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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

We are now heading into the great Ohio summer season. The Chapter continues to be a model for the Ohio Council of Chapters, and remains open and conducts our meetings and activities in person and in a safe manner.

The Chapter joined with ROA-42 in hosting a Memorial Day program and ceremony on Monday, 31 May at 8:30 at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Youngstown. Walt Duzzny, Jim Shurtleff, Linda Shurtleff (and 4 other family members), Harold Hutzen, Don Rasile, Dave DiTallo and Rod Hosler along with nine members of the community were in attendance.

Monday, 14 June is Flag Day and the Army's 246th Birthday. Remember to fly your flag on this special day.

The Chapter is falling short for 2021 membership dues renew. Currently only 30 out of 112 Chapter members have paid their 2021 dues. Please note that your Chapter dues offset the administrative costs incurred in the operations of your Chapter, that includes: printing, insurance, postage, guest meal costs, new second lieutenant items, ROTC medals and scholarships, and other chapter and veteran support programs and activities. Without your dues support, the Chapter may have to reduce our programs; eliminate guest meal costs, new second lieutenant items, ROTC medals and scholarships, and other chapter and veteran support, etc. Your renewal response is appreciated.

Finally, I continue to encourage all current Chapter members to invite an eligible former officer for membership to attend one of our meetings. The Chapter will purchase that guest officer's lunch or dinner and the sponsoring officer will receive a \$10.00 gift card with the prospective officer's membership.

MOAA's motto: "Never Stop Serving," is a practice we all can subscribe to.



New Member Profile – Jared Elliss

By David J. Di Tallo

MSVC-MOAA added another (!) new member to its roster this spring, Major Jared Elliss, U.S. Army, currently an Assistant Professor of Military Science and Chairman, Department of Military Science at Youngstown State University, where he leads its Army ROTC unit. MAJ Elliss and his wife, Allyson, arrived in the area last fall from Fort Bliss, TX.

MAJ Elliss hails from Provo, Utah and attended Dixie State College in southern Utah and the University of Utah, where he was commissioned via Army ROTC. His first active duty assignment was in Hawaii as a Maintenance Control/Shop Officer. He later served as Support Operations Officer, Army Field Support Battalion, Ft. Bliss, TX, Assistant G-4 and Logistics Planner, 10th AAMDC, Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany; S-4, 402nd Field Artillery, Ft. Bliss, TX, and commanded a Distribution Company in 2/25 SBCT, Schofield Barracks, HI.

Along the way, MAJ Elliss served two full tours of duty in Iraq and one in Korea, and he earned a Master's Degree from The University of Maryland. He is currently pursuing a second advanced degree at YSU.

MAJ Elliss has been married to his wife, Allyson, for six years, and they have two sons, Gabriel (age 2) and a newborn, Ezekiel.

He was recently selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (O-5). Congratulations, Jared and Allyson, and welcome aboard!

New MSVC-MOAA member MAJ Jared Elliss, USA with son Gabriel.

Photo by Dave DiTallo



Why Join MOAA?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: NEVER STOP SERVING.

To Join MOAA National: use the web site www.moaa.org/join or call 800-234-6622



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As a surviving spouse and a member of MOAA, you have access to a host of people who are there to guide you through any difficulties or questions you might have. MOAA exists to protect military benefits and to offer you resources which cannot be found elsewhere.

MOAA membership is 350,000 strong, of which 16% are surviving spouses. Experts in the Washington, D.C., area advocate for legislation benefiting our community; they are equally vigilant when fighting legislation that would harm our benefits.

You are encouraged to visit MOAA.org, where you can sign up to receive [The MOAA Newsletter](#) and choose areas of most interest to you, such as health care and earned benefits, finance, and spouse and family.

On the homepage when you see the prompt "I AM A," scroll down and click on "Surviving Spouse," which will lead you to the [Surviving Spouse Page](#). This site provides information relevant to our community.

MOAA has a Surviving Spouse Advisory Council (SSAC) consisting of eight surviving spouses advocating for issues and concerns of interest to our community. Email SSACouncil@moaa.org with any questions or concerns you may have. MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter meets once a month and is open to all MOAA surviving spouses and surviving spouse liaisons. Speakers cover important information regarding issues and concerns one month and the next is an open forum meeting taking questions and hearing concerns

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2021 Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) State Convention

The 2021 Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) State Convention will take place Friday night, 1 October through Sunday, 3 October 2021 in Columbus. The venue for the OCC Convention is the Holiday Inn – Columbus Downtown – Capitol Square, 175 East Town Street in Columbus. Room rate is \$109 per night. The convention also invites spouses as well.

