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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

Here we go again. Much haranguing has been made lately over the names of certain military installations in the country. Recently the Department of Defense has announced the proposed name changes to many Army installations located in southern states. In an effort to placate the anti-American WOKE crowd, American history will be censor and purge. To what end? Further divide the country. In an effort to proclaim anti-racist many become racist. It appears for the most part, the only criteria in the selection of names for these installations is bases on race, ethnicity, gender or "equity" and political necessity to purge history. Although selection will honor Americans for significant military noteworthiness, there is always someone else who is equally deserving. Not to belittle any of the individuals, perhaps DOD should consider name these installations after former Presidents that served in the Army or generals that served in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary. This way DOD can take the high ground in the selection by remaining neutral relying on the prestige of serving as President and in the Army. Unfortunately, it may already be a done deal. Yesterday it was statues, today names of installations, tomorrow purging our national and military history, all to suit a political agenda. One can only wonder at what point this WOKE madness will stop?

"It is important that people know that you stand for, and what you won't."

The Chapter continues to move forward into the summer vacation season. We have planned our summer schedule to include meeting at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, PA on 23 June where we'll learn about Veteran assistance issues and programs; our annual picnic and gun shoot at the Vienna Fish and Game Club on 21 July, and back to A La Cart in Canfield on 18 August to learn about family readiness and support at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

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RECAP OF THE 26 MAY DINNER MEETING

The Chapter was pleased to have two of its members present a program about collecting Civil War artifacts at our May meeting. Al and Steve brought several artifacts and documents collected over many years and explained the significance of the items. To identify Al and Steve as experts would be an understatement. The stories surrounding each item brought to life the artifact. Thirty members attended the program and Steve and Al responded to dozens of questions. To make the program more interesting attendees were able to pick up and examine many of the artifacts. Outstanding presentation.



Rod Hosler, Al Lind & Steve Motika



Just a "few" of the many, many artifacts Al & Steve brought for us to view.

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MOAA Resources: Spouse and Family

[Senators Pressure DoD to Expand Housing Review After Investigation](#)

A bipartisan pair of senators is calling for the Pentagon to expand a review of military housing owned by Balfour Beatty Communities following the lawmakers' own scathing investigation that found the company continues to ignore residents' concerns about hazardous living conditions.

The [Army](#) already announced a new probe in response to the recent report from the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, or PSI, and a subsequent hearing the subcommittee held about its report.

Now, the leaders of that subcommittee are pressing the Pentagon to expand the probe to the [Navy](#) and [Air Force](#).

"Balfour pled guilty to fraud against all three military service branches -- the Air Force and the Navy as well as the Army," Sens. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., and Ron Johnson, R-Wis., [wrote in a letter Friday](#) to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

"Further, the information uncovered by PSI's inquiry and at the April 26th hearing suggests that Balfour has continued to mistreat military families and to record inaccurate and incomplete work order data in its internal Yardi system at non-Army installations," added Ossoff and Johnson, the chairman and ranking member of the subcommittee, respectively.

This article by Rebecca Kheel originally appeared on Military.com, a leading source of news for the military and veteran community.

[Doorstep Deliveries Starting June 1 for These 8 Military Commissaries](#)

[Military Families in Hawaii File Claims Against Navy Over Tainted Water](#)

[Military Tenants Still Waiting on Promised Database for Housing Complaints](#)

Interesting reading for parents and soon to be college students: [Celebrate High School Seniors Who Are Choosing a Different Selective Institution](#)

All of these articles can be found online at [MOAA.org](#)



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4 Resources for Older Adults By: **Renée Brunelle**

The community of military spouses, encompassing all past and present, is a resilient group of individuals. The ability to change plans in a moment's notice is a skill acquired over years of experience. The other amazing characteristic of military spouses is that we support each other and share tools, benefits, and resources no matter how long we have known each other.

