



# MOAA LANCASTER CHAPTER

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## NEWSLETTER

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### • **Our Annual Christmas Luncheon:**

The chapter's annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, in the Lehr Dinning Room, on the 2nd floor of Gordinier Hall at 30 S George Street at Millersville University, 17551.

**The social hour** will begin at 1 p.m. Wine and soda will be available throughout the social hour at no additional cost. Following introductory remarks by our president, Bill Confer, the luncheon will be served at 2 p.m. The menu for the luncheon is:

#### **Salad:**

Spinach and Apple Salad with Orange Dressing

#### **Entrée:**

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

#### **Dessert:**

Mixed Berry Cobbler

#### **Beverages:**

Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Tea and Water with Lemon and Assorted Dinner Rolls

**The cost** of the meal will be \$35.00 per person. As always your check is your reservation and should be made out to MOAA Lancaster Chapter and mailed 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 27th. Cancellations may be made by calling Bill Zeird at 717 626-0232 or email at [rgerzsr@gmail.com](mailto:rgerzsr@gmail.com) prior to November 27th. If you have any questions, please call Bill Zeird.

**Directions:** Drive into Millersville on Rte 999 (Manor Avenue). 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 elevator.

**Christmas Gifts for Hospitalized Vets:** Please remember to bring a voluntary gift for our hospitalized veterans. Gifts cannot be wrapped per the VA Lebanon Hospital security 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 any thing sharp or alcoholic. The gifts are a sign that someone cares. They are always appreciated by the veterans.

**The program** will be the dedication of our POW/MIA Table of Honor and installation of our officers and directors. There will be no guest speaker.

### • **From the President's Desk:**

God Bless our Jewish Friends in this time of their horror!

I hope you are all staying well and in good health. This is a very tumultuous time for the world.



Bill Confer Sr

I want you to know that MOAA is working hard to maintain the very best Chapter in Pennsylvania. We passed three very important motions at the Bent Creek meeting that will ensure our Chapter is viable and active for years to come. I want to remind you if you sign-up for three years of membership before 31 December it will only cost \$40.00, after that it will go up to \$60.00 for three years and \$25.00 for one year. That motion was passed as mentioned at Bent Creek. See the last newsletter for the three motions.

Several of us represented the Chapter at the Millersville Parade, Oct 14th, in the rain but it was a great experience. You wouldn't know how proud I was to have the WGAL announcer announce the Chapter car near the end of the parade. We had the opportunity to meet and briefly talk with the very



Confer, Cardinal & Gareis



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

amiable President of Millersville University, Dr. Daniel Wubah, who came from a Royal Family in Ghana. A tremendous experience.

In addition, our Chapter, headed by John Gareis, visited two schools in Lancaster County, one in Mountville and one in the Central Manor schools. We had a great deal of representation and I want to personally thank all those involved. It is a great honor to talk to young children about the military. The welcoming was very friendly, and all the kids were attentive. It's very nice to see a friendly face in our schools.

Susan Collins, our Surviving Spouse representative, has been sending out emails working to get our Surviving Spouses more active. She recently had a breakfast to start the conversation. If you are a surviving spouse, please contact her at her email at [suercollins@gmail.com](mailto:suercollins@gmail.com) or by phone: (571) 216-4701. Please help us get started by getting involved.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party at Millersville University, our December membership meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. Remember to bring your voluntary gifts for the veterans hospitalized at the VA hospital in Lebanon.

- **Increase in Annual Dues Approved:**

Our membership approved an increase in dues to \$25 per year or \$60 for a three year membership at the Bent Creek meeting. It will take effect on January 2024. Payment of dues at the current rate of \$15 per year and \$40 for three years will be accepted until that date.

- **Induction of Officers & Directors for 2024:**

The Election of the following chapter officers and directors to serve in 2024 was conducted and approved at the October 12th membership meeting at Bent Creek. They will be formally inducted and take office at the December Millersville meeting.

**Officers:**

President:	Dan Horting, Lt Col, USAF
Vice President:	Bill Zeird, LT, USN
Imm Past Pres.	Bill Confer Sr, LTC, USA
Treasurer	Dave Shelton, Lt Col, USAF
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- **Induction of Officers & Directors:** (cont'd)

**Directors:**

Peter Cardinal, COL, USA  
 John Gareis, MAJ, USA  
 Dave Lawrence, CAPT, USN  
 Diane Stackhouse, Maj, USAF  
 Jim Cunningham, Lt Col, USAF  
 Kim Bade, CDR, USN

- **2024 Membership Mtgs & Venues:**

Please put these dates in your calendars and plan on joining us in 2024:

Thursday, Mar 7, 11 a.m., Lancaster CC  
 Thursday, April 18, 5 p.m., Meadia Heights GC  
 Thursday, Jun 20, 5 p.m., Hamilton Club  
 Saturday, Aug 31, 11 a.m., Waltz Vintyards  
 Thursday, Oct 17, 5 p.m., Bent Creek CC  
 Sunday, Dec 8, 1 p.m., Millersville University

- **Breakfast Gatherings:**

Our next breakfast gathering will meet on 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](mailto:k4sbuilder@comcast.net) or 717 285-7320.

- **Invitation to Lititz Veterans Honor Park:**

A local veterans group, who created the Lititz Veterans Honor Park, is extending an open invitation for any of our chapter members to attend a special Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday, November 12th from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Lititz Veterans Honor Park, located at 651 Kissel Hill Road, Lititz. For any questions, you can contact Ms Whitney Hertzog at 877 362-4556.

- **Smoking & Lung Cancer Screening:**

Dave Lawrence, M.D., CAPT, Medical Corp, USN (Ret), who is a chapter member and a director on our board of directors, discussed this topic at the last board meeting. The board was supportive in getting this word out and suggested it be published in the November newsletter. His discussion follows:

"Many veterans have smoked and may be at risk for lung cancer. Most lung cancers are identified at an advanced stage with a very poor survival rate. A National Screening Trial of 53,000 patients was performed in an attempt to identify lung cancers at an early stage. Low dose CAT Scan of the chest was performed annually with the results showing a 20% decrease in lung cancer mortality.



● **Smoking & Lung Cancer Screening:** (cont'd)

The current screening criteria are:

No symptoms or signs of lung cancer (you are asymptomatic)

50-80 years of age, (Medicare covers up to 77 years of age)

20 pack year smoking history,

Current or previous smoker who has quit in the last 15years.

Consider discussing your smoking history with your Primary Care provider to see if Lung Cancer screening might be appropriate for you. Coverage for the CAT scan will vary depending on your insurance."

References are available from Dave upon request.

● **Chapter Photos:**



AFJROTC Cadet Alyssa Hoffman



Speaker-Ken Gordon



Bent Creek



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Dan Horting

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