

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Dayton Area Chapter held two events since the deadline for input for our last newsletter. On May 30th, a number of us attended a base ball game at Carillon Historical Park between the Dayton Clodbusters and the Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers from Tipp City. These teams play according to 1860s rules, which include: no gloves, underhanded pitches, sandbag bases, balls caught on one bounce are outs, and (unlike today's game) no spitting, chewing tobacco, or foul language. The players obviously had fun in a lighthearted atmosphere, as demonstrated by the umpire's official announcement of the final score, "the Canal Jumpers 12 and the Clodbusters considerably less." Despite the relatively cold weather, the event was quite enjoyable.



Also, on June 19th we hosted an excellent presentation from Mr. Scott Leas, Public Affairs Specialist and Community Outreach Manager (and retired USAF), at the U.S Dept. of Veterans Affairs Dayton Medical Center. He provided substantial information concerning the VA's services to veterans, answered many questions, and offered to provide additional information as needed in the future. Many thanks to Scott and to Denny Crouch for coordinating this event.

Upcoming events include a baseball game on July 18th at 2:05 PM at Day Air Ballpark between the Dayton Dragons and the Great Lakes Loons (of the Los Angeles Dodgers organization) from Midland, Michigan. Make your reservations with Denny Crouch at denniscrouch@earthlink.net NLT July 11. Denny has arranged a special ticket price of \$12.00, a great deal for covered seats behind the Dragon's dugout. Finally, do not forget our chapter's annual business meeting, election of officers for 2022, and picnic at the outdoor pavilion at Bass Lake Lodge on Wright Patterson AFB on August 19th beginning at noon. Please plan on joining your fellow chapter members and for this event.

On another topic, for those of you thinking about attending the Ohio Council of Chapters Convention this coming October, please be advised that the host chapter, the Central Ohio Chapter, has rescheduled it for April 22 – 24, 2022. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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

18 July

Dragons Game @ 1405

19 August

Annual Picnic/Elections

TRICARE ALERT

We have been informed that Premier Health "Urgent Care" facilities in Ohio are not accepting Tricare as an insurance payment. Premier Health was not able to successfully negotiate a 2021 contract with Tricare. We recommend members contact Tricare and request action be taken to preserve this insurance benefit for military members and their covered family members.

BASEBALL IS BACK

Yea, COVID Recovery! Reserve your tickets now! The Cincinnati chapter will be joining us. **We only have 9 of 30 tickets remaining.** Get them now. Come and see the Dayton Dragons play the Loons, of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Sunday, July 18th, @2:05pm. We are fortunate to obtain tickets for a great location (Section 114, Row 12&13), near the Dragons 3rd Base Dugout. The seats have overhead cover if it rains. If you want more info on COVID safety at the stadium, see <https://www.milb.com/dayton/fans/guestplaybook>. Contact Denny Crouch at 937-426-6246 or at denniscrouch@earthlink.net. If you call, leave your telephone number & email address. The tickets are

\$12.00 each. Please make reservations no later than 11 July. Send check payment to me (pay to: MOAA Dayton Area Chapter) at 3069 Ranchfield Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45432. **New process, I need your email address so I can electronically transfer the tickets to you.** If this causes a problem, let me know and we'll work it. See you at the game!

EXTRA ACTIVITIES PROPOSAL

Historically, our chapter has focused on having one event per month, with the subjects of such activities intended to appeal to as many members as possible. In addition, we have a Golf League in which members and spouses can play from April through October. While there is no intention of changing this practice, we would like to explore the possibilities of adding additional events that would be designed to appeal to sub-groups of our members, such as presently is the case with our golfers.

Our goal is to create a process through which members/spouses with specialized interests would be able to meet with like-minded individuals. These events could take place at convenient times and locations, as determined by the participants. In other words, our purpose is to provide additional opportunities for us to engage in the types of activities we enjoy with members with compatible interests. Obviously, such occasions would also be opportunities to become better acquainted with others in our chapter.

