



# Officers Call



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For many months, this newsletter has contained notices that there are vacancies on our Executive Board and that volunteers for these positions are needed. This is a serious problem. As time has passed, it has become more urgent.

The terms of the current Board members expire at the end of the year, and there are no logical successors for some of the positions. While many of us are willing to remain on the Board in some capacity, without additional manpower, the future of our Chapter is unclear. It is neither sustainable nor desirable that the work required to keep our Chapter in operation can continue to be done by the same (small) number of people. We need some additional volunteers to contribute to our operations, and sizeable time commitments are not required.

Soon, the Board will meet to consider our future and discuss the various options that are available to us. If you wish to see our Chapter continue, please contact me or any of the Board members listed at the end of this newsletter. We would be happy to discuss tailoring positions and duties as desired because, in addition to contributing to our operations, any new Board member would bring his/her knowledge, experience, and perspectives, which would only strengthen our organization. Please seriously consider joining our Board to help keep our Chapter healthy and active.

Our July activity was a baseball game at Day Air Park between the Dayton Dragons and the West Michigan Whitecaps. The weather was perfect, the company was friendly and pleasant, and our seats were very good. While the Dragons did not prevail, we were able to witness one of the final Dayton appearances of the Dragons' slugging shortstop, Elly De La Cruz (20 home runs, 53 runs batted in), pictured at right, who was promoted to the Reds' Double A affiliate in Chattanooga shortly after our game. De La Cruz's promotion is a reminder that our outings to Dragons games are always a chance to see possible future major league stars.



Our annual picnic will be our August activity. Denny Crouch has arranged for our use of the Aley United Methodist Church pavilion at 4143 Kemp Road in Beavercreek on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. The pavilion is covered with picnic tables, and bathrooms will be available in the church. Details concerning food service will be forthcoming. Please consider joining us for this event.

Finally, I encourage everyone to visit our website at [www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com](http://www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com) where you can find information about our organization and functions, legislative issues, as well as our current and past newsletters. Also, MOAA National's website at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) contains information concerning MOAA resources, member benefits, and current news/event of interest to the military community.

Tom Robisch  
President  
Dayton Area Chapter

### **AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH**

A reminder that your membership is due for renewal during the month of August 2022 for all who pay their dues (i.e., \$15/year-regular and \$10/year-surviving spouse) annually. Please watch for your renewal mailing. In addition, we'd like to encourage all our members to submit a donation to support our key programs (i.e., Scholarship Fund (\$2,000), Fisher-Nightingale House (\$1,000), Marine Toys for Tots (\$1,000), USO (\$1,500) and Air Force Museum Foundation (\$375)). Any donation amount is sincerely appreciated and we strive to fully fund our key programs annually through our membership dues, outright donations, and monthly program proceeds/revenues. Thank you for your continued support of our Dayton Area Chapter (DAC) and the good work we do for our Wright-Patt and Air Force community.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

21 August	Annual Picnic – Pavilion at Aley United Methodist Church – 1300-1600
10 September	Estate Planning Presentation – 1200@TJ Chumps
15-17 September	Volunteer at Air Force Marathon Info Booth

### **ANNUAL PICNIC**

Our annual Picnic will be held at the Pavilion behind Aley United Methodist Church 4143 Kemp Road in Beavercreek. The event will catered by City BBQ serving pulled pork, pulled chicken, cole slaw and potato salad. Drinks and cookie desert will be provided by the Chapter. We have the Pavilion from 1300-1600. Lunch will be served at 1330. After lunch there will be the election of Officers and a discussion on the future of the Chapter. Reservations are required so that we ensure that we have enough food. Please contact Terry Cooney at 937-427-0590 or [tcooney8@gmail.com](mailto:tcooney8@gmail.com) to make your reservation

### **AIR FORCE MARATHON**

After a two year hiatus due to COVID, the Air Force Marathon will held this year from 15-17 September. The 15<sup>th</sup> is called the Expo and it is where the runners sign in and pick up there runners packets. This year the Chapter will once again provide support for this community wide effort by assisting at the Information Booth. There are two shifts -1430-1700 and 1630 to 1915. We still need 2 people each shift to fulfill our commitment. If you can help please go to: <https://airforcemarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=62603>; enter the password MOA22 and select one of the shifts. Then fill out the requested information to complete the registration. Registration ends 31 August so don't delay. Thanks for your support.

