



# MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Meeting: Chapter Annual Christmas Luncheon, December 8th, 2024 at 1 pm

The Lancaster MOAA Chapter's annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 8th. The **Lehr Dining Room in Gordinier Hall at Millersville University** will be decorated for the season. Wine and soda will be available throughout the social hour at no additional cost. The social hour begins at 1:00 pm. Following introductory remarks by our president, Dan Horting, the luncheon will be served at 2:00 pm. The menu is as follows:

#### **Salad:**

Spinach and Apple Salad with Orange Dressing

#### **Entrée:**

Sirloin Tips with sliced Portabella Mushrooms, Garlic Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes, and a Roasted Vegetable Medley

#### **Dessert:**

Cheesecake with Cherry Topping

#### **Beverages:**

Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, and Water with Lemon and Assorted Dinner Rolls.

The cost is \$37.00 per person and reservations can be accepted up until Wednesday, November 27th. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made payable 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 any guests on your check for name tag purposes and also let us know if you need a vegetarian meal. Cancellations may be made by calling Dennis Benchoff at (717)560-1260 prior to November 27th. Please call Dennis Benchoff for any questions. Millersville needs an accurate attendance count on November 27<sup>th</sup> in order to place their food order. Please mail your check so that it may be received by November 27th. If you believe your check will not

### Annual Christmas Luncheon (cont)

arrive on time, please call Dennis Benchoff and let him know your check is enroute.

Directions: Drive into Millersville on Rte 999 (Manor Avenue). Turn left onto N George Street and then left onto James Street. Gordinier Hall will be on your right with a parking lot on your left. Lehr Dining Room will be on the 2nd floor and is easily reached by elevator.

#### • From the President's Desk:

I want to begin by thanking our Vice President Bill Zeird for covering for me at the Bent Creek Membership Meeting. I hope all who attended enjoyed the presentation about the Guitars For Vets program. The Guitars For Vets group definitely offered some entertaining music at our picnic.



Dan Horting

As I am writing this column, Nancy and I are wrapping up a three week trip through France, Switzerland, and Italy. I am currently sitting in the Ramstein Passenger Terminal waiting for a military space available flight back to the states. Space A has its pros and cons. It can save you travel money but it can also be frustrating. All I can say is you need to be flexible and have alternative options. If anyone is considering using military Space A travel, I am willing to provide my personal experiences.

I would like to thank Bill Confer, Dennis Benchoff, and Dave Shelton for their assistance in manning a MOAA booth at Lancaster Community Days. We did not have a lot of success in recruiting new members but we did handout several cartons of USAA supplied items during the event.

I am looking forward to our annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 8th at Millersville University. This is always a very nice event, and I hope to see many of you attend. As we approach the busy holiday season, I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy time with friends and family whether near or far.



- **Election of Officers & Directors for 2025:**

Election of chapter officers and directors to serve in 2025 was conducted at the October 17th meeting at Bent Creek Country Club. The following slate of officers and directors was approved 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  
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**Directors:**

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

- **Reminder: Naval Academy Musical Groups Concert**

**Date:** Sunday, November 3, 2024

**Time:** 4pm.

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

Please see complete description of the concert in the September 2024 Chapter newsletter.

- **Surviving Spouse Group Meet-up:**

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

**Location:** Oregon Dairy

**Date:** Friday, November 8th

**Time:** 8:30 am

**RSVP:** Susan Collins at [suercollins@gmail.com](mailto:suercollins@gmail.com) by Monday, September 2nd.

Surviving Spouses are also invited to join Susan Collins, surviving Spouse coordinator, at **Indian-town Gap National Cemetery for the National Wreaths across America event on December 14th**. See link for specifics:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/PlaceWreaths>

- **Surviving Spouse Group Meet-up (cont)**

MOAA surviving spouses are welcome to join any/all events. Please call Susan Collins with any questions.

- **Last 2024 Membership Meeting, December 8**

Chapter Christmas Luncheon, Millersville University. Please see page one of this newsletter for details.

- **Remaining 2024 Board of Directors Meeting:**

November 20, 2pm at Lancaster Airport

- **Last Breakfast Gathering of 2024:**

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. Contact Dan Horting with questions at [k4s-builder@comcast.net](mailto:k4s-builder@comcast.net) or 717-285-7320. Join us for a nice meal and wonderful conversation.

See everyone on **Thursday, November 14 at 8:00 am, at the Oregon Dairy.**

- **2025 Membership Mtgs and Venues:**

Please put these dates on your calendars and plan on joining us in 2025:

February 27	Eden Resort
April 17	Media Heights Golf Club
June TBD	Pride of the Susquehanna Cruise
August 23	Picnic at Waltz Vineyard
October 16	Bent Creek Country Club
December 7	Millersville Univ. Holiday Luncheon

- **Proposed 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. Members are always welcome to attend any and all board meetings:

February 19	August 6
April 2	October 1
June 4	November 19

- **2025 Breakfast Gathering Dates**

January 16	May 15
March 20	July 17



- **2025 Breakfast Gatherings (cont.) :**  
September 18                      November 20

- **Christmas Gifts for Hospitalized Vets:**

Please remember to bring an **unwrapped gift for our hospitalized veterans to our Christmas Luncheon**. Gifts cannot be wrapped per the VA Lebanon Hospital security policy. Write on the unwrapped box or bag if items are for a lady or a gentleman. The hospital suggests paperbacks, puzzles, games, envelopes and stamps, etc. Avoid any thing sharp or alcoholic. The gifts are voluntary but a sign that someone cares. They are always appreciated by the veterans.

- **Pictures from Recent Events:**



**Lancaster Air Show Booth. Past President Confer and Corresponding Secretary Benchoff**



**Vice President Zeird presenting certificate to Maj. Linda Lehman  
Bent Creek Dinner Speaker**



**Next Newsletter Release: January 2025**

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