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LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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• [Our Aug 28 Picnic at Waltz Vineyards:](#)

It has been well over a year since we have been provided an opportunity to gather socially as a Chapter. For members and guests who feel comfortable attending an outdoor gathering, join us for our annual chapter picnic on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Waltz Vineyards, 1599 Old Line Road, Manheim, PA 17545-8222. Our picnic site is on a hilltop overlooking the beautiful rolling hills of northern Lancaster County. The event will begin with social time from 11 to 12 noon. The meal for the event, prepared by Hess BBQ, will be served at noon.

Menu:

Applewood smoked pulled pork BBQ
Hickory smoked beef brisket
Baked beans, macaroni and cheese, potato salad,
and coleslaw.

Dessert:

Cake

Beverages:

A selection of Waltz wine as well as assorted non-alcoholic beverages which are provided in the cost of the picnic.

The cost will be \$22 per person. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out 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.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Monday, August 23rd. Cancellations or any questions you may have can be made by calling Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299.

Parking is readily available at the top of the hill in the grass to the right and just below our picnic area. Seating is limited so please bring your own lawn chairs.

Directions from Lancaster: proceed to Manheim City and go north on Rte 72 through Manheim. At the north end of Manheim, turn left onto West Colebrook

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Street . In 0.4 miles, West Colebrook Street becomes Old Line Road. Continue 2 miles to the winery entrance on the left side of the road and proceed up the hill to the parking area.



Entrance Sign



Entrance Road

• [From the President's Desk:](#)

It is good to finally see progress in returning to a more normal level of social activity. As noted above, planning is fully underway for our annual picnic 28 August at Waltz Vineyard. Plans are also



David Shelton

underway for the election and general membership dinner meeting 21 October at Bent Creek and our usual holiday gathering at Gordinier Hall, Millersville University, 5 December. In addition, we are reinstating informal breakfast gatherings. Please see details from Social Chair Dan Horting in this news letter.

We were able to hold our first in-person board of directors meeting 9 June at the Lancaster Airport Authority (LAA) offices courtesy of Jim Cunningham, our Corresponding Secretary. Jim also serves the local community as Chairman of the LAA board of directors.

Presentations of our ROTC and Memorial Scholarship awards have been completed. ROTC Liaison Peter Cardinal and I attended the US Army ROTC Blue Mountain Battalion awards ceremony 29 April at Millersville University for presentations of the scholarship and leadership medal awards. I was also able to attend the ROTC commissioning ceremony 16 May where last year's ROTC scholarship winner, Faith



- **From the President's Desk:(cont'd)**

Willenbrock, received gold bars from her parents (photos at end of newsletter). My presentation of the Memorial Scholarship was an interesting challenge at a hybrid, socially distanced Ephrata High School award ceremony 20 May. Details and photos of this year's scholarship award winner's appear in the next column.

More good news! We were notified at the Pennsylvania Council of Chapters meeting 8 May that the chapter has again been awarded MOAA's 5 Star communications award ratings for both our newsletter and website. Congratulations to Tom Bender who has continued to build on a reputation for excellence. However, it seems he would like to retire at the top of his game, and we are looking for someone to take over this important program.

I am really looking forward to our picnic in August, and hope to see many of you there.

- **2021 Membership Meetings:**

The following chapter meeting dates have been established and their meeting dates reserved with the venues:

Sat Aug 28 picnic at Waltz Vineyards
 Thur Oct 21 dinner at Bent Creek CC
 Sun Dec 5 luncheon at Millersville Univ.

- **Breakfast Gatherings :**

On Friday, May 14th, six of our chapter members attended our first breakfast gathering in over a year. Those who met had a good breakfast meal and enjoyed conversation on the outside patio at Oregon Dairy. Eight of our members attended the June 17 gathering.



Breakfast Gathering

Moving forward we plan to schedule monthly breakfast meetings on the third Thursday of each month except those months where we have a membership meeting. These meetings are very informal, have no agenda and are open to all members and guests. Until further notice, the gatherings will be at 8 AM at Oregon Dairy, 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz. For the summer months, we will plan to use the outdoor patio. Based on this plan, the next few breakfast dates will be

Thursday, July 15

Thursday, September 16

- **2021 Chapter MOAA Scholarship Award:**

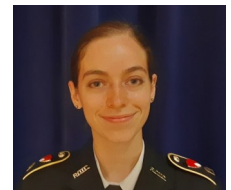
Olivia Fedorshak, a 2021 graduate of Ephrata High School, has been awarded the \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship from the Chapter. She is an outstanding scholar as well as an accomplished athlete and musician. She plans on attending the University of Pittsburg this fall with a U.S. Navy ROTC scholarship and will major in molecular biology.



Olivia Fedorshak

- **2021 Chapter ROTC Scholarship Award:**

Cadet Olivia Berardi, Millersville ROTC Blue Mountain Battalion, has been awarded the chapter's ROTC \$1,000 Scholarship award. She is from Kennett Square, PA and is working towards a degree in International Studies. Cadet Berardi has clearly demonstrated outstanding military leadership potential.



Olivia Berardi

- **Chapter Needs:**

Newsletter Editor-Still looking for a new newsletter editor. MS Publisher software is currently being used to publish the newsletter but one may also use MS Word as Bob Wilcox did for many years. The newsletters are published in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep and Nov. UPS makes copies and mails out newsletters for the Chapter. If interested in assuming this important responsibility, please contact Tom Bender at mot2017@ptd.net.

Membership Chairperson-Also still looking for a new Membership Chair. Tom Bender will still retain and maintain the member database and historical files for the Chapter.

The new chair will concentrate on bringing new members into the chapter by sending out member applications and other materials to prospective members suggested by our own members and by MOAA NATIONAL sources. Contact Tom Bender or John Burke for this great opportunity to support our chapter and help lead us into the future .



- **2021 Dues Reminder:**

Still have 25 members who have hopefully and inadvertently not remembered to pay their 2021 dues. If you are not sure if you are one of the 25, check the mailing label on your PO delivered newsletter which will show what year your dues are paid through. If that year is 20, you owe dues for 2021. You may also click on the MBR Roster tab on top of our website's front page and scroll down to the second listed roster "Member Names" and click on it to select (you must also enter our pass word when requested). Scroll down the list to your name listed alphabetically. The number listed after your name is the year through which your dues are paid. If that number is 20, you owe 2021 dues. Dues continue to be \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. Contact Tom Bender with any questions at 717 471-6817 or mot2717@ptd.net. As a reminder, we continue to honor our surviving spouses who no longer pay our \$15 annual chapter dues and remain active chapter members.

- **Millersville ROTC Awards & Commissioning Pics:**



2LT Faith Willenbrock & parents



2LT Faith Willenbrock Commissioning

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