



**GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS
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NEWSLETTER**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



WELCOME TO SPRING!

We had a great turn out at our last Chapter Dinner to recognize our area ROTC and JROTC Outstanding Cadets

chosen by their ROTC Commander for their exemplary leadership qualities, academics, and military bearing. It always gives us great pleasure to recognize these young men and women because it re-affirms our belief that there are dedicated Officers who will continue to serve our country long after we are gone. Congratulations, and thank you, to the parents of these fine young men. It is their support and guidance that shape their children into the adults they will become. Congratulations to: **RIT Army: Cadet Robert Nash**; **RIT Air Force: Cadet Brandon Spadafora**; **U of R Navy: Midshipman James Doherty**; **Brockport Army: Cadet James Hatton**; **Early College International High School: Cadet Peter McBride**; **Leadership Academy for Young Men: Cadet Ricardo Roberto**. Finally, my **SINCERE** apologies go to Cadet Hatton of SUNY Brockport for mis-identifying him in the program and introductions. I should have learned by now to check my work after being interrupted!!

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING:

Unless current law is changed, sequestration will return next year and automatically trigger deep cuts to the Defense Department. These severe cuts will exhaust our resources and capabilities in immeasurable ways. The toll on our military and their families will likewise be incalculable. Congress must act to replace sequestration with an alternative debt reduction plan, or else an even more devastating round of defense cuts will be required in FY18. These cuts to our nation's defense budget put America's defense capabilities at an unacceptable level of risk.

The Joint Chiefs have stated sequestration will devastate our defense capabilities and "hollow out the force" that already has been made to bear 100% of the nation's burden of wartime sacrifice for over fifteen years.

Avoiding the terrible effects of a sequester is fundamental to sustaining the nation's ability to defend itself. Our security at home and abroad cannot be allowed to take a back seat to political posturing. Go to www.moaa.org and "Take Action" to complete and send an email to your Senators and Representative. There are many more issues to read up on and "Take Action." Make your voice heard!

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS: For **April 30th**, we are delighted to have Richard W. Salgueiro from the Canandaigua VAMC to update us on the many projects in motion now at the VAMC and the new Outpatient Clinic on Westfall Road. There are so many things happening at right now and it will be good to catch up on the services that will be provided.

4 June 2017: For our final meeting before our summer break, we will have our Installation of New Officers Ceremony as our main event at the popular Canandaigua Yacht Club. I have learned so much and met so many fantastic and dedicated Officers in the past 4 years as First Vice President and then as President. There have been numerous rewarding opportunities for me to grow as a veteran and officer, and to keep on serving. You will see further in this newsletter a call-out from BG Dave Szczygiel for an opportunity for YOU to step up and take on a leadership position in our Chapter. Many hands make light work, and many of the current hands are, well, tired. You don't have to go all-out Gangbusters right away and take on a huge amount of duties. There are opportunities to become involved and just learn how GVC and MOAA operate, what the goals and missions are, and how you can continue to serve, even in a small way. The comradery that you enjoyed so much while on duty is still available by serving on the Board of Directors. There are only six Board meetings a year, plus the six Chapter meetings. Make a positive impact for all veterans around you. Please consider a position on the Board!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

22 April 2017: NYS Council of Chapters Mid-Year Conference, Vestal, NY

30 April 2017: GVC Chapter Meeting at Burgundy Basin Inn (See last page for details and reservations).

5-6 May 2017: MOAA Northeast Regional Workshop

20 May 2017: Armed Forces Day Luncheon at the Diplomat Party House

21 May 2017: With Veterans Memorial & Executive Council – Wreath Laying Ceremony at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery

4 June 2017: GVC Chapter Meeting at Canandaigua Yacht Club – Change of Command Ceremony

19-22 September 2017: NYS Council of Chapters Annual Conference at Ft William Henry Hotel, Lake George, NY

Spouses' Club News: Our next Spouses Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at Monroe Golf Club at 12 PM.

GVC nominations committee is seeking nominees who wish to serve as officers for the 2017-2019-year term. Anyone wishing to be considered for vacancies that currently exist are encouraged to contact the under signed below. This is an excellent opportunity for members to keep on Serving. Please join the fight to protect and keep our military benefits from eroding. GVC/ MOAA needs you now to support our military and keep it strong.

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Honor Flight Dates:

April 8 - 9 Mission 52

May 13 - 14 Mission 53

June 17-18 (Father's Day wkend) Mission 54

EVENTS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU:

Poetry for Peace

Commemorating the Centennial of U.S. Entry into World War I

A Collaboration between the Rochester Oratorio Society and the University of Rochester - Humanities Center focusing on a performance of:

Hear Vaughan Williams's masterwork, *Dona Nobis Pacem*, in performance by the Nazareth College Choir, Mark Zeigler, Director, with members of the Rochester Oratorio Society, this time on the Nazareth College Campus, Linnahan Chapel, 3:00 p.m

'Letters from a Doughboy: the Wartime Experiences of an American Soldier in World War I.' Katherine Schumacher's book, based on her father's letters, spans a period of time beginning with his arrival in 1917 at Camp Wadsworth, SC, one of the many training camps hastily established to prepare young men to be soldiers, and concluding with his participation in the Victory March up Fifth Avenue in New York City following the return of the 27th Division in 1919. Moderated by Mona Seghatoleslami, Host/Producer, WXXI Classical 91.5
April 23, 2017

***Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams**
With the Nazareth College Choir, Mark Zeigler, Director
April 18, 2017
7:00–9:00 P.M., in the Gathering Space, Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. Park free of charge in the lot behind the main church building.

