



MOAA LANCASTER PA CHAPTER

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*** As in our March newsletter, we are asking all members to provide their dates of service so that we can comply with the IRS requirement . You must also be able to provide proof of service, if needed. If you were sent a letter, please return the enclosed stamped post card. If you were sent an email, please respond with an email to Tom Bender to provide your information. We ask that you take a moment to update your record for this very important program.**

◇ **Bent Creek Meeting: Dan Horting**

Bent Creek is the site for the Thursday, 28 June 2018 dinner and meeting. The gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour. The meeting will be called to order at 6:00 p.m. with introductory remarks by our president, John Gareis. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m.

Menu

House salad with choice of two dressings

Entrée

Apple Cider-Marinated Roast Pork Tenderloin
Granny Smith apples, caramelized onions, natural jus

Or

Roast Supreme of Chicken
Lobster, tarragon, chicken mousseline, natural jus

Sides

Entrees served with buttermilk mashed potatoes
and

Chef's choice of seasonal vegetables
Assorted rolls and butter

Dessert

Apple Caramel Galette
flaky pastry folded around fresh
apples with
caramel and vanilla ice cream
Tea and coffee



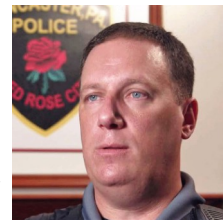
The cost of the meal will be \$35.00 per person. The cash bar will be open at 5:00 p.m. **NOTICE: Bent Creek only accepts credit card payment at the cash bar.**

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 and also indicate your choice of entree.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Monday, June 25th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to June 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham, 581-5299.

◇ **Speaker: Dina Cerase**

Lt. William (Bill) Hickey is the Lancaster County liaison and coordinator for Lancaster Crime Stoppers. He is also the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the Social Media Administrator for the Lancaster City Bureau of Police.



Lt. Hickey started his Law Enforcement career in 1998 at the Ocean City Police Department in Maryland. In August 1999, he was hired by the Lancaster Police Bureau and attended the 75th Municipal Police Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College and received his certification in December 1999. He has worked as a Patrol Officer, as a member of the Crash Investigation Team, CPR/1st Aid /AED Instructor, ASP Baton Instructor and Field Training Officer.

He has worked at the Criminal Investigation Division in the Property Crimes section and while there, he worked in a grant position under the PA Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority as part of the Auto Theft Unit. As a Sergeant, he was the Supervisor for a platoon in the Patrol Division and later moved to the



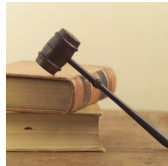
Crime Prevention Sergeant's position. He supervised the 5 School Resource Officers, a Teaching Educating And Mentoring (TEAM) Officer as well as the undertaking of the Police Athletic League (PAL) program.

In March 2017 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant as the PIO/ Media Relations contact for the bureau and is the supervisor for the Crime Prevention Office.

Lt Hickey will be speaking to us about the many scams that currently afflict our communities and how to prevent them.

⇒ [Notice of Proposed Changes to the Chapter's Current Bylaws: Dennis Benchhoff](#)

The IRS requires that our chapter's bylaws contain provisions for how the chapter is to be dissolved and how the assets will then be distributed. Since our bylaws address this issue partially in Article III, Section 5 to satisfy the IRS requirements, **it will be deleted in full**. The following changes are designed to correct the omissions and were made and accepted at the meeting of the chapter's board of directors. The recommended wording to be added appears below in **[bold print]** in the applicable sections to which they apply and the current wording to be deleted appears in *{italics}*. A complete copy of our current bylaws is available for viewing at the Library tab at the chapter's website, www.moalancasterchapt.org



Article IX - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds **[majority]** vote **[of eligible members present]** at any duly organized meeting of the organization, provided that a copy of any *{amendment proposed for consideration has been mailed,}* **[proposal to be considered, and proper notice of the meeting has been provided]** to each member at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

[Article XII – Dissolution

Section 1. The operations of the chapter shall

terminate and the organization be dissolved upon the recommendation of the board of directors with proper notice to and approval by the membership as provided in Article IX.

