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President's Notes

Hey members!



Now we are into Fall. Checked your snowblowers?

Oct 7 1780 - Battle of Kings Mountain - Revolutionary War

I visited this site and it was a story of American patriot forces fighting their way uphill to defeat a regular British unit.

Oct 7 2001 - War in Afghanistan officially started

Oct 12 - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day

Oct 13 - Birthday of the US Navy

Oct 26 - Full Hunter Moon

Oct 26 - National Day of the Deployed

This day was set up by the governor of North Dakota, on the request of a lady volunteer, who had a cousin deployed. It recognizes the problems of the deployed personnel and the problems their families face.

It was eventually adopted by all the states. The Senate also passed a law recognizing the date.

There was a good turnout of veterans who needed help at the annual Summit County Stand Down on Tuesday 15 September. We



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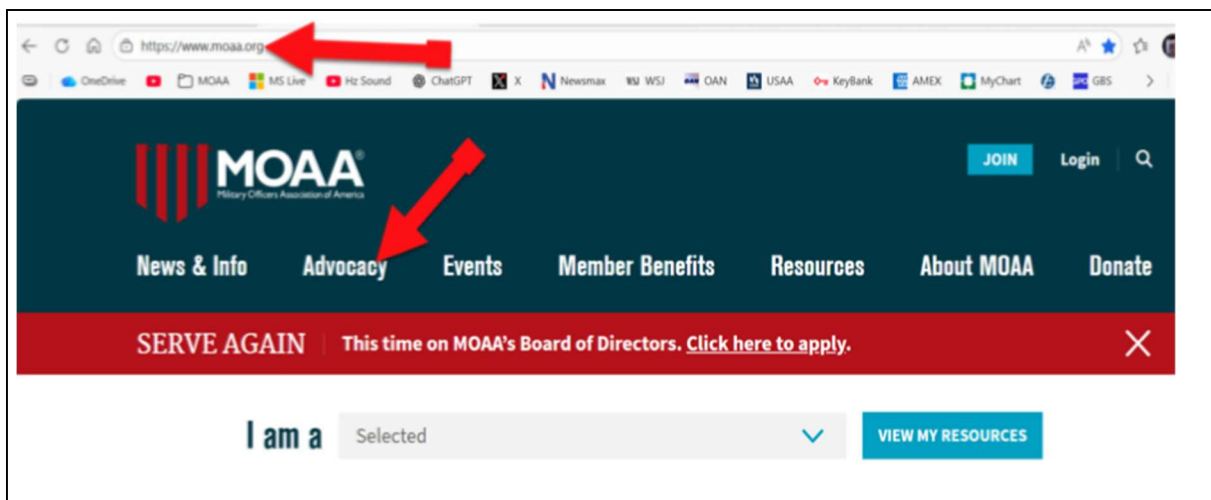
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processed over 300 veterans. I worked at the Volunteer Table with others. Some volunteers came to work on Monday to help unload the truck several times and set up tables and arrange the clothing for Tuesday. Dick Calta - shepherd, Chuck Auker (at the Vietnam Veterans table), Lynda Farkas - shepherd, and Sandra Conley at the NE Ohio Women's Veterans Table. I ask for more members to come help next year. Shepherd training was available on Monday, with you picking a two-hour shift to work on Tuesday. It is also good exercise walking around. Oh, the VA Clinic on Waterloo Road was there in force, and I

received my flu shot from them on Tuesday. Veterans could get a breakfast or lunch, depending on when they came to the event. Workers could get both if they worked the 7 to 3 shift. You could work a two-hour shift and get a meal, so think of next year, please. There is a clam bake planned at the VFW in Cuyahoga Falls on Saturday 3 October in the afternoon. It is a lot of food! This is also a fundraiser for the Veterans Service Organization (VSO). They had take home boxes, as it was such a large meal.

William Maki, President, OWRC



You can click on the legislative items that have the word "Write" by them. You may have to fill out your name, street and city address, and other items. Once you do this, next time the areas may automatically fill in for you. So, it will be easier and faster the following months.

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction>

There are also five areas on the bottom of the screen, like Currently Serving, Families and Survivors, Retirees and Veterans and more. You may click on those to see special legislative requests that MOAA is also advocating.

EVERY TIME YOU "VOTE" MOAA CAN TAKE THOSE VOTES TO OUR ELECTED MEMBERS. THIS SHOWS THEM THE ACTIVE AND RETIRED AND SURVIVING SPOUSES WANT ACTION!