Armed Forces Day Luncheon

At the Veterans Memorial & Executive Committee meeting this month, the Armed Forces Day Committee was soliciting our participation in the Armed Forces Day Luncheon, this year to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Diplomat Party House, 1956 Lyell Avenue in Gates. The doors will open at 10:30 AM, with lunch being served at noon. The 198th Army Band will provide music before lunch, and there will be numerous military displays around the perimeter of the hall. The keynote speaker this year is Rear Admiral Richard Porterfield, USN, Retired, former Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence. Genesee Valley Chapter has again purchased a table at the luncheon. Thus far we have commitments for 7 of the 10 seats at the table. If you would like to attend, please contact me ASAP and let me know. If we fill the table, we can add additional seats at another table. The cost is \$25 per person. Please make your check payable to GVC MOAA and send it to me at 2 Winding Brook Dr, Fairport, NY by April 20.

LTC Russ Green, USA (Ret)

Legislative Update - Push for Full Concurrent Receipt is Renewed in the 115th Congress

MOAA continues to lead the effort to end the disability offset to retired pay and strongly supports a plan to phase out the disability offset for all disabled retired service members, with initial priority for those who were prevented from serving 20 years solely because they became severely disabled in service. This issue has been and remains one of MOAA's top legislative priorities.

Concurrent receipt means to receive both service-earned military retired pay and VA disability compensation. Up until 2001, any retired service member who also received VA disability compensation had an amount equal to the VA compensation deducted from his or her military retired pay. Since then, MOAA has pushed hard in Congress to get the authority for concurrent receipt greatly expanded so that the offset was eliminated for retirees with non-combat disabilities rated at 50 percent or higher. As the new 115th Congress has been sworn in on Capitol Hill, companion concurrent receipt bills have been introduced in both houses of Congress.

- See more at: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Retirees/Push-for-Full-Concurrent-Receipt-is-Renewed-in-the-115th-Congress.aspx>

- Take action by contacting your congressional reps at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/bills/>

LTC Russ Green, USA (Ret), Legislative Liaison



Introducing MOAA

Board member Peter Ingalsbe, COL. USA (RET): 1st Vice President Ingalsbe received his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1972. In December Peter joined the New York Army National Guard as a wheel vehicle mechanic and in 1976 he graduated from the New York State Empire State Military Academy (ESMA) as a 2nd Lieutenant. His assignments include Shop Officer, Maintenance Company Commander, Support Group S-1, Executive Officer and Battalion Commander of the 342nd Forward Support Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division and a second command of the 427th Support Battalion, 27th Infantry Brigade. Peter's final assignment was OIC&C of the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) Fort Drum from 1999-2006 retiring at the rank of Colonel. Peter's civilian career included sales of construction and municipal equipment, 21 years as a Federal employee for the NYS Division of Military Affairs as well as serving his home town as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Councilman and currently as Town Supervisor in Farmington, NY. Peter also serves on the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, in the public works and public safety committees.

He was 14 year volunteer for the Wegmans LPGA and is currently a Board member with Victor Hiking Trails. He is a Charter member for Farmington AMVET Post 332. He is a Life member of MOAA and NGAUS. He is married to Cindy (Wagner) Ingalsbe. They have two grown children and five grandsons.

LAST CALL FOR 2017 DUES: GVC MOAA CHAPTER DUES PAYMENT FOR THIS YEAR (2017)

Chapter dues are \$20.00 per year, and are payable at the beginning of each calendar year.

There has been some confusion in the past between chapter versus MOAA National dues. Perhaps this is the case in this instance. The two are separate and distinct, and MOAA National mails its dues notices separately. The Chapter, on the other hand, does not bill for dues, but rather gives notice in the Chapter newsletter when dues are payable.

Won't you take a moment now to send in your payment? Don't risk being dropped from our rolls. Better yet why not include your payment for 2018 as well, for a total of \$40.00?

Make a check out to GVC MOAA and sent to the following address:

GVC MOAA
c/o Jim Nielsen
17 Woodward Drive
Le Roy, NY 14482

Please include your email address with your payment.

You may pay online with a debt/credit card at the following address:

<http://www.MOAA.org/OnlineChapterDuesPayment>

Consider eliminating paying your dues annually – pay a one time Life Membership fee as set forth in the table below.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Life dues</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Life Dues</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Life Dues</u>
<45	\$360	61-65	270	81-85	55
46-50	350	66-70	210	86-89	35
51-55	330	71-75	160	90+	Life – no charge
56-60	310	76-80	110		

One final note: If your non-payment is due to poor health or incapacitated, *please* let us know. The Chapter recently voted to waive dues for those so affected. If you have moved from the area and/or no longer wish to maintain your Chapter membership, please let us know that also.

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30 April 2017

Burgundy Basin

1361 Marsh Road

585-248-2660

1300 - Social Hour - cash bar

1400 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Sirloin Steak

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Poached Salmon

Entrees served with vegetables, salad, rolls and butter

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Saturday, 22 April 2017

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday, 27 April 2017

Questions: Norma – 585.727.6190

CLIP HERE AND SEND

RESERVATION FORM FOR 30 April MEETING at

Burgundy Basin

ALL Name(s) Attending:

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Sirloin Steak _____ Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Poached Salmon _____