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MOAA "Storms The Hill"

by LTC Rod Hosler

MOAA annually conducts "Storming the Hill" that allows MOAA member an opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and meet with each state's Senatorial and Congressional delegations to discuss key defense issues. This year, our Storming the Hill campaign urged legislators to repeal the harmful federal budget sequestration caps and correct a major financial penalty currently imposed on military survivors whose sponsors die of service caused conditions (SBP-DIC Offset). The MOAA "Storming the Hill" took place on Wednesday 5 April, with a Preparation Briefing on 4 April and post-storming session on 6 April.

The Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) was represented by Col. Dick Calta, the OCC President and me, LTC Rod Hosler, the OCC First Vice President, both MSVC members. The "Storming the Hill" event, teamed council members with a member of the MOAA national Board of Directors, a member of the MOAA National Staff, or a member of one of MOAA's Surviving Spouses, Currently Serving, or Spouse Advisory committees. Our team included Col. Brian Anderson, who is well known to our chapter and Ms. Cathy Artino, a surviving spouse.

Also, included in this overall program were presentations given by Dr. David J. Shulkin, the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Congressman Mike Coffman of Colorado, a retired Marine Corps officer. The MOAA Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards were presented, and our chapter won 5-Star recognition for our website and 4-Star recognition for our newsletter. Bruce Bille is our webmaster and Janet Oglesby is the editor of the newsletter. Well done Janet and Bruce! There are



A beautiful day to "Storm the Hill" photo by Dick Calta



At the White House Gold Star Wives met Vice President Pence and Mrs. Pence. They got to speak with his staff about the SBP-DIC Offset! Then they met President Trump!

440 chapters and councils and only 87 received awards, and only two other Ohio chapters and the council won awards. Other MOAA related briefings were presented as well. MOAA set up a field headquarters at the Crowne Plaza Old Town hotel, in Alexandria, VA that served as briefing, lodging and dining location. We walked everywhere on Capitol Hill (five legislative office buildings), and met with the two Ohio Senators and all sixteen Representatives or their legislative staffers, and received much positive feedback. The experience was extremely favorable, except for sore feet. Accompanying Dick and I was Dick's wife Linda and my wife Florence, who is also MSVC First Vice President.

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The Honorable Bill Johnson, meets with Col Dick Calta. Johnson represents Ohio's 6th congressional district (Ohio/ West Virginia border). Bill Johnson is also a retired Lt Col from the Air Force.



LTC Rod Holser with Qais Roshan, Legislative Aide/Congresswoman Joyce Beatty from Ohio's 3rd congressional district (Columbus).



LTC Rod Holser with Matthew Silver, Legislative Director/Congressman Warren Davidson, Ohio 8th congressional district (Ohio/Indiana border).

President's ponderings

by LTC Gary Wllliams



Bad weather did not seem to hamper the attendance to see and hear the U.S. Navy concert band performance at Stambaugh auditorium on March 14th at all! Members of the MSVC-MOAA packed out the MVR restaurant for dinner prior to the concert, and then moved out to the "Stambaugh" for a

fantastic concert! It was a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Above all though, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the commitment that each and everyone of you have made to this organization, because our success is dependent upon your participation in our activities, and at this time, we seem to be boiling with enthusiasm. So-oo-o keep on keeping on! Try to ask someone to our next luncheon meeting on April 28th at the YARS at 1300 hrs. See you there!

Gary

Air Show June 17-18 Volunteers Needed



The 2017 Thunder Over the Valley Air Show is the Air Force Reserve's marquee event for celebrating the Air Force's 70th birthday. The goal of the show lineup is to highlight the rich heri-

tage and history of the U.S. Air Force. All performers listed below are *tentative*.

- The United States Air Force Thunderbirds
- B17, B24, B25 Bomber Formation
- 8th AF B17, P51 Formation
- Red Tail Squadron P51 Demo
- Wings of Blue United States Air Force Parachute Team
- Air Force Academy Glider Team
- C-130H Hercules Mass Container Delivery System Airdrop
- C-130H Hercules Low Pass
- Man vs Impossible (Pulling a C-130 aircraft with human power)
- Canadian Harvard Aerobatic Team
- Shockwave Jet Truck
- Randy Ball MiG-17 / T-37
- A37 Dragonfly Demo
- F4 Phantom
- Warrior Flight Team Demo
- Team Fastrax Parachute Team Featuring a 7800^{ft} American Flag

The chapter will have a table at the air show, in the hanger. We need volunteers to man it, also need a coordinator to schedule the volunteers. Contact Janet if you can help.

