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***** Nov 2024 *****

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, the calendar says November, but the weather lately says otherwise! Now, I'm not complaining! Halloween is behind us, and with Thanksgiving rapidly approaching that means the big holiday season is closer than we realize.

December 8th Chapter Dinner Preview

Don't forget the Ugly Holiday Sweater contest is back for this year's annual Holiday Dinner and Party, so get your sweater's ready... Ugly Holiday Sweaters are encouraged, but not mandatory, so please don't let that keep you from joining us!

In addition to the Holiday Dinner, we are continuing our winter clothing drive for the Veterans Outreach Center; we are asking for donations of NEW hats, gloves, socks and such, which will be delivered to the VOC.

With each chapter dinner we target one specific charity for donations, with December's dinner we are asking for your support of the Rochester

Veterans Outreach Center. Find out more about the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center here: <https://veteransoutreachcenter.org/>.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Sun 8 Dec 2024, 1 pm / 2 pm

Location: Brook Lea Country Club

Program: Annual Holiday Party

... and Ugly Sweater Contest!

Designated Charity: Veterans Outreach Center and NEW Winter Clothing Drive

Sun 23 Mar 2025, 1 pm / 2 pm

Location: Spencerport Legion Post

Program: ROTC/JROTC Awards Dinner

Designated Charity: The MOAA Foundation
Sponsor ROTC/JROTC Cadets/Families

Sun 27 Apr 2025, 1 pm / 2 pm

Location: Rochester Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: **TBD**

Designated Charity: Honor Flight Rochester

Sun 8 Jun 2025, * 3 pm / 4 pm *****
Location: Canandaigua Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: MOAA National Staff
New Chapter Officers Installation Ceremony
Designated Charity: Veterans Outreach Center

GVC October Dinner Recap

At our recent October chapter dinner, we were honored to have as our guest speaker, Dan Caster, retired career CIA Officer, USAF veteran and RIT alumni. His presentation about his career with the CIA was fascinating and explained how his time in the Air Force helped prepare him for assignments in over 25 countries supporting Counter Terrorism Operations and Special Military programs.

Dan Caster is also an artist and is presenting his artwork and speaking on Nov 15, 2024, 6 PM to 9 PM, at Nu Movement, 716 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.



GVC President, Tim Vaughan, presents Career CIA Officer, Dan Caster, a GVC challenge coin

GVC Member & JROTC Instructor, Bill Carr, in the News

GVC member, LTC Bill Carr, USA (Ret), is an instructor at the Rochester Early College International High School JROTC program, and you may have seen his name in our newsletters or in emails regarding JROTC.

His program and JROTC cadets were recently featured in a WROC News 8 story by Theresa Marsenburg, about their participation in a

National competition at Fort Knox. This story can be viewed and found at the link below:

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/veterans-voices/veterans-voices-retired-veteran-finds-new-purpose-with-rochester-city-school-district/>

You can read more about the Rochester Early College International High School JROTC program at this link: <https://www.rcsdk12.org/Domain/13428>.

Wreaths Across America Campaign 2024

www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Reminder, Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday 14 December 2024, with this year's theme of "Live With Purpose." If you sponsor wreaths, please do so prior to Tue 3 Dec 2024 so they will count for this year. Single wreath sponsorship is \$17 and the common wreath 5-pack sponsorship option is \$85.

Please remember to use the GVC Sponsor Code: **NY0118P**

Cemetery selections will be in the drop-down menu from the GVC Wreaths Across America webpage. You can also sponsor wreaths at other locations using the "Search" function on the website.

Wreaths Across America directly supports our chapter's ability to support veteran programs each year and we would be honored with your support of the 2024 GVC WAA Campaign.

Wreaths Across America Mission:

REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans.

HONOR those who serve.

TEACH your children the value of freedom.

You may also use this QRC:
Wreaths Across America
GVC Wreath Sponsor Page



ADVOCACY REMINDER...

Numbers Matter on the issues...

access MOAA's Legislative Action Center to...

Take Action Now!

<https://moaa.quorum.us/>

Sad News

For many years at the chapter's Holiday Dinner, the chapter has had live music provided by Bob Neusatz. In fact, he was scheduled to play at last year's Holiday Dinner, but unfortunately, the cancer treatments he was undergoing left him unable to perform. When we checked on him for this year's dinner, we sadly found out he had passed away back in May of this year. Bob was a very talented musician that brought joy to many; may he Rest in Peace.

Online Chapter Dues & Event Payments

Exciting news! MOAA National now offers "**Cheddar Up**" as a platform for affiliates (chapters and councils) to establish a digital payment portal for members and donors.

Want to pay your annual chapter dues? Cheddar Up!

Want to donate to one of the chapter dinner designated charities? Cheddar Up!

Want to RSVP and Pay for attendance at a chapter event (dinners, sporting events, etc.)? Cheddar Up!

There are two ways to access the Genesee Valley Chapter (GVC) Cheddar Up portal: via the GVC weblink or, via the GVC QRC; both are shown below.

<https://gvc-payments.mycheddarup.com>



Note: GVC only sees the last four digits of your credit card when using Cheddar Up.

