

CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER, NEW YORK MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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***** CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *****

Greetings! I hope you all had a great Veterans Day. It's already mid-autumn: we just had our first snowfall of the season on the 15th and life for nearly all of us is about to shift from 4th gear into overdrive as we barrel headfirst into the holiday season. Thanksgiving is first up, so I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of this Chapter for your support and for all you do for MOAA and the Chapter. Your participation means a lot. Our Chapter was chartered in 1972, *fifty* years ago (when I was just a freshman in college)! Over the years, many fine officers dedicated their efforts to the Chapter's mission, benefitting veterans and our community. We are standing on the shoulders of giants, as they say. Recently, we sent a brief history of our Chapter to the New York State Council of Chapters for publication in their program for the Council's 50th convention in September. I've added it to this newsletter [*see page 11*] because all Chapter members should see it. It honors our roots and shows how much we've done and continue to do. *Please make a special effort to attend our Christmas/Holiday Party.* It would be nice to have a huge turnout to closeout our 50th year. (And the fare at Barnsider is quite good, too!) In the upcoming year, we will be working to recruit new members. Help us to grow and guarantee our future of camaraderie, advocacy, and community support. *Al Memole*

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & XMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY



DECEMBER 11, at **BARNSIDER**,
480 Sand Creek Road, Albany (Colonie)



(across from the Hannford shopping plaza)

WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS (*See page 3 for details*)

MENU CHOICES: *Sirloin Steak 6oz., Chicken Teriyaki, or Baked Haddock*

INCLUDED: Salad, coffee and tea, and dessert— *Ice Cream*

DRINKS: The wait staff will take your drink orders and bring them to your table.

PLEASE NOTE: The per-person rate for luncheons is **\$35**. The new rate enables the Chapter to cover meal prices and a 20% gratuity. The luncheon reservation form is at the [very end](#) of this newsletter.

REMINDER: *If you plan to attend our meeting, please get your reservation and, preferably, your payment to **CHRIS COSTIGAN** NOT LATER THAN **Noon on Monday, December 5th**. The restaurant needs a final count and meal selection in advance of our meeting. If you plan to pay "at the door," please at least send Chris your reservation by the due date. Thanks!*

PROGRAM (*It's a little different for this luncheon: "Barnsider Rules"*)

1300 hrs: *Check-in, mix & mingle*

1330 hrs: *We need to be seated so orders can be taken*



1345 hrs: *Salad served; Welcome; Announcements; Prayer for our deployed troops*

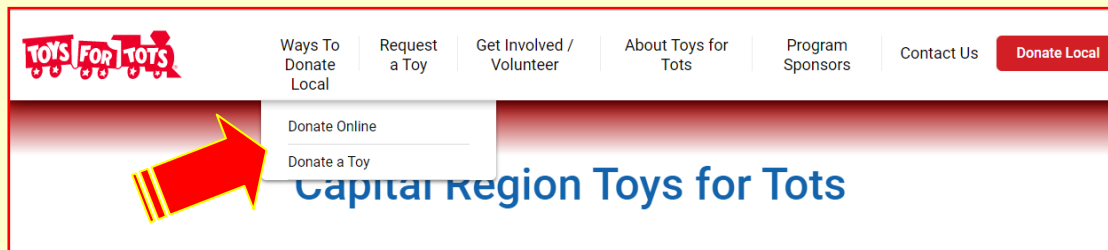
1400 -1545 hrs: *Dinner served; Annual Business Meeting; Recognition for our 50 years as a Chapter; 50/50 drawing; Farewell*

1600 hrs: *We must leave so that the restaurant can prepare the space for its evening customers.*

MOAA & A MOVIE, DECEMBER 10

There is no Chapter By-Law that restricts members from socializing *only* at scheduled luncheon meetings. We can and should make efforts to enjoy each other's company at informal and ad hoc get-togethers, and invite potential members to join us. We tested the waters for "MOAA & a Movie" this past June for the movie "Top Gun – Maverick". Only three of us showed up, but we had a nice time. Well, we're not people who give up easily, so we're giving this another try. **We invite all members to join us for another naval combat aviation flick, "Devotion", a true history of fighter pilots in the Korean War.** [See November issue of *Military Officer*, pp. 46-47.] The movie is set for release soon, around November 22. We would like to get a group together to have lunch and attend a local showing in *on December 10*, time and place to be determined based on local theater showtimes, and disseminated later. If you are interested, please contact Skip Bebernitz (518 237 4738) or Al Memole (518 641 8664).

HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY for this issue → TOYS FOR TOTS (TFT)



The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect and distribute new

CAPITAL REGION UPCOMING TFT EVENTS

- 11/26/2022 - Bethlehem Stuff the Truck
- 11/26/2022 - Stuff the Niskayuna Fire Truck
- 11/28/2022 - Broadalbin Christmas Parade
- 12/2/2022 - Siena Basketball Event
- 12/2/2022 - Ballston Spa Parade
- 12/3/2022 - Winter Hangarland
- 12/3/2022 - Glenville Tree Lighting
- 12/9/2022 - Kinderhook Candlelight Night
- 12/9/2022 - Quick Response Lights
- 12/10/2022 - Quick Response Lights
- 12/10/2022 - STACK'D Toy Drive
- 12/10/2022 - South Colonie Light in the Park
- 12/10/2022 - Cycle A Thon, Plattsburgh
- 12/10/2022 - Rensselaer Honda Santa Event
- 12/17/2022 - Albany Firewolves Drive

toys between October and December each year, as Christmas gifts for needy children within a designated operating area. Last year, Capital Region TFT gave away **237,907 toys** to **237,000 children!** Collection of toys for this Christmas is currently underway in the Capital Region. Distribution of toys begins December 3rd and ends on December 20th. *The last pick-up is December 18th.*

Our Chapter has replaced the traditional grab-bag gift exchange at our annual Christmas Party with voluntary donations to TFT. **You may bring new, unwrapped toys to our December meeting.** TFT accepts toys for children up to about 16 years old. The choice of toys and games is up to us, however, **TFT will NOT accept realistic looking toy weapons or gifts with food.**

If you are unfortunate and can't make our December meeting, you may bring toys to any participating toy collection sites in the area. You can also attend any event listed on the scroll, above at left, or donate money online

through the Capital Region TFT website. (Our Chapter Board voted to donate \$100 from our treasury to the Capital Region TFT, as designated in our operating budget.) For more information, including a list of collection sites, check the Capital Region TFT website at <https://albany-ny.toysfortots.org>

Chapter News and other local items of interest

• OUR LAST LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 9

Twenty Chapter members and guests gathered at The Ripe Tomato in Malta to enjoy each other's company. We were so pleased to see *Milena Leukhardt* as well as *Liz Stevens*. There were many lively conversations, a lot of laughs, and TWO interesting presentations. We were thrilled to have **Mr. Scott Lamb**, the Director for the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery as our guest speaker. He first gave a brief history of national cemeteries and told about his serendipitous journey from US Navy Seabee to his current position. Then, he provided facts and useful information about our local cemetery in Saratoga*, and answered our questions. Toward the end of our meeting, **Ann (Acquilano) Drabek** provided helpful information about voting. Ann is the daughter of Rocco and Agnes Acquilano. She and her husband Tim joined them to share with us the alarming problem she had trying to vote in the last election. As a result of that experience, she discovered and volunteered with NY Citizens Audit, a non-partisan grassroots organization trying to get counties and the State Board of Elections to update and correct the sloppy and inaccurate voter registration database – something that should concern us all.



L to R: Ralph Folger, Jennifer Scheiber, Harold Brockman (partially hidden), "our fake hearth", Amy and Nancy Brockman, Milena Leukhardt, and Mary Memole.



*L to R: Tom Bennett enjoying it all; Scott Lamb receives a MOAA coffee mug as a token of our appreciation from President Al Memole; Ann Drabek relates the shocking news about NYS's voter database and what her organization is doing to fix it. ***** All photos in this article were taken by Ed Scheiber. ******

* **Burial in a national cemetery** is open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children, and under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran.

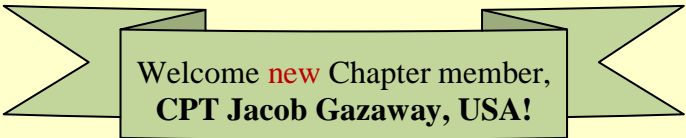
To prepare for burial in a national cemetery: Advise your family of your wishes and where your discharge papers are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility. Upon request, VA will make eligibility determinations for burial in a VA national cemetery in advance of need. *At the time of need your family would contact a funeral home who will assist with making burial arrangements at the national cemetery. You may wish to make pre-need arrangements with a funeral home.*

To schedule a burial: Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

• **CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2022 - HIGHLIGHTS**

We held the Board meeting at the Speigletown Firehouse, 146 Speigletown Road, Schaghticoke. Highlights of the meeting included:

