

# CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER, NEW YORK MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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## THE SHAPE WE'RE IN

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



No, I'm not writing about our personal health, physical conditioning, waistline, or body mass index. We all have our own struggles in those areas, which only get tougher between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. I'm referring to the shape/health of our Chapter as an organization. We've made great progress since the early 2000's in many areas. Beginning when Lt Col Ed Scheiber was Chapter President and continuing to the present, our Chapter has developed a robust advocacy program and established a solid record for community service, especially helping veterans. We have earned four- and five-star Levels of Excellence awards from MOAA almost every year. **BUT**, we have *three serious interrelated problems* that we must correct to restore our Chapter to optimum health.

The most immediate problem is that **WE HAVE ABYSMALLY LOW ATTENDANCE AT OUR LUNCHEON MEETINGS**. Twenty years ago, meeting attendance was typically 50 to 60 members and spouses. Ten years ago, we still could attract 35-40; five years ago, 20-25. Lately, we can't seem to get even 18 people, including spouses, to our luncheon meetings. We are trying very hard to meet the needs and expectations of all members. We hold meetings on Sunday afternoons to accommodate those who work M-F, those with Saturday work or family obligations, Sunday-morning church-goers, and those who prefer not to drive after sunset. I don't know if we could pick a better day and time. Skip Bebernitz goes all out to get the most relevant and interesting guest speakers. We had a nice "home" for our luncheons for over a decade at the Edison Club. Management changes since 2020 priced that out of our range. The problem now is that every decent venue that offers good food, a reasonable price (by today's standards), and a private or semi-private space, if available on our specified dates and times, requires a minimum count of 25 or more. If we fail to get the minimum number of attendees, we still have to pay for the minimum. We've been paying that differential from our treasury for nearly every luncheon for the last couple of years! At our last luncheon at Bellini's, they gave us a break with a minimum of 20 and we couldn't even make that! ***If you are reading this screed and you are a member of our Chapter who hasn't been attending meetings, please consider attending.*** None of us can make every single meeting, but all of us should be able to make some, if not most. Those of us who attend regularly have such a nice time. We have great people in our Chapter, including YOU, and we should enjoy each other's company. Promoting camaraderie among officers is an important part of our mission.

The second problem is common to just about every organization: **A TINY HANDFUL OF PEOPLE ARE DOING ALL THE WORK**. Nominally, there are close to 90 members in our Chapter; 11 are doing everything. Four of the 11 are also serving simultaneously in the NYS Council of Chapters. Among the many tasks required to run the Chapter and fulfill our stated mission are: arranging our luncheon meetings and speakers, managing our funds and bank accounts, contacting our congressional representatives, maintaining our website, posting news to social media, submitting articles to local news media, creating these newsletters, donating money and items to veteran and charitable organizations, and distributing MOAA awards to ROTC and JROTC cadets. Most of the 11 members who currently perform these tasks have multiple responsibilities, and, except for legislative liaison, *we are one deep*, meaning there's no back-up except the other busy members. We really could use some help. MOAA exists to protect the earned benefits of all who have served honorably, help those who serve and have served, and contribute to our communities. That takes effort from all of us. ***Please consider stepping up, even if you can do only one thing each year.*** Many hands make work light ... and fun.

Of course, the fundamental problem that causes or exacerbates the first two problems is that **WE NEED TO RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS**. Twenty-five years ago we had over 120 members. Today we have less than 90, officially. Of that number, less than 30 have been paying dues regularly and even fewer participate. That restricts our ability to contribute to our community. Although we've always had a steady influx of new members, we've lost more than we gained due to members moving out of the area (heading to warmer climes, mainly) or dying. The annual deficit seems to have grown in recent years. If you believe as I do that MOAA is a worthwhile organization playing a vital role in looking out for those who serve and have served, please help us recruit new members. ***If you know people who are eligible to join MOAA and our Chapter, please reach out to them.*** If you feel awkward doing that, please send their contact information to me. We grow or we die. If we die, who will fulfill our mission, especially advocating for service member earned benefits?

