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August 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Did you notice anything different in the above banner? Yes, you guessed it! We have been notified by MOAA that we have been recognized for the eighth year in a row as a “**Five Star Chapter**” Congratulations goes to your Board of Directors who work so hard to make sure we meet all the criteria each year and of course yourselves by continuing to be a National MOAA member and a GVC Chapter member. We will receive the **5 Star** award at the Annual MOAA Convention this year in Phoenix, AZ. The dates are November 1-2. I already know of at least two other members and their spouses are planning on joining me in Phoenix, so more the merrier!

Not quite ready to go to MOAA Convention, so have you signed up for the NYS CoC Convention in Niagara Falls? Past GVC President Norma Weissend has the following update.

The 46th Annual NYS Council of Chapters Convention is scheduled for 10-13 September 2018 at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base. *WITH OVER 60 OFFICERS AND THEIR SPOUSES REGISTERED SO FAR, IT PROMISES TO BE THE BEST-ATTENDED CONVENTION IN RECENT YEARS.* Admiral Walter Doran, USN (Ret) will be our Distinguished Guest and main speaker from MOAA National. Adm Doran is slated to be the next CEO of MOAA.

After arrival, registration and a Welcome Monday dinner, we have a full day of activities planned for Tuesday, 11 September. It begins with a special Memorial Service aboard the USS Little Rock, moored at Buffalo's Military and Naval Park. Then we will board a Double Decker Bus for a tour of the renovated downtown Buffalo area. After that, we will enjoy a delicious meal at the famous Chefs Restaurant in Buffalo and return to the base for a night cap. ALL transportation is provided for the day!

On Wednesday, we will begin with our annual Council Business Meeting. Admiral Doran will present recruiting endeavors from National and current legislative issues effecting veterans and their families. Chapter Presidents will present their own updates of issues and projects.

On Wednesday evening, we will have our annual Council banquet, recognizing our outstanding Chapters. Thursday morning wraps up with a Farewell breakfast as we say "See you next year!" to old and new friends.

The CoC Convention is a wonderful time to get together with our military friends and renew our commitment to "Never Stop Serving."

There is still time to reserve your spot and participate in the longest-running consecutive Council convention! If you cannot attend for the whole convention, please call Norma to discuss "A La Carte" options, but you must do so ASAP!

Norma Weissend 585.727.6190
or normaweis@roadrunner.com.

Next Chapter Dinner: Canandaigua Yacht Club for another great meal. Why not bring a guest? **SATURDAY September 15th, 2018,** See the flyer below.

Lastly, I would ask that everyone be involved in some way to support our Military.

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

Want to advertise with our Chapter? We are looking for a few businesses that would be willing to advertise in our newsletter, our website and in our chapter Facebook page. For just \$50.00 you will be guaranteed an ad four times per year in our newsletter, twelve months on our website and any special events will be announced on our Facebook page. Contact Member -at-Large Will O'Donnell at 585-754-3948 or email him at will.p.odonnell@gmail.com

GVC UPCOMING EVENTS:

9 September 2018 Honor Flight Mission # 61; Mission #62 will be in October date to be determined.

10-13 September 2018 Council of Chapters Conference, Niagara Falls. See Norma Weissend for details.

15 Saturday September 2018
Canandaigua Yacht Club. Cash Bar at 13:00 hrs. dinner at 14:00 hours.

Need Extra Help or Someone to Listen: (Repeat)

Do you need some extra help such as sitting with a loved one while you run some errands? Do you need/want a ride to a GVC MOAA dinner? Please call Nancy Swanson ([585-905-0346](tel:585-905-0346)) or Tim Vaughan ([585-412-6425](tel:585-412-6425)), our new GVC Support Coordinators. They will talk with you to find out what your needs are and how GVC may be able to help.

Nancy has expertise in coordinating services for Veterans in the health care field. Tim has overall knowledge of the military system and has made recent connections with local units. We care about our GVC family members and want to help and support them when needed.

Name Tag anyone?

"If you would like to order a GVC name badge for yourself or your spouse, please contact LTC Russ Green (<russgreen@aol.com> or [585-425-4292](tel:585-425-4292)). Badges for members will include name, rank, service and status, while spouses badges will include name only. (See the sample photo). Cost of the badges is \$12.00, payable in advance. (Please note that badges for Life Members, are gold in color and include the line "Life Member" under the rank. These are provided at no cost to the member.) Please provide the name(s) as you wish them to appear on the badge. Badges may be picked up at the next dinner meeting following the order, or by contacting COL Green to make other arrangements"



are also ongoing efforts to identify individuals buried in currently unmarked graves. As a member organization of the VM&E Council, we have an opportunity to assist in this restoration endeavor. Volunteers are needed to continue the onsite restorations, and monetary donations are needed. For more information on how you can help, contact LTC Russ Green

Spouses Club; The Spouses Club of GVC MOAA the group normally meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Location to be determined. Contact Joan Tierney or Signe Zale at the email or phone number listed below for the next meeting date.

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

Veterans Memorial & Executive Council News; On Congress Ave. near Genesee St. in Rochester sits the Rapids Cemetery, which dates to the earliest days of city. It is the final resting place of Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American War veterans. Over the years, the cemetery experienced neglect and decay. It became overgrown with vegetation, and gravestones were toppled, became buried, and even removed entirely. In recent years, there has been a push to restore the cemetery, through a collaboration of the 19th Ward Community Association, the office of the City Historian, the VM&E, and other community groups. Brush has been cleared, buried gravestones located, flowers planted, walkways created and water has been brought to the site. Future plans call for a flagpole, perimeter fencing, historical markers, seating and possibly a gazebo. There

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2018 Member Dues; The Board of Directors has kept the annual dues to \$20.00 for 2018. If you would like to pay for Lifetime see the chart below. Send your dues payment with your reservation or mail your payment to Jim Nielsen. 17 Woodward Drive Leroy, NY 14482-1247

<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		

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Saturday September 15th 2018

Canandaigua Yacht Club

3524 County Road 16

585-396-9200

1300 - Social Hour - cash bar

1400 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES

**St. Louis Ribs / Half Rack "Fall Off the Bone Pork with
Coleslaw and Garlic Parmesan Roasted Potatoes**

**Chicken Parmesan- Breaded, Boneless chicken breast topped with house made
marinara, and Italian cheeses**

**Shrimp Scampi- Sautéed with Garlic, Fresh Lemon, White
Wine with Linguine**

**Entrees served with vegetables, salad, rolls and butter
Dessert**

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Friday September 7th

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday, September 13th

Questions: Norma – 585.727.6190

CLIP HERE AND SEND

**RESERVATION FORM FOR Saturday September 15th gathering at
Canandaigua Yacht Club**

ALL Name(s) Attending:

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

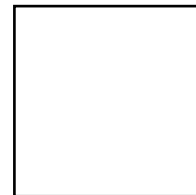
Ribs Half Rack _____ Chicken Parmesan _____ Shrimp Scampi _____

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

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

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