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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rod Hosler

As 2022 draws to a close, we can look back with a great deal of satisfaction. Our chapter continues to meet monthly and have interesting program thanks to Bruce Bille, 1st Vice President and Programs Chairman. Our meeting venue consistently provides high quality meals and service. Membership has grown steadily thanks to Dave Di Tallo, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chairman. I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize newsletter editor Florence Hosler for producing our newsletter, and Bruce Bille as the webmaster for our web site. Their efforts resulted in the awarding of the MOAA 5-Star Level Colonel Marvin Harris Communications Award. Steve Motika has maintained an excellent ROTC and JROTC program. All of our Board of Directors continue to manage and lead our chapter in accomplishing the mission of MOAA. Our Chapter has been awarded the MOAA 5-Star Level of Excellence (LOE) for our exemplary performance as a chapter.

The three big challenge we face as a Chapter are: 1.) our involvement in MOAA's legislative advocacy by keeping informed of MOAA's legislative concerns and contacting our legislators regarding America's military; 2.) having chapter members use our chapter newsletter and website, and the MOAA national email newsletter and website; and finally, 3.) having our membership actively participate in our monthly meetings by consistent attendance.

As military officers, we always stepped up to meet any challenge we encountered. Just because many are no longer active military, our commitment to our nation and its soldiers and MOAA should not falter. It is understandable that we continue to get pulled in many directions: family, health concerns, community involvement and other issues may preclude active participation in MOAA (chapter and national) programs, but I don't think we don't want to be merely a social or entertainment club, but an organization where your involvement matters.

As we approach the end of this year, I want to extend my thanks to all of you and wish you the Happiest of Holidays and a Merry Christmas. May the new year bring wonderful opportunities and good health for you and your families.



MOAA/ROA CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FUND RAISER

The MOAA/ROA Christmas Party and Fundraiser is set for Saturday, 10 December, 12:00 to 4:00 PM at A La Cart in Canfield. The proceeds of the fundraiser will be split between the "Veterans Outreach" in Liberty and "Blue Coats" in Hubbard. We have given to these charities in the past and both provide excellent assistance to local Veterans and their families. The Fundraiser will be a "Chinese Auction." Please bring an UNWRAPPED GIFT(s) valued between \$20 and \$25. Tickets will be sold at \$20.00 for 26 tickets then 15 for \$10.00. Dress is casual. Dinner cost is \$20.00 per plate; wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. If you wish to bring your own wine and beer, please feel free to do so. RSVP with your guest's name by MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER at msvcmoaa@gmail.com or (330) 788-3270. Hope to see you all at the Christmas party.



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MOAA Resources: Spouse and Family

[Here's How the NDAA Will Do More to Support Military Families](#)

From parental leave to child care assistance, the new law includes significant improvements.

[Improvements to VA Caregiver Program Continue: Here's What to Expect](#)

From program expansion to enhanced respite care and more, find out what's coming in FY 2023 and beyond.

[DoD Wants to Hear From 110,000 Military Families With Special Needs](#)

The survey focuses on identification and enrollment, assignment coordination during the PCS process, and family support.

NOVEMBER LUNCH MEETING ROLLUP

The Chapter's November lunch meeting was held on Thursday, 18 November and featured a program about the Final Flight of Extortion 17, given by author Ed Darack. Mr. Darack talked about the downing of a special ops CH-47 helicopter that killed four Army crewmembers and thirty Navy SEALs on 6 August 2011 in Afghanistan. Good program with 32 members present. Two signed copies of Mr. Darack's book were given away at the 50/50 drawing



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[Benefits of Pet Adoption](#)

By: Nancy Mullen

According to the ASPCA, well over 6 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters every year and just under 1 million are euthanized each year. Thankfully, that number has been declining in recent years due in part to more publicity around adoption as well as ease of technology tools like social media and microchips that can help to reunite a lost pet with its family.

You might have thought about pet adoption and perhaps have some misgivings, and it is true that pet ownership is not right for everyone. After all, it can be a commitment of up to 20 years.

Mullen is the Second Vice Chair of [MOAA's Surviving Spouse Advisory Council](#).

As butler to a cranky, shedy, Tortoise Manx named Agatha I often wonder why I insisted on another cat after our second passed away. But then she sits down next to me, backs her butt up to my leg and bats at me to pet her I know why, pets are non-judgmental companions who accept you as you are!

