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NY COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2025

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.*

Reservations and down payment (50%) are due on June 26; final payment is due by August 11.

Attendance options, pricing, and activities, along with the reservation form, are on our Chapter website here:

https://cdnmoaa.org/?page_id=1319

invited to participate in all events. There will be options to attend select events, in order to accommodate those with limited availability.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A COUNCIL CONVENTION (*especially for those of you who haven't been able to attend Chapter meetings*). This convention is on our "home turf". If you can't attend the entire convention, try to attend at least some events. You won't regret it! Here's why:

- **The President and CEO of MOAA**,

Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, U.S. Air Force (Ret), will attend and will be the

Guest Speaker at the Banquet! And, of course, our friend and biggest supporter, *Frank "Tank" Michael, CAPT USN RET*, MOAA's Senior Director of Affiliated Councils and Chapters will also be there. *Come and find out first-hand about what's going on with MOAA and our sister Chapters.*

- Meet the officers and spouses from the other NY Chapters and make new friends! They're a great bunch, interesting, and a lot of fun. And that's true for your fellow Chapter members as well. One of the highlights of all our conventions is the "Hospitality Room", sometimes also called the "Training Room". Attendees gather there in the evening for lively conversation, music, munchies, and a well-stocked bar! (You might consider staying at the Inn, just for this!)
- Take the guided tours of Saratoga Battlefield and historic sites in Stillwater. Yeah, they're local and you can always go there – *but will you, really? C'mon!*
- Take a chance on one or more raffled gift baskets and the 50/50 the raffle. We always have a variety of interesting baskets, many of which reflect the different regions of our beautiful state. You just might be a winner.

Let's show up in force as the Capital District Chapter and be good hosts for the other chapters and the honored guests from MOAA national HQs.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Our next Chapter meeting is SATURDAY,
JUNE 7, at **NORRINE'S RESTUARANT**

405 Hudson River Rd, Waterford, NY 12188

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

GUEST SPEAKER: (our own) DAVID ERICKSON, MAJ USA RET
TOPIC: Junior ROTC

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

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.

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 Friday, May 30th: Please email your **reservation and entrée selection(s)** to AL MEMOLE at pres@cdnymoaa.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](#)

Our Last Meeting, April 12, at Norrine's Restaurant

(By Al Memole)

Our April meeting was relaxing and enjoyable as always. The food at Norrine's was excellent, plentiful, and well-prepared. Most attendees enjoyed the steak. A couple had the chicken parmesan, also a favorite. Rocco and I tried the haddock, which was delicious. I also purchased an extra chicken parm to take home, and got two meals out of it, the portions were that generous. At the previous meeting someone had requested a tiramisu cake as dessert for this meeting. I normally try hard to avoid dessert, but this cake was light and exquisite. Wow!

We were honored to have as guest speaker **Mike Tagliaferro**, LTC USA RET, from the NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA). Mike described the changes that he observed throughout his military career serving in both active and, later, in the reserve components. He deployed to Iraq with the 42nd Infantry ("Rainbow") Division. He presented a vivid account of how the Army National Guard transformed itself from a state of low readiness during the Cold War, to the current high level of readiness and deployability today, making it a vital, integral part of our National Defense.



Chapter President Al Memole, right, presents guest speaker Mike Tagliaferro, LTC USA RET, left, with a token of the chapter's appreciation for his presentation. (photo by Ed Balaban)



Chapter Board Member and President of the NY Council of Chapters, Skip Bebernitz reported on MOAA's recent Advocacy in Action activities in Washington, D.C., and gave an update on the NY Council of Chapters annual convention, coming this September in Saratoga Springs. He had Maj. Gen. April Vogel, USAF Ret., MOAA's VP for Government Relations (i.e., advocacy) lined up to attend, but a scheduling conflict forced her to decline.

Chapter member Council President Skip Bebernitz, left, reports to the group on MOAA's Advocacy in Action and the upcoming state convention. (photo by Ed Balaban)

Board of Directors Meeting, April 26 at the NY Military Museum, Saratoga Springs

Chapter Board meetings follow a standard format where we review minutes from the last meeting, receive the Treasurer's report (we are financially solvent), and receive committee reports (Membership, Program, i.e., meetings, Newsletter, Website, Legislative Affairs, ROTC/JROTC Awards, Public Relations). Then we move on to continuing and unfinished business, such as By-laws, insurance, recruiting, potential grants, meeting schedules, advocacy, and community service. Lastly, the Board brings up and discusses new business.

