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♦ Fireside Tavern Meeting: Dan Horting

Our 18 October 2018 Membership Meeting will be held at the Fireside Tavern in Strasburg. The Fireside is one of Lancaster County's historic venues and we hope you will join us to socialize and enjoy the meal. The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with a cash bar available for beverages. The meeting will be called to order at 6 p.m. by our president John Gareis. Dinner will follow at approximately 6:15 p.m. with the following menu:

Salad

Mixed garden salad with balsamic vinaigrette Dressing

Combination Entrée

Pan seared Chicken Marsala and Crusted Cod with Chef's choice of starch and vegetables

Dessert

Warm Apple Crisp with whipped cream

Accompaniments

Rolls and butter

Coffee, hot tea, iced tea and lemonade

The meeting will be held in the Ballroom. **Please use the Banquet Parking Lot; it is behind the Tavern and enter at the Ballroom, not the restaurant.**

The cost of the dinner is \$35.00. 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, 15 October. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to Monday, 15 October. If you have any questions,

please call Jim at: 717-581-5299

♦ Speaker: Dan Cooper

CAPTAIN Paul Tortora, USN (ret), is the Director of the Center for Cyber Security Studies and was the first Chair of the new Cyber Science Department at the United States Naval Academy. Paul recently retired from the Navy following a 26-year active duty career as both a Nuclear Submarine Officer and a Naval Intelligence Officer. During his active service he served and deployed on two nuclear fast attack submarines, two amphibious assault ships, and a nuclear aircraft carrier, conducting peacetime and combat operations across the globe. His ashore assignments included Director of Training at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, on the staff of the Director of Naval Intelligence, as the Intelligence Officer and Naval Aide to the Secretary of the Navy, and on the staff of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Paul is a 1989 graduate of the Naval Academy, where he majored in Mathematics, minoring in Spanish. He holds a Masters of Science in Management from the University of Maryland, and a Masters of Arts in National Security Strategy from the Naval War College. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a recipient of both the National Military Intelligence Association's Vice Admiral Rufus Taylor Award for Intelligence Leadership and the Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton Award for outstanding leadership in Naval Intelligence. Paul will be speaking to us about cyber





security in today's military within the scope of available information to the public. This is should be a very interesting topic as it is the subject of daily news.

◆ **Level of Excellence Award: Tony Cerase**

Again, MOAA has recognized our chapter with the 4 Star Level of Excellence Award for 2017; an honor given to chapters that are above average performers in their operations. Kudos goes to those that put their time and skills to make this chapter a success. Thank you to the Board Officers and Chairs, that helped make 2017 a success, and, it is once again a pleasure for me to say 'thank you' for the support they gave me through my time as President. Thanks also goes to John Gareis who submitted all the necessary forms for a third year which has giving us the opportunity to be recognized by National MOAA.



◇ **2019 Slate of Officers: George Knapp**

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We are asking for volunteers for 2019 to fill the Newsletter Editor, the Army ROTC Liaison and the Surviving Spouse Liaison positions. None of these positions require overwhelming amounts of time: we only produce six Newsletter a year and

most of the work for the ROTC Board is done in February.

The Editor should have some computer skills to produce the newsletter which is supported by the board. The program for the newsletter is a Window's program - Publisher. The current Editor can teach the use of the program and the SOP will guide you through the process.

The Army ROTC Liaison prepares for the ROTC Board with the help of the ROTC Cadre with an already approved format. This is the process used to select the ROTC \$500 awardee. This process is also explained step by step in our SOP.

The Surviving Spouse Liaison is an advocate to the Chapter's surviving spouses and liaison with MOAA on their behalf.

⇒ **PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE**

Act 66 of 2007 Veterans' Service Officer Program: By Keith Beebe, MOAA PA Council 2 VP/ PA War Veteran's Council Legislative Chair & Bob Gray, PWVC Legislative Committee member

One of the legislative goals for the PA War Veterans Council, the State Veteran's Commission and MOAA PACOC over the past five years has been to get an increase in funding for the Act 66 Service Officer Program. The program started as a way to expand outreach to veterans across the state to file for VA benefits from their time in service. This was a cost saving to the state as it could not budget the additional service officers in DMVA needed to reach more veterans. The legislation passed in 2007 and the program started in 2008. Program costs have increased and the salary of the service officers has never been increased since the program started in 2008 due to reduced funding by the legislature since the start of the program.

Legislators saw the value in increasing veteran service officers and increasing pay to prevent turnover as a result of the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council Legislative Committee Act 66 work group. Over the past two years the work group has presented power point presentations to legislators at a joint House and Senate Veterans Affairs information meeting and this year met with legislators, the Governor's office and DMVA to make sure the increase was in the Governor's budget.



Last year it was in the Governor’s budget but was cut during the budget process as revenue was very short. This year it was in the Governor’s budget again and was initially cut by the House Budget Committee before the budget hearings. Once the final budget was agreed upon the \$500,000.00 increase was finally approved for the Act 66 Veteran’s Service Officer Program.

The fact that the legislature had more revenue this year was a favorable factor but it was the behind the scenes work of the Act 66 work group that kept the pressure on the legislature and informed the governor’s office of the impact for the stat’s veterans that kept the issue on the table.

◇ **Adopt A Kid/Adopt A Vet: John Gareis**

This fall I have scheduled two Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet programs for Central Manor Elementary and Mountville Elementary.

We will visit Mountville Elementary School on 7 November and speak with sixth grade students. The follow up assembly will be on 15 November.

We then visit Central Manor Elementary on 8 and 9 November to speak to fifth and sixth graders. A follow-up assembly will be on 19 November.

Please let me know if you can participate on any or all of these days. Call: 717 872-8005, or email: john.gareis@gmail.com

◇ **Welcome The New Members: John Burke**

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◇ **With Deepest Sympathy We Honor the Memory of:**

++ Betty Jane Henry, wife of our active member CW4 Lloyd E. Henry. She died at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community. Members wishing to donate in her memory may donate to either Lampeter United Methodist Church, 1101 Village Road, Lancaster, PA 17602 or Lampeter Fire Company, 851 Village Road, Lampeter, PA 17537.



⇒ **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ 2018 Dues Reminder-Tom Bender \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

There are still 49 members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues. Please write your check now for either \$15 (annual) or \$40 (3 yrs). See our March newsletter for more details or contact Tom Bender at 471-6817 or mot2017@ptd.net.

- ◇ **Military Dates to Commemorate:**
 September 11: Patriot Day
 September 18: Air Force Birthday
 September 21: POW/MIA Recognition
 September 30: Gold Star Mother’s Day
 October 13: USN Birthday

◆ **Next Newsletter Release:**
 November 5, 2018

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