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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NEXT DINNER MEETING - October 6

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Mark Moran, Program Director, from **STRIDE Adaptive Sports**, and one of their Wounded Warriors

Please get your reservation to us **NOT LATER THAN Thursday morning October 3**, or, call Chuck to let him know you will attend, and you can pay at the door. The earlier we know, the better.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETINGS FOR 2013 & 2014

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

- **October 6**
- December 8 (2013 Annual Meeting)
- February 9, 2014
- April 6, 2014
- June 8, 2014
- October 19, 2014
- December 14, 2014

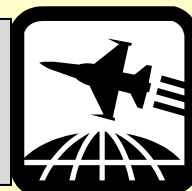
BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2013 & 2014

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

- **November 2**
- January 22, 2014
- July 26, 2014 @ TBD
- November 8, 2014

Chapter President Tony Ficara, 2nd VP Tom Lenahan, and their wives are attending the MOAA Regional Convention in Hershey, PA, Sep 26-28. It is a meeting of chapter officers from all of the northeastern states.

66 years old and no intention of retiring:
Happy Birthday USAF,
September 18!



Remember: Stay on top of issues from National and send in the letters from MOAA's Magazine. The latest call for action is to ask our legislators to *preserve the 1.8% military pay raise that the President plans to limit at 1%*. Visit <http://moaa.capwiz.com/moaa/home/>

Newsletter Business: The next newsletter is due out before Thanksgiving; deadline for submitting news, photos, and articles is **November 16**. Preferred means of submission is via e-mail to Al Memole at amemole1@nycap.rr.com; MS Word, .txt, and JPEG formats are acceptable. If you prefer to access this newsletter online in place of the usual paper copy, e-mail Al or call him (518) 479-7165 in the evening.

Chapter Member Profiles

Editor's Whining: OK, folks, in the last newsletter we featured the first two member profiles - our former and newly elected Chapter Presidents. I invited all members to send me their bio's for future editions, and what did I get? *Zilch, nada, nuttin'!* Now, look, there's no way *all* of you could be in a witness protection program. Come on! No need to be shy. Besides, NSA, the IRS, and dozens of credit card companies already know more about you than we could squeeze onto a newsletter page. Don't make me have to come knocking on your door in the middle of the night to get a response. So, pony-up. Get your brief bio to me by Nov 16, 2013 (my address is on Page 1).

You know, the point of doing the profiles is connection. Most of us (except the grandmothers) are not in the Facebook-Twitter habit. So, these mini-bio's can help us get to know each other a little better. We might discover things we share in common with other members: hometown, branch of service, duty stations, alma mater, academic degree, hobbies, former spouse (hey, you never know!). And, to be a good sport, I'm offering my own profile, below, to illustrate what a profile might contain. When you compose your profile, be descriptive, be entertaining, boast a little if you like, and include photo images.

So, folks, here is an example of how a member profile might appear:

Alfred M. Memole, LTC USA, RET

Once a young, aspiring linguist, Al Memole dedicated the prime of his life to defending the Free World from godless Communism, espionage, terrorism, despots, and drug cartels. After retiring from active duty, and after a brief fling teaching computer applications, Al sold out to the mighty Empire [State] and is presently a Supervisor of Administrative Analysis at the dreaded Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Military –

- US Army, Military Intelligence (22 ½ years)
- ROTC, Siena College 1976, Distinguished Military Graduate
- Duty stations:
 - Ft. Huachuca, AZ, 1976; 1980
 - Grafenwoehr and Garlstedt, Germany, 1977-79 [2nd Armored Division (Forward)]
 - Ft. Devens, MA, 1980-83 [902nd MI Group] and 1986-89 [Det O, US Army Ops Group]
 - Naples, Italy, 1983-86 [HQ Allied Forces Southern Europe]
 - Panama/S. America, 1989-90 [HQ US SOUTHCOM; Operation Just Cause]
 - Ft Leavenworth, KS, 1991-1994 [Combined Arms Command and C&GSC]
 - Seoul, S. Korea, 1994-96 [HQ US Forces Korea]
 - Ft. Meade, MD, 1996-98 [Central Security Clearance Facility]
- Awards/Honors: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Legion of Merit, and typical peacetime “fruit salad”



Academic/Professional –

- University at Albany, 1971-76, BA & MA (Italian)

Personal –

- Born in Albany, raised in East Greenbush
- Graduated from Columbia HS 1971
- Married to Mary (Chenette) of East Greenbush since 1976
- Two sons, four daughters; the youngest daughter, a HS senior, is still at home
- Five granddaughters and one grandson
- Hobbies: puttering around the yard, hiking, cycling, x-country skiing, snowshoeing, music (guitar, mandolin, singing, and just listening)



*Mary & Al atop Peaked Mountain
in the Adirondacks, August 2013*

Al says, “Stay tuned!” Look for an official announcement in early October when honorably discharged US veterans will be able to apply for a *NYS driver license or non-driver ID with a “Veteran” indicator.*

A Tour to Remember!!

