

# MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

The United States is the greatest country in the world. American innovation has propelled the country and world into the 21st century with advances in medicine, science, technology, and the arts. The United States literally saved the world through our involvement in World Wars I and II by providing the war materials and the skilled manpower necessary to achieve victory on the battlefields around the world. We sought to maintain peace through strength around the world during the Cold War. America is the light of liberty and freedom that peoples around the world hope to achieve, but sadly, our greatness as a country and people has been diminished, not through neglect but by internal forces that want to destroy the fabric of our country. The cancer of liberalism and progressivism are changing America before our very eyes. Within the past two years we have seen the elimination of secure borders, the abuse of our immigration system allowing millions of unvetted illegals entrance to our country. We have lost energy independence through the elimination of key energy resources and facilities. Crime is running rampant in our once great cities. Inflation, high gas and utility costs, supply and distribution problems, high unemployment, etc., are making the country and people less prosperous. Our children will have less economic stability and a lower standard of living. Are we better off now?

Corruption within our government is real as once admired institutions such as the Department of Justice, the FBI, CIA, Departments of Education, Commerce, Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control, National Institution of Health and even the Department of Defense have been weaponized for use against the very citizens they were chartered to protect. Congress continues to dither rather than address the issue that plague the country and fails to improve the condition of the people that elected them. Over half of the country has been demonized;

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### AUGUST DINNER MEETING ROLLUP

The Chapter's August Dinner Meeting, 18 August was our annual steak fry and corn roast. This was undoubtedly the best steak and corn we've ever had at any August dinner. The program included three 910th Airlift Wing's Key Spouse Group leaders that talked about the support structure for families of deployed airmen. The event included a very clever video made by the Key Spouse Group that depicted their functions. It was an excellent program with 27 members and guests in attendance. Kudos to A La Cart for the fantastic steaks!

### SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING, THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.

The Chapter's September Dinner Meeting is set for Thursday, 18 September, 6:00 –8:00 PM at A La Cart in Canfield.

The program will be the Youngstown State University's Army ROTC Program and will highlight three MS IV students and their experience at ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, KY, and their upcoming commissioning. Additionally, the chapter will entertain nominations of officers for 2023-2025.

Reservations for this dinner meeting must be received not later than Monday, 12 September. Please RSVP to [msvcmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:msvcmoaa@gmail.com) or call (330) 788-3270.

### MAHONING-SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER LEADERSHIP NOMINATION

The term of the MSVC leadership is coming to an end. Although the chapter has a leadership succession plan, we are always looking for members to actively participate in the leadership and decision making process of the chapter. If you are interested in participating in the MSVC leadership, I encourage you to contact any current Board of Directors. Nominations to fill chapter leadership positions will be part of our 15 September dinner meeting with elections to take place at our 21 October business meeting and luncheon.

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## [MOAA Resources: Spouse and Family](#)

### [Back to School: 5 Resources for Military Families](#)

Frequent moves add challenges to an already stressful part of the year. These programs and web-sites can help.

### [Guardsmen in 6 States Will Get Free Child Care Under Pilot Program](#)

The pilot program will be run in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, **Ohio**, Virginia and Washington, according to the memo. It will be open to Guard members with children ages 6 weeks to 12 years whose [spouse](#), significant other or another adult living in the house has to work during drill weekend.

## **Monthly Meeting Schedule – 2023 Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter**

### **January**

Friday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>; 11:30am gathering, 12:00 Opening  
Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield  
Program:

### **February**

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>; 11:30am gathering, 12:00 Opening  
Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield  
Program:

### **March**

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>; 11:30am gathering, 12:00 Opening  
Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield  
Program:

### **April**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm gathering, 6:00pm Opening  
Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield  
Program: ROTC/JROTC Recognition

### **May**

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm gathering, 6:00pm Opening  
Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield  
Program: War Museum – Canfield  
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### **June**

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm gathering, 5:00pm Dinner  
Venue: Golden Corral, Hermitage, PA  
Program:

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Florence Hosler, SSL

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A couple worked together diligently to gather all their important papers, lists of contacts, and telephone numbers and placed them in a safety deposit box at their bank. However, one important detail was missing: **The husband never had his wife sign the card allowing her access to the safety deposit box.** After his death, it took months of correspondence and legal action before she was able to obtain the papers that she needed to continue the life she had envisioned as a surviving spouse who was prepared.

