

What does the State of Ohio Lead the Nation In?

If you learned nothing else from the presentation of Don Manning, you found out that it costs taxpayers approximately \$12,000 to administer one dose of Naloxone (NARCAN) to a person who overdosed on opioids. The guest speaker at the regular luncheon meeting of the MSVC held at the YARS in Vienna also mentioned that Ohio led the nation in opioid deaths in 2016, far surpassing states like California and New York. According to Mr. Manning, who is running for State Representative of the 59th District in Ohio, 4,149 deaths in Ohio were from opioid overdose out of a nation-wide total of 28,647. It's a staggering number that only seems to be increasing as the opioid crises continues to rise nationally, especially in our area.

Manning was born in Texas while his father served in the military but moved to this area as a young child and graduated from Springfield High School. He joined the Navy and directed planes on the flight deck of the USS Forrestal (CV-59) during the early 1990's. After completing his military service, Manning went into the jewelry business and then went back to school to get his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and became a Truancy Officer, Detention Officer and worked with newly released inmates of the Juvenile Justice Center, particularly those with drug addiction. In discussing several case studies involving drug addiction, overdosing, and criminal behavior associated with drugs, Manning reiterated the debate going on throughout the community and the State as to how many times do we bring back individuals who simply refuse to alter their habitual opioid drug addiction behavior. After the speaker's presentation, a lively question and answer discussion period ensued with many of the 37 Chapter members in attendance participating. This opioid problem which is approaching an epi-



Don Manning accepts the MSVC flag set from First Vice President Florence Hosler

demic crisis in our nation was certainly a timely topic for the Chapter's meeting.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Al Lind and CAPT Bill Sweeny won the MOAA ball cap. Upcoming events for the month of November were listed on the program. Likewise, the proposed Slate of Officers for 2018 was printed and presented to the membership. The proposed slate of officers are:

President, LT Florence Hosler, USN
1st VP, COL John Koshan, USA, Ret.

2nd VP, LTC Sam Axtell, USA, Ret.

Secretary, LT Al Lind, USN

Treasurer, LT Bruce Bille, USN

Past President., LTC Gary Williams, USA, Ret.

Board Members at Large:

Public Relations, LTC Mike Wisniewski, USA, Ret.

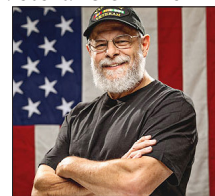
Legislative, LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.

Personal, CPT Dennis Gartland, USA

Election of Officers will take place during the Annual Business Meeting/Luncheon on November 17th at 13:00 hrs at the Consolidated Activities Center, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna. Please make plans to attend this important meeting to hear Judge Milich speak about the Mahoning County Veteran's Court which he successfully instituted a few years ago and is spreading in many court jurisdictions throughout the nation.

From Military Exchanges Veterans Online Shopping Benefit

The Exchange is excited to welcome Veterans of all United States Armed Forces as part of the Veterans online shopping benefit. Starting November 11th all Exchanges will be able to serve the lifelong shopping privileges you've rightfully earned. The first step is check your eligibility. Go to VetVerify.org and submit your verification form. FREE Standard Shipping to US Zip Codes *When Your Online Purchase Totals \$49 or More. TAX-FREE SHOPPING On top of already great deals on clothing, electronics and more



Back Row: Janet Oglesby, Rod Hosler, Ralph & Beth Minton and Al Lind (not pictured) attended LCDR BJ Sacramento Change of Command Ceremony in October. BJ is holding daughter Cal-lie, his wife Lesley (R). BJ's mother (L) came from California for the ceremony. BJ had never heard of MOAA when he started at NOSC-Youngstown but because of MSVC members commitment to still being officers, he is now a Life Member of MOAA. His next command is (COMSUBGRU 8) located on NSA Capodicinho, Naples, Italy.



