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Cadets Shine at Recognition Dinner

by CDR David Di Tallo

High school and college cadets from northeast Ohio's JROTC and ROTC units were honored at a recognition dinner at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station May 10, 2018 by the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MSVC-MOAA). The chapter previously made award presentations at the cadets' individual school ceremonies in late April, but this evening was a chance to bring all of them together with their families and instructors.

The dinners for the cadets, their family and instructors were paid for by twelve chapter members. A big thank you for helping the chapter financially host this event.

Cadet Rodriguez is completing his junior year in high school and served as Battalion Executive Officer for 2017-2018, the second ranking cadet in his unit. He maintains a 4.0 grade point average and was elected to the National Honor Society. Cadet Rodriguez regularly participates in his unit's community service projects, Academic and Drill Teams, and Color Guard.

Air Force JROTC Cadet Hannah Wareham (Orangeville, Ohio) and Army JROTC Cadet Javier Rodriguez (Youngstown, Ohio) were honored as MOAA Junior ROTC Achievement Award winners from Trumbull Career and Technical Center and East High School respectively. Each received a medal, certificate, and a cash award of fifty dollars.

Cadet Wareham is wrapping up her junior year in high school and was selected for promotion to Cadet Captain for her Senior Year. In addition to outstanding academic and JROTC standing, she attends Kent State University under the College Credit Plus Program.

Youngstown State University Army ROTC Cadet Derek Kozlowski received the MOAA ROTC Medal and a three hundred dollar cash award. He is a Chemical Engineering major from Crestview, Ohio with a 3.82 grade point average.

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MSVC Member Has Veterans Center Named After Him YSU Honors Veterans

by CDR David Di Tallo

In the run up to this year's Memorial Day holiday, Youngstown State University's Office of Veterans Affairs honored alumni and veterans in two ceremonies Wednesday, May 23. MSVC members were in attendance for both events.

The Reading of the Names at YSU's Veterans Plaza, which took place at 10:30 A.M. The Plaza is located in front of Beeghly Center, where MSVC member Rick Williams led a reading of the names of YSU and Youngstown College alumni killed in action or the line of duty. Sixty-seven veterans from World War II to the present day were remembered. After the reading, Tri-State Detachment 494 of the Marine Corps League fired a twenty-one gun salute and YSU Dana School of Music trumpeter Justin Randall played TAPS.

At noon over three hundred guests gathered on Wick Avenue adjacent to Pollock House for the Carl A. Nunziato Veterans Resource

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Rick Williams presents the Vietnam Veterans National Medal to Carl A. Nunziato



YSU President James Tressel, Carl Nunziato and Bernie Kosar, Sr. at the dedication ceremony in which the Youngstown State University, Office of Veterans Affairs was renamed the Carl A. Nunziato Veterans Resource Center.

President's Notes

I was remembering the Memorial Day parades in the Connecticut shore town where I grew up in. The last week-end before the summer people descended on us.

It was led off by the veterans, followed by the police and fire departments, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the middle school band.

Local dignitaries rode in a convertible with "Miss Morgan" from Morgan High School and it was rounded out by the high school band, so snappy in blue blazers, white bucks and straw boaters (no Rudolph Friml in sight).

You stood when the veterans and the flag went by, no one had to tell you and no one threw candy at you, this day had meaning and dignity. The parade ended at the town hall where the national anthem was sung by all and then speeches were made, bored kids were shooed the far end of the town green to play and not disturb the speakers.

No one we knew, were Legion or VFW members, and I never heard about life on active duty or being in combat situations, all that came later. But the respect for those who served was always apparent. As a chapter we need to become more involved in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events, explain the difference between the two and remind people of the history of service to our nation.

Florence Hosler, President MSVC

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Center Dedication Ceremony. VRC Manager Rick Williams welcomed YSU President Jim Tressel, members of the Nunziato Family, veterans, alumni, and well-wishers to pay tribute to the retired Army Major and Vietnam Veteran.

The late state Sen. Harry Meshel, Bernie Kosar, Sr., Nunziato, and YSU alumni members and veterans were instrumental and securing approval for the stand-alone resource center before ground was broken several years later. The building was dedicated in 2014.

Nunziato enlisted in the Army in 1961 as a 2nd lieutenant. His career included two tours of duty in Vietnam, where he lost his legs in combat. In addition, he received the Purple Heart, along with several combat medals. Carl is also a MSVC member.

The facility on the YSU campus provides a variety of services for veteran students that include priority registration, tutoring, a student veterans group, access to counseling, educational benefit registration and certification. MSVC has a special relationship with the VRC, as the chapter contributed funds to help furnish the lounge on the lower level with a video gaming area.

