



# MOAA®

## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER



# APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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**MOAA Pittsburgh - A Five Star Chapter**  
**Chartered on Veterans Day - 11 November 1965**

**Our Mission: "Never Stop Serving!"**

***Next Luncheon Meeting - Sunday, April 27, 2025***

***Guest Speaker:***

***The Honorable Nickolas R. Pisciotano, PA Senator***

***Chartiers Country Club***

***601 Baldwin Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15205***

***Social Hour/Cash Bar: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM***

***Lunch and Program: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM***

***Lunch Served Promptly at 2:00 PM***

***[Chartiers Country Club | Pittsburgh, PA](#)***

***See schedule on the newsletter's last page***

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## New MOAA National **CHEDDAR** **PLATFORM** for Dues Payment.

MOAA NATIONAL is working with a new platform CHEDDAR to make online dues payment a breeze. The link to payment -

[View Items | Cheddar Up](#)

If you would like to pay by check, please make checks payable to **MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter** and mail to our Treasurer-

Marcel Minutolo  
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**We are asking ALL who receive this Newsletter to please pay their 2025 MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter dues of \$20.00 no later than at the Chapter Luncheon on April 27, 2025.**

To become a National MOAA Member, click on the link below and sign up. National Basic Membership is FREE! Then pay your Chapter dues accordingly.  
[MOAA Membership](#)

If you have any questions regarding the Chapter's finances, please reach out to Marcel Minutolo, Treasurer, at [minutolom@gmail.com](mailto:minutolom@gmail.com).

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## April Donation Collection for the Residents at the Southwestern Veterans Center

As previously talked about and positively voted upon in 2024, the MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter will begin collecting items for residents living at the **Southwestern Veterans Center (7060 Highland Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15206)**. This is the Center that our Chapter has volunteered at assisting with bingo games throughout the years. To read the April 2025 SWVC

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Newsletter, click [here](#).

My wife, Kathy, spoke with the SWVC's Volunteer Resource Coordinator about donation needs for the residents. The Center has both male and female residents and is appreciative of any donation, but it does lack in receiving donations specifically for its female residents. **With that in mind, we would like to collect packages of socks for the female residents but will also accept packages of socks for the male residents, too, if you're so inclined.**

Size large or x-large socks, diabetic socks, wide calf, are some descriptions that would be the most beneficial.

**Please bring your sock donations to the Luncheon Meeting on Sunday, April 27, and place in the donation box that will be provided that day.**

Thank you in advance for donating to the residents at the Southwestern Veterans Center. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jon Comis at [moapitt@gmail.com](mailto:moapitt@gmail.com).

P.S. As an FYI, we will be collecting zippered change purses and fanny packs at the July 13 Luncheon Meeting.

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## Surviving Spouse Liaison

Our Surviving Spouse Liaison, **Oralia Ferretti**, is always ready to answer any questions. Please reach out to Oralia. Her phone number and email address are located in the Pittsburgh Chapter Leader Section.

**Click the links below to view content:**

[Surviving Spouse Corner: Join Our Virtual Chapter](#)

[MOAA's Surviving Spouse Resources Website](#)

[Surviving Spouse Corner: Improve Your Mental Skills with These Brain Exercises](#)

[Surviving Spouse Advisory Council](#) Learn more about MOAA's Surviving

Spouse programs and resources [here](#).

## **Did you know there is a MOAA Surviving Spouses & Friends Facebook Group?**

[MOAA Surviving Spouses & Friends Facebook Group](#) has over 850 members and provides updated information on important surviving spouse issues — especially regarding legislation important to surviving spouses and their families. Former SSAC member Kathy Prout is the administrator, with Kathy Thorp and Nancy Mullen assisting.

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## **2024 Advocacy in Action (AiA) Council President's Seminar**

Our state of Pennsylvania will be represented at the MOAA Spring 2025 Advocacy in Action Seminar in Washington, DC, by the PACOC President Nick Taylor, Past Council President Keith Beebe, and MOAA National Board Member Chuck Anderson (PA).

