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***** Aug 2023 *****

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Genesee Valley Chapter Members!
I am Tim Vaughan, your newly installed chapter President and look forward to working with the newly installed officers, board of directors and members to continue the traditions of excellence this chapter has worked hard to attain. I said those exact words four years ago when I became the GVC President the first time, so yes, I am a retread, and look forward to another two-year term! And those words above still apply today; the officers and board are all dedicated to ensure this chapter stays healthy, vibrant and on a path of excellence. Bottom line, I am truly honored the nominating committee, Peter Ingalsbe, Bob Zale and Barb Green, had the confidence and trust in me to lead this organization again. I hope you will make the journey with us as this is a team effort!

We have great programs and guest speakers lined up for the remaining three dinners this year and hope you will join us.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Sunday 13 Aug 2023, 1:05 pm
GVC Red Wings Baseball Game
Innovative Field, Rochester, NY

Sun 10 Sep 2023, 1 pm / 2 pm
Location: Canandaigua Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: Brig Gen Mike Bank, Asst Adjutant General for Air, NYNG
Designated Charity: Honor Flight Rochester

Sep 17-21, 2023
New York Council of Chapters
Annual Conference @ Tioga Downs
Nichols, NY

Sun 29 Oct 2023, 1 pm / 2 pm
Location: Spencerport Legion Post
Guest Speaker: Ellen Adams, Board of Directors Chair, Veterans Outreach Center
Designated Charity: Wreaths Across America

Sun 3 Dec 2023

Location: Brook Lea Country Club

Program: Annual Holiday Party

Designated Charity: Veterans Outreach Center & VOC Winter Clothing Drive (New Only!)

Sat 16 Dec 2023

Wreaths Across America (GVC Supported)

New York State Veterans Cemetery - Finger Lakes (formerly Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery), Western New York National Cemetery, Bath National Cemetery, and Arlington National Cemetery.

Sat 23 Mar 2024

Location: Spencerport Legion Post

Program: ROTC/JROTC Awards Dinner

Designated Charity: The MOAA Foundation

Sun 28 Apr 2024, 1 pm / 2 pm

Location: TBD

Guest Speaker: TBD

Designated Charity: Honor Flight Rochester

Sun 9 Jun 2024, 1 pm / 2 pm

Location: Canandaigua Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

Designated Charity: Veterans Outreach Center

GVC Canandaigua Lady Cruise!

Our Canandaigua Lady lunch cruise on July 6th was outstanding; the weather was perfect, if not a little warm, and the lake was calm. An overall beautiful day for a lake cruise. A great turnout and thanks to all who took advantage of the fun. The smiles in the picture below tell the story!



Hey, Batter, Batter, Batter...

After the success and fun of last year's Red Wings baseball game, GVC will be attending another Red Wings game this year on Sunday 13 August 2023, 1:05 pm. Tickets are only \$10, but must be paid for ahead of time. Game flyers have been sent out and we hope you will join us for a day at the ballpark!

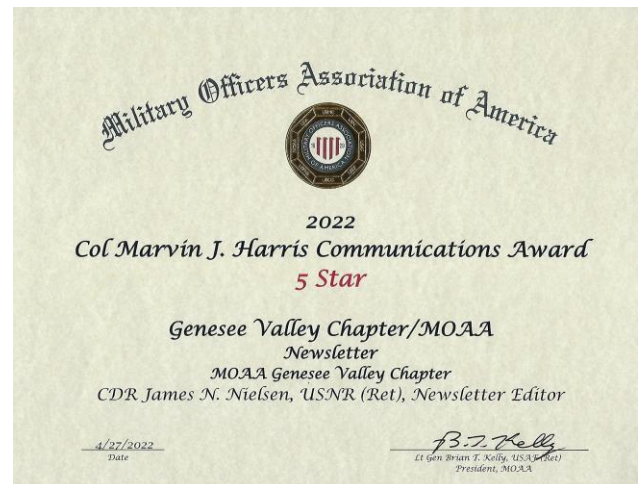
GVC Members are Extremely Generous!

As you may have noticed over the past year or so, we have designated donations included on our dinner flyers/RSVP forms. I have also annotated them in the upcoming dinner schedules. But besides that, donations and the choice to donate are a very personal choice, and our members have been extremely generous with donations to our designated charities and it has not gone unnoticed; we sincerely thank you all for your caring and extreme generosity!

MOAA COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards

Each year, MOAA recognizes chapter affiliates that achieve excellence in communications with four or five-star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards.

The fact that we have earned yet another MOAA Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award, at the Five Star level, for newsletter and for website for calendar year 2022 is just another example of the hard work that goes into making this chapter exceptional!





Congratulations Jim Nielsen for your work on the chapter newsletter and congratulations to Russ Green for your work on the chapter website! In addition, thank you to all who assist in that effort!

Legislative Corner... Take Action!