Additionally, there will be bleachers setup for veterans to watch the race. Past president Fred Pumroy will be once again be setting up the Chapter banner in a prominent position as spectators and racers pass by. The first group of runners will be going by around 0800 and the last around 1100. If you would like to be part of this effort, contact Fred at 937-878-7257 or [flmapumroy@aol.com](mailto:flmapumroy@aol.com)

## **THE 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL USO BENEFIT; A RECORD SUCCESS for MOAA GOLFERS!!**

The Dayton Area Chapter Golf League completed its 8<sup>th</sup> annual benefit for the USO of Central and Southern Ohio. **A tournament record of \$1,587 was collected 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 \$65 to USO as well. Two other players gave an extra contribution: many thanks! The true 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 big 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 <sup>st</sup> Place	Chuck Hanks/Don Green	Long Drive (men): Dan Zalewski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mark Lau/Dave Schalm	Closest to Pin #5: Brad Gale
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Denny Crouch/Fred Pumroy	Closest to Pin #8: Larry Pohl
		Long Putt: Bob Emerson

We'll look forward to our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament to benefit our USO at Wright-Patt as they continue to support our area military. We expect a representative of the USO of Central and Southern Ohio to be at the Golf League Banquet later this year if it's held.

## **FISHER HOUSE NOW RECEIVING SUPPLIES AGAIN**



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 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). **With a lessening of restrictions. Fisher Houses can now accept deliveries of donated items; Bring your Fisher House gifts to our events and we'll deliver them for the chapter**

### **Wright-Patt Fisher House Wish List\***

- » Individually wrapped snacks (cookies, crackers, candy, etc.)
- » Individually wrapped cereals
- » Variety of individually wrapped breakfast bars
- » Individually packaged small sugar packets
- » Variety of assorted chips, individual packaged
- » Keurig coffee (K-cups) variety
- » Small coffee creamers
- » Green tea, tea bags
- » A variety of individually packaged tea bags

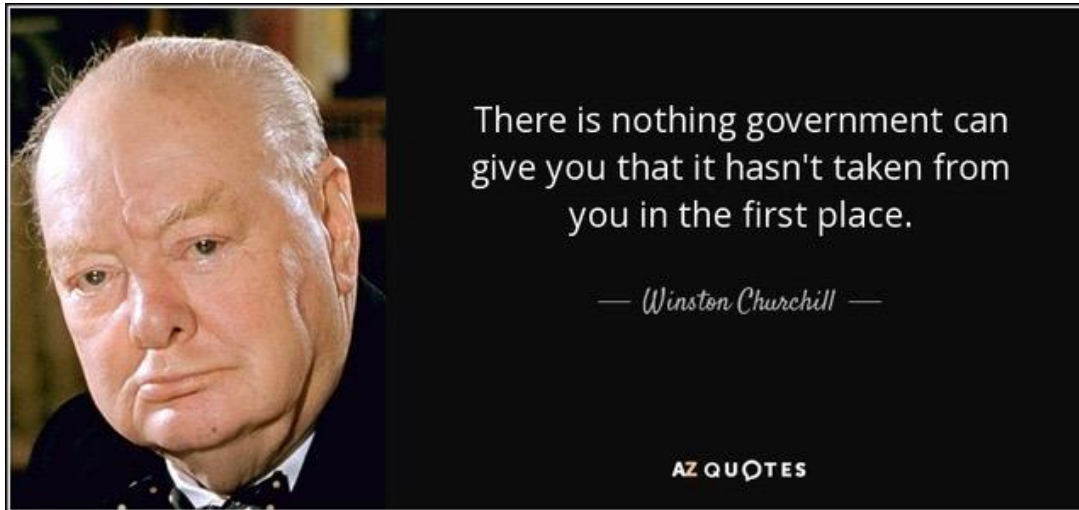
- » Mac and cheese (individual cups)
- » Individual small containers of apple sauce
- » Individual containers of fruit cups
- » Individually packaged microwave popcorn
- » Assorted cookies
- » Paper towels
- » Toilet paper
- » Tissues
- » Clorox Wipes containers
- » Small containers of hand sanitizers from name brands *(so they can fit them in their*

*purses, backpacks, etc.)*

- » Red plastic solo cups
- » Triple A batteries (packages)
- » Double A batteries (packages)
- » Trash bags – 13 gallon
- » Trash bags – 4 gallon

- » Disposable paper plates (packages)
- » Laundry detergent for guests (Free & Clear, Purex or Tide) and regular Tide Pods
- » Coffee cups
- » Dishwasher Tablets (Cascade)

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