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NYS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS ANNUAL CONVENTION

17-21 September, 2023

This year's convention will be held at the **Tioga Downs Casino Resort** in Nichols, NY. So far, the Convention Planning Team has arranged for *four* attendance choices, based on the length of stay (to accommodate *your* calendar and budget), an extra day option, and a schedule of activities, as shown below. The prices listed below have *not* been confirmed, but may be helpful to you for planning. **We will send an e-mail to everyone when we get the Registration form with final prices. That will include a la carte pricing and due-dates for down payment and final payment.**

**ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS
ARE INVITED and
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

- (1) **FULL PACKAGE:** September 17-20 – 3 nights lodging; estimated \$650 per person.
 - Check in Sunday, 1600-1800 – Check out Wednesday, 1100
 - Includes meals (*except* Sunday night), museum tours, hospitality suite, all gratuities
- (2) **TWO NIGHTS LODGING:** September 18-20 – estimated \$400 pp.
 - Check in Monday, 1600-1800 – Check out Wednesday, 1100
 - Includes meals, hospitality suite, all gratuities, but *NO* museum tours
- (3) **ONE NIGHT LODGING:** September 19-20 – estimated \$250 pp.
 - Check in Tuesday (Meeting Day) – Check out Wednesday, 1100
 - Lunch, Memorial Service, Banquet and Awards, hospitality suite
- (4) **MEETING DAY WITHOUT OVERNIGHT STAY:** September 19 – estimated \$120 pp.
 - Arrive on Tuesday (Meeting Day) – Depart anytime later that day
 - Lunch, Memorial Service, Banquet and Awards, hospitality suite

OPTIONAL EXTRA DAY TOUR: September 20-21 – estimated \$129 pp. (size and cost of the coach will be determined by the number of attendees)

- Wednesday, *Cayuga Wine Trail Tour* with lunch at a winery restaurant (on your own)
- Return to Tioga Downs for dinner (on your own)
- Check out Thursday, 1100

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 17 September

- Check in - 1600-1800
- Dinner on own (onsite list of restaurants to be provided)
- Check out casino and facility amenities

Monday, 18 September (dress code: casual)

- 0730-0900 - Breakfast
- 0930 - board bus for "*Wings of Eagles*" Museum and Discovery Center
- 1000-1200 - "*Wings of Eagles*" Museum and Discovery Center tour museum with docent

If you know for sure that you want the **Optional Extra Day Tour**, please contact Al Memole right away at 518-641-8664 or email ammemole@gmail.com to help expedite pricing and reserving transportation for the tour.



- 1215-1230 - bus to Harris Hill Soaring Museum
- 1230-1330 - box lunch at Soaring Museum
- 1330-1600 - **Soaring Museum tour** with docents
- 1600-1630 - bus to Tioga Downs
- 1600-1730 - check in (*Two Nights Lodging option*)
- 1730-1830 - Hospitality Room
- 1830-2030 - **Welcome Buffet**; Guest Speaker(?)
- 2030-til? - Hospitality Room



Tuesday, 19 September

- 0730-0900 - Breakfast
- 0930-1200 - **Council Annual Business Meeting** (*dress code: Business Casual*)
- 1200-1300 - Lunch
- 1330-1630 - **MOAA Seminars** (*dress code: Business Casual*)
- 1730-1830 - Hospitality Room
- 1830-1845 - **Memorial Service** (*dress code: Uniform, Suit, Evening Wear*)
- 1845-2130 - **Banquet Dinner**; Guest Speaker Dan Merry (*dress code: Uniform, Suit, Evening Wear*)
- 2130-til? - Hospitality Room



Wednesday, 20 September

- 0730-0900 - Farewell Breakfast
- 1100- Check out (*for those who plan to leave*)
- 1030-1700 - **Cayuga Wine Trail Tour with lunch** (*Optional Extra Day Activity*)
- 1800 - Dinner and evening on own



Thursday, 21 September

- 0730-0900 - Breakfast on your own
- 1100 – Check out

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

OUR NEXT CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING IS JUNE 11, at VETERANS of LANSINGBURGH, Inc.

777 1st Avenue, Lansingburgh, Troy

(on the east bank of the Hudson River)



ENCORE! By popular demand ...

After a good experience at our April meeting, we decided to return to the VoL. We think we'll be able to use the *pavilion* situated on the river bank across from Peebles Island, the north-most confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers, and the Waterford marina and Erie Canal lock. If not in the pavilion, we'll be indoors in the main Hall.

