



# MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

P.O. Box 5031, Lancaster, PA 17606-5031

## NEWSLETTER

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### • Year's First Membership Meeting

Our first membership meeting for 2024 will be a luncheon on Thursday, March 7th at the Eden Resort, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. This venue is most elegant and offers excellent food.

**The social hour** and cash bar will begin at 11 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at noon with introductory remarks by our president, Dan Horting. The following menu for the luncheon is:

#### **Salad:**

House Salad

#### **Entrée:**

CHOICE of Chicken Piccata with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce OR Salmon with Vegetable and Chef's Choice of Starch

#### **Dessert:**

Cheesecake

#### **Beverages:**

Coffee, Hot Tea.

**The cost** of the meal will be \$29.00 per person. As always your check is your reservation and should be made out to MOAA Lancaster Chapter and mailed to MOAA Lancaster Chapter, 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 let us know your entrée choice. Also let us know if you need a vegetarian meal.

**The deadline** for receipt of all checks is **Friday, March 1st**. If you are planning to attend and feel your check may not arrive prior to March 1, please contact Dan Horting at (717) 285-7320. Cancellations and any questions should be directed to Dennis Benchoff not later than March 1st, by calling or emailing Dennis at (717) 560-1260, or [dlbenchoff2@comcast.net](mailto:dlbenchoff2@comcast.net).

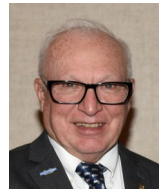
**Directions:** The Eden Resort & Suits is located at 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Eden Road is easily found on the left off Oregon Pike as you approach the Rte 30 turnoff on Oregon Pike coming from the north.

**The speaker** for our March membership meeting at the Eden Resort is Ed Hurston. Ed is a retired Air Force Colonel who is an active chapter member since 2012. He just completed a three year span as a Board Director. He will be speaking to us about bee keeping and honey production.

Before retiring in 2014, Ed was exposed to bee-keeping through an Air Force colleague. In 2015 he began reading and learning about apiculture and in the spring of 2017, purchased his first two hives and colonies. Since then, the number of hives he manages varies depending on weather and level of attention given. The fewest have been two hives and the most, fourteen. He currently has eight hives. His first honey harvest was 2019. Since then, he and his wife Ellen have been producing honey and numerous related products.

### • From the President's Desk:

In writing my first message as president of your chapter, I want to thank the present and past members of the board of directors and committee leaders who have provided the leadership and direction to the chapter.



Dan Horting

I truly believe we have a great chapter with a wonderful group of people who serve our country. This was verified when our chapter was recently awarded a Five Star Level of Excellence Award, the highest award a chapter can receive.

As I begin my two year term as president, my goals are to maintain our membership at or above current levels, search for and become involved in additional community outreach programs, and maintain our level of excellence. For anyone interested in helping us achieve these goals, we have several openings for committee leadership including newsletter editor. If interested, please contact me.

As the holiday season ends, I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.



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

**Lt Col Fae M. Skuya, USAF (Ret)**  
6 Maryann Ct., Columbia, PA 17512  
Email: fskuya@gmail.com  
Spouse: Robert E.  
Joined: 12/8/2023

- **2024 Membership Mtgs & Venues:**

Please put these dates in your calendars and plan on joining us in 2024:

Thursday, Mar 7, 11 a.m., Eden Resort  
Thursday, April 18, 5 p.m., Meadia Heights GC  
Thursday, Jun 2, 6 p.m., River cruise  
Saturday, Aug 31, 11 a.m., Waltz Vineyards  
Thursday, Oct 17, 5 p.m., Bent Creek CC  
Sunday, Dec 8, 1 p.m., Millersville University

We have made two changes to this schedule from last year. We dropped Lancaster Country Club when they appended an expensive room fee to our billing statement. So we cancelled that event and moved our luncheon to the Eden Resort where we have met before. We also dropped the Hamilton Club due to increased costs and are trying a new venue with an evening summer cruise on the Susquehanna River. See the President's comment below.

- **Pride of Susquehanna Cruise:**

Our chapter is excited to announce a new event this summer. We have contracted the Pride of the Susquehanna Paddlewheel Riverboat for a two hour evening cruise. The cruise will take place on Sunday evening, June 2, 2024 from 6 PM to 8 PM. The cost of the cruise will be \$45 and includes a casual meal with sandwiches and a dessert provided by Isaac's. A cash bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available. Please consider joining us for this great opportunity to cruise on the Susquehanna while enjoying views of the city skyline. More details will be provided as the June date approaches. D. Horting

- **Increase in Annual Dues Reminder:**

As a gentle reminder, our new membership dues are now \$25 per year or \$60 for a three year membership, effective Jan 1, 2024. Contact our Treasurer, Dave Shelton, with any questions.

- **Breakfast Gatherings:**

Our breakfast gatherings meet on the third Thursday each month that there is no membership meeting. The venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz 17543, starting at 8 a.m. These gatherings remain informal, have no agenda and are open to all members and guests. Contact Dan Horting with questions at k4s-builder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320. Our tentative schedule for these gatherings is as follows:

January 18, 2024  
February 15  
May 16  
July 18  
September 19  
November 15

- **Chapter Pictures:**



Awardee-Bender



Awardee-Shelton



Awardee-Benchoff



Passing Gavel



• More Chapter Photos:

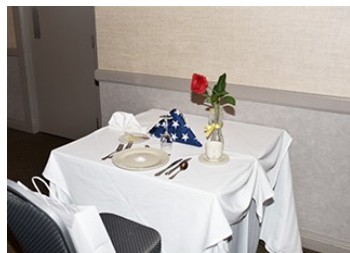


2024 Officers

Schmitt, Benchoff, Zeird, Horting, Shelton



Veterans Gifts



POW/MIA Table of Honor



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