



MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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Next Membership Meeting: April 17th, 2025 at 1700 hours.

The April Lancaster Chapter MOAA Membership Meeting will be held at Meadia Heights Golf Club on Thursday, April 17th. The gathering will begin at 1700 with a social hour with cash bar. The meeting will be called to order at 1800 with introductory remarks by our president Dan Horting. Dinner will follow at 1815.



The **Menu** for the event is:

Salad: Garden Salad with choice of Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing on the side.

Entrée: Choice of Seared Flat Iron Steak with Bourbon Reduction, **OR** Herbed Seared Salmon.

Sides: Herb Roasted Red Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables.

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse with Berries.

Beverage Station: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee, and Hot Tea.

The cost of the meal is \$40.00 per person. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out to **Lancaster Chapter MOAA** and mailed to:

Lancaster Chapter MOAA
Attention: Meeting Reservations
PO Box 5031
Lancaster, PA 17606-5031.

Please write the names of your guests on your check for name tag purposes and provide your **ENTRÉE CHOICES**. The default choice is Flat Iron Steak. A vegetarian meal is available upon request.

The **deadline for receipt of checks is Tuesday, April 7th**. Cancellations may be made by calling Dennis Benchoff prior to Tuesday, April 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis at (717) 560-1260.

Directions for GPS: Meadia Heights Golf Club.
Address: 402 Golf Road, Lancaster, PA 17602.

• From the President's Desk

I am writing this column on Ground Hog Day and just heard that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow indicating six more weeks of winter. On a positive note by the time you receive this newsletter, Spring will only be about three weeks away. As the temperatures moderate, I hope you have the opportunity to get out and about.



For those who have never attended, please give some thought to attending one of our breakfast gatherings at Oregon Dairy. The next breakfast gathering is on Thursday, March 20th *Dan Horting* at 8 a.m. We usually have between six to ten attendees and always have spirited conversation with no agenda. This interaction provides an additional chance to meet and possibly develop a friendship with a fellow member.

Over the next few weeks the local high school JROTC units will begin selecting cadets to attend the Summer STEAM Academies at Saint Francis University. Once the selections are finalized, I will provide an update on the students chosen and what specific academies they will attend. These academies are funded by your chapter.

I wish to thank Dave Lawrence, Jerry Link, and Dave Shelton for assisting with the submission of the chapter's awards applications to National MOAA. We should know the result of applications in the next few months.

The chapter's next membership meeting is Thursday, April 17th at Meadia Heights Golf Club. I hope to see many you at the meeting!



• Chapter Members visit Middle School for Veteran's Day Presentations

Lancaster Chapter Board member Diane Stackhouse and Chapter Treasurer Dave Shelton visited Landisville Middle School on 14 November 2024. At the request of 8th grade history teacher Robyn Scheick, they gave presentations to five history classes, addressing over 100 students. They discussed the various aspects of military life and their individual careers, focusing on their service during the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. Congratulations and a hearty well done to Diane and Dave for their outstanding contribution to educating our young people.



• Help Support MOAA National Advocacy in Action.

MOAA National identifies several issues each year which affect the military community. Members are encouraged to support these legislative efforts by sending prewritten letters to your Congressional representatives via the MOAA website. Please follow the steps below:

- Visit www.moaa.org.
- Navigate to "Advocacy" and then select "Legislative Action Center."
- Examine the list under "Active Legislative Campaigns." There are 5 issues this year.
- For each legislative initiative you wish to support, click on "Write" located to the right.
- Fill in your personal information under your name in the upper right corner, make sure to select chapter ID: PA03, and then click "Submit" to submit your personal information.
- Review the letters prepared for your individual representatives and click "Submit" at the bottom of each letter. Note: Individual letters may be edited or personalized as desired.

• Join our Lancaster MOAA Chapter

Our chapter is 144 members strong in the Lancaster Area. Join us to connect with others who have

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shared life experiences. Please copy and paste this link to your browser for how to join and an application. <https://www.moaalancasterchapt.org/howtojoin.html>

• 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:

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:

April 2	October 1
June 4	November 19
August 6	

• 2025 Breakfast Gathering Dates

Our breakfast gatherings are held on the third Thursday of each month when there is no membership meeting. The venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 and starts at 8 a.m. These gatherings are informal, have no agenda, and are open to all members and guests. There were 5 attendees at the January breakfast. Contact Dan Horting with questions at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320.

March 20	September 18
May 15	November 20
July 17	



Chapter Dues Reminder

Chapter dues are \$25/year, or \$60/3 years and were payable in January. If you have not yet paid 2025 dues, your check should be made payable to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and mailed to PO Box 5031, Lancaster PA 17606-5031. For dues status questions call or email the chapter treasurer, Dave Shelton, 717-342-4600, dwsheltn@comcast.net.

Pictures from Recent Events and Archives



January 2025 Breakfast gathering. Great food, great friends



November 2024



July 2024



Archives 2022



Eden Luncheon February 27, 2025



Next Newsletter Release: May 2025

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