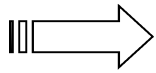


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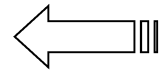
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# NEWS

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**SPEAKER: Tracy Butts, Chief of Volunteer Service, Cincinnati VA Medical Center**

**WHERE: Manor House Restaurant  
600 Maple Trace Dr., Springdale, OH (Gathering Room)**  
**WHEN: Friday, 25 September 2015**  
**TIME: 11:30 AM – Social Time  
12:00 PM – Brunch ..... Program follows Luncheon**



VA, the nation's largest health care system, employs over 305,000 health care professionals and support staff at more than 1,000 sites, including hospitals; outpatient clinics; nursing homes; etc; and 300 Vet Centers. It is the nation's largest provider of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical and scientific research. More than 76,000 active volunteers, 118,000 health professions trainees, and 25,000 affiliated medical faculty are also an integral part of the VA.

Today's speaker, Ms. Tracy Butts, began her service at Cincinnati VA Medical Center in March 1990. After being promoted through Cardiology, Patient Business Services, Surgery Service and Education, she was appointed Chief, Voluntary Service at VAMC in 2009. Her responsibility is to gain corporate and community support for complimentary services for the betterment of Veterans enrolled for VA healthcare. She manages over 1200 volunteers who contribute over 68,000 hours of support for more than 30 area Veteran-focused programs, such as, recreational activities, Volunteer Transportation Network, My HealthVet, Fisher House and Hospice. Last year, Voluntary Service received, through generous donors, \$745,541.28 in monetary and in-kind donations. She has served in selected VA Voluntary Services roles beyond the immediate Cincinnati VA complex. In recognition she has been selected for the March 2012 VA Service award, the highest honor for a VA Service Chief.

It is with this background that MS Butts will discuss the Voluntary Service roles and their importance to the Cincinnati VA medical center's overall questions.

**LUNCH RESERVATION: Friday, 25 September 2015—Manor House Restaurant—Springdale, OH.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank & Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER, OR FIRST TIME OUT? \_\_\_\_\_)

Entrée choices:

Lunch BUFFET \$12.00  
(Menu changes daily but always includes a selection of homemade soups, 3 salad selections,  
three entrees, two vegetable dishes and a side dish and includes Manor House bread pudding for dessert )

Total Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER/MOAA and mail to **LTC PAUL FELLINGER, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139**, (Phone (513) 451-9881) or email: pwf5493@aol.com. Please make reservations NLT than 23 September. No cancellations after that date.

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## PURPOSES OF THE GREATER CINCINNATI MOAA CHAPTER

*The purposes of Military Officers Association of America as stated by national are printed on the outside of each Newsletter. The corresponding purposes of our Chapter as stated in our BYLAWS, Article II are:*

- To promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America
- To foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services.
- To protect the rights and interests of personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors.
- To provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors.
- To serve the community and the nation.

*Your officers and Board members welcome your comments and suggestions on steps that may be taken to strengthen our Chapter and its benefits to all members.*

### LOCAL Chapter:

*CinMoaa News is published to arrive at your home 10 days before each meeting. Articles and corrections for the News must be in the hands of editor 4 weeks before each meeting date. – Mail to CinMoaa News, 8099 Pepper Pike, West Chester, OH 45069. Or E-mail [chmader@fuse.net](mailto:chmader@fuse.net).*

### For MOAA National information:

Visit the MOAA Web Site - INTERNET ADDRESS

[HTTP://www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

### TAPS

If you know a member of MOAA who has past away, please let us know so we may pass it on.

**MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW! Watch [www.cincymoaa.org](http://www.cincymoaa.org) for updates.**

### BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Friday of each month, 1230 - American Red Cross Building  
2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH

Conference Call in is available. Contact a board member for more details.

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

### MEMBER MEETINGS

**Future Member Meetings to include topics on  
Local Law Enforcement, & LTC Kari  
Keep watching for more details**

## Military Officer Select

Did you know that many of the great articles in MOAA's *Military Officer* magazine are available in a tablet-friendly application?

*Military Officer Select*, MOAA's ad-free tablet-friendly application, offers the monthly content you love in an appealing, interactive format.