So please, fellow members, do your part. Send in your requests each month.



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OWRC Legislative Report, October 2026

The Major Richard Star Act: A long-sought floor vote in the House on legislation designed to end the “wounded veteran tax” faced by combat-injured military retirees edged closer Sept. 15 with the 218th signature on a discharge petition – enough to move a revamped version of the bill out of the House Rules Committee.

MOAA has supported all legislative avenues to move this long-sought fix forward, one that would allow these wounded warriors to receive both their earned military retirement pay and VA disability compensation without an unfair offset. This progress comes amid our ongoing fight on behalf of the Take Care of America’s Veterans Act, which not only offers relief to combat-injured retirees, but would provide long-sought benefits to other veterans, their caregivers, and their survivors.

In a recent video interview, MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret) spoke about on-going legislation. He said that there are over 60 pieces of high-level legislation that MOAA is supporting right now. In addition to the Richard Star Act, he singled out the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act, and the Love Lives On Act. These, and other significant issues, need your voice to our legislators each month.



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Cuyahoga Falls VFW **Clambake**

Saturday 3 October

Same place we held the summer Steak, Chicken and Corn Roast

1619 Main St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

The menu is, for \$35 per person, and includes clams, chicken breast, corn, clam chowder, and more.

Please call [330-929-9494](tel:330-929-9494) to reserve a place for each person coming. The VFW needs to know how many are coming so they can order and make enough food.

Social hour starts at 3:00 pm and the suppers will start to be served at 4:00 pm

Buy your drinks at the bar. They will have to go boxes. I eat about half the meal and take the remainder home.

Respectfully,

William Maki

President, OWRC



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OWRC 2026 Calendar:

October 14th OWRC General meeting at Michael's A.M.

17th OCC Quarterly meeting – Columbus

17th Saturday Luncheon, Persian Gulf Veterans Benefits SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

20th OWRC Quarterly meeting - Akron VSC

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

November 11th Veterans Day

13th – Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon Guest Speaker SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

18th Doughboy Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting

(select next year's officers)

26th Thanksgiving

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

December 4th Annual Christmas/Holiday Party

4th VA Healthcare/Ancillary Benefits Lunch & Learn SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

25th Christmas

31st New Years Eve

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

USAA Driver Safety Information

USAA Can Help You REDUCE Your Auto Insurance Bill!

USAA has a cell phone app (program to me) that tracks your driving.

When you sign up/enroll you get 15% off on your auto insurance bill.

You have to have your phone on when you drive.

I am getting a power cord to plug into my phone. There was a warning

the phone battery could be "severely depleted" on long trips.

You receive reports on your driving. Speed, stops, acceleration, etc.

If your combined score - after a while - exceeds 87 (out of 100) you

could get a lower drivers insurance bill.

So try it out.

Bill Maki, President, OWRC

[USAA Website](#)



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VALUABLE MOAA RESOURCES

- [moaa.org] MOAA Home Page
- You don't have to Login but you have more access if you do
- Click on [Resources]
- Select [Surviving Spouse Corner]
 - Click on [Go Now}
- Here you will find monthly informational articles from the past 12 months plus archived articles from several years
- Go to [I am a] and select [Surviving Spouse]
 - Select [View My Resources] - Six green squares appear
 - Select [Survivor Publication from MOAA] You will see a list of all publications that are available to you from MOAA arranged by topic area. There are three that are specifically directed to Surviving Spouses
 - Use back arrow and return to the six green squares

Select [Surviving Spouse FAQs and More] You will find a list of frequently asked questions and answers. There is also an extensive list of MOAA LINKS that take you straight to website references on a plethora of topics. There is also a Suggested Reading list on several topics. Check out the other four squares as well as Chapter Membership information on this page.

-Information courtesy of Roy Yenchsky via Janet Oglesby



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The chapter is looking for a new 2nd Vice President

2d Vice President duties are described in Section 65 Article V of the Chapter Bylaws:

Section 6. The Second Vice-President shall be a person who can be expected to serve in the future as President. This person is prepared to assume the duties of the First Vice-President in the event of the death/disability of the First Vice-President. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. Additional duties include:

- Serves as a member of the Executive Committee
- Has executive oversight of the Membership Committee
- Is Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee (Government Affairs). [This may be delegated or assigned to another member.](#)
- Assists the First Vice-President in the development of the Chapter's annual income objectives
- Serves as principal assistant to the First Vice-President in the State Council Convention affairs
- Shall perform other tasks as the President may assign when those tasks are not specifically assigned to another by these by-laws.

