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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

On 4th of July, Independence Day, I watched my American flag fluttering in the breeze in my front yard while contemplating America's past and future. America is at a critical crossroad that most thought would never occur. Our country and our way of life is transforming before our eyes, and I believe not for the better. Individuals, tech giants, the liberal media, and organizations both inside and outside our government seem to conspire to restrict our freedoms and liberty, change our history and society, engineer our thoughts and behaviors through indoctrination, subversion persecution, and fear of the state. They strive for domination and power. Restricting or eliminating the right to "free speech," the I Amendment; the right to keep and bear arms," II Amendment, for personal protection; unreasonable search and seizure, IV Amendment; etc., all meant to control dissent.

Even many of our elected officials have turned their backs on the very people they were elected to represent. In most cases these elected official have done little to better the conditions of their constituents. They continue to promise to make things better and once elected turn their backs. High gas prices, cost of groceries, inflation, shortages of commodities, wide opened borders and disregard of immigration laws and enforcement, elimination of oil independence, upheaval of our social fabric and societal norms, and the list goes on and on. To what end? Even organization that profess national patriotism are mute to what is going on for fear of retribution.

Many national government departments and bureaus that have enforcement/police powers are being weaponized against the citizenry they were founded to protect in an effort to intimidate, control and eliminate political opposition, and it is a sad indictment. To recapture our country from those that desire its radical transformation, I urge all citizen to become active in securing our future. Become aware of the issues, the people and organization that wany to transform the

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The Chapter met on Thursday, 23 June at Golden Corral in Hermitage, PA. Jim Cardillo, a Marine Corps veteran of the Mercer County Veterans Treatment Court provided a program about the court and its positive impact on area veteran. Also, Jim and Lisa Gibson of "Flying High With Horses" talked about the benefits of Equine Therapy for Veterans and their families. Jim is a former Army helicopter pilot. Great programs with 28 MSVC members in attendance.



Jim and Lisa Gibson &
Rod Hosler
Photos by Irv Mauer

Jim Cardillo & Rod Hosler



The Chapter continues into the summer vacation season and were half way through our summer schedule of meetings and programs. We'll be back at A La Cart in Canfield on 18 August to learn about family readiness and support at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. 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, but to reserve a seat on the bus, please call the Veterans Service Commission at 330-740-2450. 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, programs and activities. We are always looking for fresh topics and speakers, so if you have any thoughts, please let me know.

MOAA Resources: Spouse and Family

Study: Commissaries Claim Inflated Savings

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) used unreliable and inconsistent methodologies to calculate the annual savings realized by commissary shoppers, resulting in inflated savings figures, [according to a Government Accountability Office \(GAO\) report released](#) in June.

'Feeding Our Paycheck to the Pumps': Troops, Families Deal With Inflation

Military families, like many in this country, are struggling with [inflation](#), and in some cases, the military lifestyle exacerbates it.

They're cutting back on purchases, settling for cheaper but lesser quality items in some products like diapers, doing more cost comparisons, stretching their food purchases into multiple meals, combining trips and driving less in their efforts to fight skyrocketing inflation. Many said vacations are simply out of the question this year. One wife of a deployed Marine said that among the many things they've given up is their international cell phone plan, which they've used during past deployments.

MOAA's Military Spouse Page

With MOAA's military spouse programs and resources, you get the knowledge, tools and events to help you stay informed and empowered.

Below you'll find links to publications, news articles, and MOAA advocacy efforts, as well as ways you can get involved at multiple levels.

CREATE YOUR SPOUSE ACCOUNT:

If this is your first time adding your spouse information, be sure to have the MOAA member number, the member's first and last name. The MOAA member number is on your *Military Officer* magazine.

MEMBERS: UPDATE YOUR PROFILE HERE. If you are the MOAA member, log into MOAA and update your profile to include your spouse's information. For assistance, call our Member Service Center at (800) 234-6622.

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". Changes include: **address, email, telephone number, rank or military status**



Florence Hosler, SSL

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Surviving Spouse Corner: Get Involved in MOAA's Advocacy Efforts

By: Dr. Vivianne Wersel

This spring, MOAA members contacted all 535 members of Congress during the association's annual Advocacy in Action event, conducting more than 235 meetings and sending over 7,500 letters. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of security on Capitol Hill, MOAA members met with their elected officials either in face-to-face or virtual meetings.

MOAA's three legislative priorities were supporting the Major Richard Star Act, supporting the Stop Copay Overpay Act; and ensuring a competitive military pay raise.

