative for Mercer County. He knows his experiences help him relate to the veterans that come into his office for assistance.

SSG Dawnle Scheetz retired in 2016 after 23 years. In Desert Storm, she was with the 475th Quartermaster group. SSG Scheetz shared the most two distressing items from the Gulf War. One was the lack of Army trained truck drivers. High school graduates were given a crash course (4 weeks instead of 8) in driving trucks loaded with fuel. If the trucks didn't return with a scheduled time. A recovery unit was sent out, usually finding a terrified driver stuck in the sand. The second was how women were treated in Saudi Arabia. Women there always have to have a male guardian, that they walk behind men, they can't speak, they can't drive. SSG Scheetz and her other female comrades try to set an example that American women had the same rights as men and were not second class-citizen's. During the time there she saw more self confidence in the Saudi women as they observe how the American women interact equally with male comrades.

If you wish to read more about the Petroleum Operations in the Gulf War LTC Joseph Thomas wrote a monograph on it, where he mentions the responsibilities of the 475th Quartermaster Group. http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/ u2/a263676.pdf

MSVC Newsletter July 2016

President's Ponderings

by LTC Gary Williams



- I hope you had an enjoyable time celebrating the 4th of July.
- What a great time we had at the Golden Corral on June 23rd. Lots of delicious food, an informative program thanks to the Scheetz's for sharing their experiences.
- We still have outstanding summer meetings left in July and August.
- Plan to attend and make an effort to invite a friend. We all know about the power of "one," and just think how big and powerful this organization would be if everyone got a friend to join MOAA national and MSVC this year. It's a goal that is very achievable.
- I'll see you all at the steak fry and corn roast on July 28th at YARS!

Gary

Thank You...

...for representing our chapter when you grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for the secruity volunteers at the Open House at YARS. Dennis Gartland, Rod Hosler, Irv and Dianne Maurer.

MSVC-MOAA 2016 Calendar			
Date	Location and Program		
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, <u>www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org</u>		
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			

August 18th Event – Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot

MSVC picnic will be held at the Vienna Fish & Game Club, 1508 Youngstown Kingsville Rd (Rte 193), Vienna, OH 44473. 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.

Rifle and Pistol Shoot, 5:00-6:00

Several MSVC members have volunteered to bring their military weapons to the event to allow others to shoot. The current list of weapons in the MSVC arsenal is shown below. If you would like to offer bringing a gun to shoot, please contact me ASAP. *Bring your own eye and hearing protection!*

Ammunition

Bring your own or use ammo provided by MSVC. If you want to fire a provided weapon, you are expected to pay for the ammunition you use. *Bring cash*.

Cost:

\$5/person for picnic dinner RSVP required Ammunition for shoot is extra.

Schedule:

4:30-5:00 Range prep.

Bring UNLOADED weapons to the range

5:00-5:15 Range Safety Briefing

5:15-6:15 Rifle and Pistol Shoot

6:15-6:30 Police the brass / range cleaning

6:30-8:00 Picnic dinner

Rifles

1903A3	.30-06 / 7.62 x 54
M-1	.30-06 / 7.62 x 54
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AD 15	FFC 4F

Pistols

Colt Model .38 Officers .38 Long

1911...... .45 ACP FMJ 9mm..... 9 mm

Ruger P89 9 x 19

For more information, please contact Bruce Bille, cell/text: 330-333-0397, or e-mail: BBille.usna.82@gmail.com



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Legislative Issues — July 2016 from MOAA National — Take Action

FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill Health Care Issues

Issue	Senate (S. 2943)	House (H.R. 4909)	MOAA Position
TRICARE For Life (TFL)	No changes (rejects Pentagon-proposed enroll- ment fee of up to 2 percent of retired pay)	Same as Senate	MOAA appreciates House and Senate agree with MOAA position rejecting DoD- proposed TFL enrollment fee
TRICARE Prime	24-percent enrollment fee increase to \$350/\$700 (individual/family) effective Jan. 1, 2018	Grandfather currently serv- ing and retired beneficiaries against DoD-proposed increases, but apply similar hike to new service entrants after Jan. 1, 2018	Support House bill protections for current eligibles
TRICARE Standard	■ \$150/\$300 (individual/ family) enrollment fee as of Jan. 1, 2018; increasing to \$450/\$900 for 2023 ■ Index annually after 2023 by CPI health cost index ■ Double deductible to \$300/\$600	■ \$100/\$200 enrollment fee as of Jan. 1, 2020 ■ Index annually by COLA percentage ■ No change in deductible ■ Apply Senate-like increases to new service entrants after Jan. 1, 2018	MOAA believes there should be no enrollment fee for TRICARE Standard — but House provision is least objectionable of these options
Catastrophic Cap on Out-of-Pocket Expenses	■ Raise as of Jan. 1, 2018 - to \$1,500 (versus current \$1,000) for currently serving families - to \$4,000 (versus current \$3,000) for retired families ■ Adjust annually after 2018 by COLA percentage	■ Retain current caps at \$1,000 for currently serving and \$3,000 for retired families ■ Apply increases only to new service entrants after Jan. 1, 2018	Prefer House provision
TRICARE Access and Quality Issues	■ Eliminate preauthorization requirement for urgent and specialty care ■ Multiple other initiatives to improve beneficiary access, care quality, and system productivity	■ Eliminate preauthorization requirement for urgent care ■ Multiple other initiatives to improve beneficiary access, care quality, and system productivity	Support these provisions of both Senate and House bills
Military Health Care Consolidation	Consolidate responsibility for military health care delivery, budgeting, and facilities under Defense Health Agency	Similar consolidation requirement	MOAA long has supported unified responsibility as the only practical way to attain health care budget, policy, and delivery consistency and accountability
Pharmacy Copayments	■ Require annual increases that roughly would double copayments in nine years ■ Impose \$11 copayment (versus current zero) for mail- order generics as of 2020	No change to current law	Support House position; phar- macy copayments already have been doubled or tripled in past five years

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FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill Non-Health Care Issues

Issue	Senate (S. 2943)	House (H.R. 4909)	MOAA Position	
Military Pay Raise	Cap pay raise at 1.6 percent	Provide 2.1-percent pay raise (matching private-sector pay growth)	Support House provision	
Force Levels	USA reduced 15,000 USN reduced 6,300 USAF reduced 3,700 USMC reduced 2,000 ARNG reduced 7,000 USAR reduced 3,000	USA increased 5,000 USN reduced 4,500 USAF increased 285 USMC increased 1,000 ARNG increased 8,000 USAR increased 7,000	Support House provisions	
Housing Allowance Reform	■ Cap monthly allowance at lower of grade-applicable rate or actual housing expenses ■ For dual-military couples or housing sharers, divide BAH by number of servicemembers in domicile	No change to current law	Support House position; Senate bill would penalize thousands of dual-military couples, junior enlisted room- mates, and senior homeown- ers \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year or more	
Commissary	Similar provisions to House bill	Allow variable pricing strat- egies and "house brand" products at commissaries nationwide, but specify cur- rent patron savings and satis- faction must be maintained	Prefer House version, which provides more transparency/ oversight on changes, but both versions commit to pre- serving current level of patron savings and satisfaction	
Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) for SBP/DIC Dual-Eligibles	Make SSIA permanent at the \$310 monthly rate	Extend SSIA for one year (through FY 2018) at the \$310 monthly rate	MOAA appreciates the provi- sions to extend SSIA; how- ever, the monthly rate needs to be increased, with the goal of phasing out the SBP/ DIC offset	
Former Spouse Protection Act	Similar provision to House bill	Retired pay amount divisible with former spouses to be based on grade and years of service at time of divorce (for future divorces only)	Support both House and Senate provisions	
Selective Service Registration	Require males and females to register	Require DoD report on continued utility of registration	Support House report; if need continues, support ser- vice chiefs' views on universal registration	
Spouse/Family PCS Flexibility	Authorize spouse/family relo- cation up to six months before or after the servicemember to accommodate work, school, or caregiver needs	No provision	Support Senate provision	

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USO 75th Anniversary Celebration at YARS

"Thanks for the Memories"

Saturday, August 6th, 6:00 - 10:30pm

The **USO of Northern Ohio** will be celebrating 75 years of service and support to the U.S. military with a cocktail dinner and dance at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Hangar 305. This event serves as a casual social for our Airmen of the 910th Airlift Wing, and as an introduction to guests who are unfamiliar with the Air Station or the support services provided worldwide to our troops by the USO.