If you are interested in helping the Chapter please contact the Chapter President, William Maki at william_maki@att.net.



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Make Your Voice Heard This November

By: Ingrid Meyers

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026



Adamkaz/Getty Images

(This article originally appeared in the October 2026 issue of [Military Officer magazine](#).)

The general election is Nov. 3, and for servicemembers, veterans, military families, and survivors, voting is one of the most direct ways to shape the policies that affect your community.

Military-connected voters bring firsthand experience with issues such as deployments, military health care, veterans' benefits, and the transition to civilian life. Casting a ballot helps ensure those perspectives are represented in the decisions that shape the nation's future.

About 17% of the 119th Congress has military experience, down from more than 70% in the 1970s. As fewer lawmakers arrive in Washington with firsthand military experience, fewer have lived the realities of deployments, PCS, navigating TRICARE and VA benefits, or transitioning from military to civilian life. That makes the voices of those who have served more important than ever.

What to Know Before Nov. 3

- Register or update your registration. If you've moved, changed voting jurisdictions, or are unsure your registration is current, check before Election Day.
- Know your state's deadlines. Registration, absentee ballot requests, and ballot return deadlines vary. Visit [Vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov) for your state's requirements.
- Are you voting from overseas or away from home? Active duty servicemembers and eligible family members should use the [Federal Voting Assistance Program](#) to submit a Federal Post Card Application, which must be completed each calendar year and following every move.



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- Did you not receive your ballot? Your installation voting assistance officer can help you obtain a federal write-in absentee ballot, which is accepted for federal elections in every state.

MOAA is a nonpartisan organization and does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We encourage every eligible servicemember, veteran, family member, and survivor to participate in the electoral process. One of the most meaningful ways to ensure the military community's perspective is heard is to cast your ballot.



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'Those Days Are Over': Air Force Says 38 Days of Combat Changed How It Will Fight

After 38 days of combat, Air Force leaders say vulnerable bases, autonomous aircraft and new threats are changing how the service will fight.

[Military.com](https://www.military.com)

By Douglas Lindsey



Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, speaks at AFA's Air, Space & Cyber conference on Sept. 14, 2026. (Photo by Craig Hudson, for Air & Space Forces Association)

For decades, American airpower operated with an assumption that increasingly no longer holds: U.S. aircraft could generally launch from bases protected from direct enemy attack. The Air Force's top civilian and uniformed leaders say that era is ending.

Their message was sharpened by Operation Epic Fury, a 38-day campaign in which 500 aircraft flew roughly 10,000 sorties as the joint force struck more than 13,000 military objectives.



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For decades, American air and space power has often operated from a position of sanctuary. Those days are over, Wilsbach said. We can no longer treat point defense as a side hustle. We must make it a core function of air and space power.

Taken together, the two speeches offered a picture of an Air Force that could look significantly different within six years: hundreds of new autonomous aircraft, tens of thousands of lower-cost weapons, new defenses for American bases and Airmen increasingly expected to sustain combat operations while under attack.

"Because of the steps we're taking today, we'll have a radically different looking Air Force by 2032," Meink said.

A Battlefield Changing Faster Than Expected

"The threat is changing actually faster than I thought possible when I took this job 18 months ago," Meink said.

One-way attack drones, artificial intelligence and autonomous systems are changing both the economics and tactics of warfare, allowing militaries to produce effects that once required far more expensive weapons.

"In the European Theater, one-way attack drones have replaced artillery as the primary killer, while armor often sits idle," Meink said.

For the United States, that presents a challenge for a military accustomed to developing extraordinarily capable, and extraordinarily expensive, weapons and aircraft.

"We must increase our combat power and innovate faster than anyone else, affordably," Meink said.

"We need cost-effective combat power."

The Air Force plans to have at least 500 Collaborative Combat Aircraft, or CCAs, in service by 2032. Meink also announced the names of the service's first two CCAs: the FQ-42 Vengeance and FQ-44 Fury.

Another class of uncrewed aircraft, called Mass Modular Aircraft, or MMA, is intended to provide even cheaper, long-range combat power.

Read more at [Changing Battlefield](#)



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US Space Force to add 10,000 guardians in next 5 years

By Cristina Stassis

Militarytimes

Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026



Guardians march during a graduation ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Dec. 18, 2025. (Jonathan R. Mallard/U.S. Air Force)

The U.S. Space Force plans to add 10,000 guardians in the next five years, doubling its uniformed ranks.

