



LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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NEWSLETTER

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• **Our August Picnic is at Waltz Vineyards:**

This year's MOAA Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 31st. We have used this venue the past four years and those who attended were treated to a great afternoon of good food and wine at a beautiful setting overlooking the rolling hills of northern Lancaster County. Waltz vineyards is located at 1599 Old Line Road, Manheim, Pa, 17545-8222. The event will begin with social time from 1100 to 1200. The meal for the event will be prepared by Hess BBQ and served at noon.

Menu:

Applewood smoked pulled pork BBQ

Hickory smoked beef brisket

Baked beans, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, and cole slaw.

Dessert:

Cake

Beverages:

A selection of Waltz wine as well as assorted non-alcoholic drinks are provided in the cost of the picnic.

The cost will be \$22.00 per person. As always your check is your reservation and should be made out to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and mailed to Lancaster Chapter MOAA, Attention: Meeting Reservations, PO 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, August 26th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to August 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299.

Parking is readily available at the top of the hill in the grass to the right and just below our picnic area. The picnic area is in the shade of the trees at the top of the hill overlooking Manheim. Seating is limited so bring your own lawn chairs.

Directions from Lancaster: proceed north on Route 72 to Manheim. At the north side of Manheim, turn left on West Colebrook Street. In 0.4 miles, West Colebrook Street becomes Old Line Road. Continue 2 miles on Old Line Road and the winery will be on the left side of the road at the top of the hill. Look for the sign that says Waltz Vineyards.

• **From the President's Desk:**

We had an active spring in our recruitment program. Thanks to the efforts of John Burke and Tom Bender we have added nine members since May. We are assigning sponsors to each of these new members and we hope that they all will become active in our chapter.



I am pleased to announce that the Lancaster MOAA Chapter has been awarded for our 2018 publications, a five star Colonel Marvin J. Harris Communications award from MOAA National for our Newsletter, thanks to Dina Cerase, and a five star award for our Website, thanks to Tom Bender. Congratulations!

We're all looking forward to the summer picnic on 31 August at Waltz Estate Winery. This is always one of our most popular events and I hope to see many of you there.

John W Gareis, MD



• Say Hello to our New Members:

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Sponsor: Barry Price



5 Star Communications Award

• Friendly Dues Reminder:

Dues are slowly coming in but still have 46 members owing 2019 dues. Dues are \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. Checks should be made out to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and sent to the Chapter address.

• Our Chapter Memorial Scholarship Awardee:

Our \$1,000 Scholarship award went to Lauren Nedrow, a senior at Conestoga Valley High School. We had the honor of recognizing her officially at our Hamilton Club dinner meeting. Her parents, Michael and Kelly Nedrow also attended. She was chosen on the basis of her educational class rank and her participation in school and community activities. Congratulations, Lauren!



Lauren Nedrow

• Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet News:

John Gareis, Chair of our program, stated that the Chapter had a great year in our school visitation programs. In November we visited Mountville Elementary and Central Manor Elementary and in the Spring we went to Martin Elementary. We talked to literally hundreds of fourth, fifth and six grade students and related to them many of our veteran experiences.

As always our main theme was "Freedom is not Free" and it's maintenance requires a strong military. We also spoke about the sacrifices that military life requires and we explained to them that it is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve.

• From our Surviving Spouse Liaison Chair:

Bill Confer is encouraging all MOAA members to obtain the following publications from MOAA National. They are free to Premium and Life Members and can be either ordered or downloaded from the National website at www.moaa.org. A small fee is charged for non-MOAA National Members such as Chapter members who have not yet joined National. (cont'd)



Bill Confer



● From our Surviving Spouse Liaison Chair: (con't)

1. *Survivor's Checklist*-a short but critical list of important numbers to contact on a military members passing.
2. *Survivor's Planning Guide*-a before death planning guide.
3. *Your Guide to Military Burials*-covers Arlington and State National Cemeteries.
4. *Turning the Corner*-a helpful guide which explains the five stages of grief.
5. *Help Your Survivors Now*-a guide to planning ahead.

Bill advises that all members obtain at least the first three publications or all five if possible to give one needed information on a service member's passing. Bill has several copies of these publications and will try to pass them around at meetings for members to see and review.

● Chapter ROTC Scholarship Award Pictures

The awardee for the \$500 scholarship was cadet Devon Matz. The Leadership Medal was awarded to Cadet Michael Lux. The swearing-in ceremony at Millersville University on May 10th was conducted by LTC Brian Holloway, USA, a member of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Our Col Peter Cardinal serves as our ROTC Liaison.



Devon Matz



Oath of Office Swearing in Ceremony

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