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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Relative to other MOAA affiliated chapters ours is doing okay. We meet regularly five times per year. We are financially solvent. We keep up with legislative developments and support MOAA's advocacy initiatives. We support a variety of local military, veterans and civic causes, in furtherance of our Chapter's mission. We participate in the NY Council of Chapters and promote camaraderie among our members (we have a great time together). A small cadre of volunteers has been keeping us going. But, we really need to take action *now* in order to sustain our organization and continue our mission into the future. The two most urgent imperatives are to recruit more members and get more members to participate not only in regular meetings but also on Chapter committees/teams and projects.

RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS. All volunteer organizations are facing this same problem. People today are very busy and many are already overextended. But, as the years pass, the percentage of the population with military experience is shrinking, and along with it, the percentage of commissioned and warrant officers. All officers from all of the uniformed services need to band together to defend the earned benefits of everyone who has served honorably. MOAA unites us in that cause. With the national debt in the tens of trillions of dollars, we'd be foolish to think there will be no future pressure to cut or cancel earned benefits. With the possibility of significant reductions to unnecessary expenditures, we must be ready to advocate for reprioritizing federal (and state) funding to correct injustices and meet the most urgent needs of military families and veterans. To make a bigger impression on legislators, we need more members, aka constituents! *Please consider inviting one or more officers whom you know to join us and stand with us, even if they are too busy to make all of our meetings.*

INCREASE MEMBER PARTICIPATION. Many hands make work light (and more enjoyable). Our chapter does a lot to serve our community, and we should do more. But, we can't do more with barely a dozen members doing everything. If you believe in the mission of MOAA and our chapter, *please consider sharing your expertise, talents, and a slice of your time for the cause.* You don't need to make a huge commitment if you already have a lot on your plate. A little help is greatly appreciated. Spouses are welcome too. People often hesitate to step up for fear of being left "holding the bag". If everyone who felt that way would step up, no one would be stuck bearing all of the responsibility. It just takes a few people to lead the way and inspire others. Perhaps some of you might have a misimpression that those of us who are currently involved have our little fiefdoms and don't want anyone muscling in on the action. Not true. We are happy to continue our duties but we invite help. We also need a succession of future leaders before those of us now involved age out. *Below are just a few of our chapter's needs – do any fit with your interests and skill sets?*

- **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.** Currently, we have a committee of four. Every single one has at least one other chapter duty *and* a position on the NY Council of Chapters. Can you help? As a committee member you would stay current on military pay and benefits issues and MOAA's advocacy campaign plans. You might also team up with another member to meet with one or both local congressional reps at least once each year to review MOAA positions on issues. We would love to become more involved in tracking NY State legislation and regulations that affect military families and veterans, but we need a deeper bench to handle it. Does that interest you?
- **ROTC/JROTC PROGRAMS.** Currently, one person (that's me) orders the award materials from MOAA and coordinates with three local ROTC programs and five high school JROTC programs to provide and or present the awards. I love attending the ceremonies and seeing all of these great young future leaders recognized publicly. It's very inspiring. But I could use some help. I, too, have other commitments and can't always make every ceremony. Moreover, the ideal situation would be to have a team with a different chapter member as *primary* liaison for *one*

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program, not only to present the MOAA award, but to learn of their needs and see if our chapter might help. This is a great opportunity for any of you who are concerned about the future of our country and love helping young people.

- PUBLIC RELATIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER. We are one deep each for PR, our website, and our newsletter, with no bench, and have *no one* adept at maintaining our presence on social media. *We should have at least two people on each of these four critical communications efforts.* These offer great opportunities for those of you *or your spouses* who have technical or communications skills and are looking for a chance to use them and make an impact.
- PERSONAL AFFAIRS, SURVIVING SPOUSES, TRANSITION ASSISTANCE. We have no one dedicated solely to any of these committees which are oriented toward helping chapter members. Personal Affairs involves being contacts for members in need, to help coordinate an appropriate response from the membership, such as bereavement support. Surviving spouses are those whose deceased spouse was a MOAA member. The SS committee's main duties are to make sure the survivors know what MOAA can offer to help them obtain their benefits, and to provide a social network of mutual support. Transition assistance provides advice and guidance to officers who are either transitioning from military service to civilian life, or moving to our area or both.
- AD HOC HELP. Would you like to help out at luncheon meetings – set up or take down flags, sell 50-50 tickets, escort guest speakers or new members? Would you be interested in coordinating an optional chapter outing of some type? What about coordinating a community service project?