## [MOAA - How MOAA Plans to Build Momentum in the 119th Congress](#)

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## ***MOAAA ADVOCACY - A Top Priority for Change!***

Now is the time to sign up and email your Legislative Representatives. Currently our chapter has twenty (20) members registered as advocates, and between January 1, 2024, and October 1, 2024, we had a total of (158) actions taken by our members. It is a self-explanatory process to sign up and email our representatives. We must speak up and make ourselves heard, for those who have served, and for those who are currently serving. If there are any questions on this process, please contact our Chapter's Legislative Liaison.

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It is time to **"TAKE ACTION NOW!"**

***Follow the Links below to take action to write your Representatives.***

[MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](#)

[MOAA - Meet MOAA's New Legislative Action Center](#)

[MOAA - MOAA's Military State Report Card and Tax Guide](#)

[Pennsylvania Senators, Representatives, and Congressional District Maps - GovTrack.us](#)

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# **JROTC/ROTC AWARDS SECTION**

**OUR JROTC/ROTC Team needs VOLUNTEERS to present awards! So**

far, we have five (5) events planned. There will be more requests soon, because most of the events take place in the spring. If anyone is interested, please contact our chapter's ROTC /JROTC Liaison:

**LTC (RET) Charles Chasler**  
**ROTC Liaison**  
**716-785-4383**  
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**Thanks to all our volunteers!**

**Below is a current ROTC/JROTC Event Schedule, please contact LTC Chuck Chasler for more details -**

DATE	ROTC/JROTC FUNCTION	2025 LOCATION	PROJECTED ATTENDEES/MANAGERS	NOTES/AAR
4-5-2025	Beaver HS JROTC Military Ball	Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes, Aliquippa, PA	Ms. Polly Bozdech-Veater	SGM (R) Oscar Weaver, USA
4-11-2025	Steel City (CMU) NROTC Awards	McConomy Auditorium in CMU's Jared L. Cohon University Center.	Captain/Dr. USN (RET) Eugene Ginchereau	LT Parker Sharp NROTCU Carnegie Mellon University
4-25-2025	Butler HS JROTC Military Ball	American Legion Post 778 150 Legion Memorial Lane in Butler, PA 16001	LTJG USNR Chad Rittle	MAJ (R) Colman, USA
05-1-2025	SRU ROTC Awards	Slippery Rock Township Building, 155 Branchton Rd, Slippery Rock	MAJ Rich Digiacomio	Ms. Becky Lindey Secretary, DMS, SRU
5-3-2025	PR HS JROTC Banquet	Pine Richland High School	Captain/Dr. USN (RET) Eugene Ginchereau	MSG Leydig, USAF
5-7-2025	AG HS JROTC Awards	Albert Gallatin High School	CPT USA Dan Kysela	LTC (R) Richard Cassem, USA /CSM Alexander Lashendock, USA
5-9-2025	North Allegheny JROTC Awards	North Allegheny High School	LTJG USNR Chad Rittle	LTC (R) Accamando SGT (R) Doug Eggert
<b>TBD</b>	Seneca Valley JROTC Banquet	Seneca Valley HS	<b>Presenter Needed</b>	CSM John Kortz, USA
	<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>BALL</b>	<b>BANQUET</b>	<b>COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY</b>

**PENNSYLVANIA VETERAN'S REGISTRY LINK-**  
<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/pages/outreach-and-reintegration/pennsylvaniaveteransregistry.aspx>

**Leadership Update for Pittsburgh-area VSOs**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

**VA Pittsburgh Health Systems Monthly Townhall**

If any member is interested, a request in an email to Ms. Heather Steele will

establish you on her mailing list. You will be sent an email monthly to inform you when and where the meetings are located. You can also attend through a Zoom Link from your home computer.

Veterans, VAPHS leadership and representatives from the Veterans Benefits Administration Pittsburgh Regional Office and the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will provide updates on current initiatives and answer your questions. Your valued input helps us ensure we meet the needs of Veterans who visit us for care at our two main campuses and six outpatient clinics.

Heather Steele

Please **RSVP** and plan to join in person, by video or on the phone:

- At the **H.J. Heinz III campus**, in the building 71 Learning Exchange.
- Via **Webex video**.
- By phone at 1-404-397-1596 (toll-free), access code: 2820 550 7356.