*Al Memole*

[Joint MOAA-Chapter Membership Application](#)



## HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY for this issue → TOYS FOR TOTS



The Capital Region U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots (TFT) collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in their operating area: the counties of Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington. Last year (2022) they distributed 420,890 toys to 346,853 children! According to their website, ***they are currently the third largest Toys for Tots campaign in the world!***

TFT will accept just about any type of toy for children up to age 16, *EXCEPT realistic looking weapons and food*. Last year the only age group that had a serious shortage of toys was the 12 and up group. You can bring new unwrapped toys to any collection site in the Capital Region, *or bring them to our December 10 luncheon and we will drop them off for you*. It appears that just about every Dunkin' Donuts shop in the region is an approved toy drop off site. You can find a complete list of drop off sites on the TFT website here: <https://albany-ny.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.aspx> **The Last Collection Date is 12/19/2023**. Distribution of toys will take place between December 2 and December 19.

This year's Toys for Tots Train will be dedicated to one of our Chapter members, now deceased, ***Arnold Townsend***, along with a Marine SSG both of whom fought in the South Pacific in WWII. For specific dates, times, and information regarding upcoming TFT **events**, or **to volunteer to do shifts in their warehouse**, please visit the Capital Region Toys for Tots Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/capitalregiontoysfortots>



**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for submitting **news articles, photos, bio's, stories, or reviews of books, movies, food, or drinks** for the *next* issue! Please e-mail your input to newsletter editor Al Memole at [ammmemole@gmail.com](mailto:ammmemole@gmail.com).



## CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

### OUR NEXT CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING IS DECEMBER 10, at BELLINI'S Italian Eatery

**624 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY**

*(That's Route 9, about halfway between SR 155 and Siena College)*



**CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** *(no guest speaker)*

**DRESS CODE:** **Business attire** – suit or jacket & tie for the guys; for the gals, the equivalent (you know best).

#### **PROGRAM:**

**1300 hrs:** Check-in; Pay for your meal (and 2024 dues if applicable); Buy your 50/50 tickets; Pay-as-you-go bar; Mix & mingle

**1330 hrs:** Get bread and salad; Be seated; **Choose your entree**

**1345 hrs:** Welcoming remarks; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer for Service Members; Chapter Officer and Committee Annual Reports

**1400 hrs:** Lunch served

**1530 hrs:** Finish Reports; Announcements; 50/50 drawing; Farewell



If you like, you may bring new unwrapped toys for the Capital Region Toys For Tots, and Chapter Board members will deliver them for you to a designated toy drop-off location.

**FARE:** A lunch that features:

**Italian Bread & Salads of your choice served family-style:**

- *DI CASA* (greens, tomatoes, dried berries, shaved Reggiano, balsamic vinaigrette)
- *CAESAR* (Crisp romaine leaves tossed with homemade Caesar dressing, shaved Parmigiano)

**Entree:** Choose one of four options –

- *CHICKEN PARMIGIANO* (Pan-fried cutlet, Bellini's marinara cream sauce, rigatoni);
- *CHICKEN MARSALA* (Chicken medallions, wild mushrooms, sweet marsala sauce, risotto);
- *LINGUINE* (meatless - linguine pasta, roasted broccoli, alfredo sauce);
- *BOLOGNESE* (meat sauce, Stanislaus tomatoes, pappardelle, shaved parmigiano)

**Dessert:** *Homemade mini cannoli*

**Drinks:** Water, coffee, tea, soft drinks come with the meal; Cash bar available for adult beverages

**COST:** **\$40 per person** due to increased prices

**RESERVATIONS:** Please call or email **CHRIS COSTIGAN** by **Friday, DECEMBER 1st**, to confirm your attendance, because we owe the restaurant a final count of guests one week in advance. If you prefer, you may mail the luncheon reservation form found at the [very end](#) of this newsletter along with your payment (check) to Chris but **he must receive it by the due date above**.

