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• [Our Oct 21 Dinner at Bent Creek CC:](#)

Bent Creek Country Club will be the venue for our next Membership Meeting on October 21, 2021. Bent Creek offers a beautiful setting for us to gather on a fall evening. Our social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. Please note: transactions at the beverage bar will be via credit card.

The meeting will be called to order at 6:00 p.m. with introductory remarks by our president, Dave Shelton. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m. The menu for the evening is:

Salad:

Bent Creek House Salad served with a choice of two salad dressings with assorted rolls & butter

Entrée:

Apple Cider Marinated Pork Tenderloin, Granny Smith Apples, Caramelized Sweet Onions, Au Jus

Dessert:

Warm Seasonal Fruit Cobbler served with Vanilla Ice Cream

Beverages:

Coffee, Iced and Hot Tea

The cost of the meal will be \$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, 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 Thursday, October 11th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to October 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham, 581-5299.

Location: Bent Creek CC is located at 620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz, off Fruitville Pike.

• [Bent Creek Dinner \(cont'd\)](#)

Our speaker is Col Betty Price, USAF (RET) who will speak on "Women in the Military: Moving Beyond Coffee, TEA or Me." She has served mostly in intelligence and policy fields including command of the 480th Intelligence Group at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, VA. She earned her Masters degree from Stanford University and has attended the Naval War College and the Air War College. Her remarks will focus primarily on the first seven years of her career which were spent in special duty assignments where she found herself in the vanguard of changes in the military that would affect all military women in the future.

• [From the President's Desk:](#)

It was great to see many of you at the chapter picnic this past Saturday. Hopefully we will be able to continue with our planned return to a more normal social schedule with the annual membership meeting for elections in October and the holiday gathering in December. The persistence of the Corona virus with evolving variants is troubling however. I certainly encourage everyone to continue to be cautious and vigilant with their health care.



Our informal breakfast gatherings have been lightly attended so far, but are showing increased interest. For now, we are holding these on the covered outside deck at Oregon Dairy the third Thursday in those months without a scheduled dinner meeting. See Dan Horting's social program notes for September breakfast details.

As noted above, our October membership meeting calls for the election of chapter officers and directors for the coming year. With the Nominations Committee somewhat restricted from normal strong-arm tactics, Jim Cunningham and Tom Bender have consented to extend their individual terms for an additional year and serve thru 2022. In addition, we are all aware of Social Chair Dan Horting's contributions to the chapter, and I



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

am pleased that he has stepped up to take on Vice President. See the complete slate of officers and directors elsewhere in the newsletter.

As always, however, we are still looking for help. Although Dan has agreed to continue to manage our social events, we need to find a replacement Programs Chair to work on arranging speakers, or other programs for next year's dinner meetings. Similarly, Tom currently has too many "jobs for life" and we need someone to take on editor duties for the chapter bi-monthly newsletter. Also, John Burke has indicated he has run his course in membership recruiting and we need some one to take over managing applications and communications with prospective members. If you can help with any of these duties, or have interest in future elected positions, please contact me or Bill Confer.

It is always great to end by sharing some excellent news. I was notified just prior to the August Pennsylvania Council of Chapters meeting that the Lancaster Chapter has been selected for a Five-Star Level of Excellence Award for 2020. This is certainly a tribute to the continued strong support by individual members and especially program chairs who manage our member communications, community outreach, scholarship and social programs.

- **Final 2021 Membership Meeting:**

The remaining chapter meeting date is a luncheon on Sunday, Dec 5, at Millersville Univ. Details in the Nov newsletter.

- **Proposed 2022 Membership Meetings:**

Thu, Mar 3 luncheon-TBD
 Thu, Apr 21 dinner-Meadia Heights Golf Club
 Thu, Jun 16 dinner-Hamilton Club
 Sat Aug 27 luncheon picnic-Waltz Vineyards
 Thu Oct 20 dinner-Bent Creek CC
 Sun Dec 4 luncheon-Millersville Univ.

- **September Breakfast Gathering:**

We meet at 8 am, Thu Sept 16, at Oregon Dairy's outdoor patio, 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz. These gatherings are very informal, have no agenda and are open to all members and guests. Come and enjoy the camaraderie! If interested in attending, please advise Dan Horting at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320.

- **Election of 2022 Officers and Directors:**

The following slate of officers and directors was approved by the Board and will be voted on by members at the Oct Bent Creek meeting:

Officers:

President: Bill Confer Sr, LTC, USA (RET)
 Vice Pres: Dan Horting, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
 IMM PP: Dave Shelton, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
 Corres Sec: Jim Cunningham, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
 Rec Sec: Barry Schmitt, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
 Treasurer: Dennis Benchoff, LTG, USA (RET)

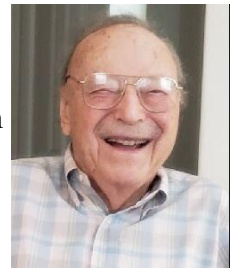
Directors:

Kim Bade, CDR, USN (RET)-3 yr term
 Peter Cardinal, COL, USA (RET)-2 yr term
 Ed Hurston, Col, USAF (RET)-2 yr term
 Tom Bender, CAPT, USN (RET)-1 yr term
 Enedina Cerase, MAJ USA (RET)-1 yr term
 Tony Cerase, CW3,USA (RET)-1 yr term

Officers and directors will be installed and take office at our Dec 5th luncheon meeting at Millersville Univ.

- **We Honor the Memory of:**

CPT Julius J. ("JJ") Bentman, USA (FMR), 101, who passed away on July 19, 2021. He was preceded in death by his adoring wife, Ada. He was a long time active member of the chapter since 1997 (24 yrs) and served on the Board of Directors over ten years as Secretary and Recording Secretary from 2000 thru 2009. He served in WWII as a dentist at Fort Lewis, WA and Excursion Inlet, Alaska. He served on the faculty of the dental school at the Univ of PA for 30 years. He relocated to Lancaster and established a private practice in periodontal dentistry. A private memorial service will be held by the family in the spring of 2022. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice and Community Care, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or Jewish Family Services, 75 East James St., Lancaster, PA 17602.



- **100th Anniversary USA 1st Cavalry Division:**

On Monday, Sept 13, the Central PA Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association will host a joint celebration with the Liberty War Bird Association on the 100th anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division. The ceremony



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• **100th Anniversary USA 1st Cavalry Division (cont'd):**

will start at 11 am at the Liberty Warbirds hanger at 500 Airport Rd. Interested CAV troopers should RSVP COL Chuck Bechtel at chuckbechtel@verizon.net NLT August 31, 2021.

• **2021 Millersville Parade:**

Our chapter will have one or two cars in the parade with from 4 to 6 chapter members in uniform participating. The parade is on Saturday, October 16, 2021, starting at 8:30 am. The parade theme is "Hometown Heroes." Contact Jim Cunningham for details if interested in participating. The chapter is also serving as a parade sponsor. Check the parade web site at www.parade@millersville.edu for more information.

• **2021 Dues Reminder:**

Still have 18 members who have hopefully and inadvertently not remembered to pay their 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.

• **Waltz Vineyard Picnic Pictures:**



Picnic Cake



Food is served



Waltz Wine Samples

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Dennis Benchoff 560-1260

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Jim Cunningham 581-5299

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Barry Schmitt 877-1810

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| Tom Bender | CAPT, USN (RET) |
| Peter Cardinal | COL, USA (RET) |
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| Tony Cerase | CW3, USA (RET) |
| Ed Hurston | Col, USAF (RET) |

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