



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In conjunction with the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 598 in Kettering, our chapter hosted an activity designed to honor the Junior ROTC programs in our area. The ladies of the Auxiliary, who did all the work, are shown to the right with our Leslie Buerki. Leslie coordinated with local JROTC organizations concerning this event, and Mike Ondrasek arranged for the luncheon. Thanks to both! As you probably know, even though these high school programs may include studies of military science and history, the primary purpose of JROTC is not military recruiting. Rather, it is to develop citizens of character



dedicated to serving their nation and community. This is accomplished by instilling the core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. In addition to classwork, JROTC cadets perform extensive community service.

We were honored to host Lt Col Christine Gangaware (USAF, Ret.), Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Bellbrook High School's Air Force JROTC program and two of her cadets, both of whom plan on enrolling in Army ROTC programs when they begin college next year. They are shown to the right.



Our other October event was a general membership meeting on October 8, the purpose of which was to further publicize and emphasize our ongoing issues with recruiting chapter members to serve on our Executive Board and assume leadership positions in the future. As I have previously reported, there are several vacant board positions, and there is no clear succession plan to replace me or any of the other current board members, most of whom have served on the board for many years. Unless this situation improves, and fairly soon, the future of the chapter as we know it is in doubt. Unfortunately, other than several current board members, only 10 members attended, and the vacancies persist.

At the Executive Board meeting on October 12, it was decided that after the first of the year, we will concentrate on recruitment and succession issues while probably holding fewer chapter events. Additionally, it was decided that, consistent with MOAA's *Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide*, we will initiate its Chapter Rescue/Revitalization Process. This initiative has multiple steps and will take several months. It includes additional appeals to chapter members to step up to leadership roles as well as MOAA national's involvement in conducting a "chapter rescue

event" to which chapter members and national members in our area who are not chapter members will be invited. (This event will likely involve free food.) If this process proves unsuccessful, the Executive Board will be forced to choose among several unattractive courses of action. To help avoid this, please consider joining our board. If you have limited time but wish to become involved to some extent, we would be happy to structure a position such that several individuals could share the work.

In December we plan on having a dining out at the Black Rock Bar & Grill in Beavercreek on December 14. Additional information will be forthcoming, but please reserve this date.

Finally, I encourage everyone to 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

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

A reminder that your membership is due for renewal during the month of August 2022 for all who pay their dues (i.e., \$15/year-regular and \$10/year-surviving spouse) annually. Please watch for your renewal mailing. In addition, we'd like to encourage all our members to submit a donation to support our key programs (i.e., Scholarship Fund (\$2,000), Fisher-Nightingale House (\$1,000), Marine Toys for Tots (\$1,000), USO (\$1,500) and Air Force Museum Foundation (\$375)). Any donation amount is sincerely appreciated and we strive to fully fund our key programs annually through our membership dues, outright donations, and monthly program proceeds/revenues. Thank you for your continued support of our Dayton Area Chapter (DAC) and the good work we do for our Wright-Patt and Air Force community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

12 November	Executive Board Mtg – 1200@TJ Chumps
14 December	Dinner at Black Rock Cafe

JROTC LUNCHEON

On Sunday, 16 October, our Chapter hosted Bellbrook High School Air Force Junior ROTC's Instructor, Lt Col Christine Gangaware, USAF (Ret) and two senior cadets to a Legion Auxiliary's delicious luncheon prepared at Kettering's American Legion Post 598. Supporting JROTC every Spring and presenting MOAA awards in person at the area schools' ceremonies is an honor our members enjoy, but bringing cadets as our guests was a delightful experience for all the Chapter's attendees. The JROTC Aerospace Studies coursework and community service undertaken by the cadets is highly applauded by the schools and the towns where the students reside. Bellbrook AFJROTC focuses on giving its time and fundraising back to its community. Cheers to Lt Col Gangaware and to all her cadets for their initiatives of service and care to others. Many of the unit's graduating cadets have plans to enroll in ROTC in college and hope to seek commissions. We wish the students all our best and were proud to hear of their accomplishments as teens. Well done, JROTC young women and men!



GOLF LEAGUE

We ended our season on, Sept. 12, 2022, with another beautiful season of no weather cancels. Though the start of the 2023 season is months away, we are always looking for more players (men & women) and subs. Players must be MOAA members and members of the local MOAA Chapter. The league normally starts in late April or early May & runs until September. Play is 9 holes on the East course at Prairie Trace. We play on Monday mornings with tee times starting at 0900. We do not play on holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day). If you need any additional information about the league, please call Larry Pohl (937-477-5645) or Bob Emerson (937-545-4610). Come out for fellowship & exercise. Check us out!

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 for the chapter

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

Here are some excellent age related statements:

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I thought growing old would take longer.

My bucket list: keep breathing.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say, "Close enough"

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

Retirement to-do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

Went to an antique auction and people were bidding on me.

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

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