

# MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

Happy New Year to all members of the Mahoning-Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA. I want to thank everyone for bestowing their faith in me by electing me as your sixth president. I will endeavor to serve you and the chapter for the next two years. We have a fine staff and board of directors that will look to the needs of the chapter.

There are many exciting speakers that will make our meeting interesting and informative. We are always looking for new and interesting speakers that make our meetings interesting. As last year, our winter meeting are Friday luncheons designed to get more members involved. We encourage everyone to attend.

One of the key activities that we as a chapter sponsor is our support of ROTC and JROTC programs in the area. We recognize the outstanding cadets from the Youngstown State University Army ROTC, East High School Army JROTC and Trumbull County Technical Center's Air Force JROTC programs. Additionally, we also recognize those newly commissioned second lieutenants from the YSU Army ROTC. All MSVC members are strongly encouraged to attend the ROTC/JROTC Recognition Dinner on Thursday, 30 April at the YARS/CAC. This is one way we can support outstanding cadets and welcome newly commissioned officers into American's armed forces.

Finally, if you have any interest in assisting the MSVC board of directors with your talents, please let me know. There is always something that we could use help with.

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One of the serious problems in planning the fight against American doctrine, is that the Americans do not read their manuals, nor do they feel any obligation to follow their doctrine...

**-From a Soviet Junior Lt's Notebook**

## LOOKING TO YOUR HEALTH NEEDS -- STROKE PREVENTION

Rod Hosler

**STROKE.** Just the sound of it can bring people to a standstill. As some may know I suffered a mild stroke the day after Thanksgiving. I am in fairly good shape and in good health. Who would have figured I would have a stroke? But there it was. I was extremely lucky that Florence was present and quickly recognized the symptoms. It is all about time. The quicker you react, the better your survival and recovery.

A stroke happens when the brain is deprived of blood through blockage of the arteries generally caused by a blood clot or plaque, or burst. There are several types of stroke. Some can cause major physiological or debilitating problems (paralysis, speech, memory loss, etc.), or be short term "mini-stroke" that with few long-term adverse effects. Recovery from a mini-stroke is often good, but much depends on the person and the severity of the stroke.

Knowing and recognizing the warning signs of a stroke is important. Act **FAST** and **CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY** at any sign of a stroke. The National Stroke Association has developed a simple technique to help identify a stroke.

Use **FAST** to remember the warning signs.

**F – FACE:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

**A – ARMS:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**S – SPEECH:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. "What is wrong?" Is there speech slurred or strange? Can the person talk at all?

**T – TIME:** If you observe any of these signs,

**CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.**

Time is the most important factor for stroke survival. Get medical attention quickly. Do not go to an emergency care facility, but **CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY** and report a stroke. If you suspect a stroke

**CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY. Do not delay.**

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**MSVC New Member Profile – Nate Walker***by David J. Di Tallo*

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter – Military Officers Association of American (MSVC-MOAA) added a new member to its ranks at the October lunch meeting, Mr. Nate Walker.

Nate grew up in Boardman before moving to Columbiana, Ohio and graduating from Columbiana High School in 2004. He began his armed forces career by enlisting in the U.S. Army, where he served as a Joint Fires Officer and advanced to E-7, with tours of duty in Egypt (2008) and Afghanistan (2012).



Chief Warrant Officer 1 (CW1) Nate Walker and his wife Jamie (photo courtesy of CW1 Walker)

In 2013, Nate left active duty to return to Ohio and become a Veteran Services Officer with the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission, where he helps veterans and their families identify and apply for federal, state, and local benefits. He again resides in Columbiana, with his wife Jamie and their children Nash (7), Grace (5), and Maren (2).

In 2016 Nate applied to become an Army Warrant Officer (CW1) and aviator, which he achieved in 2018. He currently flies the CH-47 CHINOOK helicopter with Company B, 3/238 General Support Aviation Brigade with the Ohio Army National Guard.

