



# MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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

## NEWSLETTER

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### • Our August 26th Picnic at Waltz Vineyard:

Join us for our MOAA Lancaster Chapter's annual picnic at Waltz Vineyards on Saturday, August 26th. We have used this venue for the past several years and those who have attended were treated to a great morning and afternoon of good food and wine at a beautiful setting overlooking the rolling hills of northern Lancaster County. Waltz Vineyards is located at 1599 Old Line Road, Manheim, PA 17545-8222. The event will begin with a social time from 11 to 12 noon. The meal for the event, prepared by Hess BBQ, will be served at noon, following introductory comments by President Confer. The menu for the picnic is:

#### **Menu:**

Applewood smoked pulled pork BBQ, Hickory smoked beef brisket, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, cole slaw.

#### **Beverages:**

A selection of Waltz wine as well as assorted non-alcohol drinks which are provided in the cost of the picnic.

#### **Dessert:**

Cake.

**The cost** of the meal will be \$25 per person. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out 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.

**The deadline** for receipt of all checks is Monday, August 21st. Cancellations and any questions should be directed to Bill Zeird prior to August 21st, at 717 626-0232 or email at [rgerzsr@gmail.com](mailto:rgerzsr@gmail.com).

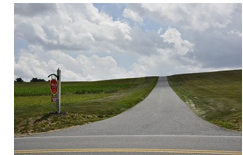
**Parking** is readily available at the top of the hill in the grass just off the entry road and below our picnic area. **Seating is limited so please bring your own lawn chairs.**

**Directions** from Lancaster: proceed to Manheim

**Directions** (cont'd) City and go north on Rte 72 through Manheim. At the north end of Manheim, turn left onto West Colebrook Street. In 0.4 miles, West Colebrook Street becomes Old Line Road. Continue 2 miles to the winery entrance sign on the left side of the road and proceed up the entrance road hill to the parking area on the right just below the picnic area.



Entrance Sign



Entrance Road Hill

### • From the President's Desk:

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our latest dinner meeting at the Hamilton Club. We had a low turnout of just 38 members attending. This was perhaps due to some apprehension with parking in downtown Lancaster city and the ever-increasing restaurant dinner costs. However, our dinners continue to be the best way to get to know your fellow members, our officers and board directors. Our speakers continue to present interesting and informative presentations. Zach Waltz's presentation at the Hamilton Club on tending Waltz Vineyards was an interesting and inviting prelude to our annual picnic lunch scheduled at their vineyards in Manheim on Saturday, August 26th.

As a heads-up, our Board of Directors is working toward implementing some changes to our current emphasis on our college ROTC scholarship program, toward a more beneficial emphasis to high school JROTC and STEAM programs. I expect that we will ask for your vote on this proposed change at a later meeting. With college ROTC scholarships, we have found that there is a great



Bill Confer Sr



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

deal more funding available for college students, than what is available for the JROTC and STEAM programs. Therefore, the Board feels the more junior level programs (JROTC and STEAM) are where we need to apply our efforts to reach a more needy group of young people that encourages military service.

For our surviving spouses, would you be interested in attending either a breakfast or luncheon to meet each other and as a group, learn more about information that is available locally and from MOAA National concerning surviving spouses? Let Susan Collins, our chapter surviving spouse representative, know if interested in getting together as a group for either a breakfast or luncheon by sending her an email at [suercollins@gmail.com](mailto:suercollins@gmail.com) or call her at (571) 216-4701. Additionally, MOAA national has recently published a newsletter with a lot of valuable information with links to other web sites. You can get a copy of that newsletter by contacting Sue.

To reduce our US newsletter mailing costs, we would like those of our members who have email addresses but wish to receive their newsletters by US mail, to again consider receiving your newsletter by email instead of US mail. That little effort could save us about \$12.00 per each US mailed newsletter per year. You can contact our newsletter editor, Tom Bender, at [mot2017@ptd.net](mailto:mot2017@ptd.net), if you elect to start receiving your newsletter by email. Email copies are in color compared to US mailed copies which are in black and white. We realize that for those of you who do not have an email capability, we will continue to send you US mailed copies.