MSVC-MOAA 2018 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
6/28	Dinner Meeting at Golden Corral, Hermitage, PA see page 6
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>
8/4	The Battle for the Bridge at Remagen, Tidioute, Penna. www.tidioute.org/events/ww-ii-reenactment
8/5	Wings-n-Wheels 9-5 SLOAS Airfield, 4085 N River Road, Warren www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org Admission \$10 for adults, ages 6–12 \$5
8/17-18	D-Day at Conneaut, Ohio www.ddayohio.us free bus transportation available on Friday, reservations required
8/16-19	"The Wall that Heals" Packard Park, Warren www.vvmf.org Donations and volunteers needed
8/23	MSVC at YARS Steak Fry/Corn Roast—legislative night
9/6	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
9/21	Dinner Meeting at YARS Janet Moy speaker
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	

Legislative Issues – June 2018 *Legislative Affairs Liason, LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.*

House Passed Veterans Choice Program

The House passed by a vote of 372-70 major veterans legislation to extend and reform the Veterans Choice Program to allow more private care options, on 16 May 2018.

Military Officers Association of America to Support H.R. 5671, Burn Pits Accountability Act.

MOAA is mobilizing behind a bill to assign DoD responsibilities related to veterans exposed to open burn pits and toxic chemicals.

Two Congressional Legislators that are former Army combat veterans support federal legislation that would “direct the Secretary of Defense to include in periodic health assessments, separation history and physical examinations, and other assessments an evaluation of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to open burn pits or toxic airborne chemicals,” according to the text of the bill.

The legislation, H.R. 5671, Burn Pits Accountability Act, introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), an Iraq veteran, and cosponsored by Rep. Brian Mast (R-Fla.), an Afghanistan veteran and double amputee, addresses this important topic — especially to our veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This is the first proposed legislation to address the burn pits issue within DoD and would mandate DoD responsibilities regarding accountability at several checkpoints before a servicemember leaves service.

MOAA strongly supports this legislation, and is working closely with several partner organizations in The Military Coalition as well as with Reps. Gabbard and Mast to see it become law.

If you are currently serving or a veteran who has been exposed to burn pits or other toxic chemicals and you have experienced health problems, please let MOAA know about your experience by legis@moaa.org / _blank.

More about the H.R. 5671, Burn Pits Accountability Act, The bill seeks to address a problem experienced by many of my fellow veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan who have been exposed to open burn pits and other toxic chemicals while deployed and who have themselves later become afflicted with rare cancers and other health issues. These veterans, when addressing their health issues with the VA, have been consistently told it is — like was said for many years with regard to veterans exposed to Agent Orange — not supported by science.

In reality, it is also an issue of documentation and accountability, not just science. As a result, there remains a level of responsibility and accountability on the part of DoD.

Specifically, toward a solution, H.R. 5671, Burn Pits Accountability Act would evaluate the exposure of U.S. servicemembers and veterans to open burn pits and toxic airborne chemicals by:

- Requiring the Secretary of Defense to record whether servicemembers have been “based or stationed at a location where an open burn pit was used or exposed to toxic airborne chemicals, including any information recorded as part of the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry,” in Periodic Health Assessments (PHAs), Separation History Physical Examination (SHPEs), and Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHAs).
- Enrolling any servicemember who meets the above criteria in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, unless he or she opts-out.
- Requiring the secretary of defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to share information relating to exposure of burn pits and toxic airborne chemicals recorded in PHAs, SHPEs, and PDHAs.

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Honored jointly with the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) were newly commissioned Second Lieutenants Zachery Gibson, of Diamond, Ohio and Zachary Szewczyk of Warren, who both graduated from YSU on May 5. MOAA and ROA provided each officer with uniform shoulder boards, and copies of The Army Officer's Guide (53rd Ed.).

Second Lieutenant Gibson was commissioned into the Army's Field Artillery Branch and will head to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for initial training. Second Lieutenant Szewczyk commissioned into the Cyber Branch and heads to Ft. Gibson, Georgia for Cyber Basic Officer Leadership School. He was MSVC's 2017 recipient of the ROTC Medal and cash award.

MSVC has supported Junior and college-level ROTC at Trumbull Career and Technical Center (Champion), East High School (Youngstown), and Youngstown State University since its formation in 2011. Led by JROTC/ROTC Committee Co-Chairs retired Army Lieutenant Colonel LTC Roderick Hosler and retired Navy Commander CDR David J. Di Tallo, both of Boardman, Ohio, chapter members make classroom visits and attend cadet-led ceremonies throughout the school year.

LTC Hosler has a special relationship with East High School's Army JROTC program, having previously served as Senior Military Science Instructor, when the unit was located at the former Rayen High School (now closed) and moved to its current site.