If you don't want to commit to adoption, you can foster animals or even volunteer at shelters to help socialize the cats and dogs living there.

But remember, an animal is not a short term amusement and definitely not a great holiday gift without planning.

Agatha has plenty of Tortitude and sass which keeps us laughing...and gasping after a fart attack! FMH



MOAA OHIO COUNCIL OF CHAPTER'S CONVENTION, 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2023

This is a heads-up for the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) Convention which is scheduled to take place on 29-30 September 2023 at the Youngstown Reserve Air Station (YARS). MSVC, Ohio Western Reserve Chapter, (OWRC) and Greater Cleveland Chapter (GCC), will be co-sponsoring the OCC Convention so that the effort will be spread among three chapters. Our chapter can support the convention by our attendance, donations, bidding on Silent Auction items, and in many other ways. We really need our members and spouses to attend to make this Convention a success!

Lodging is available on the YARS at the Eagle's Nest Lodge and is right next to the Community Activity Center where the convention will take place. Rooms are only \$89 per night. Attendees are urged to stay both Friday and Saturday nights so that you can fully experience socializing with other attendees.

The schedule of events will be posted soon.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Rod Hosler

MOAA actively advocates for legislation to improve conditions for America's military and their families, regardless of rank, branch of service, or component. MOAA's legislative priorities and issues can be found on the MOAA website at [MOAA's 2022 Legislative Priorities](#)

MOAA National asks 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 tracking in the halls of Congress.

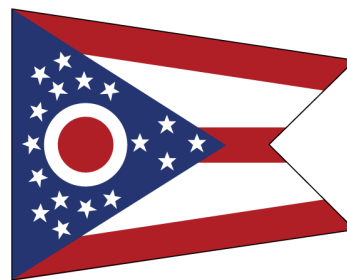
Please take a few moments to visit the MOAA web site and go to the ADVOCACY section, scroll down to Legislative Action Center. This link identifies all of the legislative issues and bills that MOAA supports which require our active involvement "to take action." The needs of our military should always be the first priority of Congress.

[Active Legislative Campaigns](#) is the link to the bills and issues MOAA is advocating for.

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



STATE LEGISLATIVE NEWS



OHIO

[Ohio Legislature](#)



Pennsylvania

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

These links take you to current OH & PA bills of military and veteran interest.

MILITARY HISTORY, EVENTS AND COMMEMORATIONS FOR DECEMBER

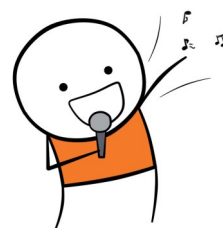
- 07 Dec 1941 – Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 17 Dec 1944 – Battle of the Bulge begins.
- 20 Dec 1989 – Operation Just Cause in Panama.
- 25 Dec – Christmas
- 26 Dec 1775 – Battle of Trenton, NJ: Continental Army under GEN George Washington cross the Delaware River and defeat German Hessians in a surprise attack.



Walt's Words of Wisdom: Or what you need to know

Keep an eye on this spot for pointed information brought to you by Board member-at-large Walt Duzzny.

We are all aware Walt is a fount of knowledge and will now sharpen his focus on MSVC/MOAA issues. He will also bring these to your attention at our meetings....he promises it will be brief.



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

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

The Chapter currently has 129 members: 35 Life members, 27 Premium (Annual) Members, and 48 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

Membership Corner

By David J Di Tallo

PAYMENT OF MOAA CHAPTER AND NATIONAL DUES

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter (MSVC) dues of \$20.00 are also due to the MSVC Treasurer in January and should be paid by the end of **MARCH**. Likewise, MOAA National dues for Premium/Annual members are also due at MOAA National headquarters each **JANUARY**. To eliminate any confusion, these are **two separate billings**. MSVC Chapter dues are necessary for the operations of the chapter; insurance, funding speakers, postage, printing, scholarships, etc. All MSVC chapter members need to remit their annual chapters dues, and payment is appreciated. Active or reserve duty members are exempt from paying chapter dues. Invoice for dues will be sent out to all chapter members in January.

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.

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\$20 for members and spouse membership.

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Or by mail:

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"I had no idea we had this kind of technology."

Senior Moment

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her.

Agatha Christie