

Camp Reynolds–History in Our Own Backyard

The Mahoning & Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America held its June dinner meeting at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. In attendance were 27 MSVC members for the presentation on Camp Reynolds an Army camp is just north of Golden Corral during World War II.

Our presenter, Art Williams, grew up in Reynolds near the present VFW Post. When he played “army” as a boy, he did so in people’s yards and wooded areas where real Army men once drilled in preparation for service during World War II. “My goal is to share and preserve,” Williams said. “To honor the 1 million guys who were there.” His power point presentation showed maps, photos, newspaper clippings from that era. He maintains an very informative web site www.campreynolds.com where you can see photos and maps of the camp.

Camp Name

Original Name: Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot Renamed: Camp Reynolds (September 21, 1943); In honor, of Pennsylvania Civil War Hero Major General John F. Reynolds, Killed on July 1, 1863, the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, he was from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Location/Size

- Pymatuning Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania
- Approximately 2500 Acres
- Main Part 1600 Acres / Rifle-Pistol Range 900 Acres
- Time Frame (Operated for 3 Years and 8 Months) Activated 1/6/1943 Closed 2/28/1946

Why Camp Location Was Selected

Major Reasons

- Mild Winters
- Good Railroad Facilities Close to East Coast Embarkation Points



MSVC President LTC Gary Williams presents Art Williams with the MSVC-MOAA flag set.

Other Reasons

- Land was Cheap (around \$70 an acre)
- Land to Expand
- Water Supply was Adequate
- Terrain for Obstacle Courses & Rifle Range

Uses of the Camp

- Personnel Replacement Depot - Until 12/11/1944
- Soldiers sent to European & Pacific Theaters of Operation
- Prisoner of War Base Camp - 4/4/1944 to 1/15/1946
- Army’s First Full Time Canvas & Webbing Repair Facility 12/1944 to 1/1946

Capacity

- Camp was built to house 90,000 Troops
- Number estimated here at one time is 48,000 to 75,000. Over one million soldiers passed through the Camp
- Construction (War Department contract awarded 6/23/42) Cost Originally \$3 Million/Final Estimated at \$20 Million Architects Gannett, Eastman, Fleming of Harrisburg, Builders Mellon-Stuart Construction Co. of Pittsburgh

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MSVC President Gary Williams, presents assistant manager of Golden Corral a check for \$100 for Camp Corral. 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 their web site is www.campcorral.org



MAJ Jack Russell at MSVC display at the air show. A thank you to LTC Mike Wisniewski, CAPT Doc Sweeney who also volunteered their time. Former LT Bruce Bille provided the display.



This was the chapter display at the Armed Forces Day in Buhl Park, in Hermitage. MAJ Sandy Leasure and Janet Oglesby donated their time for the one day event.

MSVC-MOAA 2017 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
7/22	Ohio Council of Chapters Meeting, Columbus
7/27	MSVC Vienna Rod and Gun Club, Shoot-em, picnic supper see page 7
8/6	Wings-n-Wheels Show Ernie Hall Aviation Museum SLOAS Airfield 4033 North River Road Warren, 44484 www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org see last page
8/17-19	D-Day at Conneaut www.ddayohio.us see last page
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
YARS - Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio TBA - To be announced Suggestions for programs contact: Florence Hosler	

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Camp Reynolds from page 1**Three Part Camp**

- Battalion Area - Consisting of Barracks & Other Facilities
- Service Area - Consisting of Theaters, Gyms, etc.
- Headquarters and Hospital Area

Labor

- Over 16,000 total workers I 4,500 plus employed at one time. Workers worked 6 days a week and 10 hour days.

Buildings

The Camp consisted of over 1000 buildings: Barracks, Officers Quarters, Theaters, Recreation Halls, Service Clubs, Libraries, Infirmarys, Dental Clinics, Guest Houses, Mess Halls, Post Exchanges, Fire Stations, Motor Pools, Chapels, Warehouses, Guard Houses, Headquarters, Officer Clubs, Hospital, Post Office, Train Station, Telephone-Telegraph Office, etc.

