

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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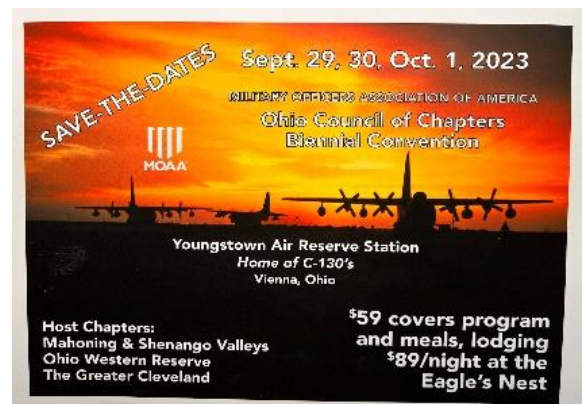
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our January activity was a luncheon at TJ Chumps in Fairborn for which Mr. Richard Perales, the current President of the Board of Commissioners for Greene County, was our guest speaker. Mr. Perales is a retired USAF officer whose last assignment was as Commander of the 788th Civil Engineer Squadron at WPAFB. He has also served four terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and as the Mayor of Beavercreek. See the article below concerning the specific items discussed. Many thanks to Mr. Perales for appearing at our meeting and to Denny Crouch for arranging for his appearance and serving as host.

Our February event, also at TJ Chumps, will feature Mr. Jake Jagels as our guest speaker. Mr. Jagels is a member of Congressman Mike Turner's staff and will address some of the contents of last year's National Defense Authorization Act as well as defense and national security issues likely to be considered in the current Congress. As you probably know, Rep. Turner is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and was recently appointed by the Speaker of the House to be Chair of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. His numerous responsibilities will not allow him to attend our meeting, but we are pleased that Mr. Jagel, who is very knowledgeable with respect to national security issues, will speak to us and take our questions. Please plan to join us on February 18th at noon at TJ Chumps.

The Ohio Council of Chapters is planning on having its biennial convention from September 29 through October 1 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, to be jointly hosted by three northern Ohio MOAA chapters. The list of invited speakers includes general/flag officers, U.S Representatives from northern Ohio, and Lt Gen Brian Kelly (USAF, Ret.), the current MOAA Chief Executive Officer. Many senior members of MOAA's national staff will also be in attendance, so the program promises to be interesting. For most participants, the convention is really a one-day event on September 30, which includes an evening banquet, because an optional evening ice breaker is the only activity scheduled for September 29, and October 1 is reserved for an Ohio Council Executive Board meeting. Please save these dates and consider attending; this is a chance to see old friends and meet new ones.



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

Also, as has been mentioned repeatedly in the past few months, we need volunteers to serve on our Executive Board. A sizeable time commitment is not required. We welcome new ideas and perspectives, and this is a chance to work with a knowledgeable and friendly group of your peers. Please contact me if you're interested.

Finally, I encourage everyone to visit our website at www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com where you can find more 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

18 February Luncheon at TJ Chumps. Rep. Turner's staff, Mr. Jake Jagels. Contact Terry Cooney at 937-427-0590 or tcooney8@gmail.com for a reservation.

25 March WSU Theater "On the Town" 2pm matinee. Dinner to follow.

WSU THEATER OUTING

Join us for a fun filled outing to the Wright State University Theater for their rendition of an oldie but goodie "On the Town". The story of Three sailors wring every bit of life, romance, musical comedy, and exuberant dance out of their 24-hour shore leave in the WWII-era Big Apple. Tickets go on sale on 6 March. The price is XXX. Contact Terry Cooney at 937-427-0590 or tcooney8@gmail.com to reserve a ticket. We will need your reservations NLT 5 March so that we can make a group purchase. We will follow the theater with dinner at a local restaurant.

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, RICK PERALES, SPEAKS TO THE CHAPTER



We had a good turnout for our January event. Greene County Commissioner Rick Perales was our featured speaker. He brought us up to date on several issues with much attention paid to the new Jail plan. The voters turned this down twice as it required an increase in sales tax and there was some disagreement on the number of beds planned. However, as Rick pointed out, it's necessary to have a functioning jail and the current 1964 vintage jail has many faults. Therefore, the Greene County Commissioners in concert with the Greene County Sheriff devised a plan to that reduced the requirements based on the funds that could be provided, to include issuing of a major bond issue. Unfortunately, the Sheriff's administrative offices were deleted from the requirement. Tom Robisch was not available and asked Denny Crouch to host the event. Denny provided a summary of major advancements in 2022 to include an end to the military COVID 19 vaccine mandate, and finally the "Widows Tax" has been eliminated, a great benefit for our spouses, with an effectivity of 1 Feb 2023. Now our spouses can receive the SBP and DIC without the offset that has reduced their pay about by \$1,600 annually. Lastly, a significant pay raise in 2023 of 8.6% for retirees was approved as well as an active duty Base Pay raise of 4.6% and Subsistence increase of 11%! Other VA health issues were included by congress in the NADA. MOAA's work continues to bear fruit. Thanks to all for helping.

DAC BOARD APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:

As we close out 2022, we consider our Dayton Area Chapter (DC) to be very fortunate as we have been able to provide over \$6,160 to our worthwhile donations. These donations include our High School Scholarship Fund, Marine's Toys for Tots Foundation, Fisher Nightingale Houses, The USO, Honor Flight, and the United States Air Force Museum Foundation. These significant contributions are a result of the dedication and continued support of our chapter membership. Thank you so very much for your continued support to never stop serving our nation and our military services. We will close out 2022 with Total Assets of approximately \$19,010 based on our checking account, Savings, and two Certificates of Deposit. Our Total Liabilities based on dues, and planned 2023 donations are approximately \$5650. Our end of the year 2022 net worth is approximately \$13,360.00. This should allow us to continue our strong support in 2023 to our primary donations as noted above.

We now turn our attention to our 2023 Operating budget which has been tentatively approved by our Executive Board of Directors at our 14 Dec 2022 meeting. Our estimated and planned Operating expenses are \$5,280. Our planned discretionary expenses which include our primary donations are \$6,230 resulting in total 2023 Budget Expenses of ~\$11,510.00. Our estimated Income to support these efforts is forecast at \$10,300. The income contributors are membership dues (~\$2000), USAA donation for the USO fund (\$300), direct member specified donations (~\$3,000), our annual Golf Outing (~\$1,000) supporting USO donation, our member program 50-50 raffles (~\$180) and our dividends from our Credit Union accounts (~\$183) which totals ~\$6,660. You can see that our ability to continue our worthwhile causes is due to maintaining our strong membership base and the generosity of our members to give back through specific donations. Thank you, we look forward to a successful 2023 to help and serve our worthwhile causes. If any member has any questions on our 2023 budget, please contact Dave Gothard, Treasurer.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

As I write this there is snow on the ground BUT it is the end of January and Spring is coming along with another season of MOAA golf. The league typically runs from end of April to the end of September. We play on Monday mornings on the East course at WPAFB. The league is open to all MOAA members and spouses. The tee times start at 9:00am. The play is 2 member teams. You can join as a team or we can pair you with another member. We start handicaps fresh each year. The league provides a great way to meet other MOAA members and enjoy 9 holes of friendly competition. For more information or to join, please contact Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) or Bob Emerson (937-545-4610). We are always looking for full time players & subs. Join the fun, fellowship and get a little exercise.

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

. 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; Bring your Fisher House gifts to our events and we'll deliver them.**

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
- Purex or Tide and regular Tide Pods
- » Coffee cups
- » Dishwasher Tablets (Cascade)

WORDS TO PONDER

"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but I know World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones." – Albert Einstein

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