

## MOAA Medal Awardees Recognition Dinner



MSVC President LTC Gary Williams, Cadet Michael Crites, who received the MOAA medal and Lt Col John Miller the JROTC instructor at TCTC.



Cadet Michael Crites (center), his father Adam (left) and his grandparents, Thomas and Bekie Drass.



YSU Cadet Zachary Szewczyk with MSVC President Gary Williams. Szewczyk is a junior at YSU and received the MOAA medal. Williams is an ROTC graduate of Youngstown State 1965.

By LTC Mike Wisniewski

The Mahoning & Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America hosted an awards dinner at the Consolidated Activities Center of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) in Vienna on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to honor recently commissioned YSU Officers, YSU Cadets, and Junior ROTC Cadets. In attendance were 30 MSVC members, two Cadets, and four guests. Receiving the MOAA Medal and a cash incentive in the Junior ROTC category was Cadet Michael Crites, a Lordstown resident who will be graduating in the Spring of 2018 from Trumbull Career and Technical Center (TCTC). Cadet Crites was accompanied by his JROTC instructor, Lt Col John Miller, Air Force, Ret., Michael's father, Adam Crites, and his grandparents, Thomas and Bekie Drass. With approximately 78 cadets enrolled in the JROTC at TCTC, Michael was chosen to receive the MOAA medal because of his leadership in coordinating over 1700 hours of community service projects by the TCTC cadets. He hopes to pursue further education in the medical field upon

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MSVC President Gary Williams, displays the streamer with 5-star pin for 2016. Bruce Bille received 5-star for the MSVC web site and Janet Oglesby a 4-Star for the MSVC newsletter.



MAJ Rick Williams presiding over the "Reading of the Names" ceremony held recently at Youngstown State University

### The History of the Reading of the Names at YSU

*From the program*

In 1996, a small group of University employees and students with prior military service formed the YSU Armed Forces Association. The following year, the Association held its first *Reading of the Names* to honor those associated with our University, through employment or attendance, who died while on active duty in the armed forces of our nation. That year 52 names were read. Since then, 15 names have been added to the list.

Their names aloud so they are each remembered and honored. Their names were once spoken there at YSU as rolls were called. It seems right, in the best of military traditions, that we bring them home and call roll again.

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The Tri-State Detachment 494 in position to give the rifle salute at the "Reading of the Names" ceremony.

## President's Ponderings

by LTC Gary Williams



Well everybody, summer is finally upon us, and don't forget to mark your calendar for all the great activities that have been planned for you this summer, culminating with the Ohio Council of Chapters Biennial Convention being hosted by our own MSVC-MOAA on September 22–23, 2017, here at the Youngstown Air Force Station in Vienna, Ohio. My, how time does fly, so make a commitment now to attend all the upcoming summer events! I hope you all had a great memorial/veteran days' weekend, and were able to attend an event honoring veterans in your hometown, or area; it's a great feeling to attend one of these ceremonies. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Golden Corral restaurant in Hermitage, Pennsylvania on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 6:30 P.M., for our next meeting.

Gary

## Thank You...

...who Brought A Dinner for a Cadet

Matt & Karen Chikosky	Jim & Linda Shurtleff
David Di Tallo	Rick & Kelly Williams
Fr Andrew & Marlene Gall	Gary & Patty Williams
Al & Catherine Lind	Mike & Barb Wisniewski
Ralph & Beth Minton	Anonymous Donor
Tom Petzinger	

MSVC-MOAA 2017 Calendar	
Date	Location and Program
6/17–18	Air Show featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team. Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station
6/22	<b>MSVC</b> at Golden Corral, Hermitage at 1830. Topic: Camp Reynolds a WWII POW Camp located in Reynolds, Pennsylvania
7/22	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus</i>
7/27	<b>MSVC</b> 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 <a href="http://www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org">www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org</a>
8/17-19	D-Day at Conneaut <a href="http://www.ddayohio.us">www.ddayohio.us</a> see last page
8/24	<b>MSVC</b> at YARS Steak Fry/Corn Roast—legislative night
9/22-23	<b>MSVC</b> hosting MOAA state convention. It will be the MSVC members assistance and attendance that will make it a success.
9/24	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, YARS</i>
10/27	<b>MSVC</b> at YARS 1300 program TBA
11/17	<b>MSVC</b> at YARS 1300 program TBA
12/3	<b>MSVC</b> and ROA Christmas Party
YARS - Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio	
TBA - To be announced	
Suggestions for programs contact: Florence Hosler	

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graduation. Unable to attend the dinner was the MOAA Medal award winner from East High School, Cadet Aaron Santos.

