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MOAA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

by Pat Piccirilli, LTC, US Army (Retired)

As you know, our primary reason for belonging to MOAA is to advocate for our military and their families. Each of the three adjoining Congressional Districts (19th - Elise Stefanik, 20th - Paul Tonko, and 21st - Chris Gibson) is covered. But what we need is **an advocacy in depth**; in other words, the ability to personally visit a Federal or State representative “in numbers”, preferably with as large a group as possible.

Toward that end, Ed Scheiber, Ernie “Skip” Bebernitz, and Pat Piccirilli are **seeking “new blood”** for our legislative committee at the local chapter level. We don’t believe that the task will take up very much time, but it is important that we project a presence to our local representatives. Please feel free to think about this request, and if you have any questions please do hesitate to email or call:

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COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS CONVENTION

NOTHING DEFINITE HAS BEEN DECIDED ABOUT THIS YEAR’S NY COC CONVENTION, BUT AN IDEA, OUTLINED BELOW, IS BEING FLOATED OUT FOR COMMENT. **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Please let our Chapter leaders know.

- Where: **Syracuse**
- When: **Columbus Day weekend** (October 9-12)
 - Arrive Friday, Oct 9; informal dinner and social; 50-50 raffle and a basket or two; no gift/goodie bags
 - Saturday, Oct 10, 1.5 hr. business meeting in morning; explore Syracuse in afternoon; dinner at night at hotel
 - Depart Sunday, Oct 11, after breakfast; option to extend room at same price
 - *OR*, because Monday is Columbus Day, we **COULD** do three days, departing on Monday
- Unknowns:
 - Hotel breakfast (free or charge): cost for a breakfast room vs. breakfast in an open room vs. breakfast on our own (unless it’s free)
 - Level of interest from the Chapters: Need input by the *end of June* for go/no-go decision
- Challenge will be to get members to sign up by hotel due date. 📅



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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

MEETING JUNE 7! 1300 - 1600 hours at the Edison Club, Rexford, NY

GUEST SPEAKER: Bob Nevins, founder of the Saratoga WarHorse therapeutic program for combat veterans

Saratoga WarHorse is a nonprofit organization that helps veterans “suffering from invisible, psychological wounds” and experiencing difficulties adjusting to civilian life. The Saratoga WarHorse program involves an effective three-day experience where veterans interact directly with retired race horses. The program is provided free to the veterans.

Bob Nevins is a veteran of Vietnam (medevac pilot) and also served in the NY National Guard. Bob established the Saratoga WarHorse Foundation in 2011 upon retiring as an airline captain after 24 years.

[Info, bio, and logo taken from the Saratoga WarHorse website <http://www.saratogawarhorse.com/>]



MENU CHANGE!



Avast ye fish lovers! The Edison Club is offering something different for our June 7 dinner meeting: PECAN-ENCRUSTED SALMON instead of the Stuffed Sole. No change in price.

REMINDER: Please get your reservation and payment to **ROCCO ACQUILANO** NOT LATER THAN Wednesday morning **June 3**. 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.

If you have not done so - please pay chapter dues for 2015!!

Schedule of Chapter Meetings for 2015

General Membership Sunday Luncheons
(Edison Club, Rexford, NY)

- **Jun 7**
- Oct 4
- Dec 13

Chapter Board Meetings

- Aug 15 (Lake George - tentative)
- Nov 7 (NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs)

CHAPTER OFFICERS CHANGE!

- **1st Vice President:** Ernest (Skip) Bebernitz, MAJ USA (Ret.) is replacing Pat Piccirilli, LTC USA (Ret.)
- **2nd Vice President:** Chris Costigan, CDR USN (Ret.) is replacing Tom. Lenahan, Capt USAF (Ret.)

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS!

