

Chapter Wins It's Third Five-Star Every year, MOAA's chapters compete to receive a four- or five-star Levels of Excellence Award. This year, 135 of MOAA's very best councils and chapters earned five-star awards. One area that MSVC exceeds in is the area of "community involvement" of it's members helping veterans. This page highlights a few chapter individuals.

YSU Hosts ROTC Alumni Picnic

CDR David J. Di Tallo, USN, Ret.

Youngstown State University's Pollock House was the site on July 29th for this year's ROTC Alumni Picnic, with about sixty alumni and several Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter (MSVC) members attending, according to MSVC Board Member and former U.S. Army Captain Ralph DeLucia.

MSVC enjoys a special relationship with YSU, numbering more than two dozen of its members as YSU ROTC alumni. Each spring the chapter awards a MOAA ROTC Medal and three hundred dollar cash award to a junior class cadet and presents graduating/commissioning cadets with a set of Class "A" uniform insignia and copies of The Army Officer's Guide. They and a guest are invited to the annual MSVC Cadet Night Dinner in early May.

This fall YSU is again sponsoring a Veteran and ROTC Alumni Weekend more details on this weekend on page two of the newsletter.

This year's picnic included a visit from YSU President Jim Tressel and tours of the adjacent Veterans Resource Center with YSU Veterans Affairs Manager Patrick ("Rick") Williams, who presented coins to the veterans. The Center was re-dedicated last November in honor of YSU ROTC Alumnus and MSVC member Carl Nunziato.

Photo captions (all photos courtesy of Jim Stickel Productions LLC):

1. YSU President Jim Tressel and YSU ROTC alumnus Bernie Kosar, Sr., with Carl Nunziato.
2. Carl Nunziato speaks to the attendees at their July 27 picnic at Pollock House on Wick Avenue. The adjacent Veterans Resource Center, named in honor of Carl, was open for tours.
3. MSVC member and YSU ROTC alumnus Irv Maurer, sits across from his wife Dianne, Tammy & Ron Pusateri and Pat Kelly Long, filled the table.
4. Ralph DeLucia chats with fellow YSU ROTC alumnus Richard Tropea
5. YSU Veterans Affairs Manager and MSVC member Rick Williams presents challenge coins to YSU ROTC alumni. LTC Joe Paydock in the background is Chairperson of Military Science at YSU ROTC.
6. YSU Veterans Challenge Coin
7. Bernie Kosar, Sr., visits with MSVC member Jim Fairbanks, a YSU ROTC alumnus.



MSVC board member Larry Scheetz was presented a citation from the State of Pennsylvania by State Representative Mark Longietti for his professional excellence serving as the Director of the Mercer County Veterans Affairs, and his many other charitable efforts on behalf of all veterans in the area. His wife Dawnle was also honored for her charitable efforts to veterans of the area and many other charities. Larry retired August 1st.



Next Luncheon Meeting Changes

Thursday, September 26 at MVR Restaurant

Where: Cassese's MVR 410 North Walnut St.
Youngstown, OH 44505

Who: Members, Spouses, Surviving Spouses, Guests

Lunch: 1130 gather and order. Nomination of officers for 2020.

Program: After lunch we will car pool to tour the Youngstown Business Incubator
<https://ybi.org/> with Rich Lonardo and staff.

Attire: Causal, wear comfortable shoes. The building is handicapped accessible.

Menu: We will order off the menu. Please RSVP so that MVR can staff the restaurant and prepare the table settings accordingly also so Rich can accommodate our group.

RSVP: By noon **Tuesday, September 24**

1. Call Janet Oglesby, 330-568-4456 (leave a message if no answer).

2. Or Email Janet at msvcmoaa@gmail.com

Directions: Entrance is off N. Walnut Street. Two parking lots, one on the Rayen Street side of MVR and one across from MVR on Walnut Street side. The restaurant location is on the backside of the YSU parking garage.

MSVC-MOAA 2019 Calendar

Date	Location and Program
9/5 Th	MSVC Board Meeting Navy Operations Center YARS 1000 hr
9/13-15	YSU Veteran ROTC Weekend see next column
9/20-21 Fri/Sat	Ohio Council of Chapters Convention – Cincinnati Chapter host at Blue Ash, Ohio Quality Hotel invited lunch speaker U.S. Rep Brad Wenstrup,, dinner speaker MOAA President retired Lt Gen Dana Atkins. The chapter will receive it's Five Star Award
9/26 Th	Lunch 11:30 at MVR Restaurant, then touring Youngstown Business Incubator with Rich Lonardo, Nomination of Officers
10/12 Sa	The 910 th Dinner Reunion. This invitation goes out to anyone who has worked at the Base in a Reserve or Civilian Status, as well as people who are still working there. RSVP by 10/1 to Peggy Roush Alienpeg@aol.com or call 234-716-7555
10/25 Fri	Lunch 1300 hr, CAC, YARS- Mercer County VSC, Vietnam Vets Recognition. Annual business meeting, election of officers
11/11 M	Veterans Day Ceremony: Mahoning County Court House, 11:00 A.M.
11/15 Fri	Lunch 1100 hr, CAC, YARS Commissioner Anthony Traficanti, Installation of officers
12/8 Su	MOAA/ROA Christmas Party

