



GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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October 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well welcome to summer.... Can you believe that we had four record temperatures in a row all above 90 degrees! Well now back to reality and back to fall which I believe to be a great time of the year. Last week I met many great Americans, all great patriots and where did I meet them? The Lake George Council of Chapters 45th Convention of course. GVC had eight members attend and I believe they had a great time as I did and we also might have learned a few things or two.

Tuesday was check in day and a Barbecue dinner, Wednesday members had a luncheon cruise on the Lac du Saint Sacrement cruise ship. The weather was absolutely beautiful and the meal delicious. That evening everyone attended a dinner show where we watched the initial showing of The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis Mccauley Fishing Derby.

The business session was on Thursday and the State Council Officers were introduced as well

as each Chapter President. Council President COL Margolius presented a State of the Council report and also discussed the Level of Excellence awards. Council reports by the secretary and treasurer were also presented. Eventually each Chapter President gave their individual reports. The common theme was how to recruit more members and how to retain the ones that you have.

Headquarters MOAA was represented by COL USA (Ret) Terri Coles, Senior Director, Council & Chapter Affairs. She listed priority items that MOAA National is working on such as an automation upgrade, expanding Virtual Chapters, taking a relook at JROTC awards programs with a possible late October a new plan. She made every Chapter aware of a new grant program where 2017 was the first year for "Community Outreach" grants up to \$5000.

Later in the day after a visit to Fort William Henry there was the annual Memorial Service to recognize twenty members that had passed since last year's convention. In the evening the the State Council installation of Officers banquet was held where quest speaker retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, MOAA President and Chief Executive Officer spoke of what MOAA means to him, where he wants to see the organization grow and how they will continually

fight in Washington for military benefits. The installation of New Council officers and the presentation of the Level of Excellence Awards rounded out the evening. Peggy Phillips LTC, USA, (Ret) is your new Council President.

War Cost to the average Tax payer; Defense One Today News reported that as of September 25th the costs of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria wars costs the average U.S. taxpayer \$7500 to fund these wars since 9/11. Did we get our monies worth? I leave that answer up to you.

Defense Budget Update; Both the House and Senate Armed Service Committees have developed their respective budgets. Military.Com reports,

Military.com | Week of September 25, 2017
Troops would get a 2.1 percent pay raise in 2018 under a Senate bill approved late last Monday, but married military couples with dependents would potentially lose hundreds of dollars a month due to a new cap on housing allowances. The upper chamber of Congress approved its version of the \$700 billion defense authorization act by a vote of 89-8. The 1,215-page bill now heads to closed-door negotiations with House lawmakers known as "conference," in which the two versions of the annual policy bill will be combined. For more details, [see this Military.com article](#)

October Guest Speaker; Mr. Paul Gaylord the current Commander of the Batavia Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV) will be our main speaker at our next meeting. We look forward to him bringing us current with everything that the local DAV is doing.

COL Peter Ingalsbe, USA Retired,
President "Never Stop Serving"

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA at
SAMPSON VETERANS
MEMORIAL CEMETERY**
-Norma Weissend

REMEMBER The Fallen
HONOR Those Who Serve
TEACH Our Children The Value of
Freedom

As you know, we are one of over 450 Chapters in the USA. Two of our many missions at GVC, which encompasses the greater Rochester area, are to inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and of our flag; and to provide useful services for, and protect the interests of, members and their dependents and survivors, and represent their rights and interests when service matters are under consideration. We care deeply for the service of all veterans and it is extremely important to us to ensure that their memories and sacrifices are preserved and that each and every veteran is never forgotten.

MOAA is our national organization. Its motto is "Never Stop Serving." MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. In addition to representing your interests before Congress, MOAA offers a wide range of personal and financial services exclusive to MOAA membership. Whatever the stage of your career, your MOAA membership delivers benefits geared specifically to you - and your family. From active-duty service through retirement, MOAA can help you make the most of your career as an officer. We are more than 390,000 strong in nationwide membership. Please visit www.moaa.org.

Please help the Genesee Valley Chapter raise funds by clicking one of the red "Donate" button above next the GVC name to sponsor wreaths to be placed at

Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery.
. . It is easy! Your donation helps us support local veteran programs, such as Honor Flight Rochester, Veterans Outreach Center of Rochester, the VAMC in Canandaigua, and the Veterans Outpatient Clinic. See Norma Weissend for how to donate on line or use the application below.

If you would like to donate or volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at Sampson, please go to <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=25646&relate=14898> to sign up and to donate. You may also donate using the attached form.

Wreaths Across America Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations

Monday, December 11, 2017

- State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

Saturday December 16, 2017

- Please check with your local location leader for start times.
- Simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

GVC UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 December 2017 – GVC Holiday dinner
Brook-Lea Country Club

16 December 2017 – Wreaths Across America
Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery

March 25 2018 – Whitter Party House
(ROTC Dinner)

Honor Flight Dates:

Mission 56 September 30-October 1

Mission 57 October 21-22

Spouses Club: The Spouses Club of GVC MOAA will be meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at noon, location Phillip's European Restaurant. Contact Joan Tierney or Signe Zale at the email or phone number listed below.

Member Passing; We were informed shortly after the last newsletter that LtCol Jack Bradbury passed away. This Chapter will make a donation in his name.

Address Change? Have you moved? Have you changed your email address? If so please contact Ken Carlsen or Nancy Swanson at the email address below or write us at PO Box 20874, Rochester, NY 14602-0874



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card= If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

****SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____

Mailing: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: NYSVMC Fundraising Group ID: NY0118P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash \$: _____ Total\$: _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO \$: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: _____

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**GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

October 22nd, 2017

Red Osier

6492 Main Road, Stafford, NY 14143

585-343-6972

1300 - Social Hour - cash bar

1400 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Prime Rib

Chicken Almond

Baked Salmon

Entrees served with vegetables, salad, rolls and butter

Dessert

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Saturday October 14th

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday, October 19th

Questions: Norma – 585.727.6190

CLIP HERE AND SEND

**RESERVATION FORM FOR October 22nd MEETING at
Red Osier**

ALL Name(s) Attending:

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Prime Rib_____ Chicken Almond_____ Baked Salmon_____

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

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

GVC MOAA

c/o Norma Weissend

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