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• 2020 Membership Meetings Status:

Due to the continuing concern for control of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Directors has cancelled our August 28th picnic at Waltz Vineyards. The October meeting at Bent Creek Country Club and the December meeting at Gordinier Hall in Millersville are still scheduled but may have to be cancelled depending on the situation at those times.

• From the President's Desk:

Earlier hopes for effective control of the COVID-19 pandemic were clearly unrealistic. While the economy is slowly opening, it appears certain that group social activities will continue to be restricted for some time. In view of the continuing threat of the virus, the fact that a majority of chapter members fall in the high risk infection category and current Center for Disease Control guidelines, the board of directors has decided to cancel our summer picnic planned for the end of August. Although the outside venue would afford an opportunity to observe social distancing, our normal practice of an open, self-serve buffet would certainly be unacceptable. Options to reorganize as a fully catered or bring-your-own event at this late date with doubtful attendance were not considered worthwhile.

Clearly the ongoing situation will likely also affect our October and December membership meetings as well. We will need to pay close attention to the evolution of food service and dining operation practices. It remains to be determined if Bent Creek Country Club and Gordinier Hall will

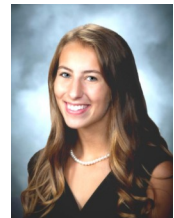


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• From the President's Desk (cont'd):

still be willing to host our events, and if so, what social distancing protocols they may require. It's a frustrating situation for all, and as much as we would like to see everyone, we need to be mindful of the risk

On a brighter note, the Scholarship Committee has selected Abigail Dehmey, a graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School, for award of the Lancaster Chapter MOAA Memorial Scholarship for 2020. Ms. Dehmey plans to attend Penn State this fall with major studies in Early Childhood Education and English. She is clearly an outstanding scholar. She was co-valedictorian for her high school graduation, and has served as President of the National Honor Society and Treasurer of the Student Council. As an athlete, she has earned varsity letters in lacrosse, soccer and swimming and helped with coaching duties for junior varsity lacrosse and middle school girls' soccer. We had a total of 33 applications, and, as usual, it is a difficult decision process to select just one when many are deserving of recognition. In reviewing the applications I am truly impressed with what these young people are accomplishing in their high school years.



Dehmey

Meanwhile, chapter officers, board members and program chairs are getting up to speed with available technology, and we held our first online board meeting via Zoom on 27 May. Our next meeting will be 5 August, also via Zoom. Members are always invited to attend any board meeting; however, you would need to let me know in



• From the President's Desk (cont'd):

advance in order to receive the online meeting invitation link via email.

As a last note, the MOAA Foundation has recently established a COVID-19 Relief Fund Grant program to provide grants of \$500 to those in need of assistance with living expenses. The program is open to all ranks and U.S. uniformed services (including National Guard and Reserve), spouses and veterans. MOAA chapters are responsible for the initial review and application processing, so please let me, or a board member know of anyone you are aware of who may need help. For information on the grant program or on making donations please see: <https://www.moaa.org/covid19milsupport>.

• Dues Reminders for 2020:

We still have a number of members who have not yet paid their 2020 dues. If not sure, check the label on your last newsletter. If it states Dues Paid Thru 19, you still owe 2020 dues or check the Member Names Roster on our web site and if the number after your name is 19, you need to pay your \$15 2020 dues. Otherwise call Tom Bender at 717 471-6817 or mot2017@ptd.net.

• Importance of New Members:

Tom Bender and John Burke need your help in identifying potential members this year, especially now during the pandemic. With the cancellation of the last two of our three meetings and a good possibility of further meeting cancellations, it might be difficult convincing potential members to join. Giving them a copy of our latest newsletter and encouraging their access to our five star winning website is a good start. John Burke can help in that regard. Remember that we offer new members a dues-free membership for the calendar year in which they join and additionally offer new members who join late in the year during the last three months, a dues-free membership for the following year as well. We have done it in the past, but we need your help now especially. A little known fact since our founding in 1975: we have accepted into membership 1,888 members!

• We honor the memory of :

CDR Warren R. Heidelbaugh, USN (RET), 85, who passed away on Monday, March 9, 2020. He is survived by his wife Helen. He joined the chapter in January 2015 and remained an active chapter member. He retired after 20 years as a Navy Supply Corps officer. On Navy retirement, he worked many years in accounting for Hershey Foods Corporation. His memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Paxton Church Youth Ministry, Paxton Presbyterian Church, 3500 Sharon Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111.



Heidelbaugh

1st Lt George W Knapp, USAF (FMR), 89, who passed away on Friday, May 1st. He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine, who died in 2001. He remained an active chapter member since joining in Jan 2001.



Knapp

He was a long-time chair of the chapter's nominating committee and for many years managed the check-in table and name badges at chapter meetings. He served as a board director thru several terms. A private service was held at the convenience of the family. Contributions in his memory may be made to Water Street Rescue Mission, 210 South Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

CAPT Jerry M. Zacharias, USN (Ret), 92, died Sunday, May 2nd at Willow Valley. He is survived by his wife of 55 years. He was an active chapter member having joined in 2005. As a naval aviator, he was awarded the Navy Cross and two Distinguished Flying Crosses among other awards. Private interment will take place in Willow Street UCC Cemetery. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the U.S. Naval Academy, 121 Blake Road, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000 or to A&E Hearing Connections, 235 Bloomfield Drive, Set. 108, Lititz, PA 17543.



• **Remaining 2020 Meeting Schedule:**

Thu October 22 at Bent Creek Country Club-Dinner (5 PM)
Sun Dec 6 at Gordinier Hall, Millersville-Luncheon (1 PM)

• **Chapter Pictures of Memories Past:**



ROTC Awards



JJ Bentman Award



Interesting Speaker



Great Food



Meadia Heights Buffet



Bob Wilcox Final Award & Picture



More Camaraderie



Meeting Camaraderie

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