The ROTC MOAA Medal recipient was Cadet Zachary Szewczyk, currently a junior at Youngstown State University majoring in Computer Science. Zachary will graduate and be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army in May of 2018. Although the Army will ultimately determine which branch he will serve, Zach has high expectations of being selected to serve in the Cyber Division, a relatively new branch of the Army that deals with matters of cyber warfare and security. There are currently 26 cadets in the junior class which includes Kent State, but only three are attending YSU. As a homeschooled Youngstown resident, Zachary was motivated to follow in the footsteps of his father who served 24 years in the Army and a veteran of the Gulf War and also his grandfather who served in the Navy. This July Zach will be attending advanced camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Also, unable to attend the dinner was 2LT Lonnie Bissmeyer, Signal Corp, the other YSU ROTC MOAA Medal recipient who will be finishing academic requirements this summer.

Winners of the 50/50 raffle were Audrey Chengelis and Ralph Minton. MSVC is hosting the State Convention at the YARS on 23 September. Lt Gen Atkins will be the keynote speaker at the convention. Part of the activities planned for the Convention includes a round-trip ride aboard a C-130 to Niagara Falls, NY. Also, rooms are available at the Eagles Nest Lodging for only \$65.00 a night.

MSVC President LTC Gary Williams congratulated Janet Oglesby who garnered a 4-Star Col Marvin J Harris Communications Award from MOAA National in the category of Print Newsletter. As you can see, month after month, Janet produces one the finest Chapter newsletters in the country. The time, effort, and talent that Janet puts into each edition is truly something that even the MOAA judges don't fully recognize and appreciate. Congratulations are also in order for Bruce Bille, former Lieutenant, Navy who is the MSVC webmaster. Bruce nailed a 5-Star Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for his work in designing and maintaining our Chapter's website. If you haven't seen it yet, go to [www.msvc-moaa.org](http://www.msvc-moaa.org) to view the website. Congratulations Bruce and Janet for a fine job in keeping our membership informed. Do you know that MSVC-MOAA has a Facebook page? Bruce is the administrator for that, but could use some assistance.

Our next chapter meeting will take place at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, PA at 6:30 pm. The topic promises to be interesting as we will be discussing Camp Reynolds which was used as a POW Camp during WWII.



## Volunteers Needed

### Free Air Show June 17–18

Gates Open at 9:00 am and Close at 2:30 pm

Air Show 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

[www.youngstownairshow.com](http://www.youngstownairshow.com)



The 2017 Thunder Over the Valley Air Show is the Air Force Reserve's marquee event for celebrating the Air Force's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The goal of the show lineup is to highlight

the rich heritage and history of the U.S. Air Force. U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

- U.S. Air Force Drill Team
- Commemorative Air Force P-51 Mustang
- Red Tail Squadron P51 Demo
- C-130H Hercules Mass Container Delivery System Airdrop
- C-130H Hercules Low Pass
- Canadian Harvard Aerobatic Team
- Shockwave Jet Truck
- FighterJet MiG-17
- Warrior Flight Team L-39
- Team Fastrax Parachute Team Featuring a 7800<sup>ft</sup> 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 330-568-4456.

### Parking & Travel at the Air Show

#### PARKING LOCATIONS:

Four parking locations are reserved for the 2017 Thunder Over The Valley Air Show and Open House. *They will be filled in the order they are listed below:*

1. Delphi Electric — 1265 North River Rd, Warren OH 44483
2. Phantom Fireworks — 3566 Larchmont Ave NE, Warren OH 44483
3. Kent State Trumbull Campus — 4314 Mahoning Ave, Warren OH 44483
4. Trumbull County Career & Technical Center — 528 Educational HWY, Warren OH 44483

DO NOT go to Youngstown Air Reserve Station or the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. You will be turned away and directed to the designated parking locations listed above. This includes all DoD CAC holders (retired or active).

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## Planning and Preparation

### July 27<sup>th</sup> Our Day at the Shooting Range

On July 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**Bruce Bille would like a list of weapons that will be at the range please contact him with that information.**

[bbille.usna.82@gmail.com](mailto:bbille.usna.82@gmail.com) or call 330-333-0397

**Ammunition** Last year all weapons owners brought their own ammo, we will assume that will be the case this year. We hope to have a system in place for reimbursement of ammo when using another person's weapon.