Here are four such resources to consider:

VA Aid and Attendance: Also known as housebound allowance, VA Aid and Attendance might be able to provide a monthly financial benefit to assist with personal care services. Financial and physical considerations need to be investigated. Local veteran services organizations are a great place to get neutral information and support.

Geriatric Care Managers: Hiring these professionals can be an unmatched option of support for seniors who do not have family members close. They are social workers for hire who can be on a retained contract or situational contract in case of emergency needs. Their experience can help you navigate insurance coverage, emergency services, or placement recommendations if you are looking into senior living locations.

Board-Certified Elder Law Attorney: Often attorneys will list that they offer estate and/or elder law specialties. This is an important area in that "what you don't know will hurt you." A board-certified elder law attorney has a higher level of training and expertise. Learn more through the [National Elder Law Foundation](#).

Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES): This designation for Realtors means that they have done advanced education for working with home buyers over the age of 50. Often, they have a network of additional businesses and services that will assist in making the real estate transaction as smooth as possible. Learn more through the [SRES Council](#).

Renée Brunelle is a member of MOAA's Surviving Spouse Advisory Council and co-founder of Pathfinders Downsizing Solutions.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES : ADVOCACY IN ACTION

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Rod Hosler

MOAA continues to actively advocate for legislation to better the condition of Americas military and their families. The key items that MOAA continues to address this year are: 1.) Concurrent Receipt for Combat Injured Service Members (Major Richard Star Act); 2.) Tricare Mental Health Copayments; and 3.) Military Pay Raise at 4.6% for the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Progress is being made but it is a slow process. Many Congressional Representatives still have to come on board to cosponsor the legislation.

There are other legislative issues are being considered and are in committee and MOAA continues to monitor their progress as well. The MOAA's legislative priorities and other issues can be found at the legislative take action alerts on the MOAA website at <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/>

MOAA National continues to ask its members to take note of the issues at their Legislative Action Center and on the individual "Take Action" email messages. Continue reaching out to your lawmakers on these issues, as well as track what MOAA is engaging on in the halls of Congress.

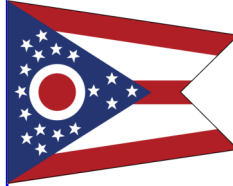
To see how MOAA has changed its "MOAA Take Action" category go to "Meet MOAA's New Legislative Action Center. <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/advocacy/meet-moaas-new-legislative-action-center/>.

Please take a few moments to visit the MOAA web site and the link to ADVOCACY section scroll down to Legislative Action Center. This link identifies all of the legislative issues and bills that MOAA supports which require our active involvement "to take action." The needs of our military should always be the first priority of Congress. It is unfortunate that out federal legislators fail to step up and meet the needs of American's military without constants reminders and prodding to do the right thing; and people wonder why Congress has a low popularity rating. Remember to contact your Congressional representatives (Senate and House) to express your concerns. Please remember that there are also many state legislative issues that require your support as well.

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



STATE LEGISLATIVE NEWS



OHIO

[Ohio Legislature](#)

H. C. R. No. 46 Urge President recommend not closing Chillicothe VA Med Center

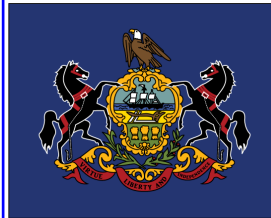
H. R. No. 75 Recognize Ohio National Guard for assisting food banks.

S. B. No. 259 Add Paralyzed Veterans of America rep to Veterans Advisory Comm

S. B. No. 287 Allow county credit card charges for veteran assistance

H. B. No. 407 Establish the Safe Shelter Initiative Program for Ohio veterans

H. B. No. 581 Allow county credit card charges for certain veterans assistance



Pennsylvania

[DOCUMENTS REPORTED OUT BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS](#)

This link also takes you to Senate bills.

