

Greetings All!

The next GRUCMOAA Member/Guest dinner is scheduled for Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> commencing at 1700 hrs at The Savoy Restaurant in Rome, NY.

Interested members are asked to RSVP by Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Updates since last month:

Chip Haley was inducted into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame for her years of service as a reporter and author. The announcement appeared in the *Seven Day Sentinel* for the week of 4/9/17.

Members who might want to send a congratulatory message, Chip's address is 1490 Riviera Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34744

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News from MOAA

In the April 2017 issue of Military Officer, there were postcards addressed to Congressional and Senatorial representatives urging them to end sequestration by repealing the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011. All GRUCMOAA members are asked to provide the postage and mail the postcards. Thank you.

[MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM](#)

Changes coming for military health care

The DHA aims to strengthen military hospitals and enhance readiness by optimizing health care delivery and through structural reforms.

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[CONGRESS MULLS CHANGES TO POST-9/11 GI BILL](#)

Bill would require servicemembers to contribute to general fund

Congress is considering draft legislation that would require new entrants in the military to pay \$2,400 to buy into the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

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[BLENDED RETIREMENT'S LUMP-SUM FEATURE IS ENTICING – BUT IS IT FAIR?](#)

Tom Philpott's weekly Military Update

Starting next year, active duty personnel will have the option to choose the new Blended Retirement System for retirement.

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[NEW TRICARE DENTAL PLAN: PATIENTS WILL SAVE, BUT SOME DOCS WILL FLEE](#)

Tom Philpott's weekly Military Update

Starting next month, an unknown number of TRICARE Dental Program enrollees will need to find new dentists.

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News from Congresswoman Claudia Tenney

Rome Lab and Griffiss Airport

On Monday, I had the opportunity to meet with the CNY Defense Alliance, a local organization that is dedicated to promoting, strengthening and expanding the region's Department of Defense operations. We discussed their important advocacy and work with Rome Lab, the FAA test site, Griffiss Airport and other local businesses in Griffiss Park.

After we met with the CNY Defense Alliance, I joined Rome Mayor Jackie Izzo and Director Daniel Goddard to tour the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate in Rome. We had the opportunity to speak with Rome Lab employees to discuss the many ways their facility is leading in advanced research and development critical to enhancing our war fighters and our cyber defense.

Following the tour, we visited NUAIR's facility at Griffiss International Airport to see the ways their facility is using the FAA test site to develop and test state of the art unmanned aerial vehicles and systems. We also visited AX Enterprize to speak with their staff about their partnership with Griffiss Airport and working alongside NUAIR to further enhance cutting-edge cyber and UAV technologies.

#### Opening of the VA Binghamton Clinic

It was an honor to be in Binghamton to celebrate the opening of the new VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic on Court Street. This centrally located facility will ensure that our veterans have easier access to the care they need close to home. Our veterans have made so many sacrifices for our nation, and the new Binghamton Clinic will help to ensure that our nation's heroes receive the care they need when they need it. Thank you to all at the VA who have worked tirelessly to make the new Binghamton Clinic a reality.

Best Wishes for a continued Spring with warmer weather.  
Hope to see you at our next event.

Regards,  
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