## Chapter Meetings For 2024 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

<b>FEBRUARY – 11<sup>th</sup></b> LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: Mr. Steve Trim, Friends of Grant Cottage, portraying Confederate General James Longstreet</i>
<b>MARCH – 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Board of Directors Meeting
<b>APRIL – 7<sup>th</sup></b> LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: historian Jeanette Folger</i>
<b>JUNE – 9<sup>th</sup></b> LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: COL Alain Fisher, Commander US Army Watervliet Arsenal</i>
<b>AUGUST – TBD</b> - Board of Directors Meeting
<b>OCTOBER – 6<sup>th</sup></b> LUNCHEON MEETING – <i>Guest Speaker: [tentative] Capt Jon Guagenti, NYANG, Transport and evacuation missions in the withdrawal from Afghanistan, 2021</i>
<b>NOVEMBER – 16<sup>th</sup></b> Board of Directors Meeting
<b>DECEMBER – 8<sup>th</sup></b> XMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

## Chapter Dues For 2024 - 🎵 “It’s the MOST wonderful ti-i-i-me of the ye-e-e-ear!”



Yes, along with splurging on a Thanksgiving feast, buying plane tickets or burning fuel to visit family, *and* paying for all of the Christmas presents you purchased by credit card, IT’S TIME TO PAY CHAPTER DUES! *Surviving spouses* are the only Chapter members who do NOT owe dues, by tradition. We will be amending our by-laws to codify that exemption.

According to our Chapter by-laws, dues for the upcoming year are **due on January 1**. The Board of Directors has set annual dues at **\$30**. We may choose from three payment options:

1. **ONLINE**. Pay online by credit or debit card through the MOAA website. See instructions for paying online on page 7 of our May-June 2021 newsletter linked here: [https://cdnymoaa.org/CDC-MOAA\\_Newsletter\\_2021-06\\_WEBversion.pdf](https://cdnymoaa.org/CDC-MOAA_Newsletter_2021-06_WEBversion.pdf). These instructions will also be posted to our Chapter website.
2. **MAIL**. Send a personal check made out to NYS CDC MOAA to our post office box at NYS CDC MOAA, PO Box 373, Waterford, NY 12188-0373, or mail it with you luncheon reservation added to the luncheon payment.
3. **IN PERSON**. Pay by check or cash at the door when you attend our December meeting.

Also, according to our by-laws, the Treasurer will notify any members of their delinquency who haven’t paid their dues by the 90<sup>th</sup> day after January 1<sup>st</sup> (i.e., March 31<sup>st</sup>). Members who haven’t paid by then have 60 days to pay (May 30<sup>th</sup>). If we don’t receive dues by then, the Board of Directors may drop the member from the rolls at its discretion. It might sound a bit harsh, but those are the rules, even though we haven’t enforced them in a *very* long time.



Dues are important first of all because they cover our operating expenses. We had to stop printing and mailing our newsletters a few years ago due to a significant drop in dues payment by members. Dues also provide monies that our Chapter donates to charitable causes helping service members, veterans, and military-related entities, which is part of our mission. As a not-for-profit organization, we spend

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what we take in, maintaining a sufficient cushion of funds in our checking and savings accounts to handle emergencies.

*Just as important, payment of dues lets the Board know that members are alive and still residing in the area, especially those members who almost never attend our meetings. We know that, due to health issues and other commitments, many of our members cannot attend meetings or can attend only occasionally. If that's your situation, we understand. But if you can't participate in person, please continue to support our mission by paying dues.*

## Chapter News and other local items of interest

- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA™ (WAA) - UPDATE**  
(Submitted by Skip Bebernitz)

As of November 14, there was a *shortfall* of almost 6,500 wreaths for there to be enough for every grave at the Gerald H. B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. The past several years there have been enough for each grave. If you have already given through another organization, thank you, but please consider making a donation through our Chapter. The cost to sponsor a single wreath is now **\$17**. Our Chapter receives \$5 for every wreath sponsored through us, and we turn those funds around to support military/veterans organizations in the Capital District. If you have not already donated and it is your intent to donate, please do so soon: **The last date on which orders will be received for this year is 28 Nov**. Mailed-in orders can take several weeks from when they are received at headquarters to fully process. But, we have a direct link at the Chapter's website, [www.cdnymoaa.org](http://www.cdnymoaa.org) to order wreaths online through the Chapter.

