



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Greetings

Joe Maurer

I hope this newsletter finds you in high spirits and doing well as we enjoy the summer months under more normal conditions! Because you "Never Stop Serving", we are continuing our mission and enjoying a lot of success as a Chapter.

2021 Activities

So far this year we have recognized ten cadets from our three JROTC Detachments and our NNDCC unit with either a monetary scholarship or the MOAA Medal. We are also continuing the Colonel Harry Winberg Academic Excellence Award for students entering the military upon high school graduation.

Because of the Pandemic, we could not support JROTC training and travel since March 2020 due to the interruption of the school year. When JROTC programs resume, we will be ready to continue our usual support.

Because of the leadership of our Director, Bill Gray, our very rewarding relationship with the AFRL continues and –after a year's hiatus due to Covid -- we will host our 6th Annual "Burger 'Burn" for the Accelerated Course in Engineering (ACE) students and staff on July 14th at the Hampton Inn in Rome.

Throughout the year we have also assisted fellow veterans in the Rome Veterans Council, the Vietnam Veterans Association, and the Marine Corps Association. And our mission to assist veterans at the Donald A. Mitchell VA Clinic at Griffiss Park soldiers on with remarkable results under the leadership of Director Bill Hamelin.

Wreaths Across America in Rome, NY

At Noon on Saturday, December 18th, we will hold our 10th Wreaths Across America at Rome Area cemeteries. Our tradition has been to hold this event no matter what the conditions. We can do this safely because we are flexible and the event can be scaled down to accommodate bad weather or changed in format, as it was last year, to conform to Covid mandates.

Last year, by the way, was our best year ever in terms of wreaths placed and money raised. We got a big break with the weather and good crowds turned out at all locations. School children could not participate as groups and there were no guest speakers or color guards; but it seemed that people were in the mood to get out and celebrate Wreaths Across America and they did so safely by distancing, wearing masks and following special procedures on wreath distribution.

This year – thanks to our friends in the Rome Rotary Club – we are officially adding Wright Settlement Cemetery to our locations list! This was Steve Mercurio's idea and it is a big win for our Chapter because the Rotarians staff the event at Wright Settlement and the Chapter gets the \$5 cash back for each wreath placed. Thanks to Steve and all the Rome Rotarians!

Wreaths Across America participation gives us the funds to carry out our mission and excel as a Chapter. To have another successful year we need members to support the program either as a volunteer or by purchasing wreaths as a personal donation. However, we need your help more than your money; so, if you can volunteer in any capacity, please contact me.



Rome Free Academy Leo Club members and parent volunteers at St. Peter's Cemetery Wreaths Across America ceremonies, December 19, 2020.



Scouts from Troop 11 pitch-in on Wreath Clean Up Day at St. John's Cemetery in Rome, NY on March 27, 2021



Central Valley Academy Junior ROTC Cadets on Wreath Clean Up Day at St. Peter's Cemetery in Rome, NY on March 28, 2021

“Three Conversations”

This year, instead of “Chicken BBQ by Scotty’s”, we will have a Wreaths Across America in Rome, NY benefit at the Rome Community Theater. It will be a play titled “Three Conversations”. It is written, produced and directed by Lorraine Goewey and narrated by Gary Ford. Some of us know Lorraine, the assistant manager of the Rome Teachers’ Federal Credit Union who sponsored our chicken barbeque events of the last two years. Gary Ford is the retired history teacher who was our guest speaker for our 2020 annual dinner. The play is about conversations of ordinary soldiers from the perspective of a veteran of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II. The play will show for one night in November near Veterans’ Day (exact date TBD). More details will follow.

Thanks again for your support of our Chapter. Enjoy your summer!

