



Officers Call



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HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYFUL NEW YEAR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our Executive Board meeting on 10 November, we presented our annual donations to the WPAFB United Services Organization (USO) Center and to the local Toys for Tots organization. These are worthy and deserving groups, to whom we have made contributions for many years.

The photo on the right shows our Marine Corps Representative Larry Simpson presenting our \$1,000 check to Gunnery Sergeant Luis Durant. GySgt Duran serves as the Coordinator for the Dayton Toys for Tots drive. He reported that last year Dayton Toys for Tots distributed gifts to



approximately 9,400 children in Montgomery and Greene counties, and he anticipates a higher figure this year. Thanks to all who donated to the chapter this year, which made possible our annual contribution.



The photo on the left shows our Golf League President Larry Pohl presenting our \$1,500 check to Eric Oberg, Center Manager at the WPAFB USO site. (You may not be aware that the proceeds from our DAC Golf League activities are earmarked for the USO, and this year our golfers were very productive.) Included in this picture are several women who were attending an event for military mothers on the day we presented our check. Eric graciously explained to them that donations such as ours enables the WPAFB USO Center to conduct various types of activities on behalf of local military members and families.

Specifically, he said that our donation could be utilized to fund about 30 events such as the military mother's function.

Also, last month the chapter hosted our second luncheon for our surviving spouse members. Attendance was approximately double compared to the number who attended the first event, and everyone appeared to have a good time. (There was one suggestion for improvement – that these luncheons be held at a restaurant where adult beverages are available!) We plan on having these activities every other month, with the next to be held in mid-January 2022. The date and location will be announced in the next newsletter. The spouses will receive individual emails announcing the luncheon, but anyone from the chapter is welcome to attend. Those interested should let me know at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388, and I will make sure you receive an invitation.



Finally, I encourage everyone to visit our website at 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 contains information concerning MOAA resources, member benefits, and current news/event of interest to the military community.

Tom Robisch
President

PLAN AHEAD

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| December 11 | WACO Air Museum - 1200 |
| April 2 | WSU Theater – Sweet Charity 2pm |
| July (Date TBD) | Dayton Dragons Outing |

WACO AIR MUSEUM & AVIATION LEARNING CENTER TOUR



On 11 December at 12:00 noon the chapter is sponsoring a tour of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South Country Road 25A in Troy, Ohio.

The WACO Aircraft Company was the largest manufacturer of civil aircraft in the United States in the 1920's. While it has not been in operation for some time, the WACO Historical Society occupies the former WACO Aircraft site, which includes 77 acres and a 2,200-foot grass runway, maintained by WACO volunteers. Its museum contains vintage WACO aircraft and other displays and exhibits. It even offers bi-plane rides in sunny weather, although we are not planning on doing any flying that day. Its Learning Center conducts outreach programs to educate and inspire local students with respect to aviation and STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) subjects.

Please consider joining us for what promises to be an enjoyable and interesting guided tour conducted by one of the WACO volunteers. Additionally, arrangements have been made for attendees to have a late lunch (after the tour) at the nearby Bakehouse Bread and Cookie Company at 317 Public Square SW in Troy. Seating at the restaurant is somewhat limited, so RSVP to Tom Robisch at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388 as early as possible but no later than 8 December.

WSU THEATER OUTINGS TO RETURN

Save the date! We are planning to return to our semi-annual outing to the WSU theater with the performance of Sweet Charity at 2pm on 2 April. Watch future newsletters for details

KEY BILLS

Senators headed home for the Thanksgiving holiday before wrapping up their version of the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), leaving a weeklong window for MOAA members to register their views on issues of critical importance to the military community.

This might be the last window to make your voice heard on these topics: Click the links to send a message to your legislator, but also consider a phone call via MOAA's dedicated congressional hotline, (866) 272-6622, which can connect you directly to your senators.

- [Reversing Planned Eligibility Changes at Arlington National Cemetery](#). MOAA members have been among the thousands of veterans and others who've registered major concerns with the flawed, discriminatory changes proposed to Arlington National Cemetery eligibility that would force many 20-year-retirees to change long-held burial plans. A Senate amendment (SA 4297) would require a joint DoD/VA report on the issue and prohibit any eligibility changes

until the report's filing – a critical first step to a better solution for Arlington's space issues and for finding the next national cemetery.

- [Fixing the TRICARE Young Adult Coverage Gap](#). MOAA has long advocated for this much-needed improvement – one that would bring TRICARE in line with commercial plans and save military families thousands of dollars in health care costs for dependent children up to age 26. The current TRICARE Young Adult Program saw [yet another significant premium hike for 2022](#) and shouldn't be viewed as a viable alternative. A [Senate NDAA amendment](#) has made significant progress thanks to MOAA-backed support for similar legislation and [recent media reports](#) on the issue.
- [Helping Military Survivors](#). MOAA's work on behalf of surviving spouses has been among its [greatest recent legislative successes](#). The fix included in the Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act – which has been introduced as [a Senate NDAA amendment](#) – seems minor compared with ending the so-called "Widows Tax," but it would make a significant difference in the days and weeks after a loss. Learn more about the act and how it could save some survivors from unexpected financial disaster [at this link](#).
- [Addressing Concurrent Receipt](#). MOAA's support for the Major Richard Star Act dates to the bill's inception, but budget concerns prevented the House from including the text of the act in the NDAA via the amendment process. However, Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) plan to submit a Senate amendment with similar language, and while final NDAA inclusion faces several hurdles, all of your representatives need to hear from you about the need to end the unfair offset of military retired pay with disability compensation for so many ill and injured veterans. MOAA's [incremental approach to this issue](#) will continue moving forward in coming years; don't waste this opportunity to continue our progress.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

The league closed out the 2021 season on 20 September with a team scramble. The season winners were Larry Simpson & Jay DeJongh with 130.5 points. Their team took over 1st place early in the season and held on for the victory. Second place went to Jim VerStreate & Doug Hufnagle with 126.0 points. The end of season scramble winners were:

| <u>Gross Winners</u> | | <u>Net Winners</u> | |
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| Dave White/Herb Edwards | 35 | Mark Lua/Ron Knipfer | 33 |
| Denny Crouch/Fred Pumroy | 36 | Chuck Sweet/Bob Eimer | 34 |

We are always looking for more players & subs. If you are interested or want more information, please contact President Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) or Bob Emerson (937-545-4610). The season begins in late April/early May. We play 9 holes on Monday mornings on the Prairie Trace East course. The season ends in late September. We do not play on the Monday holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc). All skill levels are welcomed. You must be a MOAA member.

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.

With a lessening of restrictions. Fisher Houses can now accept deliveries of donated items; however, please call the House in advance to make delivery arrangements.

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, individually 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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