The growth will hinge on the service recruiting more than 200 guardians and civilian specialists to fill instructor roles in anticipation of the large increase in students, Space Training and Readiness Commander Maj. Gen. James E. Smith told reporters Tuesday at the Air & Space Forces Association's 2026 Air, Space & Cyber Conference.

"We understand the requirements behind right-sizing the Space Force, and we are fully postured to meet those goals for FY27," Smith said.



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"Adding 10,000 Guardians over the next five years represents our target, with a significant portion of that growth occurring in the first year," he continued. "Predictable budget resources will remain vital as we scale operations to maintain our FY27 momentum."

As of 2024, the Space Force employed more than 14,000 civilian and military guardians, according to the service, with around 9,400 active-duty guardians.

The 200 instructor roles include officer and enlisted basic training, commissioning pipelines, initial skills training and professional military education, according to a STARCOM release. They'd be assigned to Air Force ROTC detachments across the country, Officer Training School and the Air Force Academy, as well as three enlisted initial skills training locations and enlisted PME courses.

STARCOM will work to rapidly onboard and qualify the new personnel to handle the incoming number of students, the release says. In fiscal 2027, STARCOM plans to expand its Basic Military Training channel by more than 90% to accommodate 1,400 recruits at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, with initial skills courses also facing expansion to match the increase in students.

Read more at [Space Force Manpower Increase](#)

Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs

Women Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting - Oct. 2026

October 30, 2026, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

[Register](#)

Hybrid Vern Riffe Center (31st Floor, North Board Room) 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

[Get directions](#)



We will be holding a hybrid meeting of the Ohio Women Veterans Advisory Committee on October 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The in-person location for the meeting will be on the 31st Floor of the Vern Riffe



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Center (77 S. High Street, Columbus), in the North Board Room. The Vern Riffe Center is located between Broad Street and State Street. Please arrive early to allow time to find parking on the street, or at a nearby downtown garage or surface lot. Also, please note that you will need to pass through a security checkpoint once you enter the building.

Optional remote login details for the meeting

Join Online

Access the Microsoft Teams

at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/275301872514286?p=3VquMsHDMaOTlxA2D>.

Meeting ID: 275 301 872 514 286

Passcode: 9Qx6Pm2z

Dial in by Phone

Call [\(614\) 721-2972](tel:(614)721-2972)

Phone conference ID: 567 658 775#

Join on a Video Conferencing Device

Tenant key: 682042763@t.plcm.vc

Video ID: 114 878 184 3

More information at: **Women's Advisory Committee**



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Iran War Escalation Raises Blowback Risks 25 Years After 9/11

War efforts show how escalation can both inspire and deter attacks, invite blowback and revive intelligence challenges exposed before 9/11.

By Haley Fuller
[Military.com](https://www.military.com)



A man holds a poster of the Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during a funeral ceremony for a group of security forces, who were killed during anti-government protests, in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026. (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

Twenty-five years after the Sept. 11 attacks, the United States again faces the combination of a prolonged Middle East war, an elevated terrorist threat, and difficult decisions about how far to escalate against an adversary.

The escalation ladder helps explain how military actions can move from deterrent warnings to open war. Blowback describes the retaliation, radicalization and strategic costs that can follow, sometimes years after the initial decision.



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The concepts do not require American leaders to choose between military action and restraint, but rather the forethought to define the objective, anticipate an adversary's direct and indirect responses, and decide how the United States will end a confrontation before operations begin.

How the Escalation Ladder Works

Strategist Herman Kahn's Cold War escalation ladder contained 44 rungs, moving from political and military signaling through limited conventional conflict and various levels of nuclear use to all-out nuclear war.

[Modern adaptations](#) may include diplomatic warnings, military deployments, cyber operations, proxy attacks, limited strikes, attacks on national infrastructure and large-scale conventional war. Each step is intended to showcase a nation's diplomatic, economic, technological and military capabilities while also signaling how far it is willing to go.

An adversary, however, may view an action meant to be a limited warning as preparation for a larger attack and respond more aggressively than expected.

The concept rejects the idea that a crisis offers only two choices: peace or unrestricted war.

Leaders can select from multiple actions of increasing or decreasing intensity. They can climb the ladder to impose greater costs, remain at the same level to reinforce a warning or move downward by suspending strikes, opening negotiations or accepting a ceasefire.

