



LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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● Our April meeting at Meadia Heights Golf Club:

(Details of our Thursday March 7th Lancaster Country Club luncheon can be found in the January 2019 newsletter.) Our Thursday April 25th Chapter dinner meeting will begin with a social hour and cash bar at 5 PM at Meadia Heights Golf Club located at 402 Golf Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. The meeting will be called to order at 6 PM with introductory remarks by President John Gareis. Dinner will follow at 6:15 PM with the following Italian style Buffet menu:

Salad:

Garden salad with choice of Ranch, Citrus Italian or Balsamic Vinaigrette

Buffet:

Baked Ziti with Meatballs
Bruschetta Chicken with Balsamic Gaze
Pesto-Seared Salmon
Garlic Braised Green Beans
Herb Roasted Red Potatoes

Dessert:

Assorted Cannoli and Tiramisu

Beverages:

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee and Hot Tea

The cost of the meal is \$34.00 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. By request, a vegetarian meal will be available as a substitute for the above selections.

The deadline for receipt of checks is Friday, April 19th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to Friday, April 19th. If you have

any questions please contact Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299

Our speaker, Col Ken Womack, USAF (Ret), will speak to us about the use of the U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft flights throughout the world. During his 24 year USAF career, he accumulated over 4,000 hours total flying time in the B-52, T-38 and U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. He served two tours in the Pentagon and commanded Detachment 5 of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Patrick AFB and the 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Training Squadron at Beale AFB where he was responsible for the training of all U-2 pilots for worldwide deployment. He retired from the USAF in 1997.

On retirement, he began a second career in municipal management and government as first development manager for Carlisle Housing Opportunities Corporation, planning/zoning/codes manager and assistant borough manager for the Borough of Carlisle and as borough manager of Greencastle retiring in 2012.

He holds a BS degree in Engineering Mechanics from the USAF Academy, a Masters degree in Systems Management from the Univ. of Southern California and is a US Army War College graduate.

● From the President's Desk:

I recently attended the Pennsylvania area Council of Chapters meeting (PACOC) at Carlisle Pennsylvania along with Dennis Benchoff and Dave Shelton.



Our guest speaker was COL Terri Coles, US Army (Ret), Senior Director, Council and Chapter Affairs. She gave us a good overview of how MOAA national is fighting for the rights of active duty and



● **From the President's Desk:** (cont'd) retired military. We were also quite impressed by the efforts of our Council in Harrisburg working with our state legislators on military issues that come up constantly. They take the MOAA motto seriously: "Never Stop Serving."

John W. Gareis, MD, President, Lancaster MOAA

● **Reminder to Pay 2019 Dues:**

Keep those dues checks coming in! We still have 63 members who need to pay their 2019 dues. Contact Tom Bender at 717 471-6817 or email at mot2017@ptd.net or the Treasurer with any dues questions.

● **Final Director Position filled:**

Many thanks to LTC Bill Confer who has stepped forward to fill the sixth and final Director's position. Bill will serve a three year term on the Board of Directors.



● **Newsletter Editor:**

The Board of Directors is looking for an interested Chapter member to relieve our interim editor, Tom Bender, as our fulltime editor. Tom is currently using the Windows version of Microsoft Publisher, which is part of the Microsoft Office package applications recognized by all computers using Windows. If you are not a Windows person, no problem. Tom has designed a Mac compatible Microsoft Office Word application using a two column format that a previous Chapter editor, Bob Wilcox, successfully used for many years. So anyone with either a Windows or Apple operating system can create and publish our bi-monthly newsletters. If interested, give Tom a call at 717 471-6817 or email at mot2017@ptd.net.

● **McCaskey High School AF JROTC:**

One of our members, Col Ed Hurston USAF (Ret), is actively involved with the McCaskey High School AF JROTC program. On Ed's recommendation, our Board of Directors voted to donate \$475 for an AF JROTC cadet to attend the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference at the Freedoms

● **McCaskey HS JROTC (con't)**

Foundation at Valley Forge, March 28 thru the 31st. This three night, four day residential program allows students to interact with experts on current issues of leadership, our American heritage and the free enterprise system.

The mission of AF JROTC is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. AF JROTC is not an USAF accessions program and cadets are never under any obligation to join the military. AF JROTC is a Title 10 US Code Mandated citizenship training program that is designed to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill personal responsibility, character and self-discipline. The program is grounded in the Air Force core values of "integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do." There are more than 121,000 high school cadets in the program and over 1,950 retired USAF instructors who lead, mentor, guide and teach our cadets in high schools in the US and around the world.

To further support Col Hurston and the AF JROTC program at McCaskey HS, the Board also agreed to sponsor on an annual basis, a McCaskey HS AF JROTC cadet to attend this Leadership conference. If interested in becoming involved in this most worthwhile program, you can contact Col Ed Hurston at hurston@aol.com.

● **Lebanon VA G4Vets Program:**

Another of our chapter members, LTC David Bowen, USA (Ret.), is serving as Chapter Coordinator for the Lebanon VA Medical Center Guitars-For-Vets Program (G4Vets). Veterans participating in this program attend classes at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, Building #18, and learn to play acoustic guitars and on program completion are provided a new acoustic guitar with accessories (about a \$200 value). The next class begins on March 26. The chapter expects to graduate about 25 graduates this year.

The national program, www.guitars4vets.org, is a federally registered 501C(3) non-profit organization.



● Lebanon VA G4Vets Program: (con't)

The Lebanon chapter is the second Pennsylvania chapter with Pittsburgh the other PA chapter. Both chapters are open to and welcome any donations from MOAA Chapters or individuals. LTC Bowen is also looking for any of our members or know someone who would like to be a volunteer guitar instructor for the Lebanon chapter. If interested, contact David at g4vlebanonva@gmail.com or call 717 475-0660.

● Lancaster Chapter Memorial Scholarship Award:

Our Chapter Scholarship Committee, chaired by Col George Resh, is again offering to a deserving young person from Lancaster County, a onetime scholarship of \$1,000. The applicant must be a US citizen with a permanent Lancaster County residence, a high school senior planning to attend a post-secondary institution of higher education or a student at a post education institution of higher learning who is currently enrolled in ROTC. Any applicant must have an immediate family member who has served honorably in the U S Military. The deadline for applications is March 30, 2019. Copies of Applications have been distributed to High School guidance counselors in the area and are also available on our web site at the Serving the Community tab/ Scholarship Award for down-loading.

● Some Chapter Pictures:



Speaker MG McWilliams (center)



Picnic at Waltz Vineyards



Tony presenting ROTC Award

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