**MSVC Currently Serving Update – Wil Kline***by David J. Di Tallo*

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter – Military Officers Association of American (MSVC-MOAA) has several currently serving members who actively drill in their service's reserve component, while holding down a full time job and raising a family.



LTC Wil Kline, USAR teaching Joint Operations, Interagency and Joint Planning at the Army Command and General Staff College. (Photo courtesy of LTC Kline)

For the past two years, Lieutenant Colonel Wilbur ("Wil") Kline, USAR has been an Adjunct Professor with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), where he teaches Joint Operations, Interagency and Joint Planning at the Division and Joint Task Force Level. On weekend drills, he teaches at Fort Indianhead Gap, PA and, for two weeks each year, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Prior to becoming a professor, LTC Kline (a Civil Affairs Officer) served seven years as a Joint Operations Planner with the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, VA. He was commissioned in 1993 from the University of Akron's Army ROTC program.

LTC Kline is a full time partner and owner of GYG Financial, LLC an independent advisor firm with securities and investments offered through LPL Financial, LLC in Canfield, OH, where he works as a Financial Advisor. He resides in Salem, OH with his wife Lesley. He has four daughters, Kaitlyn (Kline) Voz, SPC Abigail Kline, USAR, PFC Sydney Kline, Ohio National Guard, and Victoria.

When his current assignment with CGSC is up in 2021, LTC Kline plans to retire from the Army with 28 years to total service.



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**Commissioner Traficanti Installs MSVC Officers and Board***by David Di Tallo and Florence Hosler, Photos by Tom Nevin*

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter – Military Officers Association of America (MSVC-MOAA) welcomed Mahoning County Commissioner Anthony Traficanti to its January 24 Lunch Meeting at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, after which he installed the chapter's 2020 Officers and Board of Directors Members.

Prior to the installation, Commissioner Traficanti spoke about the financial and tax efforts of the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners; keeping the county jail compliant with federal standards and educating county residents about the necessity of sales tax increases for that purpose.

Commissioner Traficanti also informed us of the great bond rating that Mahoning County enjoys on the bond market which allows county government to support other necessary expenditures. During his four consecutive terms on the board he has been involved with consolidating county offices to Oak Hill, a 'one stop shop' for residents needing services. He also regaled us with several very humorous anecdotes from his time serving with the late Jim Traficant, former Representative from the 17th Congressional District.

Born in Youngstown, Commissioner Traficanti graduated from Poland Seminary High School in 1984 and from Youngstown State University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and earned a Master of Science in Education (Community Counseling) from YSU in 1993 and was later certified a Licensed Social Worker and Certified Case Manager by the State of Ohio. From 1991 to 2001 he served in various positions in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant, Jr., while also pursuing private business interests in trucking and real estate. He was sworn in as a Mahoning County Commissioner in 2005.



Following his remarks, Commissioner Traficanti swore in the chapter's Officers and Board of Directors for 2020: Rod Hosler, President; Al Lind, Secretary; Florence Hosler, Treasurer; and Board Members at Large Mark Andrews, Dennis Gartland, John Koshan, Ralph DeLucia, and Larry Scheetz. Not in attendance were Bruce Bille, First Vice President; Sam Axtel, Second Vice President; and David DiTallo, Board Member at Large.

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**History Moment: Know your Seals**Quoting the [USPHS website](#):

"The Public Health Service seal was originally developed by John Maynard Woodworth, the first Supervising Surgeon (the title was later changed to Surgeon General) of the Marine Hospital Service (forerunner of the PHS). Woodworth, who was appointed in 1871, appears to have designed the seal early in his tenure. It featured a caduceus crossed with a fouled anchor and carried the words "U.S. Marine Hospital Service" and the dates 1798-1871. The 1798 date refers to the year of passage of the act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, which set up the marine hospital system that evolved into the PHS. The latter date represents the year of Woodworth's appointment and the reorganization of the Service associated with the creation of the Supervising Surgeon position. Today's seal is similar, except that it carries the words "U.S. Public Health Service," and only one date (1798).

