



## Greetings All!

Many thanks to those who attended the Annual Picnic on August 14th. As it turned out, the weather cooperated and we had a great day to get together. As always, special thanks to our hosts Jim Tille and Diane Lochocki for their efforts to make this a memorable day for all attendees.

Our next member/guest event will be on Wednesday September 7th at Vescio's Franklin Hotel in Rome, NY. We'll follow the usual cadence with a cash bar social hour at 1700 hrs, seating at 1800 hrs, a brief update of GRUCMOAA news with expected adjournment at 2030 hrs. We will be ordering off the menu and individual checks will be available.

Interested persons, please RSVP no later than Monday September 5th (Labor Day) to [greg.b127@gmail.com](mailto:greg.b127@gmail.com) or by phone 315-272-5723.

## Membership News:

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that members can now select "Life Membership" in GRUCMOAA. The BOD has reviewed our member list and conferred Life Membership to any member who is current with their 2016 dues and is 86 years of age or older. Attached is the Life Membership application and the Life Membership dues structure. The Life Membership dues will

be placed in a savings account and not placed in the general treasury account.

### **Community Outreach Update:**

The Vietnam Veterans Association, Post #944 has recognized GRUCMOAA as a Bronze Level sponsor for their Annual Patriot Run. Chet Malcolm from VVA presents GRUCMOAA President Joe Maurer with a certificate at the BOD meeting on August 19th.

### **Legislative Update from Congressman Richard Hanna c/o Tony Kimball:**

#### **WESTMORELAND GIRL NATIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR PEDIATRIC HYDROCEPHALUS FOUNDATION**

Elyse Clough, of Westmoreland, was in Washington, D.C. Friday with her parents Kim and Tom, and her older brother, Nathan, for National Hydrocephalus Awareness Day on Capitol Hill.

Elyse, who is 7, is the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation's 2016 National Ambassador of Hydrocephalus Awareness. Hydrocephalus is a medical condition where an excess of fluid causes swelling and pressure on the brain. It has no known cure, and the only treatment is a shunt implant - and Elyse has had many. She suffers from many symptoms including seizures and most recently underwent surgery this month to replace her shunt that failed.

Elyse was born on May 26, 2009, 3 ½ months premature, weighing just over a pound. While in the NICU, she had a major brain bleed, which caused her to have fluid accumulation in her brain. After two spinal taps while she was in the hospital, her parents thought the issue with the excess fluid was resolved.

On October 12, 2009, just one month after being discharged from the hospital after birth, Elyse presented with symptoms that her family now associates with hydrocephalus. She woke up extremely fussy, vomiting profusely, and when she opened her eyes, only white could be seen. Her parents took her to the pediatrician, who immediately recognized this as hydrocephalus.

The Cloughs, together with other are families, created the [REaCH Organization](#). REaCH stands for Research, Educate, and Cure Hydrocephalus. House Resolution 2313 has been introduced to help expand research for hydrocephalus in hope of working toward a cure for this debilitating condition.

## **MAINE-ENDWELL AT LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA**

Congratulations to the Maine-Endwell Little League baseball team who is representing the Mid-Atlantic region in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The tournament began on Thursday, August 18 and will end Sunday, August 28, when the Championship game is played. The tournament will be broadcast on ESPN.

Way to go, Maine-Endwell! The community is proud of you.

## **VETERANS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR HONOR FLIGHT FROM BINGHAMTON TO D.C.**

Twin Tiers Honor Flight is seeking veterans to apply for the Mission 5 Honor Flight leaving from Binghamton Regional Airport on Saturday, October 22. Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or Veterans of any armed conflict facing terminal illness, are encouraged to apply.

Twin Tiers Honor Flight is a non-profit organization whose mission is to honor Veterans by flying them to Washington, D.C. to visit the National Monuments dedicated to the wars in which they

served. These Honor Flights come at no cost to honorees and are a means of showing thanks and appreciation to Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

To download an application, go to <http://www.twintiershonorflight.org/> and for additional information email [twintiershonorflight@gmail.com](mailto:twintiershonorflight@gmail.com) or call [1-800-683-5403](tel:1-800-683-5403).

### **DERUYTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT**

Congressman Richard Hanna recently announced that the Village of DeRuyter Fire Department received federal funding to help its firefighters have the tools necessary to keep the public safe.

The Village of DeRuyter Fire Department received \$35,143 through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The grant will be used to obtain an Air Compressor for purposes of filling Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). SCBA units are critical to firefighter safety and air quality during fire missions. This Air Compressor will ensure access to clean, breathable air for DeRuyter firefighters and make certain the Village of DeRuyter Fire Department has the highest probability of achieving successful missions.

### **HEAD START EXPANDS IN MADISON COUNTY**

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency recently announced that it will be expanding Head Start and Early Head Start services to sites in Madison County.

Last year alone, MVCAA enrolled more than 760 children in Head Start programs in Herkimer and Oneida Counties. The inclusion of Madison County locations will allow MVCAA to enroll approximately an additional 120 children in Head Start and Early Head Start.

Congressman Richard Hanna said that expanding Head Start will benefit our region. "Thanks to Head Start some our youngest

residents in the Mohawk Valley are prepared to enter kindergarten,” Congressman Hanna said. “Early education helps make our nation more competitive and ensure each child has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.”

To find an MVCAA Head Start location near you visit: <http://www.mvcaa.com/head-start-locations>.

## **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](http://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 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!

### **Legislative Updates from MOAA:**

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We asked and you answered

Survey (mostly) says retired senior officers shouldn't have to muzzle their views.

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MOAA depends on the active involvement of members like you to accomplish our important mission. Vote online using your eight-digit MOAA member number and the unique 10-digit PIN found on the paper ballot inside the front cover of your August issue of *Military Officer*.

If you were forwarded this email, please [click here](#) to join MOAA and receive further communications.

Hope to see you on September 7th. Enjoy your Labor Day, and travel safely!

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