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NEWSLETTER**

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April 2019



PRESIDENT'S CORNER What I want to know is WHERE IS THE WARM WEATHER! The robins in my yard are confused as yesterday it was in the sixties and today there is snow on the ground! I also know many of our members wish they were still down south where it is warmer. That being said this Chapter has only two more meetings before we break for the summer. Sunday April 28th at Nolan's Restaurant in Canandaigua and Sunday June 2nd at the Canandaigua Yacht Club. Please try to attend both of these meetings as we have to guaranty each party house a certain number of meals to serve. I have appointed BG David Szczygiel, USA (Ret) to lead the nominating committee to find replacements on the Board of Directors as the current Board terms end this June 2019. GVC members will be notified of the proposed slate of officers at least 30 days prior to our June 2nd meeting. Elections will be held at our June meeting.

Passing of LTC Leonard Singer; I am sad to announce that we were notified of LTC Lennie Singer passing on November 3rd, 2017. He had resided in Pittsford for many years. LTC Singer will also be remembered at the COC annual convention in September. We will send a copy of this newsletter to his son Peter Singer at 10755 Scripps Poway Parkway, # 290, San Diego, CA 92131

Storming the Hill; As I mentioned in the March newsletter LTC. Peggy Phillips and Major Skip Bebenitz will represent New York MOAA. This is one week earlier than last year when I attended with Peggy. They will work with MOAA staff to visit every House of Representative office and both of our Senator offices as well. They will bring Veteran Issues to each visit hoping to make a difference.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 April 2018 Next meeting Nolan's restaurant Canandaigua

18 May 2018 Armed Forces Day Luncheon, at the Diplomat Party House. More information is in this newsletter below.

2 June 2018- Last meeting before summer break, Canandaigua Yacht Club

Unknown September dates; Council of Chapters Conference, Norma Weissend will try to provide details of location and dates at our April meeting.

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

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.

The 47th Annual NYS Council of Chapters; The Convention is being planned for September 2019. There are many details yet to be worked out, but we are hoping to secure lodging and banquet facilities in the West Point area sometime

during the middle of the month. In addition to a visit from MOAA National, many other activities are in the planning stages. There is so much to visit and tour from just Poughkeepsie to Peekskill, it will be hard to narrow things down to just a few days! Our Annual State Convention is the longest running for consecutive years in the nation. Help to keep it going! It is a terrific opportunity to establish new friendships with fellow officers, and to re-kindle old friendships, all of whom choose to keep serving their communities and nation! Mark your calendars as "BUSY!" Details to follow soon! Any questions, please call Norma Weissend, Past GVC President and current CoC Regional Vice President (585-727-6190 or normaweis@roadrunner.com)

Name Tag anyone? (Repeat)

"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"



April's Guest Speaker; Many thanks to 1st Vice-President Tim Vaughn for making the arrangements for our guest speaker. Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Bradley serves as the National

Guard Bureau Director J6 and Chief Information Officer. As such, he provides strategic guidance and information sharing involving command, control, communications, computer systems and cyber support to joint military, interagency, Combatant Commands and State Joint Force Headquarters. Additionally, he serves as Chairman, Joint Officer Management Functional Advisory Council, providing strategic guidance to the Chief, National Bureau on joint officer matters. Gen Bradley received his Air Force commission through the Officer Training School program in 1984. After serving in the United States Air Force, General Bradley joined the New York Air National Guard in 1992 where he has commanded frontline combat units at the squadron, group and wing level. He has also served at Headquarters, United States Air Force. General Bradley is a command pilot with over 3,700 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-16 and MQ-9 aircraft and has flown combat missions in support of Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to his current assignment, General Bradley was the National Guard Assistant to the Commander of United States Cyber Command and the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, MD.

Spouses Club: The Spouses Club of GVC MOAA 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.

This article by Heather Sweeney originally appeared on Military.com, the premier resource for the military and veteran community.

April is designated as the [Month of the Military Child](#). Throughout the month,

"military brats" are recognized for the sacrifices they make because they have a parent in the military. In honor of the Month of the Military Child, here are 9 military discounts for kids and their families.