Why get involved with Advocacy in Action? Volunteers are well trained to understand the process of setting up meetings and communicating with elected officials as well as having a better understanding of legislation. In addition, participation cultivates relationships with staffers and members of Congress from your district and state. The experience you gain is beneficial to help support other legislation as a constituent or with a group to help improve survivor benefits.

Military survivors are the stakeholders to the legislation at large. Congress continuously adjusts military survivor benefits. It is important surviving spouse members exercise their rights to educate staffers and members of Congress and remain vigilant to protect and improve survivor benefits. MOAA headquarters' staff does an outstanding job educating members so they can participate in grassroots advocacy efforts.

Here are some ways to contribute and keep MOAA's priorities on Congress' radar:

Send pre-written letters to Capitol Hill using MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#).

- Call elected officials using MOAA's direct line to the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 1-866-272-6622.
- Engage with congressional members via social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Stay current with MOAA's legislative efforts and subscribe to *The MOAA Newsletter*. Check your MOAA's newsletter subscription preferences [at this link](#).

- Customize your letters and conversations with elected officials; embed a personal story.

Congress will act only if they are inspired by their voters. Join MOAA's effort to help improve benefits for military, veterans, retirees, family, and survivors.

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. Progress is being made but it is a slow process. The MOAA's legislative priorities and 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.

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. Even though Congress is on a summer recess, you should still contact your Senators and Representatives. 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.

Concurrent Receipt Resources and Advocacy Updates

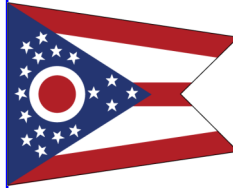
MOAA has long fought to end the unjust offset faced by medically retired servicemembers who lose a dollar of retirement pay for every dollar collected in VA disability pay.

This page offers resources and guidance for the 210,000 Chapter 61 retirees and their families, including 42,000 whose injuries are combat-related.

It also offers the latest updates on MOAA's efforts to secure concurrent receipt for all of these retirees, and how you can help support the cause.



STATE LEGISLATIVE NEWS



OHIO

[Ohio Legislature](#)

H. C. R. No. 46 Urge President recommend not closing Chillicothe VA Med Center *** **Center has been saved from closure.**

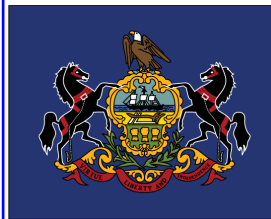
H. R. No. 75 Recognize Ohio National Guard for assisting food banks. **In committee**

S. B. No. 259 Add Paralyzed Veterans of America rep to Veterans Advisory Comm **In House committee**

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 **Postponed by House**

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.

Ronald Reagan

The most terrifying words in the English language are:
I'm from the government and I'm here to help.

When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat.

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

Legislative Contacts:

MOAA Legislative Update moaa.org/takeaction
or 1-800-234-6622 ext. 215

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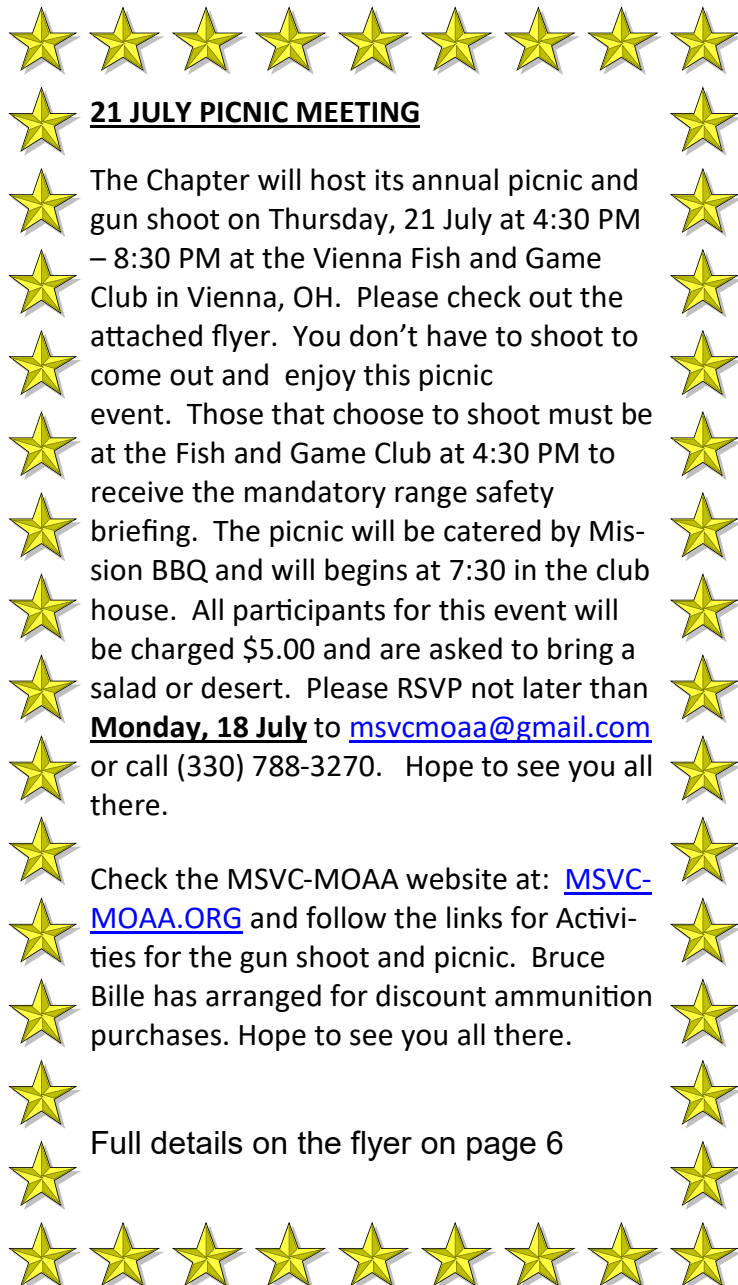
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country, those seeking elected office, and hold them accountable, and VOTE. Remember it is, "WE THE PEOPLE" who are the real government. Elected officials work for us, we do not work for them. Be persistent, be diligent and be strong.

