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5th Anniversary – 3 National Awards

by LTC Mike Wisniewski

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter celebrated the 5th Anniversary of its founding with a luncheon and annual business meeting scheduled at the Consolidated Activity Center of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna, Ohio. Nearly 40 members attended the special occasion and were treated to a special PowerPoint presentation by Col Dick Calta who highlighted the sequence of

events leading up to the Chartering of the MSVC and the Officers and spouses who were instrumental in making it happen. The slide show featured photos of many of the original members that signed the Charter.

President LTC Gary Williams welcomed new member David Di Tallon and prospective members Al Lind and Jim Borgen. Following the luncheon meal the members



US Air Force MOAA national members: Dick Calta, Fr. Dan Rohan, Ralph Minton with their new lapel pins.



Our third four-star streamer in five years. Pat yourself on the back chapter members as this is unprecedented for a new chapter.



US Navy MOAA national members: Tony Antolini, Bill Sweeney, Mary Lee McClure, Florence Hosler, Bruce Bille, BJ Sacramento, David Di Tallo with their new lapel pins.



Dick pinned Janet Oglesby with a Surviving Spouse pin.



US Army MOAA national members: Right to Left: Mike Wisniewski, Gary Williams, Bill Sweeney, Don Rasile, Jim Fairbanks, Irv Maurer, John Caparanis, Jim Basista, John Marino, Wil Kline, John Koshan, Will Stamp, Rod Hosler, with new lapel pins.

were treated to a slice of anniversary cake. President Williams then presented to the Chapter its THIRD Four Star Streamer. Col Calta explained that this level of achievement is almost unheard of for a fledgling chapter such as ours. It is a true testimony to the leadership of the Chapter, to the members involved in community and legislative affairs, for its support of newly commissioned officers, college cadets, and high school junior cadets, and for the award winning newsletter and web page by Secretary Janet Oglesby and Treasurer Bruce Bille which all contributed enormously to the Four Star Award. The criteria by which MOAA National judges and rates its Affiliated Chapters is quite stringent. Possibly the one criteria that kept the MSVC from a FIVE STAR award was missing the ratio of National membership to Chapter membership by only a few percentage points. The by-laws allow for an individual to be a Chapter member without being a National member but this is a very critical factor in the way National judges its affiliates between a Four-Star and a Five-Star rating.

Following the Four Star Award presentation, LTC Hosler presented a military branch specific MOAA lapel pin to each Chapter member who qualified by being a National member and having attended a Chapter meeting in the past year. These pins were specifically ordered by the Chapter from MOAA National on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the minutes of the 2015 as well as officer and committee reports were distributed to the membership in written form. If you were not present at the meeting and wish to receive a copy of the reports, please contact Secretary Janet Oglesby and a copy will be emailed to you. The slate of officers for 2017 will remain the same as 2016 as they will complete the second half of their two-year term of office. There is a position open for a Board Member at Large. If you wish to participate in the active leadership of this Chapter, please consider submitting your name to President Gary Williams and you will be invited to our next Board meeting which is generally held every other month on the first Thursday of 10:00 a.m. at the YARS Naval Reserve Center. Your participation and ideas will be especially helpful in the coming year as the Chapter hosts its first ever Ohio Council of Chapter Convention in September 2017.

Organizational Timeline for MSVC:

01/29/2011 — Idea is formulated to start a Chapter in the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon area by CAPT George Williams, President of the Ohio Council of Chapters. Col Dick Calta accepts assignment as the Chapter Development Chair.

09/18/2011 — Meeting held at YARS by CAPT William, COL Walter Duzzny, CPT Scott Allen, COL Calta, and LTC Don Rasile. Decision to go ahead with Chapter formation.

10/27/2011 — 26 people agree to Chapter membership. Fifteen officers and five spouses attend this organizational meeting and elect Officers of the Chapter. By-laws were approved and request is to be sent to MOAA National requesting affiliation.

10/28/2011 - COL Calta formally requests affiliation with National and receives approval the same day from MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs Board.

12/08/2011 - Officers sworn into office by COL Dick Calta. President - COL Walter Duzzny, 1st VP - LT John Holzer, 2nd VP - LTC Don Rasile, Sec/Treas. - CWO3 Don Oglesby.

02/23/2012 - MOAA President, Admiral Norb Ryan presents the MSVC with its Charter.

Next meeting of the MSVC-MOAA will be on Friday November 18, 2016 at the CAC. The guest speaker will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about **Ameila Earhart**. I promise you, you don't want to miss this one. Also, please note that the joint ROA/MSVC Christmas Party and Charity Raffle will be held at the Manor Restaurant in Austintown starting at 4:00 pm. Sunday, December 4th. For those who have never attended this fun filled event, the ROA ask you to bring in a wrapped gift (approx. \$20 value or more) to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the auction are donated to a worthy military charity. A limited but varied menu selection is available. The Manor is located on the corner of Route 46 and Kirk Road in Austintown. Start your holiday celebration by joining us on December 4th.

