



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I have mentioned many times in the past couple of years that our chapter needs members to step up and join our board, and this is another such appeal. With our annual meeting in August coming up, at which next year's chapter officers should be chosen, we are running out of time to insure the continuance of our organization.

The future of the Dayton Area Chapter requires a viable succession plan for our leadership positions. Ideally, such a plan should include new board members serving for some period in a backup or training role in which to learn our history, practices, and procedures before assuming leadership positions, and at the present time this is lacking. In other words, we have no realistic succession plan. The work of our chapter is now performed by a relatively small number of people, and without new members willing to take part in the management of the chapter, our future is in doubt. One or two new board members are, of course, welcome, but we really need more individuals to comprise a realistic succession plan. As I have noted in the past, a substantial time commitment is not required, and it is a nice opportunity to meet and interact with your peers.

Working with MOAA National, we have scheduled a Revitalization and Rescue Event on July 29 at noon at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. This activity is a necessary part of the Chapter Rescue and Closure Process as described in Chapter VI of MOAA's Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide. If this event fails to attract sufficient new board members, chapter closure is a definite possibility. In addition to current chapter members, all MOAA members in our area will be invited. You should be receiving an email from MOAA National in the next few days, which will formally invite you to this Revitalization and Rescue Event, and it will include an RSVP feature. The purpose is to attract new members to our organization, particularly those willing to assume leadership roles. Of course, current chapter members are the best target group for attracting new board members because you already have familiarity with our operations. In addition to myself, speakers will include Capt. Frank Michael, USN (Ret), Program Director, MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs and LTC Bill Ratcliffe, USA (Ret), President of the Ohio Council of Chapters. We are hoping for a good turnout because the future of our chapter is dependent upon gaining new board members. So, if you are interested in the continuation of our chapter, please mark your calendar for this event.

Finally, I suggest that everyone 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

10 July	MOAA Golf Tourney for the USO
23 July	Dayton Dragons
29 July	Chapter Revitalization and Rescue Mtg
17 August	Annual Picnic

SEE OUR DAYTON DRAGONS PLAY THE WISCONSIN TIMBER RATTLERS, Sunday 23 July



Only a few tickets remain, get them now! We have 12 tickets left, and they are available on a first come, first served basis. Both the Dayton and Cincinnati MOAA chapters are invited. Get your tickets now. Come and see the Dayton Dragons play the Timber Rattlers, affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers, Sunday, July 23rd, @ 1:05pm. Our tickets are in the section outside the infield along the 3rd base line. (Section 115, Row 14&15). **TICKET PURCHASE:** Contact Denny Crouch at 937-426-6246 or denniscrouch@earthlink.net. If you call, leave your telephone number & email address. The tickets are \$13.00 each. Please make reservations early. Send check payment to me (pay to: MOAA Dayton

Area Chapter) at 3069 Ranchfield Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45432. **Ticket process, I need your email address so I can electronically transfer the tickets to you. Download the Dayton Dragons App and you'll receive tickets on your App. You can then download digital tickets to your smart phone.** Please get your digital tickets ready **prior** to coming to the game. Click here for more information on accessing your tickets. <https://www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/digitaltickets>)

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

Golf league continues with good weather. For **July our 9th Annual MOAA Golf Benefit Tournament for the USO** is scheduled for **Monday, 10 July** and the benefits will go to the USO of Central and Southern Ohio, the WP USO Center. Giving right in our backyard will help those military members in our local area. The USO group really need the funds to support our troops and families here at WPAFB. The USO Benefit tournament will be played as an 18 hole two-man scramble on Prairie Trace East, and prizes will be awarded.

The two-man golf teams are the same as played this season. Also, it would be great if the substitutes would also form two-person teams and join in the fun and to the benefit of the USO. We hope everyone joins us. The registration fee hasn't changed, it remains \$50 for each player. If established teams need a sub, get them early as we hope they will form teams for the USO Benefit. **Send an email to denniscrouch@earthlink.net to confirm you are playing, or if unable. This helps in the planning. Response NLT 5 July is appreciated.**

FISHER HOUSE NOW RECEIVING SUPPLIES AGAIN

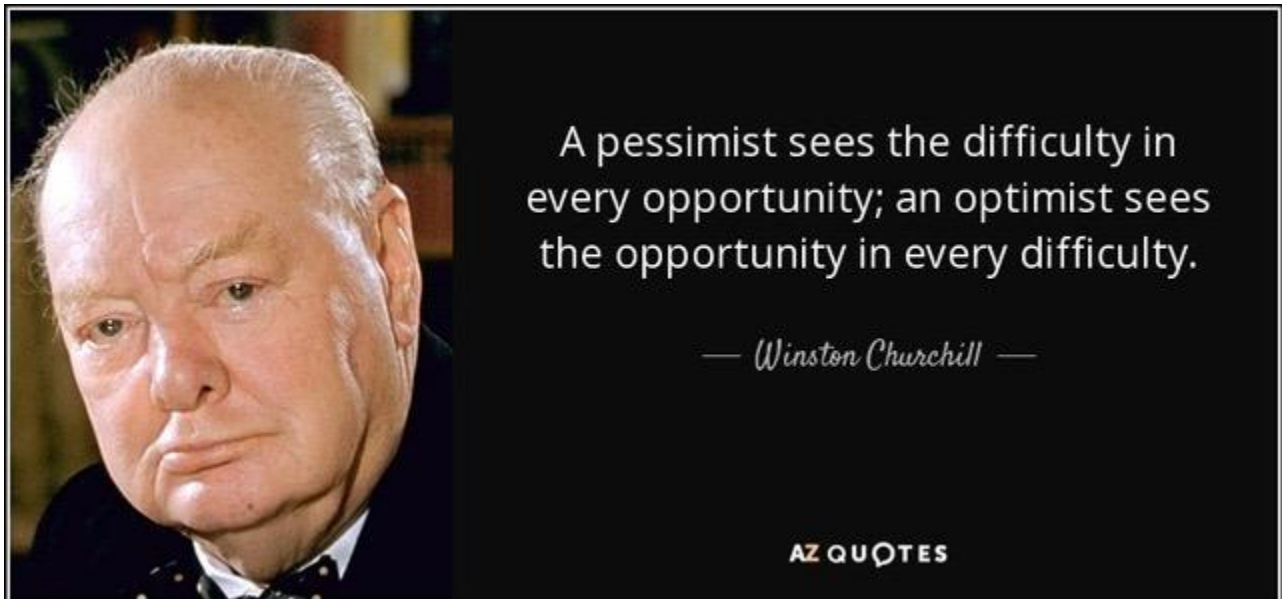
Thanks to all MOAA DAC members who have supported WPAFB Fisher Houses. The Fisher House program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that is normally provided by the DoD and the VA

. 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)

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