MSVC counts no fewer than 28 YSU ROTC alumni among its members. LTC Hosler is a past Assistant Professor of Military Science at YSU and MSVC member retired Army Major (MAJ) Patrick ("Rick") Williams currently serves as YSU's Director of the Veterans Service Center.

Editor's note: The MSVC board believes this recognition dinner is the chapter's yearly show case event. The past two years this event has been the least attended event by chapter members. In order for the cadets to attend the date has to be in early May. The board would like feedback on how we can encourage more chapter members to attend this event.



ANNOUNCING:

MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter 02 (SSVC-02)

New virtual chapter with membership open to: MOAA members who are Surviving Spouses of uniformed services officers and Council/Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaisons.

Purpose:

To provide:

- a national forum for Surviving Spouses;
- a common space to communicate with each other;
- information about concerns pertinent to each of us and our families, and
- a platform to advocate for protection of rights for our members and our dependents,
- a reliable source for Surviving Spouses who live in remote areas, who are housebound, who have jobs and children, or who might be unable to participate at the chapter level.

Meetings will be held quarterly via FreeConferenceCall.com. A phone number is sent to you via email or you may call a contact number to obtain it. No computer is needed to join the conversation with other surviving spouses. Members participate to the degree that they are able. here are no dues.

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ANNOUNCING:

MOAA Uniformed Services Nurses Virtual Chapter

There is a virtual chapter for NURSES. Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter is the official name. The web site is www.musnavc.org There monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning at 8 p.m. (eastern) via tele-web conference. There is a membership form to fill out on the web site.



Mission Statement — Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

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.

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*

☐ 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**

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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 # _____

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

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June Birthdays: 7–Harold Hutzen, 9–Al Lind, 14–US Army, 14–Audrey Beatty, 18–Jim Bishop, 19–Bob Morris, 21–Tom Raseta, 22–Eric Lasure, 26–Rod Hosler, 30–Don Rasile

July Birthdays: 1–Jim Basista, 1–Alan McBane, 2–Josh Palmer, 6–Kristina Valentic, 7–Bill Kennedy, 8–Larry Scheetz, 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



Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter–Blue Star Families, Active Duty Members, YSU Grads

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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MSVC-MOAA Thursday, June 28th Meeting at Golden Corral in Hermitage

Where: Golden Corral

1025 N Hermitage Rd (Rt. 18 N) Just before Walmart
Hermitage, PA 16148

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests

Dinner Time: 1830 (6:30 P.M. Time the room is reserved)

Upon arrival you may go ahead to the buffet

Suggested Attire: Summer Casual

Menu: All you can eat buffet \$13.99 plus drink and tax.

Seniors 60+ \$12.99 plus drink and tax.

show your military ID and get a discount

RSVP: Not necessary but if you get a chance, email or call Janet Oglesby 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.

Program: Jim Cardoman, will speak of his duty as former Sentinel of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Sentinels, all volunteers, are considered to be the best of the elite 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),

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.



The Streamer is Full

Each year, national MOAA holds the Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award Contest to identify councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members and community. MOAA affiliates competed in two categories of competition: print and e-newsletters and websites. A panel of judges scored the submissions based on a set of subjective criteria, looking at both design and content. MSVC was recognize as one of the 85 councils and chapters that received **five-star** awards for their *exemplary communication efforts in 2017*. Congratulations Janet for the newsletter and Bruce for the web site. Another 5-star pin for the streamer!



The vision behind Camp Corral is one where kids, ages 8 to 15, are free to be kids, far away from the day-to-day challenges they face as children of military service members. The reality of a parent being deployed away from home for over a year is the norm for all children from military families. And for 91 percent of Camp Corral's campers, a parent coming back injured, wounded or never coming back is their reality.

About Our Campers

Eighty-nine percent have a parent who is wounded, ill, injured, or fallen due to military service. Twenty-four percent of campers come from dual military families, and fifty-two percent feel that no one understands what it is like being a military child.

Camp Corral, headquartered in Raleigh, NC, works closely with some of the best camps around the United States to host each session. A Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC) is available at many of the sessions. The host camps provide activities that are fun, new and challenging, and under the watchful eye of their highly trained staff. Camp Corral host camps are accredited by the American Camp Association, or operate under their standards. The nearest Camp Corral to MSVC is the YMCA Camp Fitch in North Springfield, Pennsylvania in northeast part of the state located on Lake Erie.

MSVC donated \$300 to Camp Corral, this check was presented at the Veterans Breakfast at Golden Corral in May before the start of the summer camp season.

Donations to Veterans Home



Kimberly Lewallen the Volunteer Coordinator for the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, accepts a few boxes of toiletries. The items were donated to the USO—some toiletries can't be sent overseas. MSVC member Bruce Bille the USO Executive Director of Northern Ohio made the delivery in Sandusky.

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