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## CHAPTER MEETINGS R 4 U!

Did you know that our Chapter has about 168 members? Did you know that 40 of those 168, or 24%, are Auxiliary members? Did you know that among our members are combat veterans of World War II, as well as veterans of the current global war against terrorist organizations? It's too bad more of you do not attend the Chapter general membership dinner meetings, because you are missing some great opportunities to meet and mingle with some very interesting people, and have a great time.

We hold Chapter meetings for the benefit of the members. Meetings are held on Sunday afternoons, and have been for a very long time. Sunday afternoons seem to be the favored time for the members who regularly attend. Does that work for you, personally? If not, please let us know what days and times you could make.

The official annual business meeting takes place in early December, which is also our Christmas party. The other four or five meetings are primarily social get-togethers, although we also disseminate information of interest and conduct some business. At our last meeting in February, we formally installed the Chapter Officers and Board of Directors for the next two years. (See photo, below.)



Outgoing President Ed Scheiber, aided by Treasurer Fred Ames, transfers responsibility to newly-elected President Tony Ficara (center). Looking on (L. to R.) are Secretary Ralph Folger, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Pat Piccirilli, and Board members Skip Bebernitz, Chuck Marshall, and Marty Leukhardt.



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**REMINDER: Annual dues for 2013 are due, if you have not already paid.**

Whenever possible we try to get guest speakers to talk about issues or experiences of interest. At our last meeting, Cliff Seguin, founder of **Operation Adopt-A-Soldier** of Wilton, NY, gave a stirring presentation of all his shoe-string organization does to help military of all services serving overseas and their families back in the U.S.

(For more information visit <http://www.operationadoptsoldier.org/>.)

In the past, Chapter members have presented fascinating accounts of their military experiences and recent trips to exotic places. We'd love to hear about yours, too. How about it?

## Chapter Happenings

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

#### DINNER MEETINGS FOR 2013

Dinner meetings are held at the Edison Club, Rexford, NY, unless specified otherwise

- **April 14**
- **June 9**
- [July-August - TBD - suggestions?]
- October 6
- December 8 (Annual Meeting)

#### BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2013

Board meetings are held at the NYS Military Heritage Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY, unless specified otherwise

- July 6 (Lake George)
- November 2

LEFT:  
Tony Ficara, newly installed as Chapter President, makes his first address to the Chapter members at the February meeting.



### COMES JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME ON APRIL 14

*Our guest speaker is Dr. Syed Haqqie, from Albany Medical Center, who recently finished a tour of duty in Afghanistan. It should be very interesting and educational.*

#### IMPORTANT UPDATES ABOUT OUR DINNER MEETINGS

- Please get your reservation in NOT LATER THAN the Thursday morning prior to the meeting (April 11, this time), or, at least call Chuck to let him know you will attend, and you can pay at the door. The earlier we know, the better.
  - *We owe the Edison Club an accurate head count by Thursday afternoon.*
  - *If you plan to attend but are not 100% sure you can make it, please send in your reservation and payment. It is easier to cancel and refund if you really can't attend than it is to rustle up an extra meal or two at the last minute if you just show up without a reservation.*
- The base prices for the meals have gone up, after holding steady for several years. (We were lucky for so long.) We did not charge more for the February dinner, but must now raise the price to cover the cost and tip.
  - *Please note that the price per meal is now \$30, which is still reasonable for our area given the quality of the food and service.*

#### ATTENTION!

#### Chapter members who are alumni of Christian Brothers Academy of Albany

CBA JROTC is holding an awards ceremony on Thursday, April 18. Our Chapter will present the MOAA JROTC Medal and Certificate to a Cadet who has demonstrated outstanding Leadership and Scholarship. Contact the Newsletter Editor, Al Memole, if you would like to attend and/or present the award.

#### NEWSLETTER online vs. printed copy

If you prefer to access this newsletter online in place of the usual paper copy, contact Al Memole at [amemole1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amemole1@nycap.rr.com) or call (518) 479-7165 in the evening.

#### **WATERVLIET ARSENAL TO CELEBRATE ITS 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2013**

A series of commemorative events is planned for July 13-17. Look for details in our May Newsletter.

