

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

More than 50 members attended the annual picnic at Bass Lake Lodge. As always the food and service were excellent. We also had great presentations on the USO, Fisher House, and upcoming changes to Tricare dental and vision coverage. Saying grace was done by our new chaplain: Charles (Bob) Bentley. Bob is a veteran of WWII and the Korean conflict. He gave us a thumbnail sketch of his background before the grace. He is still active as a chaplain to prisoners in the Montgomery jail.



The 2918 annual scholarship winner is Quinn Retzloff. Both he and his parents, Mark and Tammy, could not come to the picnic because they were all at the Notre Dame University Parents Weekend on the day of our annual picnic. Instead they all came to our August Directors meeting where Quinn accepted the scholarship check. We want to thank all of you that bought raffle tickets and/or contributed directly to the Scholarship fund. At the picnic we also held the election of the Dayton Area Chapter (DAC) of MOAA officers for 2019. The last page shows the current officers and



all will be part of the 2019 Board, albeit some in different positions. The last page of the newsletter in January will have the new lineup.

Thanks to all of you that decided to get the newsletter by email. Did you know that right now the DAC has 232 members, and only 30 will continue to get the email via mail? That means your chapter will save more than \$1000 a year in printing and mailing costs. We want to thank Terry Cooney for agreeing to print and mail the newsletters to the 30 members.

Remember to tell any member of your board what you would like your organization to do next year.

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>**

Mike Ondrasek
President

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Did you know that you can access the Military Nurse Advice Line anytime of the day or night for health care advice, assistance in determining whether you need to be seen for an appointment, or help with scheduling? To speak with a nurse, call 1-800-TRICARE, option 1. If you are travelling overseas and need help finding care outside the military system, country-specific numbers are available at MHSNurseAdviceLine.com.

The Military Officers Association of America is an independent politically non-partisan organization operated to benefit members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors

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.

13-15 September	Air Force Marathon Support
20 October	Visit from MOAA Representative
17 November	Toys for Tots
8 December	Christmas Dinner/Dance

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.

TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM ENDS DEC. 31, 2018

If you are enrolled in or eligible for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program or TRICARE Retired Reserve now what? You may qualify for Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) for 2019—now including DENTAL AND/OR VISION. Get Ready: You may enroll during Open Season—from Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, 2018—visit tricare.benefeds.com to learn more about FEDVIP open season and to sign up for email alerts

WRIGHT-PATT USO CENTER NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the seven MOAA Dayton Area Chapter members from our Golf League that volunteer their time and energies to ensuring the WPAFB USO center is open 7 days per week. Mia Walthers is the USO Center

Anne/Denny Crouch, Glenda/Dick Liebsack & Liane/Don Green. (Doug Hufnagle not pictured)



Manager and has said, “The staffing at the facility is one with volunteers, they are the heart of the organization, and we are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help us serve the men and women-and their families-of Wright Patterson AFB.” Further, “The only reason these doors are open is because of the volunteers we have, giving their time and talents.”

The center, which has been open since February of 2016, hosted 23,000 visitors in their first year. That number increased to 43,000 in their second year. They currently have about 150volunteers and Leslie Moore, the USO Center Volunteer Coordinator recently said, “Increasing that number to between 200 and 250 would be ideal. The center tries to have 3

volunteers for each shift, and this number would always ensure a great face forward to our military visitors.”

If you can volunteer, and the chapter hopes that’s possible, please register online by visiting: <http://www.volunteers.uso.org> . Or contact Leslie Moore at Leslie@usocso.org or call her at 937-361-9345. She’d be happy to give you a tour of the center and discuss the many volunteer opportunities. Volunteering is easy and rewarding, and it’s also really needed. You can also call Denny Crouch at 937-426-6246 or another of our volunteers for info on the experience.

NEW SURVIVING SPOUSE INITIATIVE

A Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter has been initiated by MOAA HQ. Yhis new virtual chapter is open to: MOAA members who are Surviving Spouses of uniformed services officers and Council/Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaisons. The purpose of the Chapter is 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.

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4th ANNUAL MOAA GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR USO BENEFIT SUCCESSFUL

The Dayton Area Chapter Golf League completed its 4th annual benefit for the benefit of the USO of Central and Southern Ohio. **The tournament raised \$1030 for the USO this year!! A great showing by the MOAA golfers.** Thanks for supporting the tournament and a specific call out to those folks that couldn't play but made their donations to the cause anyway. The real winners of this benefit are the active military and the many benefits provided to them by the USO in our area. Thanks guys and gals! And we appreciate the Board of Directors contributing \$200 to the event to help us meet our goal. A salute to all.

Prizes were given for individual and team performances. And the winners are!

Winning Place	Team Winners (Based on Net Scores)	Individual Winners
1 st Place	Bill Schaff/Dion Makris	Long Drive (men): Doug Hufnagle
2 nd Place	Larry Pohl/Dick Liebsack	Long Drive (women): Liane Green
3 rd Place	Doug Hufnagle/Larry Simpson	Closest to Pin: John Eckhart
		Long Putt: Ed Mentzer

We'll look forward to our 5th Annual Tournament to benefit our USO as they continue to support our area military. We expect a representative of the USO of Central and Southern Ohio to be at the 22 September Golf League Banquet to receive our gift.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE:

We lost Herb Weatherhead, a former member, in July. The League postponed our regular scheduled Monday morning match so that members could attend the funeral services scheduled on that day. We are now back on schedule, and our League will hold a USO Benefit Tournament on 6 August with a shotgun start at 0845 briefing and teeing off at 0900. Proceeds will go to the local USO of Central and Southern Ohio. Giving right in our backyard will help those military members in our local area. We were able to generate more than \$1,000 (including \$200.00 from DAC) in our Tournament last year. Our current League leaders are:

- 1st Bill Schaff and Dion Makris
- 2nd Dennis Crouch and Fred Pumroy
- 3rd Doug Hufnagle and Larry Simpson
- 4th Herb Edwards and John Eckhart
- 5th Bob Eimer and Dan Dupree

To find out more about our season you can find us on the web at daytonmoaagolf.mysite.com. Any MOAA member or spouse interested in good fellowship and golf should contact either Larry Pohl, 254-0913; Ed Mentzer, 426-8807; Pete Nelson, 426-2063; or John Eckhart, 426-1087.

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	Individual Packages-Sugar,	Light Bulbs-40, 60 & 75 watt
Individually Packaged Soups, etc.	Splenda	Plastic Utensils (cups, bowls)
HE Laundry Detergent	Tall Kitchen Trash Bags	Individual Travel Size
Lemonade or Iced Tea Drink Mix	1 & 2 Gallon Zip Lock Bags	Shampoos
Paper Napkins	4 Gallon Trash Bags	Paper Gift Bags-All Sizes
Individual Packages-Creamer	Current DVDs- Family Type	Styrofoam/Plastic Cups
Toilet Paper	Individual bottles of water	Individual Package Snack Items
	AA, AAA, & C Batteries	Styrofoam/Plastic Bowl
	Plastic Utensils (forks, spoons)	

WORDS TO PONDER

"If you are depressed you are living in the past. If you are anxious you are living in the future. If you are at peace you are living in the present." -- Lao Tzu

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