Planners use the ladder by comparing possible actions according to their intensity, reversibility and likely consequences. For each option, they assess the intended signal, the adversary's probable response, the next available U.S. move and any diplomatic route for ending the exchange.

A useful ladder therefore includes both escalation options and off-ramps. Without those off-ramps, a succession of individually limited actions can accumulate into a level of conflict that neither side originally intended.

A typical confrontation might begin with sanctions and public warnings. The next steps could include increased intelligence collection, defensive deployments, or a [carrier strike group moving](#) into the region.

Read more at: [War Escalation](#)



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US Space Force Confirms It Has Weapons in Orbit. Here's What They Could Include.

The US has confirmed weapons are in orbit, exposing new military risks and legal limits as Russia and China expand space capabilities.

By Haley Fuller
[Military.com](https://www.military.com)



The Advanced Extremely High Frequency, or AEHF, system is a joint service satellite communications system that provides survivable, global, secure, protected and jam-resistant communications for high-priority military ground, sea and air assets. U.S. Air Force photo (DVIDS).

The United States has publicly acknowledged for the first time that it has weapons orbiting Earth, ending years of official caution about describing American satellites as weapons and raising new questions about how a conflict in space would be fought and constrained.

Air Force Secretary Troy Meink told the Air, Space and Cyber Conference in Maryland on Sept. 14 that the country has “on-orbit space control weapons capable of defending the Joint Force against hostile adversary action.”

He did not identify the systems, their number, when they were launched, or whether they could strike objects in space, on the ground or both.



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The Space Force's official account described the statement as its first acknowledgment that it had deployed weapons in space.

Meink said acknowledging the weapons while withholding details was intended to strengthen deterrence. [China urged Washington](#) to stop weaponizing space, while Russia warned of potentially catastrophic consequences and called for "the complete demilitarization of space."

Both governments have developed counter space capabilities of their own, according to public assessments.

Read more at [Space Weapons](#)



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MHS GENESIS Patient Portal transitioning to myAuth login Sept. 23

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Throughout 2026, the online platforms that support your TRICARE benefit are switching from DS Logon to [myAuth](#). myAuth is a simpler, more streamlined login authentication application. Many platforms, including [milConnect](#), [ID Card Office Online](#), and contractor portals, have already made this switch.

On Sept. 23, the [MHS GENESIS Patient Portal](#) will make this switch. This means you'll use myAuth to log in to the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal to access health records from care at [military hospitals and clinics](#). When the transition to myAuth occurs, you'll have [multiple options for logging in](#). With myAuth, you can log in with:

- A Common Access Card
- A username/password, plus a secure multi-factor authentication method
- Okta Verify. This is an app for personal or government mobile devices that enables secure access without a CAC.

How will this change happen?

When you log in to the patient portal after the transition, you'll see a new login page. This page will help you [create a myAuth account](#) if you don't already have one. You can also visit [myAuth](#) for further instructions on creating an account.

What if I need help?

If you're experiencing issues, visit [myAuth Help](#) for additional resources and guidance on creating or updating your account. You can also find answers to [frequently asked questions](#). If you still need additional assistance, contact the Defense Manpower Data Center at 800-368-3665. DMDC manages myAuth and can answer questions about the transition or address any related concerns.

Although you'll create a new login for myAuth, remember that neither TRICARE nor its contractors will contact you asking for private information like your date of birth, Social Security number, or your username and password. Read messages carefully and check the source email or web address for legitimacy. If something feels off, trust your instincts. If you think you gave personal or account information to a fraudulent entity, change your password right away and [file a report](#).

In the end, the switch to myAuth means:



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- **Enhanced security:** More options to protect against unauthorized access
- **A modernized authentication platform:** More ways to log in
- **A more user-friendly experience:** A simpler interface

The switch to myAuth means a simpler, more secure experience in MHS GENESIS Patient Portal.

Read more at [Tricare News Portal](#)



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CIVIL AIR PATROL BILLY MITCHELL AWARD

Billy Mitchell (1879-1936)

- Combat Air Commander in WW1
- Brigadier General
- Court – Martialled in 1925 for insubordination for his public criticism of Army Leadership advancing Air Power.