From time to time we need to remind ourselves that our chapter belongs equally to all of us members, not just the Chapter Officers and Board of Directors. Ultimately, chapter activities will conform to whatever the membership wants. And, what we get out of it depends on what we put into it. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all of you who have chosen to be a part of our Chapter. We value your support. Please know that we want you to feel at home and not hesitate to pursue any part of our mission or organizational positions to which you feel called to contribute.

Al Memole

HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY for this issue → VETERANS & COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION (VCHC)

Each Spring we highlight this local veteran support program that includes the *Guardian House* for homeless female veterans, the *Vet House* for homeless male veterans and, now under construction, the *Foreverly House* for homeless female veterans with dependent children. These facilities as well as a Veterans Food Pantry are operated by the **Veterans & Community Housing Coalition (VCHC)** of Saratoga County supporting needy veterans in *Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie and Schenectady Counties*. They provide transitional housing, peer support programs, temporary financial assistance, help to obtain/maintain permanent housing, and help to secure VA benefits, health care, employment, and other public aid. The VCHC seeks and accepts donations from the local community to support their veterans. For more information about the VCHC, please visit their updated website at <https://vchcnny.org/>, and to volunteer or donate to the VCHC, go directly to this webpage: <https://vchcnny.org/ways-to-support/>.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Our next Chapter meeting is SATURDAY,
APRIL 12, at **NORRINE'S RESTUARANT**

405 Hudson River Rd, Waterford, NY 12188

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

GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE TAGLIAFIERRO, LTC USA,
NYS Joint Task Force Headquarters
TOPIC: *The National Guard.*

DRESS CODE: Business casual (*jackets, ties, & dresses optional, but no jeans, please*)

PROGRAM:

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

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

1345-1400 hrs: Entrees served

about 1445 hrs: Guest Speaker presentation

1545-1600 hrs: 50/50 drawing; announcements and farewell

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS (choose one):

STEAK w/potatoes & veggies

CHICKEN PARM over pasta w/garlic bread

HADDOCK (lightly breaded & seasoned) w/linguini and white wine buttery 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.

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED NLT Thursday, April 3rd: Please email your **reservation and entrée selection(s)** to AL MEMOLE at pres@cdnymoa.org or ammemole@gmail.com before the deadline to confirm your attendance, because we owe the restaurant a final count of guests and entrée selections one week in advance. *Or*, call Al at 518-641-8664 and leave a voicemail, *or* 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](#)

You can park on the side lot near the entrance which also has a couple of Handicap Parking spaces, or behind the restaurant. The lots are not paved. The entrance has a wheelchair ramp.

Our Last Meeting, February 8, at Norrine's Restaurant

(By Al Memole; Photos by Ed Balaban)

We had a great meeting and a wonderful meal. The staff at Norrine's was superb. Attendance was down a bit due to several regular attendees being away in warmer climes, another sick, and another injured. Life happens, both good and bad. But it was nice to see MOAA Life Member *Leo McGuire*, and nice that *Michael Golden* invited his mom to join us, as she was visiting. Guests, especially family members are always welcome to join us. We were highly honored to have two fantastic guest speakers: **Frank "Tank" Michael**, CAPT USN RET, who is MOAA's Senior Director of Affiliated Councils and Chapters, and **Mr. Terry Brown**, a Viet Nam veteran and the military/veterans columnist for the Albany Times Union.

