



4 Star E-Newsletter

MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER

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• Annual Christmas Luncheon:

The Chapter's annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 4th, in the Lehr Dining Room, on the 2nd floor of Gordinier Hall at 30 S George Street at Millersville University, 17551. Wine and soda will be available at no additional cost throughout the social hour which starts at 1 p.m. Luncheon will be served starting at 2 p.m., following introductory remarks by our president, Bill Confer. The menu for the luncheon is as follows:

Salad:

Spinach and Apple Salad with Orange Dressing and Assorted Dinner Rolls

Entrée:

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

Beverages:

Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea and Water with Lemon

Dessert:

Mixed Berry Cobbler

The cost of the meal will be \$35 per person. As always, your check is your reservation and should be made out to MOAA Lancaster Chapter, 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 and also let us know if you need a vegetarian meal.

The deadline for receipt of all checks is Monday, November 28th. Cancellations and any questions should be passed to Jim Cunningham prior to November 28th by calling Jim at (717) 568-2949.

Directions to Gordinier Hall: Drive into Millersville on Rte 999 (Manor Ave.). Turn left onto N George Street and then left onto James Street. Gordinier Hall will be on your right with a parking lot on your left. Lehr Dining room will be on the 2nd floor easily reached by the elevator.

Christmas Gifts for Hospitalized Vets: Please remember to bring a voluntary gift for our hospitalized veterans. Gifts cannot be wrapped per their security

Christmas Gifts for Hospitalized Vets: (cont'd) policy. Write on the unwrapped box or bag if items are for a lady or gentleman. The hospital suggests paperbacks, puzzles, games, envelopes and stamps, etc. Avoid anything sharp or alcoholic. These gifts are a sign that someone cares and they are always appreciated by the veterans.

• From the President's Desk:

As we move thru the Fall of 2022, we have some very interesting times ahead. If you read the article on page 104 of the September issue of Military Officer, you'll see that I have sponsored a group at Brethren Village called the "Veteran's Story Group." This group gets together once a month (4th Tuesday) at 10AM in Wolfe Auditorium here at the welcome center on the Brethren Village campus. All are welcome and you especially are encouraged to attend and bring friends and relatives. If you'd like to tell your story, I currently have a vacancy starting in February 2023 and later. If you decide to come, please call me first at 717-712-3849 and leave a message. Several meetings have been cancelled for various health concerns and viruses going around Brethren Village.



Bill Confer Sr

Our most recent MOAA meeting was at Bent Creek where we unanimously voted to approve our slate of 2023 officers and directors. Our next meeting will be at Millersville University where we will install these officers and directors. Please don't forget to voluntarily bring unwrapped gifts for the Veterans at the VA Hospital.

Our event at the Community Days at the Airport yielded about eight contacts for MOAA, and hopefully some of them will join our chapter. I want to give a special thanks to David Shelton, Dennis Benchoff, Tom Bender, my neighbor, Bob Thomas, and everyone who stopped by our stand to say hi. Note their pictures in our chapter picture section of this newsletter. David and I spent two very rewarding



- **From the President's Desk: (cont'd)**

days there regardless of the amount of membership leads we got. Hopefully USAA will get some calls too since we gave away many of USAA's pens, chap sticks and piggy banks. One happy little guy hugged his piggy bank when I gave it to him.

Also, a special thanks to David Shelton, Dennis Benchoff, Jim Cunningham, and Tony Cerase, who represented our chapter in the recent Millersville parade. All wore their uniforms and rode in two convertibles. Note the pictures in the chapter pictures section of this newsletter.

Our Bent Creek dinner was an excellent dinner. Our speaker, Dan Rapak, told us all about the setup needed for the ABC Wide World of Sports coverage of the Super Bowl. We almost broke the fifty mark on attendance at that dinner.

If you know of a Surviving Spouse near you, please encourage them to come to our Millersville luncheon. If needed, offer them a ride.

Our next board of directors meeting will be at the Lancaster Airport on November 16th. I would like all of the newly elected 2023 officers and directors voted in at the Bent Creek dinner meeting, to attend so they can get the briefing from Barry Schmitt on how our system of reporting for our board of director's meetings takes place.

Our next Breakfast Gathering meeting will be at the Oregon Dairy Restaurant on Thursday, November 17th at 8 a.m.

And lastly, as another reminder, our December membership luncheon meeting will start at 1 p.m. Sunday, on the 4th of December at Millersville University. Please get your reservations in early and bring a friend and voluntary unwrapped gifts for our hospitalized veterans.

PLEASE Get out and VOTE on November 8th! God Bless America!

