

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

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SUMMER ADVOCACY

MOAA will begin our 2026 Summer Advocacy in Action campaign beginning August 1st. There are a few important things that MOAA is asking Councils and Chapters to do to support the campaign:

- Council and Chapter Legislative Affairs Committees and Legislative Liaisons should begin organizing meetings and coordinating grassroots efforts. *PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE* to participate in reaching out to our own Representatives. To sign up, please email Skip Bebernitz at <mailto:skip94ta@gmail.com>.
- ALL MOAA MEMBERS should register with MOAA's **Legislative Action Center**, if you haven't done so already, and sign up for Legislative Alerts to receive email and text alerts on breaking issues and updates, and take action. **Register at** <https://moaa.quorum.us/>.
- Prepare to speak to the issues and look for local campaign events and town halls for opportunities to speak to lawmakers directly.

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.

More information on this year's summer campaign topics and other event details will be available at <https://www.moaa.org/summeraia>. When our Chapter connects with our own Representatives in Congress and/or their staffs, they carry the collective voice of our nationwide military and veterans community. Let's work to ensure Congress keeps faith with those who serve to protect our nation.

MOAA SIGNATURE GROUPS

Join MOAA Leadership and your fellow MOAA members on these hosted cruises and land tours.

July 12-21, 2026	Highlights of Eastern Europe River Cruise	9-nights from \$3,999
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April 25-May 2, 2027	Castles Along the Rhine River Cruise	7-nights from \$4,199
July 19-27, 2027	France & Spain Yacht Cruise	8-nights from \$5,799
September 14-25, 2027	Circle Iceland Yacht Cruise	11-nights from \$8,999
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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS *(that don't just happen!)*

Homeward Bound Adirondacks Open House

18 July (Saturday). Homeward Bound Adirondacks (HBA) invites you to an Open House at their new outdoor retreat center near Malone, NY. HBA's mission is to help "those who have sacrificed for our nation" to regain their strength, resilience, and well-being. They empower veterans in Northern New York (and beyond) who suffer from PTSD by providing comprehensive support that includes "nature retreats, peer mentoring, crisis outreach, screenings and assessments, case management, suicide prevention, linkage and transportation, and referral services". **If you wish to attend the Open House, please contact Lance Richardson for info and directions (lanceerichardson@gmail.com).** See the letter of invitation and accompanying flier on pages 7&8.

Building the new retreat center was not cheap, and the HBA had to do a lot of fundraising. **Our Chapter applied for and received a MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant of \$2,000 toward the purchase of a constant pressure, variable speed water distribution/booster pump (pictured at right, courtesy HBA), as part of the camp well water purification system.** [THANK YOU, MOAA FOUNDATION!] Visit the HBA website (<https://homewardboundadironacks.org/>) for more information and to donate.



This came about this past winter at Chapter "Winter HQs" in The Villages, FL. Chapter members Lance Richardson, MAJ USA RET, and Mark Moeller, LTC USA RET, who is a MOAA Life Member *and the HBA Board of Directors Chairman*, on their initiative, explored how our Chapter and MOAA could help HBA. Lance then drafted and submitted the application for the grant. On learning of this, another Chapter member, our PAO, Ed Balaban, LT USN RET, *who just so happens to be the District Governor (Elect), Northern NY Lions Clubs, International*, mobilized five Northern NY Lions Clubs in his District to look for ways to support HBA and also apply for a Lions Clubs International Foundation grant to help HBA.

Lance, Mark, and Ed have demonstrated how our Chapter can leverage connections to support a worthy program helping veterans. Kudos and thanks to you three gentlemen for leading the way!

Chapter Picnic

MOAA
CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER

ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2026
STARTS AT 12 P.M.

FOOD • FRIENDSHIP • COMMUNITY

THE CHALET PAVILION
TAWASENTHA PARK
188 State Route 146
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NO LATER THAN JULY 23, 2026

Friends and Family are Invited!