1. DISNEY

Disney World is the happiest place on earth! It's even better because of [Disney's Armed Forces Salute program](#). Military personnel can get discounted tickets to Disney theme parks, as well as discounts off select rooms at Disney Resort hotels. These deals are good for military spouses of eligible service members even without the member being present.

2. AMUSEMENT PARKS

Disney isn't the only amusement park that offers military discounts. Other fun parks like [LEGOLAND](#) and [Universal Studios](#) help military families out with deals as well. If you have an [amusement park](#) in your area, call ahead, check the park's website, or visit your local ITT office on base to ask what kinds of military discounts they offer and what you need to do to take advantage of them.

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3. MOVIES

Movie theaters like [Regal](#) and [Cinemark](#) offer discounted tickets for the military. Keep in mind the discount may vary by location and time of day. For instance, some theaters may not offer a discount

on matinees, but do offer one at an evening showing.

4. CRAFTS

Whether art supplies are needed for fun craft projects or for school assignments and supplies, military families can stock up using military discounts at [A.C. Moore](#), [Jo-Ann Fabric](#), and [Michaels](#).

5. ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS

Many zoos throughout the country, like the [Virginia Zoo](#) in Norfolk, Virginia and the [San Diego Zoo](#) in California, offer military discounts on admission prices. You can also find deals for military families at aquariums like the [New York Aquarium](#) and the [National Aquarium](#) in Baltimore, Maryland.

6. CHUCK E. CHEESE'S

The cool hangout for kids [Chuck E. Cheese's](#) salutes the military by offering a choice of two different package deals for pizza, drinks and play points.

7. BLUE STAR THEATRES

[Blue Star Theatres](#) is a collaboration between Theatre Communications Group and Blue Star Families. Through this initiative, more than 150 theatres and playhouses around the country offer free or discounted admission to the military, their families, and veterans.

8. NATIONAL PARKS

Most national parks don't have an entrance fee, but for those that do, fees are waived on designated [free entrance days](#). Service members and their families are also eligible for the [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass](#) for free, a pass that's normally \$80. The pass allows free admission for a year at sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees.

9. ACADEMIC HELP

Military families are eligible for free access to the Department of Defense online tutoring program with [Tutor.com](#). Students needing a little extra help with homework and studying can ask a professional tutor anytime they need it.

And for those older military brats getting ready to take the SAT or ACT, [eKnowledge](#) donates SAT and ACT Test Prep Programs to military families that are worth \$350. (The participant pays a nominal student-fee between \$19.99 and \$39.99 to offset some of the streaming and support

The Armed Forces Day Committee and Monroe County Veterans Organizations will sponsor the Annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon on Saturday May 18, 2019 at Diplomat Party House, 1956 Lyell Ave in Rochester.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with displays, pre-luncheon music by the 198th Army Band and information from more than a

dozen veteran and military organizations. Lunch will be served at noon followed by guest speaker Captain DuFresne, the Sector Commander / Captain of the Port / Federal On Scene Commander of Coast Guard Sector, Buffalo.

GVC Chapter will reserve a table as in the past. If you desire seats at our table, please contact LTC Russ Green

<russgreen@aol.com> to make a reservation. The cost will again be \$25 per person. Make checks payable to the GVC MOAA and mail to Treasurer CDR Jim Nielsen, 17 Woodward Dr, Leroy, NY 14482.

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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. Those that are not paid by our April meeting will get a notice from Jim.

Age	Life dues	Age	Life Dues	Age	Life Dues
<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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April 28, 2018

Nolan's Restaurant

726 South Main street

585-905-0201

1300 - Social Hour - cash bar

1400 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Prime Rib of Beef

Salmon

Chicken French

Entrees served with potato, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter.

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Saturday April 20th

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday April 25th

Questions: Norma – 585.727.6190

CLIP HERE AND SEND

RESERVATION FORM FOR April 28th dinner Nolan's on the Lake

ALL Name(s) Attending: _____

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

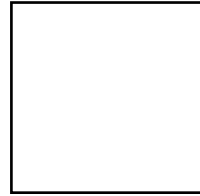
prime Beef _____ Chicken French _____ Salmon _____

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

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

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