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

When even one American - who has done nothing wrong - is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth - then all Americans are in peril.

Harry S Truman



21 JULY PICNIC MEETING

The Chapter will host its annual picnic and gun shoot on Thursday, 21 July at 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Vienna Fish and Game Club in Vienna, OH. Please check out the attached flyer. You don't have to shoot to come out and enjoy this picnic event. Those that choose to shoot must be at the Fish and Game Club at 4:30 PM to receive the mandatory range safety briefing. The picnic will be catered by Mission BBQ and will begins at 7:30 in the club house. All participants for this event will be charged \$5.00 and are asked to bring a salad or desert. Please RSVP not later than **Monday, 18 July** to msvcmoaa@gmail.com or call (330) 788-3270. Hope to see you all there.

Check the MSVC-MOAA website at: MSVC-MOAA.ORG and follow the links for Activities for the gun shoot and picnic. Bruce Bille has arranged for discount ammunition purchases. Hope to see you all there.

Full details on the flyer on page 6

MSVC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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



MSVC Military Rifle and Pistol Shoot – Thurs., July 21, 2022

July 21st MSVC gun shoot and member picnic will be held at the Vienna Fish & Game Club, [1508 Youngstown Kingsville Rd \(Rte 193\), Vienna, OH 44473](#). After safety instructions, we will offer our members a special opportunity to fire military pistols and rifles at the rifle range. A picnic dinner will follow after the range has been secured. The main picnic features are generously provided by [Mission BBQ](#). Members are encouraged to bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks. A donation of \$5 per dinner is requested for future MSVC programs.



Schedule:

- 4:30 – 5:00 Range prep. Bring UNLOADED weapons to the range
- 5:00 – 5:15 Range Safety Briefing by NRA certified RSO
*****If you don't make the safety briefing, you don't shoot.*****
- 5:15 – 5:30 Black powder demonstration.
- 5:30 – 6:45 MSVC Members' Rifle and Pistol Shoot
- 6:45 – 7:00 Police the brass / range cleaning
- 7:00 – 8:30 Picnic dinner – provided by Mission BBQ



Special Event: 5:15 – 5:30. Black powder demonstration by Stephen Motika.

Rifle and Pistol Shoot, 5:30 – 6:45. Everyone-- Bring your own eye and hearing protection!

MSVC members volunteer to bring their military weapons or personal firearms to the event. Please ensure they are in proper working order. You will be asked to allow others to shoot your weapon. You will be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of your weapon after the event. Targets will be provided.



Ammunition. Those bringing guns are asked to also bring ammunition. If other members want to fire a provided weapon, they are expected to pay for the ammo used.

*****MSVC MEMBERS ONLY***** Stocker's Gun Shop is making popular ammo available to our MSVC group at a discounted purchase price. Visit MSVC-MOAA website for details.

7/18; 11:00 a.m. - Deadline for discounted ammo purchases.

Send caliber and quantity you want to purchase to
BBille.usna.82@gmail.com. Pre-payment required.

