



Jim Cardamon accepts the MSVC flag set from Pres. Florence Hosler.

## Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On Thursday, 28 June, 40 members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter gathered at the Golden Corral in Hermitage for their monthly meeting. The Chapter was honored to have as our speaker Jim Cardamon, an Army Veteran and former Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Jim is from Hermitage, Penna., and was drafted into the Army in 1956 and was honorably discharged in 1958. A friend who attended the Citadel taught him close order drill using a broom for a rifle. With this advantage, he was selected as squad leader during infantry Basic and Advanced Individual Training.

After Basic Training and Advanced

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## Thursday, July 26 MSVC Member Military Rifle and Pistol Shoot Plus a 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. 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 at the rifle and pistol ranges

\*\*\*If you don't make the safety briefing, you don't shoot.\*\*\*

5:15 – 6:30 Women's Rifle and Pistol Shoot at the pistol range

*We are hoping to reserve the pistol range. We have confirmed a safety officer and instructor will be there. The ladies can shoot until 6:30—no rush. Pistols, hearing and eye protection will be available. Watch for the email reminder.*

5:15 – 6:30 MSVC Members' Rifle and Pistol Shoot at the rifle range

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 24 to [djo52800@neo.rr.com](mailto:djo52800@neo.rr.com)**

330-568-4456

## Current weapons available for shooting:

### Rifles:

1903A3	.30-06 / 7.62 x 54
M-1	.30-06 / 7.62 x 54
AR-15	.556 x 45
Mosin Nagant	.762 x 54R
AK-47	7.62 x 39

### Pistols:

Colt Model .38 Officers	.38 Long
1911	.45 ACP FMJ
9mm	9 mm
Ruger P89	9 mm
Springfield Armory XD45 ACP	.45 ACP FMJ
Glock 19	9mm
Smith & Wesson M&P	.40 cal



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Individual Training he was assigned to the 3rd U.S. Infantry, “the Old Guard” at Fort Myer, Va.

He was selected to join the honor guard company whose three platoons include the Honor Guard, casket bearers, or firing party and drill team. He chose the drill team.

One day he saw a soldier in dress blues going to the head of the chow line.

“I didn’t even know the army had dress blues,” he said.

He learned that the soldier was a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He immediately decided that he had to go for that.

He ultimately was selected to become a Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns, sometimes call be “Tomb Guard of the Unknown Soldier.”

After practicing constantly with some of his friends who were tomb guards, he was given the opportunity. While some of those selected never made it to the tomb, Jim made it after just a couple weeks. Guards were usually first put out early or late in the day when there were few spectators at the tomb. Jim’s first call came for the noon changing of the guard, before the biggest crowd of the day.

“I got through the first change okay. But when I was standing at the end doing the 21 second count, I heard a noise. My hand was trembling so much that the bayonet was rattling.”

He managed to get through it all without screwing up.

“From that point on, I had the best duty the United States Army had to offer.”

People often ask Jim how he got to be a tomb guard. He explains that the army selects soldiers who fit a defined profile – certain height, military bearing, attitude, and such. Of course only a tiny fraction of those who fit it are selected. The all volunteer army today, has a difficult time finding soldiers to serve in the Old Guard, yes there are females serving as Sentinels.

One of his last duties as a Sentinel was at the interment of the Unknown Soldier from World War II and the Korean War. Jim was instrumental in forming The Society of the Honor Guard – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and has served as its president.

Jim is a retired banker and lives in Hermitage. His presentation gave incites in to what the duties of a Sentinel entailed and his experiences with the Old Guard. It was extremely interesting and often humorous. He emphasized the importance of the duty and how honored and rewarding it was to serve as a Sentinel at the Tomb.

Chapter Member Joe Zentis wrote this article (many more) for the Avenue of 444 Flags [www.avenueofflags.com](http://www.avenueofflags.com) it was edited by Rod Hosler.

## President's Notes

Our meeting at Golden Corral was a great success, wonderful turnout for the middle of summer.

I enjoyed our speaker, Mr. Jim Cardoman, a former Sentinel of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What struck me was his continued involvement with a veterans group of Sentinels, this was a significant time of his service and the camaraderie and purpose of his duty was so important to him. He imparted how honored he was to be chosen and how much he wanted to do his very best.