Being a military surviving spouse is never easy, and even though we might think we are prepared for the future, unexpected circumstances and questions arise that we must be prepared to answer.

Keep this type of information at home, use a safe box and both spouses need to know where the key is.

Order these helpful publications from MOAA, online or by phone:

[Help Your Survivors Now: A Guide to Planning Ahead](#)

[Survivor's Checklist: First Steps for Moving On](#)

[Your Guide to Military Burials](#)

[Survivor's Planning Guide](#)

You can also read through them online and download and print what you need.



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Rod Hosler

The president signed the Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform known as the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics of 2022 or the PACT Act as it is known into law at the White House on 10 August. This monumental bill marked the end of a long legislative road to comprehensive toxic exposure reform. The PACT Act sets to expand health care coverage to millions of veterans will benefit from the MOAA-supported legislation. The bill's passage came as part of a combined effort from MOAA and more than 60 other veterans service organizations, alongside veterans and their families, other advocates and advocacy groups, and a bipartisan group of legislators from both chambers.

This bill adds nearly two dozen conditions to a list of ailments presumed connected to toxic exposure by the VA; while the legislation includes a timetable for this change, the president announced at the signing the VA will move to make these changes immediately. The bill also expands VA research into burn pit-related illnesses and improves VA's screening process for those illnesses. Veterans can start filing claims now for PACT Act benefits.

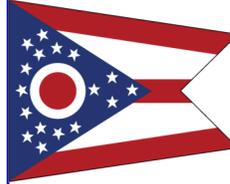
MOAA continues to actively advocate for legislation to better the condition of America's military and their families regardless of rank, branch of service, or component. However, one might ask why it took so long! Progress is being made but it is a slow process. The MOAA's legislative priorities and issues can be found at the legislative take action alerts on the MOAA website at <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/>. To learn more about the PACT Act, go to the MOAA web site.

Please take a few moments to visit the MOAA web site and the link to ADVOCACY section scroll down to the 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. Contact your Senators and Representatives. 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.



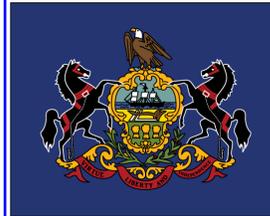
## STATE LEGISLATIVE NEWS



OHIO

[Ohio Legislature](#)

H. 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  
H.C.R. 7 Urge Congress/Dept of Defense to Maintain C130 Fleet



Pennsylvania

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

This link also takes you to Senate bills.



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called white supremacist, semi-fascist, domestic terrorists and a threat to the republic and democracy.

Even "Make America Great Again" "MAGA" has been singled out as radical. Why would we not want America to be great again?

Our chief executive pledged to unify the country but has further divided it through his rhetoric and extreme policies. A woke culture has beset the country tearing down our history, our independence as a country and the rights of its citizens guaranteed by the Constitution, in the name of social justice.

The woke culture is even infecting our military. Critical Race Theory (CRT), equity, the belief of white supremacy, white privilege, racism, and sexual related issues through indoctrination. All this is taking away critical resources; dollars for training, equipment, readiness, warfighting capabilities, personnel strength, in the name of wokeness. Some commanders and troops have been disciplined for not adhering to the woke party line, which is reminiscent of Soviet purges. The resulting question is why would anyone want to join and serve in the armed forces and possibly sacrifice themselves for a country that the woke crowd has called racist and inherently evil. They won't and that can be seen in recent low enlistment figures. The failure of senior military and civilian leadership to push back on the woke culture will result in our armed forces not capable of defending the country in the spirit of Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Midway, Bataan or the beaches of Normandy. One has to ask, "who are the real destroyers of the republic, democracy and America?"

Our prestige around the world was diminished through our reckless withdrawal from Afghanistan that has caused long-time allies to question our resolve and leadership. China and Russia are flexing their muscles as they continue to undermine the United States and its leadership in the world. Our current thrust into the global environment has placed America and its citizens behind that of the "world community." The enacting of a "Green" policy will place America at a disadvantage on the world stage.

We have worked tirelessly to better the condition of our military through our dedicated perseverance to do what is right. We need to focus our attention on fixing a nation beset by radical anti-American change. Our only hope for that change is in the ballot box and electing representatives that will vote in favor of the people they were sent to represent. Know the issues and learn about the candidates running for office. Be active, be strong and be Americans.