Tank gave us an update on all the major activities and issues in MOAA, and drove home the importance of affiliated chapters in fulfilling MOAA's mission. His encouragement of us and enthusiasm for MOAA resonated well with all present. As good as he was, he probably got upstaged by Terry Brown who brought his highly trained companion animals – two of the cutest Shelties – who wowed everyone with their intelligence and discipline. Terry's story of how he discovered the value of a companion dog in his own life was equally compelling. Toward the end of the meeting, Tank officially installed the recently elected Chapter Officers and Directors. (We didn't wow anyone with *our* intelligence or discipline, or lack thereof, but we *are ready* to serve.) The photos taken by Ed Balaban that follow convey the spirit of our luncheon meeting quite well. Enjoy!



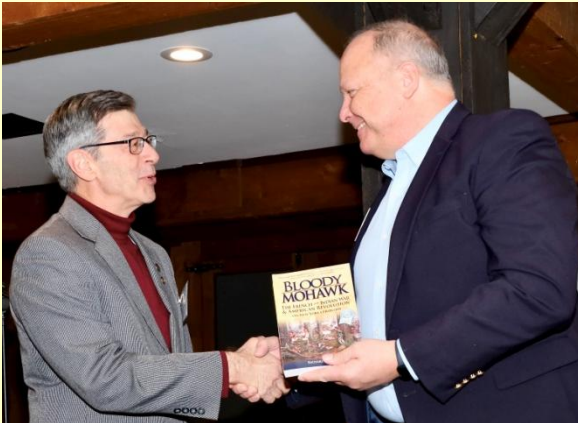
Above left: *Times Union* military columnist Terry Brown, a Vietnam veteran, explained the background and need for companion service animals. His Shetland collies impressed those present with their abilities to count, read, and endear themselves to humans.

Above right: Chapter President Al Memole, left, presents *Times Union* military columnist Terry Brown with a memento acknowledging his visit with the Chapter and his presentation on companion animals.

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Below left: Chapter President Al Memole, left, presents Capt. Frank J. Michael, USN (Ret), right, MOAA Senior Director of Affiliated Councils and Chapters, a token of the Chapter's appreciation for his steadfast support. Captain Michael is an avid reader and history buff who said that delving into the Revolutionary War history of the greater Capital District was of great personal interest.

Below right: What is a business meeting without dessert after a full meal? Norrine's made sure that there was not only dessert, but we were also warmly welcomed. That was one rich chocolate cake!



Below: In accordance with Chapter bylaws, new officers are installed at the first meeting of the year. Capt. Frank J. Michael, USN (Ret), far right, MOAA Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs, was on hand to issue the oath of office to, from left, Ed Balaban (director), Vince Memole (director), Skip Bebernitz (director), Ralph Folger (secretary), Pat Piccirilli (treasurer), and Al Memole (president).



May 14th is the deadline for submitting **news articles, photos, bio's, stories, or reviews of books/movies/food/drink** for the *next* issue! Please e-mail your input to newsletter editor Al Memole at ammemole@gmail.com.

Legislative Affairs Committee Report

(Submitted by Pat Piccirilli, Legislative Affairs Committee)

Well, it's that time of the year when the Council of Chapters and the individual chapters go forward and meet with their designated congressional legislators to discuss topics identified as a priority by MOAA National. This year is a bit different. Instead of choosing only three priority issues, MOAA National chose **5** priority issues and identified specific NYS congressional legislators to contact. The five priorities are: *Caregiver Support Improvements*, *Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans*, *Military Health System Access to Care*, *Military Spouse Hiring Act*, and *Unaccompanied Housing Improvements*. Three of the five priority issues were assigned to each of the specifically identified congressional legislators "depending on whether they are closer to the Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs related issues".

We are using the same approach as last year in that our chapter will contact both congressional representatives within our chapter's catchment area (CD 20 and CD 21). This year, our Chapter will also meet with three representatives from congressional districts that are not in any chapter catchment area: CD 9 (Yvette Clarke), CD 10 (Dan Goldman), and CD 11 (Nicole Malliotakis). The latter two are associated with *Caregiver Support Improvements*, *Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans*, and the *Military Spouse Hiring Act*, and will be briefed thoroughly about MOAA's position on each of those issues. We will present all five priority issues to the other three representatives.