Chapter leaders had the opportunity to attend the Northeast Leaders Workshop in Providence, RI in early June. Feedback from attendees showed that, even among leaders, some had not yet signed on. Since a major focus of MOAA is advocacy, it's important that we all periodically update ourselves on the issues MOAA is pursuing on both the national and state level.

Thus, as part of the Legislative Training, the presenter walked attendees through enrolling in Quorum. The first step is to log on to the MOAA website. Anyone who hasn't already done that must go to: <https://www.moaa.org>

Once on the MOAA Home Page, click on Advocacy, then on Legislative Action Center. Then click on the "Sign Up" button in the upper right corner of the page. You will then be prompted to enter your personal information just once. Thereafter, you will be immediately connected to Quorum. Once there you will see all the Active Legislative Campaigns that MOAA is engaged in and prepared letters that you can send directly to your legislative representatives. You may send them unamended or add reasons from your own experience why you would support that issue.

With legislative action, numbers matter; MOAA staff said only about 16,000 members engage online via the Quorum Take Action site. That's only 4% of MOAA's membership engaging on issues that should matter to all of us.

Information for ongoing progress on various campaigns is available in the MOAA Newsletter. The Newsletter is full of information on other important issues. It's important for everyone to sign up to receive the Newsletter, which can also be done at: <https://www.moaa.org>.

If anyone would like help in signing up for Quorum or the Newsletter, you are welcome to contact Barb Green, Legislative Chair, @ bgreenanc@gmail.com.

GVC Support Coordinators

If you need help, contact Nancy Swanson, (585) 944-5637, 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...

As noted earlier in this newsletter, the chapter continues to make donations to Honor Flight Rochester, the Veterans Outreach Center, Wreaths Across America and the MOAA Foundation. Additionally, we have provided MOAA ROTC/JROTC awards to cadets/midshipmen at U of R, RIT, Brockport, Northeast College Preparatory High School and Rochester Early College International High School. Again, we are grateful for the support of our membership toward these programs.

Surviving Spouse Liaison

Our chapter has a new Surviving Spouse Liaison, Kathy Green, and we are happy to have her on board! Surviving Spouses, feel free to reach out to Kathy a give her a big welcome at, kgreen@gvcmoaa.org!

Is Your Spouse Prepared If You Should Die First? By: Paul Frost, MOAA Staff
July 28, 2023 / Extract

The death of a loved one is a tumultuous life transition. To prevent their spouses from suffering the consequences of being unprepared when dealing with the numerous details associated with a loved one's passing, MOAA members are encouraged to understand the tools and subject-matter experts available to them. The goal is to ensure the member's spouse is also aware of the resources available should the member pass first.

MOAA has an array of publications designed to assist paid members and their survivors. Most publications can be accessed online, www.moaa.org. Copies of printed publications can be obtained via U.S. mail by calling the Member Service Center (MSC), (800) 234-6622.

Help Your Survivors Now: A Guide to Planning Ahead
Survivor's Planning Guide
Survivor's Checklist: First Steps for Moving On
Your Guide to Military Burials

Surviving Spouse Membership
Finally, a MOAA member's Life membership will transfer upon a MSC death notification to the surviving spouse. Similarly, the remainder of a Premium membership also transfers until expiration. Premium memberships may be renewed or upgraded to Life. Each surviving spouse will receive their own MOAA member number.

Additionally, we invite all survivors to join our Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, which provides a common space for surviving spouses across the country to connect with one another and communicate about challenges and resources available for adjusting to a new life. You can reach out to this virtual chapter by emailing mssvc02@gmail.com.

Survivors also might be interested in joining a local MOAA chapter. Local chapters frequently can help with issues members and survivors face or offer some like-minded camaraderie.

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**GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER
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**Sunday, September 10, 2023
Canandaigua Yacht Club**

3524 County Road 16 (West Lake Rd), Canandaigua, NY 14424

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

ENTRÉE CHOICES / \$45 each

Delmonico Steak & Baked Potato, or
Chicken & Artichoke French & Wild Rice, or
Grilled Salmon Bruschetta & Wild Rice

All meals come with:

Salad, Vegetable, and
Berry Burst Cake
Coffee, Tea and Cash Bar

**Guest Speaker:
Brigadier General
Michael W. Bank
New York National Guard
Assistant Adjutant General – Air
and “Dual-Hatted” as
ANG Assistant to USAF Expeditionary
Center Commander**

Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Wednesday August 30, 2023

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Questions: Norma (585) 727-6190

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**RESERVATION FORM FOR SUNDAY September 10, 2023, GVC MEETING at
Canandaigua Yacht Club, 3524 County Rd 16 (West Lake Rd), CDGA, NY 14424**

ALL Name(s) Attending: _____

Steak _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____

Check included for _____ meal(s) at \$45.00 each, Dinner(s) Total \$ _____

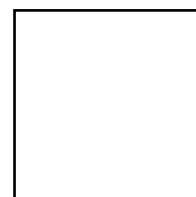
Honor Flight Rochester Donation \$ _____; Grand Total \$ _____

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