Joe

Treasurer’s Report

Greg Bertolini and Joe Maurer

Balance as of January 1, 2021: \$12,414.55

Wreaths Across America proceeds (received in 2020): \$ 8,177.00

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 7, 2021: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Vescio’s Franklin Hotel.
- May 5, 2021: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Aqua Vino.
- May 31, 2021: Memorial Day.
- June 2, 2021: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Ancora!
- June 14, 2021: Flag Day
- July 4, 2021: Celebrate 245 years of Independence.
- July 14, 2021: 1730-1930 hrs. Burger Burn with AFRL ACE Students, Hampton Inn - Floyd Ave, Rome, NY.
- August 12, 2021 (Thurs): 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Lake Delta Yacht Club.
- September 1, 2021: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at TBD.
- October 6, 2021: 1700-2045 hrs. Member / Guest dinner at Coalyard Charlies.
- November 1, 2021: GRUCMOAA Membership dues 2022 deadline.
- November 7, 2021: 1300-1700 hrs. Annual Veteran’s Day Dinner at TBD.
- November 11, 2021: Veteran’s Day.
- December 7, 2021: Pearl Harbor Day.
- December 18, 2021: 1200 (Noon) Wreaths Across America event.

MEMBERSHIP

Updates From Membership Chair

Bill Hamelin

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| Paid Membership: | 28 |
| Life Membership: | 18 |
| <u>Paid/Life Aux Membership:</u> | <u>11</u> |
| Total Paid | 57 |

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| Honorary Membership: | 2 |
| Non-Members: | 7 |
| Over-due: | 9 |

GRUC-MOAA would like to welcome a new member: Matthew Kehoe, a prior service USA Major. He lives in Rome.

Bill will be sending out periodic reminders for those still overdue for 2020 and 2021. Membership form is enclosed. Please complete the 2021 membership form and return it with payment. You can also renew by visiting the GRUCMOAA web page:

http://grucmoaa.org/html/join_gruc.html to join online and use a credit card for payment.

If you are not a National MOAA member, it's highly recommended that you become a member. A "free" membership is available! Please go to the MOAA website at:

https://ebiz.moaa.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=153&utm_source=hp&utm_medium=header&utm_campaign=Join

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

HEALTH CARE

VA Rome Community-Based Outpatient Clinic

Bill Hamelin

Due to the virus pandemic, volunteers were not permitted to operate within the VA from 16 March 2020 through 01 September 2020. However, from 01 January 2020 through 15 March 2020, our volunteers assisted 96 veterans and provided 428 volunteer hours at the Rome Donald J. Mitchel VA clinic. We are pleased to report that **volunteer services have resumed**, although slowly. Since our return we have assisted 773 veterans and volunteered 541 hours. Our volunteers provide the required in-person authentications and can now use VA Video Connect services and telephone services to authenticate veterans remotely. We now contact veterans through email and telephone with information regarding registering for a "Myhealthvet" account. So far 568 contact emails have been sent to veterans.

Due to the clinic operating on a "limited" access methodology to prevent overcrowding; entry into the clinic has been modified as follows:

- When a veteran has an appointment, they are not allowed to enter the facility until 15 mins. prior to that appointment.
- Masks must be worn at all times, and temperatures are taken upon entry.
- There are a few quick screening questions that are asked to complete the process.

- No one is allowed to accompany a veteran to their appointment unless it is medically required to provide assistance to that veteran during their visit.

Flu shots will begin on 01 October 2021.

Audiology and Podiatry support is now available at the clinic twice a week, an appointment is required. In the future Cardiology, ENT, ECHO, GYN, and perhaps some limited general surgery will be available. In addition, a CATSCAN machine will be installed. All of these efforts and improvements are being made to enhance veteran care and reduce travel.

Many medical appointments are being done “virtually” and are well received by most veterans.

VA Red Coat Ambassador Program

The VA Red Coat Ambassador program is a special volunteer program instituted at the Syracuse VA Medical Center and its associated Primary Care clinics. This program allows volunteers to assist veterans with specialized computer programs, such as Myhealthvet and Ebenefits and act as an informal ombudsman, assisting veterans by providing answers to a myriad of questions and ensuring the veteran contacts the proper resource for any assistance they might need. Any issues faced by the veteran that cannot be resolved by the Red Coat Ambassador, can then be escalated to the immediate attention of the clinic Nurse Manager for resolution. This methodology has greatly reduced the frustration and delay sometimes encountered by veterans navigating through the VA.

Myhealthvet allows veterans the ability to access, interact, view, or even save, their medical information, which includes lab test results, prescription ordering and tracking, medical imaging, communicating with their primary care team, and making in-person and video connect appointments. It also accepts veteran input on a variety of health-related items like weight, blood pressure, medical treatment from outside the VA and OTC medications.