[Heather.Steele@va.gov](mailto:Heather.Steele@va.gov)

[VA Pittsburgh Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#)

[VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System | Pittsburgh PA | Facebook](#)

[FY25Q1 VAPHS Veterans Town Hall](#)

[Veterans Health Administration](#)

[Applying for Benefits - Veterans Benefits Administration](#)

[Find A VA Accredited Representative Or VSO | Veterans Affairs](#)

[VSAFE](#)

[VA Decision Reviews And Appeals | Veterans Affairs](#)

[About the Veterans Legacy Memorial \(VLM\) - National Cemetery Administration](#)

[National Cemetery of the Alleghenies - National Cemetery Administration](#)

[Veterans Burial Allowance And Transportation Benefits | Veterans Affairs](#)

[Pittsburgh Regional Office Home](#)

***New VA Outpatient Clinics Coming Soon!***

**Expected to open in 2 years!**



**Westmoreland County**

## Beaver County

301 Beaver Valley Mall  
Boulevard in Monaca  
(former Sears  
automotive store)

Off Rt. 30 at the Mt.  
Pleasant Road exit, near  
Hampton Inn in  
Greensburg

## Veterans Service Organizations accredited representatives to Assist - [VA Accredited Representative FAQs | Veterans Affairs](#)

The following Veterans Service Organizations are located at the Pittsburgh Regional Office (FEDERAL BUILDING):

- American Legion, Room 1607, 412-395-6230/6231 (Hours 8:00am-4:00pm)
- American Veterans, Room 1605, 412-395-6248 (By Appointment)
- Disabled American Veterans, Room 1606, 412-395-6241 (Hours: 8:00am-3:00pm, except Wednesdays 8:00am-11:30am)
- Paralyzed Veterans of America, Room 1602, 412-395-6255 (Hours 7:00am-3:30pm)
- Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Room 1612, 412-395-6225 (Hours 8:15am-4:30pm)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Room 1601, 412-395-6259 (Hours 8:30am-4:00pm)



The Pennsylvania Council of Chapter's NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
PA Council of Chapters- **Saturday, 7 June 2025 at Biddle Hall, FIG**

[Who We Are - PA Council of Chapters \(pa-coc.org\)](http://pa-coc.org)

Below are the VA Facilities that are located in our chapter's AOR. Our chapter MOAA representatives are listed (Thomas Tallon and Richard DiGiacomo). PACOC is asking for volunteers to fill vacancies that are tasked to other organizations. If anyone is interested, contact chapter president Jon Comis or PACOC and Chapter Past President Bob Heister.

### Southwestern Veterans Center

POC: Cheri McAfee 412-665-6708

Member Type	Member Name <sup>(R = Reappointment)</sup>	Affiliation	Appointed On	Term Begins	Term Ends	
Gov Appointee #1	Rommel Dacanay	BVA	1/30/2018	6/2/2017	6/1/2020	Re Appt Needed
Gov Appointee #2	Matthew Zamosky	PSACDVA	1/23/2024	6/2/2023	6/1/2026	
Gov Appointee #3	William Roland <sup>R</sup>	VFW	9/29/2023	6/2/2023	6/1/2026	
Gov Appointee #4	Paul Kennedy	TAL	1/22/2024	6/2/2023	6/1/2026	
Gov Appointee #5	R. Michael Chuey <sup>R</sup>	CWV	7/27/2022	6/2/2023	6/1/2026	
Gov Appointee #6	E. James Lamison <sup>R</sup>	AMVETS	10/28/2021	6/2/2024	6/1/2027	
Gov Appointee #7	Timothy A. Sager <sup>R</sup>	KPV	5/12/2023	6/2/2024	6/1/2027	
Gov Appointee #8	William Aronson <sup>R</sup>	MOPH	6/4/2018	6/2/2021	6/1/2027	
Gov Appointee #9	Kenneth Vybiral	TAL	1/22/2024	6/2/2022	6/1/2025	
Gov Appointee #10	Gary Anspach	MCL	11/2/2022	6/2/2022	6/1/2025	
Gov Appointee #11	Thomas E. Tallon <sup>R</sup>	MOAA	5/12/2023	6/2/2022	6/1/2025	
Gov Appointee #12	Edward L. Hanke <sup>R</sup>	DAV	5/22/2024	6/2/2022	6/1/2025	
PA Senate Appointee	Senator Devlin Robinson	PA Senate	2/8/2023	12/1/2022	11/30/2024	
PA House Appointee	Representative La'Tasha Mayes	PA House	May-23	12/1/2022	11/30/2024	
Resident Appointee	Kenneth Stubbs	SWVC			Indefinite	

### Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

#### Advisory Council

POC: Rasheda Goodwine 814-878-4927

Member Type	Member Name <sup>(R = Reappointment)</sup>	Affiliation	Appointed On	Term Begins	Term Ends	
Gov Appointee #1	Karen Foust <sup>R</sup>	DAV	5/22/2024	7/28/2023	7/27/2026	
Gov Appointee #2	Bobbi Cumpston	PSACDVA	1/23/2024	7/28/2023	7/27/2026	
Gov Appointee #3	Robert C. Eiler <sup>R</sup>	VFW	9/29/2023	7/28/2023	7/27/2026	
Gov Appointee #4	Anthony DiGiacomo <sup>R</sup>	PSACDVA	1/29/2024	7/28/2023	7/27/2026	
Gov Appointee #5	Richard B. Supak <sup>R</sup>	CWV	11/18/2020	7/28/2023	7/27/2026	
Gov Appointee #6	VACANT	MOPH		7/28/2024	7/27/2027	Appt Needed
Gov Appointee #7	Harry E. Stewart <sup>R</sup>	TAL	8/9/2021	7/28/2021	7/27/2024	Appt Needed
Gov Appointee #8	Raymond J. Chambers <sup>R</sup>	MCL	3/4/2025	7/28/2021	7/27/2027	
Gov Appointee #9	Gary Fry <sup>R</sup>	AMVETS	1/22/2024	7/28/2022	7/27/2025	
Gov Appointee #10	Joseph Benacci	PSACDVA	1/23/2024	7/28/2022	7/27/2025	
Gov Appointee #11	Richard J. DiGiacomo <sup>R</sup>	MOAA	5/12/2023	7/28/2022	7/27/2025	
Gov Appointee #12	VACANT	BVA		7/28/2022	7/27/2025	Appt Needed
PA Senate Appointee	Senator Dan Laughlin	PA Senate	2/6/2023	12/1/2022	11/30/2024	
PA House Appointee	Representative Patrick J. Harkins	PA House	May-23	12/1/2022	11/30/2024	
Resident Appointee	Keith Eller	PSSH	1/29/2024	1/29/2024	Indefinite	

## **MOAA QUICK LINKS CORNER**

*This Corner will help you link to the information needed for numerous questions on the benefits of joining MOAA to federal, state and regional information, and our new chapter website.*

### **Why join MOAA-**

[MOAA - Why Join MOAA](#)

### **MOAA's Military State**

[MOAA - MOAA's Military State Report Card and Tax Guide](#)

### **Policy and Procedure Guidelines-**

[MOAA - Council and Chapters Policy and Procedure Guide Details](#)

### **Ask the EXPERTS! (new)-**

[MOAA - AskTheExperts](#)

### **Surviving Spouses-**

[MOAA - I Am a Surviving Spouse](#)

### **MOAA Legislative Action Center**

[MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](#)



**MOAA ROTC Program**  
[MOAA - MOAA ROTC/JROTC Awards Program](#)

**MOAA Council and Chapter Dates to Know-**  
[MOAA - Council and Chapter Dates to Know](#)

**The MOAA Newsletter-**  
[MOAA - The MOAA Newsletter](#)

**Events Calendar-**  
[MOAA - MOAA Events](#)

**MOAA Council and Chapter Awards-**  
[MOAA - Council and Chapter Awards](#)

**MOAA Scholarship Fund-**  
[MOAA - Scholarship Fund](#)

**MOAA Publications-**  
[MOAA - MOAA Publications](#)

**PA Council of Chapters-**  
[Who We Are - PA Council of Chapters \(pa-coc.org\)](#)

**Southwestern Veteran's Center-**  
[Southwestern Veterans' Center \(pa.gov\)](#)

**Soldiers and Sailors-**  
[Soldiers' and Sailors' \(pa.gov\)](#)

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## ***Veteran Service Organizations and Mil Links***

