



LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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NEWSLETTER

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● Our June 20th meeting at the Hamilton Club:

The historic Hamilton Club, located at 106 East Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602, is the site for our June 20 dinner meeting. Named in honor of James Hamilton, a prominent political figure in Colonial America and planner of the city of Lancaster, the Hamilton Club was founded in 1889 by 31 prominent citizens seeking a place to gather. We are looking forward to returning to this venue for the first time in a few years. Our gathering will begin with a social hour at 5 PM and Dinner will follow at 6:15 PM with the following menu:

Salad:

Spinach and strawberry Salad tossed with Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Candied Walnuts and Balsamic Vinaigrette and traditional Club Sticky Buns and Assorted Rolls with Butter

Entrée:

Pecan Crusted Pork Loin with Natural Jus, Buttermilk Chive Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Dessert:

Chocolate Mousse with Raspberries

Beverages:

Coffee, Iced and Hot Tea

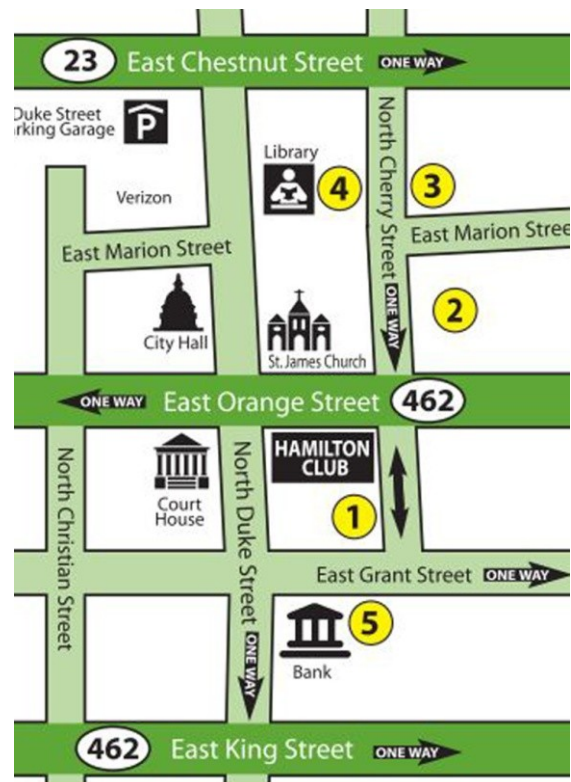
The cost of the meal is \$35.00 per person. As always your check is your reservation and should be made out to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and mailed to Lancaster Chapter MOAA, Attention: Meeting Reservations, PO Box 5031, Lancaster, PA 17606-5031. Be sure to write the names of your guests on your check for name tag purposes.

The deadline for receipt of checks is Monday, June 16th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham not later than Monday, June 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299.

Parking is available behind the Hamilton Club accessible from Cherry Street. Twenty five free parking spaces are available beginning at 5 PM. Metered street parking is in effect until 6 PM. Other parking is available in the numbered areas in the diagram below:

1-Hamilton Club Lot, 2-Ecklin Lot, 3-Timoney Knox Lot, 4-Lancaster Public Library
5- Engle-Hambright & Davies Lot or the Duke Street Parking Garage





A cash bar will open at 5 PM. The Hamilton Club uses a ticket format to sell beverages. Those desiring a beverage will need to purchase a ticket that will be used to obtain a beverage at the bar. Tickets will be sold by a member of our MOAA Chapter and can be purchased at the check-in table where you will pick-up your nametag. Cash will be the only accepted payment.

Our speaker will be James Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins is a Lancaster native and a Penn State graduate. He has worked in the Washington DC area as a Private Investigator and a Criminal Defense Investigator, before being hired as a Special Agent with the Department of Defense Intelligence Agency, where he remained for 35 years. Mr. Hopkins served in a variety of assignments during his career that included the Chief, Investigations; Chief, Polygraph; Chief, Personnel Security for the Security and Counterintelligence Directorate. He is currently retired and serving as a consultant for a DOD element. Mr. Hopkins will speak about the polygraph process.

