

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our February meeting was a luncheon at TJ Chumps at which our speaker was Eugene Saunders, Deputy District Director for Congressman Mike Turner. Mr. Saunders works on Rep. Turner's Dayton staff and is not directly involved in legislative activities as are members of the Congressman's Washington D.C. staff. Nevertheless, he provided an overview of last year's National Defense Authorization Act and the PACT Act. As you probably know, the PACT Act expanded eligibility and benefits for veterans exposed to various environmental hazards. (See the PACT Act official site at <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/> for more information.) Mr. Saunders also spoke about the assistance Congressman Turner's office can provide to constituents having issues with federal Executive Branch agencies. You may contact him at 937-225-2843 or Eugene.Saunders@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV for such help.

Our March activity is a repeat of one of our most popular outings: attending a play put on by the School of Fine and Performing Arts at Wright State University. This year's selection is *On The Town*, a musical concerning three sailors' eventful shore leave in New York City in the World War II era. Some may remember a 1949 film of the same name starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly, which won the Academy Award for Best Original Musical. Please plan on joining us for what promises to be an enjoyable time. There will be a dinner at a local restaurant after the matinee performance.



On another topic, MOAA National has changed the criteria on which it evaluates chapters' activities to greatly emphasize legislative advocacy. You could improve our score by sending letters to our elected representatives, and MOAA has made it relatively easy to do so. You can send form letters on topics you select via the MOAA website by simply making several clicks. After logging on (which is important because that is how the system knows your name and address in order to construct the letters), select "Advocacy" at the top of the screen. Then select "Legislative Advocacy Center" at the left, and you will see a list of topics. If you are interested in supporting any of them, click the "Write" box on the right, and the next screen will show the form letter and let you choose the Senators/Representatives to which you want to send the letter. Click on the "Submit Selected Letters" button to finish the process.

Also, as has been mentioned repeatedly in the past few months, we need volunteers to serve on our Executive Board. A sizeable time commitment is not required. We welcome new ideas and

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perspectives, and this is a chance to work with a knowledgeable and friendly group of your peers. Please contact me if you're interested.

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

25 March WSU Theater "On the Town" 2pm matinee. Dinner to follow.

WSU THEATER OUTING

Join us for a fun filled outing to the Wright State University Theater for their rendition of an oldie but goodie "On the Town". The story of Three sailors wring every bit of life, romance, musical comedy, and exuberant dance out of their 24-hour shore leave in the WWII-era Big Apple. Tickets go on sale on 6 March. The price is \$21/tix. Contact Terry Cooney at 937-427-0590 or tcooney8@gmail.com to reserve a ticket. We will need your reservations NLT 5 March so that we can make a group purchase. We will follow the theater with dinner at a local restaurant.

WAPAKONETA TRIP?

The Executive Board has discussed the possibility of an outing to Wapakoneta, Ohio to visit the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, and the purpose of this notice is to determine interest in this possible activity. This facility focuses on the history of flight and space exploration with an emphasis on the career and accomplishments of Neil Armstrong, who grew up there. Wapakoneta is approximately an hours drive up I-75 from Beavercreek. Please let Tom Robisch know at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388 if you would be interested.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT WPAFB

After being closed for an extended time during the COVID period, the 88th Air Base Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office is again available to provide legal assistance to military members, military family members, and retirees on personal, non-criminal legal matters. Although not limited to these areas, wills and powers of attorney are typical subjects for which assistance is available. To schedule an appointment call 937-257-6142

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.

[MOAA GOLF LEAGUE](#)

The league typically runs from end of April to the end of September. We play on Monday mornings on the East course at WPAFB. The league is open to all MOAA members and spouses. The tee times start at 9:00am. The play is 2 member teams. You can join as a team or we can pair you with another member. We start handicaps fresh each year. The league provides a great way to meet other MOAA members and enjoy 9 holes of friendly competition. For more information or to join, please contact Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) or Bob Emerson (937-545-4610). We are always looking for full time players & subs. Join the fun, fellowship and get a little exercise.

[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:9376728724). **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.**

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)

WORDS TO PONDER

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it." – Mark Twain

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