Wreath laying at the Cemetery will take place on **16 December at 1100 hrs**, followed by a solemn ceremony at the flagpole at 1200 hrs. There is a saying that a person dies twice: when they draw their last breath and the last time their name is spoken. Every person's name is spoken as they receive a salute as part of the procedure. *If you would like to participate, plan to arrive 45-60 minutes early*. The wreaths remain in place until March, at which time volunteers come to remove them. After removing the metal wiring, the greenery is sent to a goat farm.

- **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**  
(Submitted by Pat Piccirilli, Legislative Affairs Committee)

As Congress continues work on an [overdue annual budget](#) as well as [longer-term financial concerns](#), MOAA continues its work to keep TRICARE For Life fees and cost shares off the table as possible revenue-generating tools. In the "From the President" section of the November 2023 edition of the Military Officer magazine Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly stated very clearly that "TRICARE beneficiaries are paying more and getting less", TRICARE fee increases have targeted working age retirees, our post 9-11 veterans who sustained the all-volunteer force through two decades of war. Pharmacy cuts have disproportionately impacted retirees on TFL. He added "by chipping away at the benefits, we are adding fuel to the current recruiting crisis. Veterans translate the broken promises into not recommending service to current and future generations".

On a positive note, MOAA's Advocacy in Action (AiA) summer campaign garnered continued support for two key advocacy goals: the preservation of your TRICARE pharmacy benefit and the restoration of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)-thanks to grassroots work from thousands of MOAA members and other supporters. 33,000 messages were sent via the MOAA Legislative Action Center regarding these two issues. MOAA members' support helped to initiate an analysis of beneficiary impacts related to the cut in available pharmacies. These personal stories and associated

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data collected will be presented to Congress for their review as part of their oversight role on the military health benefit. The AiA also garnered additional support for the BAH Restoration Act and a Senate companion bill. Additionally, the House version of the NDAA includes a 1% restoration of the allowance to raise BAH from the current 95% of housing costs. MOAA will continue to build support for stand-alone legislation while simultaneously ensuring that funds are provided for the 1% restoration of BAH as a starting point.

Several dates are worth noting. **November 17<sup>th</sup>** could be the day that sees a government shutdown or something like a shutdown. At this writing neither the Senate nor the House have a path forward.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** is the last day the House will be in session with the Senate leaving the next day. Past sessions have been extended to address the NDAA and other outstanding legislative priorities.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** could be the day that the NDAA is pushed into the next Congressional session. It has become law without much ado for 62 consecutive years but as more issues are included in the legislation the bill has passed later each year. One thing to remember is that ultimately, the NDAA is a policy bill, not a funding bill, and that the actual funding for the Pentagon was included in the government spending bill that has been signed by the president. The NDAA sets the budget and policies for the Defense Department but does not appropriate funds.

MOAA is NOT an organization of officers concerned *only* about officers. We are an organization of officers dedicated to protecting the earned benefits and welfare of all ranks in all of the uniformed services.

As you know we encourage all our members in pretty much every newsletter to use the **Legislative Action Center** when contacting their legislator regarding military related issues. The current Military Officer devoted over ¾ of a page to the issue of growing our advocacy base, in addition to a full page explaining why it is so important to increase

the number of members participating in advocacy actions. It was made clear that the current membership of 360,000 MOAA members have only yielded 20,000 members who have signed up for the **Legislative Action Center**. The best carriers of the message dealing with military benefits are veterans or those who have served alongside veterans. We are a small chapter but I am confident that we can contribute greatly despite our size.