The best part of *Military Officer Select*? You can easily access MOAA's award-winning content on the go. Popular special editions include [MOAA's 2014 State Report Card](#) and [MOAA's 2015 Transition Guide](#).

To download *Military Officer Select*, search MOAA Publications in the [iTunes Store](#) or in [Google Play](#). Users must have iOS version 6.0 or Android 4.0.3 or greater. For more information, visit our [website](#).

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### Join Us at the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Convention (Friday/Saturday/Sunday, 25-27 September)

The MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters State Convention will take place on the last weekend of September 2015 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Fairborn OH. The Dayton Area Chapter of MOAA is pleased to host this year's state convention.

Our Convention will begin on Friday, 25 September, with registration beginning at 1500 hours at the Holiday Inn of Fairborn, OH, and you will receive a complimentary bag, courtesy of the Greene County Convention Bureau, which will include registration materials and small gifts. We'll all get together in the Armstrong Room, our Hospitality Suite, for a Meet and Greet at 1800. Drinks and heavy d'oeuvres will be available. The event is free and dress is casual.

On Saturday, 26 September, the main day of the convention, we will have a full day of activities with a continental breakfast starting at 0800. The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 0830 with the Fairborn HS Honor Guard presenting the US Flag. Plans are to have Secretary of State Jon Husted as our luncheon speaker, and we are pleased to have Ohio native and Deputy Director of Chapter Affairs COL Brian Anderson, State Representative Rick Perales, Tammy Puff, Director of Veterans Outreach in the Ohio Attorney General's Office and Ohio Director of Veterans Services Tim Gorrell.

Saturday afternoon is planned to allow you to visit the Dayton Carillon Park where you will receive a tour of the Heritage Center of Dayton Manufacturing and Entrepreneurship. The center contains an impressive collection of NCR cash registers, a multi-sensory 4-D theater, a full scale, Ohio-made Carousel of Dayton Innovation and so much more. The tour also includes the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane, along with a replica of the Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop. We'll have docents there that will tell you about the Bicycle Shop and the Wright Flyer. It's time well spent. Bus Transportation will be provided for those that sign up.

At the evening banquet, we are very fortunate to have Maj General (Ret) Joseph Lynch, Mobilization Assistant to the JAG, USAF, Assistant General Counsel (SES) for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Dept of Navy, and currently the Corporate Secretary directing MOAA legal affairs. It'll be a great time for all and we hope you will be there to enjoy the day with us. After the banquet, come to the Hospitality Suite and enjoy the remainder of the evening.

On Sunday, the quarterly meeting of the MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters will be held that will kick off with a buffet breakfast. The breakfast is courtesy of MOAA National and is open to Chapter delegates.

The complete agenda, timing and other convention information can be found at the websites; [www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com](http://www.daytonmoaa.weebly.com) or [www.ohiomooa.org](http://www.ohiomooa.org) and just click on the Dayton Area Chapter link. The downloadable information includes: 1) Convention Fact Sheet, 2) Convention Registration Form, 3) Draft Banquet Program, and 4) Convention Agenda. The total cost for the convention is \$80 and covers the Saturday breakfast, luncheon and buffet. The Carillon Park Tour is only an additional \$10/person and that includes bus transportation and entrance fee to the park.

Registration forms need to be received NLT September 18. Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Holiday Inn and mention "MOAA Convention" to obtain the special rate (\$89 + tax). The rate is available through 3 September. **See you at the Ohio Council of Chapters Convention!!**

**Registration form included in newsletter.**

## **SURVIVING SPOUSE CORNER**

### **The Value of Membership in MOAA**

Pat Farnsworth, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

*In April, members of the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee voted to become the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC). This column was renamed to reflect that change. The Auxiliary Liaison Excellence Award also will be renamed following MOAA's annual meeting in October.*

MOAA membership is valuable for many reasons. The services offered by this strong association help veterans, military retirees, and servicemembers and their families and survivors.

Federal budget cuts are looming due to sequestration. MOAA's staff and its members are proactive on Capitol Hill, lobbying for improvements and fighting against benefit reductions that would impact servicemembers, military retirees, Guard and Reserve members, and military survivors.

National MOAA also offers financial-planning assistance, health insurance, hospitalization products, and career counseling to second-career servicemembers, spouses, and surviving spouses. Articles in *The Affiliate* cover subjects of interest to surviving spouses, and *Military Officer* contains interesting articles along with ads for items and services. Important topics are covered in publications that are available to Premium and Life members, with titles ranging from *Estate Planning to Aging Into Medicare and TRICARE For Life*.

