

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



So why is my picture on this newsletter? Because we cancelled the January luncheon and there are no pictures from Saturday. Did I make the correct call to cancel the luncheon? My motto is that you go with the information you have at the time. That said, the turnout was going to be low because of sickness and member hesitation due to the weather forecast. The good news is that we hope to quickly reschedule the talk by Dr. Todd Stewart, Chancellor/Director, of the AF Institute of Technology (AFIT).

We have further good news. We have several new members joining the chapter. When you come to one of our events and see someone you do not know make them welcome by walking over and introducing yourself. Also, you are our best recruiter. When was the last time you asked someone who is eligible to join your Dayton Area Chapter?

One strategy is to invite a friend to one of activities as your guest. Also, you can strike up a conversation with a stranger at a restaurant and find out if they are a former or active military officer. If yes, tell them about the DAC and its activities. Give them your email address and if they contact you send them an application that is found on our website: <http://daytonmoaa.weebly.com/>. It sounds like a far out method but trust me it works. New members want to be asked.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to visit our web site: www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com where you will find the current and past newsletters, legislative issues both locally and nationally, and much more. **For additional up-to-date information on national issues visit: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Top-Issues.aspx>**

I am looking forward to the February luncheon speaker. Hope to see you there.
Stay warm!

Mike Ondrasek
President

ANNUAL DUES

We still have a number of our members who haven't paid their annual dues. Dues for the current year were due in August. Please look at the subject line of your e-mailed newsletter or the mailing label of your hard copy and if it shows 'Paid Thru 08/18' please remit your payment to DAC MOAA P.O. Box 12, Fairborn, OH 45324-0012.

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PLAN AHEAD

Time to mark your calendars for an exciting list of events in the coming months; we hope that these events provide something of interest to each of our members.

Here is the upcoming calendar.

16 February	WWI Aircraft by Military Heritage Chapter
16 March	'A 28 year Journey thru Time
6 April	WSU Theater – 'A Little Night Music'
18 May	Tour of Enon Distillery followed by Lunch

Please contact one of the Board members listed on the last page of this newsletter with your suggestions for future events. Remember this is your organization and the Board wants to meet your needs.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON – A LOOK AT THE PAST

The US Army Air Service's 28th Aero Squadron in WWI will be the speaker's topic at our Saturday, 16 Feb 2019, Social Luncheon in The Wright Patterson Banquet Center's Fireside Room. Major Robert Kasprzak, USAF (Ret.), President of the Military Heritage Chapter of the League of WWI Aviation Historians, will provide a presentation about the 28th Aero Squadron that served on the Western European Front during the Great War. He'll provide a brief history of the unit, identify key aviators, and have on display several artifacts, including an original Squadron insignia cut from one of the unit's Spad XIII Biplanes. Following his talk, our members will be able to obtain from him, past copies of the League's "Over The Front" journal, in return for a monetary donation of the member's choosing to the League.

We'll gather at 1200 Noon for camaraderie. An "Honor Bar" will be available with selections of wine (\$5.00/glass), and soft drinks (\$2.00), as desired. The luncheon buffet begins at 12:30 Hrs and will feature a Mixed Green Salad with Ranch and/or Italian Dressing, Rolls and Butter. Two entrees: Roasted Turkey, and Honey & Thyme Roasted Pork Loin with Double Cognac Demi Glaze, Rosemary Roasted Red-Skin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Assorted Cookies for Dessert. Coffee, Water, and Iced Tea are provided on each table.

The cost is \$20/person. RSVP to Don Manor NLT Tuesday, 12 Feb. 2019, by e-mail at d.manor@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (937) 879-5464, with the names of those attending, your phone number, and the last 4 numbers of your Club membership number if you are a Club Member. Pay at the door (cash or check). If you must cancel, please do so by 1300 Hrs on Wed. 13 Feb 2019, to avoid being charged for the luncheon.

"A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC" THE MUSICAL AT WSU

Come join your fellow MOAAites on **Saturday, 6 April, at 2 PM** in the Wright State Festival Playhouse to enjoy the ever wonderful casts provided by the WSU Musical Department. Best known for the song "Send In The Clowns", music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, based on an Ingmar Bergman movie involving the romantic lives of several couples. In the play a novel group of five of the main characters act as a Greek chorus commenting on the action.