- MEMBERSHIP: The Chapter membership count was verified at **95** members, including surviving spouses. Our Chapter membership application form was in the process of being updated using the MOAA national template. *[The form has since been updated. See page 8.]*
 - We will be mailing postcards to Chapter members who have not attended meetings or paid annual dues in a long time. We hope to entice these members to become more active and see if they might need assistance. *[If YOU know any members in this category, please reach out and encourage them to join us.]*
- PROGRAM: The Program Committee announced guest speakers for three of our upcoming luncheons in 2023 – Feb 12, Apr 16, and Jun 11 *[See Chapter Meeting calendar on page 7.]*; the program for the October 15 luncheon remains open.
 - OUR CHAPTER’S 50TH YEAR: Board Member **Vince Memole** is soliciting letters and proclamations from local dignitaries to recognize our Chapter. We will display any received prior to our Annual Business Meeting on December 11 at the meeting. We are extending an invitation to the Albany County Executive, Mr. Dan McCoy, to attend our meeting.
 - MOAA & A MOVIE: We agreed to give this idea another try when the movie “Devotion”, about Navy fighter pilots in the Korean War, is released in late November.
 - SUMMERTIME EVENT: We plan tentatively to sponsor an informal meeting or outing next summer. The date, time, and location will be determined later. The aim is to promote camaraderie among members and add variety to our program offerings.
- VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS. **Ed Balaban**, who joined our Chapter just last year, has stepped up to serve as the head of our Public Relations committee. *[Thank you, Ed!!]*. The following committee positions remain unfilled: Surviving Spouse Liaison, Personal Affairs, Transition Assistance Program, and Historian.
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT: The Board approved the following budgeted expenditures from our Treasury to further the MOAA mission by supporting these local military, veteran, and community causes – \$100 each to *Guardian House, Veterans Miracle Center, Toys For Tots, Friends of Grant Cottage* (historical site), and *Friends of the NYS Military Museum*; \$75 each to *Wreaths Across America* and *Capital District Women Veterans*.



• **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

(Submitted by Pat Piccirilli, Legislative Affairs Committee)

Since we've experienced a midterm election we have been transported into what is called a Lame Duck session of Congress. The definition, as it applies today, means any meeting of Congress after election day but before the next Congress convenes. The second session of the 117th Congress will end on 1/3/2023. The 118th Congress extends from 1/3/23 through 1/3/25.

The one piece of legislation that MOAA and other members of The Military Coalition (TMC) are focused on currently is the **FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act** (NDAA). The bill has

passed the House and the Senate hopes to take up their version of the NDAA after the elections. MOAA will be concentrating on the following issue areas in order to maximize success:

1. Protect the all volunteer force and Personnel End Strengths. As we know our military services are facing a recruiting crisis currently. So it's imperative to retain the current pay raise of 4.7% which is in both the House and Senate versions of the legislation.
2. Health Care. Requires notification if there are going to be any MTF modifications; in addition, an expansion of Behavioral Health programs is being requested. The NDAA also includes a revision of the TRICARE Dental Program
3. Families. Expands childcare capability and instituting a pilot program for Special Education coordinators at Child Development Centers (CDCs).
4. Concurrent Receipt. A renewed effort to pass concurrent receipt legislation reflecting the goal of notably the Maj. Richard Star Act.

Prior to the recent emphasis on the FY2023 NDAA, the most significant piece of legislation affecting veterans occurred on August 10th when the President signed the Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (**PACT**) Act, a very expansive Act which provides multiple generations of veteran access to VA health care and benefits for exposure to atomic radiation, Agent Orange, burn pits and other environmental poisons. [And *which national organization's CEO stood right behind the President* when he signed the bill into law? Take a look here – [link](#).]

Please click on the link here – <https://moaa.quorum.us/> – to access the **MOAA Legislative Action Center** and send a note to your Congressional representative. If you wish to stay up to date on legislative issues you can request to receive the MOAA weekly newsletter.

- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA™ (WAA) – Update**

9,434 wreaths have been sponsored as of November 18, representing 62.5% of the total number needed. *Saratoga National Cemetery needs 5,666 more wreaths* before December's wreath laying event. **So far, 69 wreaths have been sponsored through our Chapter.** We'd like to get a *minimum of 31 more wreaths* to reach our goal of 100 wreaths. (Last year, we sponsored 117!) So, we encourage you to please ask your families, friends, local organizations and businesses to sponsor wreaths *through our Chapter before the end of November*. The cost to sponsor a single wreath is \$15. Donors may sponsor one or more wreaths by mailing a check along with the form on pg.10 of our **previous** newsletter to WAA at their Maine address, *or, through the WAA website*, which you can access with one click from the "Hot Buttons" link on our Chapter website [<http://cdnymoa.org/>]. Our Chapter's WAA group code is **NY0087P**.