American Legion: [The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](#)

AMVETS: [AMVETS: Serving American Veterans](#)

Catholic War Veterans: [Catholic Veterans Organization - Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America](#)

Disabled American Vets (DAV): [DAV : Disabled American Veterans](#)

Jewish War Veterans: [Home - Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.](#)

Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania (MACWPA): [About MACWPA | Military Affairs Council Western PA](#)

Military Order of the Purple Heart: <https://www.purpleheart.org/>

Operation Troop Appreciation: [Operation Troop Appreciation | Dedicated To the Armed Forces](#)

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA): [Home](#)

Veterans Breakfast Club: [Veterans Stories - Every Veteran Has a Story - Veterans Breakfast Club](#)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): <https://www.vfw.org/>

Vietnam Veterans Inc: [Vietnam Veterans, Inc – "Esprit de Corp" among Vietnam Veterans](#)

Wounded Warrior Project: [Veterans Charity - Non Profit Organization for Veterans](#)

316th ESC: [316th ESC](#)

171st Air Refueling Wing: [171st Air Refueling Wing > Home](#)

911th Airlift Wing: [About Us](#)

## ***Space A Information***

[MOAA - Your Introduction to Space-A Travel](#)

Poppin Smoke- [subscribe here!](#)

[Quickstart Guide to Military Space-A Flights - Poppin' Smoke](#)

[Where to Find Military Space-A Flight Schedules - Poppin' Smoke](#)

[Military Space-A Lodging: Eligibility and Reservation Tips - Poppin' Smoke](#)  
[Space-A Travel](#)

[Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation \(MWR\) Lodging: Resorts, Cottages, and Campgrounds - Poppin' Smoke](#)

[Expat Military Retiree Interviews: Learn About Life Overseas - Poppin' Smoke](#)

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## **MOAA PITTSBURGH 2025 PROJECTED EVENTS**

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2025 PROJECTED				
DATE	FUNCTION	LOCATION	ATTENDEES/MANAGERS	NOTES/AAR
JAN-DEC 2025- 2nd Monday of all months	Google Meet Meeting	Home Computer or Phone	Chapter Leadership Staff	Short/Long Term Planning
JAN-DEC 2025 (TBD)	VAPHS Roundtable	In Person or Home Computer	President Comis/ Anyone	The VA Pittsburgh Health Systems provide new info.
JAN-DEC 2025 (TBD)	JROTC (ROTC) Ceremonies, Awards, Banquets	Western PA Region	LTC (RET) Chasler and Team	ROTC/JROTC Presenter Team
JAN-DEC 2025 (Saturdays)	PACOC Meetings: MAR 8th /JUN 14th/ SEP 13th / DEC 13th	Biddle Hall, FIG (1100 hr.)/ December meeting via ZOOM	LTC (RET) Comis/All PA Chapter Presidents/CPT (Ret.) Bob Heister PACOC Past President	PACOC Pres. Nick Taylor meets with PA Chap. Pres. who report chapter's operations and future planning/projections
JAN-DEC 2025 (TBD)	OLD GUARD LUNCH (Brainstorming Ideas)	BRAVO's Waterfront (TBD)	ALCON Roundtable	Short/Long Term Planning
JAN-DEC 2025 (TBD)	Chapter Events (field trips, sporting events)	Western PA Region	ALL	Planning
ALL 2025 Luncheons	VA DONATION BOX	Chartiers Country Club	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	The donations will be issued to hospitalized veterans for the holidays
04-25/ 26-2025	—USARC Ret.App.Day	316th ESC, Coraopolis, PA	Chapter Volunteers (TBD)	CANCELLED by USARC
4-27-2025	LUNCH/MEETING	Chartiers Country Club	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	Meeting to prelude Lunch
27- April/ Dec 2024	VA Donation Box	All Luncheons	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	Collect clothing and grooming items for hospitalized Vets
31-May-25	VA Bingo	SWVA Facility	Pat Seda-Rivera	Assist SWVA with Bingo
1 June- 8 Dec 2024	VA Home Holiday Card Collection	Western PA	COL (RET) Carmen DiGiacomo	Members signed and issued cards to the veterans in our Regional VA
7-13-2025	LUNCHEON	Chartiers Country Club	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	Speaker TBD
9-7-2025	LUNCHEON	Chartiers Country Club	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	Speaker TBD
10-12-2025	LUNCH/ELECTIONS	Chartiers Country Club	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	Annual Meeting/Elections
12-7-2025	HOLIDAY/ PARTY	Chartiers Country Club	ALL /Pat Seda-Rivera	Holiday Party

## APRIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

### **ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

We, the MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter, will be having a luncheon with speaker on **Sunday, 27 April 2025**, at the **Chartiers Country Club, 601 Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh, 15205.**

Our Speaker for April will be the **Honorable Pennsylvania Senator Nick Pisciotto**, who also assigned to the PA Senate's **Veteran Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee (VAEP).**

**[Nick Pisciotto for State Senate](#)**  
**[Home - Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness](#)**



# Senator Nick Pisciotano Announces Partnership with VFW & American Legion to Support Veterans

March 27, 2025

SENATOR **NICK PISCIOTTANO**  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE VFW  & AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

## VETERAN ASSISTANCE OUTREACH



**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY • CALL 412-664-5200 TO SCHEDULE**

*Military veterans will meet with a representative to discuss veteran assistance opportunities including new or existing veteran benefit applications.*

**APPOINTMENT LOCATIONS:**

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 10AM-2PM	4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 10AM-2PM	2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 10AM-2PM
<b>Penn Borough Community Library</b> 445 Center New Texas Road Penn • PA 15239	<b>Sen. Pisciotano's McKeesport District Office</b> Public Safety Building 201 Lynn Boulevard • Suite 100 McKeesport, PA 15132	<b>Clarion Municipal Building</b> 551 Ravensburg Blvd. Clarion • PA 15022



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***Due to a larger party scheduled next door to our regular luncheon room, our luncheon is being held in the "Porch Reno Room." All accommodations will be the same (See picture above). Tables will be adjusted to seat 6-8 members***

A social hour with a cash bar begins at 1:00 PM (1300 hours). A seated lunch will start to be served promptly at 2:00 PM (1400 hours). Valet parking will be available under the breezeway tunnel.

Members can make their meal selections and pay by the following two ways:

- Contact our Events Planner Pat Rivera-Seda by email [julio.moaa@comcast.net](mailto:julio.moaa@comcast.net) or phone (412-704-5070) and make your reservation and meal selections. ***Mail your completed order form below with your check to Pat's mailing address listed below:***
- Contact our Events Planner Pat Rivera-Seda by email [julio.moaa@comcast.net](mailto:julio.moaa@comcast.net) or phone (412-704-5070) and make your reservations and meal selections. ***Pay Pat by check (made payable to MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter) directly at the door.***

**Pat Rivera-Seda  
602 Cloverview Circle  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239-2370**

If you have not attended a luncheon/meeting yet, please try and attend this first gathering of the year. There will be good food, conversation, comradery, and award presentations to honor a few of our hardworking

volunteers.

**Menu for the 27 April 2025 Meeting/Luncheon**

**Roasted Beets Salad with Toasted Walnuts and  
Chartier's Honey Vinaigrette Dressing**

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**Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Pan Gravy**

**or**

**Grilled Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce**

**or**

**Vegetarian**

(Note: Coordination with Chef TBD)

**Buttered Parsley Potatoes**

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**Steamed Asparagus with Butter**

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**Strawberry Sundae**

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**Dinner Rolls with Butter**

**Water - Iced Tea - Coffee**

**Reservation Form - MOAA Meeting/Luncheon  
27 April 2025**

Chartiers Country Club, 601 Baldwin Rd, Pittsburgh 15205

Social hour with a cash bar beginning at 1 PM. A seated lunch to be served promptly at 2 PM followed by the program. Adjournment by 4 PM when the club closes.

NAME OF

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of: Roasted Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ or Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ or

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of: Roasted Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ or Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

PRICE: **\$35** per person

ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ MEALS

RSVP to Pat (**412-704-5070**) or by email to  
(**julio.moaa@comcast.net**) by Thursday, April 24, 2025, with entree  
selection for each attendee.