Larry Pohl is the POC for this event. Contact him by 4 March at (937) 254-0913 or email pfspohl@aol.com to make reservations. Cancellations must be before 4 March to avoid being charged for the event. The cost is \$20/person. Please mail a check payable to "DAC MOAA" to Larry Pohl, 5610 Marblehead Drive, Riverside, OH 45431. We will meet for dinner after the performance at a location still to be determined.

2019 TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL AND VISION PLAN SIGNUP EXTENDED

Sign-ups for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) have officially extended for three months, . Open Season ended Dec. 10, however OPM has granted a "belated enrollment phase" for potential beneficiaries who missed the first deadline. Sign-ups should be granted until about mid-March. Enrollees in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program are required to sign up for FEDVIP if they wish to

maintain dental insurance. FEDVIP provides 10 choices for dental coverage. As of early Dec. 13, about 639,000 beneficiaries had signed up for dental coverage. The target goal is at least 800,000 signups. Vision coverage is also offered, through four carriers. FEDVIP vision plans help pay for routine vision appointments and frames, lens and contacts. As of Dec. 13, about 300,000 people had signed up for vision.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/ACTION

These important issues require your immediate attention. Send your elected officials a MOAA-suggested message today.

Do Not Raise TRICARE Fees

Yes, your TRICARE fees and cost shares are once again in the crosshairs. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently published their annual list of budget strategies with options for policymakers to consider as they begin the budgeting process for next year. And as we know, they will be looking to increase revenue any way they can get it – so knowing in advance the areas they are going to focus on is a powerful offense for MOAA.

Protect Coast Guard, NOAA Corps and USPHS pay

While a temporary funding solution may be in place, it's important for legislators to understand that during the government shutdown, members of the Coast Guard safeguarded our waterways and intercepted attempts to smuggle drugs and contraband into the country, all without pay. Uniformed service members with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, alongside many with the U.S. Public Health Service, also continued their diverse missions without compensation.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE:

We hope everyone had a very safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. January didn't bring any better golfing weather than November or December did. So for now we'll continue working on conditioning, reading golf books/magazines, and watching the Golf Channel.

2019 Season: We look forward to most of our players returning for the coming year. We still hope to return to a twenty team league, but we will need several more two member teams to join us, hopefully, from those new members recruited by DAC MOAA this year. If you don't have someone to partner with, we'll do our best to find someone for you. Prospective new Golf League members can receive free one year trial membership in DAC MOAA. The League plays on Monday mornings (excluding Monday holidays) starting at 0900 on the WPAFB Prairie Trace 9-hole East Course. Format is two member teams in modified match play. The season will begin with an organizational meeting 0900 on 29 April and first matches scheduled for 6 May. Season close will be determined by the final number of teams playing. Any MOAA member or spouse is eligible. If you enjoy camaraderie, competition, and playing golf, please contact either Larry Pohl (254-0913), Ed Mentzer (426-8807), Pete Nelson (426-2063), or Doug Hufnagle (212-3248). For the latest Golf League News go to our web site daytonmoaagolf.mysite.com.

FISHER HOUSE



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

The need continues for basic household items such as paper products, bottled water, plastic utensils, trash and zip lock bags as well as batteries, light bulbs and individual snack items. Please continue to bring these items to the monthly functions. They will be transported to the Fisher House by Board members

FISHER HOUSE NEEDS LIST

Dishwasher Detergent
 Individually Packaged Soups, etc.
 HE Laundry Detergent
 Lemonade or Iced Tea Drink Mix
 Paper Napkins
 Individual Packages-Creamer
 Toilet Paper
 Individual Packages-Sugar, Splenda
 Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
 1 & 2 Gallon Zip Lock Bags
 4 Gallon Trash Bags
 Current DVDs- Family Type

Individual bottles of water
 AA, AAA, & C Batteries
 Plastic Utensils (forks, spoons)
 Light Bulbs-40, 60 & 75 watt
 Plastic Utensils (cups, bowls)
 Individual Travel Size Shampoos
 Paper Gift -All Sizes
 Styrofoam/Plastic Cups
 Styrofoam/Plastic Cups
 Individual Package Snack Items
 Styrofoam/Plastic Bow

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Progress begins with the belief that what is necessary is possible. – Norman Cousins, Journalist

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