

Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In an attempt to come together as a group, without exposing ourselves to unnecessary pandemic risks, the Dayton Area Chapter held its first virtual meeting on Saturday February 20. We will have several more in the months ahead.

Our February speaker was Christopher Lavin of the Lavin Law Group, LLC, which has several offices in our area. Chris is a graduate of the University of Dayton College of Law and is an expert on elder law topics, such as the efficacy of utilizing durable powers of attorney for health care and financial considerations, structuring one's property to minimize probate proceedings, maximizing the use of Medicaid funds for nursing home expenses, and



federal and state tax applications. Chris's presentation was very well received. I received several comments from participants who said his presentation gave them things to think about and plan for. Many thanks to Chris for his fine lecture!

As I mentioned last month, the announcement for our 2021 scholarship has been disseminated to the high schools in our area. The scholarship will be an award of \$2,000, and there is currently a shortfall in our budget account for this item. Please keep this in mind if you are inclined make any donations.

Also, the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters has announced that its biennial convention will be hosted by the Central Ohio Chapter and will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown-Capitol Square in Columbus from 1 – 3 October 2021. (Ohio State is scheduled to play at Rutgers that weekend.) Some of the events will be held at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, several blocks from the hotel, which will run a shuttle for those who do not desire to walk. The convention is a nice opportunity to socialize with colleagues from our and other chapters as well as attend presentations on topics of interest to our community. Numerous notable speakers have been invited. Please plan accordingly.

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

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

PLAN AHEAD

20 March (Zoom)

Dr. William Trollinger

17 April (tentative Zoom)

Col (Ret) Curtis Nelson Today's Vietnam

MARCH PRESENTATION – Dr. William Trollinger

Our speaker on Saturday March 20 at noon will be Dr. William Trollinger of the University of Dayton, where he teaches in the Departments of History and Religious Studies. He holds a PhD in History from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and has written extensively on American evangelicalism and fundamentalism, Protestant print culture, and other related topics. Dr. Trollinger has done extensive research, analysis, and writing concerning the Ku Klux Klan in Ohio in the 1920s, and his honors include receipt of the Catholic Press Award for Best Essay in a Scholarly Magazine for one of his works in this area. "Terrorizing Immigrants and Catholics: The Ohio Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s" will be his topic for our group. This subject promises to be interesting and informative, particularly since it focuses on an aspect of the history of our state. Please join us, via the Zoom platform, for this event.

Dennis Crouch will provide the Zoom platform and will serve as host for the event. He will provide the link to be used in order to access the meeting. Just like all our events you **must** register in order to attend. Just like our previous socials registration must be done by contacting Terry Cooney via e-mail at tcooney8@twc.com by 17 March to get on the attendance list. Prior to the event a link and further details will be provided to those that registered. Looking forward to 'seeing' you at the event.

THE VACCINE IS HERE! GET YOUR SHOT!

For those in Greene County, for your first shot dose the best way to ensure there will be a shot for you is to preregister with the County Health Department at <https://healthalert.gcph.info/COVID19/signup>. You will then receive a notification as to when to come in as well as notification when your second shot will be administered.

As of February 22, 2021: The 88th Medical Group is currently administering second doses of the Pfizer vaccine for those individuals due to receive it. Operations are located at the Wright-Patterson Club Monday, February 22 through Friday, February 26 between 8am and 4pm. The Club is located at 4771 Lahm Circle, Area A, WPAFB, OH.

First doses of the vaccine are currently not available. Once we receive additional vaccine supply, we'll continue actively administering the vaccine to the following individuals:

- Health care providers and staff
- First responders
- Emergency services and public safety personnel
- Service members supporting the national COVID-19 response
- Personnel who perform critical national capabilities
- Personnel preparing to deploy to locations outside the U.S.
- Patients age 75 and older
- Frontline essential workers

MESSAGE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

As the Director of Consumer Education, I would like to thank you for partnering with the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the past. I am pleased to announce the launch of a new outreach initiative to increase Ohioans' awareness of COVID-19 scams, fraud, and identity theft and how they can protect themselves.

In an effort to inform consumers about scams and how the Ohio Attorney General's Office can be a resource, we have created a series of animated videos. The episodes feature a fictional family,

the Clarks, and cover the topic of identity theft, gift card fraud, and how to spot the red flags of a scam. All the new videos can be viewed at <https://www.ohioprotects.org/learn-about-fraud>, or direct links can be found here:

- Full Video: <https://youtu.be/7KlXgQcSkOc>
- Identity Theft: <https://youtu.be/fQPXxlkTrJU>
- Gift Card Scams: <https://youtu.be/8UfPc6f1kyw>
- Red Flags of a Scam: https://youtu.be/afvu_0xMkqM

We encourage you to use and share these videos through your newsletters, emails, listservs, social media, or any other way in which you disseminate information to your colleagues and clients.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

There is still work to be done for Congress to improve equity for survivor benefits. MOAA and The Military Coalition, continue to advocate for the survivor community and seek legislation to address existing inequities

One such piece of legislation making its way through the Congress will do just that by lowering the so-called “remarriage penalty” and allowing more survivors of seriously disabled veterans to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits and would raise the DIC rate. [H.R. 6933](#), the Caring for Survivors Act of 2020, was reintroduced by Rep. TJ Cox (D-Calif.) would provide some relief and is worthy of your support with a phone call and correspondence to your lawmaker.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

Spring IS coming! The MOAA Monday morning 9 Hole golf league is looking for more players. We have room for 2 more teams (consist of 2 people). You can sign up as a single or a team. We have players who need partners. Players must be MOAA members and members of the local MOAA Chapter. We can also use subs. Subs are listed for team members who can not play a match because of personal reasons. If you need any additional information about the league, please call Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) or Bob Emerson (937-545-4610). The league starts normally in May & runs until September. We do not play on holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day). Check us out!

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](tel:9376728724). Watch this space for when contributions can restart. Thanks for all your previous support.

MURPHY'S OTHER FIFTEEN LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well . . . night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those that live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day, drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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