



Officers Call



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our September event was a luncheon and tour at the Fifth Street Brew Pub, a local cooperative restaurant and brewery. Since the weather was pleasant, we dined outside. It was a fine opportunity for those who attended to catch up with each other while enjoying some fine local beers.

Tanya Brock, the Brew Pub's General Manager, explained the history, organization, and brewing methods of the establishment. Food and drinks were first served at its location in 1856, and the Brew Pub began operations as a cooperative venture in 2012. It



presently has over 3,500 member-owners (more are welcome) , each with an equal voice and voting power. Also, as authorized by Ohio Cooperative Law, the Brew Pub helps local charitable organizations by providing opportunities to assist in operations on selected days and receive a portion of the receipts. The Fifth Street Brew Pub's location has been an important part of Dayton's historic St. Anne's Hill Neighborhood for many years, and it is good news for local beer aficionados that it was able to endure the worst of the pandemic and continue its business.

On September 13th, Jan Lorette, DAC's Surviving Spouse Representative, hosted a luncheon at the Cherry House Café in Beavercreek for our surviving spouse members. It was an enjoyable outing, and Jan shared "Sources and Guides to Assist Surviving Spouses," a pamphlet she prepared that contains a wealth of information and contact data (web site addresses and phone numbers) for federal, state, and local organizations that can assist spouses. It was agreed that this event will be repeated – the next one will be in November – and the attendees also agreed to consider other types of outings in addition to luncheons. The DAC Surviving Spouse members will be contacted directly, but anyone is welcome to attend. Those interested should contact me at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388.

Also, on September 22 I hosted a luncheon for new DAC members (those who joined in 2020 and 2021) at the MacKenzie River Pizza, Grill & Pub at Fairfield Commons in Beavercreek. Because of the pandemic, these members have not had much opportunity to observe or engage in normal DAC activities. The luncheon was a good opportunity to meet/greet our new members and discuss our events. I plan to have another luncheon soon because several new members expressed

that they would have attended but were out of town. Any members who joined prior to 2020 and would like to attend are also welcome and should contact me as shown above.

Tom Robish
President

AUGUST IS DUES MONTH

Please note the header of e-mail that delivers this newsletter. If it indicates 08/21 it means that we are still waiting for your dues for the current year. Dues remain a whopping \$15 for regular members and \$10 for surviving spouses.

PLAN AHEAD

17 October ROTC Appreciation Luncheon at Kettering American Legion Post 598

November Theater Outing @Wright State Theater – “Mamma Mia” TBD

ROTC LUNCHEON

In the past the DAC recognizes the local University's ROTC programs by inviting some PAS/PMS/instructors and 3 or 4 cadets of their senior students to a luncheon. We will do that again this year on Sunday the 17th of October. The noon luncheon will at American Legion Post 598. The Post is located at 5700 Kentshire Dr., Kettering, OH 45440-4248. The luncheon will begin with the pledge of allegiance and the saying of grace.

The luncheon will be provided by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post. It will be a picnic like meal: chicken fried/baked with potato salad and a veggie. It will be a buffet like setting with perhaps some auxiliary members serving. Seating will be at tables as we have for luncheons at the WPAFB club. In the past, we have had the guest PAS/PMS/instructors and cadets sit among the DAC member tables.

After the luncheon the program will consist of having each PAS/PMS/instructor take about 4-5 minutes to describe their cadet program. That will be followed by the introduction of the few senior students introducing themselves.

The cost is \$10 per person. For attendance the PAS/PMS/instructors should contact Col Michael Ondrasek USAF (ret.) NLT 12 October 2021 at michael.ondrasek@att.net or calling 937 429 9297 giving names and phone contact information. If there is no answer you can leave a message.

SURVING SPOUSE CORNER

We had a Get Acquainted lunch at the Cherry House Cafe in Beavercreek on Sept. 13, 2021. We plan to get together about every other month, so watch for future notices if you want to join us.

