

Joseph Butler Had A Remarkable Influence

by LTC Mike Wisniewski

Dr. Rick Shale, Professor Emeritus at Youngstown State University, was the guest speaker at the Chapter luncheon meeting held at the Consolidated Activities Center of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna on Friday, January 19, 2018. Dr. Shale who taught Film Study and Screen Writing before he retired from YSU is a history buff who has authored six books highlighting the history of the Mahoning Valley. Dr. Shale served in the Army Reserves for six year. His presentation to approximately 40 MSVC members featured a very prominent figure in the Mahoning Valley around the turn of the century. That figure was Joseph G. Butler, Jr. a schoolmate of President William McKinley and a friend of Henry Stambaugh (Stambaugh Auditorium) and one of the most prominent iron and steel mill moguls of the Mahoning Valley.

Born in Temperance Furnace, Pennsylvania in Mercer County on December 21, 1940, Joseph Butler had a remarkable influence, not only as an industrialist in establishing iron and steel mills in Youngstown and McDonald, but also as a great philanthropist and historian. In 1892 he was instrumental in forming the Ohio Steel Company which was then bought out by National Steel Company which in turn was bought out by US Steel Company. He is remembered primarily for establishing the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to American art. The museum is located on Wick Avenue in Youngstown and is known at the Butler Institute of American Art. But what is not generally known about Mr. Butler was his other accomplishments which benefited the local area. As the Director of the American Iron and Steel Institute, he was able to get Andrew Carnegie to donate \$50,000 (worth approximately 1.2 million dollars today) to build the Youngstown Public Library in 1910. Then he was influential in establishing the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial in Niles, Ohio by raising the initial \$200,000 locally and establishing a permanent endowment all without taxpayer funding. The Memorial was started in 1915 and dedicated October 5, 1917 by President Taft.

Joseph Butler was an avid collector of American Art. An unfortunate fire in the attic of his home on Wick Avenue destroyed part of his collection of art. This led to the construction and dedication in 1919 of the present museum on Wick Avenue in Youngstown. In September 1920, Joseph Butler donated his entire collection of art to the city of Youngstown. The museum now holds over 20,000 individual works of art created by the citizens of the United States, including art that utilize computers, holography, lasers, and other digital media. The Butler is known worldwide as "America's Museum." Incidentally, the museum charges no admission fee and also has a branch location in Trumbull County on 9350 East Market Street in Howland Township. Joseph G. Butler, Jr., indeed a local icon, died on December 20, 1927, a day before his 87th birthday.

Dr. Rich Shale was presented the MSVC-MOAA flag set by President Florence Holster. The invocation was given by MAJ Sandy Lasure and the closing prayer by Fr. Andrew Gall. There were two 50/50 raffle winners: Margie Sweeney and Fr. Dan Rohan. Jack Russell won the extra salad. The next luncheon meeting of the MSVC will take place on the last Friday of month, February 23rd starting at 12:30 pm.

The guest speaker will be SGT Tines from the YARS Fitness Center who will talk about the Fitness Requirements for Today's Air Force and Fitness Exercises for Us.



President's Message

I had hoped President Trump would address all five things MOAA is looking for in his State of the Union address. Nothing radical or over the top, pay equity with civilian counterparts, stop punishing widow and medical retirees, keeping our troops safe by matching troop levels to mission requirements and stop sequestration. All logical and long overdue.

Our mission, as a MOAA chapter is to lobby for national security by protecting and helping our uniformed services, because they protect us every day, and why not get the pay and benefits equal to the expectations of our nation.

As the pool of qualified young people gets smaller and smaller the services will be competing more and more with civilian jobs, we need to assure the next generation is equipped and compensated accordingly.

Ending sequestration is a start.

I watched the speech and I hope you did too, now contact your legislators and remind them who watches over us!