An advertisement for MOAA Insurance Plans. It features a blue background with the MOAA logo (three vertical bars) and the text "MOAA INSURANCE PLANS" in white. Below this, the slogan "Standing with you at every stage." is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the phone number "1-800-247-2192" and the website "www.moaainsurance.com/plans" are listed in white. A small number "97017" is visible in the bottom right corner of the ad.

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Additionally, the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission will again charter a bus to attend the D-Day reenactment at Conneaut on 19 August. More information will be forth coming. We'll returning to our normal programs and schedule beginning in September.

I urge all members to continue to show your support to your chapter by marking your calendars and participating in our summer meetings and programs. We are always looking for fresh topics and speakers, so if you have any thoughts, please let me know.

There is still a vacancy on the Chapter board of directors. We would like fill this position with a spouse member to give us another perspective in the way we govern and run the chapter. If you are interested, please contact me or Dave DiTallo if you are interested.

[NOTE: The opinions expresses by the author do not represent the views of MOAA.]

21 JUNE DINNER MEETING

The Chapter June Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, 23 June at 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM at Golden Corral at 1025 N. Hermitage Road in Hermitage, PA.

The program will include Jim Cardillo, Mercer County Veterans Treatment Court and Jim and Lisa Gibson "Flying High With Horses" Veterans Equine Therapy.

Reservation are not required, however please call in your intent to attend by **Tuesday, 21 June** at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or (330) 788-3270 in order to give Golden Corral a headcount for room and server purposes.



We will also present our donation to Camp Corral that evening. Hope to see you all there.

MSVC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, 23 June -- Dinner Meeting

Venue: Golden Corral

Program: Mercer Cty Veterans Treatment Court & Flying High with Horses

Speakers: Jim Cardillo & Jim and Lisa Gibson

Thursday, 21 July - Picnic

Venue: Vienna Fish and Game Club

Program: Military Gun Shoot and Picnic

** Have confirmed food being provided by Mission BBQ - Boardman

Thursday, 18 August -- Dinner Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: Military Spouse Recognition

Speaker: 910th AW MilSpouse Group

AUGUST 19 – D-Day reenactment at Conneaut. Free bus transportation. Contact Veterans Service Commission @ 330-740-2450 after Aug 1.

Thursday, 15 September -- Dinner Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: TBD

Speaker: TBD

On Agenda: Nomination of Officers

Friday, 21 October -- Lunch Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: Business Meeting

Speaker: (No speaker)

Friday, 18 November -- Lunch Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: TBD

Speaker: TBD

Saturday, 10 December -- Christmas Party and Fund-raiser

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

If you have any ideas for a program contact Bruce Bille at: bbille.usna.82@gmail.com



CHAPTER RECEIVED 5 STAR COLONEL HARRIS COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

The Chapter was honored by receiving 5-Star level Colonel Marvin Harris Communications Award for its newsletter and website. This is the seventh straight year that the chapter has received 5-Star recognition. Thanks to editor Florence M. Hosler for an outstanding newsletter that is provided to chapter members in both print or online mode; and to webmaster Bruce Bille for an outstanding chapter website. Congratulations Florence and Bruce, well done.



Rod Hosler, Florence Hosler & Bruce Bille



Florence & Bruce-We need another streamer!!
Photos by Mike Wisniewski



AUSA Meetings and Events

Professional Development for the Professional Soldier

AUSA has several series of on-line briefings, found at this link: AUSA.org .
You must register for webinars.

AUSA's Noon Report Webinar series invites you to join us on **Tuesday, 23 August 2022, at 12:00 PM EDT** to hear a presentation by **MG Sean A. Gainey**. He will detail efforts by the Army and DoD that bring an enterprise approach to the protection of personnel, materiel and missions in the context of the growing threats and hazards associated with the rapid increase in small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) technology.

Underlined articles are links

Military History, Events and Commemorations for June

6 JUN 1944: D-DAY, Allied Invasion of Normandy, France.



14 JUN 1775: Birthday of the United States Army, 247 years old.

14 JUN 1775: Flag Day.

25-26 JUN 1876: Battle of the Little Bighorn, MT.



