



4 Star E-Newsletter

MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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• We meet at the Lancaster Country Club:

Our first membership meeting for 2023 will be a luncheon on Thursday, March 2nd at the Lancaster Country Club, 1466 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. This venue is most elegant and offers excellent food. The gathering will begin at 11AM with a social hour and cash bar. The meeting will be called to order at noon with introductory remarks by our President, Bill Confer. Lunch will follow at 12:15 PM with the following menu:

Entrée and Sides:

Chicken Piccata with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce and Chef's Choice of Sides

Beverages:

Coffee, Hot Tea Service

Dessert:

Petite Desert Plate Consisting of Chocolate Mousse Cups, Cheesecake Bites, and Fresh Fruit Tartlets

The cost of the meal will be \$35.00. Due to a significant increase in the meal price at Lancaster Country Club from previous years, your chapter will subsidize a portion of the cost of this meal. After the subsidy, the cost of the meal is \$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 Wednesday, February 22nd. Cancellations and any questions should be directed to Dennis Benchoff not later than February 22nd, by calling or emailing Dennis at (717) 560-1260, or dlbenchoff2@comcast.net.

Directions to Lancaster Country Club: From Route 30, take turnoff to New Holland Pike, (Route 23) and then turn into the Country Club entrance at 1466 New Holland Pike.

Our Guest Speaker will be Brian Roche. Brian co-anchors WGAL News 8 at 5 p.m. each weekday. He is also the 8 On Your Side consumer investigative

Guest Speaker: (cont'd) reporter for News 8. Brian's work has been recognized by the Associated Press with the top honor for Enterprise Reporting in Pennsylvania and he's received several Emmy nominations. Brian has more than 38 years of experience as a broadcast journalist, anchor and producer.

Brian was born and raised in Scranton, Pa. He received his Bachelor of Arts in communications from Marywood University in Scranton. Throughout his college years, Brian was an anchor/reporter for WARM 590 AM in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area. While on the radio, he was also the weekend weather personality on WBRE-TV in Wilkes-Barre.

Upon graduation, Brian assumed a full-time position with WBRE as a reporter/anchor where he remained until 1995. While at WBRE, Brian won several Associated Press Awards for Enterprise Reporting, Public Affairs and Spot News Coverage.

In November of 1995, Brian accepted the position of anchor and managing editor at KGAN-TV in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brian was the only local news anchor to travel to the scene of a tragic shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado and won an award from the Iowa Motion Picture Association for his work.

Brian is a member of the Board of Directors for Tenfold Lancaster (formerly Tabor Community Services). He has also served on the board of the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

He enjoys golfing, biking and home repair projects (really!), but above all, spending time with his active family. Brian and his wife Kim (the real consumer expert in the family) are the parents of four young adults and have five grandchildren."

Brian will be speaking to us about the latest scams aimed at our citizens.



● **From the President's Desk:**

This January I'd like to thank all the Board of Directors (BOD) for their great work throughout this past year (2022) by all the events we scheduled and completed in such a professional manner. As well, our group of all MOAA members who come to our events and have made a terrific comeback after COVID. We are steadily but slowly increasing our attendance at our events and are actively pursuing members by using the MOAA website and our various recruiting events.



Bill Confer Sr

As the new president who has had little time in MOAA, Lancaster Chapter to even learn names of members much less the names of the BOD, I have had a lot of help moving the Lancaster Chapter forward. Our MOTTO, "Never Stop Serving," is a strong and worthy statement for this group helping everyone move forward, by staying active.

I need to ask **all members** to do their part and step up to the plate and come to our wonderful dinners, lunches and breakfasts. Our goal is to help as many of you as we can and we can't help you if you don't come to the events, we can't possibly cover it all in our newsletter.

To make attendance easier we (the BOD) has decided to subsidize part of your meal cost at the Lancaster Country Club in March of this year, thereby keeping the price at previous years costs. Prices are going up all over and although the Country Club is a premium venue we may not be able to afford it in the future and may ask you for some suggestions for like venues where we can have a quality time, and meal, in addition we all may be paying higher costs for meals in the future.

Our next speaker at the Lancaster Country Club is Brian Roach (WGAL-TV) who will be talking on scams, and this should be an excellent topic for our group. Please get your checks in early and plan to attend and bring a friend if you like.

God Bless you all and Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

● **Say Hello to our Newest Member:**

Maj Matthew G. Campbell, USAF (RET)
 176 Swamp Creek Road
 Gilbertsville, PA 19525
 Spouse: Jessica
 Email: matthewglenncampbell@outlook.com
 Joined: 12/22/2022

● **We Honor the Memory of:**

LTC William (Bill) Brubaker, USA (RET), who passed away on October 10, 2022, at the Glenn of Willow Valley Community, Lancaster, PA. He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Caye), of 45 years. He is a long-time active member of our chapter having joined in October 1996. He received his BS degree in agronomy from Penn State University in 1954 and with his Army ROTC commission, served out his 2-years active duty obligation with the Army in the Panama Canal Zone. He continued to serve in the 1185th HRP Active Reserve in Lancaster for a total of 22 years retiring as a LTC.

In civilian life, he took over his father's organic plant food company and over a 35 year period developed it into an all-inclusive fertilizer and agriculture/chemical company and later the first Ag/Consulting service in PA. He remained active in Pennsylvania's agricultural industry for many years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the Water Street Mission, 215 S. Prince Street, P.O. Box 7267, Lancaster, Pa 17604.

● **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

● **Breakfast Gatherings:**

Our next Breakfast Gatherings will be Jan 19th. These breakfasts will continue in 2023 on the third Thursday of each month where there is no membership meeting. For 2023, our Breakfast Gatherings will be on the following dates:

Thursday, Jan 19
 Thursday, Feb 16
 Thursday May 18
 Thursday, Jul 20
 Thursday, Sep 21
 Thursday, Nov 16.

As usual, the venue is Oregon Dairy at 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz 17543, starting at 8 A.M.. These gatherings remain informal. All members and guests are welcome. Contact Dan Horting with questions at k4sbuilder@comcast.net or 717 285-7320.



• **2023 Chapter Dues Reminder:**

Our annual dues are due by check on the 1st of January each year. Dues continue to be \$15 per year or \$40 for three years. These newsletter reminders serve as our dues vouchers. All dues checks should be made out to MOAA Lancaster Chapter and sent 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 dlbenchoff2@comcast.net. Surviving Spouses pay no Chapter dues.

• **Chapter Pictures:**



Our Veterans Gifts



Our Table of Honor

Our Newest Board of Directors Members :



Diane Stackhouse



Dave Lawrence



Bill Zeird

Our New Corresponding Secretary

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