DRESS CODE: Casual (for a Change) – Collared shirt & slacks for the guys; for the gals, the equivalent (you know best); no t-shirts, shorts or jeans, please.

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FARE: A Hot & Cold Buffet-Style luncheon that features:

COLD CUTS and ROLLS: Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, American and Swiss Cheeses

BUFFET CHOICES: Sausage & Peppers, Italian Meatballs, Baked Ziti, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad

DESSERT: Cookies from Bella Napoli Bakery

DRINKS: Coffee and Tea (*wine, beer, and spirits, available at the bar*)

GUEST SPEAKER: **KEVIN WILSON**, the author of “*Sully’s Squad*”, will discuss his historical fiction novel “about the Second World War, told through the eyes of 15-year-old Arty, from Saratoga, who lies about his age to enlist in the military.” The story chronicles Arty’s life-changing experiences during the bloody Sicily campaign.

PROGRAM:

1300 hrs: Check-in; Mix & Mingle

1345 hrs: Welcome; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer for Service Members; Chapter business

1400 hrs: Serve-yourself, buffet-style luncheon; Guest Speaker’s presentation

1545 hrs: Announcements; 50/50 drawing; Benediction and Farewell

REMINDER: If you plan to attend our meeting, please call **CHRIS COSTIGAN** or send your reservation and payment to Chris **BY THURSDAY, JUNE 1st**. **The club needs a final count of attendees in advance of our meeting so they can order enough food.** If you plan to pay “at the door,” please at least send Chris your reservation by the due date. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE: The luncheon reservation form is at the [very end](#) of this newsletter.

HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY for this issue → Capital District Women Veterans (CDWV)



At our June meeting last year, we were honored to have as our guest speaker *Chrisitne Rem*, COL USA Ret., the founder of Capital District Women Veterans. Our Chapter has donated funds from our treasury to their worthy cause, *thanks in large part to the dues you paid*. So, we would like to maintain our awareness of and support to these oft forgotten veterans.

The CDWV is a 501(c)(3) charitable not-for-profit organization. Their mission is “to provide supportive services, housing, and community, enabling women veterans in need to return to productive and independent roles in their communities and families.” To accomplish this mission, CDWV is led by highly qualified women veterans with professional expertise in nursing, case management and integrative modalities necessary to address the needs of homeless women veterans. CDWV services provide baseline assessments of each individual in order to:

- Identify those eligible to benefit from a supportive housing environment.
- Identify healthcare, psychological and social needs, along with eligible services.
- Manage scheduling, transportation, training, and employment requirements.
- Provide a home environment with other women vets to form a supportive community.

For additional information on the CDWV, their needs and activities, visit their website at <https://www.cdwv.org/>.

Chapter News and other local items of interest

- **WELCOME TO NEW CHAPTER MEMBER** – coming to us direct from THE BIG APPLE – **Myles B. Caggins III, COL USA Ret.** COL Caggins is serving currently as a member of the MOAA Board of Directors! Big thanks to *Skip Bebernitz* for inviting COL Caggins to join us.
- **OUR LAST LUNCHEON – APRIL 16 at THE VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH, Troy**

Sixteen members and guests attended our April meeting held for the first time at the VoL facility. Several members brought household and toiletry items for homeless veterans supported by the Veterans & Community Housing Coalition (VCHC) of Saratoga County. *It was a fantastic meeting for 4 reasons.* The first was our Guest Speaker, **Mr. Peter Bedrossian**, Program Director of The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, New Windsor, NY. He discussed the history of the Purple Heart (PH) medal, and that of the Hall of Honor and why it is part of our State’s Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. He described how the Hall has continued to grow from the voluntary contributions of PH recipients, their families, and comrades, since the *US government has no database that identifies all those awarded the medal!* Peter encouraged everyone to come and visit the Hall of Honor. It is a unique commemorative and educational treasure.



Peter Bedrossian receives a MOAA coffee mug from Chapter President Al Memole (photo by Ed Balaban)

The second reason for such a great meeting was a **visit by State Senator Jake Ashby**, Senate District 43, with his District Director, Dan Casale. (Thanks to *Skip Bebernitz* for inviting them!) District 43 covers a substantial part of our Chapter’s “catchment” area. Senator Ashby is also a veteran who attained the rank of Captain in the Army Reserve. He served combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He also was deployed to Africa in support of a humanitarian mission. The Senator, *ranking member of the Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committees*, spent an hour conversing informally with Chapter members about military and veterans issues.