The aim is for an in-person meeting with the representative, if possible, otherwise we will ask for an in-person meeting with the district director or their legislative assistant. While MOAA National states that the meeting can take place before or after Advocacy in Action (AiA) on April 9th in Washington D.C., our approach has been to conduct the meeting *before* the AiA meeting in Washington so that any open questions, comments or concerns can be followed up on April 9th by the NYS AiA team. However, due to a delay in receiving the issue papers we might reconsider meeting with our Congressional representatives *after* April 9th. This would give us the opportunity to reinforce the importance of these issues before they finalize the 2026 NDAA.

For your information, according to the Congressional Calendar, the House of Representatives is not in session on from March 17th to the 21st. Otherwise, the next time the House of Representatives is not in session is on April 4th, April 11th and the week of April 14-18.

How We Can Help: Sign up for our **Legislative Action Center**, if you haven't already done so, and use the **Legislative Action Center** when contacting your legislators regarding military related issues.

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.

Chapter Due\$ - Cheddar Up

A big thank you to the following 27 members who have paid Chapter dues (or are exempted) for 2025:

Rocco Acquilano, Edward Balaban, Ernest Bebernitz, Myles Caggins III, Stephen Cipperly, Christopher Costigan, David Cummings, Abner Diaz Jr., David Erickson, Anthony Ficara, Ralph Folger, Kathy Gates, Laurie Gates, Michael Golden, Barry Hartman, Julia Holcomb, Jeffrey Hughes, Leo McGuire, Alfred Memole, Mark O'Rourke, Joseph Peck, Patrick Piccirilli, Sean Piccirilli, Christine Richardson, Lance Richardson, Edmund Scheiber, Merle Schreckengost Jr.

Our apologies to anyone to paid dues for 2025 whose name is missing from the list above. Let us know and we will correct that omission in the next issue. For those who haven't paid this year's dues, you will receive a reminder. But remember that you have *three* options for paying dues: Paying by cash or check at a Chapter meeting, mailing a check to the Chapter PO Box, or paying online through MOAA's *new* online portal, **Cheddar Up**. Cheddar Up resides on the provider's site and our Chapter has its own page and account. You can access our Cheddar Up page through our Chapter website's Homepage, or directly from this newsletter by clicking on this link: [Dues - CDNYMOAA](#). MOAA is handling all fees, but you *don't* have to go through the MOAA website. You pay dues the same way you shop online by adding it to your cart and then pay at checkout using your credit card. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to either President Al Memole or Treasurer Pat Piccirilli.

Remaining Chapter Meetings For 2025

For 2025, we have moved our luncheon meeting dates to SATURDAY

MEETING DATE & TYPE	MEETING LOCATION, NOTES
APR 12 , Luncheon Meeting	<i>Norrine's Restaurant, Waterford</i>
APR 26 , Board of Directors Meeting	<i>NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs 1000-1200 hrs</i>
JUN 7 , Luncheon Meeting	<i>Guest Speaker: Dave Erickson, MAJ USA RET, will talk about the creation and phenomenal success of Albany High School's JROTC program; Venue: TBD</i>
AUG TBD , Board of Directors Meeting	<i>(Proposed – Scheiber's House, Bolton Landing, beginning at 10:30 am)</i>
OCT 4 , Luncheon Meeting	<i>TBD</i>
NOV 15 , Board of Directors Meeting	<i>(Proposed – NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs beginning at 10 am)</i>
DEC 6 , Holiday Party-Annual Business Mtg	<i>TBD</i>

Wreaths Across America™ Update

(Reported by Skip Bebernitz)

Wreaths Across America wreath pickup was scheduled for March 1st, but has been **rescheduled to March 22nd at 9:00am**, due to conditions with snow and ice that prevailed earlier this month. To help with pick up, just show up on or before the start time, and, to make it easier on yourself, bring a pole, rake, or any long handle to help carry multiple wreaths to the pick up points.

