



MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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Next Membership Meeting: Eden Resort and Suites, February 27, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Our first membership meeting for 2025 will be a luncheon on Thursday, February 27 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 menu for the luncheon is:

Salad:

Mixed Green Salad



Entrée:

CHOICE of Chicken Piccata with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce OR Salmon with Citrus Glaze

Accompaniments: Chef's Choice of Potato, Chef's Choice of Vegetable

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Dessert:

Cheesecake



Beverages:

Coffee, Herbal Teas, and Iced 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**. Please 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, February 21. If you are planning to attend and feel your check may not arrive prior to February 21, please contact Dennis Benchhoff at (717) 560-1260.

Next Membership Meeting (cont.)

Cancellations and any questions should be directed to Dennis Benchhoff no later than February 21, by calling or emailing Dennis at (717) 560-1260 or dlbenchhoff2@comcast.net.

Directions for GPS: Eden Resort & Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Eden Road is the first intersection north of Rte. 30 on Lititz Pike.

- From the President's Desk

It was good to see all of you who attended the Chapter Christmas Luncheon at Millersville University. At the luncheon we installed the officers and directors for the 2025 calendar year. I wish to thank outgoing board members Jim Cunningham and Kim Bade for their time and leadership on the board. Similarly, I thank Wayne Foxworth and Jerry Link for volunteering to fill the vacated positions. Lastly, thanks to all who brought gifts for the veterans at the Lebanon VA Hospital. The gifts were delivered to the hospital on December 11.



Dan Horting

As I look back, 2024 has been a most successful year for our chapter. The chapter has supported several impactful community outreach projects. In July, we purchased new mattresses and bedding for Lancaster Barracks. Lancaster Barracks is a house in Lancaster City where homeless veterans live while enrolled in Veterans Court. During the summer, we funded two students attendance at Saint Francis University's week long summer STEAM academies. A cadet from Muhlenberg High School Air Force JROTC attended the Cybersecurity Academy and a cadet from the Lebanon High School Army JROTC attended the



- **President's Column (cont.)**

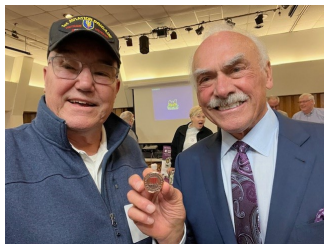
Pre-Med Academy. In September, we manned a recruitment booth at the Lancaster Community Days Airshow and in November, two of our members made presentations to eighth grade students at Landisville Middle School. Most recently, chapter members attending the annual Christmas luncheon donated items for patients at the Lebanon Veterans Hospital. As we move on to 2025, we hope to build on these accomplishments and pursue new areas of outreach.

To continue to support future outreach programs, I am requesting your assistance. As each year passes our chapter membership diminishes as we lose more members than we are able to recruit. There are 360,000 National MOAA members but only approximately 36,000 of those members belong to chapters. In other words only one in ten national members are active members of chapters. Unfortunately, National MOAA does not provide the names of national members living in our area. I ask for your assistance in recruiting new members. When meeting people who have or are serving as military officers, please invite them to attend one of our chapter membership meetings.

I am hoping you all have had a wonderful holiday season and am looking forward to seeing you at our first membership meeting of the year at the Eden Resort on February 27.

- **Bill Confer presents Vietnam Veteran and Former Pittsburgh Steeler Rocky Bleier with MOAA challenge coin**

Bill attended a recent meeting at Fort Indian-town Gap where Rocky Bleier was the speaker. Rocky sustained a combat injury in Vietnam which his doctors thought would end his playing career. Through sheer willpower and intensive rehabilitation, he returned to the NFL and won four Super Bowls with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is a tireless advocate for veterans and is a believer



- **Confer and Bleier (cont.)**

in the MOAA motto, "Never Stop Serving." Well done, Bill and Rocky!

- **Items needed for Veterans at Lebanon VA Hospital**

These items are in desperate need by the patients at the Lebanon VA Hospital: Male underwear briefs (small, medium, and large), Male underwear boxers (small, medium, large, and 2-XLarge). There are other items but these are always in short supply. President Dan Horting asks that if members would care to donate these items, please bring them to any membership meeting and he will deliver them to the VA Hospital.

- **2025 Membership Mtgs and Venues**

Please add these dates to your calendar and plan to join us in 2025:

February 27	Eden Resort
April 17	Meadia Heights Golf Club
June TBD	Pride of the Susquehanna Cruise
August 23	Picnic at Waltz Vineyard
October 16	Bent Creek Country Club
December 7	Millersville Univ. Holiday Luncheon

- **2025 Board Meeting Dates**

Board of Directors meetings are held six times a year and start at 2 p.m. on a Wednesday in the conference room at Lancaster Airport Authority, 500 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Members are welcome to attend any and all board meetings:

February 19	August 06
April 02	October 01
June 04	November 19

- **2025 Breakfast Gathering Dates**

Our breakfast gatherings are held on the third Thursday of each month that there is no membership meeting. The venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz, PA 17543, starting at 8 a.m. These gatherings are informal, have no agenda, and are open to all members and guests. There were 7 attendees at the November breakfast. Contact Dan Horting with questions at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320.

January 16	July 17
March 20	September 18
May 15	November 20



Chapter Dues Reminder

We encourage members to take advantage of the discounted 3-year rate of \$60, otherwise annual dues are \$25 per year. Checks should be made payable to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and mailed to the same at P.O. Box 5031, Lancaster PA 17606-5031. Please call or email the chapter treasurer, Dave Shelton, 717-342-4600, dwsheltn@comcast.net, if you have a question about your dues status.

Pictures from Recent Events



November breakfast gathering. Join us and be a regular!



Waiting for a loved one.



Installation of new Officers and Directors at Christmas luncheon.



Awardees Confer, Cunningham, and Link



Next Newsletter Release: March 2025

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