Section 2. Monies remaining in the chapter's treasury after all financial obligations have been paid shall be disbursed to a charity or charities, which support veterans or currently serving members of the U. S. armed forces as recommended by the board of directors and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership immediately after the vote to dissolve the chapter. Any other property such as chapter records, memorabilia, and the like shall be donated to a local historical society.]

President John Gareis will ask those members present at our next general membership meeting on June 28 at the Bent Creek Country Club to vote to approve these changes as required by our bylaws dated 28 April 2016.

⇒ [Legislative Affairs: Dennis Benchhoff](#)

In an effort to engage our local elected officials your legislative affairs chairman had begun a series of visits to our county's state representatives and senators to advocate for or against possible legislation which may affect our members and other veterans in Pennsylvania.

Dennis Benchhoff and Tony Cerase made office calls on State Representatives Steven Mentzer, District 97 and Brett Miller, District 41 to discuss veterans' issues of importance to the members of Lancaster Chapter, MOAA. These visits conducted on 5 and 6 April respectively, were meant to update our elected officials on our opposition to payday lenders who seek legislative approval to provide what amount to easy but high interest loans to Pennsylvania veterans and other low income residents and on our support for additional funding for Veterans' Service Officers (VSOs) who provide valuable assistance to veterans in our state primarily to inform them of and assisting them in applying for available veterans' benefits both at the state and federal level. This information seemed to be well received and both representatives indicated they would consider supporting our positions. The representatives were also informed that the chapter is available at any time to provide additional information on any military or veterans' issue which might surface in



the future.

◇ **ROTC Program: Dina Cerase**

The ROTC Scholarship and the Leadership Medal to cadets Whitney Singhas and Dennis Porter, respectively, were presented on 26 April 2018 at Millersville University. The Commissioning Ceremony will be on 11 May, 1300 hours, at Millersville.

◇ **Lancaster Chapter Memorial Scholarship: George Resh**

This year's Scholarship winner is Alison Smith, a senior at Manheim Township High School. Alison's intentions is to graduate from college with a bachelor degree in business with focus on marketing and international business with a minor in Spanish. She wants to take part in the Global Citizens Program at Villanova; she recognizes the importance of becoming a global citizen in today's increasing interconnected society.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be presented at an awards assembly on 16 May by George Resh and Mrs. Joann McOmber.

⇒ **2018 Dues Reminder-Tom Bender**

There are still 74 members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues. Please write your check now for either \$15 (annual) or \$40 (3 yrs). See our March newsletter for more details or contact Tom Bender at 471-6817 or mot2017@ptd.net.

◇ **Welcome The New Member: John Burke**

COL Dennis G. Monroe, USA Spouse: Jayne
200 Silverleaf Court
Lancaster, PA 17603

◇ **New Survivor Spouse Point of Contact for our Chapter**

Our new Director, Ken Knapp, has volunteered to follow up on the legislative work being presented at the Hill on the 'widow tax.' This is an issue that affects all the current and future widows of our military men and women. If you need any information on this issue, please contact him at: 717-556-8451 or email him at: knappkp@aol.com

◇ **With Deepest Sympathy We Honor the Memory of:**

++ **LCDR Gary L Snyder**, USN (Ret.) died March 6, 2018, at his home in Willow Valley Communities, Lancaster. He was 85 years old. He was the husband of Margo R Snyder whom he shared 60 years of marriage. He was a 1955 graduate of the Naval Academy. Gary joined our Chapter on Aug 23, 2008 and served as Treasurer and board member from 2012 thru 2014. Internment of his ashes in the Columbarium at the Naval Academy was planned for a later date.

◇ **NEW VA COMMUNITY CLINICS: Jim Cunningham**

For many of you who use the VA Medical system, the VA will later this year open a new VA Community Clinic in the Lancaster Area. The plan is to open a clinic at: 212 Willow Valley Lakers Drive, Willow Street, PA. This service will expand to over 15,000 sq. feet, with a new rehab space.

VA has already opened a clinic in Schuylkill County and will open one Cumberland County in mid-2018.

◇ **Military Dates to Commemorate:**

VE Day	8 May
Armed Forces Day	20 May
Memorial Day	28 May
D-Day	6 June
Army Birthday	14 June
Flag Day	14 June

◆ **Next Newsletter Release:**

July 5, 2018/Picnic

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