

NEW YORK STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

**Our next Chapter luncheon meeting is SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6,
at NORRINE'S RESTUARANT**

405 Hudson River Rd, Waterford, NY 12188

(a.k.a. Routes 4 & 32, in the town of Halfmoon)

We're trying another *new*, centrally located venue. Norrine's Restaurant has a nice, large private space for us with rest rooms separate from the main dining and bar areas. You can park on the entrance side lot which also has a couple of Handicap Parking spaces, or *behind* the restaurant. The lots are *not* paved. The entrance is located on the south side of the restaurant near the highway, accessible by a long wheelchair ramp.

WHO'S INVITED? Chapter members and guests, other MOAA members and guests, other veterans and actively serving military and guests

DRESS CODE: Business Casual (sports jackets and open collars for the guys - neckties *not* required)

GUEST SPEAKER: **CAPTAIN JONATHAN GUAGENTI**, 105th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard. Capt. Guagenti will recount for us the experiences that he and his unit went through in 2021 performing refugee evacuation and other missions during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. His aircraft transported out of Afghanistan the bodies of the 13 service members killed at the Kabul airport. Capt. Guagenti has given this presentation to several NY MOAA Chapters and to the NY Council of Chapters at last year's annual convention (*pictured at right*). **THIS IS ONE PRESENTATION THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!**



(Photo by Al Memole)

PROGRAM:

1300 hrs: Check-in; Buy your 50/50 tickets; Mix & mingle

1330 hrs: Welcome; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer for Service Members; Chapter Business

Between 1345 & 1400 hrs: The servers will begin serving the entrees

About 1445: Guest Speaker's presentation

About 1530 hrs: 50/50 drawing; Announcements and Farewell

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS (choose one):

STEAK w/potatoes & veggies

CHICKEN PARM over pasta w/garlic bread

SALMON over pasta w/white wine lemon sauce

With the meal: Salad, dessert, coffee, tea, and soft drinks

Also available: Wine, beer, adult beverages are available at the bar. You may pay as you go or ask for an individual tab.

This is a perfect opportunity to invite prospective MOAA and Chapter members!

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COST: \$40 per person, members and guests.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED NLT Saturday, September 28: Please email your **reservation and entrée selection(s)** to AL MEMOLE before the deadline to confirm your attendance, because we owe the restaurant a final count of guests and entrée selections one week in advance. Email Al at pres@cdnymoaa.org or ammemole@gmail.com. OR, you may call Al at 518-641-8664 and leave a voicemail (because he always leaves his phone on a table somewhere) or else you may mail Al the luncheon reservation form found at the [very end](#) of this newsletter along with your payment (check), *but* he **must** receive it by the due date above.

Invite officers you know who are not members of MOAA or not Chapter members to our upcoming luncheon!

If you know former, retired, or still-serving military officers who aren't yet MOAA members or Chapter members, please invite them to join us and hand them a membership application (or send them this link): [Joint MOAA-Chapter Membership Application](#)

Board of Directors Meeting – August 17 th

The Chapter Board of Directors met at Ed and Jennifer Scheiber's home in Bolton Landing beginning at 10:30 am on August 17. Present were President Al Memole, Secretary Ralph Folger, Treasurer Pat Piccirilli, Board members Ed Schieber, Skip Bebernitz, and Tony Ficara, Public Relations Committee (of one) Ed Balaban, Membership Committee Chair Christine Richardson, and member Lance Richardson. Excused were IVP Kathy Gates, and Board members Rocco Acquilano, Chris Costigan, and Vince Memole. The meeting adjourned at 1 pm, followed by a picnic lunch outdoors by beautiful Lake George. Highlights of the Board meeting (outside of the socializing and picnic) were:

