

MSVC was a Great Host for Ohio Council of Chapters Biennial Convention

by LTC Mike Wisniewski

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MSVC-MOAA) hosted the 2017 Ohio Council of Chapters Biennial Convention at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS), Vienna, on Friday and Saturday September 22–23 at the Consolidated Activities Center (CAC). This was the first time the statewide convention was hosted by our Chapter and the very first time it was held in the Youngstown-Warren area. One hundred attendees representing seven chapters from all over the State of Ohio converged at the CAC on Friday and Saturday along with 14 guests. It concluded Sunday morning after a nondenominational chapel service followed by quarterly meeting of the Ohio Council of Chapters.

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, President and CEO of MOAA, was the keynote speaker at the banquet on Saturday. This was the second time in five years that a three-star level flag officer has visited our chapter, coming all the way from headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. This distinction is highly unusual for such a young chapter among over 400 chapters in the nation. At the time of his retirement from the Air Force in 2012, Atkins served as commander of Alaskan Command, Alaska NORAD Region located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. As a pilot with over 4000 hours in fighter aircraft, he also flew the A-10 Warthog and flew with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team. Lt. Gen. Atkins also presented the MSVC with prestigious MOAA Five-Star Level of Excellence Award. After three previous Four-Star Awards and missing the top award by a hair, we



finally put it all together and got the 5-Star Award, an award achieved by fewer than 20% of all the chapters in the nation. A big tip of the hat to our officers and board members who made this happen—especially Janet Oglesby, Gary Williams, Rod Hosler, Florence Hosler, and John Koshan.

The MSVC listed 44 members attending the Conference representing about 40% of the attendees. This was a very good showing of support from our membership. However, those members who did not attend for one reason or another missed out on a very enjoyable social, entertaining, and highly informative convention. Friday night registration and Meet & Greet in the CAC Lounge was well attended and offered a chance to relax and meet old friends from other Chapters and meet new ones. The hors d'oeuvres were complimentary of the MSVC as host for the convention. Keyboard entertainment and a few vocal renditions was provided by Dave Walgreene. While enjoying drink and social merriment, the attendees purchased tickets for 100 gift items on display for a Chinese auction. While some items were purchased from the MOAA store (hats and embroidered jackets) most items were graciously donated by Dennis & Esther Gartland and other chapter members.. The Chapter greatly benefited financially with this very successful fund raiser.

The MSVC presented an array of interesting and informative speakers throughout the convention day on Saturday. After welcoming remarks by Col Dick Calta, President of the Ohio Council of Chapters, and LTC Gary Williams, President, MSVC, LTC Rod Hosler conducted Master of Ceremonies duty and introduced CAPT Nicholas Bartolotta who is the Chief of Staff, 9th U.S. Coast Guard District in Cleveland. His power point presenta-

tion highlighted the mission, organization, equipment and activities of his District as well as the Coast Guard Branch in general. The Coast Guard now falls under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security. RADM Margaret Kitt, who is the Deputy Director for Programs at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) was the next guest speaker and gave a very informative briefing. As one of 30 Assistant Surgeon Generals, Kitt belongs to one of the seven federal uniformed services that commission officers.



The next presenter introduced by LTC Hosler was COL William E. Meade, Commander, Camp Ravenna, Ohio National Guard. His presentation, complete with maps and old photographs through the years, showed the historical progression and transformation of this area since it was purchased in 1939 for \$1.8 million dollars. This land consists of 20,641 acres of ground and it cost \$61 million dollars to construct the facilities. During WWII and for many years afterwards it was a major bomb and artillery ordinance manufacturing and storage facility. It is now used primarily by the National Guard as a training facility, weapons qualifications, and even as a training drop zone for the C-130's of the 910th Airlift Wing. It is one of three sites in the United States still in contention to be considered for development as a strategic ballistic missile site. COL Meade



dispelled the often-mentioned folklore that Camp Ravenna was selected as bomb making site because it has the most cloud cover of any area in the United States. Rounding out the morning presenters was Ms. Ashley Lester who is the Senior Project Manager of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum being built in downtown Columbus, Ohio. This Veterans Memorial and Museum is intended to memorialize individuals rather than be a showpiece of war related weaponry and equipment. This is still not completed and they are looking for additional non-governmental funding to complete and sustain the museum.



