



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our April event was a luncheon at a new venue for us, the Wandering Griffin Brewery & Restaurant in Beavercreek. This facility was very suitable for our purposes, and the food and drink were good. Our speaker was Mr. John Hill from the Dayton office of the Boeing Company. John gave a presentation on the Air Force's KC-46 program, the refueling tanker that will replace the aging KC-135 fleet. Before moving to Boeing, John was the chief engineer for this program as an Air Force civilian official at WPAFB, so he is quite knowledgeable concerning this subject. He addressed the capabilities of this aircraft (air refueling, cargo, passengers, and aero-medical transport), its current deployment, and the problems concerning its remote vision system used by boom operators, which Boeing and the Air Force are working to improve. His talk was very informative, and we all learned something about KC-46 operations.



MOAA's annual legislative lobbying event began on April 26th. Formerly called "Storming the Hill" it is now titled "Advocacy in Action." 100 MOAA members, two from each state, visit every Congressional office and encourage representatives and senators to support MOAA's priority legislative initiatives. The participants from Ohio are LTC Bill Radcliffe, USA (Ret.), the current state Council of Chapters President, and CAPT Mike Mentas, USN (Ret.), the Council First Vice President. Those who attended last month's outing to the Wright State University playhouse may remember Bill – he and his wife joined us for the play and the dinner. This year's issues are:



- (1) Restore the TRICARE Pharmacy Network. As of February 2023, the TRICARE retail pharmacy network decreased from approximately 55,000 to 42,000 locations, which adversely affects eligible patrons who do not live near a military base. MOAA seeks to reverse these cuts,
- (2) Restore the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to 100%. From 2015 to 2019, BAH was reduced 1% each year such that it is now 95% of what it was. As housing costs have increased, many service members pay a greater share of their income for this purpose. Since financial security is important for military readiness, MOAA seeks to restore BAH to 100%.

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- (3) Support the All-Volunteer Force. MOAA seeks meaningful quality-of-life improvements for those in uniform and their families as well as long-term programs designed to widen the recruiting pool.

Even though every federal legislative office will be contacted during the Advocacy in Action campaign, individual MOAA members may also participate in support of these matters. The current issue of *Military Officer* magazine contains postcards preaddressed to our Senators and Representative, and such letters may also be sent electronically using the Legislative Action Center on MOAA's website (address below). I encourage all to partake in this year's Advocacy in Action campaign.

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

13 May Greene County Career Center

GREENE COUNTY CAREER CENTER TOUR

The Dayton Area Chapter (DAC) of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) will get a tour of the Greene County Career Center's (GCCC) new main campus on Saturday 13 May at 11:00 am. The Center was completed in July of 2020 and is located at 532 Innovation Drive in Xenia. It is easily accessible being located at the juncture of US 68 and US 35 south of Xenia, Ohio. If you exit US 35 at exit 53 and turn south. The GCCC building is visible from the highway. Turn onto Innovation Drive. Park in the visitor parking or student parking near the center or front right-hand side of the building. Please enter at door #2 (Front Right of the building) The 264,000+ square foot facility houses all GCCC high school career-technical programs with the exception of Aviation Maintenance. The district's adult criminal justice classes are also held at the main campus. David Deskins the Superintendent of GCCC will be our tour guide.

The tour at the Main Campus will be to the labs and classrooms associated with the Career-Technical Programs: Advanced Engineering Systems, Advanced Industrial Robotics, Auto Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, Aviation Maintenance, Career X, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Cybersecurity, Digital Design and Development, Drone and UAS Technology, Electrical Wiring and Motor Controls, Health Science Academy, Information Technology, Natural Resource Technology, Power Equipment Mechanics, Sports and Exercise Science, Veterinary Science, Video and Animation and Welding and Metal Fabrication.

Note: for some of us that need walking assistance, like me, an elevator is available to move between floors but the building contains a large footprint so extensive walking is necessary. The tour is expected to last about one hour.

After the tour we plan to have a no host lunch at TJ Chumps located at 1100 E Dayton Yellow Springs Rd, Fairborn, OH. The lunch will be off the menu and give members a chance to socialize. The luncheon will begin at approximately 12:30PM. If you are interested in attending the tour and/or the luncheon contact Mike Ondrasek (michael.ondrasek@att.net) NLT 10 May. He needs to know how many of our DAC members will be attending to make arrangements.

MOAA GOLF LEAGUE

The MOAA Golf League Kick-off meeting was at 0900 on 24 Apr. 2023 at the Twin Base Course Clubhouse. We paid dues for the year and reviewed the teams and schedules. We will tee it off on Monday May 1st at 0900 at the Prairies East Course. We have 13 Teams this year, but at the moment only 4 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 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>

POTENTIAL RULE CHANGES FOR ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC):

This month's MOAA Magazine, "Military Officer" contains an interesting article "Arlington and Beyond" "Closing the Gates", on pages 38. The article focuses on MOAA veteran's taking action as the cemetery fills up to protect military burial honors that have been earned. The proposed rule change, would limit the eligibility for in-ground burial at ANC to those awarded a Silver Star and above or a Purple Heart, thereby disenfranchising the great majority of currently eligible veterans and nearly all women veterans from choosing to be interred in ANC. The genesis of this proposed change began with the 2019 NDAA language. The bill's language required a plan by DoD to prescribe revised criteria for interment that would ensure ANC operations well into the future.

However, MOAA veterans are recommending that federal officials use this time to develop the next location that will be equivalent to ANC while maintaining current eligibility for today's veterans who have planned for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery. To assist in the initiative, please take the time to mail the three post cards to your Ohio Representative and Senators which are inside the back cover this month's "Military Officer" magazine.

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.

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:9376728724). **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

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

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