The proposed convention speakers are: Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), President and CEO of MOAA; LTG Michael Ferriter, USA (Ret), President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum; MG Deborah Ashenhurst, USA (Ret), Director of Ohio Department of Veterans Services; RADM John Palmer, USN, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency for Land and Maritime, Defense Supply Center Columbus; and Col. Brian Anderson, USAF (Ret), Senior Director, Transition and Member Services, MOAA. The convention will also include a tour of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

As a note, in 2017, the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter hosted the OCC State Convention and it was a monumental success that set the standard for all future conventions. We had excellent chapter response in supporting and participating in that convention, and the other OCC chapters likewise supported our convention. I encourage all of you to consider attending and supporting this noteworthy event. It's what we do as officers.

BECOME A MOAA NATIONAL PREMIUM (ANNUAL) OR LIFE MEMBER:

The Chapter currently has 108 members: 44 Life members, 24 Premium (Annual) Members, and 40 Basic members. Premium (Annual) and Life level of membership allows members full access to all MOAA benefits, travel service, free information publications, and discounts at many MOAA supported businesses. Basic member are MOAA National members, but pay no National MOAA dues and only have access to the MOAA website receiving just the electronic newsletter. Paying Premium or Life member dues also funds the programs sponsored by MOAA, and more important MOAA's lobbying efforts with Congress. Get full MOAA National benefits by becoming a Premium or Life member. Use the MOAA web site www.moaa.org/join or call 1-800-234-6622

KEEP MOAA NATIONAL INFORMED

Personal information listed on the MOAA National membership roster can only be changed by you, the individual member. Correct your information via your login at www.moaa.org, "My Profile" Information or call 1-800-234-6622. Changes include:

- address
- email
- telephone number
- rank or military status

MSVC Currently Serving Update

By David J. Di Tallo

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter-Military Officers Association of America (MSVC-MOAA) recently “welcomed home” two of its Currently Serving Members.

CW2 Nate Walker, a CH-47 CHINOOK helicopter pilot with Ohio National Guard’s Bravo Company, 3 Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment based in North Canton, OH returned from a ten month deployment to Erbil, Iraq in May.

In civilian life, Nate is Benefits Officer for the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission and joined MOAA and the MSVC in 2018. Since his return Nate has been enjoying time at home with his wife, Jamie, and their three children (Nash-age 8; Grace-age 6; and Maren-age 3) at their home in Columbiana.

Welcome home, Nate!



Army Reservist LTC Wilbur (“Wil”) Kline recently transitioned to the “Retired” ranks on 1 June 2021 after 34 years of service. His final assignment was as an Adjunct Professor, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, where he taught Joint Operations, Interagency and Joint Planning at the Division and Joint Task Force Level.

Now a “full time” civilian, Wil resides in Salem, OH with his wife, Lesley, and is a partner in GYG Financial, LLC in Canfield, OH.

Congratulations, Wil, and hope to see you both at an upcoming meeting!



MSVC/ROA Team Up for Decoration of the Graves

By David J. Di Tallo

After a highly successful 2021 Cadet Night in late April, Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter-Military Officers Association of America (MSVC-MOAA) and Reserve Organizations of America/Chapter 42 (ROA/42) teamed up again to honor deceased veterans by decorating their graves Saturday, May 15, which coincided this year with Armed Forces Day.

Led by chapter presidents Rod Hosler (MSVC-MOAA) and Walt Duzzny (ROA/42), six members placed over 150 U.S. Flags on veterans’ graves at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown. The tradition has been held annually, rain or shine, for over twenty years, with MSVC joining the effort with its establishment ten years ago.



MSVC members Rod Hosler, Florence Hosler, and Walt Duzzny at the annual Decorating of the Graves, Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown, OH, on Saturday, May 15, 2021. This year’s event coincided with Armed Forces Day. Photo by Dave DiTallo

Established in 1885, Calvary Cemetery stretches over 150 acres and is owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. The cemetery is home to the graves of dozens of veterans, including former Sandusky, OH native Leonard Thom, Executive Officer, PT-109, who survived his ship’s collision with a Japanese destroyer in World War II and died in a car crash in 1946 in Ravenna, OH.



With many if not most local Memorial Day observances still being cancelled due to pandemic concerns, MSVC and ROA continue to do their part to recognize veterans and honor their service.