Wreaths sponsored through us are designated for placement at the *Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery*, located at 200 Duell Rd, Schuylerville, NY. This year's wreath laying event at Saratoga will be held on **Saturday, December 17**. **This year, those wishing to help lay wreaths should plan to be on site not later than 10:30 am.** Wreath placement will take place in the morning, followed by the solemn **ceremony at 12:00 noon**. *We encourage all of you to attend the ceremony and help place wreaths if you are able.*

• **CHAPTER MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2023**

FEBRUARY – 4th Board of Directors Meeting
12th LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: <u>Jack Kelly</u> on the Battle of Valcour Island (American Revolution)</i>
APRIL – 16th LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: <u>Peter Bedrossian</u>, Program Director of The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor</i>
JUNE – 11th LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: <u>Kevin Wilson</u> author of “Sully’s Squad” (WWII)</i>
AUGUST – TBD Board of Directors Meeting
OCTOBER – 15th LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: TBD</i>
NOVEMBER – 4th Board of Directors Meeting
DECEMBER – 10th XMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

• **CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS!**

Congratulations to member **Sean Piccirilli**, Lt Col (P), USAF, who was selected for promotion to the rank of Colonel (O-6). Sean is the son of our Chapter Treasurer and Legislative Committee leader, Pat Piccirilli.

• **CHAPTER MEMBER DUES (reminder)**

Our Chapter’s annual dues for 2023 are **\$30**. Payment is due by January 31, 2023. We have three options to pay: (1) Add dues to payment for the next luncheon meeting, (2) Send a check by mail to our PO Box, or (3) Pay online at chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx.

- Select New York from the STATE pull-down list;
- Select “NYS Capital Dist Chapter of the MOAA” from the CHAPTER pull-down;
- Fill out the form that appears and make choices as desired.

• **NEW CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

We have a new, reformatted Chapter membership application form based off the MOAA national template. It will be posted on our Chapter website for you to access and print off, as needed, for now. New applicants who access the form online will be able to fill in specific fields online before saving or printing. The following page has a copy of the new form that you can print now.



Alixandria & Sean Piccirilli with proud papa Pat, at a gathering of USAF O-6 selects from the National Capital Region at the Ritz Carlton, Fairfax, VA, in August

JANUARY 17th is the deadline for submitting **news articles, photos, bio’s, stories, or reviews of books, movies, food, or wine** for the *next* issue! Please e-mail your input to newsletter editor Al Memole at ammemole@gmail.com.

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MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM FOR MOAA AND NYS Capital District Chapter (NY CDNY)

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Rank Branch of Service

Active Retired Former Reserve National Guard Surviving Spouse

Spouse name

Address

City State ZIP

Date of birth Telephone

Email

(To ensure deliverability of MOAA communications, please provide a personal email address.)

Are you a member of MOAA? Yes No Unknown

MOAA Member Number (if known)

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How did you hear about MOAA Chapter involvement?

Are you a member of any other MOAA Chapter(s)? Yes No

If yes, which one(s)?

To complete enrollment:

- **Fill in this form** on your computer, save it, and email it to pres@cdnymoaa.org (email address/contact information) as an attachment. Do not include credit card information. We will contact you to finalize payment if required; or
- **Print it out**, fill it in by hand, and mail it with a check made out to CDNY MOAA; Capital District Chapter PO Box 373 Waterford NY 12188-0373; or
- Go to <https://cdnymoaa.org> (insert chapter webpage)

You will be opted in to receive e-communications from MOAA and your local chapter. You will be able to opt out of any further e-communications at any time. MOAA will not sell or share personal information.

Chapter membership and dues information:

- Please Join Us!**
- Capital District Chapter
 - PO Box 373
 - Waterford, NY 12188-0373
 - Chapter Dues \$30/Year
 - Five Chapter meetings and luncheons a year: February, April, June, October & December
 - The Capital District Chapter (CDNY) supports many veterans causes to include:
 - + Junior ROTC Units
 - + NYS Military Museum
 - + Veterans Housing Coalition
 - + Veterans Miracle Center
 - + Wreaths Across America
 - + Toys For Tots
 - + and More!
 - Please see our website: <https://cdnymoaa.org> for more details.

