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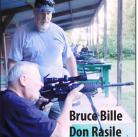
## President & CEO of the Youngstown/Warren Chamber He Is One of Our Own

The Mahoning Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of American met on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna for its annual steak fry dinner, but was served indoors at the CAC for the comfort and convenience of all. Guest speaker was none other than one of our own members, the former commander of the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Col James Dignan, USAFR, Ret. Upon retiring from his duties from the Air Force, COL Dignan found a new purpose in life but with somewhat similar goals to being the Base Commander. He was selected to be the President and CEO of the Youngstown/ Warren Regional Chamber. In his current role, he became a strong advocate for the Chamber's members trying to spur economic growth, facilitate the overall strategic plan of economic development throughout the region, and to promote and enhance the image of the Chamber throughout the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys. This is what he tried to do as Commander of the 910th Airlift Wing when he promoted YARS as one the best kept secrets in the entire region.

As Commander of the 910th from March 2013 to October 2016, Colonel Dignan oversaw 16 units with more than 1,300 personnel, led operations and maintenance support for more than 2,000 assigned Air Force, Navy, and Marine Reservists, and was the civilian leader for more than 400 Air Reserve Technicians and civil service employees. He was a former Navy aviator before transferring to the Air Force. Originally a native of southern California, Dignan revealed during his presentation of how he and his family grew to love this area and decided to reside permanently in the Howland area. He discovered that his Slovakian born wife had a grandmother who settled in Youngstown and then found out that he himself had relatives who were one of the earliest settlers in Trumbull County living in Vienna.

The Metroplitan Statistical Area (MSA) for the region includes the counties of Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Lawrence and Mercer. Here are some interesting statistics presented

# **Enjoyable Evening at the Ranges**























The men had the rifle range. The ladies got instruction from Pam Karousis and Becky Stocker at the pistol range. After the range fun, we went inside for potluck dinner.













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by Dignan. There are approximately 650,000 people in the MSA; there is a 2.5% population loss in the Mahoning Valley (but Poland and Canfield grew slightly); there are 92,000 who are of workforce age 18-62, who are no longer engaged in employment; 1/3 of prime workforce age are not employed, seeking employment or are receiving some form of disability compensation; there are 17,500 unfilled job opportunities in our communities with an average salary of \$42,000 per year but 65% of those jobs require some sort of certification, license, or qualification to get the job. Many of the unemployed are simply not qualified for these positions or fail drug testing. Trumbull County has the highest percentage of disengaged workforce in the State. Camp Ravenna is one of the three potential missile sites in contention for \$3.5 billion dollars in economic development that will bring 850 high paying rocket scientists and engineers into our region.

One of the major problems our region faces is parochialism whereby communities think more about their little entities rather than what is best for the whole region. A recent example of this is the TJX warehouse distribution center controversy in Lordstown. Dignan is the leading advocate



for the 2600 member Chamber which is trying to change the image of the region and be a voice that can be heard to turn communities around. His presentation was riveting, interesting, highly informative and very well received. President Hosler presented COL Dignan with the MSVC-MOAA challenge coin.

The evening concluded with Dennis McMahon winning the first prize in the 50/50 drawing, Walter Duzzny winning the 2nd prize, and Jim Basista winning the book "Voices of War" a collection of stories of service from the home front and the front lines.

	MSVC-MOAA 2018 Calendar
Date	Location and Program
10/4	MSVC Board Meeting, NOC, YARS
10/26	Luncehon 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	

#### **President's Notes**

MSVC-MOAA events were welcome interruptions to the heat and humidity of Ohio and Pennsylvania summers, the July shoot was well attended and it was great to have more of the ladies participate. The August steak fry and corn roast was also a big hit, being in the CAC was a plus because you know if it was outside it would have been steamy or stormy.

COL Dignan was a wonderful speaker and gave us a great deal of information about what's going on in the Mahoning Valley economy from the perspective of the Regional Chamber of Commerce. Jobs are available, businesses are hiring, and things are looking up. Keep an eye out for news about Camp Ravenna and the effect that will have on the valley. Let your elected representatives in Columbus and Washington know we want the facility here, because this time it IS rocket science. Better jobs in the area keep young people from leaving a great place to live

Florence Hosler, President MSVC

### MSVC Business Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>

Before our 50/50 drawing at our dinner meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The chapter needs to conduct a business meeting on two items.