Date, time and place subject to change, check our web site, www.msvc-moaa.org>Activities>Next Chapter Event

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

MSVC Vietnam Vets Recognition

MSVC Vietnam Veterans we'll been given a Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin at our October 25th and November 15th luncheon meeting. We would like to compile a list of those members and years you served. **If you served during the Vietnam War, 28 Feb 1961— 7 May 1975, in country, other locations overseas or in CONUS.** Please email Janet Oglesby jlo52800@neo.rr.com preferred or call 330-568-4456.

YSU Veteran-ROTC Alumni Weekend

Friday, 9/13 at 5:30 p.m. Reunion Dinner at The Atrium at Williamson College of Business Administration

Saturday, 9/14 at 2 p.m. YSU vs Duquesne Football Game at Stambaugh Stadium

Sunday, 9/15 at 8:30 a.m. Golf Event Fundraiser for YSU ROTC at Avalon Golf & Country Club, Warren, Ohio

For more information on any of these events, please contact Catherine Cala at YSU Alumni & Events at cacala@ysu.edu or 330-941-2752.



To follow-up on Jon Kolb's presentation at Golden Corral in June. **Adventures in Training With A Purpose** offers a program that consists of balance, strength, flexibility and cardio respiratory endurance training. Joe & Edi Zentis, Janet Oglesby, Dawnle Scheetz attend this program at the gym of Faith Assembly of God church in Hermitage. ATP is also available at the YMCA, 17 N Champion St. in Youngstown. It has helped all of us in the health areas mentioned. FREE to all veterans. The web site www.adventurestraining.org provides more details. Visit before or after lunch M,W,F in Hermitage or Tuesday and Thursday at the YMCA.

Gun Shoot – Vienna Fish and Game Club

By LTC Mike Wisniewski, USAR, Ret.

Approximately 20 members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America participated in the 4th Annual MSVC Gun Shoot at the Vienna Fish and Game Club on Youngstown-Kingsville Road in Vienna on July 25, 2019. After Range Officer Frank Shuster presented a range safety briefing the rifle range portion of the firing line was opened to an assortment of military and personal firearms including pistols. A variety of targets ranging from 10 meters to 100 meters were set out for the participants. For the next 90 minutes the piercing sounds of gunfire could be heard while the dinner meal was being set up in the gun club's social hall. With perfect weather, bright sunny skies, pleasing temperature, and a delicious meal supplied by the Chapter and member's homemade creations, the event was a delight to all who attended. The Chapter gun shoot is open to all Chapter members and spouses and you didn't need to bring

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Legislative Report, September 2019

By LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.

The year is more than half over and the Congress has been in recess for a good part of it. Consequently, little has taken place regarding legislative issues affecting America's military and Veterans have taken place. Conversely, never ending investigations have also shifted focus from away from legislative issues. There are still several issues that are top priority for MOAA.

End to the Widows Tax. The House (H.R. 553) version of the annual defense bill contains a provision to end what's commonly referred to as the widows tax. However, four of the eighteen Ohio legislators in Congress have not come on board to cosponsor this bill. Let's Put an End to the Widows Tax.

DOD is Proposing Sweeping Changes to Military Medicine. The Defense Department's fiscal 2020 budget would eliminate roughly 20-percent, roughly about 18,000 military medical positions, along with other reorganization measures. This shortsighted "reform" effort could have drastic, even deadly, consequences—on the battlefield and throughout American Military Medical community. The losers will be the servicemember and their families. The readiness and effectiveness of America's armed forces demand a full complement of well-trained medical professionals. Contact your Congressional legislator immediately to voice your disapproval. Do Not Dismantle Military Medicine.

TRICARE Fees Increase. Think your health care already costs enough? Jacking up your TRICARE fees and out-of-pocket costs is on the list of budget options for lawmakers to consider. That would ignore the price military retirees and their families have paid up front with their service and sacrifice. Do Not Raise TRICARE Fees.

Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Military Retirees. Disabled military retirees forfeit a portion of their retired pay to offset VA disability payments. Act now to support H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act. This bill provides full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees, including Chapter 61 retirees. Support full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees.

Your voice counts. Contact your Congressional Senator and Representative regarding these and other legislative issues. Don't sit back and let things happen, your voice and vote counts and could make the difference in the long run.