Honoring our fallen comrades is to me, a sacred duty. Visiting memorials and cemeteries should also be undertaken with a certain amount of reverence and sensitivity.

On our 2006 trip to Normandy Rod and I were able to walk on Omaha Beach and visit the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer. There we were part of a large group of French citizens, who approached the entrance, obviously enjoying their day in the summer sun, then we entered and a hush fell, no one had to be told, there was no inappropriate behavior, people just quietly walked in.

Unfortunately, that has not been our experience in our own country, children allowed to climb on memorial statues, crowds have to be told to be quiet. Perhaps because the experience in our country has been so different, the sacrifices were so far away that here is no real connection. Not everyone can have the same experience as Mr. Cardoman, but we can all teach those around us the importance of these types of memorials and true reverence for them.

*Florence Hosler, President MSVC*

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House and Senate leaders in Congress are about to begin resolving the differences in their respective versions of the annual defense bill. The decisions they make will affect your earned benefits.

The defense bill carries many of MOAA's most pressing priorities this year and every year, so this is likely the last chance to draw the line in the sand on these big issues until next year. As with each year, TRICARE benefits are always on the table as a potential way to save money at the expense of active duty families and military retirees and their families. This year is no exception.

MOAA needs your help to stop a harmful Senate proposal to renege on their promise to grandfather existing TRICARE beneficiaries from new fees.

The Senate's health care proposals would give the Department of Defense unfettered access to treat TRICARE fees as a way to fund other benefits, and frankly, sometimes DOD hasn't been friendly to the needs of the retired military.

We need you go on line to: [moaa.org/takeaction](http://moaa.org/takeaction) Click on Visit Legislative Action Center and Take Action block. The rest is simple. You'll be sending the suggested message to your elected officials to reject this noxious proposal. The more our congressional legislators know how concerned we are the likely they will support the MOAA TRICARE proposition.

### MSVC-MOAA 2018 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
7/28	Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus
8/4	The Battle for the Bridge at Remagen, Tidioute, Penna. <a href="http://www.tidioute.org/events/ww-ii-reenactment">www.tidioute.org/events/ww-ii-reenactment</a>
8/5	Wings-n-Wheels 9-5 SLOAS Airfield, 4085 N River Road, Warren <a href="http://www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org">www.erniehallaviationmuseum.org</a> Admission \$10 for adults,
8/17-18	D-Day at Conneaut, Ohio <a href="http://www.ddayohio.us">www.ddayohio.us</a> free bus transportation available on Friday, reservations required
8/16-19	"The Wall that Heals" Packard Park, Warren <a href="http://www.vvmf.org">www.vvmf.org</a> 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 CAC YARS—Janet Moy, Chairperson for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)
10/4	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
10/26	Luncheon Meeting, CAC, YARS—Melissa Wise, Survivor Outreach Services of Ohio National Guard Family Readiness Warrior Support (Business Mtg & Election of Officers)
10/28	Ohio Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting, DSC-Columbus
10/31	MOAA Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
11/8	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
11/16	Luncheon Meeting, CAC, YARS—Harold Ryther heads up the USS Oklahoma remains preservation project. (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	

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## Army Doctor Will Make History During His 2019 Voyage Into Space® — Parents are MSVC members

*By: Amanda Dolasinski a reporter for MOAA who grew up in Youngstown, Ohio.*

The Army has sent its doctors to far flung places all over the globe, but next year, one physician will go where no others have traveled.

Lt. Col. Andrew Morgan, an emergency physician at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas and NASA astronaut, is set to be the first Army doctor in space. NASA will launch him to the International Space Station in July 2019.

"I'll be taking Army history, military medicine and this supportive community with me," Morgan said in an Army news release. "I'm hugely honored to represent all of that."

Morgan's journey began in 2011 when he saw a NASA announcement seeking the next astronaut class. He didn't believe he had the right background, but applied anyway.

The selection process, which included extensive interviews, medical testing and language aptitude testing, lasted 18 months. There were 120 candidates interviewed, according to NASA. Morgan was selected from the final pool of eight candidates in 2013.

For the past five years, he underwent extensive flight and space-walking training in addition to studying Russian, robotics, and space stations systems and maintenance. Morgan also learned about spacesuit development and injuries. Before his flight, he will undergo in-depth refresher training.

