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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER** We face the start of a Federal government new fiscal year amidst turmoil; increase in Tricare Prescription copay; and increase in the backlog and delays with Veteran Disability Claims.

Recruiting is one of the top priorities for the board and myself. Statistics on membership follows:

- 2018 – 103 members
- 2021 – 83 members
- 30% of members are 85 +
- 59% are LIFE members no longer paying dues

We urgently need new members to assist with carrying out our many efforts supporting veterans and increasing our revenue. The board has set the following actions plan:

- 15 New members this year
- Recruiting funding - \$1,000.00 from our reserves
- Generate an additional \$500.00 from donations
- Encourage each member to be a recruiter
  - We have a trifold brochure – if you would like some contact me.
  - If you have a serious candidate invite him/her to one of our dinners. We will pay for the dinner.

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<http://takeaction.moaa.org>

*MOAA National & the Genesee Valley Chapter are nonpartisan.*

- Encourage members to make a donation to the chapter
- Solicit business card ads to run in our newsletters

Stay tuned for more recruiting efforts.

### **Dues vs Dues (Chapter vs MOAA)**

There has been some confusion in the past between chapter versus MOAA National dues. The two are separate and distinct. MOAA National mails its dues notices separately. The Chapter, on the other hand, does not bill for dues, but rather gives notice in the Chapter newsletter when dues are payable.

### **Future GVC Dinner Meetings**

#### **– Save the Date!**

- Oct 17, 2021 at Rochester Yacht Club
- Dec 5, 2021 at Brook-Lea Country Club
- Mar 26 or 27, 2022 Location TBD
- Apr 24, 2022 at Rochester Yacht Club
- Jun 12, 2022 at Canandaigua Yacht Club

### **MOAA 2020 Levels of Excellence Award.**

We did it again... 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 incredible 11-years in a row! This is no small accomplishment and takes a total team effort, year-after-year. Only the very best councils or chapters receive a five-star award. GVC leadership is proud and grateful for the dedication and effort to make this chapter stand out in 5-Star excellence!

### **Wreaths Across America**

#### **2021 Theme - “Live up to Their Legacy”**

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to:

**REMEMBER** our fallen U.S. veterans.

**HONOR** those who serve.

**TEACH** your children the value of freedom.

Once again, the GVC support of the Wreaths Across America campaign is underway we are supporting two cemeteries - Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the new Western NY

National Cemetery. In addition to supporting this worthwhile mission, our chapter earns \$5.00 for every wreath purchased. This directly supports our chapter’s ability to support veteran programs each year.

### **How to Donate by Ordering Wreaths...**

A Wreaths Across America (WAA) Sponsorship Form is attached at the end of this newsletter, but the easiest way to donate is online:

[www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/NY0118P](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/NY0118P)

- The default cemetery is Sampson Veteran Memorial Cemetery
- To donate a wreath to the Western NY National Cemetery

The FIRST STEP is to select “Number of Wreaths to Sponsor

NEXT click on “Location to Support” below the list of wreaths and select “Western NY National Cemetery”.

In addition to wreath donations, you can join wreath laying ceremonies on National Wreaths Across America Day:

### **Saturday, December 18, 2021**

Ceremony begins at 12:00 pm

#### **Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery (WAA Location Code: NYSVMC)**

6632 New York Route 96a  
Romulus, NY 14541

#### **Western New York National Cemetery (WAA Location Code: NYWNYC)**

1245 Indian Falls Rd  
Corfu, NY 14036

### **2020 Recap of Wreaths Across America**

- 1.7 million veterans’ wreaths were placed
- Over 1 million volunteers at 2,557 locations
- **Over 500 trucks**

### **TRICARE Prescription Copay Increases Effective 1/1/2022**

**Retail Network Pharmacies, up to 30-day supply:** \$14 for generic, \$38 for brand name, \$68 for nonformulary.

**Mail-Order Pharmacies, up to 90-day supply:** \$12 for generic, \$34 for brand name, \$68 for non-formulary.

### **MOAA Legislative Advocacy**

As chapter president Jim Nielsen mentioned at the recent chapter dinner, MOAA has many legislative irons in the fire, and as indicated in last month's newsletter, MOAA can't do it alone.

