

## Dayton Area Chapter – Military Officers Association of America



# Officers Call



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### PREZ SEZ

We had a wonderful luncheon to start off the New Year. We were privileged to have Scoop Cooper, Executive Director of the Air Force Museum Foundation, present an informative and entertaining view of the NMUSAF, its status and its plans for expansion. Jeopardy was the game and lots of gifts were won. The planned expansion (a 4<sup>th</sup> building, 224,000 sq. ft.) will include the Presidential Aircraft, Global Reach and Space Galleries. As with any major undertaking, funds are needed to make it a reality. You'll have many chances to support this program and if you desire, the foundation is offering a new way through stainless steel "Legacy Data Plates," similar to "bricks," that allow you to honor patriots and loved ones. Each plate will be displayed at the museum entrance. To learn more go to [www.airforcemuseum.com](http://www.airforcemuseum.com) and click on "Purchase a Data Plate." Each plate can be purchased for \$199 through 28 February. The price goes up after that date. This is a great way to honor those special people.

This year's Merit Scholarship search for outstanding graduating high school seniors in our chapter area has begun. First published in the Skywriter on 20 January, applications are due by 31 March. Eligibility and application procedures are found later in this newsletter. Last year's winner, Matt Longo of Bellbrook, OH, completed his first term at the University of Cincinnati in engineering. He is doing exceptionally well. We received a recent e-mail from him and I asked if we could share it with everyone. He agreed. See it in this newsletter.

We are beginning to prepare for the Gold Bar Program. Your chapter continues to support this program for 5 local colleges, giving 2/Lt bars and certificates to all graduating seniors, plus a special award to a deserving graduate at each college. We also support the JROTC program at a dozen high schools in the area. It takes many people to do this. If you haven't participated before, you'll be rewarded when you step forward and help in this important program. Give Charlie Cooper a call at 937-426-0082 or myself at 937-426-6246. Additional details are included in the newsletter.

At our 18 February luncheon, Tommy Adkins, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Deputy Representative, Dept of Ohio, will be our guest speaker. Tommy is beginning a chapter in the local area. The DAV does great work, as you know, and I'm sure that Tom will help us understand the needs and plans for his new chapter. On 17 March, the Wright State University AFROTC PAS, Lt Col Joseph Bouchard, or his Deputy will speak to us. This should be very informative given the changing military environment and budget reductions. I hope you plan on joining the group.

As a MOAA member, you can sponsor guests at our functions. Please feel free to invite your neighbors and friends.

Denny Crouch  
President, Dayton MOAA

Time to mark your calendars for an exciting list of events in the coming year; we hope that these events provide something of interest to each of our members.

Here is the calendar for the rest of the year.

- 18 February – Tommy Adkins regarding new DAV Chapter
- 17 March - WSU ROTC Speaker
- 21 April - Col Dan Semsel, 88<sup>th</sup> ABW/CV
- 19 May - WSU Theater presentation “Phantom of the Opera”

**SOCIALS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH WILL BE LUNCHEONS**

We are in the process of formulating our 2012 program and we welcome your input. Please contact one of the Board members listed on the last page of this newsletter with your suggestions. Remember this is your organization and the Board wants to meet your needs

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON SOCIAL**

For our February luncheon on 18 February at 1200, we will have a presentation regarding the start of a new local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is a non-profit 501(c) (4) charity dedicated to building better lives for America’s disabled veterans and their families. With our brave Americans leaving the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, the DAV’s [services](#) and advocacy are as relevant and critical today as in any time in our nation’s history. Annually, the DAV represents more than 200,000 veterans and their dependents with claims for benefits from the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and [Department of Defense](#). The DAV’s [Voluntary Services](#) Program operates a comprehensive network of volunteers who provide veterans free rides to and from VA medical facilities and improve care and morale for sick and disabled veterans.

Luncheon menu choices include Classic Beef Tips with wild rice and Italian vegetables or Chicken Marsala with garlic mashed potatoes and California blend vegetables; both are served with tossed salad, dressing, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and water. Dessert is Key Lime Pie. Cost will be \$20/person. RSVP to Denny or Anne Crouch, 937-426-6246 or e-mail Denny at [denniscrouch@earthlink.net](mailto:denniscrouch@earthlink.net) for reservations and luncheon choice NLT Wednesday, 15 February. If you leave voice mail, please provide the names of those attending, menu choices and your phone number. Pay at the door by cash or check and if you must cancel, do it by 16 February to avoid being charged for the luncheon. See you at the club!!

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Dayton Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will present a \$2,000 merit scholarship to an outstanding 2012 graduating high school senior in the Dayton Chapter’s membership area. Eligibility for the scholarship includes the sons and daughters of military service members – officer and enlisted – who are serving on active duty with one of the seven uniformed services or in drilling status with one of their Reserve components. Eligibility also includes the children of retired and former military service members and the survivors of military service members.

