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Next Membership Meeting: Bent Creek Country Club; Thursday October 16th, 2025, 5:00 pm.

Bent Creek Country Club will be the venue for our next Membership Meeting on Thursday October 16, 2025. Bent Creek offers a beautiful setting for us to gather and meet new friends and catch up with old friends in a beautiful fall setting. Following a social hour that begins at 5:00 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.



Address for GPS: 620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz, PA 17543.

The **Menu** for the event is:

Starter: Tomato Bisque Soup flavored with Bacon and Cheddar Cheese

Entrée: Chicken Picatta Served with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable Medley.

Dessert: Apple Caramel Galette folded around Fresh Apples.

The cost of the event is \$48 per person.

As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out to **Lancaster Chapter MOAA** and mailed to:

**Lancaster Chapter, MOAA
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, October 13th. Cancellations may be made by calling Dennis Benchoff prior to October 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Benchoff, (717) 560-1260.

Our speaker for the evening is Judge Jeffrey D. Wright who has been presiding judge in the Lancaster County Veteran's Court since January 2012. Judge Wright is a native Pittsburgher who graduated from Allegheny College and the University of Pittsburgh Law School. After 23 years in private practice, he was elected to the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas where he continues to serve. We salute his service to the Veteran community and look forward to his presentation.

• From the President's Desk

Summer is winding down and I hope all of you who had travel plans this past summer had a safe and enjoyable trip. Nancy and I usually do our travels in the fall when the crowds die down and the weather cools. We often use Space A travel to get to and from our destinations, particularly Europe. There are several bases in our area that offer Space A flights. We have used Andrews, BWI, McGuire, and Dover at various times. Space A travel may be not be for everyone but if you are interested and would like to give it a try, I can help with answers to your questions.



Dan Horting

For those who attended the June membership meeting at the Inn at Leola Village, I hope you enjoyed the meeting as much as I did. As far as I know it is the first time our chapter has met at Leola Village and I hope we can return someday. The atmosphere at the venue was excellent and the speaker provided a very interesting and informative presentation about Lancaster Airport. It was interesting to learn that we are one of the busiest airports in the state based on traffic count!

The chapter continues to need volunteers to fill several Committee or Board positions. (continued)



• From the President's desk (continued)

Vice President is an open position and we are in need of individuals to take over Recording Secretary and Treasurer positions. Additionally, I ask for your help with recruiting. If you meet an individual who has served as a Commissioned Officer or Warrant Officer, please mention our chapter. For those of you who live in retirement communities, I am sure there are many people who have served as a military officer at a point in their life. There are many opportunities for them to join us at both breakfast and membership meetings.

I hope to see many of you at Bent Creek in October.

• Next Generation Uniformed Services ID cards

The Department of Defense is in the process of replacing old paper based ID cards (blue in color) with next generation ID cards. The newer cards have better security and are white in color. DOD asks all those with old cards to replace them at their earliest convenience. A date when the old cards will no longer be accepted has not been set but is expected to be sometime in 2026.

You may be able to renew online at the "ID card office online" (see below link). Can't renew online? Go to the same website to make an appointment at an ID card facility. Renewing in person will require two forms of ID so be prepared for that. See link for acceptable forms of identification. So check your ID cards and update if necessary.

ID card office online: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

• Surviving Spouse Corner

The next Spouse meet up will be held at **Brethren Village Fellowship Hall (below the Bistro) on Wednesday, September 24th from 12pm to 3 pm.** This event is for all spouses. Please come and join us for bingo and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded to bingo winners.

Surviving spouse liaison, Susan Collins, recently

• Surviving Spouse Corner (cont)

received a National MOAA Leadership award. The award recognizes her participation in the MOAA advocacy in action effort this Spring in Washington, DC and her membership on the National MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Board. The Military Officers Association of America Leadership Award is presented to chapter and council officers who have significantly contributed to their chapter, council, or MOAA. We are lucky to have Susan in our Chapter. Great work.



• 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 8 attendees at the July breakfast. Contact Dan Horting with questions at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320. There are only two more of these breakfasts remaining this year. Don't miss them.

September 18

November 20

• Chapter Officers and Directors Election

Election of chapter officers and directors to serve in 2026 will be conducted at the October 16th membership meeting at Bent Creek Country Club. The following slate of officers and directors is proposed for review and approval by the membership:

Officers:

President: Bill Zeird LT, USN

Vice President: Open

Imed Past Pres: Dan Horting, Lt Col, USAF

Treasurer: Dave Shelton, Lt Col, USAF

Corres Secy: Dennis Benchhoff, LTG, USA

Rec Secy: Open

Directors:

Greg Collison, Col, USAF

Kevin Powell, CAPT, USN

Wayne Foxworth, COL, USA

Jerry Link, CDR, USN

John Gareis, MAJ, USA



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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>

- [Remaining Chapter Membership Meetings and Venues](#)

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

October 16 Bent Creek Country Club
December 7 Millersville Univ. Holiday Luncheon

- [Pictures from July Breakfast and Waltz Vineyard Picnic](#)



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