

# RECALL



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**NEXT Meeting –Friday, April 11, at  
Berwick Party House on Refugee Rd  
Reservations due NLT Monday, April 7.**



Guest Speaker – COL Lee Lange II, USMC (Ret), MOAA Director of Council and Chapter Affairs.



Special Guest: MGEN Gregory L. Wayt,  
The Adjutant General of Ohio

### **March Meeting**

Karen Kish shared with us the joy of Veterans who have been inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and put in our hands the tools to nominate others for this honor. The deadline for nominations is May 15. Our own BG Clyde Gutzwiller is a member of this elite group. Visit [theMOCCO.org](http://theMOCCO.org) for additional information.

### **March 2008 attendance:**

**Army:** BG Gutzwiller, Cunningham, Farrell (Shirley AUX), Kershner (Dorothy AUX), Lively (Van AUX), Madden, Meadows (Linda AUX), Oswald (Hetti AUX), Stevenson, Watts, Wire.

**Navy:** Barkley, Bezouska, Burns, Rey (N & W), Shaw, Southworth, Williams.

**Marine:** Rentz

**Air Force:** Brig Gen Meyer, Albright (Helen AUX), Aronovsky, Bower, Donnerly, Ford, Georgeff (Dolly AUX), Gray, Merchant (Jackie AUX), McCoy, Norris (Betty AUX), Priday (Carol AUX), Rogers (Mary AUX), VanKirk, White, Yerian.

**Auxiliary:** Brown, Heffner.

### **Looking Ahead**

1. In May MOCCO joins the other military groups for Armed Forces Day at Villa Milano on Schrock Road. More information in the MAY RECALL

2. Let President Walter Rey know if you would like to be a presenter of ROTC and JROTC awards.

### **Congratulations !**

to Rob Cooper of the Coast Guard - promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

## **Have You Renewed Your Membership?**

Treasurer COL Tom Farrell wants to remind those members have not yet sent in their 2008 dues to do so. Please use the enclosed envelope to stay on board. \$15- Regular \$7-Auxiliary .

## **New Member & Returning Member:**

HOFFMAN, Richard L. LTC, AUS  
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BECKETT, Rodney J, CAPT, USN  
Spouse: Deborah AUX  
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## **Directory Change**

1<sup>st</sup> VP and Membership Chair, CPT Gerald Ozwald has a new phone # [printed version only]  
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## **DOD ANNOUNCES RECRUITING/RETENTION NUMBERS**

Active Duty services have met or exceeded recruiting goals for February and have surpassed goals for FY 2008. All six reserve components have met or exceeded their accession goals through February 2008. Retention remains exceptionally strong also. "Not only are recruiting numbers impressive," said Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, "but the quality is remaining high, while attrition numbers are extremely low." Hall said the reserve components have achieved 109 percent of their year- to- date goals through the first five months of the fiscal year. He said he is often asked why recruiting numbers are so good despite the frantic operations tempo. The numbers show that patriotism and national service are "alive and well."

## **Senate Bill No. 289 INTRODUCED**

SPONSOR: Senator Spada  
Cosponsors: Senators Harris, Stivers, Grendell,  
Schuler, Schuring, Seitz, Padgett, Fedor, Niehaus,  
Austria, Mumper

The bill would create a Department of Veterans Affairs and a Director of Veterans Affairs, to create duties for the department and the director, to transfer the duties of the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs to the department, and to place the Ohio Veterans' Home Agency and the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board under the department.

## **FROM THE VA**

The Veterans' Administration offers a Special Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefit that is largely unknown. This Special Pension (part of the VA Improved Pension program) allows for Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person – full details at [theMOCCCO.org](http://theMOCCCO.org).

## **ECONOMIC STIMULUS REBATE RECAP**

\$300 for individuals or \$600 per couple for social security recipients, disabled veterans with \$3,000-plus income. \$600 for single tax filers with up to \$75,000 adjusted gross income (AGI). AGI is taxable income from all sources minus IRS allowed adjustments. Rebate is reduced for singles with no children after \$75,000 and eliminated at \$87,000. \$1,200 for couples filing jointly with AGI of \$150,000 or less. Rebate reduced for couples with no children after \$150,000 and eliminated at \$174,000.

## **HOW DO I GET MY REBATE?**

You must file a 1040 A tax form, even if you don't normally do so. Rebates will be sent out starting in late May, 2008.

## **WHERE CAN I GO FOR HELP?**

1.) The Ohio Benefit Bank program has trained counselors, who are currently staffing [120 Benefit Bank sites](#) and clinics across the state, to help prepare and file federal and Ohio income tax returns at no cost to eligible Ohioans. [Free income tax assistance](#) is also available through an online, self-service program at [www.obb.ohio.gov](http://www.obb.ohio.gov) .

To find locations nearest you, call 1-800-648-1176.  
2.) for free tax help go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or [www.aarp.org/](http://www.aarp.org/) . AARP has 7,000 Tax-Aide sites nationwide on its website link or call 1-888-227-7669 for locations. To get a 1040 A form, visit the website link above or call 1-800-829-3676.