- **LOCAL EVENTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - **TWO NEW STATE LAWS AUTHORIZE WARTIME SERVICE MEDALS FOR VETERANS.** On November 10th, Governor Hochul signed two bills into law: Senate Bill S.2091C / Assembly Bill A.1310B and Senate Bill S.2089B / Assembly Bill A.357A. These bipartisan bills were sponsored by one of *our* local State Senators, Daphne Jordan (R, 43rd District), and Assemblyman William Magnarelli (D, 129th District) from Central NY, and several co-sponsors in both houses. *The laws become effective on March 10, 2023.* The Adjutant General, in consultation with the director of the Division of Veterans' Services, will make the rules and regulations necessary for proper presentation and distribution of the two newly authorized medals described below. No one can receive more than one medal of each type. In the event of the death of any eligible person prior to the receipt of the medal, the medal shall be presented to the designated representative of the deceased.
 - **S.2091C / A.1310B** amends Section 1. Section 247 of the Military Law to establish the "**New York State Korean War Commemorative Medal**" for members of the armed forces or organized militia who served abroad in the Korean War. This medal is authorized for any person who:
 - ... is a resident of the State of New York, or was a resident of the State while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard), or the organized militia (Army National Guard, Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia, or New York Guard), on active duty on the Korean peninsula, its contiguous waters, or its airspace during the Korean War (June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955);
 - ... was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances or who has a qualifying condition (as defined in Section 350 of the Executive Law) and received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable discharge, or is a discharged LGBT veteran and received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable.
 - **S.2089B / A.357A** amends Section 247 of the Military Law to establish the "**New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal**" for members of the armed forces or organized militia who served abroad in the Vietnam War. This medal is authorized for any person who:
 - ... is a resident of the State of New York, or was a resident of the State while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard), or the organized militia (Army National Guard, Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia, or New York Guard), on active duty abroad in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, or in the contiguous waters or airspace thereof during the period of time from November 1, 1955, through May 7, 1975;
 - ... was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances or who has a qualifying condition (as defined in Section 350 of the Executive Law) and received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable discharge, or is a discharged LGBT veteran and received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable.
 - **WEST POINT HOLIDAY SHOW.** Bring the whole family to “[j]oin the West Point Band and sing along in celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah, and the magic of the winter season.” The West Point band will be playing seasonal music from “classic carols to contemporary jingle-bell-rock n’ roll.” There will be two free shows: Saturday December 3 and Sunday December 4 at

2:00 p.m. at West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre. **NO TICKETS REQUIRED!** But, all visitors attending an event at Eisenhower Hall Theatre should be prepared to show one of the following:

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination, fully vaccinated, *or*
- Negative PCR test, medically administered within 72 hours prior to the event, *or*
- Negative antigen test, medically administered within 24 hours prior to the event.

Because of the dynamic nature of COVID, this policy could change before the event, so please check this page for updates: [West Point Band Holiday Show web page.](#)

○ **VETERANS QUALITY FOR A FREE LIFETIME PASS TO NATIONAL PARKS.**

Starting November 11, 2022, any veteran who has served in the US Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the forms of identification listed below is eligible to get a free Interagency Military Lifetime Pass:

- Unexpired Department of Defense Identification Card (DD Form 2, DD Form 2765, or Next Generation USID replacement)
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card
- Veterans designation on a state-issued US driver's license or identification card

The Interagency Military Pass covers entrance fees and standard amenity fees (day use fees) at lands managed by the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Army Corps of Engineers for current US military members, and dependents of current military members, US military veterans, and Gold Star Families. The free Military Lifetime Pass waives entrance fees but does *not* cover *expanded* amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, transportation, special recreation permits, reservation fees or special tours. For more information, you can access the National Park Service webpage through *our Chapter's website* here: <http://cdnymoaa.org/>.