NY Council of Chapters Annual Convention 2025 - Reminder

The 53rd Annual Convention of the New York State Council of MOAA Chapters will be held in **Saratoga Springs 28 Sep-1 Oct**. All MOAA members and spouses are invited to participate in all events. There will be options to attend select events, in order to accommodate those with limited availability. Key points:

- Dinners and meetings will be held at the Inn at Saratoga, which is providing lodging for attendees.
- Our Annual Memorial Service will be held in the Gerald B. H. Solomon National Cemetery.
- There will be a guided tour of the site of the two battles of Saratoga and significant sites in the Village of Stillwater.
- Business meetings will include presentations by MOAA National reps and the NY Council, and an election of Council Officers for 2025-2027.
- To contribute a gift basket for the raffle, please contact Chapter President Al Memole. Raffles provide funds for the next year's convention, and we always get a wide variety of gift baskets from every chapter full of goodies to entice you.
- Get all of the information about attendance options, pricing, and activities, *along with the reservation form*, on our Chapter website here: https://cdnymoaa.org/?page_id=1319. Reservations and down payment (50%) are due on June 26; final payment is due by August 11.

This year, we are honored to host **Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, U.S. Air Force (Ret), President and CEO of MOAA, who will be the Guest Speaker at the Banquet!**

R.I.P. Mary Louise Costigan



It's tough reporting sad news, and this news is especially heart-wrenching for our chapter. Mary Louise, loving wife of *Chris Costigan*, the Immediate Past President of this chapter and the current East Regional VP of the NY Council of Chapters, passed away on February 13 at Saratoga Hospital due to numerous critical medical issues. Mary struggled with several health issues for a number of years, but she never let on and *never* complained about anything. Many of you may remember that she was always present when we arrived for a luncheon meeting, marking our attendance, confirming our choice of entrée, collecting our payments, or selling 50/50 tickets.

Behind the scenes, she was the one who was scoping out new venues for meetings *and* making the arrangements for our chapter to meet there. Mary was simply a delightful person and a huge help to her busy husband Chris, who is still working at Albany Med. Good bye Mary Louise. We miss you. (Photos are from previous newsletters.)



AN AMERICAN IN LA NOUVELLE ORLÉANS

Or, Pat Piccirilli Takes In The Big Easy

(Article and photos by Pat Piccirilli)

In early January, I flew down to New Orleans to catch a cruise ship for a Western Caribbean trip. The first day was spent recuperating from the flight after a long layover in Orlando Florida. The second day was spent visiting the citizen memorial that was constructed after the Bourbon Street massacre (*photo at right*), then touring the city grabbing a beignet or two and taking rides on two different trolley lines.

I devoted the third day to another visit to the **National World War II Museum**. One area that fascinated me was in the newly opened Liberation Pavilion. The Liberation Pavilion is The National WWII Museum's final permanent exhibit hall exploring the end of World War II, the Holocaust, and the immediate postwar years. The section that struck me the most was "Faith in Wartime" (*photo below*). This area was dedicated to the memory of the *Four Chaplains* who were onboard the USAT (United States Army Transport) Dorchester and sacrificed their lives to aid their brothers-in-arms when the ship was struck by a German U-boat torpedo (U-223) in 1943. The ship sank



in 20 minutes. Nevertheless, it was enough time for each chaplain to give away his life preserver to a needy fellow passenger. This is a tremendous story of faith and heroism that is celebrated annually on February 3rd by various military and religious organizations. We are fortunate to have this event organized by the local chapters of the Jewish War Veterans of America. The event is usually on the first Sunday of February and is open to the public. It is celebrated at the First Reformed Church of Schenectady where Rev. Clark Poling, one of the Four Chaplains, served before being sent to Europe aboard the Dorchester.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS OF INTEREST

There's a lot going on in the Capital District. The information that follows is just the tip of the iceberg. These are a few of the events and services sent out in emails and flyers to us and other military and veterans organizations for dissemination. They are listed by month to facilitate your planning.

