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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We pray for the safety of American civilians and service members, as well as the many Afghans who helped us over 20 years, as they try to leave.

I am honored to have been elected President of GVC MOAA. I will do my best to live up to the legacy passed on by my predecessors of 10 Consecutive Years of 5-Star Levels of Excellence. I recognize it is a steep mountain to climb. Fortunately, we have an excellent board to assist in this endeavor. One of my priorities is finding new ways of enlisting new members in guiding the future of the chapter.

Future GVC Dinner Meetings

– **Save the Date!**

- Sep 12, 2021 at Canandaigua Yacht Club
- Oct 24, 2021 at Rochester Yacht Club
- Dec 5, 2021 at Brook-Lea Country Club
- Mar 27, 2022 at Brook-Lea Country Club
- Apr 24, 2022 at Rochester Yacht Club
- Jun 12, 2022 at Canandaigua Yacht Club

MOAA Virtual Chapters

- One of the spin-offs from our COVID experience is more people are familiar with virtual communications. MOAA has four (4) virtual chapters to promote camaraderie among affinity groups. Login to www.moaa.org and click on “View My Resources.” MOAA Virtual Chapters are:

- MOAA Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates
- Surviving Spouse
- US Public Health Service
- Chaplains

More from MOAA - go to www.moaa.org and scroll down for more information.

Cruise for a Cause with MOAA

- June 5-12, 2022

<http://takeaction.moaa.org>

MOAA National & the Genesee Valley Chapter are nonpartisan.

Members of MOAA leadership would like to personally invite chapter leaders and their guests to join them on the inaugural MOAA Cruise for a Cause, exploring Portugal and Spain on the Douro River in June 2022.

On the *S.S. São Gabriel*, you can spend time on the sundeck while knowing that you are making a difference by supporting [MOAA Charities](#), as a donation will be made to the MOAA Foundation and the MOAA Scholarship Fund when you register. No other donation is expected of you as you enjoy your cruise.

Information is available on www.moaa.org or at: [MOAA - Cruise for a Cause with MOAA](#).

Do You Know About MOAA Vacations?

MOAA Vacations is the official travel agency for the Military Officers Association of America. Our mission is to provide the very best vacation experience for every member. In addition to the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with your fellow MOAA members from across the country we have also negotiated special value-added offers to enhance your next vacation. Members receive lower prices, better service and more amenities plus the opportunity to join exclusive MOAA group departures.

Booking through MOAA Vacations also supports your chapter, as well. Chapters receive a rebate for travel booked through MOAA Vacations... a win-win for everyone!

2021 MOAA Annual Meeting

- October 15, 2021

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel
Arlington, Virginia

Registration for the 2021 MOAA Annual Meeting of the Membership is now open, and all members are invited to attend. An all-access registration fee of \$100 includes breakfast, lunch, and a ticket to the Levels of Excellence Awards Dinner. A la carte pricing is also available.

Additional Details/Registration available at:
[MOAA - 2021 MOAA Annual Meeting](#)

MOAA Legislative Advocacy

Much of MOAA's time and energy go into its Legislative Advocacy, but they can't do it alone. Chapters and members play a key role in furthering MOAA's Legislative Advocacy agenda. Aside from publishing articles online and in their magazine, the biggest push comes from members using their Take Action page on their website, www.moaa.org. Click on "Advocacy" then "Legislative Action Center." This will take you to where you can send automated email correspondence to key elected officials concerning many topics MOAA advocates for, such as:

The Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act ([H.R. 4794 / S. 2533](#));

Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform – Veterans Burn Pit Exposure Recognition Act ([H.R. 2436 / S. 437](#));

Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform – Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act ([H.R. 2127 / S. 927](#));

Basic Needs Allowance – Military Hunger Prevention Act ([H.R. 2339 / S. 1488](#));

Parity for TRICARE Young Adults ([H.R. 475 / S. 1972](#))

And the pursuit to advocate for service members and veterans continues... that's why we include MOAA's Take Action link at the bottom of page one of every GVC newsletter.

VA Announces 3 New Presumptive Conditions Connected to Burn Pit Exposure

The VA announced it will begin processing claims for the chronic disabilities of asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis, to include rhinosinusitis, as of Aug. 5, with servicemembers who deployed in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War and in response to the Global War on Terror eligible to have their claims fast-tracked.

The addition of these presumptives is critical and will help tens of thousands of veterans, but our work is not done. MOAA's ask for comprehensive reforms will be revisited by Congress after the August recess. Additionally, Congress needs to ensure the VA is resourced for the additional claims stemming from these new presumptives.