The fouled anchor signified a seaman in distress or a sick seamen. The caduceus (a winged wand with two serpents intertwined) is often used today as a symbol of medicine, and it is tempting to think that Woodworth intended it to be interpreted in this way. However, the use of the caduceus to represent medicine was not so common in 1871, and it was more often associated with the god Mercury and used to symbolize trade or commerce. A more historically correct symbol of medicine is the staff of Asklepios (Aesculapius), consisting of a wand or staff with one serpent coiled around it and associated with the Greek god of healing, Asklepios. Ralph Williams, in his history of the PHS (1951), speculates that Woodworth used the caduceus of Mercury in the seal because of the Service's relationship with merchant seamen and the maritime industry.



**Luncheon Meeting at YARS,  
Friday, 21 February at 1230 pm  
RSVP by Wednesday, February 19 Noon**

Where: Youngstown AF Reserve  
Station

Community Activity Center 3976 King Graves Rd Vienna, OH 44473

Who: Members, Spouses, Bring a Guest, Surviving Spouses

Social: 1200 no cash bar

Call to Order: 1230 (12:30 p.m.)

Lunch: 1235

**Entrees**

**Club Sandwich, beverage** \$8.00 Ham, turkey, bacon, American & provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo

**Buffalo Chicken Wrap, beverage** \$8.00 Lettuce, tomato, onion, shredded cheddar, ranch and buffalo sauce

**Reuben Sandwich, beverage** \$8.00 Marble rye, corn beef, sauerkraut, swiss and dressing

**Fish Sandwich, beverage** \$6.00 Tartar sauce and lettuce

**Chef Salad, beverage, roll** \$9.00 Cherry tomatoes, sliced red onions, cucumber, hard-boiled eggs, shredded cheddar, pepper jack cheese, julienne ham and turkey

**Side Options** if you only order side options: beverage is \$1.00, Side Salad \$3.00, Chili \$3.00 Dressings available, Balsamic, Blue Cheese, Italian, Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette

**RSVP:**

1. Use the web site <http://msvc-moaa.org/next-chapter-event> to place your order.
2. Email **Florence Hosler** with your reservation and menu selection. [msvcmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:msvcmoaa@gmail.com)
3. Or call **Florence Hosler** @330-788-3270 and leave a message. Make sure you state your menu selection.

The web site <http://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 cards.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Slocum

### Legislative Moment: President Signs NDAA: What the Law Includes, and What's Next

By: Dan Merry, Vice President, Government Relations, MOAA

**President Donald Trump signed the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) on Dec. 20 in a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Md. Here's what's included in the NDAA:**

**Pay Raise:** A 3.1% raise effective Jan. 1; the largest pay increase for troops in 10 years.

**TRICARE:** Congress approved no new fees or pharmacy increases in 2020. Previously agreed upon [increases for medical and pharmacy copays](#) will take effect in January 2020.

**Medical Billets:** A provision that addresses concerns regarding both medical readiness and beneficiary access to high quality care.

**Survivor Benefits:** After nearly 50 years, MOAA's efforts and the efforts of others finally paid off with the elimination of a financial penalty more than 65,000 military survivors face, known as the "[widows tax](#)."

**Guard and Reserve:** For those National Guard and Reserve service members who served on [12304B orders](#), such service will now count toward their active duty time to lower the age when they receive their retirement pay.

**Medical Malpractice:** To address non-combat related military medical malpractice, the NDAA directs DoD to develop a regulation for negligent malpractice to be addressed through the military legal system. This provides a framework of redress for service members who have suffered from medical malpractice.

**Spouse and Family:** After identifying significant health and safety concerns in military housing, MOAA elevated these issues to DoD and Congress, culminating with congressional hearing that built the foundation of legislation to direct improvements. This bill underwrites the most comprehensive military housing reform since 1996.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER MOAA

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)