Commanders

- COL George H. Cherrington – 11/4/1942 to 5/22/1943
- COL Zim E. Lawhon – 5/22/1943 to 11/8/1943
- COL George M. Couper – 11/8/1943 to 12/15/1943
- BG Jesse A. Ladd – 12/15/1943 to 12/11/1944
- LTC George Blaney – 12/11/1944 to 9/17/1945
- COL Medorem Crawford, Jr. – 9/17/1945 to 1/16/1946
- MAJ Roy E. Hultz – 1/16/1946 to 1/29/1946
- MAJ Roy H. Winters – 1/29/1946 to 2/28/1946

Entertainers and Sports Stars Who Visited the Camp

Judy Garland, Virginia Weidler, June Priesser, Wayne King, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Sugar Ray Robinson, Joe Louis, the Cleveland Indians, the Pittsburgh Pirates, Art Rooney, and Lou Boudreau among others.

POWS

- The Camp housed 1800 Prisoners of War (mainly Germans) 800 On-Base – 1000 at Branch Camps
- Discipline was handled by food rations and by having POWS walk back to the camp after working off site.

Conversion

After the Camp's closing the area was converted into an industrial-residential community. It was a potato fields before it was an Army camp.

Miscellaneous

- The Army built 10 single level dormitories across from the Camp for civilian family workers
- The Army and USO Organization built a USO Center in Greenville's Riverside Park. It was visited by 812,530 servicemen and women.
- Streets were lettered A, B, C, D, E and were numbered 1-27.

* Theaters were named for local towns.

Legislative Issues – July 2017



Legislative Affairs Co-Chair, COL John Koshan

Independence Day, 2017, and congress is on yet another holiday recess and a fairly short time period between now and the beginning of the new budget year this fall. Congress has been at work reviewing the proposed Defense spending plan submitted by the administration and marking up proposals. Both Armed services committees (House and Senate) did approve their respective version of the Defense Authorization Bill for FY 2018 prior to recess. A highly unusual event as both committees rarely pass bills at the same time.

Each committee has staked out their areas of major emphasis and in some instances, are the same but in others are different and in some instances significant differences. Each area of difference will eventually have to be negotiated and a compromise reached before a final bill is drawn up. Currently then we have three (3) proposed versions Defense Authorization Bill, the House the Senate and of course the budget submitted by the Administration in late May. Both the House and the Senate versions propose larger defense spending than the administration. These differences like all other differences will have to be reconciled before any bill is authorized. Another area of major disagreement between the House and Senate is the active duty pay raise. Both the Senate and the Administration favor a pay increase of 2.1%, whereas the House favors a 2.4% increase. The 2.1% favored by the administration and senate would increase the gap between the military and the private sector. The house proposed increase of 2.4% matches the employment cost index, not increasing the pay gap. History shows that until retention is affected, the pay gap will not be addressed.

Last year's National Defense Authorization Act gave us major changes to the Military Health System and TRICARE and the reforms initiated remain relatively intact with this budget proposal and neither the House or the Senate have proposed anything new. A series of fee changes however are being proposed. New enrollment fees, higher deductibles, Pharmacy fees and out of network cost could all be affected. All categories of beneficiaries except active duty members and their families and those beneficiaries of TRICARE for Life could see fee increases. Retiree beneficiaries under TRICARE under the age of 65 could see big increases in health care costs. MOAA has expressed concern at the proposed fee changes and continuous to work with both House and Senate leaders to improve the Military Health System.

Below is a broad comparison of all three versions of the Defense Authorization Act currently under consideration:

	Administration	House	Senate
Base Spending:	603Bil	621Bil	640Bil
Pay Raise:	2.1%	2.4%	2.1%
Pharmacy Fees	3 x over 10 yrs	Index to COLA	More than COLA

As the above shows, considerable discussion must occur before a defense bill is passed. Each house of congress must approve its version and then reconcile with the other. When lawmakers return to Washington after the recess, they will have approximately 25 working days to reach an agreement on all the differences between each version. This is little time to act on a piece of legislation that will have a significant impact on this nation. After years of unnecessary and unwise cuts to our national security under the previous administration, this legislation is a step forward in rebuilding our military and insuring our nation is ready to meet any new threats. Let us hope that our representatives are capable.