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NYS CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER HISTORY

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1971 – Established with 23 charter members on July 1
 - *First Chapter President was Colonel John Edwards, US Army*
- 1971 – Adopted original constitution on September 16
- **1972 – Chartered on January 20**
- 1973 – Joined the New York State Council of Chapters on January 24
- 1982 – Incorporated in the State of New York on August 9
- 1999 – Established a Chapter Chaplain position in November
 - *CDR (CH) Robert Clark served in that position until his death in 2009*
- 2003 – Amended the Chapter's incorporated name to the New York State Capital District Chapter Military Officers Association of America on July 7
- 2012 – Acquired a distinct Chapter flag

SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosted *six* NYS Council of Chapters Annual Conventions: 1985, 1995, 2002, 2009, 2016, 2017
- Earned *four* MOAA **4-star Levels of Excellence Awards**: 2009, 2015, 2016, 2019
- Earned *four* MOAA **5-star Levels of Excellence Awards**: 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
- Chapter Newsletter received *seven straight* MOAA **COL Marvin J Harris Communications Awards**: *4-star* – 2015, 2016; *5-Star* - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Chapter Website received *seven straight* MOAA **COL Marvin J Harris Communications Awards**: *4-star* – 2015; *5-Star* – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Sponsored MOAA ROTC Awards annually for the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC programs based out of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY
- Sponsored MOAA JROTC Awards annually for Army programs at Albany High School (since 2016), Christian Brothers Academy – Albany, and La Salle Institute – Troy, and the Marine Corps program at Amsterdam High School
- Supported deployed and actively serving troops:
 - *Purchased two net-books in 2012 for the Military Courtesy Room at the Albany International Airport so traveling military members could connect to the Internet*
 - *Donated cash and personal care items through Operation Shoebox, The Villages, Florida, over several years for troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan*
 - *Donated books and funds over several years to the Albany-based Books For Troops for those deployed worldwide*
- Supported local veterans with donations to the following programs:
 - *STRIDE Adaptive Sports Wounded Warrior annual Snowfest*
 - *Guardian House & Veterans' House for homeless vets in Saratoga County*
 - *Veterans Miracle Center "thrift store" for local needy vets*
- Supported local community, military, and historical programs with donations to:
 - *Local USMCR annual Toys For Tots*
 - *Wreaths Across America at the Gerald B H Solomon National Cemetery, Saratoga, NY*

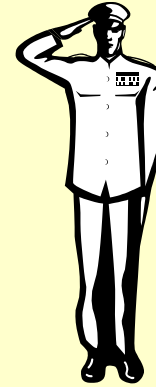
NYS CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER HISTORY

(Continued)

- Friends of the New York State Military History Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- Friends of the U.S. Grant Cottage Historical Site, Wilton, NY

NYS CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER - PAST PRESIDENTS

1971 – 19??	COL John Edwards, USA, retired
1990 – 1992	CDR C. Donald Kemp, USN, retired
1992 – 1994	Lt Col George Dolan, USAF, retired
1994 – 1996	Lt Col Arthur Small, USAF, retired
1996 – 1998	LTC Irving Mickey, AUS, retired
1998 – 2000	CDR Floyd Milbank, USNR, retired
2000 – 2002	RADM Martin Leukhardt, USNR, retired
2002 – 2005	CAPT Ronald Neaton, USNR, retired
2005 – 2007	CWO2 Thomas Magliocca, USCGR, retired
2007 – 2013	<i>Lt Col Edmund M Scheiber, Jr., USAF, retired</i>
2013 – 2016	<i>COL Anthony J Ficara, USA, retired</i>
2016 – 2019	<i>MAJ Ernest H Bebernitz, USAR, retired</i>
2019 – 2022	<i>CDR Christopher J Costigan, USN, retired</i>



Would you be interested in attending a **different** type of social event this coming Summer in 2023?

- ... AN INFORMAL BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH?
- ... A PICNIC?
- ... A LAKE OR RIVER CRUISE?
- ... A BALL GAME OR CONCERT?
- ... A DAY AT THE RACES (without the Marx Brothers)?

If you have any ideas, please let the President or any Chapter Officer or Board member know your thoughts.

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Date: **December 11, 2022** Location: **BARNSIDER RESTAURANT, Colonie, NY**

Time: **1:00 PM** – Check-in; Social Mixer // 1:30 – 4:00 PM – Dinner/Business Meeting

Price: **\$35 per person** (Please make checks payable to: **NYS CDC MOAA.**)

You may pay Chapter dues for **2023** by adding **\$30** to your total.

Please make your reservation **Not Later Than Noon, Monday, December 5**

Send reservation form and check to: **Chris Costigan**
 153 Paisley Road
 Ballston Spa, NY 12020
 OR call Chris at: 518- 884-2943 (h) or 518-755-5697 (c)

Give thanks – No turkey on THIS menu!



Luncheon Reservation Form

Qty/ Menu Choices

Your name: _____ / **Sirloin Steak**
 Number of persons attending: _____ / **Chicken Teriyaki**
 _____ / **Baked Haddock**