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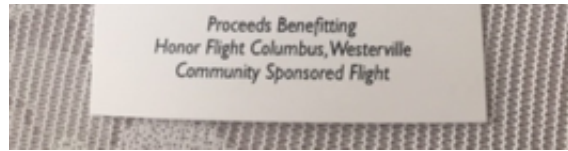
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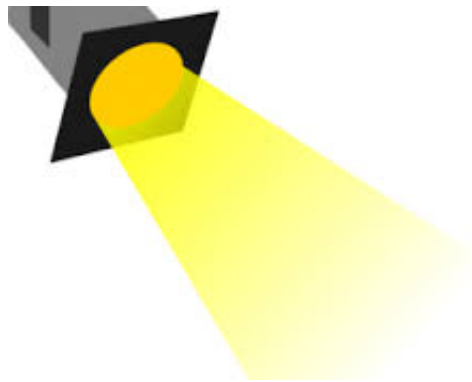
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The Westerville Honor flight committee is once again sponsoring a wonderful event for fundraising and a great evening out. Contact [Ron Pusateri](#) if interested.



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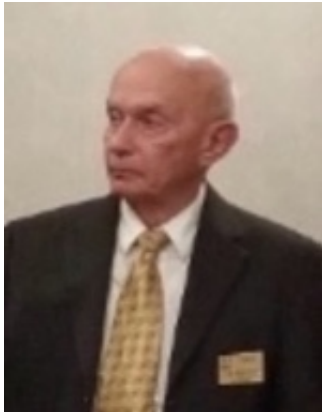


President Donald Trump has accepted House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi's invitation to deliver the State of the Union on Feb. 5.

At that time, the administration and Congress will perhaps be able to move past partisan rancor and put forward a plan of action for issues critical to our nation's defense and the benefits earned by service members past and present. [READ MORE](#)

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2019 is here and we're in full swing! Our annual business and membership meeting was held 11 January 2019. We received the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports and held elections. The following officers were re-elected: LCDR Nancy Rey, 1stVP Membership; LTC Jeff Collins, 2ndVP Programs; Col Alex Bettinger, Secretary; CDR Walter Rey, Treasurer; and I was re-elected President. I thank you for your support and confidence.

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MEMBERSHIP

Notes from the Membership's Log, February 2019

60% of our total membership (military members, surviving spouses, and supporting spouse members) has not renewed their 2019 dues yet!

I have a hard time wondering why that is:

WHO doesn't want to help their fellow veteran?

WHO doesn't want a **VOICE** in legislation for veterans?

WHO doesn't want us to accomplish in 2019 as much or even more than we did in 2018?

If you aren't sure whether or not you have renewed for 2019, feel free to call me (740-967-0739) or email me (moaacentralohio@gmail.com),

Take advantage of paying for 2 years. You won't have to worry about it next year.

Military members, don't forget that your spouse as a member is just as important to our chapter as you are,

so ask them to become a member too.

Number of people who have yet to renew: 185

Please don't let our programs suffer, **RENEW TODAY!!**
See you next month,

Nancy F. Rey LCDR US Navy (Ret)
Membership VP

“The LARGER our NUMBER, the GREATER YOUR VOICE”



Legislative News

Federal

The featured legislative alert on the MOAA website at <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/> is entitled “End the Pay Reduction for Medical Retirees”. I would encourage everyone to go to the following site and take action by contacting Congress using the drafted message. Here is more information on this alert: “We need to end the deduction of service-earned retirement pay to offset VA disability compensation for those service members whose service-connected, non-combat related disability retirement under Chapter 61, 10 U.S.C. precluded them from serving at least 20 years.” From the take action page, you have to enter your zip code and then it will take you to the draft correspondence. Enter your name, address, and POC information and follow the simple directions to send the correspondence. The entire process takes about two minutes.

Here are a few more of the legislative alerts featured on the website, “Do Not Raise TRICARE Fees”, “End the Government Shutdown Now”, “[Military pay and benefits matter](#)”, and “[Support full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees](#)”. These alerts can be found here:

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<http://takeaction.moaa.org>

There are also three key bills that MOAA is supporting listed at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/bills/> This is a great list if you're interested in learning more about the bills. You can click on the names of the bills and learn more about each of them. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Travers at ericjen2001@msn.com.



Adopt a Service Member

The following is a note I received from TSGT Barman. "Thank you very much for the box you sent. It has been a very busy time, however, I wanted to let you know the items you sent went to good use. Have a great day and keep up the great work."

This note also came through my contact in Savannah. "Thank you so much for your support these few months as I have been privileged to serve as Chaplain out here supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. The many kind words, care packages, cards, letters, and gifts you have provided to the troops have been so appreciated by everyone. So many of you have gone above and beyond the call of duty... You all are what makes America great, and you have my debt of gratitude." CH Dewhurst

Two boxes were just sent out in January. One went to an Air Force Servicewoman recently deployed to Kuwait. I volunteer with her grandfather at the VA. The other box was sent to a soldier in Afghanistan. He is a son-in-law to a local American Legion member. The post office informed me that the postage is going up over a dollar a box to APO addresses by the end of the month. If you have an extra dollar or so, our Adopt-a-Service Person program would be happy to put it to good use. Bring it to the luncheon or mail it to CDR Walter Rey, Chapter Treasurer.

Thank you. Dorothy Williams, zemzem1@aol.com

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Military survivors
need your help. Repeal the
SBP/DIC offset.

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Current law unfairly targets military survivors. Tell your representative to support H.R. 553

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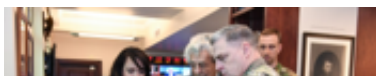


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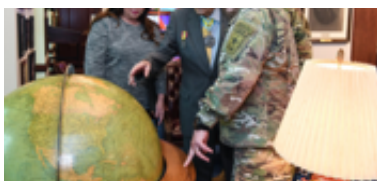
Even if you've been planning your retirement for years, one major expense can ruin your financial plans: The cost of long term care.

Today's 65-year-olds have almost a 70-percent chance of needing some type of long term care services in the future.

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[World War II Hero](#)

More than seven decades after World War II veteran James "Maggie" Megellas single-handedly wiped out a German tank with grenades during the Battle of the Bulge, efforts are being renewed to present him with the Medal of Honor.

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