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LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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• [Our Annual December 5th Christmas Luncheon changed to Eden Resort & Suites, Lancaster:](#)

Please note that we have moved our December 5th meeting location from Millersville University to the Eden Resort & Suites at 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, this year. Due to continuing uncertainty with Covid prevention protocols on the Millersville University campus considering their student population, we felt it best to move to a commercial location. We have used the Eden before, and they have always done an excellent job.—David Shelton

We meet On Dec 5th at the Eden Resort at 1:00 p.m. for our social hour. The meeting will be called to order at 2: p.m. with introductory remarks by our president, David Shelton. Lunch will quickly follow with a menu that includes:

Soup:

Tomato Bisque

Entrée:

Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef with a Bordelaise Sauce
Buttered Mashed Potatoes
Green and Julienned Carrots

Dessert:

Cheesecake

Beverages:

Coffee, Herbal and Iced Tea

The cost of the meal will be \$25.00 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 Wednesday, December 1st. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to December 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham at 581-5299.

• [Eden Resort Christmas Luncheon \(cont'd\):](#)

Location: The Eden Resort & Suites is located at 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, 17601. Eden Road is easily found on the left off Oregon Pike as you approach Rte 30 on Oregon Pike coming from the north.

Christmas gifts for hospitalized vets: Please remember to bring a gift for the Lebanon VA Medical Center hospitalized veterans. The gifts cannot be wrapped, per their security policy. Write on the unwrapped box or bag if the items are for a lady or gentleman. The hospital suggests paperbacks, puzzles, games, envelopes and stamps, etc. Avoid anything sharp or alcoholic. These gifts are a sign that someone cares and they are always appreciated by the veterans.

• [From the President's Desk:](#)

It was great to see folks again in person at our first post-Covid membership dinner meeting since March 2020. Although attendance was lighter than usual with lingering virus concerns, 38 members and guests enjoyed a nice meal and an excellent presentation by Colonel Betty Price at Bent Creek Country Club. Her discussion on the transition in recruiting women for military service from nearly Airline Stewardess like to a more career oriented, professional opportunity approach was enlightening. It was also quite interesting to learn details from her direct involvement in preparing for the first women recruits at the Air Force Academy.



David Shelton

In addition, we completed the election of officers and directors for next year. Congratulations to all as Bill Confer steps up to become President and Dan Horting takes on Vice President duties. Other positions generally remain the same, and I look forward to again working with all as Immediate Past President.

We do however need help in several areas. John Burke insists he is serious this time about retiring from Member Recruiting at the end of the year. Tom Bender



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

really has too many jobs, so we need someone to take over as Newsletter Editor. With Dan Horting becoming VP, we also would like to find someone to handle coordinating speakers for our membership dinner meetings. Please see "Help Wanted" elsewhere in the newsletter.

In addition, the meeting provided an opportunity to formally present the chapter's 2020 awards from MOAA. It is certainly worth again noting our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Tom Bender as instrumental to receiving Five Star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards for both our newsletter and website.

We also greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the appointed staff and program chairs who manage our community outreach and membership support efforts enabling the chapter to achieve a Five Star Levels of Excellence rating for the second year in a row. Special thanks are due to John Gareis who does all the paperwork and narrative descriptions for our Levels of Excellence submission. In addition, we were finally able to recognize Vice Admiral Dan Cooper for his outstanding support and guidance as a director for 2012-2018.

It has been a pleasure to serve as chapter president for the past two years, even though it has certainly been a challenge. Fortunately, the chapter has a number of talented, dedicated individuals who help keep things operating smoothly. My thanks to all for their support. I look forward to continuing to be involved in chapter operations as IPP and Publicity Chair. As we prepare for the holiday season, I ask that we remember those less fortunate with our additional generosity. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year ahead. Please continue to stay safe!

- **Proposed 2022 Membership Meetings:**

Thu, Mar 3 luncheon-Meadia Heights Golf Club
 Thu, Apr 21 dinner-TBD
 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.