25 JUN 1950: Korean War begins.

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.

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

The Chapter currently has 118 members: 44 Life members, 24 Premium (Annual) Members, and 50 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:

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June Membership Corner

By David J Di Tallo

I want to begin my "Membership Corner" this month with a sincere THANK YOU to all of the members who renewed their membership for this year.

Membership dues provide the backbone for our recurring, yearly expenses, such as maintaining an award winning website, insurance, payment processing fees, and mailings.

Our current chapter membership stands at **130**, with **111** also registered as MOAA members. Unfortunately, three members chose not to renew their chapter membership.

Please contact me at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or call me at home at (330) 758-8597 if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

The best recruiting tool we have is word of mouth. Please make use of our "**Bring a Friend**" program - invite a current, former, or retired Commissioned or Warrant Officer and/or their current or surviving spouse, and the chapter will cover the cost of their meal(s).

We also have our "**Be Our Guest**" cards, which you can hand someone you may or may know personally. If they qualify for chapter membership, they can attend a lunch or dinner meeting at no cost. Please contact me if you need any "Be Our Guest" cards.

Senior Moment

The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always being asked to do more, and you are not yet decrepit enough to turn them down.

T. S. ELIOT

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER MOAA

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\$20 for members and spouse membership.

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VA Clinic Named After A Living Chapter Member

The Veterans Affairs Ohio Healthcare System dedicated the new Carl Nunziato VA clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, on Armed Forces day 2022. What made this dedication so distinctive was that it was dedicated to a living individual. When the VA approved the construction of the new clinic, a contingent that was led by two purple heart veterans, Herman Breuer and Leo Connelly, also Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-13.) Ryan introduced legislation in November 2019 that names the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Youngstown, Ohio the "Carl Nunziato VA Clinic." The clinic opened in January of 2021 but due to the pandemic the dedication was delayed.

Carl Nunziato was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1938, graduating from Rayen High School. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Clara, he attended college at Youngstown State University. Through the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Carl earned a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and served three tours in Thailand and Vietnam. On November 22nd, 1966, Carl lost both of his legs when an enemy mortar round impacted less than 3 feet away from him as he was running toward his unit's command center. He spent 23 months at Walter Reed Army Hospital recovering. Nunziato retired from service in 1968 and among his awards are the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Army Air Medal, and the National Defense Medal.

Carl returned home to Youngstown, enrolled in law school at Case Western Reserve, and with graduation began yet another battle: the fight for veterans, and all Americans, with disabilities. As an attorney utilizing a wheelchair in 1970s, most of the courthouses he encountered lacked the accessibility he, and other Americans like him, needed to simply be able to get to his job. Carl saw the problem and seized the initiative, as he had always done with obstacles he encountered in life. He dedicated his life to serving his community, fellow Veterans, and fighting for the rights of disabled Veterans.

One need was for a VA clinic to serve 40,000 veterans in the area in the 1980's. Nunziato said the VA would send a nurse to Youngstown to see veterans in need of medical care, but it was literally a Band-Aid approach to treatment, and patients had to go to other VA facilities — the closest ones in Cleveland and Butler, Pa. — for actual treatment, which are 75 miles away. The old VA clinic opened in Youngstown in 1991. Thirty years later Carl was instrumental in getting the new, larger facility built. The closing comments at the dedication to Carl: *"We may never be able to repay you for your sacrifices but we will do our best to honor your legacy by providing quality care worthy of your name to our community's veterans for generations to come."*

After the ceremony, a painting of Nunziato by Ray Simon was unveiled. It is hung at the entrance for everyone entering the clinic to see.

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA gave Carl a MOAA golf shirt to celebrate the occasion.



Carl Nunziato



Janet Oglesby, Carl Nunziato & Rick Williams



Carl's Reach
Painted by Artist: Raymond A. Simon