



Officers Call



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, and I wish the best for you in the new year.

We had a nice dinner at the Black Rock Bar & Grill at Fairfield Commons in Beavercreek in mid-December. It was an opportunity to meet your peers, renew old acquaintances, and make new friends. It was a nice start to the Christmas season.

For our next event, Denny Crouch has arranged for Tom Koogler, who currently serves as the President of the Board of County Commissioners for Greene County, to speak at our meeting on January 21st (Saturday) at noon at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. This is an opportunity to learn of the county's present operations and plans for the future. Additional information, including the process for making reservations, appears below in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

For our February meeting, we have invited Congressman Mike Turner or one of his staff members to speak to us concerning issues likely to be considered in the next Congress. As you probably know, Rep. Turner is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and is the ranking member (and probably the next chairman) of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Obviously, there is a wealth of national security and defense matters that could be addressed. At the present time we are awaiting his office's confirmation of this event, but we are hopeful Rep. Turner, or a knowledgeable staff member, will be available. Additional information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

National MOAA recently released a video, approximately nine minutes in length, concerning its activities and achievements in 2022. You may watch this "Year in Review" on YouTube at (<https://youtu.be/cJlkqOy7uTA>),

Finally, because of the persistent volunteer shortage on our Executive Board – which I have mentioned repeatedly in the past few months – we have initiated MOAA's Rescue and Revitalization Process. As a result, in the coming months we will receive assistance from national MOAA and the Ohio Council concerning encouraging members to become more active in our chapter. This process will also involve inviting you and all national MOAA members in our area who are not chapter members to an event (including food and refreshments) to further describe our circumstances and look for possible solutions. New board members always bring fresh perspectives and original ideas to our operations, and a substantial time commitment would not be necessary.

Finally, I encourage everyone to visit our website at www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com where you can find more information about our organization and functions, legislative issues, as well as our current and past newsletters. Also, MOAA National's website at www.moaa.org contains information concerning MOAA resources, member benefits, and current news/event of interest to the military community.

Tom Robisch
President, Dayton Area Chapter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

21 January Luncheon at TJ Chumps. See details below.

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO ADDRESS MOAA, 21 JAN 2023



We are fortunate to have Mr. Tom Koogler, Greene County Commissioner and its current president speak to our chapter. Tom will speak on the health of Greene County, and its present, and future projects. **The meeting will be at TJ Chumps, 1100 E Yellow Springs Rd, Fairborn on Saturday 12:00, 21 January.** Mr. Koogler was the founder of the Koogler-Suburban Refuse Removal Company and general manager and regional vice-president of Waste Management. After his invaluable experiences and success in the business world, he was elected to become a Greene County Commissioner in 2013. Tom was the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Governor's Award for leadership and promotion of the recycling programs in Miami Valley.

Please call or email Denny Crouch at 937-426-6246 or denniscrouch@earthlink.net so we can tell the restaurant how many are planning to come. To make it easy to find your email, address the subject as, "RSVP, MOAA Meeting, 21 Jan 2023." Don't forget to bring your Fisher House gifts and we'll deliver for the chapter. Thanks.

DAC BOARD APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:

As we close out 2022, we consider our Dayton Area Chapter (DC) to be very fortunate as we have been able to provide over \$6,160 to our worthwhile donations. These donations include our High School Scholarship Fund, Marine's Toys for Tots Foundation, Fisher Nightingale Houses, The USO, Honor Flight, and the United States Air Force Museum Foundation. These significant contributions are a result of the dedication and continued support of our chapter membership. Thank you so very much for your continued support to never stop serving our nation and our military services. We will close out 2022 with Total Assets of approximately \$19,010 based on our checking account, Savings, and two Certificates of Deposit. Our Total Liabilities based on dues, and planned 2023 donations are approximately \$5650. Our end of the year 2022 net worth is approximately \$13,360.00. This should allow us to continue our strong support in 2023 to our primary donations as noted above.