All too often, a minor win allows Congress to kick the can down the road and delay legislation. Comprehensive reform is far too vital for veterans to allow that to happen. [Reach out to your lawmakers today.](#)

Read the full article at www.moaa.org or at: [MOAA - VA Announces 3 New Presumptive Conditions Connected to Burn Pit Exposure](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Like almost all service organizations, GVC is thriving with an active membership core, yet sometimes struggle with our membership numbers. Sadly, seven of our members passed on during this last fiscal year and we extend our sympathy to their families:

David Szczygiel, BG, USA – 07/26/20
Jerome Gillette, CRD, USN – 05/20/20
Joshua Stokes, Jr, Maj, USAF, 08/30/20
Joseph Ballister, Lt Col, USAF – 12/18/20
Thomas Dawes, Lt Col, USAF – 06/15/21
Clement Stahl, COL, USA – 06/19/21
Donald Munger, COL, USAF -06/19/21

WHY DID YOU JOIN??? (...or.... Why you should encourage other military officers to join...) You believe in protecting the rights of military service-members and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. To them, we have made the same promise that we made to our country: *Never Stop Serving*. As its website proclaims, “MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. MOAA's experts in Washington are there to support legislation that benefits the military community and are equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. **The larger our numbers, the greater our voice.**” And truthfully, you enjoy the comradery and fellowship of connecting with your military brothers and sisters.

With that in mind, we extend a warm welcome to the following new GVC members. They have also heard the call to “Never Stop Serving.”

Kathleen Crelot, CWO2, USN
Kerry Dunham, Lt Col, USAF
Robert Herrick, COL, USA
Rajesh Raghaven, 2nd LT, USAF

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

GVC Support Coordinators. 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 or in person, but we both have “been around the block” so-to-speak and may be able to coordinate help, support or information you are looking for or may need.

Your Chapter Dues at Work...

Much of the activity we normally support has been on hold or limited due to COVID-19. However, we have made donations to Honor Flight Rochester and the Veterans Outreach Center. Additionally, we have provided MOAA ROTC awards to cadets/midshipmen at U of R, RIT and Brockport.

We are hopeful that as COVID-19 restrictions ease up, we can engage our veteran support activities at pre-COVID levels.

Surviving Spouse Liaison

Please welcome our new GVC Surviving Spouse Liaison, Rosemary Luzum. Rosemary is doing double-duty as she is also our chapter secretary—thank you Rosemary!

MOAA’s Surviving Spouse Advisory Council Member, Patricia Green, has a detailed article on Financial Considerations for Spouses and Survivors. In it she lists key considerations, such as, credit cards, pensions, social security, investments, gifts and inheritances, taxes on investments, and yes, even secrets. All of which can be found here:

[MOAA - Surviving Spouse Corner: Financial Considerations for Spouses and Survivors](#)

Upcoming Events...

Sun Sep 12, 2021: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Canandaigua Yacht, 3524 County Road 16 (West Lake Road), Canandaigua, NY 14424, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

Fri Oct 1 – Sun Oct 3, 2021: NYS CoC Annual Meeting, Double Tree Inn, Syracuse

Sun Oct 24, 2021: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

Sun Dec 5, 2021: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, Rochester, NY 14624, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

Sat Dec 18, 2021: Wreaths Across America
GVC MOAA sponsoring/supported locations:

Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery
6632 New York Route 96a
Romulus, NY 14541

Western New York National Cemetery
1254 Indian Falls Rd
Corfu, NY 14036

Sun Mar 27, 2022: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, Rochester, NY 14624, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

Sun Apr 24, 2022: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

Sun Jun 12, 2022: GVC/MOAA Dinner, Canandaigua Yacht, 3524 County Road 16 (West Lake Road), Canandaigua, NY 14424, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

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**Remember... MOAA matters and to
Never Stop Serving!**

Tim Vaughan, Col, USAF (Retired)
MOAA GVC Newsletter Publisher/Editor
“Never Stop Serving”

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

**September 12, 2021
Canandaigua Yacht Club
3524 County Road 16 (West Lake Road), Canandaigua, NY 14424**

**1300 - Social Hour (Cash Bar)
1400 - Dinner**

ENTRÉE CHOICES / \$35 each

Stockyard Sirloin w/Baked Potato or
Chicken & Artichoke French w/Rice or
Honey Butter Salmon w/Rice

All meals come with:
House Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Seasonal Vegetable and Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Soda

***** BE SAFE!!! *****

**For the safety of others,
unvaccinated persons should wear
a mask.**

Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Friday September 3, 2021

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Monday, September 6, 2021

Questions: Norma (585) 727-6190

PLEASE CLIP HERE AND SEND FORM BELOW

**RESERVATION FORM FOR September 12, 2021 GVC MEETING at
Canandaigua Yacht Club, 3524 County Road 16, Canandaigua, NY 14424**

ALL Name(s) Attending: _____

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Stockyard Sirloin _____ Chicken & Artichoke French _____

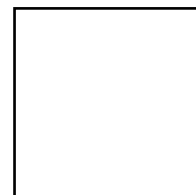
Honey Butter Salmon _____

Check included for _____ meal(s) at **\$35.00 each, TOTAL \$**_____

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

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The advertisement banner features a blue background. At the top left, there is a dark blue rectangular area containing the MOAA logo, which consists of three vertical bars of increasing height to the left of the text 'MOAA' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below 'MOAA' are the words 'INSURANCE' and 'PLANS' stacked vertically in a smaller, all-caps sans-serif font. To the right of this logo area, the text 'Standing with you at every stage.' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner of the banner, the number '93569' is printed in a small white font. At the very bottom of the banner, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the contact information '1-800-247-2192 • www.moaainsurance.com' in white text.

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