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

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

## MSVC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, 15 September -- Dinner Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: TBD

Speaker: TBD

On Agenda: Nomination of Officers

OCTOBER 13 – Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Maronite Center, Youngstown. Free to all Veterans. Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission, RSVP: 330-740-2450

Friday, 21 October -- Lunch Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: Business Meeting

Speaker: (No speaker)

NOVEMBER 06 - Vietnam Veteran's Laying of the Roses, Downtown Youngstown, 1:00 PM.

NOVEMBER 11 - Veterans Day, Mahoning County Courthouse, Youngstown, 11:00 AM.

Friday, 18 November -- Lunch Meeting

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: TBD

Speaker: TBD

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

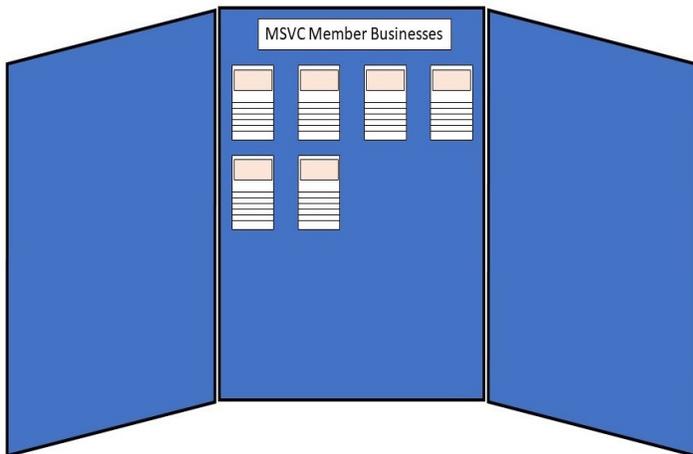
Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

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



## MSVC Networking Board

Too many times, business opportunities walk right past us because we are unaware of the needs or solutions within an arm's reach of us. MSVC is starting an opportunities or networking display board so that MSVC members with businesses or talents to share can provide that information to other members of the Chapter.



Cardstock forms will be available to attach your business card to and provide a description of your business or services, to be placed on the Business Networking Board.

## Military History, Events and Commemorations for September

### MILITARY HISTORY, EVENTS AND COMMEMORATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

02 SEPT 1945: Victory over Japan (V-J) Day.

05 SEPT: Labor Day.

11 SEPT 2000: Patriots Day, Commemorating the Destruction of the World Trade Center in New York and Attack on the Pentagon.

11 SEPT 1947: U.S. Air Force Birthday.

15 SEPT: MIA/POW Recognition

17 SEPT 1814: Second Battle of Fort Erie, Canada, U.S. Victory.

17 SEPT 1862: Battle of Antietam, Maryland, Union Victory

17-25 SEPT 1944: Operation Market-Garden, Inconclusive Outcome.



## AUSA Meetings and Events

### Professional Development for the Professional Soldier

AUSA has several series of on-line briefings, found at this link: [AUSA.org](http://AUSA.org).

You must register for webinars.

AUSA's Noon Report Webinar series invites you to join us on **Wednesday, 7 September, at 12:00 PM EDT**, to hear a presentation by LTG R. Scott Dingle, 45th Surgeon General of the Army and Commanding General of U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM). LTG Dingle will be joined by MEDCOM CSM Diamond D. Hough; they will discuss how U.S. Army Medical Command is reorganizing its Regional Health Commands into Medical Readiness Commands to support Army Medicine's transformation to readiness.

**Underlined articles are links**

### July

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>; 4:00pm

Venue: Fish and Game Club of Vienna

Program: Military Gun Shoot and Picnic

### August

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>; 5:30pm gathering, 6:00pm Opening

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program:

### September

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>; 5:30pm gathering, 6:00pm Opening

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program:

### October

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>; 11:30am gathering, 12:00 Opening

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: Annual Business Meeting

### November

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>; 11:30am gathering, 12:00 Opening

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program:

### December

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 15:30pm gathering, 16:00 Opening

Venue: A La Cart Catering, Canfield

Program: Christmas Party and Fundraiser

Program suggestions or being developed:

Ohio Militia

USS Cleveland (LCS 31) commissioning

Cyber Warfare - YARS

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- ◆ rank or military status

**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](mailto: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.

**MSVC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2021**

**\$20 for members and spouse membership.**

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**Senior Moment**

Age is not important unless you're a cheese.

Helen Hayes

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for MAHONING SHENANGO VALLEYS CHAPTER MOAA**

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