Senator Ashby, third from right, “head and shoulders above” Chapter officials (l to r) VP Kathy Gates, Pres. Al Memole, Skip Bebernitz, Treasurer Pat Piccirilli, and Immediate Past Pres. Chris Costigan (photo by Ed Balaban)

The third reason for this successful meeting was the **delicious food!** The hot & cold buffet, with local Italian cookies for dessert, was simple, easy, and tasty – something to please everyone. The fourth reason, as always, was the **great camaraderie.** **If you haven’t been to a meeting in a while, don’t miss the next one!**

- **CHAPTER MEETINGS REMAINING FOR 2023**

JUNE – 11th LUNCHEON MEETING – Guest Speaker: Kevin Wilson author of “Sully’s Squad” (WWII)

AUGUST 12th – Board of Directors Meeting at Ed & Jennifer Scheiber’s house on Lake George

OCTOBER – 15th LUNCHEON MEETING – Guest Speaker: Jack Kelly, author of “The Battle of Valcour Island” (rescheduled from February)

NOVEMBER – 4th Board of Directors Meeting

DECEMBER – 10th XMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

- **CHAPTER MEMBER DUES (one more reminder)**

Annual Chapter dues are still \$30. There are THREE options to pay annual dues:

- (1) Include your payment as part of your luncheon reservation or pay at the door when you attend a luncheon;
- (2) Mail a check, payable to NYS CDC MOAA, and send to CDC MOAA, PO Box 373, Waterford, NY 12188-0373 or;
- (3) Pay by credit or debit card online through the MOAA website. You can find instructions for paying online in our May-June 2021 newsletter on page 7.

- **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

(Submitted by Pat Piccirilli and Skip Bebernitz, Legislative Affairs Committee)

Well, MOAA’s 2023 annual AiA (Advocacy in Action) event is over and was another success for our chapter and for the NYS Council of Chapters. Our own *Skip Bebernitz* deserves a Shout Out along with *Tim Vaughan* and *Norma Weissend* of the Genesee Valley chapter for representing the NYS MOAA chapters during the April 26th event in Washington D.C. As a reminder the three issues were: *Restoring BAH to 100%*; *Reversing Tricare Pharmacy Network Cuts*, and *Supporting the All-Volunteer military*. It was gratifying to see that one of the congressional legislators visited by Skip, Daniel Goldman [D, NY-10], signed on to co-sponsor H.R. 2537 BAH Restoration Act. That’s an example of advocacy in action.



Skip Bebernitz, President of the NYS Council of Chapters, explains MOAA positions to Erin Meegan, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director for Representative Daniel S. Goldman.

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The cover of our latest Military Officer magazine exhibits another advocacy issue and legislative effort, which is the Arlington cemetery situation. A long-term legislative solution will preserve burial with military honors for countless elderly and women veterans who could lose that earned benefit – but only if MOAA members and others encourage their lawmakers to act. Outreach to your House member will help improve the chances for the Expanding America’s National Cemetery Act (H.R. 1413) to be either enacted as standalone legislation or be included in the FY 2024 NDAA. So, it is not too late to conduct your own outreach with your congressional legislators on this issue as well the issues covered by the 2023 AiA.

As an FYI, January 2023 was the start of a new Congress, and any legislation not signed into law during the previous Congress will need to be reintroduced. One piece of legislation that was close to being passed in the first session of this Congress was the *Major Richard Star Act*. It is a critical time for this legislation. Consider contacting your representative and senators and urge them to support The Major Richard Star Act which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their full DoD retirement pay earned for years of service and their full VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

Currently, these combat-injured (and often seriously disabled) veterans are subject to a cost-saving offset where their retirement pay is reduced for every dollar of VA disability received. To reduce earned retirement pay because of a combat disability is an injustice; the compensation for these injured veterans is not the place to achieve savings.

Here are a few ways you can engage with members of Congress to keep MOAA’s priorities on their radar:

- Utilize MOAA’s [Legislative Action Center](#) to send pre-written letters to Capitol Hill. You can even customize these letters to share a personal story.
- Use MOAA’s Capitol Switchboard to call your lawmakers. Call toll-free via MOAA’s direct line to the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (866) 272-6622.
- Engage with congressional offices via social media. This is also a great way to stay informed about what your lawmakers are doing on Capitol Hill.
- Stay up to date with the latest news on our spring advocacy campaign topics, the NDAA, and the FY 2023 budget by subscribing to *The MOAA Newsletter*. You can check your MOAA newsletter subscription preferences [at this link](#).