The 2019 voyage to the International Space Station will be Morgan's first official mission. He'll make the trek alongside Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano and Russian cosmonaut Aleksandr Skvortsov. Aboard the International Space Station, he'll join American astronaut Christina Koch and Russian cosmonaut Sergey Ryzhikov.

The Army Medical Corps officer cites his military experience and training as keys to his success.

"At the core, I was selected as an astronaut because they saw a unique set of skills," Morgan said. "Everything I brought to the table was given to me by the Army—my undergraduate and graduate education, residency, and operational experiences."

Brig. Gen. George Appenzeller, commanding general of Brooke Army Medical Center, said in the Army release that he is thrilled to work with Morgan from space.



NASA astronaut Andrew Morgan, a military physician and graduate of the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at the DoD's Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, has been assigned to Expedition 60/61, which is set to launch to the International Space Station in July 2019.



Drew Morgan participates in spacewalk training for performing maintenance outside the International Space Station, standing above the pool, at NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory at the Sonny Carter Training Facility in Houston. (Courtesy of NASA)



In this April 14, 2017 photo provided by NASA, Morgan works in the cockpit of a WB-57 long-range, high-altitude aircraft during a space flight readiness training

class at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston. (AP)

"Drew's service and leadership is always about the team ... his patients, colleagues and their families," he said. "We are looking forward to his leadership from space next year."

More on Morgan at this web site.

[www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/morgan-ar.pdf](http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/morgan-ar.pdf)

*Editor's note: This is an email that I had from Drew's dad, Col Richard Morgan USAF, Ret., Dental Corps. and his wife Janice from New Castle. "Drew will be launched from Kazakhstan, a former Soviet state, in July 2019 aboard the Russian Soyuz launch vehicle. We hope to be there for the launch! Andrew will be with two veterans from previous missions: an Italian from the European Space Agency and a seasoned Russian cosmonaut...truly an international endeavor."*

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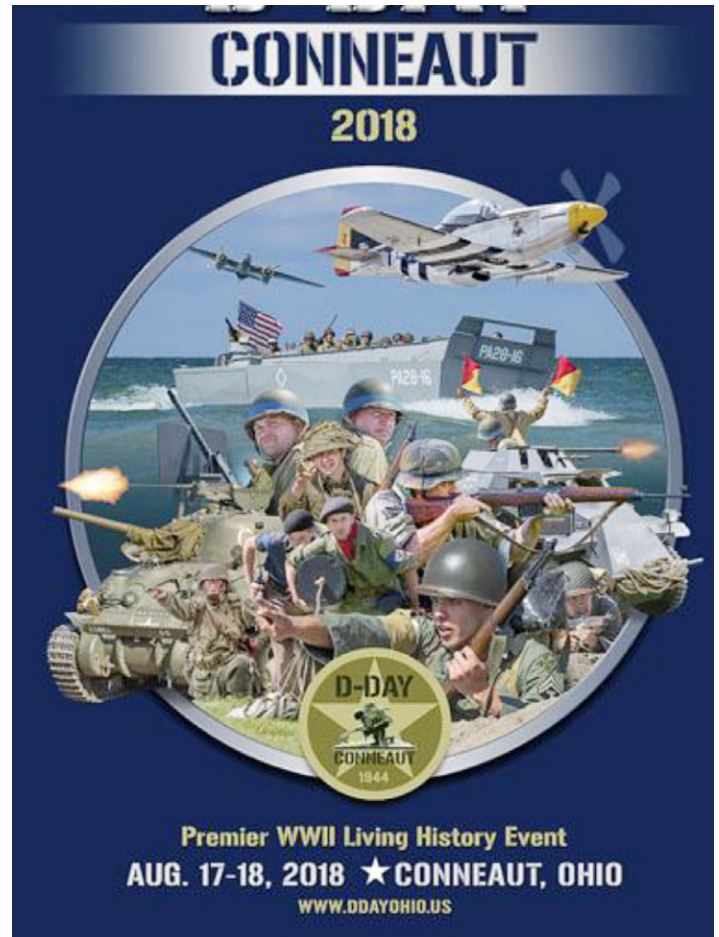
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