Time to Start Again

2017 Level of Excellence Award

by Janet Oglesby—jlo52800@neo.rr.com

The chapter received its first 5-Star LOE Award for 2016, after three years of 4-Stars. Below is the written description on how I answered the question *Did the chapter actively engage in programs/projects that enhanced the image of the chapter and MOAA during the year of competition (2016)?*

I put individual's names on what our members did for veterans but also their community outreach which touches veterans. The chapter has close to 100 members, it is not possible to know what individuals volunteer for. I know that I missed members in 2016, and I may not have expressed in writing what you do. Please take this in the spirit that it isn't to showcase individuals. Some members interact with veterans because of their employment or they feel a calling to help veterans. *Here is the guideline for 2017 that I want to use. If MSVC member and/or spouse are directly involved in an organization Lions Club, Rotary, places of worship, etc... and you personally assist this organization in doing some type of community outreach in the year 2017.* I like for you to email me or write it down and send or give it to me. Please do not tell me verbally at a luncheon. *I do not assume because you did the activity 2016 that you did it in 2017.* My goal is to have this written by **January 15th**.

Chapter members **Dick Calta, Roderick Hosler, Thomas Petzinger, Patrick Williams** spoke at 2016 Memorial Day events within the chapter area. Members **William Sweeney, David Di Tallo, Roderick Hosler** spoke on Veterans Day to different organizations.

Member **Roderick Hosler** helped plan and organize the Wreaths Across America program in Poland, Ohio and served as its emcee.

Chapter members placed U.S. flags on graves of veterans at four local cemeteries for Memorial Day.

Our Chapter continued its support of the Veterans Resource Center at Youngstown State University by buying video games for their recreational lounge. The student veterans enjoy relaxing by playing video games. Member **Patrick Williams** is the director of this facility, the Chapter also provided him with gift cards to assistance student veterans who "may be down on their luck."

Our June dinner meeting at Golden Corral restaurant in Hermitage, Pennsylvania resulted in a \$100 donation to Camp Corral which sends children from military families to a week-long camp free of charge.

The Chapter recognized the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm at our June meeting by having members that participated in those operations speak about their experiences during mobilization, deployment and operational engagement.

MSVC-MOAA joined with the local ROA chapter for our annual Christmas celebration. Wrapped gift items are auc-

tioned off with the proceeds going to a military charity. The 2016 Christmas party enable a donation of over \$800 in 2017 to the Youngstown Air Reserve Base Community Council to be used for needy reservists and local veterans.

Chapter members **John Marino** and **James Fairbanks** volunteer to help the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and are active in ESGR programs.

Member **Robert Milich**, a municipal judge for the city of Youngstown oversees Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) for misdemeanor crimes. Due to the popularity and success of that court, an expansion of VTC was announced in 2016 that will specifically target veterans charged with nonviolent felonies in Mahoning County. Member **Jack Russell** is a mentor on the Veterans Court in Mahoning County for nonviolent felony crimes.

Chapter member **Ralph Minton** was the Commander of the New Castle Area Honor Guard for 2016. They have responded to over 100 funeral/memorial services and over 25 color guard postings and ceremonies.

Member **Dennis McMahon** is a weekly volunteer at the local VA Clinic.

Member **Roderick Hosler** volunteer at the Youngstown VA Clinic and is responsible for the routine maintenance of the Youngstown VA Clinic's vans, and he and Dennis McMahon also drive the vans providing transportation for veterans to the Louis Stoke VA Medical Center in Cleveland 87-miles away.

Chapter members **Jim Bishop** and **Sandra Lasure** are nurses and volunteer at local non-profits clinics.

Chapter member **Irvin Maurer** volunteers at the local Veterans Operation Stand Down and Resource Fair. He and his wife, **Dianne** are in involved with local Red Cross Disaster Services where they are routinely called out to provide immediate help fires, floods, etc.

Member **Joseph Zentis** is Chairmen of an Armed Forces Day event in Hermitage, Pennsylvania where many local veteran and military reserve component organizations were represented.

Chapter member **Bruce Bille** is the director of the USO at the Youngstown Air Force Base. He is also the chapter's transition officer and treasurer. **Bruce** is Vice President of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association and have been leading the efforts in connecting transitioning military with local businesses who are looking to employ veterans within their companies.


