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PRESIDENT'S CORNER Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we are not having a dinner function in September.

Even though dining establishments are following protocols to mitigate the risk, people may be uncomfortable stepping into these types of environments at this time.

This is where we need your help. Please take a moment to let us know how you feel, so we can decide whether to proceed or cancel, as we are in the planning stages of possibly holding dinner meetings on Saturday Oct 24th and Sunday Dec 6th. Please drop me a note via email, tvaughan@gvcmoaa.org, one way or the other, if you would attend a chapter dinner considering the current situation.

Most importantly, we hope you remain healthy and safe, and follow the COVID-19 guidance put forth at the county, state and national levels.

MOAA 2019 Levels of Excellence Award.
Did you notice???

If you looked at the tag lines below the graphics above, the Genesee Valley Chapter was yet again awarded a 5-Star Levels of Excellence award from MOAA National. That is an AMAZING 10-years in a row! Only the very best councils or chapters receive a five-star award. It takes a team to accomplish that goal and I am sincerely grateful for all the effort and hard work your GVC team puts forth to make this chapter stand out in 5-Star excellence!

BG David P. Szczygiel, 1937-2020

On a sad note, we recently lost a great friend and leader from our chapter, Brigadier General David P. Szczygiel, USA (Retired). General Szczygiel served his state and nation for 37 years in addition to dedicating many, many years to serving MOAA and the GVC chapter. We will miss him dearly.

<http://takeaction.moaa.org>

MOAA National & the Genesee Valley Chapter are nonpartisan.

Important GVC Dues Reminder...!

Please keep your chapter and MOAA National dues current, if applicable. Annual GVC dues are *STILL ONLY* \$20... cheap, cheap! If you are overdue, please send a check to Norma Weissend as soon as you can.

Please send your dues payment to:

GVC MOAA
c/o Norma Weissend
4587 Ridge Rd
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Board of Directors Vacancies. We are still in search of a permanent Legislative Chair and with the passing of BG Szczygiel, we are also in need of a TOPS (The Officer Placement Service) Liaison (essentially a transition officer liaison). If you think you might be a good fit, please contact me or any board member.

Questions on VA Burial Benefits?

We all lead busy lives and typically don't like to think about this subject, but NOW is the time to take a look at the VA burial benefits material and link below... do it for your loved ones.

The VA Burial and Memorial Products Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides clear and concise information on VA burial benefits for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. The link to the PDF file is below:

<https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials-guide.pdf>.

MOAA Matters... Take Action!

MOAA has been and continues to be a leader on issues affecting the uniformed services, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, playing an active role in personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services.

Join MOAA in the fight for your benefits and on other issues. Go to www.moaa.org or MOAA's Legislative Take Action Center, <https://takeaction.moaa.org/> to view and submit preformatted correspondence to your elected officials. Your voice and membership matters!

MOAA Seeks 12-Month Grace Period for New TRICARE Select Enrollment Fee

Are you a TRICARE Select (formerly TRICARE Standard) user? Starting Jan 1, 2021, Group A retirees (those who entered service before Jan 1, 2018) and their families must pay a monthly TRICARE Select enrollment fee to maintain TRICARE Select coverage. The charge for an individual plan is \$12.50 per month or \$150 annually. For a family plan, the enrollment fee is \$25 per month or \$300 annually. Later this summer, TRICARE will announce the process for setting up an allotment or making other arrangements to pay the fee.

If you don't take action to pay the enrollment fee, you will be disenrolled from TRICARE Select on Jan. 1, 2021, for failure to pay. Current policy states you will have 90 days to request reinstatement. MOAA believes it is important to extend the reinstatement period from 3 months to 12. Get all the details and some background information in the article by Karen Ruedisueli at the link below.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/advocacy/moaa-seeks-12-month-grace-period-for-new-tricare-select-enrollment-fee/>

Surviving Spouses Resources & Information

MOAA publishes many articles and brochures on relevant surviving spouse issues and subjects. These are available, free of charge, from MOAA to all but Basic members. Check the MOAA website, www.moaa.org, for a complete list of publications, workbooks and articles on these subjects.

If wish a copy of any of these brochures, please contact Marion Mench, our GVC Surviving Spouse Liaison, phone (585) 662-5954, or email mmench@gvcmoaa.org and she will be sure you get them.

Spouses Club. Spouses Club activities are also on hold due to the COVID-19 situation.

Address Change? Has your contact information changed? If so, please notify Ken Carlsen at kcarlsen@gvcmoaa.org or mail to:
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PO Box 20874
Rochester, NY 14602-0874

GVC Support Coordinators

Need extra help or someone to listen? Although COVID-19 has impacted us in many ways and while it may affect our ability to help in person, we are only a phone call away. If you need help contact Nancy Swanson, (585) 905-0346, or myself, Tim Vaughan, (585) 412-6425. We may not be able to help you directly, but we both have “been around the block” so-to-speak and may be able to coordinate the help, support or information you are looking for or need.

Your Chapter Dues at Work – We Support...

- Honor Flight Rochester
- U of R, RIT and Brockport ROTC Cadets
- Veterans Memorial Committee
- Rochester Armed Forces Day Luncheon
- National Veterans Golden Age Games
- Battlefields to Ballfields
- Batavia DAV
- Veterans Outreach Center

Upcoming Events... *Maybe...*

Sat Oct 24, 2020: GVC/MOAA Dinner,
Farmer’s Creek Side Tavern & Inn, Le Roy,
NY, 1pm/2pm

Sep 27-29, 2020: NYS Council of Chapters
State Conference, DoubleTree by Hilton,
Syracuse, NY ***CANCELLED***

Oct 23, 2020, 2:30pm: MOAA’s Annual
Meeting of the Membership (*VIRTUAL ONLY*)
Registration is expected to begin on or about
Sep 1, 2020.

Sun Dec 6, 2020: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Brook-
Lea Country Club, Rochester, NY, 1pm/2pm

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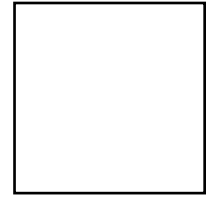
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Remember... MOAA matters!

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