



## 2019 Summer Thoughts and Aspirations

President Joe Maurer

### Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health and high spirits as we enjoy summer in the Mohawk Valley. Because of your unwavering and steadfast support, we are able to continue our programs and continue to enjoy many successes in 2019.

### 2019 Activities

So far this year we've recognized fourteen cadets from our three JROTC detachments and our NNDCC unit with either the MOAA Medal or monetary scholarships. We're very pleased to continue and to increase the value of the COL Harry Winberg Academic Excellence Award for those students entering the military directly from high school. The Chapter has also provided unprecedented financial support to these units for Leadership training and participation at Regional competitions. Through the stewardship of Bill Gray, our relationship with the AFRL continues as we hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Burger Burn with the Accelerated Course in Engineering (ACE) students and staff. Our outreach program at the Donald Mitchel Veterans Clinic continues, we've assisted fellow veterans in the Rome Veterans Council, the Viet Nam Veterans Association and the Rome Marine Corps Association with their fundraisers and programs. In progress is registration of our area vets for future Honor Flight Syracuse trips to Washington, D.C.

### A Five Star Chapter

Our chapter is a high functioning organization. MOAA recognized the Chapter for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year with the presentation of the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award for 2017 at the MOAA National Convention at The Arizona Grand Resort and Spa in Phoenix, AZ.

We earned this award by demonstrating the importance of chapter action in our community. Chapter membership is important because a chapter can make a much more effective statement to our elected officials than MOAA as a national organization can. If you are only a member of MOAA, you're just one of 350,000 people; however, if you're also a member of a chapter, you can say to your Member of Congress "... I'm a member of MOAA and our local chapter and our members always vote for those who vote for our military. Thanks for your support". As advocates for the military, we can only be effective if we're strong. Our numbers will improve if we ask every unaffiliated MOAA member we meet to join us.

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter hosted Col Terri Coles, USA (Ret), Senior Director Council & Chapter Affairs MOAA. Col Coles encouraged Chapter leaders to continue our mission and to submit applications for other recognition awards from MOAA. It was noted that despite our small size, we have a higher participation rate our events than the largest chapter in the country has!

### **The Annual Meeting and Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Dinner Reformat**

It should come as no surprise to members that the number of WWII survivors is dwindling. The Board of Directors has determined that beginning this year, the Annual Dinner will be moved to the weekend day closest to Veteran's Day. By making this move, the Chapter will be able to recognize veterans from WWII and subsequent conflicts. This year the Annual Dinner will be held on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>. The GRUCMOAA website has been updated to reflect this change, [www.grucmoaa.org](http://www.grucmoaa.org). Although there were mixed feelings about the venue, the ease of access and exclusive use of the facility will bring the Annual Dinner back to DiCastro's Too, located at 738 Erie Boulevard, Rome, NY. It's our hopes that we will also be blessed with better weather, enabling more of our members to attend.

### **Wreaths Across America in Rome, NY**

At Noon, on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold Wreaths Across America celebrations at Rome Area cemeteries. WAA has been a tremendously well received event in Rome, and our most successful fundraiser. Our Treasurer, Bob Haley, the founder of WAA in Rome, NY, is still in full charge of this event. This year we're getting more organizations involved, we expect to place 1,000 to 1,200 wreaths on deceased veterans' graves and reach even more young people in this exciting patriotic celebration of our deceased veterans. WAA allows our chapter to have the financial means to invest in organizations that benefit the youth of our community. Because of our involvement with WAA, we're able to accomplish what very few other MOAA Chapters can do.

## GRUCMOAA Merchandise

This year we've expanded the GRUCMOAA merchandise that is available for purchase. We continue to offer the vinyl decal and challenge coin, and new this year we will have a magnet, a vinyl static cling decal, and Polo Shirts (made to order with 3 different options).

Thanks again and enjoy your summer!

Joe

## Wreaths Across America in Rome on December 15, 2019

Past President Bob Haley

The Greater Rome Utica Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is continuing participation in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) tribute to deceased veterans. Efforts are underway to solicit donations from prior sponsors and from potential sponsors.

