



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is staying safe as we continue to ride out the pandemic. Speaking for myself, I know that it has lasted longer than I anticipated last spring. With the vaccine slowly becoming available, we can all hope that we can return to normal times in the near future. In the meantime, we have scheduled some virtual speakers for the next couple months, which we hope will enable us to gather once again (albeit electronically) as a group.

On Saturday February 20 at 11:00 AM, our speaker will be Christopher Lavin of the Lavin Law Group, which has several offices in our area. Chris is graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law and is an expert in elder law, the provision of legal services to senior citizens. He is knowledgeable in the areas of retirement planning, estate planning, probate matters, wills, trusts, asset protection, durable powers of attorney, veterans benefit planning, as well as the myriad of legal issues pertaining to nursing homes. He will speak for about 30 minutes, after which he will respond to any questions our on-line attendees may have. Chris spoke at one our luncheons several years ago, and his presentation was very well received. We look forward to hearing from him again. For those who wish to participate, please see the notice inside this newsletter for details concerning how to connect.

In March, Dr. William Trollinger, a professor in the History and Religious Studies Department at the University of Dayton, will speak on "Terrorizing Immigrants and Catholics: The Ohio Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s," a topic on which he won the 2014 Catholic Press Award for Best Essay in a Scholarly Magazine.

I would like to thank our members for their continued dedication and support to our MOAA-DAC organization. In 2020, we donated \$5,875 to worthy causes (e.g., HS Scholarship, Fisher Nightingale House, Toys for Tots, USO, Honor Flight, Etc.) and we can only do this with your support. In 2020 you donated \$4,126 to our worthy causes and we received \$2,475 in dues. We have drafted and reviewed our 2021 operating budget and have added a donation to the USAF Museum of \$375.00 to support continued restoration and special events. However, we still have over 45 members who have not yet paid their 2021 dues of \$15.00 for regular membership; so we do ask that those of you who have forgotten to send in your annual dues payment, please do so at your earliest convenience so we can continue our great support to worthy causes. Thank you so very much.

On a different subject, all of you are probably aware that our Chapter awards a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school in our area. Our announcement was distributed to guidance counselors and other school officials earlier this month. Applicants must

have a parent eligible for membership in MOAA (i.e., parent must be an active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired, or former officer) or be children of active duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired enlisted personnel. Applications are due 15 April 2021. Please let anyone you know who may be eligible of this opportunity.

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
Dayton Area Chapter

PLAN AHEAD

1100 20 February

Mr. Christopher Lavin

20 March(tentative)

Dr. William Trollinger

FEBRUARY PRESENTATION – Mr. Christopher Lavin Elder Law

As we indicated in previous newsletters, the Board is trying to find ways in which we can get together via virtual activities. The next two months will begin the 'Grand Experiment'. We will be setting up a Zoom meeting for a presentation Mr. Christopher Lavin of the Lavin Law Group on some of the things we need to be aware of as approach our Senior Youth. Dennis Crouch will provide the Zoom platform and will serve as host for the event. He will provide the link to be used in order to access the meeting. Just like all our events you **must** register in order to attend. Just like our previous socials registration must be done by contacting Terry Cooney via e-mail at tcooney8@twc.com by 17 February to get on the attendance list. Prior to the event a link and further details will be provided to those that registered. Looking forward to 'seeing' you at the event.

THE VACCINE IS HERE! GET YOUR SHOT!

For those in Greene County, for your first shot dose the best way to ensure there will be a shot for you is to preregister with the County Health Department at <https://healthalert.gcph.info/COVID19/signup>. You will then receive a notification as to when to come in as well as notification when your second shot will be administered.

The 88th Medical Group is also expanding its offering of the COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning Jan. 27, TRICARE beneficiaries ages 75 and older may receive an AudioCARE call to ask if they would like the vaccine. The call is automated, and respondents will be asked to press #1 if they want the vaccine or #2 if they do not.

The vaccine is currently being offered to those who are part of the Department of Defense's established Phases 1A and 1B. Phase 1B now includes beneficiaries ages 75 and older. Beneficiaries age 75 and over will be receiving AudioCARE calls this week asking about their interest in receiving the vaccine. If a person elects to be called back, COVID-19 vaccine scheduling personnel will reach out to schedule the appointment."

TRICARE beneficiaries over 75, who are currently using Wright-Patterson Medical Center for care, should ensure their contact information is correct to receive the callback from scheduling personnel. TRICARE beneficiaries not currently enrolled at WPMC must ensure their information is correct in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System so they can be reached. To update information in DEERS, visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/ or call 800-538-9522.

As the new vaccine shipment arrives, 88 MDG will shift the vaccine-administration location from Wright-Patterson Medical Center to the Wright-Patterson Club. Vaccine appointment hours will

be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are required to receive the vaccine, but they will not be available on weekends, holidays and down-days.

Base officials said the Wright-Patterson Club should not be contacted regarding COVID-19 vaccine appointments or questions.

In addition to the expansion and location change, there have been adjustments to the DOD schema. Phase 1C now includes beneficiaries ages 65-74, high-risk beneficiaries ages 16-64 and other mission-essential personnel. The new DOD Phase 2 also includes the remaining population.

The time frame for Phase 1C or Phase 2 at Wright-Patterson AFB is dependent on its vaccine supply and how quickly 88 MDG can administer the shots, base officials said.

MESSAGE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

As the Director of Consumer Education, I would like to thank you for partnering with the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the past. I am pleased to announce the launch of a new outreach initiative to increase Ohioans' awareness of COVID-19 scams, fraud, and identity theft and how they can protect themselves.

In an effort to inform consumers about scams and how the Ohio Attorney General's Office can be a resource, we have created a series of animated videos. The episodes feature a fictional family, the Clarks, and cover the topic of identity theft, gift card fraud, and how to spot the red flags of a scam. All the new videos can be viewed at <https://www.ohioprotects.org/learn-about-fraud>, or direct links can be found here:

- Full Video: <https://youtu.be/7KlXgQcSkOc>
- Identity Theft: <https://youtu.be/fQPXxlkTrJU>
- Gift Card Scams: <https://youtu.be/8UfPc6f1kyw>
- Red Flags of a Scam: https://youtu.be/afvu_0xMkqM

We encourage you to use and share these videos through your newsletters, emails, listservs, social media, or any other way in which you disseminate information to your colleagues and clients.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

There is still work to be done for Congress to improve equity for survivor benefits. MOAA and The Military Coalition, continue to advocate for the survivor community and seek legislation to address existing inequities

One such piece of legislation making its way through the Congress will do just that by lowering the so-called "remarriage penalty" and allowing more survivors of seriously disabled veterans to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits and would raise the DIC rate. [H.R. 6933](#), the Caring for Survivors Act of 2020, was reintroduced by Rep. TJ Cox (D-Calif.) would provide some relief and is worthy of your support with a phone call and correspondence to your lawmaker.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

Believe it or not but January is almost gone & spring is just around the corner. The first thing we need to know is who from the league wants to play again & if your 2020 partnership survived the last season & you are willing to play together in 2021.

We also could use more players/teams. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please ask them to e-mail Larry Pohl or Bob Emerson about joining us

People can sign up as individuals or as teams. For those that sign up as individuals, we'll will seek to find a partner.

We can also use subs. So if people do not want to commit to weekly play, we can put them on a sub list. Who knows what this year will bring us. We do have a vaccine so may be things will begin to loosen up. Last year we had absolutely beautiful weather. We can only hope to equal that this year. Play will begin late April or Early May.

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

Maggie Thatcher - **“Socialism works only with someone else’s wealth.”**

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