To request an Application package for this scholarship, graduating seniors should contact one of the following Dayton Area Chapter members: Charlie Cooper at [charliecooper@woh.rr.com](mailto:charliecooper@woh.rr.com) or 937-426-0082; Denny Crouch at [denniscrouch@earthlink.net](mailto:denniscrouch@earthlink.net) or 937-532-9130; or Bob Massarini at [bob.massarini@acm.org](mailto:bob.massarini@acm.org) or 937-271-3062

**The deadline for submission of scholarship applications is 31 March 2012.**

**GENERAL QUARTERS ALL HANDS MAN YOUR BATTLE STATION**

With these words, MOAA President Vice Admiral Ryan sounded the call to be watchful and informed as the current discussions continue in Washington regarding solutions to our fiscal crisis. While it is generally agreed that all elements of society must contribute to a national solution, members of MOAA must be alert to

ensure that the armed services do not bear the brunt of the solution. Ensuring that our currently serving and retired members are targeted for no more than their fair share will require a team effort by every member of the organization. To be effective we must be informed and one the best ways to stay informed is by subscribing to MOAA's 'Legislative Update' at [www.moaa.org/email](http://www.moaa.org/email). Issues such as user fees for TFL and increased co-payments for prescriptions are just a few of the ideas being laid on the table. It is time to push back. Please answer the call. Make sure your Senators and Representatives are aware of the key issues

### **THE DAYTON CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF 2011 GIVES THANKS:**

Sir,

I just thought that I would send you a quick email to let you know how I am doing so far with the college experience. I love all of my Air Force ROTC classes and have been told by my superiors that I am doing an exceptional job. In the classroom I have learned that it is completely different than high school, a whole new level of difficulty. But I pushed hard and was fortunate enough to pull out a 3.538 gpa for the first quarter; finishing with all A's and only one B. I am looking to continue that trend into the rest of the school year. But after all of that hard work it was great to have a long winter break. I would like to say thank you again for the scholarship you awarded me. College is very expensive but the money has been spent wisely and for nothing but good purposes. Thanks again, I hope you have a great new year.

Sincerely,

Matt Longo

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**FEDERAL:** In the immediate future Congress will need to pass a long term "doc fix" without which Medicare/TRICARE payments to doctors would be cut by more than 27%. The current extension expires at the end of February. Now's the time to kick off your 2012 grass roots advocacy efforts by sending your legislators a [MOAA-suggested message](#) asking them to pass a long term "doc fix" and protect access to health care for military families and retirees.

**STATE:** HB 179 introduced in December of 2011 would designate March 29<sup>th</sup> as Vietnam Veterans Day in honor of those who fought, died, or are still unaccounted for in the Vietnam War

### **AUXILIARY NEWS – CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS**

In keeping with MOAA's tradition of supporting our troops, 'DAC MOAA is now collecting your old cell phones for this great benefit to our soldiers. Each old cell phone turned in translates into about 60 minutes of FREE talk time for a soldier and their loved ones on the home front Your old cell phone is valuable to our soldiers – unwanted phones can be brought to any DAC MOAA function or just call one of our officers on the back of this newsletter and they will make arrangements to get it. Our soldiers thank you and DAAC MOAA thanks you. Further questions can be directed to Roberta Shiverdecker - Auxiliary Representative -at 937-426-2857 or [Shiverdecker@woh.rr.com](mailto:Shiverdecker@woh.rr.com).

### **MOAA GOLF LEAGUE FOR 2011**

All this ice, sleet, and snow will eventually disappear, what with "Global Warming" and all. We really want to find at least FOUR NEW PLAYERS AND additional substitutes to return to our normal 20-Team configuration for the upcoming season. The competition format consists of match play between 2-player teams.

The season will begin on 9 April with an organizational meeting in the Prairie Trace Golf Club Snack Bar at 0930. First matches will be 16 April on the East Course, starting at 0900 throughout the year. (This is a change from previous years which started at 0930 changing to 0830 in the summer and back to 0930 in the fall). The season will run through 17 or 24 September depending on whether we have only 18 teams again this year, or we can return to the 20-Team format. The season includes a Team Best Ball Scramble on the last day of the season. An awards banquet will be held on 22 October with cash prizes and other goodies for the participants. Dues are \$25.00 payable at the program organizational meeting by cash or check (made out to "Tom Kelsey" please). **Any MOAA member or spouse interested in good fellowship and golf should contact either Scott King, 237-7368; Steve Grant; 836-8062, Tom Kelsey, 897-3462; or John Eckhart, 426-1087.**

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