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2 August (Sunday). Join us for our first (in a long, long time) Chapter picnic! It starts at NOON at the Chalet Pavilion, Tawasentha Park, 188 State Route 146, Guilderland, NY 12804. The cost is \$30 per person; family and guests are welcome. **RSVP & pay not later than 23 JULY;** pay by credit card by following this link to our payment site: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/moaa-capital-district-chapter-summer-picnic>. The link is available also through our Chapter website's main page and here: https://cdnymoaa.org/?page_id=1571. The main attraction will be YOU, all of you who attend. Next is delicious BBQ: Sliced Brisket, Pulled Pork, Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Slider Rolls and Sauce. Plus Bottled Water, Iced Tea & Soda. Also games, such as cornhole, bocce and ring toss! **[Huge thanks to Christine Richardson, LTC USA RET, for planning and organizing the event, on her own initiative!!]**

Chapter Table at the Altamont Fair

19 August (Wednesday), Senior/Armed Services Day. Our Chapter will have a table located under the overhang at the Hometown Heroes Building for the day, **from 10 am to 6 pm.** We will be handing out information about MOAA and our Chapter, Advocacy issues, MOAA Scholarships, and the NY GWOT Veterans memorial. We are also looking for opportunities to recruit new members. We're also looking to recruit YOU, our current members, to help at the table for a two-hour shift. If you can't do two hours, we'll take one; if you can stay longer, we'll take that too. **If you wish to participate, please email Lance (lanceerichardson@gmail.com) with the times or the total hours you are available to work at our table. [Chapter Board member, Lance Ricardson once again took the initiative to register our Chapter for a table.]** We might be able to set up at another county fair. If so, we'll email a bulletin to let you know.

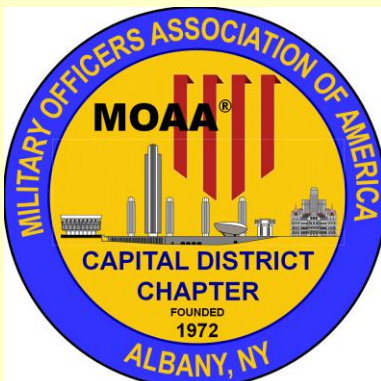
Youth Leadership Seminar

3 October (Saturday), 0730 to 1400 hours at the New York State Military Museum, 61 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs. Our Chapter is collaborating with the *Saratoga Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)* and the *New York State Military Museum (NYSMM)* to put on a one-day Youth Leadership Seminar (YLS). The YLS is a time tested program developed by the MOWW to provide patriotic leadership education that inspires high school students to become informed citizens and future leaders. The event this fall is the first-ever YLS in the NY Capital Region. The objective is to challenge high-school students to get out of their comfort zone, learn about and practice leadership and communication while interacting with students from other units/schools. MG Shields, The Adjutant General of NY, is very interested and supportive of this initiative.

For this first local YLS we have reached out to each of the five JROTC programs in our area, seeking up to six JROTC students grades 9-12 to participate in this fun-filled learning experience with hands-on leadership development. We've heard from four of the programs, and they are very interested. We will be helping the MOWW chapter and the NYSMM to work out details by early September. So, at this point, we don't know everything that our Chapter will be asked to do. **But, if this is something YOU would like to be involved with, just send an email to pres@cdnymoaa.org indicating your interest.**

At the national level, MOAA and MOWW have agreed to collaborate on common objectives. At the local level, this MOWW initiative parallels that of our collaboration with HBA and Lions Clubs, International, in that *there are Chapter members in all of the participating organizations:* Michael Golden, former Capt USMC (and Major, NY Naval Militia), is President of the Saratoga Chapter of the MOWW; Mark O'Rourke, former CPT USA, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the NYSMM, and Chapter member Pat Piccirilli, LTC USA RET, is a Trustee!

