

## Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



# Officers Call



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our October luncheon speaker was Terri Coles from MOAA National. In her talk she summarized some past successes of MOAA's advocacy efforts while acting in conjunction with a coalition of other service organizations. She then turned to future challenges where she stressed that our membership and involvement do make a difference. After the luncheon she met with the DAC Board of Directors where she discussed some useful tools that are coming to help increase chapter membership and involvement. Have you recently asked anyone to join the DAC?

Did you know that Col Russell Hastler, aged 93, received the Congressional Gold Medal on 12 Oct 2018? Col. Russell "Cliff" Hastler Jr. was a part of the U.S. Army Air Forces. His unit, the 801st/482nd Bombardment Group, was the forerunner to the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command. He is a member of our chapter and a few years ago was the USAF representative on the DAC board. I am sure that you share in our congratulations to Col Russell Hastler from the DAC.

Are you a ROTC graduate from the University of Akron (UA)? If yes, The Cadre and Cadets of the 42nd Ohio Volunteer Battalion request the pleasure of your company at a Military Ball in honor of the 100th Anniversary of ROTC at UA. The ball will be held at Quaker Station on the UA campus Saturday, December 1, 2018, at 6 p.m. Dress is formal. R.S.V.P at [uakron.edu/armyrotc/100th](http://uakron.edu/armyrotc/100th) no later than Monday, Nov. 26th or contact Tamra Dixon at 330-972-7455 or [tjd1@uakron.edu](mailto:tjd1@uakron.edu). for information regarding costs and lodging.

As a reminder: Fred Pumroy, a former DAC president will be Inducted in the 2018 Class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 8, 2018. You can get more information (time and place) at: 614-644-0898, or either [HallOfFame@dvs.ohio.gov](mailto:HallOfFame@dvs.ohio.gov), or [OhioVets.gov](http://OhioVets.gov).

Additional reminder: The new Fisher House on the grounds of the Dayton Veterans Medical Center will be dedicated on 7 November at 2 PM.

Look inside for the description of our Toys-For-Tops luncheon. In addition to presenting a check to the Marines for their charity the luncheon will also feature a visit by Dick Calta who is the President of the Ohio Council of Ohio Chapters.

Additionally, did you know that you can make a copy of an application to join the DAC? I did it and signed up a new member. You can do it also. Go to [daytonmoaa.weebly.com](http://daytonmoaa.weebly.com) and click on the Membership tab.

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 August 2018' 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.

17 November	Toys for Tots
8 December	Christmas Dinner/Dance
19 January	AFIT Update

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.

**TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON**

Every year through your generosity, the Chapter is able to make a significant contribution to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program in the local area. This worthwhile program was started by a Marine Reserve Officer in Los Angeles in 1947 and adopted nationwide by the Marine Corps in 1948. Each year literally millions of toys are distributed to needy children through this program.

Our annual Toys for Tots event will be a **buffet luncheon** held in the WPAFB Banquet Center Fireside Room on 17 November at 1200. The buffet will feature salads, sliced turkey and ham, vegetables and apple or pumpkin pie for dessert. **Cost will be \$20/person. Please make reservations with Terry Cooney at 427-0590 or e-mail at [tcooney8@gmail.com](mailto:tcooney8@gmail.com) NLT 14 November.** If you are unable to attend please consider sending a contribution to Treasurer Denny Lammlein at 29 Sandelwood St., Springboro, OH 45066-5208. Make your check out to DACMOAA and add Toys for Tots in the memo line. We will consolidate your checks and provide a single check to the Marine Corps Reserves.

**2018 TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PLAN (TRDP) CHANGES**

The TRDP will end on 31 December. Starting on 1 January 2019 the TRDP will be replaced with the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). FEDVIP offers a choice of 10 dental carriers including Delta Dental. If you are currently enrolled in TRDP, you **will not** automatically be enrolled in FEDVIP. You must select a FEDVIP plan to continue your benefits. Enrollment begins on 12 November and ends on 10 December. Complete details on the various programs will be forthcoming in the November issue of the Military Officer magazine and online at [moaa.org](http://moaa.org).

**SURVIVING SPOUSE VIRTUAL CHAPTER**

**New virtual chapter with membership open to:** MOAA members who are Surviving Spouses of uniformed services officers and Council/Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaisons.

Purpose:

To provide:

- a national forum for Surviving Spouses;
- a common space to communicate with each other;
- information about concerns pertinent to each of us and our families, and
- a platform to advocate for protection of rights for our members and our dependents,
- a reliable source for Surviving Spouses who live in remote areas, who are housebound, who have jobs and children, or who might be unable to participate at the chapter level.

Meetings will be held quarterly via FreeConferenceCall.com. A phone number is sent to you via email or you may call a contact number to obtain it. No computer is needed to join the conversation with other surviving spouses. Members participate to the degree that they are able. There are no dues.

For more information, contact:

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### **MOAA GOLF LEAGUE:**

The League is looking for additional new full time members for the coming year so that we can move toward our earlier 20-team format. We'll be pretty much dormant for the next four months, just working on conditioning, reading golf books/magazines, watching the Golf Channel, etc. If any MOAA member or spouse (especially those new recruits who joined this year) enjoys playing golf and pleasant company, come join us. Our season begins with an organizational meeting at 0900 on 29 April and first matches on 6 May. If we get those new members, the start could move to an earlier date. Contact Larry Pohl at 254-0913, Ed Mentzer at 426-8807, Pete Nelson at 426-2063, or Doug Hufnagle at 212-3248.

To find out more about our future season you can find us on the web at [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 LISTI**

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 Bowl

**DAYTON VA MEDICAL CENTER FISHER HOUSE DEDICATION**

The dedication ceremony for the new Fisher House on the grounds of the Dayton VA Medical Center will be held on 7 November at 1400. All are invited to attend. To get there take US35 west to the Gettysburg exit and at the light take a quick jog onto the grounds of the VA and follow the signs for event parking

**WORDS TO PONDER**

“Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die”

“All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism”

“Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.”

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