	MSVC-MOAA 2017 Calendar					
Date	Location and Program					
4/20	MSVC board meeting 1000 at Navy Reserve Center					
4/20	Rod Hosler will present <i>American Intervention in Russia</i> at 1100 at the Mahoning County Library–Canfield. He did this presentation in January for MSVC.					
4/21	JROTC dinner awards program at East High School 1800-1900					
4/22	Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus					
4/27	ROTC breakfast awards program at YSU-0800 via invitation					
4/28	MSVC at YARS luncheon 1300 Program—Navy Submarines See page 4					
4/29	JROTC dinner awards program at TCTC 0900					
5/11	MSVC at YARS 1830 dinner ROTC/JROTC recognization program "Buy a Dinner for a Cadet" See page 4					
5/20	Placing flags at Calvary Cemetery Mahoning Ave. 0800 just in- side the front gate. Calvary Cemetery is at the corner of Mahoning and S. Belle Vista Avenues in Youngstown. Remember to bring a bottle of water and a screwdriver.					
	Veteran's Breakfast Storytelling Event @ Buhl Park Activity Center 0830–1000					
	Armed Forces Day Buhl Park, Hermitage, Pennsylvania – page 5.					
5/29	ROA Mahoning Chapter conducts a Ceremony at 0830 on Memo- rial Day at Oakhill Cemetary, birthplace of Memorial Day					
6/17–18	Air Show featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demon- stration team. Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station					
6/22	MSVC at Golden Corral, Hermitage at 1830. Topic: Camp Reynolds a WWII POW Camp located in Reynolds, Pennsylvania					
7/22	Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus					
7/27	MSVC Vienna Rod and Gun Club, Shoot-em, picnic supper					
8/6	Wings-n-Wheels Show Ernie Hall Aviation Museum SLOAS Airfield 4033 North River Road Warren, 44484 www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org					
8/24	MSVC at YARS Steak Fry/Corn Roast—legislative night					
9/22-23	MSVC hosting MOAA state convention. It will be the MSVC members assistance and attendance that will make it a success.					
9/24	Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, YARS					
10/27	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA					
11/17	MSVC at YARS 1300 program TBA					
12/3	MSVC and ROA Christmas Party					
	ungstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio e announced					

Suggestions for programs contact: Florence Hosler

Surviving Spouses—TRICARE and Hearing Aids

By Sharon A. DeVaney, member, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

When servicemembers and dependents turn 65 and they enroll in Medicare, they also will become eligible for No fees are associated with TFL, however, beneficiaries must pay the Medicare Part B premiums to stay enrolled in TFL. TFL works as the secondary payer to Medicare; Medicare pays 80 percent of covered services, and TFL pays the remaining 20 percent. TFL also pays the Medicare deductible. Generally, beneficiaries should not have any out-of-pocket costs for Medicare and TRICARE-covered services.

Under provisions of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), TRICARE benefit plans for servicemembers and dependents under age 65 will be streamlined from three plan types to two. TRICARE Select is the new preferred provider option; it will replace TRICARE Standard. The new TRICARE Select will have an Extra-like network of TRICARE providers who will have agreed to accept a pre-negotiated rate of payment. The other option is TRICARE Prime. It will be modernized so the majority of referrals to specialists from primary care managers will no longer be required to through a pre-authorization process.

TRICARE also has new preventive care coverage, including the Cologuard colorectal cancer screening exam and BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene testing for breast cancer. For children and families, TRICARE's benefit coverage will be consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics' standards of care of well children over age 6. Beneficiaries using TRICARE Standard no longer will pay cost shares for well-child screening and preventive visits. Learn more about the new preventive care coverage on MOAA's website.

The FY 2017 NDAA also included a provision that would allow dependents of retired members to purchase hearing aids at-cost. MOAA is working closely with DoD's TRICARE department on the details of this benefit and likely will have updates in a few months.

Editor's note. I spoke to the audiologist at Wright-Patterson, which is where the hearing aids would come from. He wasn't sure how they could carry out this benefit. Ideally there needs to be an audiologist in our Youngstown area where Wright-Patterson would send the hearing aids for our local audiologist to fit and do maintenance. Most audiologist's just want to carry one brand of hearing aids, due to the technology/software that is needed to maintain them. The military uses several brands of hearing aids.

