

Twelve Consecutive Years of MOAA 5-Star Levels of Excellence!

Serving All Military, Veterans and their Families in the Finger Lakes and Greater Rochester Area * Never Stop Serving *** November 2022**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December Holiday Dinner – 12/4/2022, Brook Lea Country Club beginning at 1:00 PM, This dinner will be themed encouraging attendees to dress in their **"ugly holiday sweater"** for the event (*several Board members mentioned they found sweaters at Salvation Army*). Music by Bob Neusatz. We also request in addition to monetary donations you donate hats, gloves and/or socks to the Veterans Outreach Center of Rochester. The Board has voted to have a vote on raising the Chapter annual dues to \$25.00 effective January 1, 2023. A motion will be presented to the members present to vote on the dues increase. The reservation form is attached.



Members - The Chapter needs your Help! A significant fund raiser for the Chapter is your support of Wreaths Across America (WAA). The Chapter is supporting WAA for the

following cemeteries - Samson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Western New York (WNY) National Cemetery and the Bath National Cemetery. You may support other cemeteries as well. For each Wreath donated under our Sponsorship Group ID (NY0118P) the chapter receives \$5.00.

One method to donate is to use the "Sponsorship Form" attached. If you want to donate wreaths to more than one cemetery, you will need a separate form for each cemetery. We will have extra forms at the October and December dinner (we want you to attend) or let me or one of the Board members know.

An easy way to donate is on the web - WWW.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/NY0118P. The web site main page should say "**Genesee Valley Chapter ---**". Click on "Sponsor Wreaths" The little down arrow in the "Location to Support" will list all 3 cemeteries plus the Arlington Nation Cemetery.

The key in the web address is the **"/NY0118P"** at the end of the web address. NY0118P is the Chapter's Sponsorship Group ID. *If you unaware of the WNY National Cemetery it is 2 years old and located right off the Pembroke Thruway exit. Like the Bath National Cemetery the WNY National Cemetery is a beautiful cemetery. I recommend you visiting the cemetery(s).*

Wreath laying at the cemeteries will be done on December 17, 2022 at each cemetery.

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Chapter Annual Dues The chapter annual dues have been \$20.00 per year for over 10 years. The chapter bylaws specify any change in the annual dues has to "be determined by the membership at a membership meeting after receiving the recommendation of the Board of Directors". The Board is recommending the

dues be raised to \$25.00 per year beginning in January 2023. The proposal will be presented to the membership at the December 4 holiday dinner.

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October Dinner at Canandaigua American Legion, Post 256, was a very enjoyable time. We had about 54 attendees. We were honored to welcome Captain Jonathan P. Guagenti – C17 pilot from 2021 Afghan Mission as our speaker.

Upcoming Events

January 14, 2023 The Rochester Amerks annual Military Salute presented by the Veteran's Outreach Center on Saturday 14, 2023. **Come join the Genesee Valley Chapter for a night of Hockey, as we join the Rochester Americans "Military Salute"**

- .Where: Blue Cross Arena at the Community War Memorial
- .When: Saturday, 14 January 2023, 1800 hrs
- .Cost: \$45.00 per person
- .Includes: Game admission and admission to the Amerks Party Deck with never-ending buffet

Make your reservations early! Seats are limited! Deadline for reservations is 30 December 2022. Direct questions to LT Rajesh Raghavan at <rajeshgvcmoaa.org>

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$45.00 =

Send your reservation and payment to:

GVC MOAA

**C/o Norma Weissend
4587 Ridge Rd
Canandaigua, NY 14424**

March – 3/26/2023, Spencerport American Legion beginning at 1:00 PM. GVC will host our annual ROTC/JROTC dinner event. Dress for this event will be business attire and for the cadets/midshipmen should be ROTC formal. *Donations for this event will be made to Wreaths Across America.*

April – 4/30/2023, Rochester Yacht Club beginning at 1:00 PM, dress will be business casual. *Donations for this event will be made to Honor Flight Rochester.*

June – 6/4/2023, Le Roy American Legion beginning at 1:00 PM. Election of officers and MOAA representative as speaker. Dress code will be business. *Donations for this event will be made to Veteran's Outreach Center of Rochester*

Scheduled Board Meetings:

January – 1/18/2023 – Long Term Planning – Zoom meeting @ 4:30 PM
February – 2/15/2023 – for March ROTC Dinner – meeting at MRB Group @ 4:30 PM
March – 3/15/2023 – for April Dinner – meeting at MRB Group @ 4:30 PM
April – 4/26/2023 – for June Dinner – meeting at MRB Group @ 4:30 PM

Dates to remember (some from the Greater Rome Utica Chapter)

*December 4 – GVC Holiday party at
December 7 – Pearl Harbor
December 17 – Wreaths Across America (WAA) wreaths laying
January 14, 2023 American's Veterans Night
March 12, 2023 – Spring Ahead
March 26, 2023 ROTC Dinner*

GVC Support Coordinators. If you need help contact Nancy Swanson, (585) 905-0346, or Tim Vaughan, (585) 412-6425. They may not be able to help you directly or in person, but

may be able to coordinate help, support or information you are looking for or may need.

