



LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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NEWSLETTER

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● **Annual Christmas Luncheon:**

The Lancaster Chapter's annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday, Dec 8th in the Lehr Dining Room at Gordineir Hall, 30 S George Street at Millersville University. Wine and soda will be available throughout the social hour at no additional cost. Following a social hour that begins at 1:00 p.m., the meeting will be called to order at 2:00 p.m. with introductory remarks by our president, John Gareis. The menu for the luncheon includes

Salad:

Spinach and Apple Salad with Orange Dressing with Assorted Dinner Rolls

Entrée:

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

Dessert:

Apple Pie

Beverages:

Coffee, Iced and Hot Tea and Water with Lemon

The cost of the luncheon will be \$27.00 per person. As always your check is your reservation and should be made out to Lancaster Chapter MOAA and mailed to Lancaster Chapter MOAA, 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. Also indicate if you need a vegetarian meal.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Friday, November 29th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to November 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299.

Directions to Gordineir Hall-suggest driving into Millersville on Route 999 (Manor Ave) and turning left onto N George Street and then left onto James Street. Gordineir Hall will be on your right with a parking lot on your left.

Christmas Gifts for Hospitalized Vets. Please remember to bring a gift for the hospitalized veterans. The gifts cannot be wrapped, per their security policy. Write on the unwrapped box or bag if the items are for a lady or gentleman. Those gifts are a sign that someone cares and they are always appreciated by the veterans.

● **From the President's Desk:**

2019 was another award-winning year for the Lancaster Chapter.

We received once again a five-star award for our newsletter

and website and a four-star Level of Excellence Award for work done by our chapter. We remain the largest chapter in Pennsylvania with 235 members. Our Board of 16 dedicated officers, directors and committee chairpersons meets six times a year and the meetings are always well attended. New Board members in 2019 were Kim Bade, Bill Confer, Peter Cardinal and Barry Schmitt. Leaving the Board after honorably serving a full term as director is Dan Cooper and Tony Cerase as Immediate Past President. All board members deserve congratulations from all of us for a job well done in 2019. In 2020, we look forward to a new administration under our new President David Shelton.



John Gareis

John W. Gareis, MD

President Lancaster Chapter



• Election of 2020 Officers and Directors:

At our Thursday, October 17th members meeting at Bent Creek, the following retired or former officers and directors were approved for 2020 by unanimous vote of members present:

President-David Shelton, Lt Col, USAF
 Vice President-Bill Confer Sr, LTC, USA
 Imm Past President-Dr John Gareis. MAJ, USA
 Corresponding Sec-Jim Cunningham, Lt Col, USAF
 Recording Sec-Barry Schmitt, Lt Col, USAF
 Treasurer-Dennis Benchoff, LTG, USA

Director-Antonio Cerase, CW3, USA
 Director-Enedina Casablanca-Cerase, MAJ, USA
 Director-Tom Bender, CAPT, USN
 Director-Kim Bade, CDR, USN
 Director-John Burke, 1LT, USA
 Director-George Resh, Col, USAF
 All will be installed and take office at our Christmas luncheon.

• Welcome our newest members:

LCDR William J. Gasperetti, USN
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 Lancaster, PA 17601
 (717) 459-3222 or (206) 793-9903
 Spouse: Yvonne
 Date joined: 9/3/2019
 Sponsor: TBD

Capt Robert W. Kuppman, USAF
 1317 Willow Creek Drive
 Mount. Joy, PA 17552
 (717) 440-5812
 Spouse: Annetta
 Date joined: 10/12/2019
 Sponsor: TBD



LCDR Todd C. Grambau, USN
 925 Bent Creek Drive
 Lititz, PA 17543
 (717) 875-1885
 Spouse: Stephanie
 Date joined: 10/13/2019
 Sponsor: TBD

• 2020 Membership Meetings and Venues:

Lancaster Country Club-Thu Mar 5, 2020
 Meadia Heights Golf Club-Thu Apr 23, 2020
 Hamilton Club-Thu Jun 18, 2020
 Waltz Vineyard Picnic. Sat Aug 29, 2020
 Bent Creek Country Club, Thu Oct 22, 2020
 Gordineir Hall, Millersville-Sun Dec 6, 2020

Our web site at www.moaalancasterchapt.org will have more information after Jan 1st on these meetings to include start times. Please enter these dates into your calendars.

• Chapter Breakfast Initiative:

Beginning in 2020, the Lancaster Chapter will plan four quarterly breakfast meetings. The idea of the meetings is to offer an additional opportunity for members, spouses and guests to gather socially for fellowship and conversation. The breakfast gatherings do not replace the six membership meetings that we currently enjoy.

These breakfast gatherings will be advertised in the chapter newsletter and the location will rotate among various restaurants in or near Lancaster city. Payment will be onsite with separate checks provided by the venue. The first breakfast meeting will be advertised in the January 2020 Newsletter. At that time, the location, date, cutoff date for sign-up and contact information will be provided. The Board of Director's hope is that members will take to this opportunity to gather informally for fellowship. Send questions or suggestions to our Social & Program Chair Dan Horting, at k4sbuilder@comcast.net.

• Friendly Dues Reminder:

Dues are slowly coming in but still have 35 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. Contact Tom Bender at 717 471-6817 or mot2017@ptd.net with any questions. Unfortunately, those who have not yet paid 2019 dues have been transferred to the inactive list where they will no longer receive Chapter news or our semi-monthly newsletters. A dues check will quickly reactivate to active status.



● PA Council of Chapters (PACOC) Meeting:

The quarterly PACOC met on Sep 6, in Hershey, with David Shelton, Bill Confer and General Benchoff attending. The meeting focused on current legislative issues at the state and national level. Also a slate of new PACOC officers was approved including General Benchoff being approved for another year as treasurer. David Shelton received for the Chapter, the MOAA Four Star Level of Excellence award.



Clooney-Shelton

● Chapter Pictures:



Burke, Barnes, Kantra, Kupman
at Bent Creek



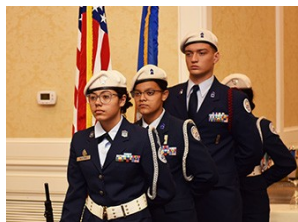
Speaker: Hurston, Shelton



Chapter 4-Star
Award with
Benchoff, Shelton



Honor Cadets



Cadet Color Guard

Next Newsletter Release:

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