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These pins are on our streamer. MSVC is one of the best chapters in the country.

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

Son of Mark and Patty Andrews Maj Matt Andrew, USAF, deployed to Afghanistan til March 2018	
Son of Jim & Carrie Hosack, LT 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 nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina	
Son of Mike and Barb Wisniewski CW1 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	
Capt Joshua Palmer, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker	

LCDR BJ Sacramento, USN, (COMSUBGRU 8) located on NSA Capodcinho, Naples, Italy
MAJ Lisa Stremel, USA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
1 st Lt Kristina Valentice, MC–USAFR, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station
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, Fort Leonard Wood with the 5 th EN BN
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
2017–2LT Tierney McCaster

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

December Birthdays: 4–Bruce Bille, 11–Florence Hosler, 13–National Guard, 16–Brian Chadwick, 17–Matt Stefanak, 18–Mike Wisniewski, 19–Carl Nunziato, 21–Ralph DeLucia, 21–Brandy Burrows, 25–Matt McIntire, 30–John Marino, 30–Jim Fairbanks

Happy Birthday

2016 LOE Award from page 2

Member **Dennis Gartland** takes and distributes “Teddy Bears” to the Louis Stoke VA Medical Center in Cleveland to be provided to patients that are recovering from open heart surgery. He also takes hundreds of books, DVD’s and CD’s donated by chapter members to the local Youngstown VA outpatient clinic

Chapter member **Roderick Hosler** is a Commissioner of the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission that meets weekly to dispense public funds to needy veterans and their families and widows of veterans.

Member **Larry Scheetz** is the Director of Veterans Service Commission for Mercer County he oversees a Saturday monthly veterans breakfast at a local restaurant. He informs veterans of their benefits. He works with other county agencies to help veterans and their spouses in need. Several MOAA members assisted in placing U.S. flags on State Route 11 highway overpass at the interchange leading to the Youngstown Air Force Reserve Base.

The Chapter created their own web site and Facebook page

to communicate electronically to our chapter members and gave MSVC-MOAA a web presence.

Chapter members **Bruce Bille, Daniel Dickten, James Dignan, David Kountz, Robert Milich, and Carl Nunziato** serve on the Youngstown Air Force Reserve Base Community Council.

Your name is not listed? For the first time in 2016, 95% of chapter members belong to MOAA national with many becoming Life Members. Also for the fourth straight year the chapter had 95% retention of its members, with that comes \$250 from MOAA national which is equal to 12 new members. Thanks.

Welcome New Member Michael Briceland
United States Army Retired

MSVC-MOAA 2018 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
1/19 note change	MSVC at YARS 1300, speaker Dr. Rick Shale. He is a local historian and has written several books about local history and will speak about local history activities and locations.

Membership Meeting at YARS, Friday, 17 November at 1300 hr – RSVP by Wed. 15th by 0800 hr

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

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests of members,
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: **Judge Bob Milich, Veterans Court Mahoning Cty
Annual Business Meeting/Election of Officers**

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 or check. The "soup of the day" will be announced in the email reminder that arrives before the meeting.

RSVP:

1. Use the web site www.msvc-moaa.org 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.

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
Your choice of Italian, Balsamic, French, Ranch dressing

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

Note if you only order side options, beverage is \$1.00

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Mahoning & Shenango Valleys Chapter Mahoning Chapter

Joint Christmas Party



When: **Sunday, 3 December 2017**

Where: **The Manor Restaurant**

3104 South Canfield Niles Road
Route 46 and Kirk Road
Austintown, OH 44451 or GPS Youngstown

Social: **1700 (5:00 P.M.)** Cash Bar and complimentary
hors d'oeuvres

Dinner: **1730 (5:30 P.M.)**

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

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

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 27^h

1. Email Janet Oglesby djo52800@neo.rr.com with your reservation state how many are attending.
2. Or call 330-568-4456 leave a message. Make sure you state how many are attending.

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