

**MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER**  
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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

*Rod Hosler*

September and Autumn are here. We have survived the lazy semi-lockdown days of summer and have much to look forward to: we are a vibrant chapter and will continue to safely meet and continue the work of MOAA.

The MSVC will meet on Thursday, 24 September at 6:00 PM for the ROTC/JROTC Recognition Dinner. We will meet at the Elton Beard Family Cabin in Boardman Park, Route 224 in Boardman, Ohio (next to the Shops at Boardman Park, at the far end of the park). This is an indoor facility with plenty of space that can accommodate 70 people. This will be a catered buffet dinner and the cost will be **\$15.00** per person. **Please NOTE: RESERVATIONS for are a MUST and need to be made NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER. There will be no exceptions.** The dress for this dinner meeting is coat and tie. I hope to see you all there. If you have health concerns, use your own judgement.

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msvcmoaa@gmail.com or 330-788-3270 to make reservations.

The YARS remains closed for now. We will be looking for another venue to host our dinner or luncheon meetings. As always, we will try to keep the meal cost below \$20.00 per person. If anyone has recommendation for another venue that could be used, please let Rod Hosler know. Additionally, we are in the process of planning our MOAA/ROA Christmas Dinner Party which should be on Sunday, 6 December.

Click for map to park:

[Elton Beard Cabin, Boardman Park](#)



**GENERAL ELECTION 2020**

As you have all gathered by the TV commercials, yard signs and activities taking place across the country it is once again time for the National General or Presidential election. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, 3 November. The big dilemma is: should I vote in person at my designated polling location; apply for an Absentee Ballot; vote early at the county Board of Elections; or use the mail-in ballot. Many are still concerned about the issue of the China COVID-19 virus and social distancing. By all means, use your good judgement. Remember that all Absentee Ballots must be received no later than Tuesday, 3 November to be counted.

Finally, If you want to be part of this great experience, become a Precinct official working the polls. The Board of Elections is always looking for people. Training is provided and all poll workers are paid for their service. Contact the Board of Elections to apply. Your service is needed.



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**August Chapter Meeting Wrap-up***Florence Hosler*

Our 20 August meeting, was at the Magic Tree Pub and Eatery in Boardman on their covered patio. The weather was perfect and the food tasty. Because this was a public venue and others shared the patio with us, we could not conduct a meeting. I know you were disappointed, still we did have time to gather and converse with other chapter members. Rod promises not to provide the floor show again!

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**STUDENT AFFAIRS**
*Dave DiTallo*

Our signature program of recognizing local outstanding ROTC/JROTC cadets that had to be postponed in April, will take place in September. The chapter will host ROTC/JROTC Recognition Dinner at our 24 September Meeting in the Elton Beard Family Cabin in Boardman Park. Keep you eyes open for more information. Great news. Austintown Fitch High School will be conducting Air Force Junior ROTC beginning this fall. This is another great addition to our community. I hope to see you all there.

**MSVC 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

24 Sept: ROTC Recognition Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Breard Cabin in Boardman Park  
 01 Oct: MSVC Board Meeting, Veterans Resource Center, YSU.  
 16 Oct: Lunch Meeting, TBD (Annual Business Meeting).  
 07 Nov: MSVC Board Meeting, Veterans Resource Center, YSU.  
 08 Nov: Vietnam Veterans Laying of the Roses, Youngstown.  
 11 Nov: Veterans Day Ceremony, Mahoning County Courthouse.  
 20 Nov: Lunch Meeting, TBD.  
 03 Dec: MSVC Board Meeting, TBD.  
 06 Dec: MOAA/ROA Christmas Party, Manor Restaurant Austintown.

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**MOAA LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD**

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter has been awarded the MOAA Level of excellence (LOE) Four Star Award for 2019. MOAA is in the process of upgrading our award to a Five Star. Congratulations to all of the members of the MSVC for making this award possible.



Photo by  
Bart Stovick

OCC/MSVC President Rod Hosler presenting the 5 Star COL Harris Communication Award to MSVC-MOAA Treasurer Al Lind on behalf of Bruce Bille and Mike Wisniewski at the 25 July OCC meeting.



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**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES***Rod Hosler*

Please take a few moments to visit the MOAA web site and link to the ADVOCACY section, scroll down to Legislative Action Center. This identifies all of the legislative issues and bills that MOAA supports that require your active involvement. Remember to contact your Congressional representatives (Senate and House) to express your concerns. Please remember that there are also many state legislative issues that also require your support

**[MOAA's Legislative Mission for 2020](#)****[TRICARE's Uncertain Future: How MOAA Is Working to Protect Your Benefit](#)****[Budget Delays Cost Billions and Threaten Readiness. Make Your Voice Heard](#)**

**MOAA Legislative Update** [moaa.org/takeaction](http://moaa.org/takeaction)  
or 1-800-234-6622 ext. 215

**MOAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2021-2023**

This is an important moment for MSVS-MOAA members. If you wish to be part of the chapter leadership, there are three "at large" vacancies as well as one board position to be filled on the chapter's Board of Directors for 2021-2023. The board meets once a month for two hours, generally on the first Thursday of each month. Please consider this important duty. We will be accepting nominations at our meeting on 24 September.

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**The names and positions in red are up for re-election.**

**MSVC-MOAA Committees**

These are not Board positions but voluntary. They work with the Board when needed.

Membership

Nominating

Personal Affairs

Programs

PR/Communications

Student Affairs

Surviving Spouse Rep.

Several Members at Large and Officers are the Chair of some of these committees but always need an extra bit of help from time to time.

Other positions are Newsletter Editor and Meal Coordinator.

Each on there own don't take much time but when they are combined with other positions...well it can be a bit overwhelming.... as Treasurer, Editor and Lunch Lady I know of what I speak!

**MEMBERSHIPRENEWAL 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)



## 4 Steps to Creating Your Legacy

**A beneficiary doesn't have to be a person — it can be an organization whose mission you want to support long after your lifetime.** When you name the USO as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, life insurance policy or donor advised fund, you can make a big impact on our future.

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You can name the USO as a beneficiary of many different types of accounts, including:

- » **Retirement plan assets.** When left to loved ones, these assets are subject to income tax. When left to the USO however, they pass tax-free, allowing us to put 100% of your gift to work supporting our men and women in uniform and their families.
- » **Life insurance policy.** Perhaps your children are now grown and you have a life insurance policy you no longer need. Consider naming the USO as a beneficiary. This gift allows you to make a substantial donation at a relatively low cost.
- » **Donor advised funds.** If you have a donor advised fund, you can recommend grants to the USO during your lifetime and name us as the beneficiary to receive the balance of your account after your lifetime.

### TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Need help getting started? Contact Susan Cleveland at 703-579-0845 or [plannedgiving@uso.org](mailto:plannedgiving@uso.org). Or, if you've already named the USO as a beneficiary, let us know by calling the number above.

## 4 Steps to the Gift of a Lifetime

- 1** Contact your administrator to request a change-of-beneficiary form, or download a copy from their website.
- 2** Fill out the form listing the USO, and the amount or percentage you'd like us to receive, on the form.
- 3** Return the form to your administrator. (Be sure to keep a copy for yourself as well.)
- 4** Let us know about your gift! It would be our honor to thank you and welcome you into the USO 1941 Legacy Society.

**TIP:** Beneficiary designations can be updated at any time to meet your changing needs. Make sure you review your beneficiary designations regularly to ensure they are up to date and reflect your wishes.

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