



MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Bent Creek Country Club, October 17, 2024 at 5 pm

Bent Creek Country Club will be the venue for our next Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024. 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 vice president, Bill Zeird. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m. Our speaker for the evening is MAJ Linda Lehman, who served on Active Duty and in the Reserves as an Army Military Police officer. She is a recipient of numerous personal awards including the Soldier's Medal. In her spare time, Linda enjoys playing the guitar. This passion has continued with the Guitars for Vets organization where she has helped Veterans overcome PTSD and Depression, profoundly affecting their lives. The menu for the evening is:

Starter: Old Fashioned Tomato Soup Flavored with Bacon and Cheddar Cheese

Entrée: Apple Cider Marinated Roast Pork Tenderloin, Granny Smith Apples, Caramelized Sweet Onions, Au Jus. Served with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable Medley.

Dessert: Apple Caramel Galette Flaky Pastry Folded Around Fresh Apples with Caramel and Vanilla Ice Cream

The cost of the meal is \$48.00 per person. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out to **Lancaster Chapter MOAA** and mailed to **Lancaster Chapter MOAA, 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 14th**. Cancellations may be made by calling Dennis Benchoff prior to October 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Benchoff (717) 560-1260.

• From the President's Desk:

I have just returned from our Annual Picnic at Waltz Vineyard. This year marks the tenth year that we have journeyed to Waltz for our picnic. Again, we had great weather for the event and it was good to see all of you who attended. A treat this year was music provided by Guitars for Vets. I believe all of those who attended were entertained by the group of guitar players who played and sang a wide selection of songs. I am hoping that they will return next year to provide music at our picnic.



Dan Horting

On July 11th, Bill Confer, Bill Zeird, Fae Skula and myself attended a session of Veteran's Court at the Lancaster County Courthouse. Prior to the court session we presented a check for \$3500.00 to the Veterans Community Care Program. The donation consisted of \$2500.00 obtained through a Community Outreach Grant from National MOAA and a contribution of \$1000.00 from our Lancaster Chapter. The money was used to purchase new bedding at Lancaster Barracks, a Lancaster house for homeless veterans enrolled in Veterans Court.

On Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th our chapter will have a recruiting table set up at Lancaster Airport during the Lancaster Community Days Airshow. If you are attending the show please stop at the table and visit us. We will be in the Maintenance Hanger.

In parting I would like to thank Jerry Link and Wayne Foxworth for offering to serve on the Chapter's Board of Directors. In addition to serving as a director, Jerry also serves as our webmaster.

I hope many of you are planning to attend our next membership meeting at Bent Creek Country Club on October 17th. Bent Creek is always decorated beautifully in the Fall and offers a nice venue to gather to share time with old friends and meet new friends.



• Election of Officers & Directors for 2025:

Election of chapter officers and directors to serve in 2025 will be conducted at the October 17th meeting at Bent Creek Country Club. The following slate of officers and directors is proposed for review and approval by the membership:

Officers:

President: Dan Horting, Lt Col, USAF
Vice President: Bill Zeird, LT, USN
Imed Past Pres: Bill Confer Sr, LTC, USA
Treasurer: Dave Shelton, Lt Col, USAF
Corres Secy: Dennis Benchoff, LTG, USA
Rec Secy: Barry Schmitt, Lt Col, USAF

Directors:

Wayne Foxworth, COL, USA
 Jerry Link, CDR, USN
 Peter Cardinal, COL USA
 John Gareis, MAJ, USA
 Dave Lawrence, CAPT, USN
 Diane Stackhouse, Maj USAF

• Naval Academy Musical Groups Travel to Lancaster in November:

Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, PA will be presenting the Brigade of Midshipmen Orchestra and the Naval Academy Mariachi Ensemble in concert on **Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 4pm.**



The Brigade of Midshipmen possesses a vast number of talented instrumentalists. These midshipmen come from backgrounds of intense disciplined training since early childhood. Soloists and ensembles perform for various events both on and off the Yard, ranging from chapel services and a Winter Musical to full concerts.

These concerts are entirely self-funded and rely on patrons and Free Will Offerings. Please mark your calendars. Let's have a good showing to support our young Midshipmen.

Location: Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 East Roseville Road. Lancaster, PA 17601

• Surviving Spouse Group Meet-up Friday September 6th:

The MOAA Lancaster Chapter surviving Spouse group invites all chapter member spouses to join them at their September Meet-up.

Location: Gracie's on West Main, 264 West Main Street, Leola, PA

Date: Friday, September 6th

Time: 12:00 Noon

RSVP: Susan Collins at suercollins@gmail.com by Monday, September 2nd.

Chapter member Susan Collins is the Surviving Spouse Liaison for the Chapter, the State of PA and the MOAA National Council. The Surviving Spouses have a "Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter" where they meet monthly on Zoom with other surviving spouses from all chapters nationwide. All MOAA surviving spouses are welcome to join any and/or all meetings. Please contact Susan Collins for further information.

• 2024 Membership Mtgs & Venues:

Please put these dates in your calendars and plan on joining us in 2024:

Thursday, Oct 17, 5 p.m., Bent Creek CC

Sunday, Dec 8, 1 p.m., Millersville University

We have made several changes to this schedule from last year due to increased costs at the different venues. Your chapter is trying hard to keep these meetings affordable.

• 2024 Board of Directors Meetings:

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. Members are always welcome to attend the remaining board meetings:

October 2

November 20.

• Breakfast Gatherings:

Our breakfast gatherings are held on the third Thursday each month when there is no membership meeting. They occur every other month. The venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz 17543, starting at 8 a.m. These gatherings are informal, have no agenda and are open to all members and guests. There were eight attendees at the July Breakfast.



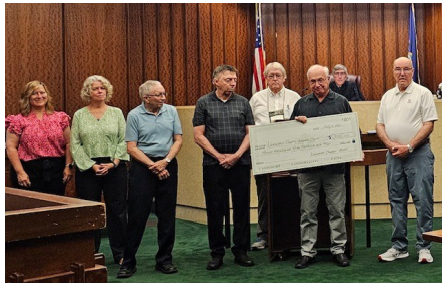
● **Breakfast Gatherings (cont):**

Come join us for a nice meal and interesting discussions. Contact Dan Horting with questions at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717-285-7320. Our schedule for future gatherings is as follows:

Thursday, September 19

Thursday, November 14

● **Pictures from Recent Events:**



Veteran's Court Check Presentation



Making Breakfast Memorable



Picnic at Bucolic Waltz Vineyards.



Next Newsletter Release: Nov 2024

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Dan Horting

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