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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Holidays – I extend my best wishes you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas/Celebration and a Happy New Year. May your holidays be full of joy, good health and happy times.

Membership growth is my main priority. As part of the effort is to encourage more participation by the members to assist in defining new activities and programs. Members are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in board meetings. The next board meeting will be a zoom meeting on January 19

at 4:30. If you want to participate on the zoom meeting and/or have suggestions send an email to either Tim Vaughan tvaughan@gvcmoaa.org or Jim Nielsen jim99n@gmail.com

Good News / Bad News - The good news is Rosemary Luzum a very influential member of the board is finally moving closer to her daughter. The bad news is the board and chapter is losing an outstanding leader and the chapter is also losing its Secretary.

JOB OPENING an influential board member and Secretary Contact Jim or any board member to learn about the opening.

MOAA Take Action

MOAA has several issues they would like your help contacting your congressperson <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/home?25>
GVC MOAA strongly recommends each lawmaker have at least one former military member on their senior staff

DUES – Chapter vs National

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. **Chapter dues are do January 1st of each year. Thus 2022 dues are do this coming January.** If you are coming to the December Dinner you might want to pay your 2022 dues at the same time. Thirty (30) members still owe dues for 2021. Chapter dues are \$20.00 per year. Make a check out to GVC MOAA and sent to the following address:

GVC MOAA
c/o Norma Weissend
4587 Ridge Rd
Canandaigua, NY 14424
nweissend@me.com

Your Chapter Dues at Work...

Your chapter continues to support Veteran activities. 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.

For the next chapter program year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) we are planning on providing a BBQ or similar affair for the senior ROTC Cadets. We are looking for members to assist in planning and putting on the affair. If you are interested in helping please contact Bob Zale (SigBob@aol.com) or Ken Carlsen (kcarlsen32@gmail.com) or Jim Nielsen (Jim99n@Gmail.com)

Have a Question About Your VA Benefits? Try the New 'Ask VA' Portal

The VA launched its "Ask VA" web portal Monday at , offering a single online location for beneficiaries to ask questions and offer suggestions to the department.

Beneficiaries can log in via their [ID.me](#), [Premium My HealthVet](#), or [Premium DS Logon](#) accounts – click the links to learn more about setting up these accounts.

Users also will be able to submit documents through the portal as part of their inquiries. They will receive a reference number for their queries and can enter it into the Ask VA main page to receive any updates.

MOAA also offers VA-benefits resources, including an [August 2021 webinar on VA benefits](#) and [other online resources](#).

Extracted from MOAA article by Kevin Lilley, October 20, 2021:

[MOAA - Have a Question About Your VA Benefits? Try the New 'Ask VA' Portal](#)

URGENT Health Benefits Open Season Ends Dec 13, 2021

Changes to TRICARE, Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB), Federal Employees Dental & Vision Insurance Programs (FEDVIP) and MEDICARE plans must be made during open season, with few exceptions. Any enrollment changes you make will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2022. If you make no changes during Open Season your current enrollment will continue into the next year. However, you may want to review your plan for benefits and premium changes against other plans offered for 2022. Check these links...

[TRICARE Open Season | TRICARE](#)
www.opm.gov/insurekcarlson
www.benefeds.com
www.medicare.gov

A Major Pharmacy Provider Is Rejoining the TRICARE Network. Another Is Leaving

CVS will rejoin the TRICARE pharmacy network as of Dec. 15, while Walmart/Sam's Club will leave the network at the same time, Express Scripts officials told MOAA. With the change, military families will have access to the two largest chain drugstores in the U.S. – Walgreens and CVS – together with many smaller chains and independent pharmacies.

The change is part of the [next generation](#) TRICARE pharmacy contract. Given the preliminary information available, MOAA believes the quality of the TRICARE pharmacy program will be maintained with these network adjustments and even improved for many beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries who get prescriptions filled at Walmart or Sam's Club will receive a letter notifying them of the change. The letter will include three local TRICARE network pharmacies they might consider using instead, together with suggestions on how to transfer prescriptions most easily to another retail pharmacy, home delivery, or a military treatment facility (MTF) pharmacy.