The BILLY MITCHELL AWARD ENCOMPASSES:

- LEADERSHIP
- AEROSPACE KNOWLEDGE
- FITNESS
- CHARACTER
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- AND *** A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ONLY ABOUT 15% of CAP cadets earn this award. *****

THIS CLOSELY RELATES TO THE ARMY CORE VALUES:

- LOYALTY
- DUTY
- RESPECT
- SELFLESS SERVICE
- HONOR
- INTEGRITY
- PERSONAL COURAGE

On 13 September 2026, BG Tom Luczynski presented the BG BILLY MITCHELL award to the Akron Canton Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at the MAPS AIR MUSEUM.

There were 2 cadets receiving the award:

- 2 LT Donnelly
- 2 LT Stiver

(See photos on next page)



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2LT Donnelly, BGen Luczynski, COL David Dlugiewicz



2LT Stiver, BGen Luczynski, COL David Dlugiewicz



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MOAA/OWRC Chapter Member Recognized in *Bath Country Journal*

As part of celebrating 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, *Bath Country Journal* is writing articles highlighting war veterans in Bath Township. This article is about Jim McIntee which appeared in the Aug 30th 2026 edition. Read the article at: [Jim McIntee](#)



2026 Calendar

Oct 2-3	SAM Veterans Resource Fair
Oct 25	Fall Military Show
Oct 30-31	The Big Show
Nov 1	Ham Radio "Ham Fest"
Nov 7	Veteran's Day Program
Dec 6	Santa "Fly In"



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VETERANS

& DEPENDENTS

THE VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OF STARK COUNTY & SAM CENTER

are providing Lunch & Learn & Service Officer Breakouts at the SAM Center Veterans Resource Center in Canal Fulton

PRE-REGISTER AT

330.956.6162

press ext. 2

8101 Manchester Ave NW
Canal Fulton, OH 44614

2-3 Oct 2026

**SAM CENTER
Veterans Resource Fair
MAPS AIR MUSEUM**

VSC Claims Clinic On Site

* Claims Filing

* Claims Status Checks

Pre-Registration Not Required

LUNCH & LEARN

LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 AM | MUST PRE-REGISTER
*NEW IN 2026 - MONTHLY COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPEAKERS

23 Jan 26

Non-Service Connected
Pension | COLA Updates

13 Feb 26

Vietnam Era Veterans Benefits

13 Mar 26

Survivor Benefits
DIC | Survivors Pension | Burial

10 Apr 26

Service Connected
Compensation

8 May 26

Ohio Veterans Nursing Homes

12 Jun 26

Women Veterans Appreciation

17 Jul 26

County Veteran Service Officer
Panel | Q & A

7 Aug 26

Purple Heart Event | Guest Speaker

18 Sep 26

POW | MIA Event

17 Oct 26

Saturday Luncheon

Persian Gulf Veterans Benefits

13 Nov 26

Veterans Appreciation
Luncheon | Guest Speaker

4 Dec 26

VA Healthcare | Ancillary Benefits

SERVICE OFFICER BREAKOUT

ONE-ON-ONE CLAIM CONSULTATIONS
12:30 PM-4:00 PM | PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

21 Jan 26

18 Feb 26

18 Mar 26

15 Apr 26

20 May 26

17 Jun 26

15 Jul 26

19 Aug 26

16 Sep 26

21 Oct 26

18 Nov 26

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Why I Serve: Army Reserve Warrant Officer on 'a Deeper Sense of Responsibility'

SEP 21, 2026

CW3 Ryan Koniak's service began as part of a family military legacy.

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Veterans Find Their Path Forward on the Appalachian Trail

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Learn about some of their journeys.

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ADVOCACY



Major Richard Star Act Discharge Petition Clears Threshold

SEP 16, 2026

A House vote could be on the horizon. Here's what's next in the fight to end the "wounded veteran tax."

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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 eight uniformed US Services **Membership \$35/year**

☐ Widow(er)-Surviving Spouse membership is available for surviving spouse of officers **Membership \$15/year**

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

email: _____

Chapter Member Dues = \$35/yr January 1 to December 31, Annually.

Make check Payable to OWRC-MOAA

Mail to: OWRC-MOAA P.O. Box 4272 Copley, OH 44321.

or go to OWRC Website <https://OWRC.net> for application and pay via credit card or PayPal.

Donation to (check one)

_____ Stand Down

_____ ROTC/JROTC Scholarship

_____ Fisher house (Wade Park VA)

Enclosed is a check for: _____

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To support the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America; promote camaraderie among the officers (retired, active and former) within the OWRC region and relationships with other veteran organizations; and support projects for those pursuing military service (ROTC programs) and assisting veterans (wounded, jobless and homeless).

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