

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

**54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**HOTEL SARANAC**

100 Main Street, Saranac Lake, New York 12983

<https://www.hotelsaranac.com>

*Sunday, 27 September through Wednesday, 30 September 2026*

**ALL MOAA members** are cordially invited to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New York State Council of Chapters. Your Council Officers have been working very hard to schedule another **memorable, educational, inspirational, and affordable NYS Convention!** We extend a special warm invitation to all MOAA members in NY who are not affiliated with a Chapter and encourage them to attend and see how they can Never Stop Serving® in their local communities!

With this mind, we have defined these specific objectives for this Convention:

- To advance the mission of MOAA in advocating on matters for all service-members;
- To enhance the NYS CoC's relationship with MOAA National;
- To establish a direct connection between our Chapters; and
- Honor our deceased members at our Annual Memorial Service.

All Packages begin with your choice of an air conditioned (no smoking) room, daily Hospitality Room privileges, meals, and all gratuities. Choose your own room configuration (*Standard w/2 Queen Beds* - OR - *Standard w/1 King Bed*). Limited availability – **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**). Please consult <https://www.hotelsaranac.com> for pictures and details. Additionally, the outstanding stewardship of Council funds also has allowed us to apply a **one-time** discount to your registration package by **\$40 per person!**

**Choose from the following Packages OR from the A LA CARTE menu:**

- **SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE:** Includes 3 Nights (Sun, Mon, Tue) lodging, 2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, Tour visits to Whiteface Mountain and the Olympic Center Museum, and 3 Nights Hospitality Room (per person).
- **DELUXE PACKAGE:** Includes: 2 Nights lodging (Sun, Mon), 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Nights Hospitality Room (per person). **(NO TOUR.)**
- **MINI PACKAGE:** Includes: 1 Night lodging (Mon), 1 Banquet Dinner, 1 Lunch, 1 Breakfast, 1 Night Hospitality Room (per person). **(NO TOUR.)**
- **A La Carte Items:** In an effort to encourage participation and be as flexible as possible, we are offering options to attend whatever activities you can fit into your busy schedules.

**Our Tentative Schedule:**

- **Sunday 09/27/2026:** Check-in and Welcome Buffet Dinner – **Keynote Speaker: Viviana DeCohen, USMC, Commissioner, NYS Department of Veterans Services**
- **Monday 09/28/2026:**
  - **Morning:** Latest Information from MOAA – **Frank Michael, CAPT, USN (Ret), Sr Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters** (Chapter Management, Advocacy, Communications, and more)
  - **Afternoon:** New York Council of Chapters Annual Business Meeting
  - **Evening:** 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet / Awards Dinner / Memorial Service – **Keynote Speaker: April Vogel, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret), Vice President, Government Relations, MOAA**
- **Tuesday – 9/29/2026:** Admission and tickets for the Cloudsplitter Gondola Ride at Whiteface Mountain, lunch at the American Legion Post 326 in Lake Placid, and a self-guided visit to the Olympic Center Museum, home of 1980’s “Miracle on Ice.” You must provide your own transportation (approximately 50 miles round trip). Dinner on your own.
- **Wednesday – 09/30/2026:** Check out.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

<b>All Day Monday: Annual CoC Business Meeting</b> - MOAA updates on Chapter Management, Advocacy, Social Media, Veteran Issues, much more! Current state of CoC affairs, Chapter reports.	<b>Daily Happy Hour(s)</b> in our own WORLD - FAMOUS Hospitality Suite (And we do mean HAPPY !!!)
<b>Sunday Evening Welcome Buffet</b> Meet and Greet! Re-new old acquaintances and form new friendships	<b>Monday Evening Annual CoC Banquet</b> Plated dinner – Choose from Steak, Chicken or Salmon. Includes potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert.
<b>Tuesday - Fun Day!</b> Exhilarating ride on the Cloudsplitter Gondola at Whiteface Mt, Admission to the Olympic Center Museum. Lunch Included. (Provide your own transportation)	<b>MOAA and CoC Awards Programs</b> Focusing on Levels of Excellence and Harris Communication Awards

**UNIFORM OF THE DAY**

Breakfasts, Welcome Buffet, Olympic Sites Tours	Resort casual (no jeans or tank tops)
MOAA and Council Meetings	Business Casual
Banquet / Awards Dinner / Memorial Service	Dinner Dress: Service Uniform / Dark Suit / Evening Wear

**Registration and deposit due by 26 June 2026. The balance is due by 01 August 2026.** Reservations received AFTER 01 Aug 2026 will be accepted on a space available basis. **There will be no cancellations/refunds accepted after 11 August 2026 (unless there are extenuating circumstances).**

A full agenda will be communicated as soon as it is finalized.