Ebenefits is a program that is undergoing a phase out/transition. Currently it allows veterans to access their disability information, make an application for benefits, track compensation exam results, apply for VA loan certificate, track compensation payments, appeals, and many others. VA is trying to simplify access for veterans to various veterans' information and Ebenefits is transitioning over to: VA.GOV.

GRUC-MOAA volunteers receive specialized training with these programs to assist veterans with enrollment and usage of these programs. Each year they must complete HIPPA, Security, and Myhealthvet training through the VA Talent management System (TMS). In addition, our volunteers have provided in-depth training classes to the Rome VA clinic staff on Myhealthvet and Ebenefits so they can fully understand what these programs can provide for the veterans but how the staff/providers can use this system to be more effective and efficient.

Chapter members who perform this mission five days a week are: CDR Stephen Mercurio, USN (RET), CW4 William J. Hamelin Jr, USA, (RET), and LTCOL Joseph Maurer, USA, (RET).

Veteran Use of Urgent Care Facilities Approved

As part of the VA MISSION ACT of 2018, Veterans who have received medical care from the VA, or VA sponsored community providers, anytime during the last 24 months are now eligible to utilize URGENT CARE.

If you are in Priority Group 1~5, the first 3 visits in a year are free, and after that there is a \$30 co-pay for each visit. Priority Groups 6~8 will incur co-payments of \$30 for each visit. WELL NOW Locations are available throughout NY state (and US). If the veteran encounters problems, call 866-620-2071 for assistance.

Local URGENT CARE facilities are: Primary Urgent Care, 1904 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502, 315-804-6800 and the Well Now Urgent Care facility located at 230 N. Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502, 315-271-2394. If you live in Rome, you can visit the Well Now Urgent Care facility at 103 West Dominick St., Suite 10, Rome, NY 13440. Other locations can be found at:
<https://vaurgentcarelocator.triwest.com/Locator/Care>

Optical Services Through the VA

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 is 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>

Oneida County Veterans Representatives:

If you need to file a compensation claim, and live in Oneida County, please contact the Oneida County Veterans Service Office located within the Rome VA clinic. Representatives Joseph Perrone, and Dan Goewey are available to assist veterans through this complex process. If you have any questions regarding a medical condition that was incurred through military service, primary or secondary injuries, and wondering if filing a claim would be proper, please call or stop by their office and they will be happy to assist. Please inform your spouses, if you as the veteran died from a service-connected injury, they may be entitled to Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments. They can also call or stop by for a quick determination if they qualify for these monthly payments.

Contact Information is: 315-798-5830, or jperrone@ocgov.net

VETERANS NEWS

Veterans Crisis Line

If any veteran is in need of help, they can contact the Veterans Crisis Line at: 800-273-8255, press 1, or by text at: 838255, or by chat at: veteranscrisisline.net/chat.

Ft. Drum Legal Office Offering Assistance with Wills, Healthcare Proxies, Living Wills, and Power Of Attorney

Military retirees do not forget you can obtain, at no cost to you, wills, healthcare proxy/living wills, and Power of Attorneys from the Ft. Drum Legal office, located at Clark Hall, 10720 Mt. Belvedere Blvd., Ft. Drum, NY 13602. The number to make an appointment is: 315-772-5261.

DOD Travel Information

The Department of Defense has established an official DOD sponsored/sanctioned web page that retirees can access for reduced prices with air flights, hotels, etc. The American Forces Travel page is located at this address:

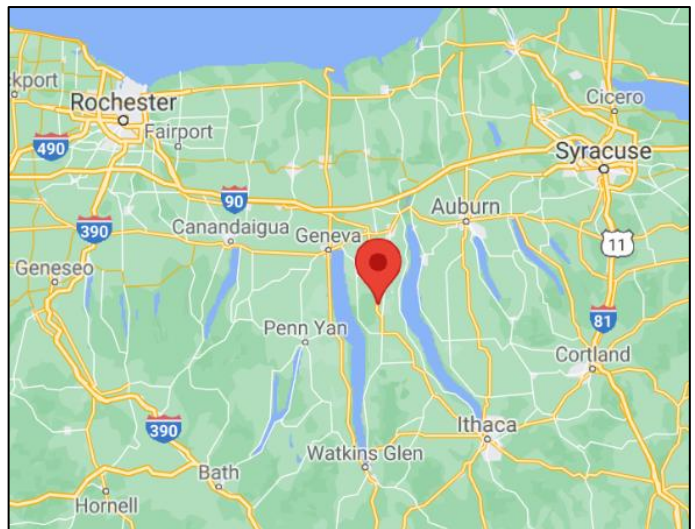
<https://www.americanforcetravel.com/>

After you select your hotel, flight, etc., and before it lets you proceed further, it will ask for some information to verify your eligibility. Once your eligibility has been approved it will allow you to proceed. DOD has a contract through Priceline to provide discounts for military personnel and retirees.

Site Selection of New York's First State Veterans Cemetery

Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, located at the site of the former Sampson Naval Training Station and Sampson Air Force Base in Romulus, Seneca County, has been chosen by a State-appointed committee as the site of New York's first State Veterans Cemetery.

Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery is situated on 162 acres along the eastern shore of Seneca Lake in New York's Finger Lakes region. The cemetery is located on what was formerly the Sampson Naval Training Station and Sampson Air Force Base, where hundreds of thousands of servicemembers were trained during World War II and the Korean War. The site also served thousands more as a temporary college and as a separation center for service member discharges before the base's official closure in 2000. The cemetery is also located a short distance from Waterloo, recognized across the country as the birthplace of the Memorial Day holiday.



Sampson is already a functioning veterans cemetery that operates in accordance with federal veterans cemetery standards. An initial 15 acres of the site have already been developed, providing for 6,000 planned grave sites and columbarium niches. The full 162-acre site provides the capacity to ultimately accommodate more than 80,000 grave sites.

The Division of Veterans' Services will now work with partner agencies to determine the 10-year costs of operating and maintaining the Sampson cemetery. Following that step, the Division of the Budget and the Office of State Comptroller must determine whether such funds exist. When both of those steps have been

completed, DVS will be able to apply to the National Cemetery Administration to receive federal funding for the establishment of the first state veterans cemetery.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Honors WWII Veteran Kenneth C. Thayer on House Floor

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), delivered a floor speech today (June 24, 2021) in the U.S. House of Representatives recognizing the heroic military service of WWII U.S. Army National Guard veteran Kenneth C. Thayer, who is among New York State's most decorated living veterans. Thayer is a resident of Clinton, New York.

Congresswoman Tenney presented Mr. Thayer with a Presidential Unit Citation Medal on Sunday after her office worked with the Department of the Army to assist Mr. Thayer in obtaining the award he and his military unit rightfully earned so many decades ago. The Presidential Unit Citation is one of the highest honors a U.S. military unit can receive. For his military service, Thayer has also received the Distinguished Service Cross, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts.

She delivered the following remarks on the House floor:



“I rise today to recognize the incredible life and military career of one of New York State’s most decorated World War II veterans, US Army National Guard veteran, Private First Class Mr. Kenneth C. Thayer. Mr. Thayer is part of a distinguished National Guard Unit that displayed heroic and patriotic service in defense of the United States. In recognition of his unwavering service to our Nation, I recently had the opportunity to present Mr. Thayer with the Presidential Unit Citation, one of the highest honors a military unit can receive.

The Army has requested this Presidential Unit Citation for the 30th Infantry Division since 1946. It was not until last year, nearly 75 years later, that President Trump recognized this unit and the well deserving group of men for their selfless acts of bravery and devotion to our country.

Mr. Thayer was a soldier in the National Guard’s 30th Infantry Division, a unit known for their exemplary conduct in both WWI and WWII. The 30th Division was formed in 1917, soon after the United States had entered World War I. They fought heroically in France against the German army, and once the war ended, they returned to their pre-war status in the National Guard. Then, on September 1st, 1939, Hitler invaded Poland, initiating World War II. The 30th Division was quickly reinstated by 1940 and called upon to fight. They first saw combat on Omaha Beach on June 11th, 1944.