● **From the President's Desk:**

Spring has been a very active time for MOAA at both the national and local level. In early April as in every year, there is a "Storming of the Hill" when our MOAA representatives go to Washington to visit with members of the House and Senate to discuss current legislation important to active duty and retired military. They carried 3 issues to the Hill: Eliminate the Widow's Tax; Stabilize TRICARE fees and Protect the 3.1% pay raise.



Locally we make similar visits and last year our Chapter Legislative Committee members, Dennis Benchoff and Tony Cerase, met with 4 of our PA representatives to talk about Veteran and Active Duty Military issues.

In other news, unfortunately our Chaplain, Bill McElroy, had to resign his position as he is now the primary caregiver for his wife Judy during her illness. We wish both Bill and Judy well in this difficult time.

● **From the President's Desk:** (con't)

During our last board meeting on 3 April 2019, Kim Bade volunteered to fill this position as Chaplain of the Lancaster Chapter. She is also serving as a Director.

I hope to see many of you at the Hamilton club on June 20.

● **We Honor the Memory of:**

Jessie Jones Eckhart who passed away on March 18, 2019, at Brethren Village. She was the wife of the late (former LT, USN) Dr. Howard Eckhart who passed away in Dec 2014. They were long time Chapter members having joined the Chapter in 1999.



Jessie was the daughter of aviation pioneer Jesse P. Jones of Lancaster. She had a life long passion for flying having soloed at the age of 16. A Penn State graduate, she became a flight instructor for the Navy and Army Government Contract Schools during and after WWII. She was a member of the Aero Club of Lancaster, former member of Lancaster Country Club and the Chi Omega Sorority at Penn State.

● **Reminder to Pay 2019 Dues:**

Keep those dues checks coming in! We still have 55 members who need to pay their 2019 dues. Dues are \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. Checks should be sent to the Chapter address.

● **Treasurer's Report:**

Our checking account has a balance of \$ 17,496.99 as of 31 March 2019. Overall, the chapter is in great shape financially. Your board of directors developed a realistic and attainable budget for 2019 and our income and expenses have followed this budget through the first quarter of the fiscal year. While we still have 55 members who have not yet paid this year's dues, some additional generous contributions to our scholarship fund have covered this shortfall. Since last year all contributions to our scholarship fund have been fully deductible for income tax purposes



● Treasurer's Report: (con't)

Members are reminded that reservations made for our bimonthly luncheon or dinner meetings, if not cancelled by the day before the event, may not receive a refund. Many of our venues will bill us on the number of reservations made not the number of meals actually consumed. Unfortunately, if a member makes a reservation, doesn't cancel and then doesn't attend, in most cases a refund will not be available.

Finally, a volunteer is needed to help conduct an audit of our 2018 finances. The necessary records are complete and now available. The volunteer need not have a financial or math background to help with the audit. If you can assist in this important function, please contact Dennis Benchoff at 717-560-1260 or dlbencho@hacc.edu. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

● Lancaster Chapter Memorial Scholarship Award:

The Chapter received 31 high school applications for our \$1,000 scholarship award this year. Our Scholarship Committee Chairman, George Resh, announced that the winner is Lauren Nedrow, a senior at Conestoga Valley High School. She was chosen on the basis of her educational class rank and her participation in school and community activities. Lauren and her family will be invited as our guests to the next membership meeting on 20 June at the Hamilton club.

● Chapter ROTC Scholarship Award:

Our ROTC Scholarship Award selection board was held on 21 March. The Board comprised Major John Gareis, Lt Colonel James Cunningham, and Colonel Peter Cardinal as well as Captain Eric Lange of the Millersville University ROTC. All judges in this military style board and Cadets to be evaluated presented themselves in class A uniforms and military protocol was observed. The scores by the board ranged from 43 to 50 out of a possible maximum of 61. The awardee for the \$500 scholarship was cadet Devon Matz (female). The Leadership Medal was awarded to Cadet Michael Lux. During a subsequent meeting of the Lancaster Chapter board, the decision was made to raise the scholarship amount to \$750 for next year.

● Some Chapter Pictures:



Geo Knapp Award



Speaker Col Womack

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