After a buffet lunch, Robert Edwards, Director of Defense Finance and Accounting Center in Cleveland, presented information about military pay for active duty and retired personnel. The Cleveland office is one of 10 DFAS Centers but is also one of the largest. It handles 631,000 military payroll accounts, 314,000 civilian payroll accounts which together total \$347 billion dollars processes in a year. Any questions regarding your retirement pay, call (216) 522-5707. Next on the program was COL Terri Coles, MOAA Senior Director of Chapter Affairs. She presented a brief overview of MOAA programs, chapter and council involvement, and chapter awards for levels of excellence, chapter websites, and chapter newsletters. There are 34 Councils, 400 Chapters, and 1071 new members recruited to date. MOAA's website and magazine will be undergoing a new design.



In the notable absence of the base commander, Col Daniel Sarachene, who was scheduled to talk about YARS and the 910th Airlift Wing for the enlightenment of the attendees from across the State, Lt Col John Boccieri, former U.S. Representative from 16th District and now representing 59th district in the Ohio House of Representative was the base commander's stand-in. Boccieri talked briefly about some of the unique specialized aerial spray mission assigned to the 910th. He also talked about the aging models of C-130's stationed here which may soon severely impact the 910th's ability to carry on its world-wide mission if the electronics and communications are not upgraded to the current overseas standards. Flying older model aircraft may also affect the entire base if Congress undergoes another Base Realignment review.



After an evening banquet, Lt Gen Atkins, was the guest speaker. After a brief synopsis of some of the more interest-

ing aspects of his active duty career, especially as a member of the Air Force Thunderbirds, Atkins succinctly explained how and why MOAA became one of the top lobbyist and most respected military lobbyist organizations in congress. It is primarily because of our clearly defined efforts to protect and enhance the benefits of active duty and retired members but we help write the legislative language that Congressmen and Senators can introduce in a bill.



By the end of the evening, many of the attendees walked away with beautiful Chinese Auction gifts, some of which retailed for more than \$100.00. Thank you once again Dennis and Esther Gartland for your generous donation in helping the MSVC with this fund raiser. This convention was the culmination of two years of planning since we agreed to be the host chapter at the last biennial convention hosted by the Dayton Chapter. By all accounts, the attendees had extremely favorable comments regarding the site accommodations, the Eagle's Nest Lodge, the food served by the CAC, the quality and topics of our guest speakers, and the fastidious attention to detail in planning the whole convention. It was a huge success in the eyes of the Council and by those who came to participate. And...because of its venue, the cost for everything was very reasonable, even if you chose to stay overnight at the Lodge. It was gratifying to see so many of our Chapter members in attendance. For those who did not, or could not attend, it will be another 14 years before it's our turn to host the convention again. This truly was an event that would have made you proud to say you are a member of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter – MOAA.



The versatility of the CAC, as MOAA officers were on one side of the wall. Ladies were enjoying a activity on greeting cards. The instructors not only donated their time but the material charges were donated to MSVC scholarship fund. Thank you!

President's Ponderings

by LTC Gary Williams



If you missed the Ohio Council of Chapters Convention held the weekend of September 22–24, 2017, sponsored by your own MSVC-MOAA here at the YARS, then you missed a great experience and opportunity to meet other MOAA members from all over the state of Ohio! It was very well attended, and almost all in attendance said it was the best convention they had ever attended, and hinted that future convention sponsors should consider keeping it here at the YARS! There was great accommodations, fun, food and fellowship! The speakers were fabulous, and we were honored as a 5-star chapter—the very first time in our young history!

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend our next chapter meeting, as I will be on vacation. But I will see you and be at the November meeting. Again I want to commend all our local MSVC-MOAA members for your participation in our chapter activities this past year. Remember, we are only as strong as our member support. Never stop serving! A special thanks and commendations to the board members of our chapter for their tireless effort in putting together a very first class convention. You should be very proud of them!

Gary



Commanding Officer

Navy Operational Support Center, Youngstown
requests the pleasure of your company at the
Change of Command Ceremony at which
Lieutenant Commander Benjamin A. Sacramento,
United States Navy
will be relieved by
Lieutenant Commander Jennifer L. Reid,
United States Navy
on Saturday, the fourteenth of October
at eleven o'clock
on board

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Military: Uniform of the Day
Civilian: Business Casual



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MSVC-MOAA 2017 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
10/14	LCDR BJ Sacramento Change of Command Ceremony RSVP by Sept 29. See above.
10/27	MSVC at YARS 1300, speaker Don Manning he is running for State Representative - 59 th District, Ohio see page 5.
11/3	The United States Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus, Champion High School Auditorium FREE tickets See ad on this page to obtain your own tickets
11/17	MSVC at YARS 1300, speaker Judge Milich Veterans Court Annual Business Meeting/Election and Installation of Officers
12/3	MSVC and ROA Christmas Party

Legislative Issues – October 2017

What will the final National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) look like, and what other challenges await?