**We hope you will attend and we encourage you to invite your MOAA friends to join us!**

**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PAYMENTS?**

- Package Reservations and Down Payment: **50% Deposit due by 06/26/2026**
  - Final payment due **NLT 08/01/2026**
  - **A La Carte – Full Payment due with registration NLT 08/01/2026**
  - Make Checks Payable To: **NYS CoC Convention 2026**
- OR -
- **NEW THIS YEAR: REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE (Debit or Credit Card) WITH CHEDDAR UP!**

[www.nycoc.mycheddarup.com](http://www.nycoc.mycheddarup.com) or use QR Code:



**Questions?? Call me!! 585.727.6190**

**Write me!! nycocpres@gmail.com**

**RETURN THIS PAGE AND EITHER PACKAGE FORM - OR -  
A LA CARTE FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:**

**Norma Weissend, NYS CoC President  
4587 Ridge Rd, Canandaigua, NY 14424**

**Checks Payable To: NYS CoC Convention 2026**

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RESERVATION FORM**

**Please return with your deposit:**

**(1) THIS ENTIRE PAGE**

**AND**

**(2) Your Package Selection Form - OR - A La Carte Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Officer?: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Persons in Your Room:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name on Tag \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name on Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*ALSO Please complete selections for Package Registration or A La Carte registration*

**MONDAY BANQUET MEAL SELECTIONS (Indicate quantity):**

\_\_\_\_ Chimichurri Flank Steak \_\_\_\_ Rosemary Chicken \_\_\_\_ Seared Salmon

*(Annotate any special dietary needs below in comments)*

**Special Accommodation Considerations or Comments**

*(Handicap Access, Dietary Needs, Food Allergies, etc.)*

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**Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake NY**  
**Registration Form**  
*(\$40 per person discount included)*

**Last Name:**

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**SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE**

Check In	Check Out	SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE <i>Includes: 3 Nights lodging, 2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, Tour, 3 Nights Hospitality Room, All Gratuities (Per person)</i>	Please Circle Room Config First Come First Served		Total Cost	
<b>Sun</b> 9/27/26	<b>Wed</b> 09/30/2026			<b>1K Std or 2Q Std</b> <i>Handicap Access: Yes or No</i>		Single Occupancy
						\$760.00
<b>TOTAL SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE</b>			50% Deposit NLT 06/26/2026		\$380.00	\$535.00

**DELUXE PACKAGE**

Check In	Check Out	DELUXE PACKAGE <i>Includes: 2 Nights lodging, 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Nights Hospitality Room, All Gratuities. NO TOUR. (Per person)</i>	Please Circle Room Config First Come First Served		Total Cost	
<b>Sun</b> 9/27/26	<b>Tue</b> 09/29/26			<b>1K Std or 2Q Std</b> <i>Handicap Access: Yes or No</i>		Single Occupancy
						\$510.00
<b>TOTAL DELUXE PACKAGE</b>			50% Deposit NLT 06/26/2026		\$255.00	\$357.50

**MINI PACKAGE**

Check In	Check Out	MINI PACKAGE <i>Includes: 1 Night lodging, 1 Banq Dinner, 1 Lunch, 1 Breakfast, 1 Night Hospitality Room, All Gratuities. NO TOUR. (Per person)</i>	Please Circle Room Config First Come First Served		Total Cost	
<b>Mon</b> 9/28/26	<b>Tue</b> 9/29/26			<b>1K Std or 2Q Std</b> <i>Handicap Access: Yes or No</i>		Single Occupancy
						\$265.00
<b>TOTAL MINI PACKAGE</b>			50% Deposit NLT 06/26/2026		\$132.50	\$190.00

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**A LA CARTE REGISTRATION FORM**

EVENTS		Tot Qty	Per Person	Total
SUNDAY 9/27/2026	WELCOME DINNER BUFFET - SPEAKER TBA <i>(Includes Hospitality Room)</i>		\$55.00	
MONDAY 9/28/2026	Hotel Saranac - Monday - Council Annual Business Meeting - Includes Lunch		\$40.00	
MONDAY 9/28/2026	NY Council of Chapters 54th Annual Memorial Service / Banquet / Awards Keynote Speaker MOAA VP TBA <i>(Includes Hospitality Room)</i>		\$75.00	
		Please indicate meal choice(s) on Page 3 of Reg Packet		
TUESDAY 9/29/2026	Cloudsplitter Gondola Ride @ Whiteface Mtn/ Private Lunch @ American Legion Post 326 - Lake Placid / Olympic Center Museum Self- Guided Tour		\$60.00	

**YOUR EVENTS SUBTOTAL:**

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR A LA CARTE REGISTRATIONS: \$40 PER PERSON**

**Number of People**

**x \$40 =**

**TOTAL FOR EVENTS LESS DISCOUNT**  
*(Your Events Total Less Discount)*

		# of Nights	Lodging Per Night	
Indicate Your Night(s)	<b>Extra Nights Lodging</b> Please Circle Room Config: 1 King - or - 2 Queens  Check In Date: _____		\$150.00	
		<b>Handicap Access: Yes or No ?</b>		

**GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED:**