

RECALL



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NEXT Meeting –Friday, July 11 , at the Berwick Party House on Refugee Road Reservations due NLT Monday, July 7.



Columbus Mayor, Michael Coleman will be our luncheon speaker in July. The mayor has instituted several new programs to benefit veterans. We will share his vision for Columbus in the years ahead.

June Meeting

The showing of "The Many Faces of Old Glory," presented by Vane Scott, generated a round of applause that is rarely heard following the showing of a film. The history lesson of America's past was truly fascinating and touched the patriotic spirit in those who attended.

Attendance:

Army: BG Gutzwiller, Beer (Frances), Bender, Cherry, Davis, Farrell (Shirley AUX), Kershner (Dorothy), Kramer, Leonard, Madden

(Charles Woodbeck – guest), Maykowski, Meadows (Linda AUX), Oswald (Hettie AUX), Parris, Radcliff, Rhoads (Wilma), Stevenson, Watts, Wire,

Navy: Burns, Eckfeld, Hanf, Moberger, (Barbara AUX), Rey (N & W), Williams.

Marine: Rentz.

Air Force: Albright (Helen AUX), Aronovsky, Georgeff (Dolly AUX), Gray, Kruse, McCoy, Merchant (Jackie AUX), Norris (Betty AUX), Priday (Carol AUX), Rogers, Stires, Van Kirk, Weidner (Jean AUX), Watkins, Weidner (Jean AUX).

Aiuxiliary: Brown, Haley, Heffner, Lord, Taylor, Turcotte, Weber.

New Member:

STEBENS, Carol A. Auxiliary (widow)

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THE LIMA COMPANY MEMORIAL

Feedback has been positive. The memorial honors the Marines and Navy Corpsmen of Lima Company, 3/25.

On display at the Statehouse through Veterans Day.

7 am - 6 pm Monday - Friday

11am - 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday

Ladies Auxiliary News

The luncheon on July 15, 2008 is canceled. The next luncheon will be Sep 17, 2008 (Wednesday) at the Berwick Party House. More information will be in the August RECALL. POC is Linda Meadows at 740-927-6123.

SENATE AMENDMENT ALERT:

MOAA has been working with several Senate champions who will sponsor amendments that are crucial to the interests of the military community, including:

- Sen. Frank Lautenberg's (D-NJ) and Sen. Chuck Hagel's (R-NE) TRICARE fee protection amendment
- Sen. Harry Reid's (D-NV) concurrent receipt amendment, which would eliminate the 10-year phase-in period for retirees rated 50-90% disabled
- Sen. Bill Nelson's (D-FL) amendment to repeal the SBP-DIC offset for military widows
- Sen. Saxby Chambliss's (R-GA) amendment to authorize Reserve retirement age credit for all activated service since 9/11/01

HOUSE PROMISES BILL ADDITIONS

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, chaired by health care champion Chet Edwards (D-TX) voted on June 12 to approve a record \$47.7 billion for VA health care and other purposes for FY2009 -- \$4.6 billion more than FY2008 and \$2.9 billion above the Administration's budget request.

\$1.6 billion of the increase would go toward prosthetics, additional caseworkers and medical research on issues affecting Iraq and Afghanistan vets. MOAA is very pleased to see that almost \$4 billion of the new funding would address mental health needs.

Although most congressional leaders are doubtful about being able to finish all 13 annual appropriations bills in this election year, the VA bill is one that looks promising, since nobody on the Hill wants to be seen as shorting veterans' needs.

The same committee approved another \$24.8 billion for military construction, with special emphasis on upgrades to military medical for

cities, barracks, and training facilities for the growing Army and Marine Corps.

The full Appropriations Committee is expected to approve the bill next week.

SEPTEMBER PICNIC PLANNED

The September meeting will be a Picnic at the VFW grounds in Gahanna. The date is Saturday, September 13. The event will start at 2 PM with challenges in Horse Shoes, Bocce, and Corn Hole. For a more relaxing venue, you can challenge one or more of the members in cards. The food will be from City Barbeque.

DAYTON AIR SHOW, JULY 19 & 20.



The amazing U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor headlines this year's Vectren Dayton Air Show. The Raptor is the world's most advanced fighter aircraft and one of the most sought after demos on the air show circuit. Its incredible maneuverability, aided by its computerized controls and powerful, thrust-vectoring jet engines make it an astonishing air show performance. The F-22 will travel to Dayton from the 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, VA.

The F-22 Raptor appearance in Dayton will truly be a "Homecoming" for this sensational aircraft. The F-22 has its roots in two major research organizations at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton: the present National Air and Space Intelligence Center and Air Force Research Laboratory. F-22 acquisition continues under the Aeronautical Systems Center (ASC) also based at Wright-Patterson, a unit of Air Force Material Command. ASC's 478th Aeronautical Systems Wing remains responsible for design, production, deployment, modernization and sustainment of the aircraft.