OWRC Honors ROTC/JROTC Cadets of Local Universities and High Schools

ROTC Kent State University–Army
LTC Matthew Fox and MOAA medal and scholarship recipient Cadet Stephanie Dellinger.

ROTC University of Akron–Army
LTC Michael Gonzalez and scholarship recipient Cadet Peter Gallo.

LTC Larry Ashbaugh presenting the MOAA medal to Cadet Isaac Hull.

JROTC Akron East CLC–Marine Corps, MSgt John MacLean with MOAA Medal recipient Cadet Tayler Frame.

JROTC Garfield High School–Navy
PO1 Joseph Grieco with Cadet Marcella Jones.

LTC Larry Ashbaugh presenting the MOAA medal to Cadet Jones who was accepting it for Cadet Nathaniel CYC.

JROTC Kenmore High School–Army, MAJ John Jacob with MOAA medal recipient Cadet Destiny Hartney.

JROTC Perry High School–Army, MAJ Dennis Marshall with MOAA medal recipient Cadet Isaac Hull.

LTC Larry Ashbaugh presenting the MOAA medal to Cadet Isaac Hull.
The Chapter has been busy in its involvement in ROTC and JROTC and we have members who have been working to improve the relationship with the leaders of the programs. I wish to thank Lt Col Tom Harnden, LTC Roy Stephenson, Maj Bill Maki, MAJ Mike Corathers and CW4 Dennis Churgovich who have reached out to the leaders of specific ROTC or JROTC programs to develop that relationship between the chapter and those programs. I also want to thank LTC Larry Ashbaugh for his support and for working with all the programs and representing the chapter at awards ceremonies.

We continued our scholarship programs for a ROTC cadet at each of the ROTC programs and this year the Board approved a $100.00 donation to each JROTC program to help them with their expenses. The Board continues to give important guidance and support in our initiative of supporting the vital work of the ROTC and JROTC programs.

A thank you to all the members of the chapter who help in so many ways from donating to the ROTC and JROTC fund or sponsoring a cadet at our annual ROTC/JROTC Recognition Dinner to attending the dinner. The ROTC and JROTC leaders or cadets know us through those members who regularly visit the schools, but when the cadets and the leaders attend the Recognition Dinner they feel the support of the total membership. The dinner is important to show appreciation and congratulations to the leaders who work to develop cadets and their achievement.

I also want to thank LTC Matthew Fox who was the speaker at the 19 May 2016 ROTC/JROTC Recognition Dinner. LTC Fox presented an important message to everyone in attendance. He was gracious enough to let his message be published in the newsletter.

Bill Maki writes Haiku poetry (Definition: a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally evoking images of the natural world.)

**Cadet Recognition**

Cadets. Some with hair in buns. Sharp. Inquisitive Rank won by hard work!

Proud parents. Now haste sent forward their progeny. Future achievements!

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**LTC Fox Remarks from ROTC/JROTC Dinner**

Good evening. It truly is an honor to be able to come and visit with you tonight. It’s always embarrassing to hear someone else read your bio, especially in a group of distinguished ladies and gentlemen such as yourselves. I am humbled that you invited my wife and me to attend. I’d like to also recognize LTC Mullinax and his wife from the Kent State Air Force ROTC program, LTC Gonzales and LTC Harvey (ret.) from the Univ. of Akron here with us tonight.

I am the son of an Army officer. Steve Fox, MOAA member of the Upper Potomac Chapter in Frederick MD., was a Signal Officer in Livorno, Italy in 1972 when this homely face came into the world. Although he left the active duty Army in 1974, he began a long and distinguished career as a DA civilian, serving on the staffs of George H.W. Bush and the Under Secretary of Defense C3I (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence). He retired as the Deputy Commander 1108th Signal Brigade in the 7th Signal Command and pursued a civilian career in the communications industry that supports our forces around the world.

Much like all of us, he was, and never will be finished contributing to our shared community and this nation. As a fully retired guy, well…not really, Dad found a home again with the Military Officers Association of America in Frederick. This is the place where the story changes characters.

Mr. Chuck Davis enlisted into the United States Army as an MP during the Vietnam War. He served with distinction and earned the rank of SSG before leaving the Army for another service.

I don’t have to tell this audience of the challenges of the two decades from 1969 to 1989 while the cold war burned and the wall eventually fell. During that time, Mr. Davis entered and served in the intelligence community both in Naval Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency. In my knuckleheaded aviator speak, he was spook. Much of his career and activities were and still are shrouded in secrecy.

