



GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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May / June 2019



PRESIDENT'S CORNER Time sure does fly by. I am not sure if it is because I am older or just enjoying life and my service to this Chapter and Veterans in general. I guess both, hard to believe it has been two years serving as your President. It seems only yesterday that I got a call from BG David Szczygiel telling me “you need to get involved with this great organization”. That was nine years ago. You will find later in this newsletter the official notice to the members of the pending election at our June 2nd meeting. I welcome change and it can only grow this membership with newly elected members to the Board of Directors. Thanks to those stepping up and willing to work for our Chapter and for all military Veterans and spouses. I would like to thank BG Szczygiel for again heading the nominating committee. A special thanks to LTC Russ Green for the many years that he has served as our 3rd Vice-President, our treasurer and web master. Don't worry Russ and Kathy will still be around.

Thanks to Kathy for her support to this Chapter as well.

I have been notified that we have been awarded once again the Five Star Marvin Harris Communication award for our Newsletter.

Another ritual this time of year is the submission to MOAA for the Level of Excellence Award for 2018, which this Chapter has received the 5-star award for eight consecutive years. Let's hope we qualify for the ninth time; we should know late summer or early Fall.

Passing of Lt Col Colin Storey; We were just notified of another member passing on April 5th. LtCol Story USAF, Ret, was a long-time member with our Chapter. His long and interesting obituary can be found at <https://jenningsnultonmattlefh.com/tribute/details/3035/Colin-Storey/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Storming the Hill; As I mentioned in the last newsletter LTC. Peggy Phillips and Major Skip Bebenitz represented New York MOAA. They worked with MOAA staff to visit every House

of Representative office and both of our Senator offices as well. They introduced Veteran Issues to each visit hoping to make a difference. Peggy reports that she had a very interesting meeting with Congressman Collins from Western NY. He was not aware that a servicemember paid into the SBP program and then was offset by DIC. Once the Congressman understood the financial problem, he said he will sign on as a co-sponsor. Way to go Peggy!

MOAA Legislative Issues for 2019; obtained from the MOAA website.

“In 2019, MOAA Government Relations will engage the 116th Congress early and often on issues of greatest importance to our members, the men and women in our uniformed services, their families, and their survivors,” says Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret), vice president of Government Relations. “As military experience among members of Congress has declined over the years, with just over 17 percent having experience in uniform at the onset of 2019, these goals are instrumental to our efforts to inform and influence members of Congress and their staffs.” Ten stated goals are as follows;

The Goal: Ensure any TRICARE reform sustains access to top-quality care.

Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases

Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector

Stop erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits

End financial penalties for military survivors

End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees

Achieve equity of benefits for Guard and Reserve members with their active duty counterparts

Strengthen DoD-VA collaboration and services to support wounded warriors and an expanding population of women veterans

Ensure timely access to service-earned VA benefits and lastly

Protect military and veteran family support programs and policies.

In closing, thank you to everyone that has helped me the last two years and thank you for your support to this fine organization.

**COL Peter Ingalsbe, USA Retired,
President “Never Stop Serving”**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

18 May 2018 Armed Forces Day Luncheon, at the Diplomat Party House. We have purchased an ad and a table for eight members to attend.

2 June 2018- Last meeting before summer break, Canandaigua Yacht Club, Installation of Officers 2019-2021. Start time is 3 pm with dinner at 4 pm.

23-26 September dates; NYS Council President LTC (R) Peggy Phillips says, The NYS Convention will be from 23-26 September based at the Ramada Convention Center in Fishkill, immediately off the exit from I-84. Preliminary plans are for a contracted bus to take us Tuesday AM to tour the US Military Academy at West Point, lunch site to be finalized, the afternoon will be in Hyde Park, NY touring the grounds, library and home of FDR. Wednesday will be the business meeting in the AM, free time until the banquet

that evening, then the option of returning home, or extending the stay to take in more of the Hudson Valley (or wherever). Your planner extraordinaire Norma will be helping me to tie up the details, costs, etc. More details coming.

GVC/MOAA BOARD MEMBERS 2017-2019

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

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"



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.

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Our June 2nd guest speaker is tentatively scheduled to be LTC Walter Smiley USA, a MOAA member of the Board of Directors.

Smiley is serving on active duty as the chief of operations, Rapid Equipping Force, Fort Belvoir, Va., and is deployed to Iraq. He graduated from Prairie View A&M University, Texas, in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in information systems management and, in 2004, earned a master's degree in public administration management from Central Michigan University. Smiley has served on MOAA's Currently Serving Advisory Council and participated in Storming the Hill in 2015.

Positions Held at MOAA:

- Council & Chapter Affairs Committee; Governance Committee

Your Dues at Work – Jim Nielsen

The following is a list of veteran organizations supported with your due's dollars. To learn more about these donations attend the June dinner.

- Honor Flight
- The ROTC cadets at UofR, RIT and Brockport
- Veterans Memorial Committee
- Armed Forces Day Luncheon
- Golden Age Games
- Battlefields to Ballfields

- Batavia DAV support

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		

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 above. Send your dues payment with your reservation or mail your payment to Jim Nielsen. 17 Woodward Drive Leroy, NY 14482-1247.

Notice to GVC Chapter membership of the scheduled June 2nd Election of Officers for 2019-2021



**GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER
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P.O. Box 20874, Rochester, NY 14902-0874**

April 26, 2019

To: Peter Ingalsbe, COL, USA-Ret., President GVC MOAA

Subject: GVC Nominating Committee Nominations

BG David P. Szczygiel, chairman of the nominating committee has submitted the names of the following prospective candidates for the office term 2019-2021.

President, Timothy Vaughan, Colonel, USAF-Ret.
First Vice President, James Nielsen, Commander, USN-Ret.
Second Vice President, Kenneth H. Carlsen, Commander, USN-Ret.
Third Vice President, Willard Brown, Colonel, USA-Ret.
Secretary, Nancy Swanson, CAPT, USN-Ret.
Treasurer, Norma Weissend, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF-Ret.
Board of Director Surviving Spouse Member, Marion Mench
Board of Director Chapter Member at Large, Laurence Feasel, Colonel, USA-Ret.

In accordance with Article IX of the Chapter Bylaws, notice of the candidates proposed must be sent to each member at least 20 days before the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting on June 2, 2019. The election will follow the close of nominations.

Successful candidates will be sworn in on June 2, 2019. They will serve for the office term 2019-2021 in accordance with GVC/MOAA By-laws, ARTICLE VIII.

Nancy A. Swanson, CAPT, USN-Ret.
Secretary GVC MOAA

It is the policy of the Genesee Valley Chapter of MOAA and MOAA National to be nonpartisan

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

Sunday June 2nd 2019

Canandaigua Yacht Club

West Lake Road / 3524 County Road 16

585-396-9200

1500 - Social Hour - cash bar

1600 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES

St. Louis Ribs/Half Rack with Coleslaw and Garlic Parmesan Roasted Potatoes

Shrimp Scampi Sautéed with garlic, fresh Lemon, White Wine with Linguine

Chicken Parmesan topped with house made marinara, and Italian Cheese

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

Reservations due ASAP but NLT Friday May 24th

Please clip use form provided below

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Thursday May 30th

Questions: Norma – 585.727.6190

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RESERVATION FORM FOR June 2nd dinner Canandaigua Yacht Club

ALL Name(s) Attending: _____

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

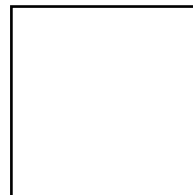
St. Louis Ribs _____ Chicken Parmesan _____ Shrimp Scampi _____

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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