Pat Piccirilli and his son, a Major on active duty in the Air Force, recently completed an all-inclusive land tour entitled "*Beyond the Band of Brothers*". The tour's title is a takeoff on the book about Major Dick Winters of the 101st Airborne Division, and who, as many probably know, was the main character in Spielberg's HBO series entitled "*Band of Brothers*".

Pat flew into Paris, France, a day early, and was able to see quite a few of the usual tourist sights: the Eiffel tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame, and the Hotel des Invalides. The BBB tour began in Paris with an introductory session. On the second day they went to Normandy, and from that point on they saw the following:

- Utah Beach, its landing museum and monuments;
- 101st DZ area: Sainte-Marie-du- Mont, Brecourt Manor, Winters Memorial;
- 82nd DZ area: Sainte-Mère-Église, its church with the paratrooper caught in the steeple, Airborne Museum
- the Longues-sur-Mer battery
- the British and Canadian sectors: Gold Beach (free time and the remnants of the Mulberry Harbor in Arromanches), Juno Beach, Sword Beach (intact 5-storey German bunker);
- Pegasus Bridge
- Pointe-du-Hoc Ranger Memorial;
- Dead Man's Corner in Carentan;
- Omaha Beach and the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer



In Nijmegen, Netherlands, the tour featured:

- the area of Operation Market Garden,
- the bridge of Nijmegen, Battle of the Crossroads,
- the dykes of "the Island";
- the National Liberation Museum with witnesses of the war;

In Bastogne, Belgium, the tour covered:

- retracing the steps of the 101st in the Battle of the Bulge (McAuliffe's HQ - the Nut's Cave, Bois Jacques and its foxholes, the village of Foy),
- Mardasson Memorial;
- the National Military History Museum of Luxembourg, the world's largest collection on WWII

In Munich, Germany, they visited:

- the Luxembourg American Cemetery, where General George S. Patton is buried
- Dachau concentration camp
- SS shooting range;
- The city of Munich as the birthplace of the Nazi Party



At Berchtesgaden, Germany, they visited:

- the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's Bavarian retreat,
- Dokumentation Obersalzberg (on the rise, power and fall of the Third Reich),
- bunker system

Pat said this was the *most informative and emotional tour he's ever been on* and would unequivocally recommend it to any military buff or WWII historian.



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME (*please print*): _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

WORK PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE & COMPONENT: _____

RANK/GRADE: _____

DUTY STATUS: _____ Active _____ Retired _____ Former Officer

IF RETIRED, YEARS OF SERVICE & DATE OF MILITARY RETIREMENT:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (*last four digits*): ____ _

DATE OF BIRTH (*optional*): _____

IF MARRIED, YOUR SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME: _____

YOUR SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH (*optional*): _____

DO YOU BELONG TO MOAA NATIONAL? Yes No

IF YES, PLEASE PRINT YOUR MOAA MEMBER NUMBER: _____

SIGN HERE: _____ DATE: _____

Notes:

1. Please enclose some proof of your status as an officer (commissioned or warrant) in one of the military or national services. For example, a photocopy of your DD Form 214, retirement order, letter of appointment or other official document establishing your status.
2. Chapter membership annual dues are \$15.00 due by January 31, payable by check to NYS Capital District Chapter MOAA.
3. The Chapter normally holds five dinner meetings per year, usually on Sunday afternoon. Dates, locations and costs of dinners are announced in Chapter newsletters or mailings. Attendance at dinner meetings is not a requirement for chapter membership, but we warmly encourage your participation.
4. If you were recruited by a current Chapter member, or a current member strongly influenced you to join us, please print the member's name here: _____.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Ronald Neaton, Capt USNR, RET	William Potts, CW4 AUS, RET
Edmund M. Scheiber, Jr., Lt Col USAF, RET	

Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: **October 6, 2013** Location: **Edison Club, Rexford, NY**

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

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, June 6. Troy, NY 12182

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



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