Chapters and members play a key role in furthering MOAA's Legislative Advocacy agenda. The biggest push comes from members using their Take Action page on their website, [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org). Click on "Advocacy" then "Legislative Action Center." This will enable you to send automated email correspondence to key elected officials concerning many legislative bills MOAA advocates for. You can also use the MOAA Take Action link at the bottom of page one of every GVC newsletter.

### **VA Finger Lakes Healthcare System at Canandaigua - Holding Walk-In Flu Clinics**

Both the regular flu shot and the 65+ flu shot will be available for the walk-in flu shot clinics at the Canandaigua VA, 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424 being given from 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm. in Building 1, tunnel entrance on: *(NOTE: some dates may have passed by the time you get this...)*

Tuesday, September 28

Thursday, September 30

Monday, October 4

Wednesday, October 6

Tuesday, October 19

Thursday October 21

### **New Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic Schedule**

Located in the tent, Parking Lot 1 on:

Wednesday, October 13, 4:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.

Saturday, October 23, 9:00 am. – noon

### **COVID – 19 Vaccine Shot Update\***

Veterans, their spouses and caregivers can also schedule the J & J (one shot) or Moderna (first or second shot) or if immune compromised 3rd dose COVID – 19 vaccine in Building 3, tunnel entrance, from 10:00 am. to 11:30 am. and 1:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. on:

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### **Cyber Security Threats/Scams**

[MOAA - Scammers Cost Military Retirees and Veterans \\$68 Million Last Year](#)

We've talked about it before; cyber security threats and scams are persistent and very real. MOAA's recent Aug 25, 2021 article on how Scammers Cost Military Retirees and Veterans \$68 Million Last Year, by Kevin Lilley, notes that Military retirees and veterans far outpaced other members of the military community when it comes to damage done by financial fraud in 2020, according to federal data released in July, with \$68 million reported lost to various scams.

The bottom line is it doesn't matter who you are, cyber criminals are out to steal your money in any way they can... BE AWARE AND STAY VIGILANT!

**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**

The GVC Surviving Spouse Liaison is Rosemary Luzum. Feel free to reach out to Rosemary if you need Surviving Spouse information or assistance.

## Upcoming Events...

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

**Fri Oct 15, 2021:** MOAA Annual Meeting  
Arlington, VA

**Sun Oct 17, 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  
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**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”**

**Preparing a Spouse for Survivorship - <https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/3371542/009A5AF2865ECAAFA36E24956B74890A>**

Join MOAA Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon Eastern for a **two-hour** tutorial on how to prepare.

# FOR SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY, NY



## WREATHS *across* AMERICA

### Wreath Sponsorship Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Wreaths Across America**  
 PO Box 249  
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.  
 Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission  
 to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

**\*GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM\***

**In Honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.*

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.  
 (Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, NY)*

Location ID: NYSVMC Fundraising Group ID: NY0118P

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total No. Checks: \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciled: \_\_\_\_\_

MO: \_\_\_\_\_  
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GEN: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**October 17, 2021  
Rochester Yacht Club  
5555 St Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617**

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

**ENTRÉE CHOICES / \$40 each**

Filet of Sirloin or  
Chicken Parmesan Over Pasta or  
Pan-seared Norwegian Salmon

All meals come with:  
House Salad, Dinner Rolls,  
Seasonal Vegetable, Roasted Potatoes,  
Dessert and Coffee

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

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

**Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Friday October 8, 2021**

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Monday, October 11, 2021

**Questions: Norma (585) 727-6190**

**PLEASE CLIP HERE AND SEND FORM BELOW**

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**RESERVATION FORM FOR October 17, 2021 GVC MEETING at  
Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617**

ALL Name(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Filet of Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

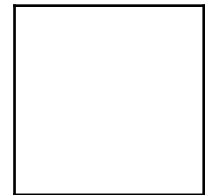
Pan-seared Norwegian Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Check included for \_\_\_\_\_ meal(s) at **\$40.00 each, TOTAL \$**\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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