**Ladies Time at the Range:** There was feedback last year that the ladies would like to have the range for themselves a few minutes this year. If you wish to bring .22 rifles and small hand guns for the ladies to use let Bruce know.

#### Parking & Travel at the Air Show continue

If you arrive at a lot that is full, you will be directed to the next lot. Do not go to a lot that you have not been directed to, because YOU WILL NOT GET PICKED UP if we end up not using that lot. Information on which lots are full will be available on local radio stations, so you can adjust to the next one in line. All the parking lots are within a couple miles of each other.

The Delphi Lot will open at 8:00 am, with the first bus leaving the lot at 8:30 am

The Phantom Fireworks lot will open when/if the Delphi Lot is FULL

The Kent Trumbull Lot will open when/if the Phantom Fireworks Lot is FULL

The TCTC Lot will open when/if the Kent Trumbull Lot is FULL

The LAST BUS will leave for Youngstown Air Reserve Station at 2:30 pm

When departing the show, ensure you get onto a bus labeled with the name of the lot at which you parked. If you end up going to the wrong lot, locate a Security/Sheriff Deputy for assistance.

**SECURITY: EVERYONE** will be screened by security prior to getting on a bus. If you refuse to be screened, you will not be admitted to the event. Pay close attention to the prohibited items list, and the screening process will go quickly.

## The Reading of the Names from page 1

The name is read, followed by the association of the veteran to the University, the theater or branch of service, and then any additional information we may have. They are read in random order with the overwhelming majority being students of Youngstown College who died in WWII. There are undoubtedly other names from our community that should be honored at this ceremony. We encourage you to contact our Office of Veterans Affairs if you know of individuals who may be missing from this recognition (330) 941-2503 or veterans@ysu.edu.

Richard Metro  
Richard W. Zinz  
Edward Onko  
William Hottinger  
Byron Pittman  
Ken Nervie  
Francis L. Ware  
Robert Baugh  
Ralph Johnson  
John P. Hudak  
Robert Probyn  
Vincent Raney  
Ray E. Ward  
C. Neil Schroeder  
Haven Grover  
Saul Weber  
Gerald S. Bennett  
William F. Litivin  
James T. Longberry  
Victor L. Ramsey  
Michael Paul Depta  
Paul Leonard Foster  
Harold H. Henderson  
Robert Alexander Farnell  
Thomas E. Welsh  
Robert F. Weber  
Andrew Melek  
Fred C. Stoll, Jr.  
Norbert Swaney  
John E. Headd  
James E. Bournes  
Thomas Michael Bresko  
Charles W. Bare  
Robert Van Cure

Jacob Moidel  
Ernest L. Yauman  
Thomas W. Crawford  
William Norman Solomon  
Paul Joseph Lynne  
Joseph J. Esterly  
Lawrence E. Schultz, Jr.  
Wilbur F. Cordell  
John Richard Stone  
William Richard Curl  
Howard K. Landahl  
Robert W. Landis  
Robert G. Dupola  
William E. Hura  
David Yaus  
Francis D. Stegna  
John J. Datko  
Jerome B. Brenner  
Joseph Sardich  
Charles H. Brown  
Eugene Straka  
Harold W. Hutmager  
William J. Johnston  
Edgar A. Morley  
Russell Alan Schlenker  
John Richard Northall  
Joseph J. Volk  
Anthony Piccolo  
Carl Hubert  
Raymond G. Potter  
Joseph Vanasky  
Gene Clayton  
Leslie H. Sabo, Jr.

## Mahoning and Shenango Chapter Blue Star Families

Son of Mark and Patty Andrews Maj Matt Andrew, USAF, Randolph AFB in San Antonio, Texas Air Education and Training Command (AETC)
Son of Jim & Carrie Hosack, LTJG Brennan Hosack, USN, Key West, Florida
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 VTS (Vessel Traffic Service) at USCG Sector New Orleans, Louisiana
Grandson of Tom & Marla Raseta A1C Joshua Raseta, USAF, Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah, F16 Fighter Squadron
Son of Gary & Patty Williams, Rick Williams brother LTC G. Tim Williams, USAR
Son of Rick & Kelly Williams — PFC Garrett Williams, USA 82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Son of Mike and Barb Wisniewski CPT Steven Wisniewski, USA in Germany, UH-72 Lakota helicopter pilot

