

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a very successful luncheon at a new venue in January. You may recall that due to the ongoing unavailability of the WPAFB Club, we have been forced to look for new locations for our events. Our recent meeting at Basils on Market was a real success, primarily due to Denny Crouch and Terry Cooney who organized the luncheon. It was apparent that the attendees were glad to get together again. The conversations were spirited and loud, and it was nice to see so many members catching up with each other concerning their lives over the past months.



They enjoyed an engaging presentation from our Dayton Dragons speakers: Tom Nichols, the voice of the team on radio and TV and Director of Media Relations & Broadcasting, and Carl Hertzberg,



Director of Group Sales. Tom has been in the business for 34 years and had many interesting stories of players he has known. Both Tom and Carl were insightful, colorful, and entertaining. The picture at the right shows Tom, Denny, and Carl. The occasion whetted our appetite for our July activity, which will be a group outing to a Dragons game. This occasion was also our first opportunity in a while to hold a raffle for our scholarship fund, and we hope we can maintain the camaraderie and raffles in upcoming events.

Our February 19 event will be another luncheon with guest speaker at a new venue. It will be at TJ Chumps on Dayton-Yellow Springs Road in Fairborn, and our speaker will be Al Bailey, President of Honor Flight Dayton. As you may know, the mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The Honor Flight Network, which currently serves WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War era veterans, is a national network composed of independent hubs that work together in furtherance of the Honor Flight mission. Recognizing its fine work, our chapter has contributed to Honor Flight in past years. Please join us on the 19th at noon to hear Mr. Bailey's presentation concerning Honor Flight operations and the activities of its local hub. Send RSVPs to me at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388 no later than February 17. Hope to see you there!



Also, please keep in mind the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Convention in Columbus from May 13 – 15. The organizers from the Central Ohio Chapter plan on having numerous interesting speakers and activities. More information is available on its website at <https://www.moa-centralohio.org/>.

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

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.

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PLAN AHEAD

19 February	1200 Lunch at TJ Chumps – Honor Flight Speaker
April 2	WSU Theater – Sweet Charity 2pm
July (Date TBD)	Dayton Dragons Outing

DAC MOAA 2022 SCHOLARSHIP

Instructions for how high school seniors may apply for the Dayton Area Chapter's \$2,000 scholarship will be released to 36 schools in our area in early January. To be eligible, 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 must be received by 15 April 2022, and the winner will be chosen by our Scholarship Evaluation Committee prior to our annual meeting/picnic this summer. Please keep our scholarship program in mind with respect to your charitable donations. Any questions should be directed to Tom Robisch at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388.

OHIO COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS CONVENTION

The Central Ohio Chapter is hosting the State Council's biennial convention from 13 – 15 May 2022. It will be held at the Quest Conference Center at 9200 Worthington Road in Westerville, Ohio, a northern suburb of Columbus. A block of rooms at the nearby Fairfield Inn & Suites is reserved for convention attendees. A shuttle service will be available for travel between these sites.

The only event on 13 May (a Friday) will be an informal social gathering at the hotel, and the only event on 15 May will be the second quarterly meeting of the State Council Executive Board. The activities on 14 May will be the primary focus for convention attendees. The convention organizers are still working on the schedule, but invited speakers include Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), MOAA's President and CEO; LTG Michael Ferriter, USA (Ret), the President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus; MG Deborah Ashenurst, USA (Ret), Director of the Ohio Dept. of Veterans' Services; MG John Harris, Ohio Army Nat. Gd., Adjutant General of Ohio; and Dr. Christopher Gelpi of the Ohio State University, Director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Assuming that most of these invitees confirm their participation, the presentations at the convention promise to be interesting and thought-provoking.

Please consider attending this event. The Central Ohio Chapter has set up a web page at <https://www.moaa-centralohio.org/moaa-ohio-state-convention/>, through which one can book a room at the hotel and register at the convention.

“SWEET CHARITY” THE MUSICAL AT WSU

Come join your fellow MOAAites on **Saturday, 2 April, at 2 PM** in the Wright State Festival Playhouse to enjoy the groovy dance musical hit, *Sweet Charity*, tells the story of Charity Hope Valentine, an eternal optimist in a hard-luck world. Filled with exuberant dance, joyous song, and a nod to the swingin’ 60s, this production gives you a special “behind the scenes” look at how a major musical would have felt in rehearsal.

Terry Cooney is the POC for this event. Contact him by 4 March at (937) 427-0590 or email tcooney8@gmail.com to make reservations. Cancellations must be before 4 March to avoid being charged for the event. The cost is \$20/person. Please mail a check payable to “DAC MOAA” to Terry Cooney at 2421 Clubside Dr. Beavercreek, OH 45431. We will meet for dinner after the performance at a location still to be determined.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

We are still 3 months away from starting the MOAA Golf League. But we are always looking for more players (men & women) and subs. Players must be MOAA members and members of the local MOAA Chapter. The league normally starts in late April or early May & runs until September. Play is 9 holes on the East course at Prairie Trace. We play on Monday mornings with tee times starting at 0900. We do not play on holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day). If you need any additional information about the league, please call Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) or Bob Emerson (937-545-4610). Come out for fellowship & exercise. Check us out!!

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: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)

NOW THAT WE'RE OLDER...

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

My goal for 2021 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below **freezing** outside they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.

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