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● Our April 23rd Meeting at Meadia Heights:

Our second 2020 membership meeting will be a dinner meeting on Thursday, April 23rd at the Meadia Heights Golf Club, 402 Golf Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. The gathering will begin at 5 PM with a social hour and cash bar. The meeting will be called to order at 6 PM with introductory remarks by our President, Dave Shelton. Dinner will follow at 6:15 PM with the following menu:

Salad:

Garden Salad with choice of Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette and Dinner rolls with butter

Entrée and Sides Buffet:

Seared Medallions of Beef with red wine reduction
Herb Seared Salmon
Herb Roasted Red Potatoes
Garlic Braised Green Beans

Dessert:

White Chocolate Mousse Topped with Raspberry Sauce

Beverage Station:

Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee and Hot Tea

The cost of the meal will be \$36.00 per person. As always your check is your reservation and should be made out to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and mailed to Lancaster Chapter MOAA, ATTN: Meeting Reservations, P.O. Box 5031, Lancaster, PA 17606-5031. Be sure to write the names of your guests on your check for name tag purposes. Also indicate if you need a vegetarian meal.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Thursday, April 16th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to Thursday, April 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299.

Our speaker will be Brigadier General David Wood, USA. General Wood serves as the Director of the Joint Staff for the Pennsylvania National Guard. His responsibilities include managing programs and operations for the Pennsylvania Joint Staff and overseeing Domestic Operations for the 19,000 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

General Wood is a Lancaster County native and was commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Notre Dame. He has served as an Army Aviator with duty in Europe, Persian Gulf, Korea and the United States. In the Pennsylvania National Guard, General Wood has held key command and staff assignments within the 28th Infantry Division, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, the 213th Regional Support Command, and the Pennsylvania Joint Forces Headquarters.

The subject of General Wood's presentation will be "Today's Pennsylvania National Guard: The Roles and Responsibilities of our State's Citizen-Soldiers."

● From the President's Desk:

In January, I attended the quarterly MOAA Pennsylvania Council of Chapters meeting with our Legislative Liaison chair, Dennis Benchoff. Presentations included a review of MOAA lobbying success with the FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act to gain a needed active duty pay raise, prevent an increase in TRICARE fees and repeal the "Widows Tax."



David Shelton

**• From the President's Desk (cont'd)**

Repeal of the Dependents Indemnity Compensation offset from Survivor Benefit Plan payments, or "Widows Tax", has been a long fought and now successful MOAA goal which will begin a three year phase out starting in 2021.

We are now in the midst of our scholarship season with evaluation of Millersville University ROTC cadets planned for mid-March and applications from high school seniors for our college scholarship due by the end of the month. In addition, we will again sponsor a selected McCaskey High School Jr. ROTC cadet to attend the annual Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference at the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation.

As our chapter numbers (206) continue a slow decline due to our aging membership, we are successful in continuing to gain new members and hope to see them become involved in our activities and attend our social activities. One of the best ways to get to know other members is to participate in our Adopt-a-Kid/Adopt-a-Vet programs at local elementary schools.

Although our initial quarterly informal breakfast in January was lightly attended, our hope is to be able to visit with those who may have schedule conflicts, or difficulty, in attending our semi-monthly membership meetings. We are looking at Oregon Dairy again for a May breakfast; please join us if you can.

As a final note, please check to make sure you have paid your chapter 2020 membership dues.

• Chapter Quarterly Breakfasts:

The chapter's first quarterly breakfast gathering occurred on Wednesday, January 15th at the Oregon Dairy Restaurant. Seven of us attended including one new member and spouse as well as a member who is not normally able to attend our scheduled membership meetings due to work requirements. Those who attended enjoyed some great conversation and look forward to our next breakfast event.

• Chapter January 2020 Breakfast (con't):

As a reminder, these breakfast gatherings will be held once each quarter. When scheduled, the dates, times, and locations will be published in the chapter newsletter. If you have difficulty attending our normal membership meetings due to conflicting requirements please give some thought to these breakfast gatherings. For information, please contact Dan Horting at (717) 285-7320 or email at k4sbuilder@comcast.net.

• From the Chapter Treasurer:

The annual requirement to submit to the IRS the Form 990 data was done on 27 January 2020. Chapter member Ed Hurston, with the assistance of the chapter vice president and treasurer, conducted the annual audit of the 2019 chapter financial records and found no deficiencies. We thank Ed for his willingness to assist us with the audit of last year's financial records.

• From MOAA National—Military Treatment Facilities Downsizing:

In a February 2020 report to Congress, the Department of Defense (DoD) is proposing a downsizing of Military Treatment Facilities by limiting patients to only active duty service members, excluding retirees and their families. Congress is concerned that the military health system has prioritized the delivery of peacetime health care to the detriment of its combat casualty care capability. Most facilities are projected to maintain their existing pharmacy workload, including filling prescriptions for non-active duty beneficiaries. Facilities scheduled to limit patients to active duty service members include:

Maryland: Barquist Army Health Clinic-Fort Detrick; Kirk Army Health Center-Aberdeen Proving Ground; Naval Health Clinic-Patuxent River

Pennsylvania: Fillmore Army Health Clinic-New Cumberland



● 2020 Meeting Schedule:

Thu March 5 at Lancaster Country Club-Luncheon (11 AM)

Thu April 23 at Meadia Heights Golf Club-Dinner (5 PM)

Thu June 18 at Hamilton Club-Dinner (5 PM)

Sat August 29 at Waltz Vineyards-Picnic (11 AM)

Thu October 22 at Bent Creek Country Club-Dinner (5 PM)

Sun Dec 6 at Gordinier Hall, Millersville-Luncheon (1 PM)

● 2020 Dues Reminder:

If you haven't paid your 2020 dues yet (our annual dues were due on Jan 1, 2020), please take a moment now and write your dues check for either \$15 annual or \$40 for three years. Make the check out to Lancaster Chapter MOAA, PO Box 5031, Lancaster, PA 17606-5031. The mailing label on your PO delivered newsletter will show what year your dues are paid through. If that year is 19, you owe dues for 2020. You may also click on the MBR Roster tab on our website's front page and scroll down to the second listed roster "Member Names" and click on it to select (you must enter our pass word to open) and then in that roster, scroll down to your name listed alphabetically. The number listed after your name is the year through which your dues are paid. Contact Tom Bender with any questions at 717 471-6817 or mot2017@ptd.net.

● Chapter Pictures:

When the weather was much warmer!



Enjoying the view



Food is served



Great wine

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