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President's Message

By Ed Scheiber



Be an informed voter this election!

Check out MOAA's web page with their questions and the responses from both candidates for President, at <http://www.moaa.org/election2012/>

Greetings to you all and I hope you are enjoying the summer/fall weather. The summer was one to remember with the weather at its best. Jennifer and I hope you enjoyed it as well. *As we get closer to the presidential election (and it can't come soon enough so that we don't have to listen to all the ads) it's important that we pay particular attention to where Obama and Romney stand on the issues that are so important to all military: active, reserve and retired. MOAA has sent a series of questions to each candidate and asked them to respond. Their answers are being posted on the MOAA website. Three of the questions are currently posted; others will follow. So, please, take the time to review the questions and answers and form your opinion who, if elected, will best serve our military.*

Jennifer and I will be attending the MOAA annual meeting, this year in Arlington, Virginia. There will be chapter roundtable discussions to share common issues and concerns as well as recommendations. We will be attending the Levels of Excellence Awards Dinner where two of the council's chapters will be honored. We will also be attending the [Community Heroes Awards Dinner](#) where the **Keynote speaker will be the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army General Martin Dempsey**. The mistress of ceremonies will be **Lee Woodruff**. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. 📅



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We hope to see you at the October Luncheon!

Chapter Happenings

Chapter Meetings

DINNER MEETINGS

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

- October 14
- December 9
(Annual Meeting)

BOARD MEETINGS

- November 10

Join us at our next luncheon, Sunday October 14

We have not confirmed a guest speaker as of yet, but join us for the usual FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP.

Members who attended the Council of Chapters convention will provide updates on all the relevant issues.

[If you missed the last luncheon in June, you missed an excellent presentation by the NY Capital Region Chapter, Blue Star Mothers of America on all they do for deployed service members.]

DO YOU KNOW THAT OUR CHAPTER...

- ... donated laptops to the Military Courtesy Room at Albany International Airport
- ... supports Operation Shoe Box and Cell Phones for Soldiers in support of deployed military personnel
- ... has three members in the local VA Honor Guard

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NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE

Trying to reduce the amount of paper coming into your home through the mail?

If you would like to receive an e-mail with a link to the newsletter on the Chapter's website, in lieu of the usual paper newsletter via US mail, contact Al Memole at amemole1@nycap.rr.com or call (518) 479-7165 in the evening.

The next newsletter will be published around Thanksgiving. **All members are encouraged to submit articles**, including photos, by e-mail or by regular mail to Al at 8 Rose Lane, Rensselaer NY 12144. Deadline for the next newsletter is Veterans Day.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE PRESIDENT IN 2013?

We're not talking about the POTUS! That's a thankless job! We are talking about being President of our Capital District Chapter. Our current President, Ed Scheiber has done a fantastic job for us, serving for THREE successive two-year terms. Ed still has the vigor and fight to continue, but - really - it is time for someone else to step up. After all, we are not Communist Cuba, and Ed did not expect to be President-for-Life.

The Chapter President's main role is to *preside* over the meetings of the board (2 to 5 per year) and general membership (5 per year). Even then there are two VP's who can pinch hit if he is absent. Presidents have often represented the Chapter at the annual NYS Council of Chapters convention, Storming the Hill, and other military and civic functions, at their discretion, as have other Chapter officers, board members, and general members. As President, you can delegate or be as involved as you like.

If you are interested, please contact Ed Scheiber. If you feel you should contribute more, but don't feel you are ready to chair the meetings, why not volunteer to be a Chapter officer or board member, participate on a committee, or handle even one specific responsibility? It's YOUR Chapter, too!

MOAA and Chapter Membership

Chapter Membership Offer Cover Wrap

(from the MOAA national website)

The October 2012 issue of Military Officer magazine includes a special cover wrap with a chapter membership offer to 180,000 non-chapter MOAA members. This is the third time we've launched this initiative, which previously generated more than 4,500 chapter members. The complimentary chapter membership offer is good from Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, 2012.

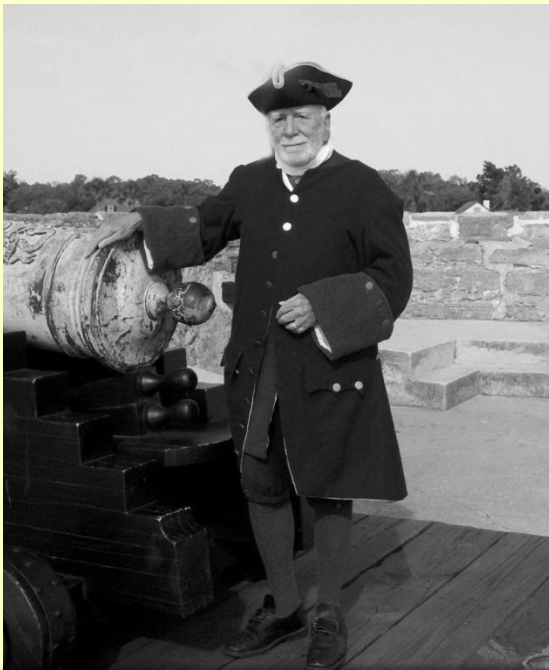
Non-chapter members will be offered a complimentary one-year membership in their local chapter, which will be identified on the cover wrap. Interested members can respond via postcard, online, or by calling MOAA. Lists of interested members who respond will be assembled and forwarded to each chapter so you can sign them up. Chapters will receive a rebate from MOAA for each new member who joins the chapter.