One, is the approval of the Constitution and Bylaws. A committee of attorney Carl Nunziato, Rod Hosler, Florence Hosler and Janet Oglesby, started to update the bylaws in order for the chapter to be incorporated. In referencing what was required to be incorporated, it became apparent that it would be easier to repealed the old bylaws and create two new documents, a constitution and bylaws. The major changes to the bylaws were chapter membership categories. These are now defined as: Regular, Surviving Spouse, Spouse, Honorary, Friend, Lifetime. The other major change was to increase the board to three additional members. The constitution and bylaws will be mailed electronically to those who have email addresses, and postal service to those who do not. If you wish a hard copy over digital contact Florence Hosler.

The other item of the business meeting is to accept the report of the nomination committee for the 2019 Slate of Officers. See page six to volunteer for vacancies.

## MSVC BOARD MEMBERS President ....... Former LT Florence Hosler, USN

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## **TRICARE's Retiree Dental Program Will CEASE on December 31**

This information is predominantly for military retirees. If you are active duty and looking for more information on FEDVIP, please read this article. You've probably heard TRICARE's Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will cease coverage on December31. You might have also have heard you will not be automatically enrolled in a new dental plan. However, if you were covered under TRDP, you are eligible to enroll in dental coverage through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). If you have TRDP and wish to maintain dental coverage in 2019, you must take-action between November 12 and December 10, Open Season. That four-week Open Season window from November 12 to December 10, gives you the opportunity to enroll in the dental plan that will meet your needs in 2019. Are you ready for Open Season?

Here's one place to start. Additionally, retirees and their families who are currently covered by a TRICARE health plan are eligible to enroll in vision coverage through FEDVIP. Visit www. tricare.benefeds.com to explore your options for selecting dental and vision plans. MOAA recommends you start researching the numerous options for dental and vision plans you can enroll in during now for the Open Season. Don't miss this opportunity to start deciding what will benefit you in 2019! The BENEFEDS website is easy to navigate and provides a plethora of information on each plan. Below the welcome message, there are three links to help you decide where to go next. I'd recommend starting with Retirees. Click the "Learn More" option then the blue "View Full Article" option. On this subpage you can find information on the dental changes, a new vision option, preparation tips, and enrollment information. By clicking this link "Compare current 2018 plans and rates" (link also available on the BENEFEDS site under the How to prepare section), you'll have access to the FEDVIP Plan Comparison Tool. You'll open FEDVIP Plan Comparison Tool, which is a blue box under the subheading of the same name, and select which program type you want to compare (dental or vision), enter your zip code (yes, just like TRDP—where you live determines premium structure), and how frequently you intend to make payments. Test Comparisons In my test. You'll find quite a disparity in premiums! Well, you're not done. Each plan has a "View Details" link that will provide you with some of that plan's finer points, plus there is a link to a PDF file with the actual plan brochure from the provider—the "small print."

#### A sample comparison:

Deductible	Coverage	Co-Pay
\$0 deductible per person	100% Class A services (Basic)	\$10 per patient
	56% Class B services (Intermediate)	\$10 per patient
	40% Class C services (Major)	\$10 per patient
\$50 deductible per person	100%/90% Class A services (Basic) 70%/60% Class B services (Intermediate) 50%/40% Class C services	
	\$0 deductible per person	\$0 deductible per person  100% Class A services (Basic)  56% Class B services (Intermediate)  40% Class C services (Major)  \$50 deductible per person  100%/90% Class A services (Basic)  70%/60% Class B services (Intermediate)

The annual maximum benefit per person is \$30,000/\$3,000 (ln/Out)

- There are numerous dental plans ranging from \$36.14 to \$107.92 per month.
- There are numerous vision plans ranging from \$12.76 to \$28.90 per month.
- Costs will vary based in geographic or state area.
- These comparisons are for the 2018 plan year, which ends December 31.

Plan information will be updated in October, according to BENEFEDS. Sign up for your BENEFEDS account today and use their comparison tool to start researching the best plan(s)

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for you and your family. Intimidated by the abundance of choices being offered? Join MOAA's financial and benefits experts, Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF (Ret), CFP®, and Capt. Paul Frost, USN (Ret), AFC<sup>®</sup>, for a detailed FEDVIP webinar on October 9, 2018. Shane and Paul will demonstrate "How to Shop for a Plan" - going through the details of how to compare the different options that each plan provides. Are you more comfortable with a higher premium with lower co-pays or vice versa? Is orthodonture coverage important for your family? This webinar's registration will be available in mid-September, but you can track all MOAA Career and Education events here MOAA Events. Also, stay tuned for our Facebook Live town hall, hosted by MOAA's Health Affairs advocate Capt. Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), FACHE, with a guest speaker from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the human resources management office. A date for the Facebook Live town hall will be announced after the 2019 plan rates are available in October. Here is the timetable to keep in mind: Right now: 2018 insurance policies and rates for federal workers are available to review just for information purposes. Go to www.tricare.benefeds.com \*October 2018: 2019 rates will be available at the website. \*November 12-December 10, 2018: Open enrollment period. If you miss this window and you will not be eligible for federal dental and/or vision insurance in 2019.