Did You Sign and Mail The Postcards?

In this month issue of the *Military Officer* are pre-printed postcards to key Congressional leaders urging them to take action on SEQUESTRATION. We as members of MOAA are asked to sign, stamp and mail these postcards. Actions to reduce or eliminate Sequestration are necessary if we are to adopt the changes sought by the President and enacted in the Defense Act for 2017. Note: The *Military Officer* magazine comes by the US mail if you are Premium Member (annual) or Life Member of MOAA. It comes electronically if you are a Basic Member.

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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 Luncheon at YARS, Friday, 28 April at 1300 hr – RSVP by Thursday 27th by 0900 hr

Where: Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station Community Activity Center

3976 King Graves Rd • Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

If a guest is in the car with you, no clearance is necessary, if they are driving themselves without a military ID, then their name and birthdate has to be on the security list which Janet submits 10 days before the event.

Social: 1230 no cash bar

Call to Order: 1300 (1:00 р.м.) *Lunch:* 1305

Topic: US Navy Submarines



Speaker: LCDR BJ Sacramento, CO of Naval Reserve Center *Attire:* Causal

RSVP:

- 1. Email Janet Oglesby <u>djo52800@neo.rr.com</u> 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 order and pay. It isn't required to have a PayPal account. You will answer "no" to the message asking if you have a PayPal account then you will be asked for credit card information.

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, bev.... \$10.00 Lettuce, tomato, onion, shredded cheddar, ranch and buffalo sauce

Grill cheese sandwich, side salad, beverage\$7.0	00
Cup of Chili and beverage\$5.0	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), "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.

MSVC-MOAA Dinner at YARS Thursday, 11 May ROTC/JROTC Recognition – RSVP by May 8th

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

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Lounge and Cash bar opens at 1530

Social: 1745 (5:45 р.м.)

Dinner: 1830 (6:30 р.м.) Reservations Required for the Dinner

Program: 1930 (7:30 р.м.) Welcome to join the dinner guests for the program

Speakers: Our cadets

Attire: Request a sport coat or equivalent

Menu: Tossed Salad, stuffed chicken breast, roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, dinner roll, dessert, beverage, gratuity for **\$22.00** per person. **Chapter pays for no-shows**.

RSVP: You can pay at the door with cash, check, credit or debit card.

- 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 <u>www.msvc-moaa.org</u> and pay through PayPal with a credit card.

Asking for Sponsors **"Buy A Dinner for a Cadet"**

Our May 11th Recognition Dinner Meeting for our cadets of ROTC & JROTC and newly commissioned cadets. For this meeting we have instituted a "*Buy A Dinner for a Cadet*" where a member can contribute \$22 to offset the cost of the chapter, paying for the dinner for a cadet, their guest, or their military staff member. If you can assist by "buying a dinner" you may do so at the door. Any surplus of donations will be put into the scholarship fund.

LTC Gary Williams, President of MSVC-MOAA presents an Ohio Council of Chapters challenge coin to Dale Novello the Director of the Community Activity Center (CAC) at the Youngstown Air



Reserve Station. Dale takes care of all of the arrangements for MSVC lunches and dinners. Look for the Ohio Council of Chapters coin in the collection case near the inside staircase.

MSVC is Hosting the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Convention

The MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters State Convention will take place 22 - 24 September 2017 on the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS), Vienna, OH in the Community Activity Center (CAC). The Mahoning-Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA is pleased to host this year's convention.

Our convention begins on Friday, 22 September, with registration starting at 1500 hours at the Eagle's Nest Lodge. Attendees will receive a complimentary bag, courtesy of MOAA and USAA, which will include registration materials and gifts. We'll all get together in the CAC, for a Meet and Greet at 1800 hours. Beverages (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres will be available. The dress is casual.

On Saturday, 23 September, the convention, will be a full day of activities with a buffet breakfast starting at 0730 in the CAC. The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 0830 hrs. Plans are to have the Commanders of the 910th Airlift Wing, 9th Coast Guard District, Ohio's Camp Ravenna, the Director of Fifth Public Health Region and others as speakers. Spouses are invited to attend and we have activities for them to participate in.

Saturday afternoon is planned to allow you to participate in a two-hour C-130 orientation flight from the YARS to Niagara Falls, New York and return.

For the evening banquet, we are very fortunate to have Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF, Retired, President and CEO of MOAA as the keynote speaker. Dress is coat and tie. The CAC lounge will be open before and after the banquet, come and enjoy the evening. It'll be a great time for all and we hope you will be there to enjoy the day with us.