Surviving Spouse Liaison

We are in need of a volunteer to fill the Surviving Spouse Liaison position. You don't have to be a surviving spouse either and it really doesn't involve that much work... but we could certainly use the help! Please contact Jim Nielsen, or any board member, to discuss this opportunity.

Make a difference. Donate now.

Quorum - MOAA Legislative Action – Take Action - Join the fight to protect your pay and benefits. MOAA is placing additional emphasis on members supporting their legislative action priorities. They are asking each MOAA member sign up with Quorum. It provides you the opportunity to easily send letters to your legislators concerning Key Advocacy Issues, log your interactions with legislators and more. To login to Quorum go to MOAA.org/Advocacy, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Legislative Action Center, fill out the form to join and then start sending letters.

Here Are Your 2023 FEDVIP Plans and Premiums

MOAA's Open Season Webinar

MOAA conducted its annual open season webinar Nov. 1, providing an in-depth review of:

Open season dates and deadlines for Medicare, TRICARE, and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)
Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage plans

The Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP)

FEDVIP plan terminology

The FEDVIP and TRICARE websites, including an online tour of available resources and plan comparison tools.

Access the webinar at the links below. **Home, TRICARE, Medicare, and FEDVIP Open Season: Are You Satisfied With Your Current Plans?**

<https://youtu.be/RLdESwbBP84>

From My Navy HR

Safe Helpline: All Safe Help Help Line services are anonymous, confidential and tailored to support members of the DOD community and their loved ones affected by sexual assault. Contact: Call: 877-955-5247, Chat: Online.SafeHelpLine.org and Discuss: SafeHelpRoome.org

Veterans Crisis Line – Dial 988 and then press 1 They provide 24/7 confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones. The Veterans Crisis Line can help even if you're not enrolled in VA benefits or health care. Chat online or Text 838255

What is NFAAS: Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) standardizes a method for the Navy to account, assess, manage, and monitor the recovery process for personnel and their families affected and/or scattered by a wide-spread catastrophic event. NFAAS provides valuable information to all levels of the Navy chain of command, allowing commanders to make strategic decisions which facilitate a return to stability. NFAAS allows Navy Personnel to do the following:

- Report Accounting Status
- Update Contact
- Location Information
- Complete Needs Assessment
- View Reference Information**

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**Remember... GVC MOAA matters!
Never Stop Serving!**



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/NY0118P 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.

Location Codes: Bath National Cemetery **NYBNCB** WNY National Cemetery: **NYWNYC** ; Sampson Cemetery: **NYSVMC**;

Location ID: circle **ONE** code from above _____ Sponsorship Group ID: **NY0118P** _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN:

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

Sunday, December 4, 2022

**Brook-Lea Country Club
891 Pixley Road, Rochester
(Gates), NY 14624**

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

ENTRÉE CHOICES / \$40 each

NY Strip w/Sauteed Mushrooms or
Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Supreme Sauce or
Grilled Salmon w/Raspberry Sauce

All meals come with:
Salad, Vegetable and Dessert
Coffee and Cash Bar

Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Saturday November 26, 2022

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Monday, November 28, 2022

Questions: Norma (585) 727-6190

PLEASE CLIP HERE AND SEND FORM BELOW

RESERVATION FORM FOR Sunday December 4, 2022 GVC MEETING at Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, Rochester (Gates), NY 14624

ALL Name(s) Attending:

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Please indicate number of each meal desired:

NY Strip _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu
_____ Grilled Salmon _____

Check included for _____ Meal(s) at

\$40.00 each, Meal(s) Total \$ _____

Veterans Outreach Center Donation \$

_____ **Grand Total \$** _____

Please make checks payable to **GVC**

❄️ UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER ❄️

**** CONTEST! ****

Bring Winter weather items to donate for Veterans Outreach Center; hats, gloves, socks, etc.

♪♪♪ **Entertainment by Bob**



MOAA and mail to:

GVC MOAA

c/o Norma Weissend

LATE RSVP... email to:

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nweissend@gvcmoaa.org

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