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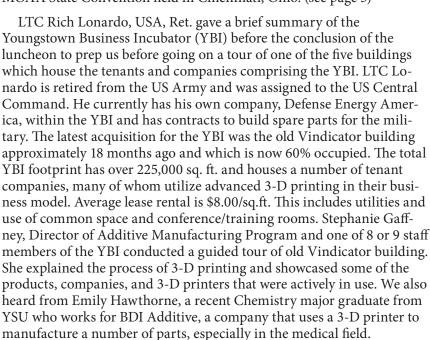
MSVC September Meeting – Lunch at MVR Follow by a Tour of Youngstown Business Incubator

By LTC Mike Wisniewski, USAR, Ret.

The members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America met at the MVR Restaurant close to the Youngstown State University Campus in Youngstown for a luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 25th. After the meet-



ing nominations for the Board of Directors for 2020 were presented and opened to the membership to see if anyone was interested on the Board as a Member at Large. With no further nominations forthcoming, a motion was made to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers as presented. The following members will be formally elected at the next Chapter meeting on October 25th. President: LTC Rod Hosler. 1st VP: Former LT Bruce Bille. 2nd VP: LTC Sam Axtell. Secretary: Former LT Al Lind. Treasurer: Former LT Florence Hosler. Members at Large: Former CPT Ralph DeLucia, Cdr David Di Tallo, LTC Larry Scheetz, MAJ Mark Andrews, Former CPT Dennis Gartland, COL John Koshan. President Florence Hosler gave a brief overview of the speakers and events at the MOAA State Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio. (see page 3)



There are seven types of additive manufacturing that can manufacture items made of aluminum, titanium, or any powdered metal. YBI also houses a ceramic 3-D printer, one of only three in the country. The 910th Airlift Wing at the YARS utilizes the YBI to produce spare parts for its aging C-130 aircraft whose original manufacturers have gone out of business. The cost savings is phenomenal to have a spare part made by 3-D printing rather than have a new company retool for a limited number of spare parts. One company visited on the tour just started in July



















Luncheon Meeting at YARS, Friday, October 25th at 12:30 P.M. - RSVP by Wednesday 23rd - 8 P.M.

Where: Youngstown AF Reserve Station Community Activity Center 3976 King Graves Rd Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Guests, Surviving Spouses

Social: Noon no cash bar

Call to Order: 1230, 12:30, half pass noon (you got it!)

Lunch: 1240 (preorder from the selections below)

Attire: Causal

Program: Bradley Alan Mercer County VSC, Vietnam Vets Recognition, Annual business meeting, and

election of officers

The web site msvc-moaa.org/next-chapter-event is set up to take orders, but not credit cards. It will help with accuracy of the order. Please pay at the lunch meeting with cash, check, or credit card.

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, cornbeef, sauerkraut, swiss and dressing
Fish Sandwich, beverage\$6.00 Tarter sauce and lettuce
Chef Salad, beverage, roll
<u>Side Options</u> if you only order side options, beverage is \$1.00:

Side Salad\$3.00
tomatoes, cucumbers, black olives & cheese
Dressings available, Balsamic, Blue Cheese, Italian,

Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette

French Fries	\$1.00
Cup of Chili	. \$3.00

RSVP:

- 1. Use the web site msvc-moaa.org/next-chapter-event to place your order.
- 2. Email Janet Oglesby msvcmoaa@gmail.com with your reservation and menu selection.
- 3. Or call 330-568-4456 leave a message. Make sure you state your menu selection.

Chapter Vietnam Vets Recognition Day

Chapter Vietnam Veterans we'll been given a Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin at our October 25th (primary) and November 15th luncheon meeting. Thank you to all the chapter members that confirmed their status.

MSVC Prepares for Veterans Day

By CDR David Di Tallo, USN, Ret.

Each year Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter – Military Officers Association of American (MSVC-MOAA) chapter members attend area Veterans Day observances.

Veterans Day is a terrific opportunity to visit the two Junior ROTC programs our chapter directly supports, as they each host assemblies honoring veterans. MSVC awards the MOAA JROTC Medal annually in April to an outstanding cadet in the East High School (Youngstown) and Trumbull Career and Technical Center (Warren) JROTC units and invites the recipients, two adult guests, and their instructor to the annual Cadet Night Dinner in early May.

Retired Master Sargent Douglas Moon, Army reports his Army JROTC cadets will once again host a Veterans Day Assembly at East High School, 474 Bennington Road, Youngstown, on Monday, November 11 at 8:30 AM and invites MSVC members to attend. The observance will be fifty minutes long. Please contact him at douglas.moon@ youngstown.k12.oh.us or (330) 740-4005, ext. 4175 to let him know you are coming.

Senior Aerospace Instructor (and new MSVC member - welcome, John!) Retired Lieutenant Colonel John Miller, Air Force says the chapter is welcome to attend a Veterans Day Assembly at TCTC, 528 Educational Highway, Warren, on Monday, November 11 at 8:55AM and 9:50AM. The assembly is planned and conducted by the Air Force JROTC unit, and both observances are identical. Members can contact Lt. Col. Miller at (330) 8479-0503, ext. 1302 or john.miller@tctchome.com if you plan to attend.