#### **WWW.TRICARE4U.COM**

As a sponsor or beneficiary, at the TRICARE 4U website, you can:

- Have instant access to all of your benefit information
- · View claim status
- · View payment details
- · View the Explanation Benefits for your claims
- · Select to go "PAPERLESS"

#### Dedication In Columbus on October 27

#### **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is set to open on 27 October 2018, in Columbus, Ohio. GEN Colin Powell, USA (Ret.) is the Honorary Board Chair and will be the keynote speaker. LGEN Mike Ferriter, USA (Ret.) is the President and CEO, and is busy with staffing, Board recruiting, and the many other start up tasks. The public is encouraged to attend the dedication to celebrate the opening of this historic institution. The museum, located at 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215, will open immediately after the dedication and will remain open until 9 P.M. that evening to allow as many guests as possible to experience the exhibits. For more information and to RSVP for the dedication, go to <a href="https://www.nationalvmm.org.or">www.nationalvmm.org.or</a> www.facebook.com NationalVeteransMemorialandMuseum/

# Judge Milich to be Inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services has announced the members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA member Robert P. Milich, Lt Col, U.S. Air Force, Retired, will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at the Radiant Life Church on 7100 Post Road in Dublin, Ohio. The twenty-member Class of 2018 was chosen from among 119 nominations. This year's class joins 854 Ohio veterans who have been inducted since 1992 and represent all eras and branches.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 by former Gov. George Voinovich to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding Ohio veterans. Charter members of the Hall of Fame's Class of 1992 included the six Ohio veterans who were elected President of the United States as well as Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees of the past 25 years include astronauts, community volunteers, community leaders, safety officers, veteran advocates and government officials. Milich joins fellow chapter member Carl Nunziato who was inducted in 1999.

The members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame are honored in a permanent display near the Ohio Statehouse at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street in Columbus. Additionally, the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission has a display of county Veterans honored by induction in the Hall of Fame.

The 2018 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees are:

•Fredric L. Abrams	Air Force	Warren County
•Ronald L. Albers	Air Force	Franklin County
•Cassie B. Barlow	Air Force	Greene County
•*Francis Leroy Clendenen	Army	Licking County
<ul> <li>Orvil D. Cooper</li> </ul>	Army	Lawrence County
•Haraz N. Ghanbari	Army, Navy	Wood County
•James L. Gibson	Navy	Guernsey County
•Paul D. Haller	Navy	ackson County
•Ronald J. Hartman	Army	Clermont County
•Joseph A. Machado	Army	Fairfield County
•Robert P. Milich	Air Force	Mahoning County
•*Charles L. Murray	Army	Franklin County
•Merle J. Pratt	Navy	Franklin County
•Fredrick L. Pumroy	Air Force	Greene County
•Clifford Riley	Army	Clermont County
•Dana L. Robinson-Street	Navy	Franklin County
•Ronald A. Schwachenwald	Army	Lorain County
•Douglas D. Theaker	Navy	Richland County
•E.J. Thomas	Air Force	Franklin County
•Robert J. Wilhelm	Marines	Guernsey County
*Awarded posthumously		

## Membership Renewal or Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name:	Military Status	Spouse	Name	
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<b>September Birthdays</b> : 1–Nick Pacalo, 1–Bill So 4–Matt Chikosky, 16–John Wingerter, 17–Peter 29–Lisa Stremel <b>October Birthdays:</b> 4–David Di Tallo, 10–Lorin 25–Jim Solmen, 30–Jared Hideg	Mihai, 18–US Air F	orce, 23–Jim Swage	er, 27–Sandy Leasure,	(**. *ay

## 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: (330) 609-2115 Cell/Text: (330) 333-0397 Fax: (330) 617-8515 E-mail: USOTrumbullCo@gmail.com

