

## Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



# Officers Call



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a great Christmas Party. Bob Bentley said a meaningful blessing. Then we enjoyed great food and service. The music was perfect: for background during the happy hour, for dining/table talk, and for dancing. The DAC's newest members (Steve and Ramani Frank) are seen here dancing to the music. There were mature (certainly not older) DAC members dancing also: Denny and Anne Crouch and Suaz and Tomi Suazo. Of course we took the "Class Picture" of those who attended. Yep, that's Marty sitting near the center. There were also many other mature folks dancing as well (Fred for sure but certainly not Mary). These and other pictures are on our web site. We all had a great time and if you



did not attend I want you to know that you missed the chance to walk away with the picnic basket door prize (thanks Diane). Will we see the picnic basket as a door prize again



next year? Also I want you to know that I am not complaining, but for the second year in a row one table dominated all the drawings...how does that happen? Is it first timer good luck? Something to think about. **Finally, thanks to all who contributed the other door prizes.**



If you have yet to pay your dues for the 2019 year (they were due in August) ...please do so soonest. You will be contacted just once or twice more before you are dropped from the DAC roles. Send your dues to: Dayton Area Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 12, Fairborn, Ohio 455324-0012.

The membership of the DAC is going down. One of my goals for 2019 is to reverse that trend. Please give me some help by asking anyone you know that is eligible to join us. 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](http://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>

Mike Ondrasek  
President

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**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 \$15 payment to DAC MOAA P.O. Box 12, Fairborn, OH 45423-0012.

**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.

19 January	AFIT Update
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.

**AFIT UPDATE LUNCHEON:**

Our 19 January 2019 luncheon at the WPatt Club will be an **update on the Air Force Institute of Technologies (AFIT's) program activities, challenges, and potential help that we as MOAA Members may provide.** The AFIT Chancellor, Dr. Todd Stewart, will provide us an informative briefing that will include AFIT's Cyber Security Program aspects from their recently conducted first-ever System Theoretic Process Analysis (STPA) Technical Interchange Meeting (TIM) 22-23 October 2018 collaborated with MIT Professor Leveson. In addition, the presentation will discuss AFIT's relationship with the Naval Post-Graduate School at Monterey, CA and several other aspects of the schools of Systems and Logistics and Engineering.

We are fortunate to have Dr Stewart as our guest speaker. Dr Stewart served for 34 years with the USAF retiring in the grade of Major General. His military career included numerous command and staff assignments in positions responsible for combat engineering and installation management. Following his military retirement, Dr Stewart held appointments at Ohio State University (6 years), Michigan Technological University (4 years) where he led university wide initiatives to encourage research and learning related to numerous aspects of national security.

Our luncheon will be held at the WPATT Club on Saturday, 19 January 2019 starting at 1200hrs. The luncheon buffet will feature a Mixed Green Salad with Ranch and/or Italian dressing, Grilled Salmon with Fruit Salsa and/or Hearty Beef Lasagna, Wild Rice and Green Beans Almondine, Rolls and Butter and assorted cookies for dessert. The price is \$20.00 per person. An "Honor bar" will be available with selections of wine (\$5.00/glass), and soft drinks (\$2.00), as desired. Other beverages will include Iced Tea, Coffee, and Water.

**RSVP to David Gothard at 429-1649 or email at [ddgothard@aol.com](mailto:ddgothard@aol.com) for reservations NLT Wednesday, 16 January 2019.** If you leave a voicemail, provide the names of those attending, your phone number and whether you or others in your party are Club members. Look forward to seeing you at this very informative event. As usual, pay at the door (cash or check) and if you must cancel, notify Dave NLT 1200hrs on 17 January 2019.

**"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](mailto: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 639,00 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.

### **MOAA GOLF LEAGUE:**

We hope everyone had a very safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. January doesn't appear to be bringing 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 30 April and first matches scheduled for 7 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](http://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	Individual Travel Size Shampoos
Current DVDs- Family Type	Paper Gift -All Sizes
Individual bottles of water	Styrofoam/Plastic Cups
AA, AAA, & C Batteries	Styrofoam/Plastic Cups
Plastic Utensils (forks, spoons)	Individual Package Snack Items
Light Bulbs-40, 60 & 75 watt	Styrofoam/Plastic Bowl
Plastic Utensils (cups, bowls)	

**WORDS TO PONDER**

“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face” -Eleanor Roosevelt

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