If you attend these, or any of observances, please drop me an email at david.ditallo@gmail.com with as much detail as possible to document our chapter's Veterans Day participation. Digital photographs are welcome too, especially those showing MSVC members themselves.

MSVC-MOAA 2019 Calendar			
Date	Location and Program		
11/11 M	Veterans Day Ceremony: Mahoning County Court House, 11:00 A.M.		
11/13 W	Mercer County's Veterans Stand Down Hickory VFW Post 6166 5550 E. State St. Hermitage, see page 4		
11/15 F	Lunch 1230 hr, CAC, YARS Commissioner Anthony Traficanti		
12/8 Su	MOAA/ROA Christmas Party		
Date, time and place subject to change, check our web site.			

www.msvc-moaa.org>Activities>Next Chatper 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

Legislative Report, October 2019

By LTC Rod Hosler, USA, Ret.

It must be noted that the United States Congress, the Senate and especially the House of Representatives have NOT conducted any meaningful legislative business (passing bills and laws) necessary to benefit the general American public and particularly America's military during the past year. Led by one political party, the House has been preoccupied with political matters much to the detriment of national security and the general population.

That being said, the Legislative Chairman continued to provide legislative updates both Federal and state level that are published in the Chapter's monthly newsletter. Additionally, updates have also taken place with a "Legislative Moment" provided to the general membership during the monthly Chapter meetings, and the monthly Board of Directors meetings. As the President of the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapter, I participated in the MOAA "Storm the Hill" program talking to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation concerning MOAA's top three Legislative issues: 1.) Eliminating the Widow's Tax, 2.) Keeping TRICARE fees low, and 3.) Eliminating the proposed reduction of 18,000 military medical billets.

Regardless of the inactivity of Congress, Chapter members are strongly encouraged to contact your Senator and Representatives to voice your concerns about those issues that affect you, the military community and the nation. A reminder to everyone, that Tuesday, 5 November is election day. Let your voice be heard and counted.

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of this year making plastic, durable, custom-fitted eyeglass frames in several designs and colors. They are currently producing 90 glasses per week but as their product becomes more widely marketed, have the capability of producing 80 frames per day with their current set-up.

Winners of the 50/50 cash prizes were: MAJ Michael Briceland and Mrs. Janet Oglesby. CAPT Bill Sweeney won "Fighting for Freedom - A Salute to the Troops," with John Wayne and MAJ Briceland won a second prize —"The ARMY" written by The Army Historical Foundation.

The next MSVC meeting is scheduled as a 12:30 lunch on October 25th at the CAC, YARS. Guest speaker will be Bradley Allen, Mercer County VSC. The Chapter will also hold its annual Business Meeting and also recognize Vietnam Era Veterans with a special presentation. Check out our web site: msvc-moaa.org or the calendar of events listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Recap of Ohio Council of Chapters Convention

By MSVC President Florence Hosler

Al Lind, Rod Hosler and I were able to attend the 2019 Ohio Council of Chapters Convention hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter was held in Blue Ash, Ohio September 20–22.

Of particular interest were the speakers:

Caroline Dineen, Director-Butler County Veterans Service Commission, Michael Forrest-Ohio State & Paul Fellinger Jr.-Xavier, University Veterans Programs and Dr. Kathleen Chard, Cincinnati Veterans Administration.

As a chapter we are familiar with the Ohio Veterans Service Commissions as well as campus Veterans programs but it was interesting to hear how other organizations offer their services.

The most dynamic speaker was Dr. Chard, she is nationally recognized for the VA PTSD treatment program she heads. She almost set the room on fire with her very passionate presentation about the various methods of treatment and assurance that people can recover from PTSD. She spoke about the how and whys of the disorder and the possibility of even preventing it's onset. There is a study underway to determine If that is possible.

It was very evident she is determined to keep ahead of PTSD and demystify it as well as debunk all the "feel-good" treatments as well as no longer using drugs which only mask symptoms. You came away knowing the disorder has no chance with someone like her around.



Florence receiving the chapter 5-star award from MOAA President General Dana Atkins

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NEVER SMAJ	Mark Andrews, USA, Ret. term expires Dec. 31, 2021
	PT Dennis Gartland, USA term expires Dec. 31, 2021
CO	L John Koshan, USA, Ret. term expires Dec. 31, 2021

MERCER COUNTY'S FIFTH ANNUAL **VETERANS STAND DOWN & RESOURCE FAIR** Wednesday, November 13th, 2019 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Hickory VFW Post 6166 5550 E. State Street, Hermitage, PA What happens at a Stand Down? Veterans and homeless veterans are provided with a broad range of necessities including food, medical, and mental health assistance, job counseling and referral, and most importantly, companionship and camaraderie. The hand up — not a handout philosophy of Stand Down is carried out through the work of hundreds of volunteers and organizations throughout the nation. This event is for homeless veterans, service members and their families, as well as homeless civilians and the general public. FREE Flu Shots will be available for all Veterans* *Must have DD214 with you or already be registered with the VA community **TCTION** Helping People. Changing Lives For more information please contact Lori Johnson, CAPMC Planning & Development Manager 724.342.6222 X14 ljohnson@capmercer.org

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Directory Update

Did you get rid of your landline?