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Son of Jim & Martha Bishop Lt Col Kevin Bishop, USAF, Kirtland AFB Albuquerque, New Mexico	*
Son of Jim & Carrie Hosack, LT Brennan Hosack, USN, Key West, Florida	
Son of 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	
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Son of Rick & Kelly Williams — PFC Garrett Williams, USA 82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina	
Son of Mike and Barb Wisniewski — CW2 Steven Wisniewski, is a Maintenance Test Pilot for the AH-64D Apache helicopter. He is stationed at Ft Drum, NY pa the 10 <sup>th</sup> Mountain Division	
Active Duty and Reserve Chapter Members	
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LT Jason Lasssiter, USCG, Cleveland	

Capt Joshua Palmer, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker
LCDR BJ Sacramento, USN, (COMSUBGRU 8) NSA Capodicinho, Naples, Italy
MAJ Lisa Stremel, USA, Ft Hood, Texas
1st Lt Kristina Valentic, MC—USAFR, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station
YSU ROTC Graduates
2013—1LT Jacob Rafidi, USA, Virginia
2014–1LT Tyler Strohecker, USA, Ft Drum, New York
2014–1LT Lorin Davis, USA, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii
2014–1LT James Stiger, Fort Leonard Wood with the 5 <sup>th</sup> EN BN, Missouri
2015–2LT Jared Hideg, USA, Florida
2016—2LT Brandi Burrows, Military Intelligence, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
2016–2LT Adam Hoover, Chemical Corps, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri
2016–2LT Matthew McIntire, Chemical Corps, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri
2016–2LT David Smith, Infantry
2017–2LT Lonnie Bissmeyer, Signal Corps
2017—2LT Tierney McCaster, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
2018–2LT Zachery Gibson, Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma (BOLC)
2018—2LT Zachary Szewczyk, Cyber Branch, Ft. Gibson, Georgia (BOLC)

## MSVC-MOAA Dinner at YARS

## Thurs, September 27 – RSVP by 0900 Sept 24

Where: Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station **Community Activity Center** 3976 King Graves Rd • Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Surving Spouses, **Guests of Members** 

Lounge and Cash bar opens at 1530 (3:30 р.м.)

Social: 1800 (6:00 P.M.)

Dinner: 1830 (6:30 P.M.) Reservations Required for

the Dinner

Program: 1930 (7:30 P.M.) Welcome to join the dinner

guests for the program Speaker: Janet Moy from SCORE

> SCORE is a nonprofit organization that provides free business mentoring services to prospective and established small business owners in the United States. More than 10,000 volunteers provide these services, with all volunteers being active and retired business executives and entrepreneurs. Janet has been a member of SCORE for over 30 years.

Attire: Business Causal, which simply means no jeans or tee shirts. Attendees in the past wear a sport shirt, a sport coat or sweater with open collar shirt and some wear shirt & tie with a sport coat.

Menu: Garden salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, turkey w/ dressing, peas w/pearl onions, dessert, rolls, coffee/ tea, pie for dessert, gratuity for \$25.00 per person. Chapter pays for no-shows.

**RSVP:** You can pay at the door with cash, check (preferred), credit or debit card.

- 1. Call Janet Oglesby, 330-568-4456 (leave a message if no answer).
- 2. Or Email Janet at <a href="mailto:djo52800@neo.rr.com">djo52800@neo.rr.com</a>
- 3. Or use the web site msvc-moaa.org/next-chapter-event and pay through PayPal with a credit card.

## 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.

## **Need Volunteers to Fill-up the Slate for 2019**

President ......Former LT Florence Hosler, USN term expires Dec. 31, 2019

1st Vice President......COL John Koshan, USA, Ret. term expires Dec. 31, 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....LTC Sam Axtell, USA, Ret. term expires Dec. 31, 2020

Secretary......Former LT Al Lind, USN term expires Dec. 31, 2020

Treasurer ...... Former LT Bruce Bille, USN term expires Dec. 31, 2019

Six Members at Large

...Former CPT Dennis Gartland, USA term expires Dec. 31, 2019

...LTC Michael Wisniewski, USA, Ret. term expires Dec. 31, 2019

NEVER STOP SERVING. ...LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.

term expires Dec. 31, 2019 ...Your name

term expires Dec. 31, 2020

...Your name term expires Dec. 31, 2020

...Your name term expires Dec. 31, 2020

Each member of the board will be expected to chair or cochair a standing committee and attend board meetings or submit a report.

Standing Committees:

Public Affairs/Communications Legislative Affairs

Student Affairs (ROTC) Membership Surviving Spouse Nomination

Roster and E-mail Point of Personal Affairs **Contact Committee Programs** 

Contact Rod Hosler if you can give a few minutes of your time. We need more help to share the needs and our vision of a growing chapter. Everybody has 24 hours in a day.

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