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NEWSLETTER**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



As our Geneesee Valley Chapter enters its 56th year, we can look back at our many years of successes, but we also have many exciting things ahead of us.

I am extremely pleased to share the news with you that our Chapter has been awarded the 5-Star Level of Excellence from MOAA National for the 2015 competition year. NYS Council of Chapters President Ben Margolius, COL, USA (Ret), received the following email from the Director of Council and Chapter Affairs Barry Wright, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret): “MOAA’s topnotch council and chapters compete annually to receive a four- or five-star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Award. The very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards, and above-average councils and chapters receive four-star awards. In April, a selection board was convened at national MOAA headquarters to evaluate the LOE submission packages. We are proud of the difference you are making on the legislative front and in your communities. Congratulations on your state-level LOE award honors!”

With this email, we are delighted to learn that our Geneesee Valley Chapter has been awarded our **SIXTH CONSECUTIVE** Five-Star Level of Excellence Award.

COL Margolius also sent along his “congratulations to the members of all five chapters” in the NY Council who received awards, “for their dedication, professionalism, and hard work.”

I am looking forward to attending the MOAA National Convention in Arlington, VA at the end of October to accept this award on behalf of our Chapter. I commend our Board Members and membership for keeping our Chapter alive, relevant and dedicated to helping to ensure that all veterans, (active duty, retired, and former) and their families continue to receive the benefits and care they deserve and were promised, including pay and benefits, health care, recognizing family sacrifices, and seeing that every veteran’s service is celebrated and honored, especially when they are called Home, after fighting the good fight and doing the job that only 1% of Americans do: Protecting the Liberty and Freedom guaranteed to every American by our Constitution. One thing is very certain: If we do not take of ourselves, no one will.

Less than 18% of the sitting Congress are veterans: 80 in the House and 17 in the Senate. We need a strong voice to address veterans’ concerns, since 82% of your Legislative Branch of government have **NEVER** served, and nearly 100% of your Executive Branch have **NEVER** served a day of military service. Riding on Air Force One does not count. But YOUR MOAA

and Chapter membership DO count. It does make a difference. Help us in recruiting more voices.

Please continue your letter/email campaigns to your legislators, even visit them at their home offices during this recess if you can. Our key issues coming up are:

1. Troops Deserve Full Pay Raise and Force Increases
2. Reject Military Housing Allowance Cuts
3. Oppose Disproportional TRICARE Fee Hikes
4. Reduce Military "Widows Tax," Don't Just Maintain It

See more at:

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/July-August-2016-Congressional-Recess-Campaign.aspx#sthash.RfcjWH4g.dpuf>

HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER:

HFR will be celebrating its 50th Mission on 1-2 October 2016. Come out to ROC and greet our heroes when they return on Sunday. It's an amazing experience!

VAMC DONATIONS: Please do not forget to bring Personal Care items for our vets. There will be a donation box at the check-in table at every Chapter meeting.

SPOUSES CLUB: We thank Karen Murphy for her enthusiastic participation as she completes her term as co-president of the Spouses Club and we welcome Joan Tierney (back!) as co-president.

TAPS: Our sincere condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of MOAA Life Members Col Fred Wagner, USAF (Ret) and Maj Dwight E. Turner, USAF (Ret).

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: Sunday, 18 September 2016 at Lillian's Restaurant and Party House, 2200 Penfield Rd, Penfield, NY 14526. See the last page for details and the reservation form. Our entertainment for this meeting will be provided by "Resonanz," the touring choir of the Rochester Oratorio Society. Close harmonies, energetic rhythms, and sentimental favorites form the sound of

Resonanz. Their repertoire includes holiday music, patriotic, folk and Americana, Romantic songs and American popular classics from the past seven decades.

Norma E. Weissend, Lt Col, USAF (Ret),
President

NYS CoC ANNUAL CONVENTION: This will be our 44th consecutive Council annual meeting. To my knowledge, no other Council has had more consecutive annual meetings. Several of your Board Members and their spouses will attend this meeting 13-16 September at Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center at Lake George. Please visit www.gvcmoaa.org for more information.

NAME BADGES: It's been a while since we talked about permanent MOAA name badges. Of course, if you are a Life Member, you know you are entitled to a gold Life Member name badge at no cost to you. (If you are a Life Member and don't have one, please let us know.) But did you know you can also order white MOAA name badges for the cost \$10? The badges have the National MOAA logo, "Genesee Valley Chapter", your name, rank, service, and "(RET)", if appropriate. They are also available for spouses, minus the rank and service line. Please let LTC Russ Green (russgreen@aol.com) know if you wish to order one.

SPOUSES CLUB: The next meeting is 21 September 2016 at Monroe Country Club. Please contact Eileen Carlsen for details at ecarlsen32@gmail.com or 585-377-5665 if you are able to attend.

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Meet Board Member Joan Tierney

After growing up in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Joan came to the Finger Lakes region to attend Cornell University. She majored in Chemistry and met Phil in the lab. The “chemistry” was good and they were married in 1963 following Phil’s attending Officers’ Candidate School and commissioning as a second Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Joan worked briefly for Allied Chemical, but after Phil’s transfer to Olmstead AFB in Pennsylvania became a stay-at-home mom for ten years with children Beth and Carl.

In 1967 Phil left active duty, but soon after joined the Air Force Reserve unit at Niagara Falls Air Force Base where he served for over 20 years.

Joan returned to school for a master's degree in Chemistry Education at SUNY Brockport. She taught physics and chemistry at Cardinal

Mooney High School for eight years. Phil's was the head of Mooney’s science department and her boss, an interesting dynamic!

In 1981 she began a new career at Rochester Institute of Technology as the Director of Development for the College of Engineering, working mainly with corporations and foundations. Her most important project was acquiring the cash and equipment to build RIT’s Microelectronic Engineering Center facility.

Phil and Joan retired as early as possible and spent 10 wonderful years enjoying children and five grandchildren, traveling, fishing, and gardening at their country home in Honeoye.

Joan now lives in Canandaigua. She is active in MOAA Spouses’ Club and will be co-president this year along with Signe Zale. The Air Force tradition carries on in the family – son Carl is another “Colonel Tierney” as an Air Force Reserve JAG stationed at Andrews AFB.

**GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER
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Sunday 18 September 2016**

**Lilian's Restaurant and Party House
2200 Penfield Rd.
Penfield, NY 14526
Telephone: 585-377-1300**

**1300 - Social Hour - Cheese and Crackers w/ cash bar
1400 - Dinner**

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Salmon Lilian

With artichokes, Portobello mushrooms and roasted red peppers, topped with broccoli and Kalamata olives in a sherry wine sauce sprinkled with feta cheese

Grilled Ribeye w/ potato and vegetables

Chicken Marsala w/ pasta and vegetables

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Friday, 9 September 2016

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday, 15 September 2016.

Questions: Norma – 585.746.2904 normaweis@roadrunner.com

RESERVATION FORM FOR 18 September 2016 MEETING at the Canandaigua Yacht Club

PLEASE CLIP HERE AND SEND

ALL Name(s) Attending:

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

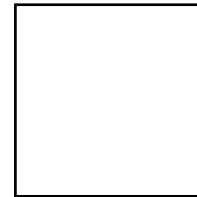
Steak _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____

Check for _____ meal(s) at **\$30.00 each**

Please make checks payable to **GVC MOAA** and mail to:

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