A LOOK AT ADVOCACY IN ACTION “IN ACTION”



Skip Bebernitz, Disha Banik, Policy Advisor to Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, and COL Myles Caggins.



COL Caggins, Andrew Heineman, Legislative Director for Rep. Jerry Nadler, and Skip Bebernitz.

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Skip Bebernitz, Erin Meegan, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director for Rep. Daniel S. Goldman, and COL Myles Caggins.

Photos on pages 7 & 8 taken by various Congressional Staff members



Skip Bebernitz with Daniel Lemire, Legislative Assistant for Rep. Joseph Morelle



Skip Bebernitz, Rep. Paul Tonko (D, NY-20) Pat Piccirilli, and Chris Costigan

- **MEANWHILE, BACK IN NEW YORK STATE ...**

(Information provided by State Senator Jake Ashby via his newsletter)

Two bills sponsored by Senator Ashby passed the Senate with bipartisan support:

- The first will make New York officially a **Purple Heart State**. “While landmarks, roads, and bridges in 45 states comprise the honorary Purple Heart Trail, only a few have enshrined their gratitude into law” as designated Purple Heart States. Sen. Ashby’s predecessor, Sen. Daphne Jordan, originally introduced the bill, preparing for its passage.
- The second bill will grant eligibility to active-duty troops for veteran property tax exemptions, and will provide additional relief for troops deployed overseas in combat zones.

- **MOAA AWARDS PRESENTED TO LOCAL ROTC & JROTC CADETS**

(Submitted by Al Memole, ROTC/JROTC Awards Committee)

This year, our Chapter has the honor of presenting a MOAA medal and certificate to *three* outstanding ROTC cadets and *four* outstanding JROTC cadets in the Capital region. Presentation ceremonies vary among ROTC and JROTC programs and take place on various dates from March through June. So far this year, we have provided or presented awards to the following cadets:

- **WILLIAM LAPHAM, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, US Army ROTC program** (led by LTC Luis Mejia-Roman). Cadet Lapham received his MOAA award in a private ceremony.

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- **VINCENT CIMAGLIA, RPI, Troy, Detachment 550, US Air Force ROTC program** (led by Lt Col Jake L. Miller, USAF, Commander). Cadet Cimaglia, a native of Vernon, NJ, is majoring in Aeronautical Engineering. He also has a great interest in cyber security, and intends to apply for commission in the new US Space Force. This summer, he will intern with a Defense contractor, assisting with research. Chapter President Al Memole presented the MOAA ROTC award to Cadet Cimaglia at the Air Force ROTC awards ceremony held at RPI on April 25th. (At right, Lt Col Miller with Cadet Vincent Cimaglia)



- **GRIFFIN C. STELLA, RPI, Troy, US Navy ROTC program** (led by CDR David Latta, USN, Commander) Chapter President Al Memole presented the MOAA ROTC award to Midshipman 2/C Stella at a combined NROTC awards ceremony and Change of Command at RPI on April 26th. (At right, Midshipman 2/C Stella after receiving the MOAA medal)



[NOTE: Unfortunately, I was unable to find Midshipman Stella to speak with him due to the large number of midshipmen leaving the Armory after the ceremony. I was able to speak briefly with CDR Latta, a nuclear submarine officer, and with other midshipmen before the ceremony. I learned that many midshipmen at RPI pursue nuclear science as a major field of study.]

- **SAM THAYER, Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) of Albany Army JROTC program** (led by Army Instructors Chris Mansman, ISG Ret., and Herb Reeves, SFC Ret.). In addition to demonstrating the highest academic and leadership qualities, Sam served with the CBA Color Guard, Rifle Team, and Flag Detail. He also earned the prestigious Matthew C. Walsh Award for service. Sam received his award at CBA's Leadership Awards Night, March 29th. (At left, Al Memole hands the MOAA award certificate to Cadet Thayer.)



[As a side note, last year's recipient of the MOAA JROTC award, Michael Vogel, now a graduating senior and the outgoing Cadet Brigade Commander earned the CBA President's Distinguished Cadet Award. He also earned an Army ROTC scholarship, which he plans to use at Clarkson College (acceptance pending) unless he gets accepted at a service academy.]



(Above left, the NROTC Change of Command at RPI; above right, Al Memole and AF ROTC Cadet Cimaglia.)