**If mailing your check, please mail it no later than Friday, April 18,  
2025, to allow enough time for Pat to receive it by April 24, 2025.**

Make checks payable to **MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter** and return to:

**Pat Seda-Rivera  
602 Cloverview Circle  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239-2370**

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## **CHAPTER LUNCHEON SPEAKERS SCHEDULED 2023-2025.**

We still need a speaker for our July Luncheon. If any member has any preferences or knows a speaker that you would like to invite to speak, notify Pat Seda or myself, and we will try and make it happen.

SPEAKERS/GUESTS	POSITION	2023					2024					2025				
		FEB	MAY	SEP	OCT	DEC	APR	JUN	SEP	DEC	APR	JUL	SEP	OCT	DEC	
Holiday Party															PARTY	
CAPT USN (RET) Eugene Ginscheau	Chapter Member and Book Author													S		
GEN USAR (RET) Robert Pleczkowski	USARC Speaker												S			
VACANT												V				
Nick Pisciotano	PA Senator (VEAP)										S					
Holiday Party															PARTY	
LT Eyobe Mills	U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh									X						
Mr. Dave Defide, Sr.	DLC Customer Programs Mgr.								X							
Nick Taylor	PACOC President							X								
Holiday Party															PARTY	
Deluzio, Chris/ Cox, Seron	PA Congressman/ (SS)				X											
1st SGT McMahon, Dennis J III	Guard Tomb of Unk Soldier			X												
Neff, Tim (Speaker)	Soldiers & Sailors (Dir. of Education)		X													
Michaels, Frank (USN Cpt.)	MOAA NATIONAL Council and Chapter Affairs	X														



**GUARDIAN ANGELS  
MEDICAL  
SERVICE DOGS**

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

**AN EVENING OF  
INSPIRING TALES & TAILS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025**

6:00PM - 7:00PM VIP RECEPTION / 6:30PM - 10:00PM DINNER PROGRAM  
THE EVENT CENTER / RIVERS CASINO / PITTSBURGH, PA

**2010 GUARDIAN ANGELS MEDICAL SERVICE DOGS 2025  
15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**



**KYLE CARPENTER,**  
AUTHOR &  
MEDAL OF HONOR  
RECIPIENT



**JACK OEHM,**  
FDNY BATTALION  
CMDR. (RET) AND  
9/11 FIRST RESPONDER

We received a request from GUARDIAN ANGELS below. If any members are interested in attending, the weblink is inserted here- [An Evening of Tales and Tails](#)





Jon and Marcel,

I am a MOAA spouse (my husband is a Navy CAPT) and military mom (Marines) reaching out with a small request.

The 501c3 nonprofit where I work, which serves veterans and first responders, has an event in Pittsburgh on May 17 at the Rivers Casino. Our keynote speaker is **author and Medal of Honor recipient Kyle Carpenter**. We will also hear from Jack Oehm, FDNY Battalion Commander (Ret.) and 9/11 first responder. Both men will speak about service, sacrifice, and resilience.

I believe many of your members may be interested in their powerful messages. Would you please share this information with your members? I've attached event details, and the link for information and to [purchase tickets is here](#). People can also call or email me directly for tickets and information.

Although our MOAA membership is with a different chapter, I sincerely hope you help.

With gratitude,  
Dawn Jordan

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PS: [Join us](#) as we celebrate 15 years of donating life-changing service dogs!

**Dawn Jordan**

Development Director  
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Let's work together to keep this good thing going!

Jon P. Comis

President

MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter

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**The 2025 Luncheons are currently scheduled as follows:**

**27 APRIL 2025 / Initial Meeting**

**13 JULY 2025**

**07 SEPTEMBER 2025 / Office Nominations**

**12 OCTOBER 2025 / Elections**

**07 DECEMBER 2025 / Holiday Party**

All Luncheons are on a Sunday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, (Dinner served at 2:00) at the Chartiers Country Club, 601 Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**Community Service Activities will be added as they are planned. Ideas/suggestions welcome. Volunteers welcome.**

**Interested in joining and/or attending and not yet a member. Please contact President Jon Comis or acting Membership Chair Marcel Minutolo by email or phone. Their contact**

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