We Love Our Air Base—We Don't Want to Lose It, We Want to Enhance It, We...

By LTC Mike Wisniewski, USAR, Ret.

The members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America were treated to a delightfully scrumptious top sirloin (or chicken) dinner buffet on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station Consolidated Activities Center. In addition to our primary guest speaker, Dave Christner, Vice President of the Youngstown Air Reserve Base Community Council (YARBCC), the Chapter was graciously treated to a short video and slide presentation of the 910th Airlift Wing by Colonel Joseph D. Janik, the Airlift Wing's Commander and Installation Commander. Col Janik served as the 910th's Vice Wing Commander from November 2017 until he assumed Wing Command in February 2019.

The 910th Airlift Wing first received the C-130 aircraft in 1981. Its current "H" model has graced the area skies since 1994. With concern for YARS continued existence, especially since the number of aircraft assigned to the 910th has dropped from 16, to 12, and now down to 8, Col Janik was asked if the 910th will be receiving the updated C-130 model. The money for the new aircraft has been appropriated in the DOD budget but the assignment of the aircraft has not been determined thus far. It is hoped that at least four of the 16 new aircraft models that were funded will come to Youngstown which would provide strong impetus to keep YARS as a viable military installation in the future. The 910th Airlift Wing has both a tactical (wartime) airlift mission as well as an aerial spray mission. With 6 of the 8 aircraft equipped with the aerial spray equipment, it is the DOD only large area fixed-wing aerial spray capable of controlling disease-carrying insects, pest insects, undesirable vegetation, and to disperse oil spills in bodies of water.

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

Standing Committees:

Legislative Affairs	Public Affairs/Communications
Membership	Student Affairs (ROTC)
Nomination	Surviving Spouse
Personal Affairs	Roster and E-mail Point of
Programs	Contact Committee

Contact Mike Wisniewski 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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Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter Membership Requirements

Membership in MSVC-MOAA shall be composed of: Men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers of the seven United States uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service). Surviving spouses of deceased individuals who, if living, would be eligible for membership. Chapter specific membership for spouses of present members and honorary members. MSVC-MOAA memberships are open to all eligible people.

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.

Membership Renewal or Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name: _____ Military Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Branch _____ Rank _____ Years Active/Reserve _____ / _____

☐ 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

You may use credit card and PayPal to paid, regular, spouses and surviving spouse dues at msvc-moaa.org/membership

☐ Active *(Regular) — ☐ Reserve* — ☐ National Guard*

*Free chapter membership if under government contract and you maintain a MOAA national membership.
A non military email address is preferred.

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September Birthdays: 1–Nick Pacalo, 1–Bill Schoenfeld, 5–Bill Petro, 6–Dick Calta, 6–Zackery Gibson, 9–Aqeel Homoodi, 12–Mary Berrier, 14–Matt Chikosky, 16–John Wingerter, 16–William Meshot, 17–Peter Mihai, 18–US Air Force, 23–Jim Swager, 27–Sandy Leasure, 29–Lisa Stremel

October Birthdays: 4–David Di Tallo, 5–Tom Nevin, 10–Lorin Davis, 13–Zackary Szewczyk, 13–US Navy, 19–Cory Jones, 25–Will Stamp, 25–Jim Solmen, 25–Joseph Caudle, 30–Jared Hideg



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

Son of Mark and Patty Andrews, Maj Matt Andrews, USAF, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, reassign to Spain this summer
Son of Jim & Martha Bishop Lt Col Kevin Bishop, USAF, Kirtland AFB Albuquerque, New Mexico
Son of Walt & Kathy Duzzny, Sr., BG Walter Duzzny, Deputy Commanding General, North Fifth Army, Border Security
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 He heads into space JULY 20 12:25 p.m. EDT from Russia
LCDR Benjamin Morgan, USCG, with VTS (Vessel Traffic Service) at USCG Sector New Orleans, Louisiana reassigned to Cleveland this summer.
Nephew of Carl & Clara Nunziato, LTC Jerald Nunziato, battalion commander of public affairs at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Nephew of Carl & Clara Nunziato, LT Carl A. Nunziato II, USN, Austin, Texas MD orthopedic surgeon
Grandson of Tom & Marla Raseta A1C Joshua Raseta, USAF, Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah, F16 Fighter Squadron
Son of Rick & Kelly Williams PFC Garrett Williams, USA, 82 nd 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 part of the 10 th Mountain Division
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LTC Wil Kline, USAR, Pittsburgh
LT Jason Lassiter, USCG, Cleveland
Capt Joshua Palmer, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker

LCDR BJ Sacramento, USN, (COMSUBGRU 8) NSA Capodcinho, Naples, Italy
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1 st Lt Kristina Valentice, MC–USAFR, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station
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YSU ROTC Graduates
2013–CPT Jacob Rafidi, USA, 2 nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1 st Cavalry Div. Commander, Ft Hood, Tx
2014–CW2 Tyler Strohecker, USA, Blackhawk Helicopters
2014–CPT Lorin Davis, USA, 1 st Armored Division, Combat Aviation Brigade, 127 th Aviation Support Battalion, Alpha Company Commander. Ft. Bliss, Tx
2014–CPT James Stiger, Fort Leonard Wood, currently attending the Engineer Captains Career Course
2015–2LT Jared Hideg, USA, Florida
2015–2LT Tyler Severino Strohecker
2016–1LT Brandi Burrows, Military Intelligence, Ft Bliss, Tx
2016–1LT Adam Hoover, Chemical Corps, Ft. Bliss, Tx
2016–1LT Matthew McIntire, Chemical Corps, Ft Bliss, Tx
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)
2018–2LT Sean Pregi, Military Police
2019–2LT Evan Beachler, Military Intelligence/Infantry
2019–2LT Joseph Caudle, Engineer
2019–2LT Derek Kozlowski, Infantry
2019–2LT Zachary Marr, Armor

Air Base from page 3

The YARS facility has 230 acres of DOD owned land and 90 acres of leased land. Once funding is secured and sale agreements signed, the YARS will acquire additional acreage to the east extending out to Route 193 which will facilitate the building of a new and more secure access entry gate and visitor center. There are 71 structures on the facility now with a total replacement valuation, including aircraft, of over one billion dollars. YARS is host to two tenant military units – a US Marine Corps unit and a Naval Reserve Unit. Approximately 1700 personnel are assigned to the 910th and another 200 +/- to ancillary components. Although 75% of the personnel reside within Ohio, there are 29 states represented in the population mix.

Following Col Janik's mission brief, Dave Christner highlighted the financial and economic impact that the Air Reserve Station has in the Mahoning and Shenango Valley region. In terms of employment, YARS is number one in Trumbull County and number three in Mahoning County behind Mercy Health and YSU. The payroll of \$55,000,000, direct expenditures of \$26,000,000 and indirect expenditure of another \$27,000,000 totals over 108 million dollars in economic impact to the local community. Organized 35 years ago, the YARS Base Community Council is made up of individuals, business leaders, and organizations interested in supporting the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Its stated mission is to invest in and maintain the presence of YARS through advocacy and public awareness. The MSVC-MOAA is among the newest organization to join the YARBCC having joined earlier this year. CPT Ralph DeLucia is our Chapter's representative while COL Walter Duzzny, who has been a YARBCC member for many years, represents the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the ROA. Mr. Dave Christner stated that the three main goals of the Council were:

1. – Make sure the air base stays here.
2. – Make sure that we improve and enhance it as much as possible.
3. – To support the men and women who work here.

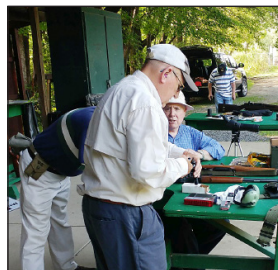
A colorful and informative Airstream Magazine, the official almanac of the 910th Airlift Wing, was passed out to the membership along with 3.5 x 8.5 folded brochures which highlighted the most salient features of the 910th Airlift Wing and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. These two items were created to pass out to organizations to educate and enhance the community awareness of the importance of the Air Reserve Station to the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys.

Winners of the 50/50 raffle were Maj Jack Russell and LT Al Lind. There were a plethora of winners of a number of giveaways that were donated to the Chapter. Winners walked away with Scrapper tickets, wine, several DVD's, and four books. A special thanks to the unnamed person(s) who donated these 11 extra raffle prizes.

Check out our web site: msvc-moaa.org or the calendar of events listed elsewhere in this newsletter. The Ohio Council of Chapters Convention is in the Cincinnati area on September 20–21. LTC Rod Hosler is providing the transportation for anyone wishing to attend. Next MSVC Chapter meeting is scheduled for September 26th. Lunch is at the MVR Restaurant in Youngstown and then car pool to the Youngstown Business Incubator for a tour. You won't want to miss this one! You may want to circle your calendar for this one also—YARS Airshow – June 20–21, 2020. Heard it straight from the Installation Commander's mouth.



MSVC President Florence Hosler presented MSVC Flagsets to Dave Christner, Colonel Joe Janik and Major Scott Allen



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your own firearm to participate. All weapons were available for anyone to shoot. This was an opportunity for veterans as well as newbies to experience firing a wide range of military American and foreign style weaponry of varying calibers of ammunition. The facilities could easily have accommodated 10–20 more participants and thus, this event was a missed opportunity for many of our Chapter members.