The overarching take-away from this meeting was that our Chapter is performing well across the board, however, we need to find a way to increase attendance at our regular membership meetings and also recruit more members. A few specific developments that should be of interest to all Chapter members are:

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1. **Approved donations for 2025** totalling \$850, with \$100 for STRIDE Wounded Warrior Snowfest, Veterans & Community Housing Coalition of Saratoga County, Capital District Women Veterans, Veterans Miracle Center, Toys For Tots, Friends of Grant Cottage, and Friends of the NYS Military Museum, plus \$150 for the LTC Todd Clark Memorial Tournament.
2. **Acquisition of liability insurance** to cover Chapter officers and directors for 2025. The Chapter has never been insured, so this is a first. The Board is looking at possibly obtaining general liability insurance, if we can find affordable coverage. Besides protecting the Chapter's financial assets from lawsuits should they occur, such coverage is required in order to qualify for MOAA community service grants needed to fund community service initiatives.
3. **Moving the luncheon meeting scheduled for October 4 to a date later in October**, probably the 25th. The Board decided that the 4th, picked last August, was too close to the NY Council of Chapters Convention, which ends on October 1, a situation that might depress attendance more than usual.

After the meeting, the Board did something that it rarely if ever did: We shuffled down and across the street from the NYS Military Museum to have lunch at *The Parting Glass*, an Irish style pub. And a fine time was had by all, as you can see from the photo to the right, taken by Vince Memole (not pictured). Pictured are, from left to right: Chis Costigan, Pat Piccirilli, Al Memole, Ralph Folger, Kathy Gates, and Rocco Acquilano. After *that*, Pat, Kathy, and Vince returned to the Museum at 2pm for a special presentation about the **Dachau concentration camp and its liberation by the 42nd Infantry Division** at the end of World War II, presented by Ms. Evelyn Loeb and Richard Goldenburg, COL NYARNG RET.



Remaining Chapter Meetings For 2025

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

| MEETING DATE & TYPE | MEETING LOCATION, NOTES |
|---|--|
| JUN 7, Luncheon Meeting | <u>Venue: Norrine's Restaurant</u> <u>Guest Speaker: Dave Erickson, MAJ USA RET</u> |
| AUG <u>TBD</u> , Board of Directors Meeting | (Proposed – Scheiber's House, Bolton Landing, beginning at 10:30 am) |
| OCT 25 (<i>tentative</i>), Luncheon Meeting | TBD |
| NOV 15, Board of Directors Meeting | (Proposed – NYS Military Museum, Saratoga Springs beginning at 10 am) |
| DEC 6, Holiday Party-Annual Business Mtg | TBD |

Legislative Affairs Committee Report

(Submitted by Pat Piccirilli, Legislative Affairs Committee)

MOAA representatives discussed ongoing concerns in key areas during a recent meeting with professional staff from both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, part of our work to protect service-earned benefits in the face of budget constraints and a compressed congressional calendar. The talks covered **four key areas** of the six that were part of this year's Advocacy in Action campaign. These four key areas are: [unaccompanied housing](#), [military spouse employment](#), military health system (MHS) [access to care](#), and veterans [exposed to toxins while in uniform](#).

Professional staff on both committees characterized the year ahead as primarily defensive, with limited opportunity for advancing new legislative priorities. They expressed the greatest openness to efforts reinforcing or improving existing policies — particularly in areas related to DoD health care. Other issues, such as unaccompanied housing and military spouse employment, were met with interest and constructive discussion, though committee staff acknowledged constraints that may limit broader legislative action this year. Here's a look at what was discussed in the March session, and how you can keep up with progress on these critical issues:

Unaccompanied Housing

MOAA and committee staff discussed the potential impacts of the [continuing resolution](#) on planned unaccompanied housing improvements. Committee staff acknowledged the issue but noted that funding limitations and competing priorities may constrain options in the near term. While broader legislative movement on this issue may prove challenging this year, it remains a critical area in need of oversight.

Military Spouse Employment (H.R. 2033 Military Spouse Hiring Act). The following NYS House of Representatives are co sponsors: *Morelle, Lawler, Meng, and Malliotakis*.

MOAA highlighted ongoing challenges facing military spouses in the federal workforce, including barriers related to licensure portability and other employment obstacles. Committee staff expressed support and encouraged continued focus on the issue, noting potential opportunities to push forward bills like the Resilient Employment and Authorization Determination to Increase the National Employment of Serving Spouses (READINESS) Act.