MOAA's previous online dues payment portal, although functional, left a lot to be desired and didn't provide members, or chapter staff, enough details to confirm what payments were actually for, unless the member sent a follow up email to the treasurer.

Cheddar Up remedies all of that. Additionally, there is no need to sign up for a Cheddar Up account, unless you want one.

GVC Treasurer, Norma Weissend, is our point of contact for the GVC Cheddar Up portal.

Have questions or get stuck?

Contact Norma, nweissend@gvcmoaa.org.

Of note, GVC was one of two MOAA chapters nationwide involved in beta testing on the Cheddar Up system to validate its operations and functionality for chapters and councils. While there may be some growing pains, if you have ideas on how to simplify or improve GVC functions using Cheddar Up, please let Norma know.

GVC Support Coordinators: Need Help?

Nancy Swanson, (585) 944-5637, or

Tim Vaughan, (585) 412-6425

Your Chapter Dues at Work...

GVC donates to Honor Flight Rochester, the Veterans Outreach Center, Wreaths Across America and The MOAA Foundation. Additionally, we conduct MOAA ROTC/JROTC awards programs each spring for cadets and midshipmen. We are grateful for membership support of these programs.

GVC Chapter Dues

Have you paid your 2024 chapter dues? If you are not sure of your status, please reach out to Norma Weissend at nweissend@gvcmoaa.org. And it's not too early to pay your 2025 dues! Reminder: GVC annual dues are \$25/year.

Stop Paying Annual Dues...

Become a Chapter Life Member! (See below)

GVC Life Membership Dues Schedule:

Age	Dues	Age	Dues
<45	\$360	71-75	\$160
46-50	\$350	76-80	\$110
51-55	\$330	81-85	\$55
56-60	\$310	86-89	\$35
61-65	\$270	90+	FREE
66-70	\$210		

Surviving Spouse Liaison

Kathy Green is the chapter's Surviving Spouse Liaison (SSL). You may contact Kathy at, kgreen@gvcmoaa.org regarding Surviving Spouse issues and MOAA membership.

Check out MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter by emailing mssvc02@gmail.com or go online at: [MOAA - Surviving Spouse Corner](#)

Although this article is intended for Surviving Spouses, much of it can apply to all of us...

Surviving Spouse Corner: A Season to be Grateful, Nov 05, 2024, By Susan Collins, MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Council

The holidays are filled with special family times that include beautiful memories. These memories can be sweet and make you all warm inside, but they also can cause sad emotions relating to the loss of a loved one.

As Thanksgiving approaches, it can be beneficial to focus effort and energy on what you are grateful for in your "new life" since the loss of a loved one. I am grateful for:

- The enduring and unwavering support of my family, friends, and community; as a military surviving spouse, these are near and far.
- My good health, that allows me to support my family and grandchildren as they grieve and help others as well.
- Being able to enjoy every new day. To be able to walk daily and enjoy meeting people, nature, trails, lakes, the ocean, sunrises, and sunsets.
- Beautiful memories and our legacy that I can pass down to my children and grandchildren.
- The strength and all the beauty life has to offer.
- My resilience to persevere.
- My faith. I look forward to meeting my spouse again.

- All life's experiences. These experiences, whether they are good or bad, shape us throughout this life. They keep us alive.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish everyone good health and happiness and a wonderful Thanksgiving that is shared with family, friends, and great memories.

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

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Brook-Lea Country Club

891 Pixley Road, Rochester (Gates), NY 14624

1300 - Social Hour (Cash Bar)

1400 - Dinner

ENTRÉE CHOICES / \$45 each

Petit Filet w/Sauteed Mushrooms or
Chicken Primavera w/Spinach, Artichokes
and Red Peppers or
Grilled Salmon w/Raspberry Sauce

** Contact Norma for any Dietary Requests*

All meals come with:

Salad, Vegetable and Dessert
Coffee and Cash Bar

❄️ UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER ❄️

**** CONTEST! ****

**Please Bring NEW Winter Clothing
for Veterans Outreach Center:
Hats, Gloves, Socks, & such**

You May RSVP, Pay & Select Meals Here:

<https://gvc-payments.mycheddarup.com>

Reservations due ASAP, but NLT Wednesday Nov 27, 2024

Cancellations NLT 1200 hours, Monday, Dec 2, 2024

Questions: Norma Weissend (585) 727-6190 / nweissend@gvcmoaa.org

Participants attending the event may be photographed or recorded for MOAA chapter products.

PLEASE CLIP HERE AND SEND FORM BELOW * DRESS: Holiday Attire! *****

**RESERVATION FORM FOR SUNDAY December 8, 2024, 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:

Petit Filet Mignon _____ Chicken Primavera _____ Grilled Salmon _____

Check included for _____ Meal(s) at **\$45.00 each, Meal(s) Total \$**_____

Veterans Outreach Center Donation \$_____ **Grand Total \$**_____

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

GVC MOAA

c/o Norma Weissend

4587 Ridge Rd

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***** DRESS: Holiday Attire! *****

**(Ugly Holiday Sweater Optional,
but FUN is mandatory!)**

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