



Greetings All!

Wow, are we having a fabulous summer or what?! Hope everyone has been busy enjoying everything upstate New York has to offer culturally, socially and adventurous.

Here's another opportunity to get out and enjoy friends, food and a unique outdoor experience. The GRUCMOAA Annual Picnic will be held at Jim Tille's residence in Old Forge, NY. If you've never been to Jim's place, it's a unique waterfront setting on the west branch of the Moose River. The occasional kayak or canoe that goes by, doesn't deter from the tranquility. If you have been to Jim's, then you of what I speak.

The menu is 'chef's choice' and will be bounteous. Between Jim and Diane's prowess in the kitchen and at the grill, no one will be disappointed. There will certainly be Manhattans enough for anyone interested.

Event details: Sunday August 14th, at Noon. **RSVP attendance to Greg at greg.b127@gmail.com or by phone 315-272-5723 No Later Than Monday August 8th.** Cost per person is \$10.00 payable at the door (pay Greg). A local map is attached. From Utica proceed North on RT12 to Alder Creek, Take RT28 North (bear right). Continue on RT28 until reaching Old Forge, the map will guide you the rest of the way in.

UPDATE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE CO-CHAIRS, Tony Kimball and Bill Gray

GRIFFISS FAA TEST SITE EXTENDED TO 2019

The House of Representatives voted last week to authorize the Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research Alliance (NUAIR) test site at Griffiss International Airport in Rome to continue testing through September 2019.

Congressman Richard Hanna, who is a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Unmanned Systems Caucus, has been an active leader and advocate of the FAA's test site initiative to ensure that integration of unmanned systems into the national airspace can be carried out safely while respecting privacy rights.

"This is tremendous news for Griffiss," Congressman Hanna said. "Extending the program through September 2019 creates certainty and stability for this emerging market and the exciting work that's being conducted right here in Rome. We have one of the most important test sites in the nation because NUAIR is observing how to integrate unmanned vehicles into the highly congested Northeast airspace. I am pleased to see that this work will continue for nearly three more years."

The test site is headquartered at Griffiss and Joint Base Cape Cod in Massachusetts. NUAIR is an alliance of more than 40 private and public entities and academic institutions from across New York and Massachusetts that partnered to promote Griffiss as an ideal location to conduct testing and research to allow for the safe integration of unmanned vehicles and systems into the national airspace. The location was named one of six FAA test sites in the nation in 2013.

HANNA SPEAKS TO STEM PROGRAM STUDENTS

Congressman Richard Hanna last week spoke with more than 120 students who participated in the National Institute of Science and Technology's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

(SURF). These students traveled to Washington from all over the United States, including some from our very own Binghamton University and Hamilton College.

SURF is an 11-week program that offers a unique research experience meant to encourage undergraduate students' pursuit of careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. Over the past 23 years, the National Institute of Science and Technology has provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on experience, working with cutting edge technology in one of its seven laboratories.

Congressman Hanna talked about the important role STEM research plays in growing our economy and maintaining our country's competitive edge. As a strong proponent of STEM education and a co-chairman of the STEM Caucus, Congressman Hanna applauded the students for their interest in STEM careers and their commitment to advancing vital research and development in STEM fields. Congratulations to all the participants!

HCCC PRESIDENT VISITS HANNA IN D.C.

Congressman Richard Hanna last week warmly welcomed Dr. Cathleen McColgin, President of Herkimer County Community College, to his Washington office.

HCCC is a premiere 2-year SUNY school, and this year marks 50 years of outstanding service to the Mohawk Valley. It has more than 41 programs, championship athletics, and graduation and transfer rates ranked among the top 100 community colleges in the nation.

Pictured left is Daniel Sargent, Assistant to the President and to my right is Nicholas Laino, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance. Congratulations to Herkimer College on 50 wonderful years in our community!

HOUSE PASSES IRAN ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The House of Representatives last week approved the Iran Accountability Act, which expands and strengthens new and existing non-nuclear sanctions against Iran for its continued role in human rights abuses, terrorism, and money laundering.

Sanctioned entities include Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, Mahan Air, high-profile politicians, individuals involved in Iran's ballistic missile program, and financial institutions that work with certain entities or individuals within Iran or affiliated with the regime.

Congressman Richard Hanna opposed the recent nuclear agreement with Iran, which lifted sanctions related to Iran's nuclear program. However, it left in place a host of economic sanctions related to the country's human rights abuses, ballistic missile program, and support for terrorism.

As Iran continues to engage in destabilizing activities in Iraq and Syria, makes headway on its domestic ballistic missile program, and continues to commit human rights abuses, it is vital that the U.S. maintain a robust sanctions regime.

HANNA MEETS WITH UPSTATE HOSPITAL REPS.

Congressman Richard Hanna last week met with a group of upstate New York health care professionals to discuss changes in the industry.

The University of Rochester's Laurie Chimento and Katy Lees, as well as Upstate University Hospital's Kim Boggs and Steven Ciullo were in Washington to discuss the 340B drug discount program and why it's important to upstate New Yorkers to receive affordable medicine.

Mr. Ciullo resides in Congressman Hanna's 22nd Congressional District.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Looking for a way to get the word out? Send us your news. Congressman Richard Hanna's weekly newsletter is sent to people throughout the 22nd Congressional District, which includes all or part of eight counties in Central New York and the Southern Tier.

Having a public event? A new program starting in your community? Looking for a way to spread the word? Tell us about it.

Email your submission through the website at hanna.house.gov with the subject line "Newsletter Event," or call our D.C. office at [202-225-3665](tel:202-225-3665). Entries should be for community-wide events that are open to the public. Events for profit or business related issues may not be considered and Congressman Hanna may not be able to publicize every item.

CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Congressman Richard Hanna announces internship opportunities for students through his offices in Binghamton, Utica and Washington, D.C. There are opportunities available in Congressman Hanna's internship program for the 2015-2016 school year.

Interns in the district offices typically assist with various administrative, constituent casework and legislative duties as directed by an Intern Supervisor. Interns in Washington, D.C. assist with research, correspondence, and legislative work.

Please call the Utica District Office for information on internships in Binghamton and Utica at [315-724-9740](tel:315-724-9740). For internships in Washington, D.C., please call [202-225-3665](tel:202-225-3665).

CALL TO SCHEDULE A WASHINGTON, D.C. TOUR

If you're planning to visit Washington, D.C. be sure to contact Congressman Richard Hanna's Washington, D.C. office to schedule tours. Whether you're coming on a short business trip, or bringing your children during school break, Congressman Hanna's

office can help you make arrangements for some of the more popular federal attractions in our nation's capital.

Call the office at [202-225-3665](tel:202-225-3665) to reserve tours to the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

These tours are an excellent way to see all that D.C. has to offer and all of these tours are of no charge to you. All tickets are provided to constituents on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the large number of visitors, please request them as early as possible in order to maximize your chances.

Tour hours and ticket availabilities vary throughout the year, so be sure contact the office at least 3 to 6 weeks prior to your trip. Book your tour today!

MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[VISIT YOUR LEGISLATORS IN AUGUST](#)

Congress has to make big decisions on military pay and benefits proposals

From today through Labor Day, most elected officials will return to their home states and districts to meet with constituents. Let MOAA prepare you to visit your legislators' local offices and highlight your concerns.

[COLA POPPING](#)

June's Consumer Price Index released

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Hope to see you at the Picnic! Remember to RSVP to Greg by Monday August 8th!

Regards,
Joe Maurer
President

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