



## **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 \*\*\* May 2023**



### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Election of Officers** – Saturday June 10, 2023 at the Botts Fiorito American Legion Post #576, 53 W. Main St, Le Roy, NY 14482. During the dinner program the officers for the next 2 years will be voted on and sworn in by our guest speaker Col. Myles B. Caggins III a MOAA National Representative.

My term as President ends with the election of my successor. I have enjoyed my tenure and greatly appreciate the outstanding support I have had from the Board and Members of the Chapter. We have transitioned from Covid restrictions to having dinners at our various normal locations and have added the American

Legion locations. The Chapter has added special events. More diversity is in the works.

### **Upcoming Events -**

- **June 3 Compeer Corps Summer Kick Off** at Chili American Legion, 450 Scottsville Chili Rd, Scottsville. Open to Veterans and their families.
- **Jun 10 GVC MOAA Dinner and election of officers.**

- **Thursday July 6 Luncheon Cruise on Canandaigua Lady**

The GVC is offering an afternoon of fun in the sun (we hope) for a luncheon cruise aboard the Canandaigua Lady on Thursday, July 6 from 12pm to 2pm. The Canandaigua Lady is a double-decker paddle wheel boat and a 19th Century steamboat replica operating from the Northern Shoreline of Canandaigua Lake. We will be on the upper deck where we will enjoy a buffet lunch and non-alcoholic beverages. Families are welcome! Cost is \$45 per

person, children under 12 is \$30. (A cash bar will also be available.) Please make your reservations and payment to LTC Russ Green, 2 Winding Brook Dr, Fairport, NY 14450, not later than June 28, 2023

- **VFW 15 July Open House: 11 am to 5 pm.** You are invited! Bring your friends and family! Food trucks, live music, a bounce house, yard games, military vehicle display & more. A great chance to meet local veterans, their families, and connect with the community. Address: 300 Macedon Center Road, Fairport New York. Members interested in representing MOAA at a table, please text or call Kerry Dunham at (585) 319 8936. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
- **Sunday August 13 Red Wings Ball Game** - GVC family and friends afternoon at the ball park. Stay tuned for details.

**Welcome New Member** – CAPT James Kenmetz, USA (Ret.). James is medically retired from the Army JAG Core. He is married with 2 young children. We welcome the Kenmetz family to the GVC MOAA family.

**Member Volunteers** - We need volunteers to help with committees and special events. If you can help organize, develop literature, do mailings, ushering - contact Jean Vaughn and she will pass your offer to the appropriate person, [Jvaughan@gvcmoaa.org](mailto:Jvaughan@gvcmoaa.org).

Examples of recent new members assistance follows:

- Rajesh Raghavan – our Membership and Recruiting Chairperson
- Kerru Dunham – Representing GVC at Compeer Corps summer kick-of June 2

- Paul Cannon – assisting with integrating Reserve Officer Assoc members with GVC
- Kathy Crelot – was very active at the Council of Chapters Winter conference.

**Civil Air Patrol, Sea Cadets, 209th Regiment of Cadets** These three organizations reflect our values and develop young people (cadets) capable of leading in a dangerous world. If you are interested in sharing your wisdom, please call or text Kerry Dunham at 585 319 8936. The cadets would love to meet you.

**Special Recognition** – We extend our thanks to **Wegmans** for their continued support of Wreaths Across America, to the **MRB Group** for use of their conference room for our Board meetings, and **Copy Town Enterprise** for printing our newsletters.

#### **ROTC March Dinner -**



This Year's MOAA ROTC Leadership Dinner was held at the Spencerport American Legion On March 26th.

These dinners organized by Colonel Bob Zale started twelve years ago and were designed to have our membership meet those outstanding cadets from the local college ROTC programs and their highly talented Commanders and instructors. Ten years ago the Junior ROTC units from the Rochester City School District were also included in the program awards and dinner.

Participating schools were the University of Rochester (Navy), Rochester Institute of Technology (Air Force and Army) SUNY Brockport (Army), Northeast College Preparatory High School and Rochester Early College International High School. Students receiving the MOAA ROTC and JROTC Leadership Awards In order of schools

listed above were Levi Wyns, Joseph MacDonough, Noah Bufalini, Richard Amaning, Jeremiah Oyola and Anthony Pearson. Presenting the awards was Chapter President Jim Nielsen. The members of the GVC Chapter of MOAA congratulate these future military leaders and especially all of the cadre both past and present who played an important role in their leadership development.

### [The MOAA Foundation](#)

The MOAA Foundation creates, enhances, expands, or supports high-impact, proven-successful programs and services for service members and veterans of all ranks, and their families. GVC is sending special donations from members to the MOAA Foundation.



**Wreaths Across America** -You may donate a Wreath any time to honor a Veteran. For each Wreath donated under our Sponsorship Group ID (NY0118P) the chapter receives \$5.00. An easy way to donate is on the web -

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

The web site main page should say "Genesee Valley Chapter ---".