How do these two men cross paths? Chuck was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Alzheimer’s disease. His second wife Barb, although married to Chuck for 20 years had very little knowledge of his military history and only the basic knowledge that he worked in intelligence at the beginning of their marriage. Both in their 70’s and Chuck with a degenerative disease, Barb wanted to prepare for the day, she lost her husband and to give him the proper honors he deserved. His military records were lost in the great St. Louis records fire and she ran into nothing but “no” at the VA. But Barb is my mother-in-law’s best friend. I was fortunate enough to be the person they reached out to for help. I, in-turn, turned to my father, who also swam in those same shadowy intelligence circles, to get his advice. With a bare minimum of actual “data” we turned to his Frederick Chapter and the rest was history. We soon found, through MOAA, the contacts and Continue on page 4
June Membership Outing
Who: OWRC Members, Spouse/Guest, Family
What: Picnic lunch, a with heated pool for our enjoyment
Where: Andy & Ann Emanuele, 426 East Ave, Tallmadge. Additional directions are about 0.8 mile east of Tallmadge Circle. East Ave is also County Rd 18, and there is a white fruit stand in front of the house
When: Saturday afternoon, 11 June 2016 1200–1700 (Noon–5 P.M.)
Menu: Fried chicken, drinks and table service provided by OWRC. Adult beverages permitted.
Members BRING potluck—casseroles, salads, fresh fruit, desserts
Bring a lawn chair for each adult
Cost: $7 per person
RSVP: We need to know much chicken, drinks and table service to purchase? Wouldn’t you want to know how many guests to prepare for? Be considerate, and RSVP before Monday, June 6th by one of the three methods
1. Use the web site www.owrc.net then to “events” tab.
2. Email your reservation to: owrcmoaa@owrc.net
3. Call LTC Dave Riegler at 330-666-2257

June Legislative Update
Just the Facts, Sir/Ma’am! Those words are not just applicable to Dragnet and the detective, Sgt Friday. Fully 99% of the OWRC memberships belongs to MOAA National and now is the time for each and everyone of us- you and me- to log-on to www.moaa.org and review the information in the Take Action section for Legislative concerns. Get the facts and Take Action.

It is currently open season for Congress and MOAA to work together on budget items concerning each of us, whether active or retired! TRICARE is foremost in the mind. Whether it may be fee increases, benefit decreases/modifications or restructure of the entire program. We need to use the links provided on the national website and let our Congressman/-women know how WE feel…What this means to us!

And speaking of Open Season, there currently exists an opportunity to make a change in the beneficiary of your SBP, if certain criteria are met. Again, logon and discover the resources available to you. This is not, as we say in the Army, “Sergeant’s Business” but rather Personal Business. We must take care of our own.
LTC Fox Remarks—continue from page 2

the means to go to the “right” person in the VA to acquire the simple white marble headstone of a patriot Barb wished to ensure represented her husband for eternity.

I am very proud to inform you that although we did lose Chuck earlier this year, through the diligent work of patriots, just like those of you in this room, we said farewell to him with full military honors, an MP LTC and SGM presented Barb a folded flag and we kept our promise to never leave a fallen comrade behind. For that I wish to state thank you and to this fine organization.

But that’s what you do. You, the members of MOAA, never let the nation forget. In an age where less than 1 percent of the population serves, this organization ensures our representatives keep the promise to those who pledge their lives to defending the constitution of the United States against all enemies.

Think about that. Of the nearly 325 million Americans, we are a constituency that is merely ½ of 1 percent. Further, a population that routinely and almost exclusively votes by absentee ballots that may never see the light of day due to procedure and statistical analysis. Although we, Active, National Guard and Reservists, are important aspects in any politicians’ agenda, as a voting block, we barely reach a ripple in the sea of interested parties on the political landscape. You provide us with a voice and for that, thank you.

Many of you have been reading the most recent articles about our newest generation of Americans. Articles and reports that lament the 90% of employers that state our nation’s university graduates are ill prepared to enter the work force. Critical thinking, initiative, writing skills and leadership potential are consistently and constantly cited as lacking. It wasn’t that long ago some of those same statements were being heralded about Generation X, my generation, and those before that. Just a few years ago, I read a fantastic article titled the American 30-year-old. The author criticized the “everyone gets a trophy” mentality as the downfall of the American 18-year-old. However, when that 18-year-old entered the American work force and was subjected to standards based performance objectives, success criteria and the competitive nature of our uniquely American system, we as a nation create unbelievably good 30 year olds. I would contend that the ROTC programs around the country accelerate that notion. Through tough, realistic and standards based education and training we are producing the fine young cadets here with us tonight. Cadets that embody the Army Ethics and the Warrior Ethos. Ready to become the problem solvers of our nation through disciplined initiative for the next 30 years of global evolution. The decades to come will undoubtedly present threats both in the physical and in the cyber realm. The reality that we as educators have to come to grips with is that threat will rarely be known. More often, it is unknown and worse, unknowable. Cadets, like Kent State’s Cadet Dellinger are preparing for that unknowable future through vigilant study and practice of the very things our nation is crying out for. Critical thinking, to identify the issues and unique resolutions to solve them. Communications skills to not only understand problem sets but to organize and share that understanding. And most important, leadership. Leadership from the front to safeguard the citizenry and sovereignty of these United States of America.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing all of our award recipients here with us tonight. They represent the best of our schools, programs and our nation. (Applause)