## 2013 NYS MOAA Council of Chapters Convention

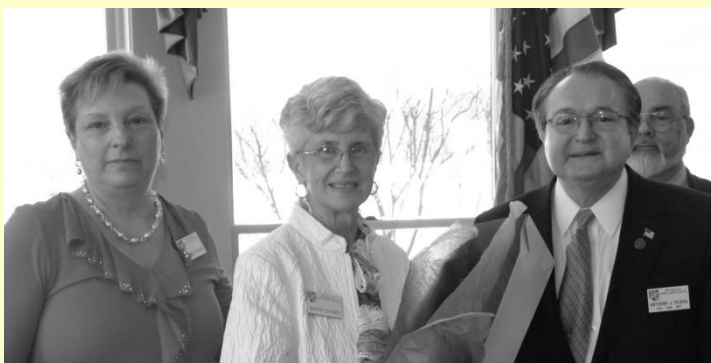
The Genesee Valley Chapter will be hosting the 2013 New York State Council of Chapters Convention on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, **October 14, 15 and 16**. (The 14<sup>th</sup> is Columbus Day.) The Council will convene at the Inn on the Lake Waterfront Resort and Conference Center in beautiful Canandaigua at the north end of Canandaigua Lake. More information will be forthcoming on activities and programs. One of the main social events is a cruise on the lake. A preview of the event is featured in a copy of the Genesee Valley Chapter Bulletin #3 on page 5 of this Newsletter.

## Chapter Happenings *(continued from Page 2)*

The February dinner meeting was a busy affair with the installation of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors for 2013-15, AND a guest speaker. One of the many highlights was the opportunity to recognize outgoing President Ed Scheiber and his wife, Jennifer, for their dedicated service to our Chapter, MOAA, and US military servicemembers. Ed received the prestigious MOAA Presidents Award for excellence in Leadership and Dedication to Duty.



Jennifer received flowers as a token of our gratitude for all that she has done personally for the Chapter, MOAA, and, especially the troops, not forgetting also her tremendous support for Ed over his 6-year presidency.



Above: Jennifer Scheiber (center) with Chapter President Tony Ficara and his wife Elizabeth

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL NY CHAPTER MARCH NEWSLETTER:

**Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act: Bill # H.R., 690** - To amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

### WAR OF 1812 in NYS

#### Key 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dates

May 29, 1813 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Sacketts Harbor



**GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER  
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NEWS BULLETIN #3  
SUBJECT: CANANDAIGUA LADY**

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The Canandaigua Lady is a 19<sup>th</sup> century replica of a double-deck sternwheeler operating from Steamboat Landing at the north end of Canandaigua Lake. The “Lady” as she is known locally is a proud successor to famous steamboats that operated on the Finger Lakes between 1820 and 1930. The sixty-ton Mississippi style classic recreation has recently been renovated and remodeled with new latrines (sometimes called bathrooms), carpeting, paint, heat, air conditioning and an Americana theme. At one time in years past, 19 steamboats operated as the primary means of transportation on and around the lake as there were no roads along the lake at that time.

We will board the Lady at 1700 for a two-hour cruise which will include dinner while viewing some of the most beautiful scenery in the western hemisphere. It will be our good fortune to have on board Dr. Preston Pierce, a U.S. Army retiree and recent member of the Genesee Valley Chapter, who is also the Ontario County Historian. Dr. Pierce will join us on the cruise as our guide providing a commentary on the history, geologic significance and economic impact of the lake. The Lady will dock at about 1900 at which time the hospitality room will reopen until 2300.

The hospitality time will be a good opportunity to explore tourist activities in and around Canandaigua. If you like to gamble, there is a Racino (casino at the Finger Lakes Racetrack) within a few miles --if you feel lucky. If you like to shop, there are many nice boutique-like stores along Main Street. If you would rather fish, bring your rod, lures, flies, bait and net--if you feel lucky. Bring a BIG net if you feel extra lucky! The city pier is a good place to fish and it is within walking distance of the Inn. If you want to remember the good time you will have, bring a camera and use it often.

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Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: **April 14, 2013**

Location: **Edison Club, Rexford, NY**

Time: 1:00PM – Social Hour  
2:00PM – Dinner

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Syed Haqqie, Albany Medical Center,  
Afghanistan veteran*

Menu Choices: Flat Iron Steak    Chicken Alexander    Stuffed Sole

Price: \$30.00 per person    *(Please make checks payable to: NYS-CDC.)*

***If you have not paid Chapter dues for 2013, you may pay dues now by adding \$15.00 to your total.***

Send reservation form and check to: Charles Marshall (phone: 235-1713)  
Please make your reservation before 5 Sunset Lane  
Thursday, April 11. Troy, NY 12182

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Choices: Qty Menu Item  
Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Flat Iron Steak  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Alexander  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Sole



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