Families who fill prescriptions at Walmart or Sam's Club will need to move them to another TRICARE network pharmacy location by Dec. 15, 2021.

MOAA Legislative Advocacy

-- MOAA Testifies on Benefits Legislation Before House Subcommittee

Cory Titus, MOAA's director of Government Relations for veteran benefits and Guard/Reserve affairs, shared MOAA's support for four pieces of legislation under consideration by the House Veterans Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. He joined representatives from Disabled American Veterans, Women Veteran Social Justice Network, and the Wounded Warrior Project at the virtual hearing, which also included a panel of VA officials.

While MOAA's written testimony to the subcommittee contained the organization's position on more than a dozen pending bills and draft legislation, Titus focused on four bills as part of his remarks:

H.R. 4772: Commonsense Clothing Reform

H.R. 4633: Helping Fraud Victims

H.R. 3793: Protecting SGLI and VGLI

H.R. 3402: Parity for Survivors

Read Cory Titus full testimony [at this link](#).

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Use MOAA's Take Action page on their website, www.moaa.org to view and support key bills. 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.

Redo WAA

*****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 under way. 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. **(GVC Donation Code: NY0118P)**

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

Wreath laying begins at 10:30 am

(WAA Location Code: NYSVMC)

6632 New York Route 96a

Romulus, NY 14541

Western New York National Cemetery

Wreath laying after Ceremony (about 1300)

(WAA Location Code: NYWNYC)

1245 Indian Falls Rd

Corfu, NY 14036

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.wreathscrossamerica.org/NY0118P

- Click on "Sponsor Wreath" on lower left side of initial page
- You will be able to select wreath donations for either of our two locations:
 - Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery (WAA Location Code: NYSVMC)
 - Western New York National Cemetery (WAA Location Code: NYWNYC)

Spouses Club. Spouses Club activities continue to be on hold due to COVID-19.

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.

Upcoming Events...

Sun Dec 5, 2021: GVC/MOAA Dinner
Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd,
Rochester, NY 14617, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.

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

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

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

SATURDAY Mar 27, 2022: GVC/MOAA
Dinner, Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley
Rd, Rochester, NY 14624, 1:00 pm / 2 pm.
(note change in in normal dinner day)

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"

FOR SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY, NY



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

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		
		Grand Total	

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____
 Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____
 MO: _____
 Entered: _____

GEN: _____

FOR WESTERN NEW YORK NATIONAL CEMETERY, NY



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 State: _____

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Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: _____

GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Sunday, December 5, 2021
Brook-Lea Country Club
891 Pixley Road, Rochester (Gates), NY 14624

1300 - Social Hour (Cash Bar)
1400 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES / \$40 each

Petit Filet w/Sauteed Mushrooms or
Classic Chicken French or
Grilled Salmon w/Raspberry Sauce

All meals come with:
Salad, Vegetable and
Ice Cream w/Creme de Menthe Dessert
Coffee and Cash Bar

*** BE SAFE!!! ***

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

Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Wednesday November 24, 2021
Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Monday, November 29, 2021
Questions: Norma (585) 727-6190

PLEASE CLIP HERE AND SEND FORM BELOW

RESERVATION FORM FOR December 5, 2021 GVC MEETING at
Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, Rochester (Gates), NY 14624

ALL Name(s) Attending: _____

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

Filet Mignon _____ Chicken Parmesan _____

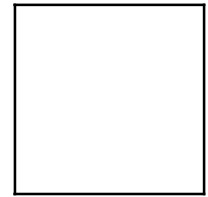
Pan-seared Norwegian Salmon _____

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

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

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c/o Norma Weissend
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Canandaigua, NY 14424

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