- **November Breakfast Gathering:**

We meet at 8 am, Thu Nov 18, at Oregon Dairy, 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz. These gatherings are

- **Nov Breakfast Gathering (cont'd):**

very informal, have no agenda and are open to all members and guests. Come and enjoy the camaraderie! For more information, contact 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 by members present at the Oct Bent Creek meeting. These officers and directors will be installed and take office at our Dec 5th luncheon meeting at the Eden Resort..

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

- **Help Wanted:**

As noted during the presentation of the MOAA Five Star Levels of Excellence Award at the October membership meeting, successful operation of the chapter requires the help of many hands. With normal turnover and leadership changes for 2022 we need help in several positions next year. Hopefully we have structured our appointed staff responsibilities so that none are an overwhelming burden. If you would like to become more involved with chapter operation and have an interest in in any of the following positions, please contact the chapter president, or current chair.

Member Recruiting Chair: Follows up membership inquiries received through member recommendations, the website or publicity items in local media. Makes contact with prospective members in the local area identified through MOAA National membership. Monitors area public events for possible recruiting opportunities, and coordinates chapter participation at any such event. Assists prospective members with completion of the application process, and provides the completed, approved application to the Membership Chair for data base entry. Introduces new members to the group when they first attend a general membership meeting.



- **Help Wanted (cont'd):**

Newsletter Editor: Assembles and organizes the bi-monthly chapter newsletter from inputs provided by the chapter president, officers and various program chairs using appropriate computer software (both windows and apple formats available). Coordinates with the chapter president for review prior to newsletter distribution. Provides the final newsletter to the Membership Chair for distribution to the membership.

Programs Chair: Arranges for presentations of interest at chapter general membership meetings, nominally about four times per year. Provides biographical and topic information about a presenter to the President, Social Chair and Publicity Chair for inclusion in meeting announcements and agenda. Coordinates any special requirements for materials or audiovisual support. Introduces the presenter at membership meetings.

- **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.

- **Say Hello to our New Member:**

CH (MAJ) Russell (Rusty) Trubey, USAR (ACT)
 1580 Slate Hill Road
 Drumore, PA 17518
 Spouse: Ericka
 Phone: 717 803-6980
 Email: chtrubey@pm.me
 Date joined: 10/14/2021
 Sponsor: Tom Bender

- **We Honor the Memory of:**

LCDR Louis A. Krisay, USN (Ret), 78, who passed away on 8/25/2021. He is survived by his partner, Karen Davis. He was a member of the chapter since October 2014 (7 yrs). A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 AM on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 558 W. Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

1st Lt Thomas L. Hickey, USAAF (FMR), long time resident of Garden Spot Village, who passed away on 9/12/2021. He was 100 yrs old. He was an active member of our chapter, having joined on 1/13/2013. He was the husband of the late Eleanor S. Huff who passed away on 12/9/2013. A veteran of WWII, he was honorably discharged in 1946, having served as a B-17 Bombardier. He was a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and Northeastern University. He was a registered professional engineer. He held several patents for machinery in the textile and paper making fields. At his request, services will be held by individual family members at their location and convenience. A private interment will be at Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery, Doylestown, Pa.

Next Newsletter Release: Jan 1, 2022

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Dina Cerase	MAJ, USA (RET)
Tony Cerase	CW3, USA (RET)
Ed Hurston	Col, USAF (RET)

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John Burke

Tom Bender

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Tom Bender

Nominations:

Tony Cerase

ROTC Liaison:

Peter Cardinal

AF JROTC Program:

Ed Hurston

Scholarship Chair:

Ed Hurston

Social & Programs Chair:

Dan Horting

Surviving Spouse Liaison:


Bill Confer Sr

A belated Thank You: Ryan Brokaw, on cancelling his picnic reservations, offered his payment to cover our top two former ROTC cadets picnic costs. Thank you Ryan!

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