MOAA continues its work in support of the Military Spouse Hiring Act, which would award a tax credit to businesses hiring military spouses. However, because this bill would involve changes to the tax code, it would fall under a different committee jurisdiction.

Military Health System: Access to Care

Committee staffers encouraged MOAA to continue advocating for reliable MHS funding amid concerns that DoD is redirecting resources away from health care, impacting both readiness and the benefit itself by undercutting the direct care system. Committee staff requested feedback on recent MHS stabilization testimony and other legislative proposals. MOAA was also asked to provide draft legislative language for a digital access assistance platform, which is one of our Tier 1 priorities, and help clarify how much was saved through the [TRICARE pharmacy network reductions](#).

Toxic Exposure

MOAA discussed recommendations from its [Ending the Wait initiative](#) and raised concerns about ongoing challenges to access service-earned care and benefits. Committee staff asked what specific problems remain unresolved and whether DoD is still failing to acknowledge certain exposure-related

H.R. 2148 Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement Act.

This bill was sponsored by *Morelle*, with no other NYS representative signing on as a co sponsor. [Source: Congress.gov]

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conditions. MOAA and committee staff agreed it is critical to clearly identify what is still not working in these processes and what gaps may remain.

A Steady Voice

As Congress faces a compressed legislative calendar and ongoing budget uncertainty, MOAA remains committed to engaging with lawmakers and staff to advance practical, achievable improvements for the uniformed services and veteran communities. Even in a constrained environment, opportunities remain — and MOAA will continue to serve as a trusted voice, providing thoughtful policy recommendations and amplifying the concerns of those who serve and have served.

How can we help? Go to the [Legislative Action Center](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction) (www.moaa.org/takeaction), if you haven't already done so. Use the Legislative Action Center when contacting your legislators regarding military related issues. 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.

Earlier in April, MOAA went to bat for all who have served and who are still serving in our annual **Advocacy in Action** event in Washington DC.

In front of the Capitol, from left, **Rachel Sanks** (MOAA Affiliated Councils and Chapters), **Charline Bobbit** (Serving Spouse Advisory Committee), **Skip Bebernitz** (NY AiA Team One), **Tim Vaughan**, Col, USAF (Ret), NYS CoC Western Region VP and Genessee Valley Chapter President, and **Myles Caggins**, COL, USA (Ret), Member of MOAA Board of Directors and the NYS Capital District Chapter.

Below, from left: **Tim Vaughan**, the *Defense Fellow for Senator Gillibrand*, **Skip Bebernitz**, **Charline Bobbit**, **Rachel Sanks**, and **Myles Caggins**. [Photos provided by MOAA.]



Presentation of MOAA ROTC & JROTC Awards

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

Thus far in 2025, our Chapter has conferred and presented MOAA award to the following JROTC and ROTC cadets or midshipmen:

March 20: ANDREW BRODIE, Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) of Albany Army JROTC program led by Senior Army Instructor Kirk Holmes, COL USA Ret., Chris Mansman, 1SG Ret., and Herb Reeves, SFC Ret. *(Below left, Cadet Brodie and his mother pose with Chapter member Michael Golden, who presented the MOAA JROTC award to Cadet Brodie. Michael also presented the Military Order of the World Wars award to another cadet. Below right, Chapter member Leo McGuire, far right, and a colleague pose with the cadet who received from them the award from the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Michael and Leo, like many of our Chapter members, belong to and contribute much to other military and veterans organizations.)* [Photos provided by Michael Golden.]



April 15: LACEY PRIEST, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, of Detachment 550, US Air Force ROTC program led by Lt Col Jake L. Miller, USAF, Commander, Det. 55. Chapter President Al Memole presented the MOAA ROTC award to Cadet Priest at the Air Force ROTC awards ceremony held at RPI prior to their Cadet Change of Command Ceremony. *(Below, USAF Det 550 Commander, Jake Miller, far left, and all of the cadets and staff of RPI's AFROTC program pose for a group photo. Cadet Priest, who assumed command of the cadets at the ceremony, stands front and center holding the Detachment's guidon.)* [Photo by Al Memole]



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April 23: **GEORGE MOORE, RPI, Troy, US Navy ROTC program** led by CAPT David Latta, USN, Commander. Chapter President Al Memole presented the MOAA ROTC award to Midshipman 2/C Moore at a combined NROTC Awards and Change of Command ceremony held at the Armory on the RPI campus. (Below left, Al Memole poses with Midshipman 2/C Moore displaying his MOAA ROTC award. Captain Latta is second from the right.) [Photo by Lawrence Clarke] (Below right: Passing of the guidon at the NROTC change of command ceremony.) [Photo by Al Memole]