MOAA is on the side of increased defense spending and improved Military Health Care at a reasonable expense. Please support MOAA's efforts and insure that our political representatives know our position on the issues.

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Name: _____ Military Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Branch _____ Rank _____ Years Active/Reserve ____/____ ☐ Active *(Regular) — ☐ Reserve* — ☐ National Guard*

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

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

☐ 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**

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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 # _____

Chapter dues from now to Dec. 31, 2018 \$20


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 to paid, regular, spouses and surviving spouse dues at msvc-moaa.org/membership

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Son of Mark and Patty Andrews Maj Matt Andrew, USAF, Randolph AFB in San Antonio, Texas Air Education and Training Command (AETC)	
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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 Black-hawk helicopters
2014—1LT Lorin Davis, USA, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii
2014—1LT James Stiger, is back at Fort Leonard Wood with the 5 th 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

July Birthdays

1—Jim Basista, 1—Alan McBane, 6—Kristina Valentic, 7—Bill Kennedy, 8—Larry Scheetz, 10—Tom MacRae, 14—Harlan Jewett, 15—David Smith, 15—Rick Williams, 17— Ben Kulper, 20—Tom Masters, 22—James Dignan, 22—Gary Williams, 26—Mary Lee McClure

August Birthdays

1—Eric Hippley, 4—US Coast Guard, 18—Joe Mersol, 18—Deanne Thomas, 19—Fr Dan Rohan, 21—Jim Borgen, 20—Doc Sweeney, 22—Jacob Rafidi, 23—Walt Duzzny, 27—David Kountz, 29—Marine Corps Reserve, 30—George Jarbeck

Welcome new members who also have July Birthdays

COL Ben Kulper, MC-USAR, Ret.

1st Lt Kristina Valentic, NC-USAFR

Ohio Council of Chapters State Convention

22 – 24 September 2017—Youngstown Air Reserve Station

AGENDA

Friday, 22 September:

1500 – 2000 Registration, Eagles Nest Lodge

1800 – 2100 Meet and Greet, Cash Bar

w/ hors d'oeuvres and oldies DJ

Saturday, 23 September: (sport shirt/slacks)

0730 – 0830 Buffet Breakfast in the CAC

0730 – 0830 Registration Continues in the CAC

0830 – 0900 Opening Ceremony

Welcoming

Council President: Col Dick Calta, USAF, Ret.

Chapter President MSVC: LTC Gary Williams, USA, Ret.

Commander, 910th AW: Col Daniel Sarachene, USAFR

0900 – 1030 MORNING SPEAKERS

RADM Margaret Kitt, USPHS, Administrator, USPHS Region

CAPT Nick Bartolotta, USCG, Commander 9th USCG District

1030 – 1040 BREAK

COL William E. Meade, OHARNG, Cdr, Camp Ravenna

Ashley Lester, National Veterans Memorial & Museum

1200 – 1320 Buffet Lunch

1330 – 1630 AFTERNOON SPEAKERS & PROGRAM

1330 – 1400—Mr. Robert Edwards, DFAS

1400 – 1430 Col Sarachene, USAFR, Cdr, 910th AW

1430 – 1630 C-130 Orientation Flight

Packard Museum/Free Time

Locker Rooms Available for Changing

1845 – 1930 Social-Cash Bar in the CAC (coat & tie)

1930 – 2130 Banquet in the CAC

2130 – 2300 Cash Bar in the CAC

Speaker: Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF, Ret., MOAA

Sunday, 24 September:

0730 – 0800 Non-denominational Chapel Service in the CAC

Maj Phyllis Plear, Council Chaplain

0800 – 0900 Buffet Breakfast in the CAC

0900 – 1200 OCC Quarterly Meeting

Speaker: LTC Clarence Counts, USA, Ret., MOAA

Contact Person: LTC Rod Hosler; phone: 330-788-3270; email: hosler1@zoominternet.net.

Room reservations NLT 8 September should be made directly with the **Eagle's Nest Lodge** at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Phone Number: 330-609-1268 is preferred, cite "**MOAA Convention**" as a block of rooms have been reserved. You may also use the <http://af.dodlodging.net/> web site. Room Rate: (\$60 per night/VIP Suite \$69 per night.) For further information visit: www.msvc-moaa.org. Other hotels 8-miles from the YARS in the Warren/Niles Eastwood Mall area: Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn, Residence Inn, or Hampton Inn.