This robust evening event of entertainment will include:

- ★ A 15-piece swing band, renowned for their dance music
- ★ Lynn Roberts, a nationally-recognized Bob Hope impersonator
- ★ Melanie Miller, crowned Miss Ohio 2006 and Mrs. Ohio 2011
- ★ A C-130 aircraft on display and available for walk-through tours
- ★ Military vehicles and weapons exhibits
- ★ Static displays with memorabilia from the various war eras
- ★ Various themed heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages
- ★ Beer, wine, selected mixed drinks available at additional charge.

Come join the Airmen of the 910th Airlift Wing, local veterans, and supporters from our government, local businesses, and community for an enjoyable evening of music and celebration!

Tickets are \$50 per person / \$80 per couple and can be purchased on-line or from USO of Northern Ohio volunteers.



Link: http://bit.ly/USO75thYARS

Buy 1, 2, or even get a table of 8! Limited number of tickets available. Contact us about sponsorships or Buy a ticket for an Airman!

Military Discounts for E1 through E6!



Attire: Military: Civilian clothes, ABU's, or short-sleeve Service Uniform Class B

Civilian: "Country Club" Casual or WWII theme costume

Use the link above to order tickets on-line.

For sponsorships or to ask a question, contact Bruce Bille, at (330) 333-0397, or e-mail YARS@USONorthernOhio.org



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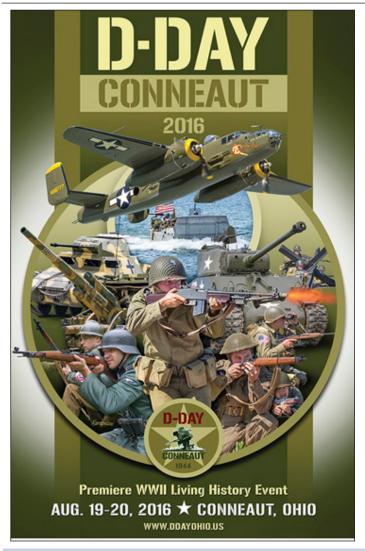
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Membership Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

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MSVC-MOAA Thursday, July 28th at YARS Steak Fry and Corn Roast, RSVP by July 25th

Steak Fry is at Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station Picnic Pavilion. Pavilion is near the chapel and the medical building. Minimal walking distance from parking lot and restrooms located inside the pavilion.

Social: 1800 (6:00 P.M.) Dinner 1830 (6:30 P.M.) Attire: Summer Casual

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

Cost: \$22 per person Program: TBA

RSVP: No later than noon Monday, July 25, 2016 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 Rod Hosler hosler1@zoominternet.net and pay at the pavilion with cash, check or credit card.
- 3. Call Rod Hosler 330-788-3270 leave a message.



Theresa Dzuris a manager at Golden Corral receives a check of \$100 for Camp Corral from MSVC President LTC Gary Williams. Theresa is familiar with military life as her sister is a major in the Air Force.

Chapter Donates to Camp Corral

Through the sponsorship of Golden Corral Corporation, Camp Corral provides free summer camp for children in military families ages 8–15. Priority is given to children in a family with a wounded, disabled or fallen service member. These camps are located at 4-H and YMCA camps across the country.

One camp is located not that far away from Hermitage. Parents are responsible for camper's transportation. For more information on Camp Corral go to the web site www.campcorral.org

Welcome new member

LTC G. Tim Williams, USAR, he is presently deployed to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa. Yes, his dad is president of MSVC and brother Rick is also a chapter member..