1. The Board set the dates for next year's general membership and Board meetings. Next year, all of the general membership (luncheon) meetings will be on SATURDAY, instead of Sunday. The Board decided to break the long-standing tradition of Sunday meetings to see if more members would be able to attend.
 2. The Public Relations Committee of One (Ed Balaban) built a distribution list of local media for dissemination of Chapter news.
 3. The Nominating Committee confirmed that all present incumbents in Chapter leadership positions are amenable to continuing in those same positions for the next two years. The committee recruited two new candidates for the Board of Directors on the spot (Ed Balaban and Lance Richardson). The only remaining position without a candidate is the Second Vice President.
 4. An amendment to Article II, Section 1, of the Chapter By-laws, exempting surviving spouses from paying Chapter dues, will be announced at the October meeting and voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on December 8.
 5. All remaining donations budgeted for local veterans and community organizations were approved: \$100 each for Guardian House, Capital District Women Veterans, Veterans Miracle Center, USMCR Toys For Tots, Friends of Grant Cottage, and Friends of the NYS Military Museum. Additionally, the Board approved a \$100 donation to the LTC Todd J. Clark memorial charity golf tournament. Next year, the Chapter will reduce our donation to STRIDE's Wounded Warrior Snowfest from \$400 to \$100, commensurate with our other annual donations.
 6. Recruiting new members for MOAA and the Chapter remains our Chapter's top challenge.
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Chapter Meetings For 2024 and 2025

MEETING DATE & TYPE	MEETING LOCATION, NOTES
OCT 6, Luncheon Meeting	<i>At Norrine's Restaurant, Waterford Guest Speaker: Capt Jon Guagenti, NYANG, Transport and evacuation missions in the withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021</i>
<i>NOV 16, Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>(Proposed – NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs beginning at 10 am)</i>
DEC 8, Holiday Party-Annual Business Mtg	<i>(Proposed - Norrine's Restaurant, Waterford)</i>
For 2025, we are moving our luncheon meeting dates to SATURDAY	
FEB 8, Luncheon Meeting	
<i>MAR 29, Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>(Proposed – NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs beginning at 10 am)</i>
APR 12, Luncheon Meeting	
JUN 7, Luncheon Meeting	
<i>AUG <u>TBD</u>, Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>(Proposed – Scheiber's House, Bolton Landing, beginning at 10:30 am)</i>
OCT 4, Luncheon Meeting	
<i>NOV 15, Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>(Proposed – NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs beginning at 10 am)</i>
DEC 6, Holiday Party-Annual Business Mtg	

CHAPTER ELECTION UPDATE

At our Annual Business Meeting in December, all Chapter members in attendance will vote on the slate of candidates for all Chapter Officer and Board of Directors positions put forth by the Nominating Committee (Kathy Gates, Pat Piccirilli, and Vice Memole). Members may approve the entire slate of candidates or nominate alternative candidates from the floor for a vote. Those elected by the membership will serve a two year term (Feb 2025 - Feb2027).

The Nominating Committee confirmed that all present incumbents have agreed to serve for another term in their current positions. This includes: President, 1st Vice President; Secretary and Treasurer, and six of the eight Board of Director (BOD) positions. The committee also recruited two new candidates for the two vacant Board positions: *Edward Balaban* and *Lance Richardson*.

However, we are still in need of a candidate for the **2nd Vice President position**. Only regular members (serving, former, or retired military) may serve as 2nd VP, but surviving spouses are eligible to be elective Directors. *Please note that **any of you** may volunteer for any position for which you are eligible, even if the incumbent has agreed to stay on.* Your votes will make the final decision at the

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December meeting. So, if you are interested in becoming more involved in Chapter operations, please contact Kathy, Pat, or Vince, to let them know you're ready to step up. We still need a chaplain drawn from any clergy that we may have in the membership – *or perhaps a new member*. If you are one or know of one please let Chapter President Al Memole know. And, never stop serving!