July 5th, GRANT COTTAGE on Mount McGregor, Wilton, NY

CIVIL WAR ERA WEAPONS. At 3pm, a private collector for over 50 years will provide information about the evolution and design of the the Confederate Richmond Musket and the Springfield Rifle. Weaponry models on the cottage porch will include sabers (1840 heavy cavalry, 1860 light cavalry) and swords (1850 foot officer, 1840 military and 1832 artillery). If you can get to the Cottage by 2pm, you will have plenty of time to tour the Cottage prior to the weapons presentation.

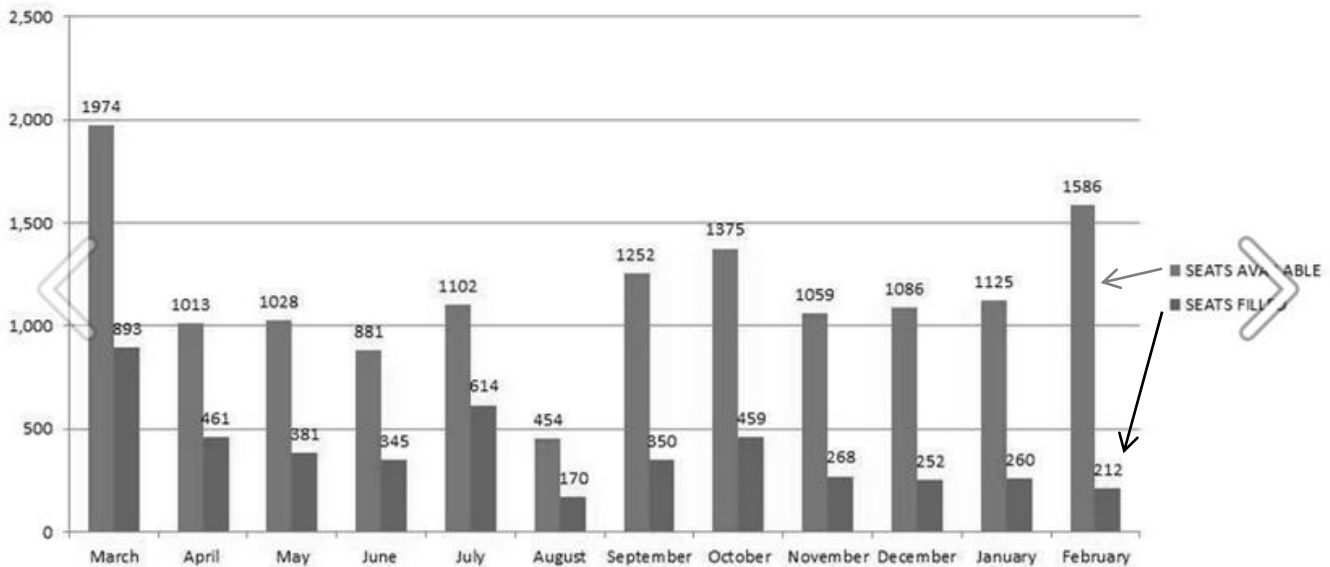


Attention! Deadline for submitting news, photos, bio's, and stories for the next issue is **Sep 12**. Please e-mail your input to newsletter editor Al Memole at amemole1@nycap.rr.com

SPACE-A TRAVEL CORNER

Joe E. Brown from Southern Tier Chapter recently sent the graph below. So, if you're thinking about a vacation in Spain (or Portugal or Morocco), you might try to maximize your chances for getting Space-A.

NAVAL AIR TERMINAL ROTA SPAIN YEARLY TRENDS



MEMBER BIO

Editor's Note: Two years ago, in the May 2013 newsletter, we inaugurated what we hoped would be a continuous series of Chapter member biographies. The very first two were of our then departing and incoming Chapter Presidents, Ed Scheiber and Tony Ficara. In order to pack two lifetimes into one page, I bulletized the info. It made for a quick and ready reference for other members to connect with the two Presidents. Recently, Ed (photo at right) shared another version of his bio, but in narrative form. It contained some interesting points that got lost in the trimmed down bullet list, so permit me to "correct the record."



