

OCSEA VETERAN CONFERENCE 2019

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I attended the 2-day OCSEA Veteran's Conference held at the Mohican Lodge in Perrysville, OH. The drive to Mohican Lodge was one to die for, there were hills, twist and turns with no road barriers, and if you were distracted for one second, it could be your last. This conference was one of the smaller ones I attended, and it was attended from veterans all around the state. The Mayor of Perrysville, OH spoke and gave us the welcoming speech, and shared with us that he has been in this town since birth. I also learned that he is also on the board for the American Legion, which I thought you had to be a veteran? Sean McCarthy who is the Assistant Director of Department of Veteran Services spoke about his number 1 priority is hiring veterans. He also stated that hiring veterans is a good thing to do, companies are better for it, not because they are a veteran, but because they need the work done.

President Mabe talked about there is a new band in town not the Koch Brothers, they have requested from the state of Ohio and they are requesting public record info like birth dates, and other sensitive info. They continue to build their wealth off the backs of the American people we need to start teaching about who is trying to take us out. On-going legal battle with 5 members requesting reimbursement of Union dues from the time they started working for the State of Ohio. Chris Mabe stated we do not want to be like Iowa, where each year they have to vote to keep their Union. Stay Alert, Stay Woke – They are beginning their anti-union campaigns- see something, say something! Keep OCSEA informed if you are approached by people, phone calls or if you receive door knocks, etc. Our Labor Union was built on the backs of our middleclass.