



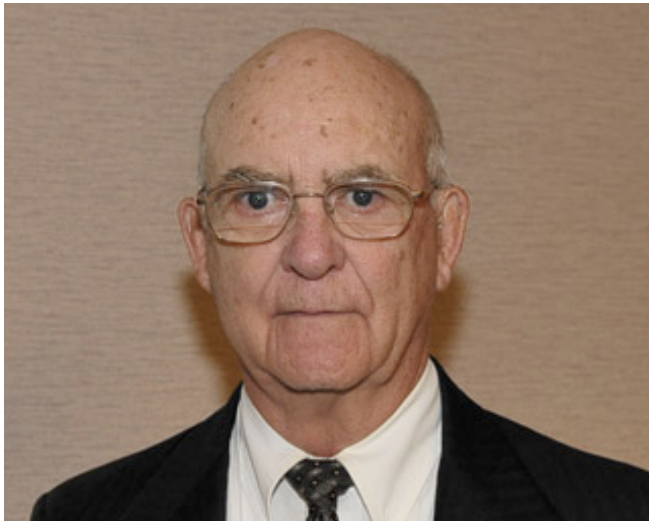
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hospitals and the VA in Lehigh County have joined together to share information on veterans health information and medical test results. This should result in huge savings by not requiring duplicate tests etc. when different doctors or health care facilities are involved. Dr. Castle is just beginning to try and do the same thing for Lancaster County and is trying to get help from various veterans organizations like ours. If you would be interested in learning more about this , or even volunteering to help, you can contact Dr. Castle at 544-5145. And I hope some of you will do this.

George Resh

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

I find it interesting to see the number of recent things being set up to help veterans. There are the veterans discount cards being issued and accepted at a number of local businesses.

There is also the Veterans Court recently set up by Judge Wright. Those of you who attended a recent membership meeting heard all about it from Judge Wright and some of you have volunteered to help with the Veterans Court.

Also, I was recently talking to one of our chapter members, Navy Captain Dr. Tony Castle, who works at Lancaster General Health, and he mentioned another veterans program he is working to set up. A group of

2013 Meeting Dates: Mark your Calendars

Thurs, 7 Mar	Lancaster CC	11AM
Thurs, 25 Apr	Media Heights GC	5PM
Thurs, 27 Jun	Bent Creek CC	5PM
August	TBD	
Thurs, 24 Oct	Eden Resort	5PM
Sun, 1 Dec	Millersville Univ	12 Noon

2013 CHAPTER DUES

The 2013 MOAA Lancaster Chapter dues are due now! Dues are either \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. Make your check out to: MOAA Lancaster Chapter, and send to:

MOAA Lancaster Chapter
ATTN: Dues
P.O. Box 5031
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To determine your dues status, check the upper right hand corner of the mailing label on this newsletter. If it states "Dues paid thru 12", then you owe 2013 dues. If you receive your newsletter via the internet, you can go to our web site at

www.moaalancasterchapt.org and click on the "Mbr Rosters" tab at the top of the page and select the second roster list titled "Member names only." After entering the password, the roster lists member names in alphabetical order with the year listed after each name for when dues were paid. If that number is 12 or less, you owe dues for 2013. Contact Tom Bender at tjbender@dejazzd.com or 717 626-4932 with any questions. We value our members. Please consider paying your dues now.

Sadly, some of our Members have not paid their 2012 dues. They have received a final notification by postcard and, if we have no reply, we will have no alternative other than to drop them from our rolls.

Welcome Aboard

1stLt John Burke, USA joined our Chapter on 1 Nov 2012. He and his wife, Kathy, live at 15 Apple Hill Dr, Lititz, PA

Col Al Degroote USAF joined our Chapter on 1 Nov 2012; He and his wife, Marion, live at 827 Willow Valley Lakes Dr Willow Street, PA

RADM Harley Nygren, NOAA joined our Chapter on 1 Nov 2012. He and his wife Janice live at 3001 Lititz Pike-FC87, Lancaster, PA

1st Lt Dick Simpson, USA joined our Chapter on 19 Mar 2012. He and his wife, Deborah, live at 14 Gordon Road Lancaster, PA

VADM Daniel Cooper, USN joined our Chapter on 27 Feb 2013. He and his wife, Betty, live at 400 Willow Valley Square GA-110 Lancaster, PA

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**MOAA DINNER AT MEADIA HEIGHTS
GOLF CLUB
Thursday, April 25th, 2013**

The Meadia Heights Golf Club is the site for our April dinner and meeting. Our guest speaker will be our own LT(jg) Gene Moore, US Navy. During 1954, Gene was assigned by the Bureau of Personnel to help the Chinese Nationalist Navy take over and successfully operate a retired US Navy Benson-class destroyer. Gene will fill us in on the successes and difficulties encountered when the two cultures and languages worked in close contact.

The gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour. The meeting will be called to order at 6:00 p.m. with introductory remarks by our president, George Resh. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m. The dinner will be a buffet format and will include the following selections:

Main Courses:

Steamship Round of Beef
Breast of Chicken
Flounder Florentine

Salad and Sides:

California Salad(served)
Creamy Whipped Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Maple Glazed Baby Carrots
Green Beans, Waxed Beans, Asparagus
Tips, Red Pepper

Dessert:

Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

The cost of the meal will be \$28.00 per person. The cash bar will be open at 5:00 p.m. 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. By request a vegetarian meal will be available as a substitute for the above selections.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Monday, April 15th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to Tuesday, April 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham, 581-5299.

A Special Event

On April 6th Dayspring Christian Academy presents Marcus Luttrell, decorated Navy SEAL and best-selling author of Lone Survivor. Luttrell, will speak to a crowd of over 1,000 at the Lancaster County Convention Center about his amazing story of survival while he honors the memories of all those who died during Operation Redwing. Sponsorships and tickets for the April 6th event are on sale now at \$75 (includes dinner) or \$35 (speech only). For more information, sponsorships or tickets please call 717-285-2000 or visit www.dayspringchristian.com.

A New Newsletter Editor

With regret, Vince Manara has resigned as your Newsletter Editor. He enjoyed being your communicator with the Chapter and appreciates the support he received from all of you. However we are fortunate to have a long time Member and former editor, Bob Wilcox, volunteer to continue this link with Members. please give him your full support.

We Honor the Memory of

COL Rudolph H. Egersdorfer, who died on February 17, 2013. Rudy was a veteran of 33 years of service in the Army, including two tours in Vietnam as commander of an infantry battalion and commander and senior advisor of a District Advisory Team. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and more than 25 additional U.S. and international medals, including the Commander's Cross, Order of Merit, Federal Republic of Germany. He was also elected Honorary Commander, 26th Infantry Regiment for six years following his retirement. He is survived by Joanne E. Moore, his wife of 33 years, two daughters, one grandson, and three granddaughters Rudy had been a member of our chapter since July 1995.

Mrs. Ethel P. Varholy, LPN, 72 Green Acre Road, died Saturday Feb. 2, at the Brethren Village. She was the widow of CPT Joseph Varholy, US Army who joined MOAA in Feb 1996.



Adopt-A-Kid, Adopt -A-Vet



The Long and the Short of It



Dinner is Served

Patriotic Night at Eshleman School

Ten of our Members accompanied Biddle Whigham to be honored guests at the Patriotic Night ceremony presented by the students of Eshleman Elementary School in Millersville. This annual production is an outgrowth of our Chapter's Adopt-A-Kid, Adopt-A-Vet program. These presentations by the students are one of the most valued rewards of participating in this program.

Getting to Know our Leadership



Richard Smith
Director

Richard "Dick" Smith is a native Lancastrian, who earned a BS in Economics from Franklin & Marshall College in 1954. He also completed the Air Force ROTC program there and at graduation became an Air Force Second Lieutenant.

He served for two years as a Squadron Adjutant and then as Assistant Base Personnel Officer at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas, home of the B-36 bomber.

Leaving active duty in 1957, he served as Personnel Officer in the Active Air Force Reserve until 1965, then in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, at Olmsted AFB, Middletown, PA. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel at Indiantown Gap in 1982,

Dick initially worked for the family retail lumber business, L. Clyde Smith & Sons, Inc, Lancaster, and then moved on to the selling of lumber wholesale. He next

joined Calder Door Sales Co. in Lancaster, progressing from various sales positions to Vice President and General Manager.

He served on the Boards of the Lancaster County Home Builders Association, of the Keystone Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, and of the Lancaster Chapter of the American Business Clubs. He served American Business Club chapter president and also as ABC District 7B Director.

In retirement, Dick became a free-lance writer, writing for 5 years for Lancaster County Magazine and having articles published in the Lancaster Sunday News, Lancaster New Era, Lancaster Motorist Magazine, and Presbyterian Today Magazine. Today he serves the Chapter as Publicity Chairman and ensures that the Chapter receives visibility in the local media and MOAA National publications.

Chapter Scholarship Application

MOAA Lancaster Chapter is offering a onetime scholarship of \$1,200 to a deserving young person from Lancaster County. Eligibility requirements include:

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States and must maintain a permanent residence in Lancaster Co.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior planning to attend a post-secondary institution of higher learning or
3. A student at a post-secondary institution of higher learning who is currently enrolled in ROTC.
4. The applicant must have an immediate family member (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling or cousin) who has served (or is serving) honorably in the United States Military,

The deadline for submission is March 31, 2013. Call George Resh with questions.

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