Upcoming award ceremonies:

- May 31, 6:30 pm: La Salle Institute, Troy, NY, (Army JROTC)
- June 1, 5:00 pm: Amsterdam High School, Amsterdam, NY, (Marine Corps JROTC)
- June 9, 6:00 pm: Albany High School, Albany, NY, (Army JROTC, Sgt Henry Johnson Battalion)

- **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

- **Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery** is holding its Memorial Day Ceremony on **May 27**, at 11:00 am, as advertised below. The Sons of the Manning American Legion will begin placing flags at 9:00 am, with breakfast offered at the conclusion of “Flags In”.

**MEMORIAL DAY
CEREMONY**

Gerald B. H. Solomon
Saratoga National Cemetery
Saturday, May 27th • 11:00AM

Remember the Fallen

Scan the QR code for event information

- **The City of Albany Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday, May 29 at 0930** (Central Ave. from Ontario St. down to Hawk and Washington). They will follow that up with an Open House from 1200 to 1500. On **May 21** they will be placing flags on Veterans' graves at the Albany Rural Cemetery.

- **LTC TODD J. CLARK MEMORIAL BENEFIT CONCERT** ★

A benefit concert in memory of LTC Clark (*son of Chapter member Col R. J. Clark*) who was killed on June 8, 2013, will be held on **June 15**, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the Pavilion at the **Western Turnpike Golf Course**, 2350 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY. The concert features music provided by the Matt Mirabile Blues Band, a cash bar, and food catered by Hedge Bistro. The entry fee/donation is \$10 per person. Proceeds go to support of veterans organizations.

- **SARATOGA SPRINGS MORALE, WELFARE, & RECREATION EVENTS**

The MWR is sponsoring a *ton* of activities for summer, including a **pickleball tournament**. Go to our Chapter website - [Military Activities](#) - and link to the MWR newsletter for details!

• **STRIDE ADAPTIVE SPORTS NEWS**

First, we received a nice thank-you letter (below) for our donation to the Wounded Warrior Snowfest.



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| <p>Mary Ellen Whitney Founder / CEO E-mail: mwhitney@stride.org</p> <p>Joe Russo COO E-mail: jrusso@stride.org</p> <p>Christine Golden Development Director E-mail: cgolden@stride.org</p> <p>Allison Ryan Program Director E-mail: aryan@stride.org</p> <p>STRIDE Office: 4482 NY Highway 150 West Sand Lake, NY 12196 Office: (518) 598-1279 Website: www.stride.org Facebook: STRIDE Adaptive Sports Instagram: StrideAdaptiveSports</p> <p>Mission Statement Founded in 1985, STRIDE, Inc., is a volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing year-round recreational and leisure programs to individuals with special needs in a safe, fun and educational environment.</p> | <p>April 13, 2023</p> <p>Patrick Piccirilli NYS Capital District Chapter MOAA PO Box 373 Waterford, NY 12188-0373</p> <p>Dear Patrick,</p> <p>Thank you for supporting the 18th Annual STRIDE Wounded Warrior Snowfest for \$400.00 With your support we served 13 local and regional veterans with their families this year, and for many this was their first time participating in adaptive snow sports! <i>We are so grateful.</i></p> <p>This year we brought 8 new veterans into our STRIDE family. With the help of 5 fellow alumni warriors, our injured veterans discovered the joys of a new sport with adaptive assistance, built friendships with fellow Warriors, and were honored and recognized by a supportive community for their service and sacrifice.</p> <p>One of the unique hallmarks of this event is the fact that STRIDE builds on the momentum by encouraging each veteran to join another STRIDE program and stay engaged with us in a mentor or volunteer capacity.</p> <p>STRIDE is dedicated to a lifestyle, and that will <u>never</u> change! Thank you for helping us make this impact...we couldn't do it without you! If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely, <i>Christine Golden</i> Christine Golden Development Director</p> |
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Next, STRIDE is holding **Strides 4 STRIDE 5k/2k Run, Walk 'n Roll** on **Wednesday, June 14th at 5:00 pm at Jennings Landing in Albany** to raise awareness and funds for the 18 adaptive sport and recreation programs offered by STRIDE. The race is a family-friendly event for all ability levels - casual to competitive. Wear your Red, White & Blue! There are **prizes** for top finishers by age categories, AND a post-race gathering at CH Evans Brewing/Albany Pump Station - show your bib to get a free beverage! There are also **PRIZES** for top *fundraisers*, so sign up and start a fundraising page, share your page and challenge friends and family to donate. [If you register for Strides 4 STRIDE you can receive \$5 off registration for the Freihofer's Run for Women, using code STRIDE23Strides 4 STRIDE. Wounded Warriors' registration is waived Enter code S4SWW.]