### Active Duty Chapter Members

Col James Dignan, USAFR, Pentagon
LTC Wil Kline, USAR, Norfolk, Virginia
LT BJ Sacramento, USN, Youngstown Navy Reserve Center
MAJ Lisa Stremel, USA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

### YSU ROTC Graduates

2013—1LT Eric Hippley, USA, Elmendorf/Richardson Alaska
2013—1LT Jacob Rafidi, USA, Germany
2014—1LT Tyler Strohecker, USA Fort Rucker Alabama training for HH-60M Blackhawk helicopters
2014—1LT Lorin Davis, USA, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii
2014—1LT James Stiger, is back at Fort Leonard Wood with the 5th EN BN after being deployed to Korea
2015—2LT Jared Hideg, USA, Florida
2016—2LT Brandi Burrows, Military Intelligence, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
2016—2LT Adam Hoover, Chemical Corps, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO then Korea
2016—2LT Matthew McIntire, Chemical Corps, currently at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO attending CBOLC
2016—2LT David Smith, Infantry,
2017—2LT Lonnie Bissmeyer, Signal Corps, August



### June Birthdays:

7—Harold Hutzen, 9—Al Lind, 14—Audrey Beatty, 18—Jim Bishop, 19—Bob Morris, 21—Tom Raseta, 26—Rod Hosler, 30—Don Rasile

### July Birthdays

1—Jim Basista, 1—Alan McBane, 7—Bill Kennedy, 8—Larry Scheetz, 10—Tom MacRae, 14—Harlan Jewett, 15—David Smith, 15—Rick Williams, 20—Tom Masters, 22—James Dignan, 22—Gary Williams, 26—Mary Lee McClure



## Membership Renewal or Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Years Active/Reserve \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Free chapter membership if under government contract and you maintain a MOAA national membership. A non military email address is preferred.

☐ 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 MOAA # \_\_\_\_\_

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You may use credit card and PayPal to paid, regular, spouses and surviving spouse dues at [msvc-moaa.org/membership](http://msvc-moaa.org/membership)

**Navy Operational Support Center Youngstown**  
**Attn: MSVC-MOAA**  
**Janet Oglesby, Secretary**  
**3976 King Graves Road Bldg 540**  
**Vienna, OH 44473-5980**

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### 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.

### Portman, Brown Introduce Legislation to Designate Ohio Veterans Memorial and Museum as National Museum

On April 6, U.S. Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced the National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act, legislation to designate the Ohio Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus as the National Veterans Museum and Memorial. The museum will serve as a landmark Representative Steve Stivers (R-OH), Joyce Beatty (D-OH) and Pat Tiberi (R-OH) introduced companion legislation in the House.

"Our veterans have made countless sacrifices on our behalf, and we owe our freedom and liberty to their bravery," said Senator Portman. "It is important that our future generations know about the selfless sacrifices made by so many men and women of the armed forces and their families. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is one way we can commemorate not only brave Ohioans, but all American veterans. I hope the Senate will join us in supporting his legislation."





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5-star web site & 4-star newsletter



## MSVC-MOAA Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Time: 1830 (6:30 P.M.)** Upon arrival you may go ahead to the buffet

**Program Time: 1930 (7:30 P.M.)** Welcome to join the dinner guests for the program. Just inform the cashier you wish to attend the meeting.

**Program:** Camp Reynolds will be presented by Art Williams who is the project manager in preserving and Sharing the History of Camp Reynolds

**Suggested Attire:** Summer Casual

**Menu:** All you can eat buffet \$11.99 plus drink and tax.  
Seniors 60+ \$10.99 plus drink and tax

**RSVP:** Not necessary but if you get a chance, email or call Janet Oglesby [djo52800@neo.rr.com](mailto: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.

## Free Bus Trip to D-Day on August 18<sup>th</sup>



The Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission is sponsoring a trip to the 2017 D-Day Renactment on 18 August in Conneaut Ohio. Included with the transportation is a meal for Veterans. If you are intersted in attending and riding the bus please call the Veterans Service Commission at **330-740-2450** with the following information:  
**Name, Address, Contact Information, Emergency Contact Information.**

Trumbull County Veterans? Rod Hosler is still waiting to hear if this will be a joint event with Mahoning County.