- To have another successful year, we encourage members to support this program either as a volunteer, or by purchasing wreaths as a personal donation.
- Help is needed in these activities:
  - soliciting local businesses to sponsor wreaths
  - distributing flyers announcing the event
  - soliciting individual sponsors
  - recruiting organizations and individuals to participate in the event
  - making the brochures distributed at each cemetery
- The Chapter provides this support to volunteers:
  - solicitation letters on Chapter letterhead

Contact GRUCMOAA Treasurer Bob Haley if you would like to volunteer, or have suggestions on local businesses that may be willing to participate.

- For members who are still working, if you participate with a donation, check with your employer as they may offer matching funds for your contribution.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Haley

- The treasury began 2019 with a \$9,391.98 balance.
- The treasury realized \$4153.50 through WAA fundraising in 2018.

## Legislative Report

Co-chairs Tony Kimball and Bill Gray, Jr.

## ■ MOAA Storming the Hill

Dear MOAA Member,

“Put me in coach, I’m ready to play.”

More than just a lyric from John Fogerty, these words accentuate the theme of summer and the pent-up desire to get in the game. And now, more than ever, we need everyone to grab their glove and head out to the field.

This summer, as legislators return home to engage their constituents, we need you to be ready to visit, call, or email your representative and senators on their home field with our MOAA messages seeking support for the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). [This is our Summer Storm opportunity](#), and we want as many participants as possible.



This may seem routine — but it is not. As many of you already know, this NDAA contains several provisions supportive of MOAA members, currently serving troops, and their families and survivors. But to keep the message focused, we want to highlight two of the more pressing issues:

Repeal of the Widows Tax. The language from the two bills seeking this repeal, H.R. 553 and S. 622, is captured in the House version of the NDAA. If Congress passes this bill with the language intact, and if the NDAA is signed into law, the Widows Tax will be repealed. And with overwhelming support already (372 cosponsors from the House and 75 from the Senate) we cannot afford to let Congress off the hook — they need to hear from you.

18,000 medical billet cuts initiated by DoD. MOAA worked hard to get language into this NDAA calling for a halt to the proposed cuts until DoD provides a thorough analysis and accounting of all the impacts to readiness, the Military Health System, and support to the beneficiaries. The anticipated changes are significant to our military and anyone who uses TRICARE. Congress needs to hear your concerns.

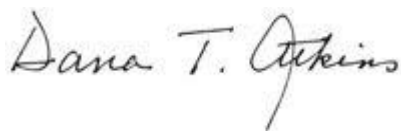
There are two ways for you to get in the game:

1. You can access our supporting materials at [www.moaa.org/SummerStorm](http://www.moaa.org/SummerStorm) and work this individually, or
2. You can contact your local MOAA chapter to join their efforts and help grow a louder voice within the community or district. [To find your nearest MOAA chapter, click here.](#)

MOAA’s Summer Storm starts right now and goes through Sept. 15. When you engage your representative and senators you will likely get a response ranging from an email acknowledgement to [a letter like this one](#), which I just got back from Rep. Jennifer Wexton.

Continue the dialogue with your members of Congress and their staffs – never underestimate the impact these grassroots relationships have on our advocacy efforts.

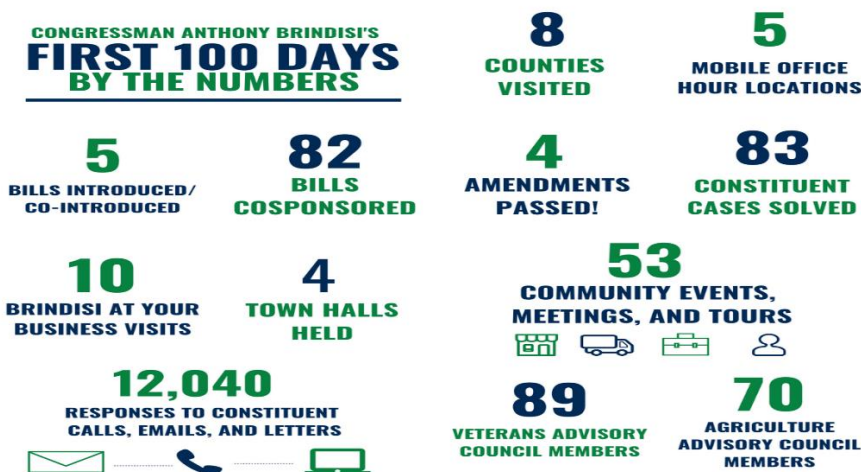
Thank you for all you do, and for your willingness to get involved to make a difference in the lives of many who, like you, will “never stop serving.”



Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins,

USAF (Ret), President

■ ANTHONY BRINDISI, US REPRESENTATIVE, NEW YORK’S 22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT



# LEGISLATION

## BILLS INTRODUCED

**Transparency for Cable Consumers Act:** In the State Assembly, Congressman Brindisi led the charge against Charter/Spectrum. Now he's taken that fight to Congress. His first bill, the Transparency for Cable Consumers Act, provides better oversight of cable and internet providers and holds companies fined by a state Public Service Commission (PSC) accountable.

**The Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act:** Congressman Brindisi has heard from dairy farmers across Upstate New York that they need more skilled, qualified workers to help run their operations and get products on shelves. The Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow foreign dairy workers to use the H-2A visas program and enter the United States for an initial period of three years with an additional three-year extension period.

**TRACED Act:** Knocking out annoying robocallers is one area Republicans and Democrats can agree. Congressman Brindisi joined Republican Reps. David Kustoff and Lloyd Smucker to introduce the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act to require call identity validation, increase civil penalties for robocallers, and cut down on spoofed calls.

## AMENDMENTS PASSED

**Supporting Rural Veterans:** In February, the House passed the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act (H.R. 840), bipartisan legislation to provide free child care at VA medical centers and clinics. Congressman Brindisi successfully included two amendments in the final bill: one ensuring rural veterans who receive care from Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) are able to access VA child care assistance, and one requiring the VA to report to Congress on child care access and eligibility challenges for veterans who reside in rural and highly rural areas. NY-22 has three CBOCs: Bainbridge, Binghamton, and Rome.

**Expanding Voting Hours in Upstate New York:** The House passed the For the People Act of 2019 (H.R. 1) to help fix the broken political system, reduce the role of dark money in politics, and impose new, higher ethics standards for members of Congress. Congressman Brindisi introduced and passed an amendment to expand voting hours in Upstate New York and institute rules to prevent states from reducing polling hours for people based solely on where they live.

**Improving Rural Broadband:** Internet access is essential in today's economy, and we need to do more to connect rural areas to high-speed broadband. That's why Congressman Brindisi included an amendment to the Save the Internet Act of 2019 (H.R. 1644) directing the GAO to issue a report about ways the U.S. government can promote the build-out of high-speed



broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and other unserved areas.

## OTHER ACTIONS

**COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS:** The opioid crisis is tearing apart Upstate New York families, and we must take action to get these drugs out of our communities. In response to an increased number of opioid overdoses in Oneida and Broome counties, Congressman Brindisi joined members on both sides of the aisle in calling on budget negotiators to ensure Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has the tools it needs to keep fentanyl out of the country.

**IMPROVING RURAL CENSUS COUNT:** It is essential for the census to collect accurate data about Upstate New York. Congressman Brindisi led a bipartisan group of Upstate New York Congressional Representatives in a letter calling on the Census Bureau's to do more to ensure a complete count in rural areas, especially in areas without at-home mail delivery.

**PROTECTING ROME LAB FUNDING:** Congressman Brindisi continues to fight for Upstate New York budget priorities including perimeter security at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome. He asked appropriators to protect the \$14.2 million appropriated last year for Rome Lab's Anti-Terrorism Perimeter Security/Entry Control Point military construction project. The sensitive work done at the lab places it at higher risk, and ensuring these funds are appropriated will help ensure employees' safety against potential terrorist threats.

## COMMITTEES

**HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE** Congressman Brindisi was appointed to the House Committee on Agriculture where he serves on two subcommittees: Livestock and Foreign Agriculture and Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. He created an Agriculture Advisory Council made up of farmers, producers, and agriculture partners to help guide his work in Congress and on the committee.

