



## GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



For those of you getting this Newsletter via email I hope you are able to enjoy Veterans Day and maybe a free meal from some of the local restaurants offering discounts. I would like to say to all our members **Thank-you** for your service to our country and to this chapter. Surviving spouses are a big part of MOAA nationally and at the chapter level. We say a quiet prayer for all of our Veterans that have passed as well as their surviving spouse during this national holiday.

**Phoenix AZ. MOAA Annual Meeting;** What a pleasure to represent the Genesee Valley Chapter during the awards night as this chapter for the eight year in a row was recognized as a **“Five Star Chapter”**. There were 165 chapters receiving a five- or four-star award out of 400 chapters in the United States. The New York State Council of Chapters and four other chapters also received five-star awards. Tim and Jean Vaughn, Jim and Ann Nielsen and Norma

Weissend and her husband Guy were also in attendance for the award ceremony as well as the business meeting the following day Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Items discussed at the business meeting were that 18 new directors were appointed to the MOAA Board as 18 others terms had expired. The April 2018 “storming of the Hill” resulted in 6.1 million impacts on Twitter and Facebook from 108 contributions or comments. MOAA National member priorities for 2019 are 1. Keeping the members informed. 2. The MOAA Foundation and what it represents and 3. Increasing the opportunity for the MOAA Scholarship Fund to be able to do more with increased donations.

**Next Chapter Dinner;** Holiday Dinner / Dance Brook-Lea Country Club. We need at least 30 for dinner to make our minimum, why not bring a guest? Gift exchange bring a gift and pick someone’s gift. Please keep the value between \$10.00 and \$15.00. **Sunday December 2nd, 2018,** See the flyer below.

**FEDVIP MOAA weekly article;** On Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> military retirees will begin selecting a new health plan through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). FEDVIP offers retirees 10

choices for dental coverage and four vision carriers.

Retirees can make a plan selection and enroll [online](#) or over the phone (877-888-3337) from Nov. 12 until Dec. 10. The same phone number can be used by retirees to request a plan comparison from a customer service representative, but officials said retirees must contact plan carriers directly for specific details.

A special comparison chart and FEDVIP guide is included in this month's *Military Officer* magazine, which is delivered to MOAA premium and life members.

Information on plans has been mailed to homes of eligible beneficiaries, officials said, with a second letter in transit and set to arrive by the beginning of open season.

“The availability of new choices in dental and vision coverage is truly a culture change for TRICARE beneficiaries,” said Capt. Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), director of MOAA's government relations health affairs. “Historically, military beneficiaries have always had one plan and one plan only, so there was no choosing between options.”

Another significant change with the new coverage plan is the open enrollment season, Beasley said. The defined period to select plans may be the hardest part of the change, she said, and could result in feelings of anxiety for some beneficiaries.

DHA officials encourage beneficiaries to select plans in a timely manner. They expect the final week of open season to be the busiest.

To deal with the anticipated surge, officials have 1,400 customer service representatives in 11 locations across all time zones. They will monitor peak times for phone calls and adjust staffing as needed.

The new plan replaces DHA's Tricare Retiree Dental Program, which ends Dec. 31. Retired uniformed service members and their families

who are eligible for the old Tricare plan are eligible to enroll in FEDVIP.

Retirees who have the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan administered by Delta Dental must enroll during the open season to avoid losing dental coverage Jan. 1. Enrollment, which can be done online or on the phone, ends at midnight Eastern on Dec. 10.

There are some costs associated with FEDVIP. In exclusive provider organizations (EPO) and health maintenance organizations (HMO), the retiree has a fixed copayment for a specific service. An HMO plan also will have an office visit copayment for each dental visit.

There is also a monthly premium for FEDVIP dental plans. In most cases, depending on eligibility and available funds and/or allotments, FEDVIP will set up an allotment automatically with the pay provider to pay for FEDVIP premiums, post-tax.

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**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](mailto:will.p.odonnell@gmail.com)

## **GVC UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**March 2019** This will be our first meeting for 2019, a date and location will be provided early February.

## **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](mailto: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

MOAA Insurance Plans advertisement. The slogan is "Now and Always We'll be There." Below the slogan is the MOAA logo, which consists of three vertical bars of increasing height followed by the text "MOAA INSURANCE PLANS". At the bottom, the contact information is "1-800-247-2192 • www.moaainsurance.com".

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**2019 Member Dues:** The Board of Directors has kept the annual dues to \$20.00 for 2019. 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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**GVC MOAA Fund Raiser;** Members we need your help again this year. Our chapter earns \$5.00 for every wreath purchased. Last year we earned \$350.00 I believe we can do better this year if everyone participates. The basic information is below and, in this email, I have also attached the registration form and additional information.

Wreaths Across America  
Saturday December 15, 2018  
Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NYSVMC)  
6632 New York Route 96A  
Romulus, NY 14541

Individual wreaths are \$15, however, the most popular/common donation is a 5-pack for a total donation of \$75, but it is totally up to you.

**To donate on behalf of MOAA GVC...**

**Online Wreath Sponsorship...**

The link below should take you directly to the Genesee Valley Chapter online donation page...

<https://donate.wreathsacrossamerica.org/?pageId=25646&relatedId=14898&productId=114#>

**Norma Weissend is the contact person for this event. 585-727-6190**

**Military OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

**Holiday Dinner**

**Sunday December 2nd 2018**

**Brook-Lea Country Club**

**891 Pixley Road**

**(585) 247-3242**

**1300 - Social Hour - cash bar**

**1400 - Dinner & Dancing**

**ENTRÉE CHOICES**

**Strip Loin of Beef with Sautéed Mushrooms**

**Classic Chicken French**

**Grilled Salmon with Raspberry Sauce**

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

**Dessert Crème de Menthe Parfait**

**Reservations due ASAP but NLT Friday November 23rd**

Please clip use form provided below

***Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday, November 29th***

**Questions: Norma – 585.727.6190**

**CLIP HERE AND SEND**

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**RESERVATION FORM FOR Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering at  
Brook-Lea Country Club**

ALL Name(s) Attending:

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Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Strip loin of beef \_\_\_\_\_ Classic Chicken French \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \_\_\_\_\_ meal(s) at **\$35.00 each**

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

**GVC MOAA c/o Norma Weissend 4587 Ridge Rd,  
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