Please look at and consider volunteering for one of the positions listed at the [Help Wanted](#) section of this newsletter. The filling of each of these positions is important with several vital to our continued growth and enjoyment of our chapter by our members. God Bless you all.

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

**Col Greg Cullison, USAF, (RET)**

337 Amber Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Email: [gregscullison@gmail.com](mailto:gregscullison@gmail.com)

Spouse: Karen

Joined: 3/5/2023

- **Say Hello to our Newest Members:** (con't)

**CPT Tanya Belousov, USA (ACT)**

35 Walden Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

Email: [tsbelousov@gmail.com](mailto:tsbelousov@gmail.com)

Spouse: Lee Samuelson

Joined: 5/17/2023

**CPT Dave Ulsh, USA (FMR)**

2 Arbor Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067

Email: [dcu1960@c0mcast.net](mailto:dcu1960@c0mcast.net)

Spouse: Carol

Joined 5/20/2023

- **We Honor the Memory of:**

**1LT John Burke, USA (FMR)**, 82, who passed away on May 6, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage. He was a student at Glenwood School for Boys. He graduated from Carthage College with a BA in business and sociology. He was an active member of our MOAA Chapter for over eleven years, having served as co-membership chair and a Director on our Board of Directors. He served in the USA with the 16th Infantry Regiment, including Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Internment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to an endowed scholarship for students graduating from Glenwood Academy College: The John & Kathy Burke Scholarship Fund, Attn: Nora Sheahan, Glenwood Academy, 500 West 187th Street, Glenwood, IL, 60425.

- **Chapter 2023 Scholarship Awardees:**

High School Senior \$1,000 Scholarship:

**Alan Krock**, Garden Spot High School

ROTC \$1,000 Scholarship:

**Cadet Tanner Wright**

ROTC Leadership Medal:

**Cadet Mark Lovelle**

St Francis Univ. \$500 STEAM Summer Session:

**Alyssa Hoffman**



President with

Cadet Mark Lovelle



- **2023 Membership Mtgs & Venues:**

Please put these dates in your calendars and plan on joining us for good food and fellowship in 2023:

Saturday, Aug 26, 11 a.m., Waltz Vineyard picnic

Thursday, Oct 12, 5 p.m., Bent Creek CC

Sunday, Dec 3, 1 p.m., Millersville University

- **Breakfast Gatherings:**

Our breakfasts gatherings will meet on the third Thursday of each month where there is no membership meeting. Our remaining Breakfast Gatherings will be on the following dates:

Thursday-Jul 20, Thursday-Sep 21, and Thursday, Nov 16.

As usual, the venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz 17543, starting at 8 a.m. These gatherings remain informal. All members and guests are welcome. Contact Dan Horting with questions at [k4sbuilder@comcast.net](mailto:k4sbuilder@comcast.net) or 717 285-7320.

- **2023 Chapter Dues Reminder:**

We still have 25 members still owing 2023 dues. Dues are \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. All dues checks should be made out to MOAA Lancaster Chapter and sent to: MOAA Lancaster Chapter, P.O. Box 5031, Lancaster, PA 17606-5031. Contact our Treasurer, Dennis Benchoff, with any dues questions at 717 560-1260 or [dlbenchoff2@comcast.net](mailto:dlbenchoff2@comcast.net). Surviving Spouses pay no Chapter dues.

- **HELP WANTED: 2024 Chapter Volunteer Needs:**

Treasurer

Corresponding Secretary

Two Board Directors

Newsletter Editor

Meeting-Speakers Chair

Nominating Chair

Advertising Chair

Name Tag/Welcome Table Chair

50/50 Ticket Event Chair

For additional details, if interested, please contact our nominating chair, Dave Shelton, at [dwsheltn@comcast.net](mailto:dwsheltn@comcast.net) or 717 342-4600, or the position incumbent.



VP with Alyssa Hoffman



Cadet Tanner Wright



**Next Newsletter Release:** Sept 1, 2023

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Dan Horting

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