**KEY ACTIONS:** Convened his Agriculture Advisory Council made up of 70 local farmers, producers and agriculture partners; Introduced the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act; Lead bipartisan effort to stop the labeling of non-dairy products as milk; Co-sponsored the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act to expand whole milk options in school lunchrooms.

**HOUSE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** Congressman Brindisi was appointed to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs where he serves on two subcommittees: Health and Economic Opportunity. He created a Veterans Advisory Council to help bring Upstate New York veterans' voices to Congress.

**KEY ACTIONS:** Convened his Veterans Advisory Council made up of 89 local veterans, veterans service officers, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) members, family members

and caregivers to veterans; Passed an amendment to the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act to ensure rural veterans have access to child care at VA facilities; Questioned the VA Secretary about potential plans to move the VA clinic out of Bainbridge and continues to fight efforts to relocate the clinic.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**TOWN HALLS:** Congressman Brindisi's top priority is listening to and helping the people of New York's 22nd district. He is holding a hold free, open town hall each month, visiting every county in the district in 2019.

**BRINDISI AT YOUR BUSINESS:** Congressman Brindisi launched Brindisi at Your Business, an ongoing effort to hear straight from employers, employees, and business leaders about what needs to be done to help businesses grow and thrive.

**NY-22 INFRASTRUCTURE TOUR:** From fixing roads and bridges to extending rail tracks, Congressman Brindisi has made infrastructure one of his top priorities. He kicked off an infrastructure tour of NY-22 to see the updates and improvements that need to be done.

**VALENTINES FOR VETS:** Congressman Brindisi started Valentines for Vets to show appreciation for Upstate New York veterans. Congressman Brindisi's offices collected more than 200 cards from individuals, families, students, and schools across Upstate New York. He had the honor to deliver valentines and spend time with local veterans.

**BRINDISI BOOKWORMS:** Congressman Brindisi started Brindisi Bookworms, a program to help get more books on shelves across NY-22. Brindisi Bookworms takes advantage of the Library of Congress Surplus Book Program which allows members of Congress to donate the Library's extra books to schools, libraries, community centers, and other qualifying organizations.

**ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS CEMETERY:** Since Congressman Brindisi's time in the Assembly, he's heard from many veterans about the need for a veteran's cemetery in Oneida County. He recently brought together local, state, and federal leaders to find ways we can work together to move this plan forward. Veterans deserve to be laid to rest close to home, and Congressman Brindisi is committed to making the cemetery a reality.

**NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY:** On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Brindisi joined Syracuse Congressman John Katko, representatives from Oswego, Jefferson, Cayuga and Wayne Counties, the City of Oswego and community advocates to announce Lake Ontario is now on its way to becoming a National Marine Sanctuary! This designation by NOAA will help the rest of the country see what we in Central New York already know - Lake Ontario is a truly unique and incredible resource. This is a win for our communities, for our history, and for our economy.



**CANTEEN LUNCH:** Every Wednesday, Clear Path for Veterans holds a Canteen Luncheon where veterans and their families gather together for a free lunch. Congressman Brindisi joined them April 17th to spend time with Upstate New York veterans and hear more about what’s on their minds.

**MOBILE OFFICE HOURS:** Congressman Brindisi’s team is trained to help constituents who have questions or problems with a federal agency or program, including Social Security and Medicare, veterans benefits, federal student loans, grant applications, and more. Each month, his team holds mobile office hours across the district to meet folks in person, answer their questions, and work to solve their problems.

Congressman Brindisi can be contacted here: <https://brindisi.house.gov/contact/email-me> or at his Congressional offices listed below.