Chapter Due\$ Status Report

A hearty **Thank You** to our members listed below who have paid their dues for this year. (*Blue font indicates those whose dues were deposited since the last newsletter issue.*)

John Andonie	Chris Costigan	Vincent Memole
Ed Balaban	David Cummings	Mark O'Rourke
Skip Bebernitz	David Erickson	Joseph Peck
Arthur R. Benoit	Anthony Ficara	Patrick Piccirilli
Emanuel Biondi	Ralph Folger	Sean Piccirilli
Fredrick Bockis	William H. Frank Jr.	Christine Richardson
Harold Bressett	Kathy Gates	Merle Schreckengost
Harold Brockman [RIP]	Laurie Gates	Douglas Sherman
Myles Caggins III	Michael Golden	Carl J. Thurnau
Edward Choiniere	Julia Holcomb	Thomas Walsh
Stephen Cipperly	Jeffrey Hughes	Dorsey Whitehead
Ray Clark	Al Memole	

If you notice that your name isn't on the list above and you want to do your part – You can find instructions on how to pay dues on our Chapter website here: https://cdnymoaa.org/?page_id=1076

Legislative Affairs Committee Report

(Submitted by Pat Piccirilli, Legislative Affairs Committee)

The 118th Congress, which has enacted the least amount of legislation by any session in recent memory, returns to work Sept. 9 with a full plate, to include many issues affecting the wider uniformed services community. Keeping those issues at the forefront among competing priorities and pre-election rhetoric will be MOAA's mission through Sept. 27, when Congress is scheduled to adjourn until mid-November.

Here are the major issues:

- **The Budget:** Barring an unexpected, habit-breaking, last-minute, bipartisan agreement, Congress will not pass any of the 12 appropriations bills needed to fund the federal government by the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. Entering the September session, the House has made limited progress while the Senate has passed no such legislation. Without full funding, federal officials – including DoD and VA workers – must brace for a potential shutdown or a wasteful continuing resolution, which would keep the federal government functioning while Congress finishes its work. At a minimum, this procedure redirects funds and staff time from the mission, instead putting them to work tracking a moving budget target. At worst, it could lead to increased DoD hiring problems, delays in quality-of-life programs, compensation issues, and much more.
- **The NDAA:** The annual must-pass National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) cleared the House in June, but the Senate version has yet to receive a full vote in that chamber and no vote is scheduled. Both versions address several key MOAA priorities, though how they do so varies greatly. One big example: The House bill includes a 19.5% pay increase for junior enlisted members

E-4 and below, while the Senate version would boost the pay of servicemembers E-3 and below by 5.5% -- a single percentage point more than the overall pay raise. The NDAA serves as the legislative vehicle for dozens of new DoD programs and modifications to existing programs. This year's House version includes several proposals from the House Armed Services Committee's Quality of Life Panel moving beyond a pay increase and affecting everything from housing to child care to TRICARE benefits. While the bill has passed annually for more than 60 years, it hasn't always done so without year-end drama.

- **The VA:** The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act (H.R. 8371) represents a bipartisan agreement on a series of reforms at the heart of MOAA's veteran advocacy, to include improvements in caregiver and survivor benefits, expanded long-term care options, and a better claims process. Despite wide support on the Hill and among veterans' groups, progress on the bill has taken much longer than expected. If the bill is pushed aside by other year-end legislative priorities, negotiators at all levels would need to start over with the 119th Congress on solutions to these persistent problems.
- **Restoration of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):** BAH has been reduced in recent years, leaving military families to cover more of their housing costs out of pocket. [Restoring BAH](#) to its previous level – 100% of estimated housing costs – would ease the financial burden on military families struggling to afford safe and stable housing.
- **Increasing the Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) Threshold:** BNA was established to ensure food security for military families. Unfortunately, in its current state, very few service members have access to this vital support. Raising the BNA threshold to 200% of federal (region-specific) poverty guidelines would extend this assistance to more families in need, ensuring they have access to essential resources like food and housing.

How we can help: The more these lawmakers hear from their constituents, in addition to MOAA's advocacy team, the greater the chance they will push for inclusion of our key priorities in their official NDAA request. Find details on each of these advocacy campaigns via [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#).

The Legislative Action Center website is: 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. If neither staff is available, ask to schedule a follow-up call when they are available. One other resource for keeping up to date with legislation and happenings on Capitol Hill is www.moaa.org/advocacy-news.

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.

HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY for this issue → WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA™ (WAA)

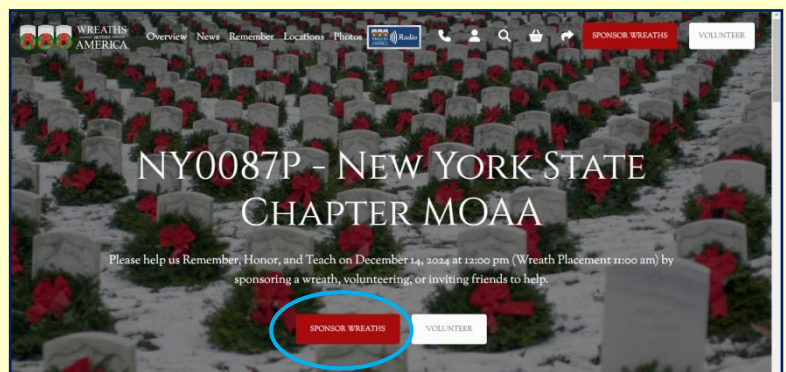
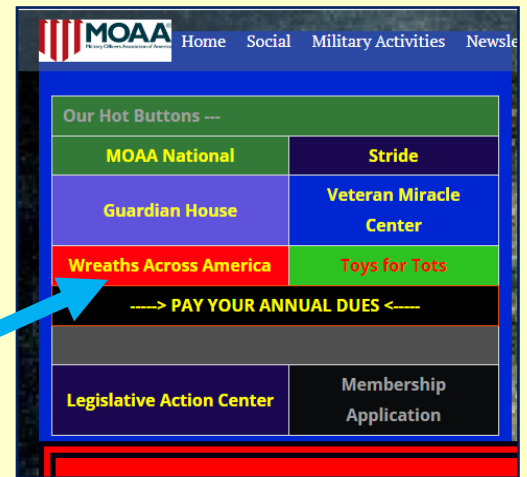
Wreaths Across America™ (WAA) is a 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to **Remember, Honor, and Teach** Americans of all ages about the sacrifices made by those who served in the Armed Forces of our nation.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PATRIOTIC PROGRAM:

1. **SPONSOR WREATHS.** Please ask your families, friends, local organizations and businesses to sponsor wreaths *through our Chapter*. The cost to sponsor a single wreath is now **\$17**. Donors may sponsor one or more wreaths by mailing a check along with the form on pg.11 of this newsletter to WAA at their Maine address, **OR, better yet, through the WAA website**. The *quickest and EASIEST* way to access the WAA website is through our own Chapter website clicking on the Wreaths Across America “Hot Button” in the upper left corner of the home page, as indicated at the right. This will open a new tab where you will “Click Here ...”, to open our Chapter’s WAA page with our group code **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. For each wreath sponsored through our Chapter, WAA returns \$5 to us, *which we give back to the community donating to other worthy local charities benefitting the local veterans and historical and military-related organizations.*

2. **LAY WREATHS ON VETERANS’ GRAVES.** There are over *16,000* veteran graves at the Saratoga National Cemetery. *We encourage all of you to attend the ceremony and help place wreaths if you are able.* This year’s wreath laying event at Saratoga will be held on **Saturday, December 14. Wreath placement begins at 11:00 AM**, followed by a solemn memorial ceremony honoring the fallen and deceased veterans of each military service at the flagpole **at 12:00 noon**. This is a very moving experience.



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CHAPTER WREATH SPONSORSHIP GOALS: We have two objectives this year. The first is to *sponsor 400 or more wreaths*. The second is to *have more members involved to solicit sponsors from our communities*. Last year, a total of **170 wreaths** were sponsored through our Chapter. That total tied us for **73rd** place among all organizations that solicit wreath donations in New York state and tied us for **1,620th** place among all organizations nationwide. This year, as of September 8, 7,922 wreaths have been sponsored for placement at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, which is 49.2% of the total needed. That means there are *8,178 more wreaths needed* to make sure every veteran is honored. So far, our Chapter accounts for **14** wreaths already sponsored. It's not too early to solicit donors!