Note: The **Legislative Action Center** website is: [www.moaa.org/takeaction](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction). Or if you prefer you can call MOAA's Capitol Hotline at (866)272-MOAA (6622), a toll-free line to the U.S. Capitol switchboard to connect directly with lawmakers. Ask to speak with the *military legislative assistant* or *legislative director*.

- **“CHOW IS MORALE: BREAD AND BONDING FROM BUNKER HILL TO BAGHDAD”**

*Just a reminder:* In our last issue we announced that Chapter member **Colonel Sean Piccirilli, USAF**, is writing a book “*on individual stories of servicemembers and how their health, morale, and social cohesion were impacted by food or the lack thereof.*” He is looking to interview veterans for source material. If any members of the chapter are interested in participating in an interview for possible inclusion in the book, please contact Sean at [sean.p.piccirilli@gmail.com](mailto:sean.p.piccirilli@gmail.com).

- **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY – DEC 1<sup>st</sup>**

MWR Community Recreation at the US Naval Support Activity in Saratoga Springs is having a Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Friday, December 1 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the front lawn of the Liberty Center**. Children can make ornaments from 3 to 5 p.m. *The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 5 p.m.* For more information, please call 518-886-0200 ext. 126. The ceremony is sponsored by USAA and Sunnyside Gardens.



## • OUR LAST LUNCHEON MEETING, OCTOBER 15 at BELLINI'S IN LATHAM

We tried Bellini's in Latham for the first time. The food was very good, the cannoli were excellent, and the atmosphere, not too bad. A mere *fourteen* of us plus our guest speaker, **Mr. Roy McDonald**, occupied a room near the bar along the front outdoor patio. They call the room "the garage", because it has an overhead garage door that can be pulled down to separate it from the bar and main dining area. That room could seat 20 people comfortably. Tables were set for 20, *but we left five empty!* That's a shame because we all had a very nice time.



Above: Chapter President Al Memole presented Mr. Roy McDonald (seated) with a MOAA coffee mug. Below: President Memole presenting the MOAA Outstanding Service Certificate to Chris Costigan in his role as East Region VP for the NYS Council of Chapters. [Jacket & tie is "casual" attire for Chris, who, as a nurse, thinks scrubs are business attire.](Photos by Ed Balaban)

Our guest speaker, Roy McDonald, grew up in Troy and has been a long-time resident of Saratoga County. He served with the US Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Viet Nam and graduated from SUNY Oneonta. Roy served as Supervisor for the town of Wilton, NY, and Saratoga County, and represented Districts 100 and 112 in the NY State Assembly and the 43<sup>rd</sup> District in the NY State Senate. However, he spoke to us in his retired role as President of the **Friends of the NYS Military Museum**, a trustee organization that supports the state museum located in Saratoga Springs.

Roy advocated passionately on behalf of the museum that is preserving New York's military heritage. The museum houses a rich collection of artifacts from all wars in which NY units participated, from the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terrorism. It is a gold mine of historical information intended to educate New Yorkers about the many contributions our state has made to national security and the personal sacrifices of New Yorkers. Roy feels that too few New Yorkers know about the museum and fewer take advantage of it. He implored us to visit the museum and to encourage others to visit as well. Chapter members peppered him with questions, which he was happy to answer.



