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January General Membership Meeting Recap

Can Playing Cards Prevent Suicide?



President MAJ David Sears, thanking Lisa Newburger for her presentation



Willie Menza, Carol Hahn, Linda and Col Dick Calta



Ernie Stadvec and George Manos



CW03 Don Oglesby sorting his cards



Lisa Newburger, Lisa Sears, LTC Carl Peifer, LTC Grover Miller



Suicide...is a frightening topic to talk about particularly if you are concerned about a veteran or a soldier. At our Jan. 21st meeting, Lisa Newburger, LISW-S, the owner of Discuss Directives, LLC held a focus group with MOAA to take a look at a new suicide prevention product called Heart2Hearts[®] Army Edition cards. She had been asked to create this product by the army and has even given a briefing about them at the Pentagon last February. The purpose of these cards is for earlier identification of signs of clinical depression with the goal of intervention. They are conversation starters and thought provoking ideas that are useful in identification of depressive symptoms. The cards are geared for every branch of the military including veterans and has resources whether you are deployed or in the states. She is looking for more opportunities to hold these focus groups as she currently has had over 150 organizations/people review this product and her programs for leadership, families, and military personnel. To see samples or to purchase these cards, visit www.discussdirectives.com. To contact Lisa, please call 440-591-8091 or email her at lisa@discussdirectives.com

Chapter Dues Are Due

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Next Membership Meeting Sat., Feb. 25, 2012

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President of MOAA coming to Youngstown Chapter

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Chapter Membership Dues

One year \$20 due by January 31

Two years \$38 if paid by January 31

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Name: _____ Spouse 1st Name _____

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Newsletters will be emailed, if you prefer USPS attach a note to this application

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Chapter Member Dues = \$20/yr from Jan. 1 to Dec 31 Voluntary Scholarship Contribution \$ _____ (tax deductible)

Enclosed is a check for: \$ _____ Make Check Payable To and Mail To:

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February General Membership Meeting

Where: **356th Fighter Group Restaurant**
 4919 Mt. Pleasant Rd
 N. Canton, OH 44720

**New Place
 New Day
 New Time**

I-77 north or south to exit 113 at the traffic light in front of the airport (Lauby Rd) turn left. Go to the next cross street with a traffic light. Mt. Pleasant turn right, on the top of the hill on the right hand side.

When: **Saturday, 25 Feb. 2012**

Social: **12–12:45 hrs**

Call to Order: **12:45 hr**



Meal Selection: **Light Lunch Menu. Costs normally \$10–\$15 per selection**

Attire: **Casual Business Dress**

Speaker: **Sean Baumgartner**

Topic: **The VA National Cemetery System, OWR National Cemetery in particular**

RSVP: by one of the following methods below, no later than **Feb 23rd**. This is important for the restaurant manager to staff the establishment accordingly.

1. Call LTC Dave Riegler at 330-666-2257
2. Email your reservation to: owrcmoaa@owrc.net

VADM Ryan, President and CEO of MOAA will deliver the charter to Mahoning & Shenango Valleys Chapter (Youngstown, OH) If you would like to attend this event on Thursday, February 23 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Don Oglesby, contact information on page 2 and he will send you the information.