April 23: **ALEXANDER EMERY, RPI, Troy, US Army ROTC “Mohawk” Battalion, Siena College, Loudonville**, led by LTC Nicolas Ouimet, USA. Chapter President Al Memole presented the MOAA ROTC award to Cadet Emery at a combined ROTC Awards and Change of Command Ceremony held outdoors at Siena College. Cadet Emery, a student at RPI, took command of the cadets at the ceremony. (Below left, Al Memole poses with Cadet Emery displaying his MOAA ROTC award.) [Photo by Lawrence Clarke] (Below right: Cadet Emery, far left, after the passing of the guidon at the ROTC Change of Command ceremony.) [Photo by Al Memole]



NEXT UP: JROTC awards ceremonies are set for May 28 (La Salle Institute, Troy), June 2 (Albany HS), and June 5 (Amsterdam HS), with Schenectady HS still tentative for May 24.

Our Chapter Earns MOAA Awards for 2024

MOAA awarded our Chapter a **5-Star Level of Excellence (LoE) Award for 2024!** The 5-Star LoE is the highest level. Our Chapter has earned four in the past, in 2017, 2018, 2020, and 2021. MOAA confers LoE awards after considering a Chapter's or a Council's accomplishments in multiple areas, including legislative advocacy, community engagement/outreach, recruiting and retention of members, leadership training and succession planning, and support to our State Council of Chapters. *The New York Council of Chapters, under President Skip Bebernitz, also received a 5-Star LoE.*



Additionally, 5-Star Colonel Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards were awarded

to our Chapter for our website (its fifth) and our newsletter (its seventh). MOAA announced the 2024 awards at a ceremony while state Council reps were in Washington DC for Advocacy in Action.



(At left, MOAA announces the awards for our Capital District Chapter. From left: Thomas Waldhauser, GEN, USMC (Ret), MOAA Chairman of the Board of Directors, Skip Bebernitz, and Brian Kelly, LTG, USAF (Ret), President/CEO of MOAA.) [MOAA Photo]

Chapter Due\$ - Cheddar Up

We are pleased to report that a total of **35** members have paid Chapter dues (or are exempted) for 2025:

Rocco Acquilano, John Andonie, Edward Balaban, Ernest Bebernitz, Fred Bockis, Myles Caggins III, Ed Choiniere, Stephen Cipperly, Jack Clark, Christopher Costigan, David Cummings, Abner Diaz Jr., David Erickson, Anthony Ficara, Ralph Folger, Kathy Gates, Laurie Gates, Jacob Gazaway, Michael Golden, Barry Hartman, Julia Holcomb, Jeffrey Hughes, Leo McGuire, Peter Mehling, Alfred Memole, Vincent Memole, Mark O'Rourke, Joseph Peck, Patrick Piccirilli, Sean Piccirilli, Christine Richardson, Lance Richardson, Edmund Scheiber, Merle Schreckengost Jr., Carl Thurnau.

If you paid dues but don't see your name above, just let us know and we will correct that omission in the next issue. **Ten members paid their dues online through MOAA's new online portal, Cheddar Up.** We will maintain easy access to our Chapter's Cheddar Up page through our Chapter website's Homepage, or directly from our newsletters through a link like this: [Dues - CDNYMOAA](#). The payment mechanism works just like online shopping: You select the dues payment option (like selecting a product), add it to your shopping cart and then pay at checkout using your credit card. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to President Al Memole.

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

CDWV is a 501(c) (3) charitable not-for-profit organization whose 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.” CDWV, led by retired Army nurse, Colonel Christine Rem, helps these female veterans through Case Management. That entails performing “an initial intake assessment to determine the woman veteran’s unique needs,” followed by development of integrated care plans that address the veteran’s physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs, and then continuum of care plans to monitor the program.

For additional information on the CDWV, their needs, and activities, visit their website at:

<https://www.cdwv.org/>.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS OF INTEREST

Listed below are just 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 in date order to facilitate your planning.