We now turn our attention to our 2023 Operating budget which has been tentatively approved by our Executive Board of Directors at our 14 Dec 2022 meeting. Our estimated and planned Operating expenses are \$5,280. Our planned discretionary expenses which include our primary donations are \$6,230 resulting in total 2023 Budget Expenses of ~\$11,510.00. Our estimated Income to support these efforts is forecast at \$10,300. The income contributors are membership dues (~\$2000), USAA donation for the USO fund (\$300), direct member specified donations (~\$3,000), our annual Golf Outing (~\$1,000) supporting USO donation, our member program 50-50 raffles (~\$180) and our dividends from our Credit Union accounts (~\$183) which totals ~\$6,660. You can see that our

ability to continue our worthwhile causes is due to maintaining our strong membership base and the generosity of our members to give back through specific donations. Thank you, we look forward to a successful 2023 to help and serve our worthwhile causes. If any member has any questions on our 2023 budget, please contact Dave Gothard, Treasurer.

[TRICARE SPECIALTY DRUG CHANGES STARTING 1 JANUARY](#)

TRICARE beneficiaries filling specialty medication prescriptions at retail pharmacies should begin moving those prescriptions to [Accredo](#), which will be the primary in-network pharmacy option for specialty medications as of Jan. 1, 2023.

The TRICARE Home Delivery Program and military treatment facility (MTF) pharmacies will continue to be available for some specialty medications, but Accredo will be the only retail specialty pharmacy option for most specialty prescription drugs, which are used to treat chronic, complex conditions such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, and hepatitis C..

Only 1% to 2% of TRICARE beneficiaries take specialty medications. Impacted beneficiaries should have received a letter from Express Scripts notifying them of this change. You can also check the [specialty drug list](#) on the TRICARE website to verify if any of your medications are specialty drugs.

To fill your specialty medications at Accredo, call 1-877-882-3324 and an Accredo patient care advocate will work with you and your doctor. Accredo provides 24/7 access to personalized care and support from specialty-trained pharmacists and nurses. Your medication also may be eligible for home delivery from Express Scripts; call 1-877-363-1433 to find out. You also can check with your local MTF pharmacy to see whether it stocks your specialty medication on their formulary. If you are receiving your specialty drug through home delivery or an MTF pharmacy, you don't need to make any changes.

Specialty drugs represent a significant and growing portion of [TRICARE pharmacy spending](#). From FY 2018 to FY 2021, TRICARE specialty drug spending increased 43% from \$2.360 billion to \$3.369 billion. In FY 2021, specialty drugs accounted for less than 1% of military health system (MHS) prescription drug utilization, but 47% of MHS drug spending.

Although the cost of specialty drugs is high, some represent significant advances in therapy. The high price may be offset by decreases in future medical costs.

The [current TRICARE specialty drug retail network](#) is already very narrow and includes Accredo, Kroger, Rite Aid, and Walgreens. Consolidating TRICARE retail specialty drug dispensing at Accredo will reduce TRICARE's growing pharmacy spending by allowing DoD to leverage the [National Prime Vendor procurement/replenishment model](#), which provides discounted pricing on specialty drugs.

Have you been impacted by this change to the specialty drug network? If so, please share your story with us at legis@moaa.org.



[FISHER HOUSE NOW RECEIVING SUPPLIES AGAIN](#)

Thanks to all MOAA DAC members who have supported WPAFB Fisher Houses. The Fisher House program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that is

normally provided by the DoD and the VA

. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation by sending a check to Fisher Nightingale House 417 Schlatter Dr Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433. To make a contribution by credit or debit card contact FNHI Director Chris Stanley at [\(937\) 672-8724](tel:937-672-8724). **With a lessening of**

restrictions. Fisher Houses can now accept deliveries of donated items; Bring your Fisher House gifts to our events and we'll deliver them for the chapter

Wright-Patt Fisher House Wish List*

- » Individually wrapped snacks (cookies, crackers, candy, etc.)
- » Individually wrapped cereals
- » Variety of individually wrapped breakfast bars
- » Individually packaged small sugar packets
- » Variety of assorted chips, individual packaged
- » Keurig coffee (K-cups) variety
- » Small coffee creamers
- » Green tea, tea bags
- » A variety of individually packaged tea bags
- » Mac and cheese (individual cups)
- » Individual small containers of apple sauce
- » Individual containers of fruit cups
- » Individually packaged microwave popcorn
- » Assorted cookies
- » Paper towels
- » Toilet paper
- » Tissues
- » Clorox Wipes containers
- » Small containers of hand sanitizers from name brands (*so they can fit them in their purses, backpacks, etc.*)
- » Red plastic solo cups
- Purex or Tide and regular Tide Pods
- » Coffee cups
- » Dishwasher Tablets (Cascade)

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"Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering." – Theodore Roosevelt

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