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NEWSLETTER**

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SERVING MEMBERS AND THEIR COUNTRY * NEVER STOP SERVING *** October 2018**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Halloween is right around the corner and I am happy to report that you do not have to wear a costume to our October 27th dinner meeting. In our last newsletter I mentioned that we were notified by MOAA that we have been recognized for the eighth year in a row as a “**Five Star Chapter**” We will receive the **5 Star** award at the Annual MOAA Convention this year in Phoenix, AZ. The dates are November 1-2. I also want to report that at least three members and their spouses are planning on joining me in Phoenix.

The Council of Chapters convention in Niagara Falls was a great success. There was close to 70 attendees with a tour of Buffalo and training going on Tuesday and the business meeting and annual council banquet on Wednesday. Admiral Doran discussed recruiting endeavors from National and current legislative issues effecting veterans and their families. He also was very interested in what each New York Chapter was doing for recruitment of new members and what activities each were doing. Thursday morning wrapped up the convention with a Farewell breakfast. The next CoC convention will be downstate in the general vicinity near West Point.

November 6th Please exercise your right to VOTE!

Next Chapter Dinner; The Red Osier Landmark restaurant for another great meal. Why not bring a guest? **SATURDAY October 27th, 2018,** this starts at noon with dinner at 1300 hours. 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”

GVC UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 September 2018 the Red Osier Cash Bar at Noon dinner at 13:00 hours. This is a change in time from other meetings.

2 December 2018 Holiday Dinner and entertainment. Brook-Lea Country Club. More details in the next newsletter.

Member Passing It is with deep regret that we recently learned of the passing of Col Charles Patanella who passed away May 26, 2018. We send our heart felt condolences to his wife Isabelle and family.

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.

MOAA message from Forrest Allen:

It's official: The 2019 COLA for military retired pay, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 2.8 percent. It will first appear in the January 2019 checks.

MOAA accurately forecasted this final outcome over a month ago based on annual trends and factors such as energy commodities, shelter (housing), and transportation services.

The 2.8 percent 2018 COLA will be the second-largest COLA of the past decade, trailing only the 3.6 percent COLA year of 2011.

View this year's trends for yourself on MOAA's COLA Watch webpage. Click [here](#) for the annual figures since 1975.

Groceries are one of the more than 80,000 items factored into the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) monthly calculation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). BLS describes CPI as a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers from around the country for a market basket of consumer goods and services. This basket of goods includes the ordinary items or services you'd expect to use on a daily basis: food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, recreation, or education and communication, among others.

Some of the biggest factors that influence your COLA include the prices of:

- Food
- Clothing
- Housing
- Fuels and transportation fares, and
- Charges for medical services and drugs.
- **President Trump Signs Largest VA Budget in History (MOAA News)**
- President Donald Trump in September signed into the law the largest spending bill in Department of Veterans Affairs history, which includes funding for expanded caregiver and mental health benefits, facility upgrades, and veteran community care programs.
- “We're fighting to make sure you get the care that you so richly earned,” Trump said during a signing ceremony at the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las Vegas, “and today's legislation is one more promise that the Trump administration is keeping.”
- The [VA appropriations bill](#) provides more than \$86 billion for discretionary programs and more than \$110 billion in mandatory benefit payments. It includes several key provisions to benefit veterans, including expansion of mental health services and direct resources for care in rural communities.
- The bill also provides funds related to the MOAA-supported [VA MISSION Act](#), which will expand comprehensive caregiver services and provide money to modernize medical facilities. It also continues funding for programs that allow veterans to see private-sector doctors in their community if they cannot secure an appointment through the VA in a reasonable amount of time.
- The bill also puts more than \$1 billion toward the creation and maintenance of an electronic health record system.

Want to advertise with our Chapter? (Repeat) 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

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"



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: (Repeat)

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 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

A rectangular advertisement for MOAA Insurance Plans. At the top, the slogan 'Now and Always We'll be There.' is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Below the slogan is a small black star. Underneath the star is the MOAA logo, which consists of three vertical red bars of varying heights to the left of the text 'MOAA' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below 'MOAA' are the words 'INSURANCE' and 'PLANS' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the advertisement, a red horizontal bar contains the phone number '1-800-247-2192' and the website 'www.moaainsurance.com' in white text.

Admiral Doran; Event speaker for the NYS Council of Chapters Convention



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Military OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Saturday October 27th 2018

Red Osier Landmark Restaurant

6492 Main Street Stafford, NY

585-343-6972

NOON - Social Hour - cash bar

1300 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES

8oz. cut of Prime Rib

Chicken Almond

Southern Salmon

Entrees served with vegetables, salad, rolls and butter

Ice Cream Sundae Dessert

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Friday October 19th

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday, October 25th

Questions: Call Peter 585-749-3390

CLIP HERE AND SEND

**RESERVATION FORM FOR Saturday October 27th gathering at
Red Osier Landmark Restaurant**

ALL Name(s) Attending:

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Prime Rib _____ Chicken Almond _____ Southern Salmon _____

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

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

**GVC MOAA c/o Peter Ingalsbe, 151 Galvin Court Farmington,
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