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Local Events

- **Sep 14 – RED, WHITE, & BREW FESTIVAL**, 1400 hrs, South Pearl Street, Albany (in front of the MVP Arena) to honor active military and veterans.
- **Sep 14 – TRIVIA NIGHT, 5:00 to 10:00 pm at the Elks Colonial Hall, 1 Elks Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.** *The Friends of the New York State Military Museum* (one of our Chapter's annual charities) is running this event to benefit the museum. Cost is \$50 per player, and there is a maximum of 125 players allowed. Entry fee includes a buffet package and plated entrees. *It would be great if our Chapter could sponsor a table (8 players) or help fill a table. Let us know ASAP if you are interested.* Contacts for this event are **Chapter members** *Dave Cummings* (518-366-4762, cummindm@aol.com) and *Mark O'Rourke* (518-275-8389, mark.orourke@icloud.com).
- **Sep 28 – RUN TO REMEMBER 5K race, 0700-1100 hrs at RPI's East Campus Athletic Village in Troy.** RPI's Air Force ROTC Det 550 is hosting the event. Directions are available when you sign up, which you can do at the race's website here: <https://www.skisignup.com/Race/Events/NY/Troy/Det550RunToRemember5K>. Deadline for registration is Sept 27. Cost to register is only \$26.25. This is "a family friendly, community wide event." All are welcome: runners, joggers, and walkers. . 60% of the profits will be donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, which is a non-profit supporting families of fallen veterans. "Special Operations Warrior Foundation is a top-rated charitable organization with an enduring promise to the children of fallen Special Operations Personnel and the children of all service members awarded the Medal of Honor." The run is being dedicated to the crew of **Gundam 22**, a CV-22 that crashed off of Japan last November. SSgt Jake Galliher, from Pittsfield, MA, one of the flight engineers, left behind two little boys, ages 3 and 1-½. One of the pilots was Maj Terrell Brayman who grew up in Pittsford, NY. *Even if you can't make the event, just buying a race admission is a donation to their kids' college education fund.*



TRIVIA NIGHT

with Chad From Albany

To Benefit **the Friends of NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM**

Sat. Sept. 14, 2024

5pm to 10pm @ Elks Colonial Hall
Trivia @ 7pm

\$50 per player with Dinner Buffet Included
Teams Will Be Placed in Tables of 8
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Naval Support Facility Saratoga Springs MWR Upcoming Activities

The MWR is hosting **way too many** activities to list here. Those include a variety of classes, trips, runs, family activities – everything from candle-making to axe throwing – throughout the period from *Sep 19 through Oct 25!* Check out MWR's current newsletter, which you can access easily through our Chapter website here: [Military Activities](#). If you're bored this Fall, it's your own fault!

Grant Cottage State Historic Site - Upcoming Events

Sep 21 – Native American Gardening - Grant Cottage Literary Landmark Author Series, 1400 - 1500 hrs, presented by storyteller and author Joseph (Joe) Bruchac of Greenfield Center, NY.

Oct 5 – Like the Fabled Centaur: The Horsemanship of Ulysses S. Grant - Grant Cottage Literary Landmark Author Series, 1400 - 1500 hrs, presented by Grant Cottage tour guide and author Steve Trimm.

For details about both events, visit the Grant Cottage website, here: <https://www.grantcottage.org/events>.

Rest In Peace

James Tille, Maj USAF Ret., one of the founding members of the Greater Rome – Utica Chapter (GRUC) of MOAA, died on September 2, 2024. Besides serving in leadership positions in the GRUC, Jim was widely known for coordinating MOAA vacation trips and cruises, and also served as NY Council of Chapters President from 1984 to 1991.

BOOK REVIEW

ASHLEY'S WAR: The Untold Story of a Team of Women Soldiers on the Special Operations Battlefield

Author: *Gayle Tzemach Lemmon* **Length:** *281 pages +15 page post acknowledgement*

Reviewed by: *Vincent Memole, LTC IN USAR (Ret)*

As the Insurgencies in Afghanistan continued, commanders realized that they needed to get intelligence from the other half of the population: the women living in every village into which our troops entered. However, speaking to or even looking at a female not related to you was considered taboo and never acceptable to the village elders. Commanders realized that the only way to accomplish this was to have female military personnel take on this task. This book is a fantastic story about the Army's first Female Engagement Teams (FETs) supporting special operations in Afghanistan.