*Florence Holster,
President*



MSVC-MOAA 2018 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
2/1	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
2/23	Luncheon Meeting at CAC, YARS, speaker; SGT Tines from YARS Fitness Center 12:30 Social 1:00 Call to Order page 6
3/1	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
3/20	FREE Veterans of the Valley Luncheon, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM St. Nick's Hall, 764 5th St. Struthers RSVP by 3/5 to Rod Hosler page 5
3/23	Luncheon Meeting at CAC, YARS, speaker; Capt. Palmer-Weather
4/5	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
4/16-19	"MOAA Storming of the Hill," Washington, DC
4/20	Luncheon Meeting at CAC, YARS (3 rd Fri.) Program: Fly Fishing
4/20	East High School JROTC Awards Ceremony & Dinner at East HS
4/21	TCTC JROTC Awards Ceremony at Trumbull County Technical Career
4/26	YSU Army ROTC Awards Ceremony & Breakfast at YSU— invite only
4/28	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus</i>
5/3	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
5/4-6	MOAA Leadership Seminar, Chicago, Illinois
5/5	YSU graduation & ROTC Commissioning after graduation
5/10	Dinner Meeting JROTC/ROTC/new 2LT's Recognition CAC, YARS
5/12	Decoration of Graves, Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown
5/19	Armed Forces Day at Buhl Park
5/28	Memorial Day Ceremonies 8:30 .A.M. Oak Hill Cemetery, Youngstown
6/7	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
6/21	Dinner Meeting at Golden Corral, Hermitage, PA program TBA
7/26	Picnic, Vienna Rod & Gun Club, rifle & pistol shoot, picnic The ladies will have the pistol range with their own instructor
7/28	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus</i>
8/5	Wings-n-Wheels 9-5 SLOAS Airfield, 4085 N River Road, Warren
8/17-18	D-Day at Conneaut, Ohio www.ddayohio.us free bus transportation available on Friday reservations required
8/23	MSVC at YARS Steak Fry/Corn Roast—legislative night
9/6	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
9/20	Dinner Meeting, CAC, YARS (Nomination of Officers)
10/4	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
10/26	Luncheon Meeting, CAC, YARS (Business Mtg & Election of Officers)
10/28	<i>Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus</i>
10/31	MOAA Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
11/8	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
11/16	Luncheon Meeting, CAC, YARS (Installation of Officers)
12/2	MOAA/ROA Christmas Party, Manor Restaurant, Austintown
YARS –Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, OH TBA –To be announced CAC –Community Activity Center NOC–Navy Operational Center Suggestions for programs contact: COL John Koshan 330-448-4758	

A script for your elevator speech on "Why Join MOAA"? Do You Insure Your Retirement Pay?

Edited article by Laura Atkins December 2017

Allow me to pose the following: Do you insure your home? Do you insure your automobiles? How about pet insurance for your 4-legged children? I believe it is safe to say you have answered "yes" to most if not all of these questions.

Now allow me ask you two more questions. Do you "insure" your military/retirement pay and benefits? Do you know it only costs \$43 a year? Compare that to other annual costs (plus deductibles) you pay for insurance. To illustrate my point a \$300,000 homeowner's policy in San Antonio, Texas costs \$1,500+. As for military benefits and pay it's difficult to assign a \$\$\$ figure but taking into consideration just a few items—pay (active duty & retirement), medical, GI Bill, and COLA—easily over the \$300,000 amount of the homeowner's example. All this and more for only \$43 a year? YES!!! What a value and at a fraction of the cost. Plus the benefits are tangible!

You might ask, "Why should I "insure" these benefits? I benefit from all these things already." True, but you benefit because it's *MOAA who makes it their mission to protect the rights and benefits of military servicemembers of all ranks and their families.*

I ask you to seriously ponder the following: What would happen if you woke up tomorrow and MOAA was no longer there to defend your benefits? Who would have a voice loud enough to fight for you? The answer is no one. And alone, it is extremely unlikely you would influence Congress.

Without any collective voice large enough to influence them, Congress would be able to do whatever they want, including eroding your benefits.

Honestly, the thought that if MOAA weren't there tomorrow to fight for our military members is awfully scary to think about. If you still aren't sure how MOAA benefits you please [watch this video](#). I encourage you today to join MOAA, share this post, and make our collective voice even stronger!



