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From National MOAA:

[MOAA advocacy in action: New Tricare for Life GLP-1 policy and more](#)

Chapter NEWS

- **October Chapter Meeting: Thursday October 22nd, Bent Creek Country Club, 11:00 am. from Dan Horting:**

On October 22nd, the chapter will gather at Bent Creek Golf Club for a Fall luncheon. This will be our first luncheon meeting at Bent Creek. It is a very nice venue, and we have a very interesting speaker in WGAL Channel 8's Brian Roche. The event will begin at 1100 with a social hour. Following announcements and remarks by our president Bill Zeird, a buffet lunch will be served.

Soup:

Tomato Bisque Flavored with Bacon and Cheddar Cheese

Salads:

Grilled Chicken Tandoori Salad with Red Grapes, Almonds, Baby Spinach, Mango and Honey Yogurt Dressing
Spinach Strawberry Salad with Walnuts, Croutons and Balsamic Dressing



Sandwiches:

Grilled Chicken Cordon Bleu - Smoked Ham, Swiss Cheese, Honey Dijon Mustard, Toasted Roll
Bent Creek Junior Club - Turkey, Bacon, Ham, Toasted Wheat
Grilled Veggiewich - Grilled Portobello Mushroom, Dill Havarti, Tomato, Asparagus, Zucchini, Red Onion, Roasted Red Pepper on Tomato Bread

Dessert:

Apple Caramel Galette

The cost will be \$35.00 for each attendee. Please include the names of your guests on your check for name tag purposes. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out to **Lancaster Chapter MOAA** and mailed to:

**Lancaster Chapter MOAA
P.O. Box 5031,
Lancaster, PA 17606-5031.**

Reservations may also be made online at:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/lancaster-chapter-moaa-payments/items> with payment by credit card.

From the payments main page, scroll down to **Social Events**, Click on **Bent Creek Luncheon**. Please indicate the number attending, your name, and any guest name(s). The **deadline** for receipt of all checks or credit card payments is **Monday, October 19th**.

Cancellations may be made by calling or emailing Dennis Benchoff prior to October 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Benchoff at 717 560-1260 or banzhafdl@gmail.com

Address for GPS:

620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Meeting Speaker:

The speaker for our October Membership meeting at Bent Creek is WGAL Channel 8's **Brian Roche**. Brian co-anchors News 8 at 5 p.m. each weekday. He is also the 8 On Your Side Consumer/Investigative reporter for News 8. Brian is an Emmy Award winning anchor and reporter. He has been recognized by the Associated Press with the top honor for Enterprise Reporting in Pennsylvania and has more than 40 years of experience as a broadcast journalist, anchor and producer. Born and raised in Scranton, Pa., Brian received his Bachelor of Arts in communications from Marywood University in Scranton. Throughout his college years, Brian was an anchor/reporter for WARM 590 AM in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area. While on the radio, he was also the weekend weather personality on WBRE-TV in Wilkes-Barre. Upon graduation, Brian assumed a full-time position with WBRE as a reporter/anchor where he remained until 1995. While at WBRE, Brian won several Associated Press Awards for Enterprise Reporting, Public Affairs and Spot News Coverage. In November of 1995, Brian accepted the position of anchor and managing editor at KGAN-TV in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brian was the only local news anchor to travel to the scene of a tragic shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado and won an award from the Iowa Motion Picture Association for his work. Brian is a member of the Board of Directors for Tenfold Lancaster (formerly Tabor Community Services). He has also served on the board of the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

• **President's Comments from Bill Zeird**



Help Needed

While chapter leadership, like most organizations, is always looking for more help from members willing to be involved in chapter operations, our current situation is becoming more critical.

Over the past year and a half the chapter has lost four people from key staff and leadership positions due to untimely deaths, relocation and a resignation for personal reasons. The remaining leadership team has continued to shuffle positions, take on multiple staff jobs and fill in as we can. Tom Bender, now 90 years old, has even returned to keep the website updated and operating.

There is some good news, however. New member, Major Eli Baker, USAR, who joined in June has jumped in as Legislative Liaison and you'll be learning more about his recent efforts moving legislation to expand real estate tax exemption for disabled veterans.