March

- From **NYS Tax and Finance is offering help with filing tax returns** on Tuesday and Wednesdays from now to April 10. See their ad on page 12 for more information and to see if you qualify for this assistance.
- Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery announces its **2025 Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial Service** to be held Saturday, March 29th, 11:00 am. This year's commemoration marks the historic, 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, everyone is invited.

Vietnam Veterans who served on active duty from November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, and spouses of deceased Veterans that served during these dates are especially encouraged to attend and receive a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin.

Saratoga National Cemetery is honored to be the resting place of nearly 6500 interred Vietnam Veterans. To commemorate this historic anniversary, each veteran interred will receive graveside honors on March 29th.

Throughout the years, youth have played an integral part in ceremonies, an important objective of the cemetery. Continuing this tradition, Saratoga National Cemetery is calling all youth; individuals, church groups, scouts, schools, 4-H, service organizations and clubs to be part of this monumental mission.

Following the ceremony, volunteers will join cemetery section leaders to honor each Vietnam Veteran. Standing by each grave, offering a salutation (salute or hand over heart), reading the Veteran's name aloud and gravestone information, then pausing in remembrance of their service to a grateful nation. The Veteran's family may or may not accompany the volunteer. All Vietnam gravesites will be clearly marked.

(Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Youth for Vietnam Veterans Informational Release, February 9, 2025)

- The **US Small Business Administration has an upcoming event for veterans on starting a business** at the VA in Albany on March 31st. See their ad on page 13.

April

- The **Veterans' Service2Success Resource and Job Fair** takes place on April 26th from 0900 to 1330 hrs at Hudson Valley Community College. See their flyer on page 14.

May

- **Carry the Load – Rensselaer** supporting military veterans and first responders takes place at Riverfront Park on May 6th from 1130 to 1700 hrs. See their flyer on page 15.
- The **Colonel Peter Goebel Memorial Golf Tournament** that benefits the CYVA Goebel Scholarship Fund takes place at the Burden Lake Country Club on Saturday, May 17th, beginning with lunch at noon. See their flyer on page 15.

June

- The **Vietnam Veterans' Wall That Heals**, a transportable replica of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, will be in Troy, June 5-8, 2025. See their flyer on page 16.

- The Prescott Foundation will host the 5th Annual **Night on the Tarmac** – June 12th, 2025 at The Hangar at 743, 743 Albany Shaker Rd, Latham, NY 12110, 6:00-10:00 pm. It is billed as “an unforgettable evening of live and silent auctions, exquisite food and drinks, cigars, and live music.”

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Tax Department employees will walk you through your income tax returns as you complete your own tax return. It’s quick and easy! We’ll help you prepare and e-file your income tax return in person at a location near you.

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is offering sessions available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. You must pre-register and schedule an appointment. For information, a list of necessary documents, or to schedule a session, talk to a Tax Department site coordinator or visit www.tax.ny.gov/tap/.

- Use on-site computers, or your own laptop, tablet, or mobile device.
- You only need basic computer skills and an active email account.
- If you earned \$79,000 or less in 2023, you qualify.
- Safe and secure online tax software.



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■ Sessions available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.



STARTING OR GROWING A Veteran-Owned Small Business?

Event Details

Event Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Monday March 31, 2025

Event Hours (start time - end time)

08:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST

Event Location (name)

Albany Stratton Medical Center

Event Location Address (street address, city, state, zip)

**113 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12208
Auditorium Floor 3**

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Sign up for **Boots to Business Reboot**, an entrepreneurship training program for veterans and military spouses.

Owning a Small Business

Veterans have the character, discipline and skills needed to succeed as small business owners and entrepreneurs. Wondering what it takes and how you can prepare? Enroll in Boots to Business Reboot.



