



LANCASTER CHAPTER MOAA

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NEWSLETTER

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● We meet at the Lancaster Country Club:

Our first 2020 membership meeting will be a luncheon on Thursday, March 5th at Lancaster Country Club, 1466 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. This venue is most elegant and offers excellent food. The gathering will begin at 11 AM with a social hour and cash bar. The meeting will be called to order at noon with introductory remarks by our President, Dave Shelton. Lunch will follow at 12:15 PM with the following menu:

Salad:

Creamy Roasted Red Bell Pepper Soup

Entrée and Sides:

Chicken Piccata

Potatoes with Duchesse-Sour Cream and Chive

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Dessert:

White Chocolate Mousse Topped with Red Raspberry Sauce And Fresh Blueberries

Beverages:

Coffee and Hot Tea Service

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, February 28th. Cancellations may be made by calling Jim Cunningham prior to Friday, February 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cunningham at 717 581-5299.

Our speaker will be Ethan Houston, a meteorologist from the WGAL News 8 Storm Team. Ethan is an award-winning meteorologist and is proud to

bring the WGAL News 8 Storm Team Forecast to the Susquehanna Valley.

Ethan received his master's degree in geosciences/broadcast meteorology from Mississippi State University in Starkville. Ethan joined the News 8 Storm Team in March 2014, but before that he worked at WAPT-TV in Jackson, Mississippi, where he served as the weekday morning meteorologist for five years.

The Associated Press named Ethan Best Weathercaster in the state of Mississippi in 2013. The continuing coverage of the deadly Yazoo City tornado in 2010 earned he and the 16 WAPT News team an Edward R. Murrow award. He holds the National Weather Association Weathercaster Seal of Approval.

Before working at WAPT-TV, Ethan was a meteorologist for WTOK-TV in Meridian, Mississippi, and also worked part-time at WYTV-TV in Youngstown, Ohio and WCPO-TV in Cincinnati. Ethan is from the small town of Sugar Grove, Ohio, which sits to the southeast of Lancaster, Ohio.

● From the President's Desk:

First, I want to thank everyone for their encouragement and support as I take on the role of chapter president. I have enjoyed learning the ropes from President John Gareis, as well as from the experienced guidance of past presidents Tony Cerase, Dennis Benchoff and George Resh. As I stated at our Christmas luncheon, all who have taken on this role stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, and it is indeed an honor for me to be associated with men of that caliber.





• From the President's Desk (cont'd)

Second, I want to thank Bill Confer, Sr. for stepping up from our Board of Directors to take on the job of Vice President. I am confident he will be an excellent partner in developing an effective leadership succession plan as we work to continue the legacy of excellence that has been established. As stated by others before me, the chapter's string of MOAA Levels of Excellence awards are a direct reflection of the outstanding performance of our committee and program chairs, and I continue to be impressed with their dedication.

I, along with John and all others on the Board of Directors, want to thank Dan Cooper for his straightforward guidance over the past six years as he retires from the board at the end of his maximum term. In his place we look forward to gaining the experience of Dina and Tony Cerase as they join the board in new three year terms. Following his recent move to a retirement community, George Resh has decided to take retirement seriously and will be turning over the Scholarship Chair to Ed Hurston while continuing as a committee member during the transition.

With all this in mind, I certainly look forward to the coming year and wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

• Our President's Bio:

Our new president, David W. Shelton, is from Rorherstown, PA. He grew up on his grandfather's farm and is a graduate of Hempfield High School. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce & Engineering Sciences from Drexel Institute of Technology, a Masters of Business Administration from Troy State University and is a graduate of the USAF Air Command & Staff College. He served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance & Munitions Officer at various duty locations throughout the continental U.S. and in Thailand and Germany.

Duty assignments included various aircraft maintenance supervisory and staff positions at unit and headquarters levels, component repair squadron

• Our President's Bio (cont'd):

commander, and culminated as Chief of Aircraft Maintenance at Headquarters Air National Guard retiring as a Lt. Colonel. Following military service he was employed in rental car operations management, and later became an independent contract real estate broker specializing in residential property sales and management. He returned to the Lancaster area in 2006 and joined the Lancaster Chapter MOAA in 2010. He has also continued to serve with over 27 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and is currently Commander, Flotilla 19-06, Codorus Valley, Fifth Coast Guard District Northern Region. He is a life member of MOAA.

• Chapter January 2020 Breakfast:

The idea of chapter breakfast gatherings was introduced in the November 2019 newsletter. These meetings will 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. The first of these breakfasts will take place at Oregon Dairy on Wednesday, January 15th at 8 am. Payment will be onsite with separate checks provided by the venue. If you desire to attend the breakfast please contact Dan Horting by phone at (717) 285-7320 or by email at k4sbuilder@comcast.net by Monday, January 13th. Please provide name and number of attendees.

• We honor the memory of:

CDR Craig J. Stearn, USN (Ret), 88, who died on Saturday, December 8, at Masonic Village. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean. He was a longtime member of the chapter (28 years) having joined in 1991. He ably served two-three year terms as a Board Director. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec 28 at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 Roseville Rd Lancaster, PA 17601. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Craig's memory may be made to Highland Presbyterian Church or Alzheimer's Association.





• **We honor the memory of (cont'd):**

RADM C.A.E. Johnson, USN (Ret), 89, who died on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Willow Valley Retirement Communities. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth (Liz). He has been a Chapter member for over 15 years having joined in 2004. A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 29 at St John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster. Internment will be at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to echo-net.com or a charity of choice.



• **Welcome our newest members:**

LCDR Jeffrey Murse, USN
540 Brookshire Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
(phone)
Spouse: Marie
Date joined: 11/7/2019
Sponsor: TBD

CW3 Ryan Brokaw, USA (Ret)
223 Farndale Lane
Lititz, PA 17543
(363) 525-4888
Spouse: Kristen
Date joined: 11/15/2019
Sponsor: TBD



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• **Chapter Pictures:**



Passing Gavel
Shelton-Gareis



Officers: Shelton, Confer, Cunningham
Schmitt and Benchoff

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