The following are illustrative of activities that might be of interest to groups of our members:

- Dining outs at area restaurants
- Movie nights or matinees
- Nature walks or other physical pursuits
- UD/WSU athletic events
- Service projects
- Travel discussions
- Outings to museums or other sites/activities in Cincinnati, Columbus, or other relatively nearby location
- Book club/clubs (any genres)
- Card or board game playing
- Periodic lunch gatherings
- Occasional happy hours
- Wine enthusiasts
- Genealogy

Overnight trips to places and/or activities of interest.

This list is not intended to be inclusive (the limit is one's imagination), and the groups do not need to be large. The idea is to engage in pursuits we enjoy and make our chapter more attractive.

We will begin by trying to put together an event for our spouse members. Jan Lorette, our Surviving Spouse Liaison, will be contacting them for this purpose, but this is not limited to surviving spouse members; others who are interested should contact Jan at jblorette@gmail.com or 513-970-1095.

In the meantime, members with interests in any of the areas listed above, or any other topic, should contact Tom Robisch at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388, and he will work with you to try to assemble a group of like-minded members.

HONOR FLIGHTS RESUME

: The organization announced it will resume full operations Aug. 16, 2021 and its focus will be for Flights to Washington DC for WW-II and Korean War veterans. If you know a veteran in this category who has not yet been so honored, please encourage them to submit their names. Participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide negative test results taken within 72 hours of departure, according to Honor Flight spokeswoman Carol Harlow.

Information on Honor Flight follows: Honor Flight, Inc., 4601 North Fairfax Drive Suite 1200, Arlington, Virginia 22203

- National Phone Number: 937-521-2400, Office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

AIR FORCE MARATHON VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION OPENS 1 MAY

Once again our Chapter is going to support the Air Force Marathon. As in previous years we will be manning the Information Booth on Thursday 16 September. There will be 2 shifts (2:30 to 5pm and 4:30 to 7:15pm). We need 6 people per shift and as of this newsletter we only have 2 each.

Instructions for signing up are depicted below. Our password is **moaa21**

Volunteer Registration Instructions: Volunteer registration opens on May 1 and closes 31 August

1. Access the volunteer registration site:
<https://airforcemarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=53510>
2. Enter your group password into the "Have a password? Enter it here" textbox, then select "Submit"
3. Your group's shifts will appear and select the "+" buttons to expand the selections
4. Select the checkbox next to your preferred shift time
5. Scroll down to enter your email address and fill out the registration form, then select "Sign Up To Volunteer"
6. You will receive a confirmation email shortly afterwards

Please send me an e-mail at tcooney8@gmail.com to let me know for which shift you signed up.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

There is still work to be done for Congress to improve equity for survivor benefits.

[Urge Your Elected Officials to Support Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform Legislation](#)

The Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act, introduced by Sens. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) and Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.) would create comprehensive toxic exposure reform to expand health care, improve the presumptive process, and ensure veteran input in the process about the critical conditions affecting the health and well-being of servicemembers, veterans, families, survivors, and caregivers as a result of exposures while in service.

[Urge your legislators to support concurrent receipt](#)

Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support *The Major Richard Star Act*, which would provide concurrent receipt for servicemembers unable to complete 20 years of service due to combat related injuries. Help ensure these men and women get their full service earned retirement, as well as their disability compensation from the VA.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE/USO TOURNEY

We will hold our annual 18 hole USO tournament on Jul 12th, which is open to all MOAA members and raises money for the WPAFB USO. Contact Denny Crouch or Larry Pohl ASAP, if you wish to play in the USO Tournament. The league has working through to the second half of the season with minor weather delays. Larry Simpson and Jay DeJongh currently are the league leaders. The league plays 9 holes every Monday, except holidays, through August, first tee time at 0900. The league is still looking for more Subs, so if you couldn't commit to a team, you can play with this great group on your schedule. Hit 'em straight, long and sink the putt.

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. Watch this space for when contributions can restart. Thanks for all your previous support.

WORDS TO PONDER

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence therefore is not an act but a habit" - Aristotle

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