A Logo for Our Chapter



Some chapters, such as Mid-Hudson, have a unique chapter logo that appears on their chapter flag, podium banner, or challenge coins. We didn't have one, so Chapter Board member and past president, *Skip Bebernitz*, engaged a long-time colleague, *Michael J. Stenzel*, COL USA RET, who designed Genesee Valley Chapter's logo, to develop prototypes for us. We asked you, our members, to vote (12 did), and the logo at left was selected with nine votes. Next step for us is to confirm that this awesome design aligns with MOAA's branding policy. THANK YOU Colonel Stenzel!

Our Last Chapter Meeting – June 6

(By Al Memole, Chapter President)

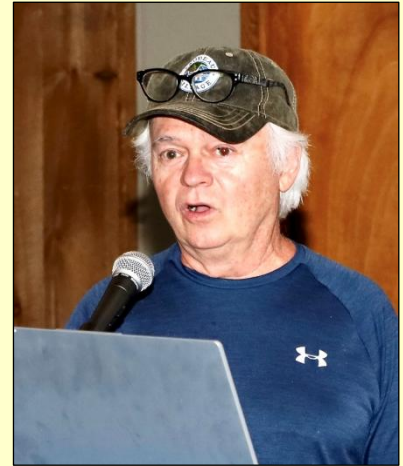
Our Chapter meeting on June 6 was our last one at Norrine's Restaurant in Waterford (actually Halfmoon). The owner and head chef, *Jim Trudeau*, had already ceased serving the public, but because he did not announce the sale of the facility at our April meeting, he and our wonderful regular waitress, *Cathy*, decided to host us one last time so that we could all say goodbye. It was sad, but it will be interesting to see if Jim attempts a new restaurant on land he owns near Mechanicville. I presented Jim and Cathy each with a MOAA challenge coin and a thank-you card signed by all of the attendees. **Jennifer Scheiber** worked stealthily to make sure that Cathy got a very appropriate tip.

We had a pretty good turnout to hear MOAA Member **Pat Chaisson**, LTC USA (Ret.), give an excellent presentation on D-DAY, very appropriate for June 6. Pat is an avid military historian who has contributed scores of well-written articles to various publications, including MOAA's *Military Officer* magazine. He is as good a presenter as he is a writer. We were all highly entertained, while also learning more about the invasion.



Above: LTC Pat Chaisson tells it like it was on June 6, 1944! (Photo by Ed Balaban)

It was also nice to have other MOAA members as first-time guests: **Elizabeth Condon**, LTC USA RET, and **Nicolas Ouimet**, LTC USA, Professor of Military Science, Siena University ROTC. In addition to lively conversations and laughter, I noticed a lot of *networking* taking place among the attendees. The Chapter is definitely a great medium for making connections.



Above: Owner/Chef Jim Trudeau thanks Chapter members for our patronage; Below: President Al Memole presents our terrific waitress, Cathy, with a MOAA challenge coin and thank-you card, tip included. (Photos by Ed Balaban)



Remaining Chapter Meetings For 2026

MEETING DATE & TYPE	MEETING DETAILS
August 15 , Board of Directors	<i>Scheiber's on-the-lake, Bolton Landing</i>
October 4 , luncheon (Sunday)	<i>TBD</i>
November 21 , Board of Directors	<i>NYS Military Museum, Saratoga</i>
December 13 , Holiday Party / Annual Business Mtg (Sunday)	<i>TBD</i>

* Details in italics are *tentative*.

JROTC Award Presentations

(By Al Memole, ROTC/JROTC Awards Coordinator)

In May and June, our Chapter provided MOAA awards to the following local Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC) cadets:

COLLINS DEAN, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel, Army JROTC, **La Salle Institute**, Troy, May 28. Cadet Dean is an excellent scholar, athlete, and leader. He played on the school baseball team in multiple positions. He volunteered at the Veterans Miracle Center charity which serves military and veterans in need. He is thinking of attending the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill after graduation.