MSVC-MOAA 2016 – 2017 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
11/10	Retiree Appreciation Day at YARS 1000–1400 at the USO building #201.
11/11	Veterans Day
11/18	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA
12/4	MOAA and ROA Christmas Party, The Manor in Austintown at 1400 hr.
1/27	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA
1/28	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus</i>
2/24	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA
3/24	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA
4/22	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus</i>
4/28	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA
5/20	Armed Forces Day Buhll Park
5/25	MSVC at YARS 1830 program ROTC/JROTC
6/22	MSVC at Golden Corral, Hermitage at 1830. Topic: Camp Reynolds a WWII Camp located in Reynolds, Pennsylvania

MSVC-MOAA Meeting at YARS, Friday, 18 November at 1300 hr – RSVP by Thursday 17th by 0900 hr

Where: Youngstown AF Reserve Station
Community Activity Center
3976 King Graves Rd
Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests, Surviving Spouses

Social: 1230 no cash bar

Call to Order: 1300 (1:00 P.M.)

Lunch: 1310

Topic: Amelia Earhart

Speaker: Ernie Stadvec former 1st Lt US Army Air Corps
Ernie flew the same type of plane that Amelia Earhart flew his was just one model newer. He has done extensive research into this topic.

Attire: Casual

RSVP:

1. Email Janet Oglesby djo52800@neo.rr.com with your reservation and menu selection Make sure you state your selection with fries or salad/dressing.
2. Or call 330-568-4456 leave a message. Make sure you state your menu selection with fries or salad/dressing.
3. 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.

Pre order from the following selections;

Club Sandwich, w/fries or side salad, beverage\$10.00
Ham, turkey, bacon, American & provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo

Reuben Sandwich, w/fries or side salad, beverage.....\$10.00
Marble rye, cornbeef, sauerkraut, swiss and dressing

Fish Sandwich, w/fries or side salad, beverage..... \$10.00
Tarter sauce and lettuce

Buffalo Chicken Wrap, w/fries or side salad, beverage.. \$10.00
Lettuce, tomato, onion, shredded cheddar, ranch and buffalo sauce

Chef Salad and beverage..... \$10.00
Cherry tomatoes, sliced red onions, cucumber, hard-boiled eggs, shredded cheddar and pepper jack cheese, julienne ham and turkey

Grill cheese sandwich, side salad, beverage \$7.00

Cup of Chili and beverage \$5.00
Chili on Fridays.

Side salad—tomatoes, cucumbers, black olives & cheese with your choice of Balsamic, Ranch, French, Italian dressing

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 (Spaatz Rd.). The Community Activity Center (CAC), "Her'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.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA/RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Mahoning & Shenango Valleys Chapter

Mahoning Chapter

Joint Christmas Party



When: Sunday, 4 December 2016

Where: The Manor Restaurant

3104 South Canfield Niles Road

Route 46 and Kirk Road

Austintown, OH 44451 or GPS Youngstown

Social: 1600 (4:00 P.M.) Cash Bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres

Dinner: 1630 (4:30 P.M.)

Entrée items will be from a special limited menu prices ranging from \$15–\$25. All choices available... Fish, Chicken, Steak, Pasta. Plus beverage, tax and gratuity.



Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Table seating are in rows so singles please come and fill-in.

Attire: Coat & Tie/Equivalent

Program: Each couple/guest is asked to bring a gift-wrapped \$20 gift. Each gift is auctioned off with the proceeds going to an applicable veteran's charity.

RSVP No later than Monday, November 28^h

1. Email Janet Oglesby djo52800@neo.rr.com with your reservation state how many are attending.
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President's ponderings

by LTC Gary Williams



Hey, I had a great time at the MOAA annual business meeting in Washington, DC, where I accepted our third consecutive four-star award for chapter being one of the better chapters of the 400 MOAA chapters. It was a great conference as well. In fact, the conference center was located right beside Arlington National Cemetery, so I took some time

to once again visit this sacred place and observe the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Kennedy's Memorial, and other memorials dedicated to our nation's best.

By the way, at our last meeting we had three new guests, and I would like to personally thank those individuals who made that possible, and encourage others to make that same commitment for future meetings. The Five-star banner is within our grasp if we all work a little harder. This has to be a total team effort if we are going to succeed. See you all at the November 18th meeting!

Gary



MSVC President Gary Williams accepts the four-star streamer from MOAA Board of Directors Chair, General Tony Robertson, USAF, Ret., at the awards banquet. The banquet is held in conjunction with the MOAA national annual business meeting in Arlington, Virginia.

Welcome New Member Al Lind

former Navy LT



At our November MSVC chapter meetings a box for Toy-for-Tots will be available if you wish to donate to this program.

Ohio Did Well in Earning LOE Awards



Front Row: CAPT John MacDonald, USN, Toledo Chapter, 4-star; COL Richard Schroeder, USA, Ohio Council of Chapters, 4-star. Back Row: LTC Larry Ashbaugh, USA, Ohio Western Reserve Chapter, 5-star; LTC Gary Williams, USA, Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter, 4-star; CAPT Bill Tate, USN, Central Ohio Chapter, 5-star; and LTC Al Brauer, USA, Greater Cincinnati Chapter, 5-star.

Every year, MOAA's 400 chapters and 34 state councils compete to receive a four- or five-star Levels of Excellence Award. This year, 121 of MOAA's very best councils and chapters earned five-star awards, while 59 above-average councils and chapters received four-star awards. Ohio has seven chapters and one council. The council won a 4-star and five of the seven chapters won either a 4-star or 5-star. The chapters in Ohio recruited 87 new members in the last quarter which was the best in the country. All total 1,384 new members have joined chapters across the country this year.



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