MOAA's new veterans service organization is growing fast. Assistance is available to veterans who have trouble with disability and survivor claims in the Washington, D.C. area. This is just one of many services offered through MOAA that benefits members. MOAA also offers educational loans or grants to eligible applicants, travel discounts, and a vision insurance plan through MetLife for glasses and contact lenses. Neither TRICARE nor Medicare offers coverage for eyewear. (For more information on the benefits or services listed above, visit [MOAA's website](#) or call (800) 234-MOAA (6622).

In addition to the benefits of national MOAA membership, more than 400 affiliated chapters across the country provide information, fellowship, and support to members. Surviving spouse can join a chapter and serve as officers. Chapters host many social events such as dinners and luncheons, and chapter meetings feature excellent guest speakers.

Visit MOAA's website to learn about the [three levels of membership](#) and join today. Then use the [chapter locator](#) to find a nearby chapter to join.

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## **How You Get Medicine is About to Change**

TRICARE beneficiaries will be required to refill select maintenance medications through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a military pharmacy - or pay the full price at retail - beginning Oct. 1.

This provision was originally tested through a pilot program from the FY13 defense bill, which mandated TRICARE for Life beneficiaries into the above requirements.

The FY15 defense bill expanded the pilot to encompass all TRICARE beneficiaries, with the exception of those on active duty, those with other health insurance that provide drug coverage, or those who live overseas. While active duty servicemembers are exempt from the mandate, active duty family members will be required to participate in the program.

In September, beneficiaries will receive a notification letter from TRICARE providing details on enrollment instructions and the waiver process.

Beneficiaries can still get short-term or "acute" drugs from retail pharmacies like antibiotics and pain medications. The new mandate only applies to select maintenance medications, many of which are brand name.

Unlike the original pilot, there will be no ability to "opt out" of the program after one year.

Starting Oct. 1, beneficiaries will have approximately 90 days to move their prescriptions before being responsible for 100 percent of the cost share.

For years, MOAA has said that home delivery is a low cost, safe, and convenient option for beneficiaries to fill their maintenance drugs and save money.

"Switching to TRICARE's home delivery saves the government on average 32% on brand name drugs filled through the mail order," said Capt Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), MOAA's Deputy Director of Government Relations. "This is another example of beneficiaries doing their part to help drive the cost of health care down."



## OHIO COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION AGENDA

### THEME: OHIO HELPING OUR VETERAN AND ACTIVE DUTY COMMUNITIES

**FRIDAY:**

1500 – 2000 REGISTRATION  
1800 – 2300 MEET AND GREET ARMSTRONG ROOM

**SATURDAY:**

0800 – BREAKFAST IN CHALLENGER/DISCOVERY ROOM  
REGISTRATION CONTINUES  
0830 – 0900 - OPENING CEREMONY  
COLOR GUARD – FAIRBORN HS  
WELCOMING  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT – RICHARD SCHROEDER  
CHAPTER PRESIDENT – FRED PUMROY  
FAIRBORN MAYOR – DAN KIRKPATRICK  
BEAVERCREEK MAYOR – BRIAN JARVIS

0900 –1015 MORNING SPEAKERS  
MOAA CHAPTER AFFAIRS COL BRIAN ANDERSON  
STATE REP. RICK PERALES

**BREAK**

1030 - 1145  
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS OUTREACH TAMMY PUFF  
DIRECTOR VETERANS SERVICES TIM GORRELL

1200 - 1320 – BUFFET LUNCH  
SPEAKER – SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

1335 - 1730 – ACTIVITY – CARILLON PARK/FREE TIME

1845 - 1930 – CASH BAR

1930 – 2130 - DINNER

SPEAKER - MajGen JOSEPH LYNCH,MOAA

2130 - 2300 – HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

**SUNDAY:**

0800-0900 FULL BREAKFAST

0900-1200 OHIO COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING

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### REGISTRATION FORM RETURN NLT SEPTEMBER 18

First NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Last NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Breakfast, Luncheon and Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @\$80 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Breakfast and Luncheon ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ @\$45 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Carillon Park Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(includes Transportation and Entrance Fee)