This was also the final Cadet Officer Promotion and Commissioning Ceremony for 1st Sgt Paul Peters, USA RET, who is retiring after two decades at La Salle and moving to Arizona.

JESSICA NANDAN, Cadet Major, Air Force JROTC, **Schenectady High School**, May 30, Stratton Air National Guard Base. Cadet Nandan is a dedicated student at whose best subject and favorite subject is Math. She also serves with the cadet color guard. What she likes most about AFJROTC is working on teams with other cadets.

PEE EH SHEE, Cadet Major, Army JROTC Sgt. Henry Johnson Battalion, **Albany High School**, June 8. Cadet Shee is an outstanding cadet who participates in drill team and other activities. Her favorite subject is History, and was interested in the First World War, which her class studied this year. She also likes to write, not just composing, but actually handwriting in cursive – a rapidly disappearing skill among young Americans today.

*Last year's Albany HS MOAA JROTC award winner, Cadet **Delee Ford**, earned a Moshier Memorial Scholarship, and will attend Schenectady County Community College to study Culinary Arts this Fall, just as she had intended since last year.*

MIGUEL MEDINA, Cadet Second Lieutenant, Marine Corps JROTC, **Amsterdam High School**. *[Amsterdam HS MCJROTC did not hold a public awards ceremony. Awards from military, veterans, and community organizations, including ours, were presented informally at a school outdoor cookout.]*



Above from left to right: Cadet Collins Dean, La Salle Institute, Cadet Jessica Nandan, Schenectady HS, and Cadet Pee Eh Shee, Albany HS, receive their MOAA JROTC awards from Chapter President Al Memole. (Photos by Lawrence Clarke)



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May 28th, 2026

Friends of Homeward Bound Adirondacks,

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Valerie Ainsworth
Executive Director

* veteran

Please join us at the SGT Carlton A Clark Veterans Center, where veterans in need—many coping with PTSD- come to experience the peace of our beautiful grounds, outdoor recreation, and the many activities that support their healing during our weekend retreats.

Guests are invited to take a tour through the entrance gate to explore the property. Visit the Memorial Garden, featuring three engraved paver walls honoring veterans and 40 foot flagpole overlooking one of the site's three scenic ponds.

During the tour, you will also see our current multi-purpose utility building, the sleeping cabin designed for disabled veterans, and the planned locations for our future lodge, sleeping cabins, and other facilities that will continue to expand the retreat's mission.

At 1:00 PM we will hold a dedication ceremony honoring SGT. Carlton A. Clark and Frank Dorchak, founder of the site, past HBA member, and former Building Committee Chair. We will also recognize others in our community whose generosity has made this center viable.

Learn more about the future of Homeward Bound Adirondacks and witness the vision for this special place as it continues to grow. Veterans who participate in retreats will be present to conduct tours, answer questions, and share their experiences. A complimentary lunch will be served by our volunteers.

Please note that on-site parking is limited. Guests may be directed to nearby parking areas, where our volunteers will provide shuttle service to and from the retreat center. We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

Valerie Ainsworth, Executive Director

Mark Moeller, Board Chair

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SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY JULY 18TH

OPEN HOUSE



At the SGT Carlton A. Clark
Veterans Center
12801 State Rt. 30, Malone, NY
10 am – 4 pm
Walk the Grounds
Have Lunch on Us!
1 pm- Dedication Ceremony
4 pm Raffle drawing

Onsite parking is limited. Guests may be directed to
Nearby parking spots and shuttled to our site.

Election of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors / Committee Needs

THE ELECTION. Article IV, Section 2, of our Chapter's By-Laws requires the election of the five Chapter Officers (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and eight at-large Board members, every two years on even years. So, we will have an election this year at our Annual Business Meeting on December 13. Only regular Chapter members (those who have served in any of the uniformed services and are MOAA members) and surviving spouses of MOAA members may vote. Members must be present at the meeting to vote. A Nominating Committee will be seeking qualified candidates for these 13 positions prior to the November meeting of the Board of Directors.