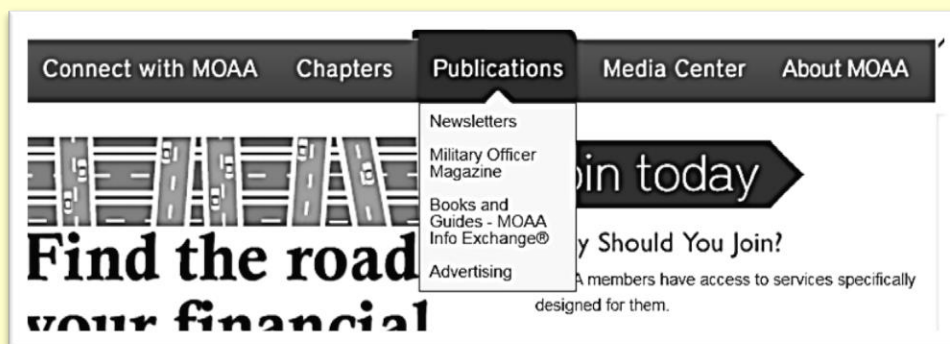
- Ed went to work for ALCO (formerly The American Locomotive Company) in Schenectady after graduating from the University of Vermont. When his draft status changed, he became "actively" involved with the draft board, and was finally accepted into the Air Force Officers Training School, graduating as a second lieutenant in 1966.
- Ed didn't plan to make the Air Force his career, but found himself enjoying the military life. While serving with 15th AF Headquarters, March AFB, CA, he decided to be a lifer.
- Ed's two grown children are Kimberly, a middle and high school music teacher in Boulder, CO, and E. Morgan, who practices dentistry in his own office in Plymouth, MA.

GET CAUGHT IN *THIS* WEB

by Skip Bebernitz, Major, US Army (Retired)

I have been a very infrequent visitor to the MOAA website (<http://www.moaa.org>). So rarely did I visit it that I rarely remembered my user name and password. If you are like me, this article is prepared for you. If you already know all there is to know about the website, this series of articles may be of little or no value for you.

There are several tabs on which you can click to access further information on the specific area. The first Tab that I will discuss is **Publications**.



The first sub tab you will notice is newsletters. This is the place at which you can sign up to receive emails on various topics:

- MOAA news exchange: Receive information on everything from second career and personal finance to legislative issues. This is a biweekly newsletter.
- MOAA Council and Chapters Affairs Update: Keep up to date with the latest information on important chapter events with this monthly newsletter.
- MOAA Legislative on programs, policies and politics that affect you
- Update: Stay posted on MOAA's legislative efforts.
- MOAA President's Message: Timely alerts that will help you stay connected to relevant news and information.
- MOAA Transition Center News
- MOAA Spouse e-news: Straight talk from two military spouse experts

The next sub tab is Military Officer Magazine. Current issues are available digitally.

The last sub tab is Books and Publications. Some of the guides available are:

Benefits Planning Guide, Estate Planning, Family Matters, Financial Planning Guide, Guard and Reserve Retirement Planning Guide, Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures, Survivors' Checklist and many others.

These are available for download or you can order printed copies for no charge. I recently ordered two of them on a Sunday and received them in the mail the following Wednesday. 📧

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Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: **June 7, 2015**

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

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

Menu Choices: Flat Iron Steak Chicken Alexander PECAN-ENCRUSTED SALMON

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

If you still owe Chapter dues for 2015, you may pay 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: **Rocco Acquilano** (phone: 477-5435)
Please make your reservation Not 14 Rugby Road
Later Than Wednesday, June 3. East Greenbush NY 12061-2110

	Qty	Menu Item
Your name: _____	_____	Flat Iron Steak
Number of persons attending: _____	_____	Chicken Alexander
	_____	PECAN-ENCRUSTED SALMON



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