There is a newly completed "Sources & Guides for Surviving Spouses" that you can view by clicking on the link: <https://daytonmoaa.weebly.com/surviving-spouse-liaison.html>

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND 2021/2022 DONATIONS:

We would like to thank our members who have renewed their membership thus far for 2022. In addition, we truly appreciate those who have added a generous donation to our main efforts for the current and coming year. As of 28 August, we have 113 members who have renewed their membership. Twenty-two (22) members donated \$530.00 toward our 2022 Scholarship fund, 29 members donated \$820.00 to our 2022 Fisher Nightingale House fund, 39 members donated \$1,040 to our where needed fund and 2 members donated \$200 towards our 2021 Marine's Toys for Tots fund. We look forward to our remaining members renewal and any additional donations are greatly appreciated. Finally, our Golf Tournament outing in July was very successful and we received contributions for the USO fund totaling \$1,023. With our DAC allocation and USAA's contribution,

we will donate \$1,523.00 to the USO in September. We cannot support these worthwhile causes without the generosity of our member and their commitment to serving others. .

NEW ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

Last month's newsletter included a piece proposing extra activities that might be of interest to sub-groups of our members. This is a specific recommendation for a new group consistent with that idea.

The cover story for the July edition of the *Military Officer* magazine discussed possible summer readings for MOAA members. In addition to reviewing six books that might be of interest, the article also included lists of works on historical/military topics including leadership; tales of true grit; accounts of heroism, perseverance, and service; fiction; and MOAA staff members' favorite military-themed books. While the books listed in the article are not the only ones that might be of interest to a Dayton Area Chapter book club, it is a nice starting point to consider which books would be acceptable for a new group. Take a look at this article – it's interesting reading.

Please contact Tom Robisch at trobisch63@gmail.com or 757-327-1388 if you are interested in forming a chapter book club.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

These important issues require your immediate attention. Send your elected officials a MOAA-suggested message today.

- **[Urge Your Elected Officials to Support Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform Legislation](#)**

Comprehensive toxic exposure reform is needed to ensure we avoid the problems faced by Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange.

- **[Urge Your Elected Officials to Fix the TRICARE Young Adult Coverage Gap](#)**

MOAA continues efforts to build support for The Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act of 2021, H.R. 475 in the House, and S. 1972 in the Senate. These bipartisan and bicameral pieces of legislation would expand TRICARE eligibility to young adult dependents up to age 26, bringing TRICARE in line with commercial plan requirements.

- **[Ask Your Lawmakers to Support the Military Hunger Prevention Act](#)**

Food insecurity among junior servicemembers is not a new concern, but like many ongoing problems, it's been made worse by the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Military Hunger Prevention Act would establish a Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) for these servicemembers, helping them overcome financial difficulties and allowing them to concentrate on their duties.