About Boots to Business Reboot

Boots to Business Reboot is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The course provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals. Veterans of all eras, Active Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve) and spouses are eligible to participate.

During Reboot, participants are introduced to the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to launch a business, including steps for developing business concepts, how to develop a business plan, and information on SBA resources available to help. The program is facilitated by subject matter experts from the SBA and their extensive network of skilled business advisors.

Participants that complete an in-person or online B2B Reboot course can elect to further their study through one of many B2B online courses, offered at no cost to Service members, Veterans and military spouses. If you've already attended an in-person or online B2B Reboot course, visit sba.my.site.com to sign up for one of the online B2B follow-on courses.



The Boots to Business program is provided through the coordinated efforts of the SBA and its valued partner network. All SBA services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

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Veterans' Service2Success RESOURCE AND JOB FAIR

Navigating Entrepreneurship, Employment, Education, & Benefits

The McNulty Veteran Business Center, the area's preeminent Veteran entrepreneurship resource is partnering with the Veterans Resource & Outreach Center, Albany County Veterans Service Bureau, Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, and Schenectady County Veterans Peer to Peer Program to offer the Veterans' Service2Success Resource and Job Fair.

Veterans' Service2Success provides FREE access to entrepreneurship, employment, education and benefits information for Veterans and their families. Veteran services providers, employers, academic institutions, and public/private entities will exhibit for this day-long event. Featured will be informational sessions for entrepreneurial resources, Veterans' benefits assistance, a job fair, and networking opportunities with dozens of exhibitors, and includes lunch.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

- WHO:** Veterans and military family members
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
- WHERE:** Hudson Valley Community College, Siek Campus Center | 80 Vandenburg Avenue, Troy, NY 12180



Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities available. Exhibitor space is limited, and preference will be given to mission-aligned entities, businesses, and organizations.

Consider exhibiting if you are a:

- Veteran Service or Program Provider
- Employers with job opportunities for Veterans & military family members
- Educational Institutions GI Bill Approved

REGISTER HERE:

<https://bit.ly/4axzCqb>

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CARRY THE LOAD - RENSSELAER

Riverfront Park

May 17 Date: May 6, 2025
 Location: 5th & Broadway, Rensselaer, NY 12144
 Time: 11:30 AM

Join Carry The Load as we come together for Memorial May, a month-long movement honoring the sacrifices of our military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

Join us at Riverfront Park, where we'll walk and gather as a community to reflect, connect, and show our support of our nation's heroes.

Together, We #CarryTheLoad 🇺🇸❤️

Register To Join Event

CarryTheLoad.org





2nd Annual

Col. Peter Goebel Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefiting CYVA Goebel Scholarship Fund

Saturday May 17, 2025

Burden Lake Country Club

\$125.00 per person/foursome (May 10th Deadline)
 ~ Beer Cart Special ~

12 pm ~ Lunch.....1:00 pm ~ Scramble Shotgun Tee Off
Immediately after Golf ~ Dinner at Burden Lake Country Club

50/50 Drawing - Raffles

1st & 2nd Place Prizes ~ Closest to Pin Contest ~ Long Drive Contest

BE A PROUD SPONSOR ON ARMED FORCES DAY

Sponsor Lunch and Dinner \$250.00 Sponsor
 Flag Holes \$100.00
 Tee Box \$50.00

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HONOR YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN WHO RETURNED HOME AND LATER DIED THROUGH THE
IN MEMORY PROGRAM



**The Wall That Heals will be in Troy, NY
from June 5 - 8th**

To have your veteran included as part of the mobile Education Center display when The Wall That Heals is on display in Troy, apply by **May 4th.**



For more information, visit
www.vvmf.org/In-Memory-Program/
or scan the following QR code:



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LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Date: **APRIL 12, 2025**

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

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

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

*You may pay Chapter dues for **2025** by adding **\$30** to your total.*

Please make your reservation **Not Later Than Thursday, April 3^d**

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 _____

HADDOCK _____