- **Say Hello to our Newest Members:**

CAPT Mary E. Rettino, USPHS (RET)
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East Petersburg, PA 17520
Email: mrettino@hotmail.com
Joined: 10/20/2022

Capt Matt J. Stephens, USMC (FMR)
1292 Christine Avenue
Manheim, PA 17545
Spouse: Michelle

- **Say Hello to Our Newest Members (cont'd)**

Email: mstephens7@dejazzd.com
Joined: 10/20/2022

LTC Patrick M. Reynolds, USA (RET) (updated his membership from inactive to active status on 10/20/2022)
358 Flintlock Drive
Willow Street, PA 17584
Spouse: Patricia
Email: pat@redrosetudio.com

- **Installation of 2023 Officers & Directors:**

The following slate of officers and directors was approved at our Oct 20th Bent Creek member meeting by unanimous vote of members present. These officers and directors will be installed and take office at our Dec 4th luncheon meeting at Millersville University.

Officers:

President: Bill Confer Sr, LTC, USA (RET)
Vice Pres: Dan Horting, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
IMM PP: Dave Shelton, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
Corres Sec: Bill Zeird, LT, USN (FMR)
Rec Sec: Barry Schmitt, Lt Col, USAF (RET)
Treasurer: Dennis Benchoff, LTG, USA (RET)

Directors:

Dave Lawrence, CAPT, USN (RET) -3 years
Diane Stackhouse, Maj, USAF (RET) -3 years
Kim Bade, CDR, USN (RET) -2 years
Jim Cunningham, Lt Col, USAF (RET) -2 years
Peter Cardinal, COL, USA (RET) -1 year
Ed Hurston, Col, USAF (RET) -1 year

- **2023 Membership Mtgs & Venues:**

Please put these dates in your calendars and plan on joining us for good food and fellowship in 2023:

Thursday, Mar 2, 11 a.m., Lancaster CC
Thursday, Apr 13, 5 p.m., Meadia Heights GC
Thursday, Jun 8, 5 p.m., The Hamilton Club
Saturday, Aug 26, 11 a.m., Waltz Vineyard picnic
Thursday, Oct 12, 5 p.m., Bent Creek CC
Sunday, Dec 3, 1 p.m., Millersville University

- **2022 Bd of Directors Mtg:**

Wed Nov 16, 2 p.m. Conf Rm Lancaster Airport

- **Breakfast Gatherings:**

Our next Breakfast Gatherings will be Nov 17th. These breakfasts will continue through 2023 in each month where there is no membership meeting, i.e.: Jan, Feb, May, Jul, Sep & Nov. As usual, the venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz 17543, starting at 8 A.M.. These gatherings remain informal,



- **Breakfast Gatherings:(cont'd)**

have no agenda and are open to all members and guests. Come and enjoy the camaraderie! Give Dan Horting a courtesy heads-up phone call at 717 285-7320 or email k4sbuilder@comcast.net if planning to attend. The Jan 2023 Newsletter will list our 2023 Breakfast Gathering meeting dates.

- **2022 Friendly Dues Reminder:**

Our 2022 dues were due on Jan 1st. We still have 14 members who need to pay these dues. Dues continue to be \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. These newsletter reminders serve as our dues vouchers. If you haven't paid your 2022 dues, make your check out to MOAA Lancaster Chapter and send it to: MOAA Lancaster Chapter, P.O. Box 5031, Lancaster, PA 17606-5031. Contact our Treasurer, Dennis Benchoff, with any dues questions at 717 560-1260 or dlbencho@hacc.edu. Surviving Spouses pay no Chapter dues.

- **Chapter Pictures:**



Parade: Sheldon/Cunningham



Parade: Sheldon/Cerese/Benchoff



Speaker Certificate: Rapak/Confer



Airport Open House



Airport Open House Stand
Sheldon/Benchoff/Confer

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Barry Schmitt sbschmitt@comcast.net

Board of Directors:

Kim Bade	CDR, USN (RET)
Tom Bender	CAPT, USN (RET)
Peter Cardinal	COL, USA (RET)
Dina Cerase	MAJ, USA (RET)
Tony Cerase	CW3, USA (RET)
Ed Hurston	Col, USAF (RET)

Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet:

John Gareis

Chaplain:

Kim Bade

Mbr Asst/Legislative Affairs:

Dennis Benchoff

***Membership Recruiting/Introductions/
Nominations:***

David Shelton

***Mbr Records/Memorials/
Webmaster/Nwsltr Editor/Photos:***

Tom Bender

President's Surviving Spouse Liaison:

Susan Collins

ROTC Liaison:

Peter Cardinal

Scholarship Chair:

Ed Hurston

Social/Programs Chair:

Dan Horting



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