Council and chapter presidents will receive a letter outlining how this cover wrap initiative will work, and what they need to do to make this effort successful. Our goal for this year's effort is 2,000 new chapter members.

Col. Lee Lange II, USMC-Ret.
Director, MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs Department

Know people who are eligible to join MOAA and our Chapter? Invite them to join us at our next meeting.

Can enlisted soldiers of a foreign army be MOAA members?



Art Small, longtime active member of our Chapter, former newsletter editor, and current cannoneer!

APPARENTLY, YES - IF YOU ARE ART SMALL!

Everyone who knows Art knows that he never stops; never slows down. He has traveled every continent, and has now traveled back in time!

After Art moved to Florida, he joined the Cannon Gun Crew of the Spanish Army at the National Park Service at Castillo De San Marcus in Saint Augustine.

Art's new assignment rounds out his exciting and varied military career:

- US Navy Corpsman
- US Air Force Medical Service Corps commissioned officer (retired as a Lt Col in 1975)
- Board Chair of the USAF MSC Association
- New York Guard (retired as a Brigadier General in 1997)

WHAT NEXT??

News and photo courtesy of Art Small

A WORTHY CAUSE!! Interstate Compact On Educational Opportunity For Military Children

The Interstate Compact On Educational Opportunity For Military Children is a bill introduced this year in the NYS Assembly as bill **A 2141-A**, and in the NYS Senate as **S 2538-A**. Assembly sponsors are: Benedetto, Castelli, Tobacco, Corwin, Schimminger, and Clark. Senate sponsors are: Ranzenhofer, Alesi, Ball, DeFrancisco, Johnson, Kennedy, Larkin, Maziarz, and O'Mara.

According to the Sponsor's Memo, the bill is "[a]n act to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children." **The intent is to "remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents."**

In the Assembly, the bill was sent to the Committee on Education on May 31. In the State Senate, *it passed on June 12* and was delivered to the Assembly.

Below is the justification for the bill, taken verbatim from the Sponsor's Memo:

"Military families move between postings on a regular basis. While reassignments can often be a boon for career personnel, they usually play havoc with the children of military families: losing and making new friends, adjusting to new cities and bases and changing schools. While the armed services has taken great leaps to ease the transition of personnel, their spouses and most importantly children, much remains to be done at the state and local levels to ensure that the children of military families are afforded that same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals by inflexible administrative and bureaucratic practices.

The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school and most military children will have six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade. With more than half of all military personnel supporting families, the impacts of reassignment and long deployments area key consideration when making long-term life choices.

Specific impacts on military children include:

1. Transfer of Records
2. Course Sequencing
3. Graduation Requirements
4. Exclusion from Extra-Curricular Activities
5. Redundant or Missed Entrance/Exit Testing
6. Kindergarten and First Grade Entrance Age Variations
7. Power of Custodial Parents While Parents are Deployed

***If not enacted
this session,
perhaps the next
session??
Make your views
known!***

The new Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children addresses these issues as well as compact enforcement, administration, finances, communications, data sharing and training. The new compact establishes an independent compact operating authority, the Interstate Commission, which will be positioned to address future interstate problems and issues as they arise.

The development of interstate and intrastate solutions to these issues is of paramount importance to military families. While armed services personnel are serving our country, their children may, more often than not, be adversely affected by these and other educational policies. While many states and communities have responded on an ad hoc basis to ease the shift of military children, no comprehensive policy approach exists to improve the long-term educational transitions and outcomes of this constituency."

For details go to <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menuf.cgi> and search by bill number A2141-A.

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Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: **October 14, 2012** Location: **Edison Club, Rexford, NY**

Time: 1:00PM – Social Hour Guest Speakers: TBD
2:00PM – Dinner

Menu Choices: Flat Iron Steak Chicken Alexander Stuffed Sole

Price: \$25.00 per person *(Please make checks payable to: NYS-CDC.)*

If you owe Chapter dues for the current year, you may pay dues by adding \$15.00 to your total.

Send reservation form and check to: Charles Marshall (phone: 235-1713)
5 Sunset Lane
Troy, NY 12182

Your name: _____	Choices:	<u>Qty</u> <u>Menu Item</u>
Number of persons attending: _____		_____ Flat Iron Steak
		_____ Chicken Alexander
		_____ Stuffed Sole



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