FISHER HOUSE

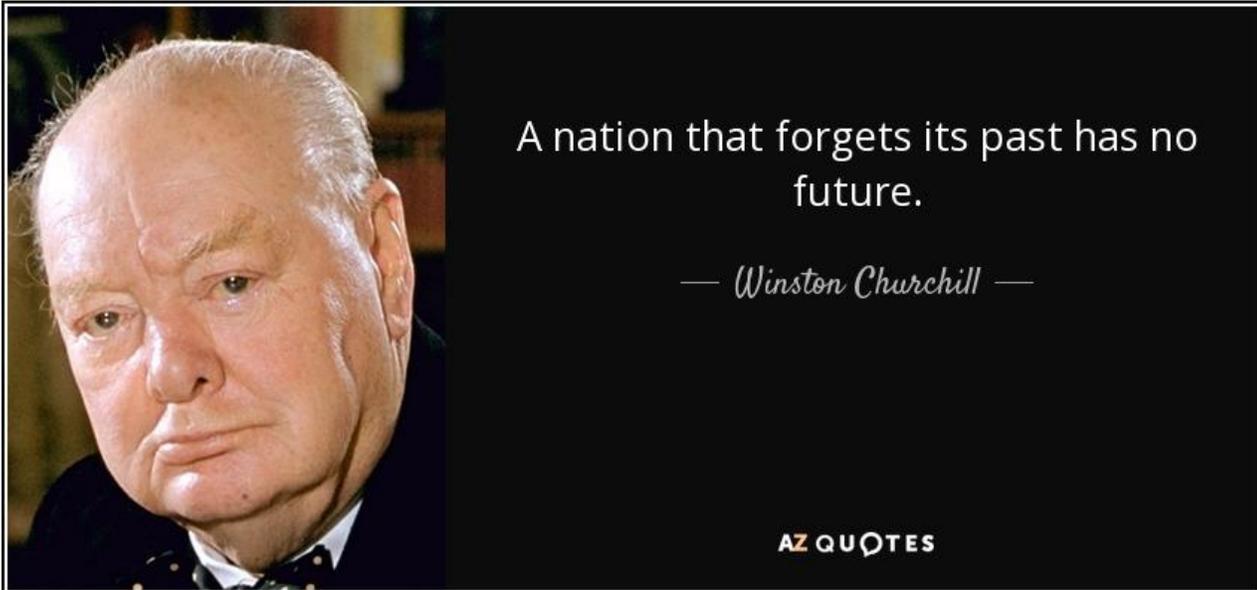


Thanks to all MOAA DAC members who have supported WPAFB Fisher Houses. The Fisher House program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that is normally provided by the DoD and the VA

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. Watch this space for when contributions can restart. Thanks for all your previous support.

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FAIRBORN MILITARY VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT

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Mission Statement

To promote, design, and develop a permanent memorial honoring service members who were born in, or lived in, the Fairborn, Osborn, Fairfield, and Bath Township areas - especially those service members who died in the service of their country and those who served at Wright-Patterson AFB.

About the Memorial

Plans are to build the memorial in the newly designated Fairborn Memorial Park located on Central Avenue. The memorial will be made from black granite in a pentagon shape to represent the military. The center piece of the memorial will be a six-sided, twelve-foot-tall obelisk with each side showing granite etchings of the Air Force, U.S. Space Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Surrounding the obelisk will be brick pavers etched with names of those serving in the military with the closest, dark gray pavers representing those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the military. The outer, lighter gray pavers will be names of those donating to the memorial at the \$100 or higher level. Around the brick paver area will be six brick walls approximately three-feet tall topped with black granite slanted at forty-five degrees. The six black granite sections will be etched with pictures of veterans from Fairborn, Fairfield, Osborn, Bath Township and Wright-Patterson AFB. The pictures will not have names associated with the pictures to allow them to anonymously represent past, present and future local veterans. On the backs of one section of the six brick and granite walls will be a listing of major donors etched into the granite, two section will depict the history of Fairborn, and one section will show etched pictures of service animals. The backs of the other two walls will face Central Avenue and will be etched with the name of the memorial and the saying about those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Between the obelisk and the walls will be four black granite benches to allow visitors a place to sit and reflect on the significance of the memorial and to pay respect to those represented by the memorial. In the area next to the benches will be six small columns also standing approximately three-feet tall, each topped with the service logos of the six branches of the military.

How You Can Help

All donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to:

Fairborn Chamber of Commerce
12 North Central Ave.
Fairborn, OH 45324

Please make checks out to: *Greene County Community Foundation*
and include *Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial* in the memo field

For additional information about the memorial or for questions, please contact me at 937-673-4178 or daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

Daniel R. Kirkpatrick, Colonel, USAF (Retired)
Co-Chairperson, Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project



FAIRBORN MILITARY VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT

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There are several ways individuals or corporations can make donations to the FAIRBORN MILITARY VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT

Donations of any amount are tremendously appreciated. Donations given at the following levels will have special recognition on the granite Donors Wall at the Memorial site

Diamond Level: \$25,000 and up

Platinum Level: \$10,000 - \$24,999

Gold Level: \$5,000 - \$9,999

Silver Level: \$1,000 - \$4,999

Bronze Level: \$500 - \$999

The memorial site has four granite benches that can be purchased which allow donors to have their personal picture or corporate logo etched in the bench. One bench is available.

Benches - \$10,000 (also get name on Donors Wall at the Platinum Level)

Another way to receive name recognition for donations is the purchase of Brick Pavers at the Memorial site

Red Brick Pavers and sizes

4" X 8" - \$100

8" X 8" - \$300

8" X 16" - \$700

16" X 16" - \$1500

Pavers can be purchased with individual or corporate logos