On Sunday, 23 September, the quarterly meeting of the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters will be held proceeded by a buffet breakfast open to Chapter delegates, members and spouses. Lt Col. Clarence Counts, Deputy Director of Council and Chapters will be our guest speaker.

The complete agenda, times and other convention information can be found at the Council of Chapters and MSVC websites; <u>www.msvc-moaa.org</u> or <u>www.</u> <u>ohiomoaa.org</u> beginning in June. The downloadable convention information includes: 1.) Fact Sheet; 2.) Registration Form; 3.) Agenda; and 4.) maps. The cost for the convention meals are under \$60 per person and covers the Saturday buffet breakfast, buffet luncheon and formal dinner and a Sunday buffet breakfast or any

Ohio Council of Chapters Biennial Convention September 22–23, 2017

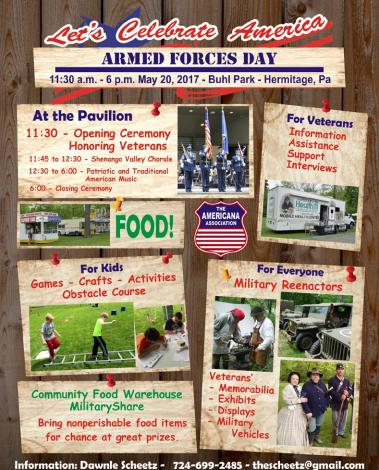


Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Host Chapter Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station combination you desire. The convention registration form and remittance are due not later than 8 September by mailing to 3976 King Graves Rd., Bldg. 540, Vienna, OH 44473.

The Eagle's Nest Lodge at YARS is a first rate guest hotel with regular and VIP rooms. The room rate is \$60 per night or VIP rate at \$69. per night. Please make your lodging reservations directly with the Eagle's Nest Lodge at the YARS (Phone Number: 330-609-1268 and mention *MOAA Convention*, NLT 8 September.

This convention should be a wonderful opportunity to hear interesting speakers, learn about activities that impact the area, see the YARS and take an interesting flight

in a C-130 if you've never been in one. Total costs for this weekend are much less that previous OCC conventions due to this special location. We hope to see you at the 2017 Ohio Council of Chapters Convention!!



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2013–1LT Eric Hippley, USA, Elmendorf/Richardson Alaska

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- 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 1/133rd FA.
- 2016–2LT Brandi Burrows, Military Intelligence, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky

2016–2LT Adam Hoover, Chemical Corps, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO then Korea

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Welcome new member LTC Rich Lonardo, USA, Ret. Rich was our speaker in February on the Youngstown Business Incubator.



Col Dick Calta and LTC Rod Hosler were raised in career military families.

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.

April is Military Kid month. The editor sent a question out by email on how many of our members or spouses were military kids? I had two responses.

Dick Calta's dad served 20 years in the Army. He started as a corporal and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Rod Holser's dad served 21 years in the Army and retired as a Colonel. He served on General Eisenhower's staff.



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A Wrap-up of the Luncheon with Senator Brown in March

On Monday, March 20, several MSVC members travelled to Cleveland and attended a luncheon hosted by the Cleveland MOAA chapter. The guest speaker was Senator Sherrod Brown. Also attending were directors of various Veteran Service Commissions and Ms. Susan Fuehrer, Director of the Louis Stokes Medical Center. Following a buffet luncheon, Senator Brown provided these points that he is proud of:

- Number of veterans hospitals and medical centers in Ohio as compared to other states.
- Ohio has a Veterans Service Commission in each of its 88 counties; only half of the 50 states have them. It is the property tax of Ohio citizens that pays for them.
- Awarding medals to veterans who have lost their medals or in some cases never received them.
- He encouraged the veterans present to tell their story to family and friends about their military experience. It is especially important for World War II veterans.

Items that he is working on:

- Veteran benefits, making them better and faster to obtain.
- Tightening up the law that prevents predatory lenders from gouging military personnel with exorbitant interest rates on loans. These establishments are usually outside military bases.

He did take questions from those in attendance; one was on the Affordable Health Care Act (before the vote). Several Reservists asked why their benefits were being reduced. Brown's aides took note of those issues and assured that they would provide a reply. Several members of Senator Brown's staff are veterans.

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Senator Sherrod Brown was the speaker at Cleveland Chapter in March.