DON'T BE SHY ABOUT THROWING YOUR HAT IN THE RING if you are interested in a position. Just because most of the positions are currently filled, **no one is barred from replacing an incumbent.** We are in need of people with a fresh perspective, and those of us serving in these positions know well that we have plenty of opportunities to continue serving the Chapter on one or more of the committees. Which brings us to ...

COMMITTEE NEEDS. Committees are the units that actually accomplish the mission and objectives of the Chapter. The elected Officers and Board members provide overall leadership, direction, and guidance, and handle corporate administrative duties. However, for many years, Board members have also been running the committees, many being "committees" of one person. This limits what our Chapter can accomplish because the few who are doing everything can do only so much. **We need more members to get involved, even if to do only one thing.** Every committee can use more help, and most could benefit from new leadership. Which of the functional areas and associated committees can your skills, interests, and availability benefit?

• SERVING OTHERS

- Legislative Affairs – Advocates with our federal *and state* legislators to protect earned benefits
- Community Action – Coordinates Chapter involvement in local service projects
- ROTC/JROTC Awards – Recognizes local cadets who demonstrate leadership, scholarship, and service

• HELPING CHAPTER MEMBERS

- Membership – Drafts a recruiting strategy for Board approval, coordinates Chapter recruiting efforts, welcomes new members, and maintains the membership roster
- Program – Coordinates with venues and guest speakers for general membership meetings (5 per year); plans and runs social events
- Personal Affairs – Notifies the Chapter about member accomplishments, needs, and deaths; coordinates Chapter support for members in need of help
- Surviving Spouse – Provides a support network for surviving spouses of deceased Chapter members
- Transition Assistance – Helps MOAA members moving to our Chapter's area or transitioning from active service

• GETTING OUR MESSAGE OUT TO MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Website – Designs and maintains the Chapter Website and associated Webmail accounts
- Social Media – Designs, maintains, and curates the Chapter Face Book page
- Public Affairs – Disseminates information to local media and MOAA about the Chapter and its events
- Newsletter – Produces and disseminates the Chapter newsletter to keep our members informed

Chapter Board of Directors 2025-2027

CHAPTER OFFICE	INCUMBENT
President [pres@cdnymoaa.org]	Alfred M. Memole, LTC USA, RET
1 st Vice President	Kathy E. Gates, COL USA, RET
2 nd Vice President	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary [sec@cdnymoaa.org]	Ralph Folger, LCDR USNR, RET
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BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2025-2027

Rocco D. Acquilano, CDR USNR RET	Ernest “Skip” Bebernitz**, MAJ USA RET
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Edward E. Balaban, LT USNR RET	Lance Richardson, MAJ USA RET

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** Former President

CHAPTER MEMBERS HOLDING NYS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS POSITIONS

Vincent A. Memole, Jr., LTC USA RET - Eastern Region Vice President

Ernest “Skip” Bebernitz, MAJ USA RET - Council Advisory Committee

Chapter Due\$ for 2026

Thanks to the following **26** members who have paid their dues:

John Andonie
Edward Balaban
Ernest Bebernitz
Edward Choiniere
Stephen Cipperly
Christopher Costigan
David Erickson
Ralph Folger
Kathy Gates

Laurie Gates
Michael Golden
Julia Holcomb
Jeffrey Hughes
Peter Mehling
Alfred Memole
Vincent Memole, Jr
Mark Moeller
Mark O'Rourke

Joseph Peck
Patrick Piccirilli
Sean Piccirilli
Christine Richardson
Lance Richardson
Edmund Scheiber
Merle Schreckengost
Carl Thurnau

There are still a few of you who haven't paid your 2026 dues for this year. If you remember, there are *three* options for paying dues: Paying by cash or check at a Chapter meeting, mailing a check to the Chapter PO Box, or, **THE EASIEST OF ALL** – paying online using **Cheddar Up**, a portal provided through MOAA by which Chapter members may pay dues. Cheddar Up resides on the provider's site and Chapters have our own accounts and pages that we maintain. MOAA handles all fees. You can access Cheddar Up through the “[Pay Your Annual Dues](#)” link our Chapter website's Homepage, which opens our Chapter dues page on Cheddar Up.

