

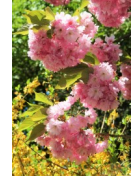


# MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Membership Meeting: The Inn at Leola Village; June 26th, 2025 at 1700 hours.

Due to continuing issues with the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat our June Membership meeting has been relocated to The Inn at Leola Village. The event will be held on Thursday, June 26th and the social hour with cash bar will begin at 5 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at 6:00 p.m. with introductory remarks by our president, Dan Horting. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m. This is our first ever meeting at the Inn at Leola Village and I look forward to the new experience. The address for GPS is: 38 Deborah Drive, Leola, PA 17540



The **Menu** for the event is:

**Salad:** Poached Pear with Baby Spinach, Caramelized Pecans and Gorgonzola in a Sweet & Sour Dressing.

#### Entrée Choice:

Involtni of **Pork Tenderloin** with Figs, Apples and Pecans  
Whipped Potatoes  
Assorted Vegetables and Fig Sauce

#### **OR**

Herb Roasted Organic European **Chicken Breast**  
Whipped Potatoes  
Assorted Vegetables

#### Dessert:

Dessert Sampling Trio: Walnut Cake, Fresh Berries and Chocolate Torte.

**Beverages:** Sodas and Iced Tea, Freshly baked Artisan Breads with Olive Oil.

The cost of the meal is \$49.00 per person. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out to **Lancaster Chapter MOAA** and mailed to:

### **MOAA Lancaster, PA Chapter**

Attn: Meeting Reservations

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**\*\* Error in Zip Code on earlier edition \*\***

Be sure to write the names of your guests on your check for name tag purposes and **provide your entrée choice**. If none is provided the default choice is chicken.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Tuesday, June 17th. Cancellations may be made by calling Dennis Benchhoff prior to June 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Benchhoff, (717) 560-1260.

The speaker for this meeting is Mr. Ed Foster, who is the Executive Director of the Lancaster Airport. Ed has an extensive background in airport management and is a 30 year Army veteran retiring as a Sergeant Major. Like our President, Dan Horting, he is a graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Ed also earned an MBA from the American Intercontinental University. I'm sure we will all enjoy learning all about what is new at the airport. You won't want to miss this presentation, so put the event on your calendar and sign up today.

#### **• From the President's Desk**

I would like to begin by noting that the venue for the June Membership Meeting has been changed to The Inn at Leola Village. I regret that we will not be able to do the dinner cruise on the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat as planned. The Riverboat Society reports that they plan to offer cruises this summer but have not published a date that the boat will return to operation. I am hoping to try again next summer. Regardless, I am excited about having an event at The Inn at Leola Village.



*Dan Horting*



### • From the President's desk (continued)

It is a very nice venue and will be the group's first ever visit.

The chapter has been busy supporting the local JROTC units. On Thursday, April 10, Chapter Board Member Wayne Foxworth presented the MOAA Medal to Cadet Seth Fenstermaker of the Lebanon High School Army JROTC. Over the next month we will be presenting MOAA Medals to cadets at the Muhlenburg Air Force JROTC, the Dallastown Marine JROTC and the Elizabethtown Navy JROTC. Your chapter is also funding week-long summer STEAM academies for two cadets. Cadet Awanda Robles from Lebanon and Cadet Charles Mathews from Muhlenburg will be attending the Pre-med academy.

I would again like to ask the membership of our chapter to assist with recruitment. When meeting a new friend, whom you find out served as a military officer, ask them if they have an interest in joining our group and invite them to attend one of our membership or breakfast meetings. The breakfast meetings are smaller gatherings and offer a great opportunity to share stories about one another's military experiences and interests.

I am hoping to see many of you at the Inn at Leola Village on June 26th. The weather should be nice and it will be a great opportunity to reunite with friends.

### Chapter Member Susan Collins participates in MOAA Advocacy in Action 2025

On April 9th, more than 150 MOAA members came from across the country to visit House and Senate office buildings. They met with lawmakers and their staffs to promote MOAA's legislative priorities for the 119th Congress. This year the group included our own Susan Collins who is the Lancaster Chapter MOAA Surviving Spouse advocate. Susan was also recently appointed to the National MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Board. Way to go, Susan! More surviving spouse information can be found on the chapter website under the Surviving Spouse heading.

### • Blue Angels to Perform at Harrisburg Airport

When returning from a trip this Winter, your newsletter editor was surprised to see a Navy Blue Angels F18 fighter jet parked on the apron at Harrisburg Airport. He was excited to learn that the Navy Flight Demonstration Team would be performing this Spring at Harrisburg International Airport. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 25th and 26th. In addition to the Blue Angels, other performances will include an F16 Viper demonstration team, a P51 Mustang demo and the West Point Parachute Team. Hope to see everyone there. For more information and to purchase tickets, see the the Airshow Website:



<https://air.show/centralpa/>

### • 2025 Membership Mtgs and Venues

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

June 26	The Inn at Leola
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:

June 4	October 1
August 6	November 19

### • 2025 Breakfast Gathering Dates

Our breakfast gatherings occur on the third Thursday of each month when there is no membership meeting (every other month).

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 7 attendees at the March breakfast. Contact Dan Horting with questions at [k4sbuilder@comcast.net](mailto:k4sbuilder@comcast.net) or 717 285-7320.

May 15	September 18
July 17	November 20



### • Join our Lancaster MOAA Chapter

Our chapter is 145 members strong in the Lancaster Area. Join us to connect with others who have 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>

### • Medical Minute: Let's Get Moving

As we age, physical activity is essential for preserving our overall health, our independence and our quality of life. Regular exercise can help to maintain muscle strength, flexibility and balance and lowers the risk of falls and injuries. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that individuals over 65 engage weekly in:

- 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity
- 2 days of exercises that strengthen muscles and
- Activities that improve balance like standing on one foot

There is lots of great information on the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/physical-activity-basics/guidelines/older-adults.html>

### • Pictures from Recent Events



March 2025 Breakfast at  
"The Dairy"



Enjoying Meadia Heights



Meadia Heights Dinner Meeting April 17, 2025



**Next Newsletter Release: July 2025**

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