Pay via PayPal at: [paypal.me/BruceBille](https://www.paypal.me/BruceBille)

7/21; 11:00 a.m. – Ordered ammo picked up at Stocker's by Bruce.

7/21; 19:00 p.m. – Ordered ammo picked up by members at MSVC Gun Shoot and Picnic.

For more information, please contact Bruce Bille, cell/text: 330-219-2473, or e-mail: BBille.usna.82@gmail.com

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 JULY

1 - 3 JUL 1863: Battle of Gettysburg.



4 JUL 1776: Independence Day.

4 JUL 1863: Vicksburg Surrenders.

5 JUL 1814: Battle of Chippewa, Canada.



Major Henry Leavenworth at the Battle of Chippewa
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

25 Jul: Battle of Lundy's Lane, Canada.

27 JUL 1953: Korean War Ends.

July Membership Corner

By David J Di Tallo, 2nd Vice Pres/
Membership Chair

July concludes our chapter's six month long membership renewal period, and I want to sincerely thank you for remitting your dues and continuing your membership.

Membership dues provide the backbone for our recurring, yearly expenses, such as maintaining an award winning website, insurance, payment processing fees, and mailings. This year membership renewals provided **\$1580** in funding for our ongoing operations.

Our current chapter membership stands at **127**, with **110** also registered as MOAA members. Unfortunately, three members chose not to renew their chapter membership.

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).

Please continue to use our **"Be Our Guest"** cards, which you can hand someone you may not know personally. If they qualify for chapter membership, they can attend a lunch or dinner meeting at no cost. Contact me if you need any "Be Our Guest" cards.

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



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Senior Moment

**True terror is to wake up
one morning and discover
that your high school
class is running the
country.**

Kurt Vonnegut

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER MOAA

Name: _____ Spouse

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WESTERN RESERVE
PORT AUTHORITY



Youngstown -Warren
REGIONAL AIRPORT

5th Annual 5K on the Runway

Check in: 7:00am Opening Ceremonies: 7:45am

Location: Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport

Cost: \$35 per person

Includes: T-shirt, Medal, Snack, Water

July 16, 2022
8:00am

Proceeds benefit the future of Youngstown Air Reserve Station via the Youngstown Air Reserve Base Community Council whose mission is to invest in and maintain the presence of Youngstown Air Reserve Station through advocacy and public awareness.

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For questions contact

Cathy Moore

330.423.8935



SCAN ME TO REGISTER

Sporting Clay Fundraiser

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Lawrence County Sportsmen's Association * Mill Street * Wampum, PA

8:00 a.m. Registration * 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start * Special Auction

Team Cost

\$125.00 per shooter (4 man team)

which includes the following:

- 100 Sporting clays
- Lunch will be provided by Mission BBQ
- Eye and Ear Protection **MUST BE WORN!**
- 12 gauge preferred
- 7 1/2 or 8 shot preferred
- Rain or Shine. Dress for the weather.
- If you want to be on a certain team, please request it on the form
- 100 Rounds of World Class sporting clays with 20 very challenging stations and 4 shooters per team
- Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. - "WHEELS UP"
- You must pre-register by July 1, 2022
- This event will be limited to the first 20 registered teams
- Register early. If you are in need of a golf cart, the fee is \$25 and you **MUST** request that with your early registration. There are a limited number of carts available.
- Proceeds will benefit 910th Airlift Wing & Family Readiness

Sponsorships—Tax Deductible

\$125.00—Station Sponsor— Your personal or company name on a sign at a shooting station.

\$500.00—Awards Sponsor— Your name on a sign. This money will help purchase awards for the winners in each category.

\$1,500.00—Medal of Honor Sponsor— Your name on a sign plus one team of shooters. This money will help the 910th Airlift Wing Family Readiness Program.



Thank you to Mission BBQ for sponsoring the lunch.
"We strive every day to remind everyone what makes
Our Country great—its heroes." - Mission BBQ



Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Squad Leader & number in squad : _____ # _____

Cost per shooter - \$125.00 x _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Cart—\$25.00 (if needed, please reserve, limited number available) Enclosed \$ _____

Station Sponsor - \$125.00 Name on Sign: _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Awards Sponsor - \$500.00 Name on Sign: _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Medal of Honor Sponsor- \$1,500.00 Name on Sign: _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to AFA Chapter 371 and mail with payment to:

Joe Buchanan, 225 McClurg Rd., Suite 4, Youngstown, OH 44512

Event Questions or Sponsorship Opportunities: Call Joe at 330-519-8387 or email IDPAOhio@gmail.com

All proceeds will benefit the Youngstown Air Reserve Base & Family Readiness

Please visit www.shootlcsa.com for directions to the Club