September 3rd is the deadline for submitting **news articles, photos, bio's, stories, trip reports, or reviews of books/movies/food/drink** for the *next* issue! Please e-mail your input to newsletter editor Al Memole at newsletter@cdnymoaa.org.

HIGHLIGHTED CHARITY for this issue → THE VETERANS MIRACLE CENTER (VMC)

“The Veterans Miracle Center is a special place for Veterans and Active-Duty Military Personnel as well as their immediate families to receive daily life necessities absolutely free.”

The VMC, 10 Interstate Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, is open by appointment-only to veterans and active duty military and their families, who must present their DD-214 or current military ID. Hours of Operation are: Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm; Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.

The Albany VMC offers a variety of personal and household items essential for living, to include “brand new clothes, shoes, personal care products, kitchenware, children’s toys, beds and more.” They also offer a complimentary van transportation service to and from their store.

Our Chapter makes a modest donation annually to the VMC, but anyone can donate money or volunteer to help at the store during operating hours (Mon-Thurs 9-4 and Fridays 9-3). To volunteer, please call the VMC at 518.486.8398 or email them at info@vmcalbany.org to schedule a time. To donate, please visit the VMC website at the web address shown in the box above.

NYS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS 54th ANNUAL CONVENTION

(By Chapter President Al Memole)

REMINDER

- If you registered for the New York State Council of Chapters 54th Annual Convention and paid the 50% deposit, **the balance is due by 01 August 2026**.
- If you *haven't registered* yet but would like to attend, **please note that 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!**
- ALL of the information you need about the Convention, including the agenda, pricing, dress code, and how to register and pay, you can find on our Chapter website, here:
https://cdnymoaa.org/?page_id=1536

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **District of Columbia National Guard – One of a Kind.** Check out this informative online article from the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) magazine, written by a Chapter member and former Commander of the DC NG, **MG John Andonie**! President's Guard <https://www.ngaus.org/magazine/presidents-guard>

- "I can't make the Chapter picnic on 2 August, because I'll be on vacation in Maine or New Hampshire, or Massachusetts." OK, MOAA members are invited to a super MOAA annual clambake in Portsmouth, NH, on 1 August. But they need your reservation by 24 July!

**THE NH CHAPTER OF MOAA
AND THE SOUTHERN MAINE
CHAPTER OF MOAA
ANNUAL CLAMBAKE
SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST 2026**

JAMAICA ISLAND, PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

1045: WELCOME CEREMONY (NATIONAL ANTHEM)

1100: CLAM CHOWDER SERVED 1200: LUNCH SERVED

MENU

Lobster OR Char-Broiled Steak

Steamed Clams, Corn-on-the-cob, Potatoes,

Knockwurst or Kielbasa, Onions, Roll/Butter, Watermelon

Beer, Wine, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

All this for \$35.00 !

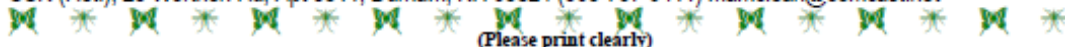
**→ → (DOES NOT INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM) ← ←
SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SHIPYARD.**

Seating and tables in the Pavilion are limited so bring your favorite folding chair and table to make your eating a little more comfortable. A tray is also useful for carrying the comestibles to your table. Plastic utensils will be provided, but your own tools for Lobster/Steak might make eating easier.