At the end of the luncheon meeting, Chapter President Al Memole presented our Immediate Past President **Chris Costigan** with two MOAA Certificates that recognized Chris' service to our NYS Council of Chapters as our East Region Vice President. Chris earned one certificate for his Outstanding Service and a second for Outstanding Leadership. Among the duties of a regional VP is getting out visiting other Chapters, helping them evaluate their programs and administration, and sharing best practices. *The totality of what Chris is doing for MOAA at Council and Chapter levels is*

*amazing, especially considering he is still employed full-time at the Albany Medical Center!*

## • HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

The Board met at 1000 hrs on Nov 4 at the Saratoga Springs Public Library for the first time ever. Members present were President Al Memole, Secretary Ralph Folger, Treasurer Pat Piccirilli, Immediate Past President Chris Costigan, Rocco Acquilano, Tony Ficara, and Vince Memole. Highlights from the meeting were:

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○ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Committee: Announced the guest speakers invited to our February, April, June, and October meetings next year.
- Webmaster: Reported 17 software updates since August, including update to Web 6.3.2 on 12 October, 428 cyber attacks countered successfully (240 in Aug, 90 in Sep, 98 in Oct), a special page made for Veterans Day, and a banner for Wreaths Across America.
- Legislative Affairs: 2024 Advocacy in Action will take place on **April 24**.

○ OLD BUSINESS

- Changes to By-Laws approved by the Chapter: Al Memole has the action to find out how changes can be filed with the NY Secretary of State and MOAA HQ.
- Liability Insurance: Chris Costigan will obtain a cost estimate from MOAA Insurance Plans.
- Membership, Recruiting, and Retention: Skip Bebernitz reached out to 12 Chapter members who have not attended meetings recently, and made contact with 9 of them. We have about 54 other members, including surviving spouses, to contact. (Action: Al Memole)
- Continuity of Operations Plans (COP): Pat Piccirilli completed plans for Treasurer and Legislative Affairs Committee; pending are plans for President (in draft), Secretary, Program Committee, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, ROTC/JROTC Awards Committee (in draft), and Public Relations. The purpose of COP is to have accessible detailed instructions for the performance of key duties in the event a Chapter Officer or Committee leader cannot fulfill or hand off the duties and tasks required of that position.

○ NEW BUSINESS

- Dues: Annual dues will remain \$30 for 2024, due on January 1; the Board will enforce the provisions in the by-laws regarding delinquency; the Chapter will not require surviving spouses to pay dues and an amendment to the by-laws will be considered to codify that policy.
- Marketing: Future Chapter annual budgets will include a line for publicity and recruiting.
- Luncheon Prices: The Board approved a default charge of **\$40 per person** for luncheon attendees, which reflects current pricing at most venues and provides partial coverage for no-shows. The Board will consider lower pricing on a case-by-case basis.
- Approved Charitable Donations for 2024: \$400 for the STRIDE Wounded Warrior Snowfest, \$100 each for Guardian House, Capital District Women Veterans, Veterans Miracle Center, Capital Region Toys For Tots, the Friends of Grant Cottage, and the Friends of the NYS Military Museum, for a total of \$1,000 – *Thank you, Chapter Members!*
- New Member Recruiting: The Board approved a previously drafted recruiting plan, adding two changes – provisions for recruiting US Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) officers and contacting the Watervliet Arsenal Retirement Services Office (RSO).



Center right: Pat Piccirilli and Vince Memole review the minutes of the last meeting. Lower right corner: Al Memole and Rocco Acquilano follow the Treasurer's report. (Photos by Ralph Folger)

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

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VACANT	VACANT

\* Immediate Past-President \*\* Former President

## LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Date: **DECEMBER 10, 2023**

Location: **BELLINI'S Italian Eatery,**  
Latham, NY

Time: **1:00 PM** – Check-in; Social Mixer // 1:30 – 3:45 PM – Dinner & Business

Price: **\$40 per person** (Please make checks payable to: **NYS CDC MOAA.**)

You may pay Chapter dues for **2024** by adding **\$30** to your total.

Please make your reservation Not Later Than **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Send reservation form and check to: **Chris Costigan**

153 Paisley Road

Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**OR** e-mail Chris at [costigan4@hughes.net](mailto:costigan4@hughes.net) **OR** call him at: 518- 884-2943 (h) or 518-755-5697 (c)



## Mail-In Luncheon Reservation Form

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

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