Nine years after the start of combat operations in Afghanistan, Admiral Eric Olson, then Commander Special Operations Command (SOCOM), began to develop the initial concept of Female Engagement Teams. The word goes out to both Active duty and National Guard/ Reserve units looking for female soldiers who thought they had "the right stuff", to submit applications up their chain of command. This easy to read book recaps the lives and stories of the first FET trainees, from their very first meeting on "Zero Day" at Ft. Bragg, NC, [now named Fort Liberty] throughout their month-long training to include all the trials and tribulations of "Hell Week" and how these trail-blazing women overcame not only their own doubts and physical limitations, but the Army's doubts as well. As almost all of us know, after intense training comes deployment and the author painstakingly does the research necessary to "follow" a few of the first females deployed as FET/CST (Cultural Support Team) members with the excitement and then the "routine" of nightly missions.

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I won't give away the rest of the story, but I highly recommend you read [Ashley's War](#) if you are interested in a small but important part of special operations in Afghanistan and the trail-blazing women who ultimately opened the door for the removal of the Combat Exclusion Policy.

[Editor's Note: One of my nieces on my wife's side of the family was among those pioneering soldiers. The author intentionally obscured the identities of most of these women by giving them false names, coloring facts, or mixing facts to create composite characters. I believe the author wanted to protect the soldiers from unwanted attention. However, my niece was interviewed for an article about this book that appeared in People magazine several years ago, which included her photo on the cover.]

CHAPTER MEMBER TRAVELS

Our Chapter Treasurer and Chair of our Legislative Liaison Committee, *Pat Piccirilli*, treated himself to a *well-deserved* vacation to the beautiful state of **Alaska**, from August 28 through September 10. Pat was kind enough to share a few pix from his voyage, proving that there are still many enjoyable things in this world. Shown below clockwise, starting on the left: *a bow shot of the Cunard Queen Elizabeth ship in Skagway, AK; Pat enjoying a gin and tonic in the Commodore Room (not sure why it was served in an oversized glass); and the Waiter and the Asst. Maître D working on our flambé!*



NOVEMBER 14th 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 ammmemole@gmail.com.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
 Thank you for your sponsorship and for joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach!

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, veteran wreaths may be sponsored online by scanning the QR Code above or by visiting: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NY0087P

You should be the only one to enter your credit card information at checkout on the Wreaths Across America website. For your security, do not share this information with anyone else who offers to place an order for you. To verify the validity of the QR Code, always check that wreathscrossamerica.org is part of the web address when sponsoring wreaths online.

If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	SPONSOR NAME FOR DISPLAY
GROUP ID(s)	NY0087P	EMAIL ADDRESS
LOCATION ID(s)	NYGSNS	PHONE #
DOLLAR AMOUNTS(s)		MAILING ADDRESS

To split your donation between multiple groups and/or locations, please list the IDs and dollar amounts for each.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.

IN MEMORY OF REQUEST	The "In Memory Of" Name will be listed on the Wreaths Across America online Remember Wall, along with your personal message.
NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST	
SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	

IN HONOR OF REQUEST	An email will be sent to your chosen recipient from Wreaths Across America letting them know of your donation of sponsored veteran wreaths in their honor.
RECIPIENT NAME	
RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	

Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Date: **OCTOBER 6, 2024**

Location: **NORRINE'S RESTAURANT,
Waterford, NY**

Time: **1:00 PM** – Check-in; Social Mixer // 1:35 – 4:00 PM – Luncheon/Guest Speaker

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

You may pay Chapter dues for **2024**, if you haven't already paid, by adding **\$30** to your total.

Please make your reservation **Not Later Than Saturday, September 28**

E-mail **Al Memole** at pres@cdnymoaa.org, or ammmemole@gmail.com, **OR** call him at: 518-641-8664, **OR** send reservation form and check to: Al Memole 8 Rose Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144



Mail-In Luncheon Reservation Form

Your name: _____

Number of persons attending: _____

Entrée selection(s) [indicate how many of each]: STEAK ____; CHICKEN PARM ____;

SALMON ____