



# Officers Call



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On May 13<sup>th</sup> we were fortunate to visit the Greene County Career Center's (GCCC) new main campus (completed in 2020) and receive a tour from its Superintendent, Dave Deskins. Mr. Deskins has over 20 years in educational leadership in public, private, and career technology centers and was instrumental in the design, funding, and construction of this facility, which is quite impressive. He explained that the GCCC serves almost 800 students and has numerous high school-level technical and vocational programs. These programs are structured to produce skilled candidates for the employers in our area, many of whom participate as advisors in helping GCCC choose and design its programs. In a typical year approximately 60% of its graduates advance to some type of post-secondary training. During the last school year, its students earned over 500 industry credentials, including professional certifications, which demonstrates GCCC's value to the businesses and government agencies in our region. We are grateful that Mr. Deskins agreed to meet with us on a Saturday; we all learned a lot about the GCCC and its operations.



Our next event is a Dayton Clodbusters game at Carillon Historical Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The Clodbusters will play the Deep River Grinders from Hobart, Indiana. As you may be aware, the Clodbusters are Dayton's oldest vintage base ball club and play the game as it was played in the 1860's, when "base ball" was still two words. Players do not use gloves, pitchers throw underhanded to facilitate batters (called "strikers" back then) hitting the ball, and a batter is out if a ball is caught after one bounce. In other words, come and watch the players party as if it was 1869. There is no admission fee. Remember to take your lawn chair, and any refreshments you bring must be nonalcoholic. After the game, however, you can meet with your MOAA friends on the outside patio of the Carillon Brewing Company, the nation's only production

brewery in a museum. German, Irish, and English brews are available. In addition to the base ball game, Carillon Historical Park offers other things to see and do. The park is a 65-acre open-air history museum with a focus on Dayton's past. Baseball is also our event in July. See details later in the newsletter

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 suggest that everyone visit our website at [www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com](http://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](http://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

13 May	Greene County Career Center
4 June	Clodbusters Base Ball Game
23 July	Dayton Dragons

## DAYTON DRAGONS OUTING SUNDAY 23 JULY



Reserve your tickets now! We have 25 tickets, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. (Section 115, Row 14&15).

**TICKET PURCHASE:** Contact Denny Crouch at 937-426-6246 or [denniscrouch@earthlink.net](mailto: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>)

## DAYTON CHAPTER PRESENTS AWARDS TO JROTC AND ROTC CADETS:

Kudos to our many DAC members who are representing MOAA at local Junior ROTC and College ROTC Awards ceremonies and banquets this month and this past April. We supported the area's JROTC instructors of the USAF/Space Force, Army, and Navy JROTC high schools, including Bellbrook, Belmont, Beavercreek, Fairborn, Lebanon, Northmont, Springboro, Stebbins, Tecumseh, Wayne, and Xenia and Senior ROTC units for commissioning into the USAF/Space Force and Army at Central State University, Wright State University, and the University of Dayton.

Our Chapter funds ribbons and medals and gold lieutenant bars for those commissioned as a special recognition of a unit's cadets at the Ceremony. A great DAC MOAA thank you to the following folks who traveled to area schools: Denny Crouch, Terry Cooney, Kurt Grafton, Dave Gothard, Denny Lammlein, Larry Pohl, Rick Whitaker, Mike Ondrasek, Fred Pumroy, and Leslie Buerki.



**Dave Gothard at Graduation/Award Ceremony UD Army ROTC**



**Leslie Buerki at Xenia HS AFJROTC**

**Fred Pumroy at Fairborn AFJROTC**



**Rick Whitaker at Trotwood  
Madison Army JROTC**

**Denny Lammlein at Springboro AF JROTC**



**Dennis Crouch at the UD AF ROTC Commissioning/Award Ceremony**



**Dennis Crouch at Beaver Creek HS JROTC**

## MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

The MOAA Golf League had its first weather cancel in 2 years on Monday May 1st. The league plays on Mondays at 0900 at the Prairies East Course. We have 13 Teams this year, and we added two new subs for a total of 6 Subs. We are always open to more Subs. The USO Benefit Tournament, raises money for our WP AFB USO, is set as an 18-hole event on July 10, 2023 and it is open all MOAA members. It is a scramble format with 2 person teams, come as a team or we will pair you up. Play in the tournament, become a Sub., or both. Checkout the MOAA Golf League website at: <http://www.daytonmoaagolf.mysite.com>

## 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**

“Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.” Winston Churchill

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