In the near term and coming years we are looking for help in most areas. You will note in the slate of officers for 2027 that the positions of Vice-President and Recording Secretary are still vacant. If you are interested in helping with JROTC Liaison, Membership, Publicity, Programs, Recruiting, Surviving Spouse Liaison or Treasurer, now, or in the future, please contact Membership Chair Dave Shelton or President Bill Zeird.

Contact President Bill Zeird at moaalancasterpresident@gmail.com
Contact Membership Chair Dave Shelton at dwsheltn@comcast.net

- **Election of Officers and Directors for 2027 from Dave Shelton**

Election of chapter officers and directors to serve in 2027 will be conducted at the October 22nd 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: Vacant
Imm Past Pres: Dan Horting, Lt Col USAF
Treasurer: Dave Shelton, Lt Col USAF
Corres Secy: Dennis Benchoff, LTG USA
Rec Secy: Vacant

Directors:

John Gareis, MAJ USA
Barry Schmitt, LtCol USAF
Greg Cullison, LtCol USAF
Kevin Powell, CAPT USN
Wayne Foxworth, COL USA
Tom Bender, CAPT USN

- **Membership News – Sep 2026**

Welcome new members:

Patricia (Trish) Link, Surviving Spouse (Jerry Link CDR, USN), Lititz, June 2026
Eli Baker, MAJ USAR (Active), Leola. Spouse: Mayerli Ventura. June 2026.

Relocation:

Dick Guindon, LTC USA (Retired) and member since 2022 has moved to North Carolina.

Death:

Lloyd Henry, CW4 USA (Retired) and member since 1989. Lloyd passed away late last December; however, notice was only recently received from his daughter. His wife, Betty, predeceased him.

- **Chapter Meeting, Breakfast Meeting, and Board Meeting Information:**

Chapter Meeting Dates for 2026 from Past President, Dan Horting:

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. You will find many of your favorite venues in the list below. Please note the change of date for the October Meeting.

October 22, Bent Creek Country Club, 11 am December 6, Millersville University, 1pm

Breakfast Gatherings from Dan Horting:

We meet at Olde Hickory Grill, 709 Olde Hickory Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 9:00 am. Breakfasts are informal with no agenda and occur on Thursday mornings, every other month. They are open to all members and guests. ***Mark your calendar for the next breakfast, Thursday, September 17th.*** Please note the venue and time change from previous years. For additional information or questions contact Dan Horting at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320.

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Board Meeting Dates from Recording Secretary Barry Schmitt:

Meetings are held six times a year on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm at the Lancaster Airport Authority Conference Room, 500 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. All members are welcome to attend and please let us know if you are interested in serving on the board.

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- **Lebanon VA Comfort Items from President Bill Zeird:**

Please remember to bring Comfort items for our hospitalized Veterans to any Chapter event, breakfast, Chapter meeting, or Board meeting. We are pursuing a year-round effort in 2026 to supply these comfort items to our hospitalized Veterans. Your continued support can have a lasting impact. For current needs please see VA Lebanon website link:

<https://www.va.gov/lebanon-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-donate/> Then scroll down to "Make a donation", then "Personal hygiene/comfort items", to see a list of specific needs; and drill down likewise under the heading "Clothing".

- **Chapter Contacts**

<i>President: Bill Zeird</i>	<i>Past President: Dan Horting</i>	<i>Membership: Dave Shelton</i>
<i>Recording Secretary: Barry Schmitt</i>	<i>Treasurer: Dave Shelton</i>	

- **Join our Lancaster MOAA Chapter:**

Our chapter is over 100 members strong in the Lancaster Area. Join us to connect with others who have shared life experiences. Please click on this link for how to join and an application.

<https://www.moaalancasterchapt.org/howtojoin.html>

- **Feature Article: Breakfast Past and Present**

We met for breakfast at Olde Hickory Grill on Thursday July 16th. Along with this picture are gatherings from the same months in 2024 and 2025. I hope we can all agree that the participants have not aged a bit. We enjoy talking about anything that arises in conversation. Please come and join us for the next breakfast on **Thursday, September 17th**. Please see details on page 4.



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Happy 250th Birthday, USA

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