WASHINGTON OFFICE	BINGHAMTON OFFICE	UTICA OFFICE
329 CANNON BUILDING	49 COURT ST., SUITE 210	430 COURT ST., SUITE 102
WASHINGTON, DC 20515	BINGHAMTON, NY 13901	UTICA, NY 13502
(202) 225-3665	(607) 242-0200	(315) 732-0713

## UPDATES FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Director Bill Hamelin

Our membership is 69 with 62 current paid members, 9 paid auxiliary members, 21 life members, 3 auxiliary life members, 4 honorary members, 10 “new” members for 2019, with 2 overdue members. Bill has completed exemplary yeoman’s work ensuring the chapter membership is viable and current on dues. He’s also engaged with MOAA on the use of the MOAA Voucher program for new members and is using the MOAA online new member registration portal ensuring the chapter receives credit for our recruiting efforts. If you know of any eligible current, former, or retired officer, the 2019 membership form is enclosed. Please provide this form to your potential member or direct them to visit the GRUCMOAA web page: [http://grucmoaa.org/html/join\\_gruc.html](http://grucmoaa.org/html/join_gruc.html). They can join online and use a credit card for payment. The completed 2019 membership form should be mailed to our Treasurer, Bob Haley, using the address listed on the form. Note, if your potential member isn’t a National MOAA member, it’s highly recommended that they become a National member first, and leverage the Voucher program for Chapter membership. The MOAA website is: [https://ebiz.moaa.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=153&utm\\_source=hp&utm\\_medium=header&utm\\_campaign=Join](https://ebiz.moaa.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=153&utm_source=hp&utm_medium=header&utm_campaign=Join)

Any questions regarding GRUC MOAA membership, please contact Bill for assistance, 315-725-3362.

In the past year we increased our Rome VA Clinic volunteer force from 2 to 3-chapter members. Together, we have made a big impact at the clinic which regularly serves over 7,000 veterans. Our team enrolls veterans in various on-line programs designed to give them personal control over their health care. Our Chapter's success in this effort has been so outstanding that we are the only volunteer clinic team, among the 7 in the Syracuse, NY VA Hospital Area, authorized to enroll veterans in "Veler", a program that allows electronic exchange of veterans' health data between the VA and private providers.

### [VA and DOD Senior Leaders Commit to Aligned Electronic Health Records System Rollout](#)

The U.S. Secretaries of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DOD) signed a joint statement Sept. 26 pledging that their two departments will align their plans, strategies and structures as they roll out a new electronic health records (EHR) system that will allow VA and DOD to share patient data seamlessly.

#### ■ URGENT CARE AVAILABLE (THROUGH VA)

As of 20 July 2019, veterans who have utilized the VA health system within the last 24 months, are now eligible to use local community URGENT CARE. The VA has contracted with several WELLNOW and PRIMARY URGENT CARE facilities throughout the US. Priority 1~6 veterans have no co-pays for the first 3 yearly visits, and then pay a \$30 co-pay for each following visit. Priority 7 & 8 veterans will pay a \$30 co-pay for each and every visit. You can search for a participating clinic by your address, VA facility location, or zip code. You can adjust your search from 5 miles out to 100 miles. You will need to present your VA ID card and the facility/clinic will check/verify your eligibility. There are two locations in Utica and one in Rome right now. If at any time you have a difficulty with eligibility at a clinic, dial 1-866-630-2071 for assistance.

Click on the following link to search for the closest Urgent Care clinic near you:

<https://vaurgentcarelocator.triwest.com/Locator/Care>

Sign up for TRICARE email updates at [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions).

## WEBLINKS THAT MAY INTEREST OUR MEMBERS

- The newest edition of Army Echoes is now available.

Download your preferred version by clicking on the link below or by using your Army Echoes app (iOS and Android):

Full Color: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes/latest.pdf>

Black and White: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes/latest-pf.pdf>

- Air Force Afterburner: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner>
- Navy Shift Colors: <http://www.navy.mil> (then click "Links/Shift Colors")
- Update your email address in myPay by visiting <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.
- Do You Wear Glasses? Need a new set of frames & lenses?

...do you get your glasses from the VA? They should provide them for you at (normally) no cost. Stop at the Rome clinic to find out if you are eligible through the VA. Also, Ft. Drum Medical will provide hearing aids to retirees and spouse at COST.

Link to Ft. Drum: <http://www.drum.amedd.army.mil/ContactUs/SitePages/Contact%20Us.aspx>

The Navy also has a program where they will provide you with one free pair of glasses each year. Here's the site for that process below. It does not matter what Military Service a person served in either.