Again, thank you for the opportunity to visit with you tonight. God Bless, Army Strong.

“Adopt a Cadet”

The following individuals Adopted a Cadet for the ROTC/ JROTC dinner. their donation purchased a meal for a cadet, family member or an instructor. A big thank you from the chapter’s piggy bank.

CPT Don & Bertie Bratton
Col Dick & Linda Calta
CW4 Dennis & Kathleen Churgovich
MAJ Mike & Kathi Corathers
Lt Col Chaker Fadel
LTC Dominic & Trisha Giordano
Gust & Francis Kalapodis
CDR Ron Mitchell
MG Dan & Carol Hahn
COL Jack & Patricia Liberator
Maj Bill & Virginia Maki
LTC Bob & Charlotte Pollock
CW4 David & Lisa Rivedal
CDR John & Trinka Sachleben
LTC Ron Smetana & Sara Beis
COL Art & Lee Wallach
Lt Col Dick & Beryl Wray
and a donation from

USAA (United Services Automobile Association)
OWRC Membership Requirements
The membership in MSVC shall be composed of: Men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers of the seven United States uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service). Surviving spouses of deceased individuals who, if living, would be eligible for membership. MSVC-MOAA memberships are open to all eligible people.

OWRC Mission Statement—Our Purpose
OWRC will support the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America; promote camaraderie among the officers (Active, Guard, Reserve, retired and former) within the OWRC region; build relationships with other veteran organizations; support projects for those pursuing military service (ROTC/JROTC programs); and assist veterans (wounded/homeless/in-need).

This space is available to promote your business
The business card size ad will be printed in black and white and appear in color when the newsletter is sent by email. The cost for chapter member/non-member $10/$20 per month or $100/$200 per year, ten issues. Submit payment to treasurer Dave Reigler. Submit information for your ad to Janet Oglesby, contact information on the right.

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Name: ______________________Military Status ________Spouse Name____________________
Component______Branch of Service______Rank _______ Applicant DOB_________ Spouse DOB_____
☐ Regular Member (Retired, Former, Active Officer of the seven uniformed US Services Membership $20/year)
☐ Widow(er)—Surviving Spouse (membership is available for surviving spouses of officers Membership $10/year)
Address: ________________________________________
Primary Phone: ______________________ Secondary Phone____
E-mail: ________________________________

Chapter Member Dues = $20/yr from January 1 to December 31, 2016 Scholarship Donation: _______________________
☐ Newsletters will be emailed, check this box if you prefer postal service Enclosed is a check for: _______________
Make Check Payable to and mail to: OWRC-MOAA
David Riegler, P.O. Box 4272, Copley, OH 44321 or to the website www.owrc.net for application and pay via credit card.
Welcome new members:
CPT Joshua & Kimberly Donecker, USA, KSU ROTC
LTC Matthew & Denise Fox, USA, PMS, KSU ROTC
Lt Col James & Linda Mullinax, USAF, PAS, KSU ROTC

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Program Chair: Ron Smetana <ronsmetana@att.net> 330-836-5423
RSVP are requested for all events to ensure that the restaurant is properly staffed. Go to [www.owrc.net](http://www.owrc.net) or email [owrcmoaa@owrc.net](mailto:owrcmoaa@owrc.net) or Dave Riegler 330-666-2257

LTC Larry Ashbaugh (center) holds a certificate for Marvin J. Harris Communications Award Contest. Janet Oglesby received a five-star for the chapter newsletter and LTC Dave Riegler received a four-star for the chapter web site. If you look at the winners on the MOAA web site, most chapters are twice the size of OWRC.

ROTC Cadets from Kent State University–Army, University of Akron–Army, JROTC high schools, Akron East–Marine Corps, Garfield–Navy, Kenmore–Army, Perry–Army

LTC Larry Ashbaugh presents $100 check to MAJ John Jacob of Kenmore High School and PO1 Joseph Grieco of Garfield High School. The donation is to assist with the expenses of the program.