The process leading up to a defense bill is basic in its design but complicated in every other way. The House of Representatives passed its version of the bill July 14; the Senate passed its Sept. 18. The next step is to reconcile the two bills into one both houses can support.

This reconciliation takes place in a conference committee, an ad hoc body comprising key subcommittee members and others as determined by House and Senate leaders. As of this date, the committee has yet to be formed - but it is likely to happen soon as there are many differences to resolve. Some of those key differences are detailed here:

MOAA FY18 NDAA Priorities

The NDAA is headed to conference committee, where several of the stark differences between House and Senate bills will be smoothed out.

Topic	House Version	Senate Version	MOAA Position
Force Strength	Army – 486,000 (+10k) Navy – 327,900 (+4k) USMC – 185,000 (No chng) Air Force – 325,100 (+4.1K)	Army – 481,000 (+5K) Navy – 327,900 (+4K) USMC – 186,000 (+1K) USAF – 325,100 (+4.1K)	Support the Senate provision for USMC and House for other services
Military Pay Raise	2.4%	2.1%	Support the House's 2.4% pay raise to keep pace with private-sector wage growth
Housing Allowances	No change	Eliminate with-dependent rate for dual-member couples with children located at the same duty station	BAH is an integral piece of military compensation. Couples should not be penalized for marrying another servicemember
Survivor Benefits	Expressed desire to eliminate SBP-DIC offset completely ASAP	Permanent extension and COLA adjustments to SSIA	The offset should be eliminated. Mere COLA-adjustments to the current SSIA level is insufficient progress toward that goal
TRICARE Fees	Unchanged	Repeal last year's provision in law to grandfather currently serving and retired resulting in steep fee increases	Oppose Senate provision. Congress must live up to its commitments to exempt current beneficiaries per the law passed last year
Pharmacy Copays	Remain indexed to COLA	Increases pharmacy copays, eliminates the COLA-based adjustment process for those copays, and replaces it with a higher National Health Expenditure Index	Oppose Senate provision. Recent increases were determined arbitrarily, requiring beneficiaries to fund program changes that are the government's responsibility
TRICARE Reserve Select	Unchanged	Allows FEHBP-eligible reservists to enroll in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve	Support Senate provision. Extend TRS eligibility to Reserve members eligible for FEHBP but not through increased fees

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Membership Meeting at YARS, Friday, 27 October at 1300 hr – RSVP by Thursday 26th by 0800 hr

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

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests, Surviving Spouses

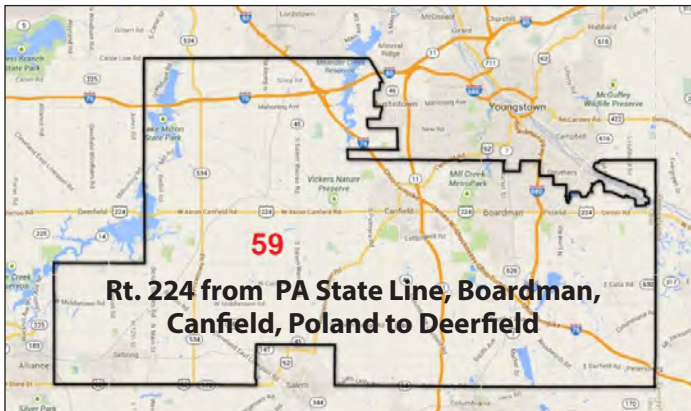
Social: 1230 no cash bar

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

Lunch: 1310 (preorder from the selections below)

Attire: Casual

Program: Don Manning, Candidate for State Representative, 59th District



The web site is set up to take orders, but not credit cards. It will help with accuracy of the order. Please pay at the lunch meeting with cash, check, or credit card. The "soup of the day" will be announced in the email reminder that arrives a week before the meeting.

Pre order from the following selections.

Entrees:

Buffalo Chicken Wrap, beverage.....\$8.00
Lettuce, tomato, onion, shredded cheddar, ranch and buffalo sauce

Club Sandwich, beverage \$8.00
Ham, turkey, bacon, American & provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo

Reuben Sandwich, beverage..... \$8.00
Marble rye, cornbeef, sauerkraut, swiss and dressing

Fish Sandwich, beverage \$6.00
Tarter sauce and lettuce

Chef Salad, beverage, roll.....\$9.00
Cherry tomatoes, sliced red onions, cucumber, hard-boiled eggs, shredded cheddar and pepper jack cheese, julienne ham and turkey

Side Options:

Side Salad..... \$3.00
tomatoes, cucumbers, black olives & cheese

French Fries \$1.00

Cup of "Soup of Day" \$3.00

Salad Dressing

Your choice of Italian, Balsamic, French, Ranch dressing

RSVP:

1. Use the web site msvc-moaa.org/next-chapter-event to place your order.
2. Email Janet Oglesby djo52800@neo.rr.com with your reservation and menu selection.
3. Or call 330-568-4456 leave a message. Make sure you state your menu selection.