Link to Navy Optical: <https://www.med.navy.mil/SITES/NOSTRA/ORDER/Pages/Retiree.aspx>

- RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY (RAD) at Ft. Drum scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019. The event begins at 0800 hrs. at the PX Hall. They usually have several keynote speakers discussing current political areas, TRICARE, and changes that might be heading our way. The RSO contact number is: (315) 772-6434

## Website Links to JROTC/NNDCC

VP/Webmaster Greg Bertolini

Rome Free Academy AFJROTC website: [http://www.rfa.romecsd.org/academics/j\\_r\\_o\\_t\\_c](http://www.rfa.romecsd.org/academics/j_r_o_t_c)

Proctor NJROTC website: <https://sites.google.com/view/proctornjrotc>

Notre Dame NJROTC website: <http://www.notredameutica.org/high-school-academics/njrotc>

Notre Dame NJROTC student website: <https://notredamenjrotc.org/>

Central Valley Academy Navy National Defense Corps of Cadets (NNDCC):  
<https://www.cvalleycsd.org/smooth-start-navy-corps-program/>

## 2019 Calendar of Events

VP/Webmaster Greg Bertolini

- April 3, 2019: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Vescio's Franklin Hotel.
- May 1, 2019: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Aqua Vino.
- May 27, 2019: Memorial Day.
- June 5, 2019: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Ancora!
- June 14, 2019: Flag Day ceremony at Peter Gansevoort Elementary School.
- June 26, 2019: 1730-1930 hrs. Burger Burn with AFRL ACE Students, Hampton Inn.
- July 4, 2019: Celebrate 243 years of Independence.
- July 18, 2019 (Thurs): 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Lake Delta Yacht Club.
- August 7, 2019: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Palisades Hotel.
- September 4, 2019: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at TBD.
- October 2, 2019: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Casa Too Mucha.
- November 10, 2019 (Sun): 1300-1700 hrs. First Annual GRUCMOAA Veteran's Day Dinner at DiCastro's Too.
- November 11, 2019: Veteran's Day.
- December 14, 2019 (Sat): 1200 hrs. Wreaths Across America in Rome, NY.

## GRUCMOAA Merchandise

- Polo Shirts: High quality short sleeved shirts provided by A&P Master Images on Water St. Utica, NY. [MasterYourImage.com](http://MasterYourImage.com). Made to order in quantities as low as 1 shirt. Three options:
  - 1) Shirt with embroidered GRUCMOAA Logo. Logo on left breast.
  - 2) Shirt with embroidered GRUCMOAA Logo on left, Member Name, Rank, Branch, and Status on right.
  - 3) Shirt with embroidered GRUCMOAA Logo on left, embroidered American Flag on left sleeve, Member Name, Rank, Branch, and Status on right.



- Sample Option 3) Costs less than \$25.00:



- 2.5" x 5" Vinyl Decals (apply to outside of surface): \$3.00 each
- 2.5" x 5" Static Cling Decals (apply to inside of surface): \$3.00 each
- 2" x 3.5" Business Card sized magnet: \$1.00 each

- Sample for decals, static cling, and magnet:



- Challenge Coins: \$8.00 each



- Sample Front and Back of the coin:

## 2019 DUES STATEMENT

Please renew your 2019 membership by sending your check, payable to **GRUC – MOAA, to Treasurer Bob Haley at P.O. Box 36, Rome, New York 13442-0036**

**\*Indicates required information**

\* Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Last Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member **MUST provide Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Regular member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Active Duty/Guard/Reserve

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Auxiliary Member

Widow/Widower of a member or qualifying individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Auxiliary Member

Non-Attendee (Non-Attendee Status is for our homebound, nursing home members, or members living more than 50 miles away).

\*2019 Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Year Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Total Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Wreaths Across America: # of Wreaths: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please make this check payable to “Wreaths Across America”. Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRUCMOAA CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE:**

<b>Age (in 2019)</b>	<b>Membership Fee</b>	<b>Age (in 2019)</b>	<b>Membership Fee</b>
50 and under:	\$300	71 to 75:	\$184
51 to 55:	\$282	76 to 80:	\$153
56 to 60:	\$265	81 to 85:	\$118
61 to 65:	\$242	86 and over:	FREE!
66 to 70:	\$213		