

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On August 17, our chapter had a very enjoyable outing to a Dayton Dragons game. The weather was clear but not too hot, our seats were excellent and in the shade, the camaraderie was enjoyable, and the Dragons defeated the Great Lakes Loons from Midland, Michigan in a relatively high-scoring contest that was enjoyable to watch. It was quite nice to see some of our members in person after many months of virtual gatherings. We were also joined by several members of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter. Many thanks to Denny Crouch for organizing this fine event. I look forward to a return visit to Day Air Ballpark next season.



Our annual picnic and business meeting will take place on Sunday, August 22, at the shelter at Rotary Park, 2260 Dayton Xenia Road, in Beavercreek. It will begin at 1300. The Executive Board moved this event from Bass Lake on WPAFB to eliminate issues for some concerning getting on base, and access to Rotary Park is uncomplicated. The shelter provides cover and has restrooms. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter concerning the food plan and the need to make reservations so that we can order an appropriate amount of food and drink. CAPT Erin Stone, USN (Ret), Senior Director, MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs plans to join us. I hope many of you will be able to attend and renew friendships with other members.

This picnic will also include our annual business meeting (which will be brief) and the election of officers for 2022. The current elected officers have agreed to serve another term, with the exception of our Secretary, Ray Gaier, who is moving out of our area. We are very appreciative to Ray for his work on our board; he will be missed. Per our Constitution, any chapter member may choose to stand for election for one of the elective positions. I'm confident that a place on our board will be found for anyone interested in serving.

Tom Robisch
President
Dayton Area Chapter

AUGUST IS DUES MONTH

Watch the mail for your dues packet. Dues are still \$15/yr. for regular members and \$10/yr. for surviving spouses/auxiliary.

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

PLAN AHEAD

22 August

Annual Picnic/Elections -Shelter at Rotary Park

16 September

Air Force Marathon Information Booth

TRICARE ALERT

We have been informed that Premier Health "Urgent Care" facilities in Ohio are not accepting Tricare as an insurance payment. Premier Health was not able to successfully negotiate a 2021 contract with Tricare. We recommend members contact Tricare and request action be taken to preserve this insurance benefit for military members and their covered family members.

2021 DAC PICNIC

The DAC picnic will be held at 1300 on 22 August 2021 at Rotary Park in Beavercreek. Like all past year's picnic it will be held on a Sunday. The shelter is on the right of the main road as you drive in, near the ball diamonds. There is plenty of parking to the left of the shelter.

There are 4 meal choices for the picnic and they are as follows:

#1 2 piece white meat (breast and wing), *baked*

#2 2 piece white meat (breast and wing), *fried*

#3 2 piece dark meat (drum and thigh), *baked*

#4 2 piece dark meat (drum and thigh), *fried*.

All meals come with wedge fries, coleslaw, and roll/biscuit.

There will be an assortment of soft drinks, as well as coffee, tea, and water. The cost of each meal is \$10.00. If you are coming bring some dessert (cookies, brownies, etc.) for yourself and one other person.

We will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets for the scholarship fund.

When placing your order specify name, the meal number, and give your phone number. Send that information to michael.ondrasek@att.net or call Mike at 937 429 9297. You can leave a message on Mike's phone. The cutoff date for orders/cancelations is 1700 hours 18 August.

NEW ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

Last month's newsletter included a piece proposing extra activities that might be of interest to sub-groups of our members. This is a specific recommendation for a new group consistent with that idea.

The cover story for the July edition of the *Military Officer* magazine discussed possible summer readings for MOAA members. In addition to reviewing six books that might be of interest, the article also included lists of works on historical/military topics including leadership; tales of true grit; accounts of heroism, perseverance, and service; fiction; and MOAA staff members' favorite military-themed books. While the books listed in the article are not the only ones that might be of interest to a Dayton Area Chapter book club, it is a nice starting point to consider which books would be acceptable for a new group. Take a look at this article – it's interesting reading.