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 (Spatz 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.

Members without Military ID

A Driver's License Number Is Now Required to Obtain YARS Access 10 Days Before the Event

Ten days before an event on the Youngstown Air Base, I have to submit a Base Entry Access Request form to base security. On this form are all our chapter members that do not have a military ID. The form has you name and birthdate. This allows you to pass through security with your driver's license without being escorted by the military police or I have to come and escort you.

Starting in **OCTOBER** the birthdate has to be replaced with your driver's license number. If you wish to have your spouses name on the list that is up to you. I prefer if you can email me your driver's license number—you may call me.

I have driver's license numbers from DeLucia, Dickerson, Fairbanks, Gall, Lind, Maurer, McClure, Zentis.

Thanks for your corporation on this matter.

Janet Oglesby

djo52800@neo.rr.com

330-568-4456

Welcome New Member:

CPT Kevin McGee, USA, Ret., Hillard, Ohio. His parents live in Howland and boys live in Vienna. Kevin is life long friends with chapter member Dennis Gartland.

Did you change your address, phone number, email, add a cell number? The chapter will be producing a directory in November. Notify Janet Oglesby of these changes.

Also, mid-late November an invoice for 2018 Chapter dues. MOAA National dues are invoiced separately by MOAA the month you joined MOAA national.

Our Purpose

MSVC Mission Statement

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.

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.

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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*

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☐ Surviving Spouse is available for surviving spouse of a military officer **Membership \$10/year**

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Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone _____

E-mail: _____ Applicant DOB _____ Spouse DOB _____

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Member of MOAA National ☐ Yes ☐ No MOAA # _____

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

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You may use credit card and PayPal to paid, regular, spouses and surviving spouse dues at msvc-moaa.org/membership

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Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter Blue Star Families

If you know anyone who is deployed, or will be deploying, overseas, please contact the USO so we can add them to our recipient list. We want to support as many of our dedicated military members as possible and keep them connected with home and family. **Contact Information:** Bruce A. Bille, USO Northern Ohio Youngstown Air Reserve Station Support Office, Office: (330) 609-2115 Cell/Text: (330) 333-0397 Fax: (330) 617-8515 E-mail: USOTrumbullCo@gmail.com

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2016–2LT Matthew McIntire, Chemical Corps, currently at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO attending CBOLC
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2017–2LT Lonnie Bissmeyer, Signal Corps

October Birthdays: 4–David Di Tallo, 10–Lorin Davis, 13–US Navy, 25–Will Stamp, 25–Jim Solmen, 30–Jared Hideg

November Birthdays: 2–Rob Hanni, 2–John Koshan, 3–BJ Sacramento, 7–Mike Wisniewski, 10–Brennan Hosack, 10–US Marines Corps, 13–John Caparanis, 19–Matt Andrews, 21–Sam Axtell, 26–Anthony Antolini





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How many service branches does it take?

During the council meeting on Sunday at the convention. A request came from TSgt Aileen Cooper, USAF for an officer to give the enlistment oath to Ryan Gernert. MG Dan Hahn, Army administered the oath. LT Bruce Bille, Navy held the verbiage. Ryan is a military kid, as his dad was a fighter pilot.



MSVC members who were in attendance at the banquet Saturday evening at the convention.

Front Row Board Members:

Gary Williams, Florence Hosler, Dana Atkins, Dennis Gartland, Janet Oglesby, Bruce Bille

2nd Row: Sam Axtell, Sandy Lasure, Mike Wisniewski, Joe Zentis, Jim Basista, Ralph Minton, Mark Andrews, Will Stamp

3rd Row: Don Rasile, Josh Palmer, Jack Russell, David Di Tallo, Rod Hosler, Bob Milich, Jim Hosack, Al Lind

There are 12 charter members in the picture.



Five-Star Council and Chapters

Dick Calta, President, Ohio Council

Gary Williams, President, Mahoning and Shenango Valleys

Ron Smetana, President, Ohio Western Reserve

Dana Atkins, President and CEO of MOAA

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