- The **National Women Veterans Engage Conference** will take place at the Celtic Hall on New Carner Road in Albany on May 31, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. *For more information, see their flyer on page 12.*
- The **Vietnam Veterans’ Wall That Heals**, a transportable replica of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, will be in Troy, June 5-8, 2025. Group tours are available June 5-7. *See their flyer on page 13 and their website at <https://thewallthathealstroy2025.org/>*
- The Prescott Foundation will host the 5th Annual **Night on the Tarmac** – June 11th, 2025 at The Hangar 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, vintage aircraft, and live music.” *For more information, visit their website at <https://hangar743.com/nott/>.*
- STRIDE Adaptive Sports presents **Military Appreciation/Veterans Night** at the Joseph L. Bruno Stadium in Troy as the ValleyCats host the Gateway Grizzlies. The ballgame starts at 6:30 pm. *(If we decide to make this an outing and go as a group, we will email members.)*
- The Capital District of New York Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is holding its annual **Golf Fundraiser** at the Eagle Crest Golf Course in Clifton Park on June 16, 2025, to celebrate the US Army’s 250th birthday! *See the full-page ad on page 14 for all of the details.*
- The Northeast New York Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association will commemorate the **75th Anniversary of the Korean War** at the Rensselaer County Korean War Memorial on River Street in Troy on June 25, 2025, at 11:00 am. *See the full-page ad on page 15.*

Wreaths Across America™ – Chapter Results for 2024

A total of 222 wreaths were sponsored through our Chapter, tying us for 70th place among sponsoring groups in NY state, and 1,574th place in the USA.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

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9:00AM - 4:30PM**



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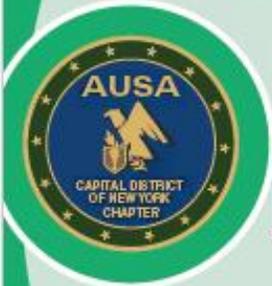
**Guided Tours - June 5-7,
La Salle Institute
174 Williams Road, Troy, NY (Near HVCC)**

All Invited to Attend ~ Free Admission ~ Open 24 Hours
Closes Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (No Tours Offered on Sunday)



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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 250th birthday.

POC:

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- 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**

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10 June 2025 to:

**John Willsey
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Cohoes, NY 12047**

Player 1: _____
(Team CPT or individual registration)

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Player 4: _____



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OF THE KOREAN WAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

**AT THE RENSSELAER COUNTY
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RIVER STREET, TROY, NY**

**For further information please contact
Marie Busher at 518-237-9367**

BOOK REVIEW – COUNT DOWN 1960: 312 Days That Changed American Politics Forever

Authors: Chris Wallace and Mitch Weiss; 395 Pages

Reviewed by: *Vincent Memole Jr., LTC, Infantry, USAR Retired*

A very interesting book showing some of the behind the scenes events of both campaigns for JFK and Richard Nixon as they ran for the Presidency in 1960, an election that the MAJORITY OF HISTORIANS now say was indeed rigged.

The book is written in chronological order starting on January 2nd 1960, the day JFK announces his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, 312 days before Election Day, and ends on January 20th 1961, Inauguration Day. In between, the reader follows both campaigns; from JFK's announcement in Washington, DC, to Richard Nixon's arrival in Miami, Florida, on January 16th in the early morning hours before his first big campaign fund raising event.

The authors not only cover the very first live television debate and all the history that surrounds that debate, but also the other two debates rarely mentioned today. Also discussed are the dirty back room politics of how LBJ became JFK's running mate. The "Rat Pack" is mentioned many times (yes this youngster, coming from a very talented family of singers and musicians, knows who the "Rat Pack" is), but also mentioned are the issues of segregation and the coming of the Civil Rights era.

For those who like "juicy", yes, there are chapters and sections that tell of JFK's many different girlfriends, all while his wife was expecting their second child. You will even read about both candidates' medical and mental health issues and President Eisenhower's lack of assistance to the Nixon campaign, as well as CIA plans for the invasion of Cuba that were leaked to JFK's campaign! The authors even tell us about the "financial assistance", both legal and not so legal, provided by JFK's father that helped his son win.

The end of the book on January 20th 1961 is known by all. What may not be known is that Richard Nixon, even as he is remembered today, was ahead of this time and most certainly before what Al Gore would do in December 2000, and conceded defeat for the good of the country even though many in his Party begged him not too.

I highly recommend this interesting, easy to read and fun book, especially if one wants to read something different about politics than the daily news we are all following today.

July 25th 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.



MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 26, 2025

Let us remember all who gave
their lives in the line of duty in
service to our great country.



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LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Date: **JUNE 7, 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 Friday, May 30th**

E-mail **Al Memole** at pres@cdnymoaa.org, or ammemole@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 _____

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