MOAA's Educational Assistance Application Closing Soon

Children of military personnel whose parents are eligible for MOAA membership (officer at some point in their career), and children of active duty or retired enlisted personnel, are eligible to apply for interest-free loans and grants through the MOAA Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be less than 24 years old when applying, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and be attending or planning to attend an accredited 2-or 4-year educational institution as a full-time student. Students attending a military academy are not eligible. The application closes on March 1 at noon EST. www.moaa.org/education

Legislative Issues – February 2018 *Legislative Affairs Liason, LTC Rod Hosler*

Things continue to be hectic in Washington. It seems that no one in Congress is interested in looking after the needs of the American people, the military specifically.

We have averted a “government shutdown” because of petty politics of one party. The needs of the lawful citizens of this nation should come before the needs of illegal aliens who break the immigration laws and their supporters in Congress. It is shameful. But the threat of another shutdown looms around 9 February. We’ll see how our Congress responds.

That being said, there are some issues that are important that you need to be aware of:

On 1 November, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary David Shulkin joined with President Donald Trump in the President’s signing of a proclamation establishing November as Veterans and Military Families Month. May not seem like much. But it does recognize the importance of the issue.

On 29 November the VA announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for Veterans—ye FW: HB 351 t another action honoring their service. Former military and Veterans may go on line to request a VIC. Veterans must visit vets.gov click on “Sign In” in the top right-hand corner and establish an “ID.me” account. Once the Veteran verifies their identity they may request to “Apply for the Veteran ID Card.”

On 12 December the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, was signed by President Trump.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, D.C. Ground was broken on the memorial to the 34th president and Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during World War II will occupy a 4-acre site near the National Mall. An opening has been set for late 2020. *(I wonder if he was a MOAA (TROA) member? Still, a good officer and President never the less.)*

TRICARE continues to be a hot button issue and on the front a front burner with MOAA. More will follow in the future

There are some Ohio State legislative actions that are of interest:

HB 351 was introduced, this bill would amend ORC 718.01 (C) (1) Municipal Income Tax Exemption, to remove “armed forces” and replace with “uniformed services.” This will now include officers of the Public Health Service and NOAA.

HB 123, to modify short term, small, and mortgage rates was introduced. Veteran organizations are being asked to support this proposal.

The Advisory Committee to the Director, Department of Veterans Services, approved a motion by MOAA Ohio Council to support HB 158, this bill would authorize unemployment compensation to a military spouse who quits their job to accompany the military member on a transfer. **Ohio MOAA members are asked to contact their Ohio legislators at this link <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/legislator-directory>**. You can use their email link to type in this information. You may copy and paste it in from the email that came with the newsletter.

As a veteran of the United States of America and a Resident of Ohio, I implore you to move out of the Senate Finance Committee and pass SB 116 which was introduced in March 2017 and assigned to the committee in April 2017. It has languished there far too long. Absolutely no action has been taken, no hearings held.

The companion bill of the House, HB 158 was introduced, discussed and PASSED! It also sits at the Senate Finance Committee. Please see that action is taken on this legislation, successfully. The idea of unemployment compensation for a spouse leaving a job to follow the military spouse on a permanent change of station (PCS- Reassignment) has been bouncing around the Ohio legislature for eight years. Furthermore, Ohio is one of only four states lacking this protection for our military families. Please see that Ohio passes this legislation this General Assembly.

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February Birthdays: 6–Chandra Andrews, 12–Kay Milich, 16–Tim Williams, 17–Edwina Whitehead, 19–Dennis McMahon. 19–US Coast Guard Reserve, 26–Dawnle Scheetz

March Birthdays: 2–James Stiger, 3–US Navy Reserve, 9–Joe Zentis, 12–Tom Petzinger, 17–Edi Zentis 17–Bill Sweeney (Army) 20–Andrew Nelko



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Membership Meeting at YARS, Friday, 23 February 1300 hr — RSVP by Wednesday, 21st by 1800 hr

Where: Youngstown Air Force 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 (pre order from the selections next column)

Attire: Warm Winter Causal

Program: SGT Tines from YARS Fitness Center

RSVP: Lifetime Fitness for Active Duty and Retirees

1. Click here [next-chapter-event](#) to place your order. *The web site is set up to take orders. A copy of the order goes to Janet and one to Bruce. It can't handle special requests or take credit cards.*

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.

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.

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, corn beef, 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" chili is always available.....\$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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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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