Have a new cell number? Add a new email addresss? The chapter will be producing a directory in November. Notify Janet Oglesby of these changes, contact information above. If you don't want your name in the directory that is your right, please tell Janet.

In November an invoice for 2020 Chapter dues will be sent with the newsletter. MOAA National dues are invoiced separately by MOAA the month you joined MOAA national. Consider MOAA life membership.

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Membership Renewal or Application for Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter

Name:	Military Status	Spouse Name
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October Birthdays: 4–David Di Tallo, 5–Tom Nevi 19–Cory Jones, 25–Will Stamp, 25–Jim Solmen, 25 November Birthdays: 2–Rob Hanni, 2–John Kosha 7–Mike Wisniewski, 8–Evan Beachler, 10–Brennan 19–Matt Andrews, 19–Tom Whitten, 21–Sam Axte	-Joseph Caudle, 30–Jared H an, 2–Debbie Lonardo, 3–BJ Hosack, 10–US Marines Co	Hideg J Sacramento, corps, 13–John Caparanis,

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

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Son of Mark and Patty Andrews, Maj Matt Andrews is both installation Commander of Morón Air Base US forces and Commander the 496 th Squadron in southern Spain.
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 is iat the International Space Station see right. LCDR Benjamin Morgan, USCG Ninth Coast Guard District Cleveland
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
Active Duty and Reserve Chanter Members

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 Capodicinho, Naples, Italy
MAJ Lisa Stremel, USA, Germany

1st Lt Kristina Valentic, MC–USAFR, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station

From Rick Morgan, in response to the question, "Do you hear from your son in space?" "We hear from Andrew frequently via direct email access. He calls us directly every couple weeks. Over Labor Day weekend, we were able to video conference with him and he gave us a tour of the International Space Station. October 5th he starts a series of EVAs (extravehicular activities or space walks) to replace batteries on the outside of the space station. He and Christina Koch will exit the ISS around 8 AM on October 5th for a 6-1/2 hour job. The battery replacements will take a total of 5 EVAs over this month. Andrew is scheduled to participate in the first 3 of those. In November, there are 5 more EVAs scheduled to upgrade a magnetic spectrometer on the far end of the ISS. Andrew and Luca Parmitano, a European Space Agency astronaut, will be completing those. All that together makes for a very busy schedule ahead. You can watch those EVAs online at http://nasa.gov by clicking on the NASA TV tab."



MSVC Swings Big for YSU ROTC Golf Outing

Once again members of the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Chapter of MOAA turned out Sunday, September 15 at Avalon Golf and Country Club for the Fourth Annual Golf Event benefiting the YSU Department of Military Science and Army ROTC.

Following registration and a continental breakfast, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Paydock, USA (Ret.), Chairman of YSU's Department of Military Science, welcomed 116 golfers for a 10:00am "Shotgun Start", with over a dozen ROTC cadets acting as marshals.

According to YSU alumnus and event founder Lieutenant Colonel Richard Tropea, USA (Ret.), this year's event increased to twenty-nine, four-person teams from twenty-one last year, and raised over \$14,000. In addition, Hole Sponsors jumped from eighteen last year to thirty-eight this year. The department utilized the money for: computers for the Cadet study area and for our classroom, television monitor for the Cadet area used for presentations and as a bulletin board, book scholarships, academic scholarships, non funded equipment and apparel for Cadets, funding for our Ranger Challenge team, subsidizing the cost of the Military Ball, and subsidizing Cadet travel for out of state events

MSVC supported the effort as a Hole Sponsor, as did individual members Michael Briceland (Briceland Analytics Services) and James Fairbanks (James J. Fairbanks Co., Inc.). MSVC golfers included David Di Tallo, Dennis Gartland, Harold Hutzen, and Irv Maurer, while Richard Lonardo and Patrick ("Rick") Williams joined for the post-round dinner.

Also, on hand were four members of the YSU Women's Golf Team, who raised \$984 for the Folds of Honor Military Tribute Program. Student golfers Tori Utrup and Jenna Vivo carried a golf bag this season that honors Kent State University ROTC alumnus 1LT Ashley I. White-Stumpf, USA, who was killed in action in in Afghanistan in October, 2011.

The golf outing capped a three-day Veterans and ROTC Weekend, which began Friday, September 13 with the Veterans/ROTC Alumni Reunion Dinner on the YSU campus and continued Saturday, September 14 at Stambaugh Stadium for the YSU vs Duquesne University college football game, which the Penguins won. Photos and article by CDR David Di Tallo, USN, Ret.



Dennis Gartland and David Di Tallo on the No. 3 Hole sponsored by MSVC.



LTC David Sims, USA (KSU/YSU ROTC) and Rich Lonardo.



Rich Tropea and David Di Tallo.



Harold Hutzen and Irv Maurer warming up with some coffee.



Joseph Paydock YSU Military Science Chair and David Di Tallo.



YSU Women's Golf Team Folds of Honor Bag