Registration Form

-> **Return NLT 8 September** <-



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Rank: _____ Branch: _____

Military ID Card: Yes/No Attending Officer's Date Of Birth: _____ Retired/Former/Surviving Spouse

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Date Of Birth: _____ Primary Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Chapter: _____

Friday evening Meet and Greet, heavy hors d'oeuvres (cash bar) _____ @ \$ 0 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast, Luncheon, Banquet and Sunday Breakfast _____ @ \$55 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast and Luncheon ONLY _____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon ONLY _____ @ \$10 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon and Banquet ONLY _____ @ \$40 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet ONLY _____ @ \$30 per person = \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast ONLY _____ @ \$ 5 per person = \$ _____

Spouse's Card Making 0900–1200 (23 Sept) _____ @ \$ 5 per person = \$ _____

C130 Orientation Flight to Niagara Falls and back _____ @ \$ 0 per person = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Banquet Meal Choices: Two entrée dinner Beef & Chicken # _____ Vegetarian # _____

Make check payable to: **MSVC-MOAA Convention** and mail to: Navy Operational Support Center Youngstown

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**Donations of Gift Cards and Gift Baskets are
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Auction at our Convention contact Florence
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Thursday, July 27 MSVC Military Rifle and Pistol Shoot + Picnic

MSVC gun shoot and member picnic will be held at the Vienna Fish & Game Club, [1508 Youngstown Kingsville Rd \(Rt. 193\), Vienna, OH 44473](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1508+Youngstown+Kingsville+Rd,+Vienna,+OH+44473/@41.583,-83.718,15z). 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 be held after the range has been secured. A stocked fishing pond is also available (catch and release).



Rifle and Pistol Shoot, 5:00 – 6:30. Everyone—Bring your own eye and hearing protection!

Several MSVC members have volunteered to bring their military weapons to allow others to shoot. The sample 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.

Ammunition. Those bringing guns are asked to also bring proper ammunition. If other members want to fire a provided weapon, they are expected to pay for the ammunition used.

So shooters—bring cash.



Cost: \$5/person for picnic dinner see below for details. Ammunition for shooting is extra.

Schedule:

- 4:30 – 5:00 Range prep. Bring UNLOADED weapons to the range
- 5:00 – 5:15 Range Safety Briefing
If you don't make the safety briefing, you don't shoot.
- 5:15 – 5:30 Women's Rifle and Pistol Shoot – instruction from VFGC
- 5:30 – 6:30 MSVC Members' Rifle and Pistol Shoot
- 6:30 – 6:45 Police the brass / range cleaning
- 6:45 – 8:00 Picnic dinner: Chapter will provide pull pork sandwiches, paper/plastic ware and bottle water. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Refrigerators are available and there are plug-ins for crockpots. RSVP for by July 25 to djo52800@neo.rr.com



Current weapons available for shooting:

Rifles:

Pistols:

1903A3	.30-06 / 7.62 x 54		Colt Model .38 Officers	.38 Long
M-1	.30-06 / 7.62 x 54		1911	.45 ACP FMJ
AR-15	.556 x 45		9mm	9 mm
Mosin Nagant	.762 x 54R		Ruger P89	9 mm
AK-47	7.62 x 39		Springfield Armory XD45 ACP	.45 ACP FMJ
			Glock 19	9mm
			Smith & Wesson M&P	.40 cal

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Free Bus Trip to D-Day on Friday, August 18th



The Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission is sponsoring a trip to the 2017 D-Day Renactment on Friday, August 18 in Conneaut Ohio.

Departing Place and Time: The Veterans Service Commission 345 Oakhill Avenue, Youngstown Ohio at approximately 6:30 AM on day of the event and returning 6:30 PM the same day. Included with the transportation is a meal for Veterans. If you are interested 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. You don't have to be a resident of Mahoning County to ride the bus. VSC is paying for two buses and they would like them to be full.



Admission: Adults \$10, Children ages 6-12 \$5, 5 under free