- **GRANT COTTAGE**

Grant Cottage, Wilton, NY, is opening on **Friday, May 26th** for the season. They are open for the entire Memorial Day weekend, Friday – Monday (Memorial Day), then from June 1 to late June, Thursday-Sunday, and from late June to October, Wednesday-Sunday. Hours of operation are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

HOWEVER, the cottage itself is temporarily closed for preservation construction. You can still enjoy a number of activities. For example, you can ...

- Book a guided Mt. McGregor Hidden History Tour, (*This “involves continuous hiking over varied terrain for approximately 1 mile. This offering is not suitable for those with limited mobility or other conditions that may limit moderately strenuous physical activity. Adequate footwear and clothing as well as insect and sun repellent are recommended for safety and enjoyment purposes.”*)
- Enjoy the Gift Shop, Visitor Center exhibits, outdoor interpretive panels, and view from the observation binoculars,
- Follow the walking path to the Overlook, and
- Take a free self-guided audio grounds tour.

There are also **nine special events** scheduled between May 28 and September 23, so be sure to check those out on their website here: <https://www.grantcottage.org/events>.

- **WEST POINT BAND SUMMER CONCERTS**

OK you music lovers go to our Chapter website - [Military Activities](#) - and link to the West Point Band page *to get all the details*. **Some** of their events are listed below.

- Saturday, **June 17**: ARMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, 2:00 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre, West Point, NY
- Saturday, **June 24**: WEST POINT BLOCK PARTY, 7:00 p.m. Cadet Fine Arts Forum House Lawn, West Point, NY
- Saturday, **July 1**: INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, 7:00 p.m. Trophy Point Amphitheatre, West Point, NY
- Saturday, **July 15**, SIMPLE GIFTS, 7:00 p.m. Cadet Fine Arts Forum House Lawn, West Point, NY
- Wednesday, **July 19**, SIMPLE GIFTS, , 7:00 p.m. Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Hyde Park, NY
- Saturday, **July 29**: NOCHE CALIENTE: LATIN HITS, 7:00 p.m. Buffalo Soldier Field, West Point, NY
- Saturday, **August 12**: DANCING UNDER THE STARS, 7:00 p.m. H-Lot MWR Fields, West Point, NY
- Saturday, **August 19**: ENCORE! | WEST POINT, 7:00 p.m. Frederic V. Malek West Point Visitors Center, West Point, NY



• **ASSOCIATION OF THE US ARMY ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER**

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THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S
248th BIRTHDAY**

**GOLF
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12 June 2023
Eagle Crest Golf Course, 1004 Route 146 A, Clifton Park, NY 12065

\$140.00 per player includes:
Green Fees & Cart
Continental breakfast
Lunch (Grab and Go)
Chicken Parm / BBQ Buffet (cash bar)
Awards and Prizes

Non-golfers are invited to join us for the buffet at 1500 hrs for \$30.00 per person

The "Scramble," "Longest Drive" and "Closest to the Pin" contests are a fund raiser to benefit AUSA programs and support Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families. Join us for a full day of golf, a Posting of the Colors by the New York Army National Guard and a cake cutting ceremony, celebrating the U.S. Army's 248th birthday.

POC:
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518.496.2669
jwillsfc@aol.com



0730-0830 registration and continental breakfast
0900 shot gun start
1400 turn in scorecard
1500 buffet (cash bar), prizes, awards and auction results

TEAM ENTRY FORM

Team Name: _____

Player 1: _____
(Team CPT or individual registration)

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Make checks payable to:
CD-NY Chapter-AUSA
and mail no later than
7 June 2023 to:
John Willsey
48 McDonald Drive
Cohoes, NY 12047

- **SARATOGA WARHORSE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BLUE SPANGLED GALA**

Saratoga Warhorse invites you to celebrate their 10 years of service to thousands of Veterans while also helping retired thoroughbred racehorses, with a Gala. The event will take place on the evening of Monday, **August 14**, 2023, at the Hall of Springs, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs, NY. For more information visit their website: <https://www.saratogawarhorse.org/>.



JULY25th 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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LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Date: **JUNE 11, 2023** Location: **VETERANS of LANSINGBURGH, Lansingburgh, Troy, NY**

Time: **1:00 PM** – Check-in; Social Mixer // 1:45 – 4:00 PM – Buffet/Guest Speaker

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 **Thursday, June 1st**

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)



Luncheon Reservation Form

Your name: _____

Number of persons attending: _____