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## STORMING THE HILL – 2014

MOAA council and chapter presidents from across the nation, along with members of the national board of directors and headquarters staff, and members of MOAA's Currently Serving Advisory Council, Currently Serving Spouse Advisory Council, and Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee stormed Capitol Hill April 9. The "stormers" paid visits to nearly all 535 representatives and senators to discuss key military personnel issues that affect the well-being of the all-volunteer force and military families. MOAA stormers asked for legislative support to:

- sustain military pay and benefits;
- reject disproportional TRICARE fee increases that shift costs onto beneficiaries while reducing access;
- eliminate harmful sequestration cuts, which threaten national security; and
- address remaining inequities for disabled retirees, survivors, and recalled Guard and Reserve personnel.

Storming also included MOAA-sponsored full-page ads in The Hill and Politico newspapers. During the meetings, many legislators and staffers mentioned the 15,000 messages that MOAA members sent in support of the alert that MOAA issued prior to storming the Hill.

Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret), MOAA Director of Government Relations, representing The Military Coalition, testified against the personnel and health care cuts in the FY 2015 budget before the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee. He argued against imposing "a disproportional share of this burden" on the military and military families.

Colonel Hayden pointed out that the FY 2014 and FY 2015 pay caps, the proposed reductions in Basic Allowance for Housing, the planned reductions in commissary savings, and new health care fees, would cut the purchasing power of an E-5's family of four by nearly \$5,000 per year; nearly \$6,000 per year for an O-3's family of four.

For more information visit <http://www.moaa.org/storming2014/>



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FOR THOSE WHO DIED DEFENDING OUR NATION  
MEMORIAL DAY 2014

## CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

### Come to our next meeting on JUNE 8 at the Edison Club

Our guest speaker for the June meeting will be **Mr. Frank DeSorbo**, President of both the **Patriot Flight Inc.**, and **D-Day Revisited Inc.** Mr. DeSorbo will be bringing a "surprise guest." Approximately three months ago, Mr. DeSorbo took over the helm of the local Honor Flight program (calling it "The Patriot Flight"), and, to his credit, was able to get a flight organized for May 10; no small feat. (Chapter Vice President, Pat Piccirilli, had the honor to escort two WWII vets on that flight to the WWII memorial in Washington D.C. What a treat that was!!) See our ad on page 3 for the upcoming D-Day Revisited commemorative event.

**REMINDER:** Please get your reservation and payment to Chuck Marshall NOT LATER THAN Wednesday morning **June 4**. The Edison Club needs a final count by the Wednesday before our Sunday meeting. If you plan to attend, even if you aren't 100% sure, please pay in anticipation. If for any reason you can't attend, we will refund your payment, no problem.

### At our last meeting on April 9 at the Edison Club

Civil War reenactors **Robert Beebe** and his wife, **Jeannette Folger-Beebe**, members of the 28th NYVI, Co. E, gave a lively presentation on "**Variations on Vittles**", which described in detail the life of the soldiers (and families) during the "Late Unpleasantness" of 1861-1865. They focused on the food - or what passed for food - eaten by the troops, North and South throughout the war. They also displayed a variety of gear used by soldiers to carry and store food and other necessities. In all, an excellent and informative session.

### JROTC

Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) of Albany held their annual Military Leadership Awards Night on April 24. Our own **Arnold Townsend**, CAPT USMC Ret., presented the MOAA medal and certificate, as well as the Marine Corps League award.

### Member Activities

Tired of mowing your lawn? Looking for some serious drama to stir your soul? How about local theater? Chapter member **Dana Berntson** is a cast member in **GRAPES OF WRATH**, playing at the **Ghent Playhouse**, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent, NY 12075. Show dates and times are:

May 23 & 24 at 8:00 pm; May 25 at 2:00 pm

May 30 & 31 at 8:00 pm; June 1 at 2:00 pm

June 6 & 7 at 8:00 pm; June 8 at 2:00 pm [*but don't go to his last show, come to our dinner*☺]

**Art Small**, who just recently turned 87, had a terrible car accident on April 30. He suffered several broken ribs, a number of fractures to the neck, a fractured sternum and a debilitating weakness brought on by the accident. He is now undergoing six weeks of rehab.

### UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETINGS

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

- October 19, 2014
- December 14, 2014

### BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2014

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

- July 26, 2014 @ TBD
- November 8, 2014

## ODDS & ENDS

**D-DAY REVISITED ASSOCIATION** is hosting Recognition and Remembrance Day on **June 1** to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 1944). All military veterans and the general public are invited to meet veterans of the invasion, at **Noon** on June 1 at the **Holiday Inn Express Latham** (400 Old Loudon Road. The program includes a few speakers, a video, and a chance to meet and talk to the veterans. There will be light food, fruit, veggies, and a cash bar.

On **June 8** at 1700 (*after our meeting*), there is a memorial get-together at the Albany Hibernian Hall to mark the **1 year anniversary of LTC Todd Clark's death** in Afghanistan.

**Stride Adaptive Sports** is sponsoring a fund raiser coming up on **June 21**, their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Strides 4 Stride" 5K run and 2.5 K walk (or "roll"). Registration for the event is \$20 before June 9<sup>th</sup>. After the 9<sup>th</sup> it is \$25. For more information visit their website <http://www.stride.org/events/5-k-strides-for-stride>



Upcoming Events at the **New York State Military Museum** in Saratoga Springs:

**May 24, 2:00 pm** - New York's Missing Link: The Sullivan-Clinton Campaign, Then and Now. Drawing on new research and using dramatic visuals, Robert Speigelman recounts the story of the 1779 Sullivan-Clinton Campaign against New York's Iroquois tribes and its far-reaching effects.

**May 31, 2:00 pm** - General Gordon Granger: The Savior of Chickamauga and the Man Behind Juneteenth. Author Robert C. Conner reviews the career of New York Major General Gordon Granger and his roles in the Battle of Chickamauga and the origin of Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating the emancipation of enslaved peoples in the United States.

**June 7, 2:00 pm** - Battle of Saipan. Lieutenant Colonel Paul Fanning (ret), an avid historian of the New York National Guard, details the harsh experiences of New York's 27th Division during this decisive battle of World War II's Central Pacific Campaign.

**June 14, 10:00 am** - NYS Battle Flag Collection. To celebrate Flag Day, NYS Military Museum's Curator Christopher Morton gives an overview of the history and conservation of New York State's Battle Flag collection which includes nearly 1,000 Civil War flags.

This year's **Council of Chapters Convention** is being hosted by the Southern Tier Chapter in **Corning, NY**. The announced dates were October 13-14 (Columbus Day weekend), but final information was not published when this Newsletter went to press. We expect to have information about the convention agenda and activities soon, and plan to have handouts, including registration forms at our June 8 meeting. If you can't make the June 8 meeting, information and a copy of the registration form will be posted on our web site to download.

**Be a recruiter!!** Do you know a serving, retired, or former officer of any of the seven federal uniformed services who is not a member or MOAA, or, if a MOAA member, is not a Chapter member? There is a copy of the Chapter membership application on the back of this page - use it and sign up a new member.

- *Deadline for submitting news, photos, and articles for the next issue is **May 8**. E-mail newsletter editor Al Memole at [amemole1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amemole1@nycap.rr.com).*
- **All members** are invited to send Al their bio's for future editions. *Preferred means of submission is via e-mail: MS Word, .txt, and JPEG formats are acceptable.*

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### 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:  
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Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: **June 8, 2014**

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

Time: 1:00PM – Social Hour  
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 wish to pay Chapter dues for 2014, you may pay dues by adding \$15.00 to your total.***

*If you not up to date with your dues, please add \$15 for each year you owe.*

Send reservation form and check to: **Chuck Marshall** (phone: 235-1713)

*Please make your reservation Not*

*Later Than Wednesday, June 4.*

5 Sunset Ln

Troy NY 12182-1030

Qty Menu Item

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choices: \_\_\_\_\_ Flat Iron Steak

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Alexander

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Sole



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