Please contact Tom Robisch at trobsch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388 if you are interested in forming a chapter book club.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND 2021/2022 DONATIONS:

Membership renewal and donations from 2020 were very much appreciated. Therefore, we request your continued outstanding support to help us cover our current shortfall of funds to support our planned donation of \$1000.00 to the Marines Toys of Tots in November 2021. In addition, as you send

in your annual membership renewal check of \$15.00 through 8/1/2022, we would very much appreciate any donation you can support for our major 2022 programs of Scholarship, Fisher Nightingale House, Toys for Tots and where needed. Thanks so very much for your continued service and support to such worthwhile causes.

AIR FORCE MARATHON VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION CLOSSES 31 AUGUST

Once again our Chapter is going to support the Air Force Marathon. As in previous years we will be manning the Information Booth on Thursday 16 September. There will be 2 shifts (2:30 to 5pm and 4:30 to 7:15pm). **We still need 4 people for shift one and 3 for shift two.** Instructions for signing up are depicted below. Our password is **moaa21**

Volunteer Registration Instructions: Volunteer registration opens on May 1 and closes 31 August

1. Access the volunteer registration site:
<https://airforcemarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=53510>
2. Enter your group password into the "Have a password? Enter it here" textbox, then select "Submit"
3. Your group's shifts will appear and select the "+" buttons to expand the selections
4. Select the checkbox next to your preferred shift time
5. Scroll down to enter your email address and fill out the registration form, then select "Sign Up To Volunteer"
6. You will receive a confirmation email shortly afterwards

Please send me an e-mail at tcooney8@gmail.com to let me know for which shift you signed up.

THE 7th ANNUAL USO BENEFIT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS for MOAA GOLFERS

The Dayton Area Chapter Golf League completed its 7th annual benefit for the benefit of the USO of Central and Southern Ohio. **The tournament raised over \$1,500 for the USO this year!! A great showing by the MOAA golfers and a big thanks to all.** A special call out to USAA for contributing \$300. Ticket Sales for gifts resulted in another \$95 to USO as well. Another player gave an extra contribution again; many thanks! The real winners of this benefit are the active military and the many benefits provided to them by the USO in our area. The Chapter Board of Directors also contributed an additional \$200 to this USO Benefit. A salute to all.

Cash prizes were given for individual and team performances. And now, the winners are!

Winning Place	Team Winners (Based on Net Scores)	Individual Winners
1 st Place	Mark Lua/Brad Gale	Long Drive (men): Bill Schaff
2 nd Place	Jim Verstrete/Doug Hufnagle	Closest to Pin #5: F. Pumroy/M Riley
3 rd Place	Dave White/Herb Edwards	Closest to Pin #8: Mike Riley
		Long Putt: Chuck Sweet

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

There is still work to be done for Congress to improve equity for survivor benefits.

[Urge Your Elected Officials to Support Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform Legislation](#)

The Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act, introduced by Sens. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) and Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.) would create comprehensive toxic exposure reform to expand health care, improve the presumptive process, and ensure veteran input in the process about the critical conditions affecting the health and well-being of servicemembers, veterans, families, survivors, and caregivers as a result of exposures while in service.

[Urge your legislators to support concurrent receipt](#) Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support *The Major Richard Star Act*, which would provide concurrent receipt for servicemembers to unable to complete 20 years of service due to combat related injuries.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

We are in the last half of 2021 Season & Larry Simpson/Jay DeJongh are leading the pack with substantial 8.5 point lead over Dave White/Herb Edwards. There are 3 more regular matches then our position matches & a match against the Wright Brothers. We will close out the season with a team scramble event. We are always looking for more teams & subs. If you are a golfer & enjoy spending time with other MOAA members, come join us. We have golfers at all skill levels. Currently, Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) is our president & he is available for any questions.

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. At the

present time Fisher House is not accepting any physical items. The COVID impact this year has been hard on the finances of the organization but they have never closed their doors. 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). Watch this space for when contributions can restart. Thanks for all your previous support.

WORDS TO PONDER

Education is NOT the learning of facts but the training of the mind to THINK!.— Albert Einstein

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