Veteran monument at Calvary Cemetery (photo from Pinterest)

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE 2021 DINNER MEETING

The Chapter will conduct its monthly meeting on Friday, 18 June at 6:00 PM at Golden Corral, 1025 N. Hermitage Rd / PA Route 18 in Hermitage, PA. Our dinner meeting speaker will be Judge Wallace of Mercer County. He will be speaking about the Mercer Veterans Court.

Golden Corral is a buffet style facility, however, we request your reservation for our meeting room setup. Please contact us not later than Wednesday, 16 June at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or (330) 788-3270. State COVID requirements will be observed.



Supporting Camp Corral is one of our major chapter activities.

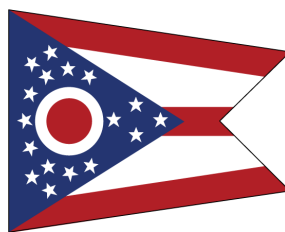
Surviving Spouse info.

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Check out your [local MOAA chapter](#) where you can meet new people and other surviving spouses. Some of our events have speakers on a variety of subjects that might interest or concern you, with some other events providing entertainment. Most chapters have a surviving spouse liaison who is there to assist you with any issues or concerns you might have or just to provide some comfort or a sounding board.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

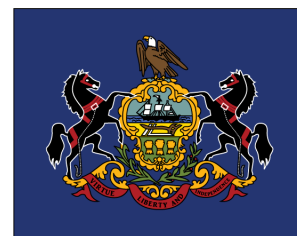
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OHIO

[S. B. No. 160](#) A B I L L To amend sections 173.42, 3712.06, and 3727.75 and to enact section 3721.141 of the Revised Code to require certain entities to inform veterans about available health care benefits and to name this act the Veteran Information Act. **Still in hearings.**

[H. B. No. 29 2021-2022](#) A B I L L To amend sections 317.24 and 317.241 of the Revised Code to allow a person who was discharged from the United States Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain an Ohio veterans identification card. **As passed by the House.** Forwarded to the State Senate for action.



Pennsylvania

There are several bills before the [General Assembly](#) pertaining to veterans housing, homelessness and Veteran's Affairs funding.

There are several House and Senate bills before the assembly to abolish "no excuse" mail-in ballots. [Senate Bill 402](#) [P.N. 387](#) & [House Bill 195 P.N. 1189](#)

Genevieve D. Strong-Scupholm
October 29, 1925 - May 19, 2021

Genevieve D. Strong-Scupholm, 95, formerly of Vance Road, New Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1925, in New Wilmington, the daughter of Walter Stewart Dick and Maude Ethel Magee Dick.

She was preceded in death by husband and MOAA member LTC John T. Scupholm

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## SAVE THE DATE

### YSU ROTC ALUMNI PICNIC REUNION

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021

POLLOCK HOUSE PAVILION



### 2021 5th Annual Golf Outing

Sept 18th (Saturday)

Veteran/ROTC Alumni

Reunion Dinner

Sept 19th (Sunday)

### 5th Annual ROTC Golf Outing

- Avalon Golf & Country Club
- 5:30 p.m. Social Hour/Cash Bar, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Cincinnati Award, Key-note Speaker
- Avalon Golf & Country Club
- Registration at 7:30 a.m. with Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.
- 18 holes with cart, driving range, locker room, non-alcoholic beverages on course
- Mission BBQ at the turn
- Cocktails/cash bar at 1:00 p.m., closing luncheon at 1:30 p.m.
- Prizes to include \$10,000 Hole-in-One

MSVC-MOAA will be sponsoring a hole!

## MSVC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2021

Membership renewals have been lagging this year, be on the lookout for a reminder in the mail!!

\$20 for members and spouses and \$10 for Surviving spouses.

Your quick response is appreciated.

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**\*\*Active duty is free\*\***

### UPCOMING MSVC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021

18 JUN – Dinner Meeting, at Golden Corral, Hermitage, PA; Judge Daniel P. Wallace, Mercer Cty. Veterans Court. 5:30

17 JUL – Ohio Council of Chapter Meeting, NVMM, Columbus.

22 JUL – Dinner Meeting, Gun Shoot and Picnic, Vienna Rod and Gun Club, Vienna. Catered Dinner. \$5 donation/cost 3:30 to be on time for safety brief.

19 AUG – Steak Fry & Corn Roast Dinner Meeting, CAC, YARS or A La Cart.

16 SEPT – Dinner Meeting, A La Cart Catering, Canfield **Nomination of Officers.**

1 - 3 OCT – **OCC Convention/Quarterly Meeting, Columbus, NVMM.**

15 OCT – Lunch Meeting, A La Cart Catering, Canfield, Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers

### 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)  
\*FREE