OWRC-MOAA—2012 Calendar of Events

 <p>Plan to Attend Every Wednesday Social Luncheon Michael's AM Restaurant 1130 hours 1562 Akron Peninsula Rd # 120 at W. Portage Trail Akron, OH 44313</p>	<p>February 25—Membership at 356th Fighter Group Restaurant, 1200–14:30 hrs <i>Guest Speaker: Mr. Sean Baumgartner</i> <i>VA National Cemetery</i></p>	<p>March 17—Membership at 356th Fighter Group Restaurant, 1200–14:30 hrs Order from light lunch menu <i>American Red Cross Disaster Services</i></p>
<p align="center">356th Fighter Group Restaurant • 4919 Mt. Pleasant Rd., N. Canton, OH 44720 • I-77 exit 113 Akron/Canton Airport</p>		
<p>April 19—Membership at Prime 93 formerly Anthe's (order from early bird menu at restaurant) 1800–2030 hrs 28—OH Council—Wright Patterson AFB</p>	<p>May 1—Exec. Board Meeting, Veterans Service Center (VSC) 17:30–18:45 17—ROTC/JROTC Recognition Membership at Prime 93 1800–2030 hrs. RSVP: Check must accompany res.</p>	<p>June 14—Army Birthday 1775 23—Membership Annual Picnic Silver Lake, Ohio 1200–1600 hrs. Bring a dish-to-plate</p>
<p>July 10—Membership Golf/Picnic Loyal Oaks Golf Course 1200/Golf—1730/Picnic 28—OH Council—Wright Patterson AFB 31—Exec. Board Meeting, Veterans Service Center (VSC) 17:30–18:45</p>	<p>August 4—Coast Guard Birthday 1790 19—Membership Steak Fry & Corn Roast Tadmor Picnic Pavilion 1400–1700</p>	<p>September 17—Air Force Birthday 1947 20—Membership at Prime 93 (order from early bird menu at restaurant) 1800–2030 hrs</p>
<p>October 13—Navy Birthday 1775 18—Membership at Prime 93 (order from early bird menu at restaurant) 1800–2030 hrs 27—OH Council—Wright Patterson AFB 30—Exec. Board Meeting, Veterans Service Center (VSC) 17:30–18:45</p>	<p>November 10—Marine Corps Birthday 1775 15—Membership at Prime 93 (order from early bird menu at restaurant) 1800–2030 hrs <i>Annual business meeting and election of officers</i></p>	<p>December 6—Membership Christmas Party, Galaxy Restaurant, Wadsworth, Ohio 1800–2100 hrs RSVP: Check must accompany reservation. <i>Officer Installation</i> 16—National Guard Birthday 1636</p>

Notes: All members and spouses are encouraged to attend all chapter/board meetings and activities
 "VSC" = Veterans Service Center – 1060 E. Waterloo Road, Akron



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Welcome New Members

Mr. Ernie Stadvec—He is both a WWII and Korean War Veteran in the Army Air Corps, then the Air Force

Cadets from Kent State

- Cadet Samuel Kelley, Strongsville
- Cadet Ben Horvath, North Canton
- Cadet Gregory Mayo IV, Cleveland
- Cadet Kevin Bennet, Alliance
- Cadet Zachary Macek, Cuyahoga Falls
- Cadet Maria Strawn, Archbold
- Cadet Jessica Weinman, Middlefield
- Cadet Joel Melnick, Salem
- Cadet Glen Kreisher, III, Akron
- Cadet Evan Washburn, Greenfield

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Message From OWRC President

We are now into February 2012. This is the month to remember the birthdays of two extraordinarily influential Presidents of this Nation. Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and George Washington on February 22. We do so on Monday February 20th with the official observance President's Day. This is an ideal time for each of us to remind those close to us of the history of this nation and the impact of these men on our heritage.

The participation at our January meeting is greatly appreciated. Our February meeting will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the 356th Fighter Group Restaurant located adjacent to Canton-Akron Airport. The social gathering time is from 12:00 noon until 12:45 P.M. when the call to order is given. Our guest presenter will be Mr. Sean Baumgartner, Director, Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, OH.

Incidentally, February 2012 is a Leap Year February giving us 29 days. This also coincides with U.S. Presidential election years and Olympic competition years. Enjoy the Northeast Ohio weather and see all at our next chapter meeting.

David B Sears, *President OWRC-MOAA*

Commissary in Pittsburgh (Moon) Gets Final Go-Ahead to Start Construction Fall 2013

Wednesday, December 07, 2011 *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

There have been talks about the \$17 million facility for several years, which has the bipartisan support of the entire state Congressional delegation, but the final approval it needed was being held up by the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Pentagon leaped the committee in a letter issued by deputy undersecretary of defense Jo Ann Rooney, which basically said the necessary funding approval was in place to get the project started.

"Since Congress appropriated funds for construction of the commissary, I have determined that additional Congressional approval is not required for construction to proceed," the principal deputy undersecretary for personnel and readiness wrote Dec. 1.

The Defense Commissary Agency could issue requests for proposals on the construction in the next 45 days. After bid reviews, construction of the 43,000-square-foot facility at University Boulevard and Business Loop Interstate 376 could begin next fall.

The new commissary for 168,000 eligible military personnel and veterans in the area—is supposed to replace the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility in Collier. Federal officials announced in 2005 that Kelly would close as part of a national restructuring of bases.

Editor's Note: On February 3rd, the Air Force announced plans to close the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh within the next two years, moving two of its seven C-130 transport planes to other bases and retiring the rest.