→ → → DIRECTIONS: See reverse side ← ← ←

SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM !! The Scholarship Committee hopes to raise at least \$5,000.00 this year in order to continue supporting the five students we have been helping, and to try to help a few more. Your generosity will make all the difference. They are the **FUTURE** and their need is **REAL!!** If you can't make the "Bake", donations may be sent to Lt Col Wayne Balcom, USAF (Ret.) 7 Rhode Island Ave, Nashua NH 03060, (603) 566-5703

Please mail the completed reservation form below with your check, made out to MOAA - NH, to CDR Michael A. Mclean, USN (Ret.), 25 Worthen Rd, Apt 3311, Durham, NH 03824 (603-767-0411) mamclean@comcast.net


(Please print clearly)

Name(s) Attending: _____
(Please attach additional lists for more names)

Rank: _____ Service: _____ City: _____

Number of Lobster: _____ Number of Steak: _____ Is this your first MOAA - NH Event as a member?

Breakdown of check total: Amount for Clambake (@ \$35.00 each) _____ Yes ☐

Amount for Scholarship contribution _____ No ☐

Mail check and reservation form to above address **to arrive no later than July 24, 2026.**

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN-UP ONLINE

By signing up for the Clambake, you do / do not (circle one) give permission to have your picture taken for possible inclusion in our chapter web site and/or newsletter.

IMPORTANT SHIPYARD ACCESS INFORMATION

As a result of the requirement to have a REAL ID (a driver's license with a star on it for NH) or other approved forms of identification to access a military facility (like PNSY), we must implement the following procedures in order for all of our chapter members, family and guests to have access to the Shipyard.

1. We must have a full list (first & last names) of all attendees **NLT 24 July 2026**. Names of all guests must be listed on a separate sheet. Late additions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
2. All attendees must identify themselves as going to the Clambake to the guard at the gate and show a valid military ID (active, retiree, dependent), or REAL ID state driver's license and/or other forms of picture ID such as Passports.

MANCHESTER VAMC FOOD PANTRY DONATION

Please bring one or more can goods that are heat & eat
or that can be eaten out of the can

DIRECTIONS: From I-95 or Rte. 1 Bypass Northbound in Kittery, Maine take Rte. 103 to Kittery and Navy Yard. After passing the sentry at **Gate 1**, follow the railroad tracks until you are facing the Clinic at the second Stop sign. Proceed straight ahead – you will see the sign for **Jamaica Island**. Go until you see the committee hard at work! Come early and enjoy the view. Have a wonderful day!

SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THE CLAMBAKE

Copy the link below or take a picture of the QR Code to the right to our web page on Cheddar Up. Follow the steps to fill out your information, choose Lobster or Steak and fill in your credit card information. If you encounter any problems, please contact CDE Michael McLean, USN (Ret.) at mamclean@comcast.net

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- **“HAZARD WARNING” for NYS CoC Annual Conventions** (by Al Memole). Those who attend Council’s annual statewide conventions risk making new friends from other Chapters. Two conventions ago, my wife Mary and I were socializing with Barbara Green, COL USA RET, and John Wright from the **Genesee Valley Chapter**. We learned that they camp every summer in the Adirondack town of Indian Lake, where Mary and her sisters have a camp. Last year, we met up with John and Barb at the Indian Lake 4th of July Parade and fireworks. In subsequent conversations, John mentioned that he sometimes flies drones as a hobby, and Barb wondered if Mary would want overhead images of her camp from a drone. On July 5th this year, we made it happen! I and my brother-in-law stayed at camp with John as he conducted aerial reconnaissance of the property. Meanwhile, Mary and her sister (the Chenette family trail guides) went with Colonel Green on a route reconnaissance through the woods. Both recon patrols confirmed the beauty of the forest from every perspective. And we had a great visit.



Above from left to right: Al & Mary Memole, John Wright, and Barb Green. (Photo by Teresa Memole)