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BANQUET MEAL CHOICES:** PRIME RIB \_\_\_\_\_ SALMON \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: DAC MOAA and Mail to: Denny Lammlein

29 Sandelwood St.

Springboro, OH 45066-5208

**ROOM RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOLIDAY INN NLT 3 SEPT.**

**CITE "MOAA CONVENTION" TO OBTAIN SPECIAL RATE (\$89+12.75%tax)**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT: [WWW.DAYTONMOAA.WEBBLY.COM](http://WWW.DAYTONMOAA.WEBBLY.COM)**

**2015 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE! Please pay now- IF you haven't done so.**

To determine whether your dues are paid, please check your address sticker on the other side of this form. The year is shown for the latest year for which your dues are paid. (Life members show LIFE). If your number is (2014) or lower, please return this form (with your name sticker on reverse) along with a check for your dues to bring you up to current year. Please mark your selection of dues (one year, multi-year or life). For those of you who receive your newsletter by email, your dues date is located in the TO line of your email after your name. If you are moving out of state and don't want to continue your chapter membership or have any other status change, please let us know. Also please indicate on your check the year (s) your dues are for.

**Chapter Membership Renewal.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address please: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\$28 for three years \_\_\_\$19 for two years \_\_\_\$10.00 for one year

Auxiliary Member (as the surviving spouse of a deceased officer)

\_\_\_\$14 for three years \_\_\_\$9.50 for two years \_\_\_\$5.00 for one year

Please renew as a LIFE member. \_\_\_ (Please circle amount in fee schedule.)

Make check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA

Mail Renewal form and check to:

LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES		
(Fee is based on your age, nearest birthday)		
	Regular	Auxiliary
Age up to 55	\$161.25	\$80.00
Age 56 to 70	\$127.50	\$63.75
Age 71 to 89	\$ 93.75	\$46.90
Age 90 and over	Waived	Waived

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

CAPT Scott Earnest, USPHS

MAJ Nathan Lewis, USA, ACT

**The Ohio Women Veterans Conference (New Location)**

**Hilton @ Easton** - Columbus, Ohio

Saturday, Sept 12, 2015

Registration: 8am - 9am | Conference: 9am - 4pm

Click [here](http://dvs.ohio.gov/HOME/Committees/Women_Veterans_Advisory_Committee/Ohio_Women_Veterans_Conference) or go to [http://dvs.ohio.gov/HOME/Committees/Women\\_Veterans\\_Advisory\\_Committee/Ohio\\_Women\\_Veterans\\_Conference](http://dvs.ohio.gov/HOME/Committees/Women_Veterans_Advisory_Committee/Ohio_Women_Veterans_Conference), for more information and to register.



Chapter members make \$100 donation to the Xavier University ROTC "All For One" Cade Battalion. 100% of the Xavier commissioning class of 2015 joined as basic MOAA members.

Photo (L to R) Major Lewis—Xavier Professor of Military Science, Skip Fellingner, Cadet Vetter, Cadet Terry, Paul Conrad).

**New Agreement Allow the VA to Send Veterans to Wright-Patterson Medical Center for Inpatient or Outpatient Services.**

A new agreement was signed May 1, 2015 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in an effort to dramatically improve the timeliness of medical care to veterans throughout Ohio and optimize the training and readiness of personnel at Wright-Patterson Medical Center (WPMC).

Col. Timothy Ballard, commander of the 88th Medical Group (88MDG), and Jack Hetrick, network director for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 10) signed the agreement to create the Buckeye Federal Healthcare Consortium, to optimize the utilization of Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs medical resources in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

In essence, this agreement will allow the VA to send veterans to Wright-Patterson Medical Center for inpatient or outpatient services, expanding the current relationship between VISN 10 and DOD.



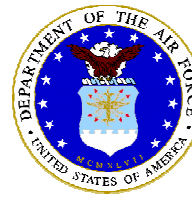
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- TO inculcate and stimulate love of country and flag;
- TO defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;
- TO advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country;
- TO foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn;
- TO further the education of children of service personnel;
- TO aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which our members are drawn and their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner;
- TO present their rights and interests when service matters are under consideration; and
- TO foster the integrity and prestige of uniformed service.

*—from the Preamble to the Association's Bylaws*