### **MOAA Legislative Action – (from our Legislative Chair Barb Green)**

A major focus of MOAA is advocacy. MOAA's experts in Washington are constantly reviewing and assessing any and all legislation that may impact the earned pay, benefits, and support programs of the uniformed services and veteran communities. Visit the Legislative Action Center to see current issues requiring your support by logging into [moaa.quorum.us](http://moaa.quorum.us). When taking action, be sure to fill in the Chapter block at the bottom of the form, putting **NY06** for Genesee Valley Chapter in the block helps us.

### **Active Legislative Campaigns**

- Help MOAA Fight Cuts to the TRICARE Pharmacy Network

- Urge Your Legislators to Pay Full Housing Costs for Servicemembers
- Contact Your Legislators and Urge them to Support the All-Volunteer Force
- Urge Your Elected Officials to Fix the TRICARE Young Adult Coverage Gap
- Share Your Story: Impact of TRICARE Pharmacy Network Changes
- Urge Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt
- Ask Your House Member to Support the Expanding America's National Cemetery Act
- Tell Congress You Oppose TRICARE for Life Fees
- Urge Your Legislators to Support the Military Spouse Hiring Act
- Lend Your Support for the MOAA-Backed Bill to Support Military Sexual Trauma Survivors

### **VA Seeking Veterans to Participate in Gulf War Syndrome Study**

[Veterans Affairs officials](#) will launch a new five-year study into [Gulf War Syndrome](#) in an effort to better define and explain the symptoms for the mysterious illness. *This article by Leo Shane III originally appeared on [Military Times](#)*

It's a move that veterans groups say is overdue but also potentially beneficial to tens of thousands of [Gulf War veterans](#). As many as 250,000 individuals who served in operations [Desert Shield and Desert Storm](#) in the early 1990s have reported a series of problems including joint pain, fatigue, rashes, memory issues and digestive problems, with no clear cause.

### **MOAA Charities**

**Make a difference. Donate now.**

(<https://charities.moaa.org/>)

Thank you for your interest in supporting MOAA's Charitable entities: The MOAA Foundation and MOAA Scholarship Fund. The MOAA Foundation provides programs and support to everyone in the uniformed services and Veteran community, no matter their rank, how long they served or branch of service. The Scholarship Fund has provided interest-free loans and grants to military children since 1948. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a positive difference in the lives of uniformed service members and their families across the country. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **When Do I Need a New ID Card?**

DoD officials have yet to set a specific date for the complete changeover to a new, more secure type of ID card in the coming years, but retirees with “indefinite” cards of the old variety can have them replaced at their convenience.

The transition to the Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification Card began in July 2020, replacing paper-based cards with plastic ones boasting updated security features. It's set for completion in 2026.

### **TRICARE Will Pay for More Dialysis Services After Rise in Kidney Disease**

Patients with failing kidneys will have more care charges covered at dialysis clinics under a Tricare rule change triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. *MOAA Editor's note: This article by Amanda Miller originally appeared on [Military.com](https://www.military.com), a leading source of news for the military and veteran community.*

**What SECURE Act 2.0 Means for Your Retirement** The SECURE Act 2.0 is now law, ushering in sweeping changes to our retirement system. Some of the more prominent changes include:

- Increasing the age to start taking required minimum distributions (RMDs).
- Lowering the penalty for missed RMDs.
- Enhancing the features, benefits, and accessibility of employer plans.
- Increasing catch-up contribution amounts.
- Doing away with RMDs from Roth accounts in employer retirement plans.

### **GVC/MOAA BOARD MEMBERS 2021-2023**

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

**>>> Saturday, June 10, 2023 <<<  
Botts Fiorito American Legion Post #576  
53 W Main St, Le Roy, NY 14482**

**Please  
Note  
Date!!!**

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

**Buffet Dinner / \$35 each**

Burgundy Beef Tenderloin Tips with Egg  
Noodles, Mushrooms & Onions;  
Seasoned Char-Broiled Chicken Breast

**Buffet includes:** Salad, Fire Roasted  
Vegetables, Oven Roasted Potatoes,  
Rolls, Butter and Apple Bread Pudding  
with warm Caramel Sauce  
Coffee, Tea and Cash Bar

**GVC MOAA  
OFFICER  
INSTALLATION  
Dinner**

**MOAA National Representative  
Col. Myles B. Caggins III, USA (Ret)**

**Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Sunday June 4, 2023  
Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Monday, June 5, 2023  
Questions: Norma (585) 727-6190**

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**RESERVATION FORM FOR >> SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 << GVC MEETING at  
Botts Fiorito American Legion, 53 W Main St, Le Roy, NY 14482**

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

Check included for \_\_\_\_\_ meal(s) at \$35.00 each, **Dinner(s) Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

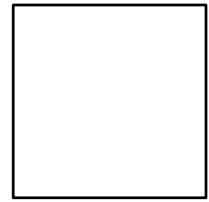
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