Mr. Thayer entered active service on December 9th, 1943, just two years after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. A Utica native, Mr. Thayer was sent to the 30th after recovering from an injury he sustained in 1944. His division was nicknamed “Old Hickory” because the majority of the men were from southern states closely associated with President Andrew Jackson, and Mr. Thayer would grow very close with many of them. The 30th would go on to become one of the most important forces in the United States’ European Theater Operations.

The 30th Division was in active combat from June 1944 to April 1945, a total of 282 days. One of its most challenging battles was fought at Mortain, France. From August 6th, 1944 to August 12th, 1944,

the 30th Infantry Division was faced with a continuous attack from the German forces who were attempting to break through Allied lines. Over 2,000 men in this division alone died while fighting to drive the Germans from France, but the courage of this division helped turn the tide of the war and will be remembered for generations to come.

Mr. Thayer Co-Authoring two volumes entitled "The Young Liberators" from Civilian to Soldier" with historian Allan Foote, whose father also served in the 30th Infantry Division during WW II, Master Sergeant Arthur A. Foote.

Writing about one of the artillery barrages during that period, Mr. Thayer states in his book, "I kept on scrambling around in a futile attempt to find someone, anyone I could help. [...] Out of 220 men, I was the only survivor. It was an absolute nightmare". It is almost impossible to imagine the atrocities that these men witnessed. As Americans, we remember the bravery and sacrifice that Mr. Thayer and so many of the 30th endured.

Between June 1944 and May 1945, the men of the United States Infantry Division participated in every major Western European campaign from Normandy to the Elbe River. Known as the "workhorse of the western front", the 30th was ranked as the top infantry division by a team of historians who worked under General Eisenhower. Chief Historian, Colonel S.L.A. Marshal, declared the 30th as "the finest infantry division in the European Theater of Operations."

The reputation of "Old Hickory" is that of resolute dedication and valor. They are viewed as heroic not only to Americans, but to those whom they saved overseas. For instance, in the Netherlands, where the 30th Division liberated the town of Maastricht, the townspeople created a cemetery for these lost souls, and to this day, the community continues to place American flags at the grave sites every May in their memory. The town officials still keep in touch with Mr. Thayer, even though he's living in assisted living.

For his service, Mr. Thayer has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. A man of incredible courage and personal fortitude, Mr. Thayer is a true hero. He served our nation through tremendous strife, and yet he remains humble, gracious, and incredibly sharp.

It was an honor to meet Mr. Thayer along with his co-Author Allan Foote this past weekend and present him with this well-deserved recognition. His life of courage and commitment to our nation is unparalleled. It would have been easy for him to give up in the face of evil. But Mr. Thayer and the men of the 30th Infantry never gave up. They were fiercely dedicated to changing the course of the war and they worked fearlessly to ensure that America and freedom would prevail.

It is truly an honor to share Mr. Thayer's unique story in this historic chamber today. It was the opportunity of a lifetime to spend time with Mr. Thayer and hear his first-hand account of his experiences as a critical player in this major event in human history. At age 95, nearly 96, he is the last survivor of this venerable group of heroes. We will remember him and thank him for his great service."

In April and May our Chapter Legislative Liaison Team helped generate support for pending legislation addressing MOAA's three top legislative priorities. We coordinated with all the members of our State Council to schedule meetings with each member of the NY State Congressional Delegation. Our Chapter was tasked to meet with Representatives Tenney (R-22), Malliotakis (R-11) and Delgado (D-16). Meetings were conducted via Zoom personally with Congresswoman Tenney and with staff members for Reps Malliotakis and Delgado. The approach was to urge the Representatives to sign on as co-sponsors of pending bills on Toxic Exposure Reform (HR2127 & HR2436), Tricare Young Adult Health Care (HR475) and Basic Needs Allowance (HR2339). Overall, we were received very graciously by everyone and each of the people we spoke with were appreciative of the information we provided.

For your information, here are the results to date: Representatives Malliotakis and Delgado – met with their representatives on May 13th and 16th, respectively -- no action to date; Representative Tenney – met with her on May 20th -- signed on as co-sponsor of all bills on May 25th. We are following up with Reps Malliotakis and Delgado.

My takeaway from the experience: our Representatives won't know about the issues affecting the lives of our troops unless we tell them. So, tell them!! It's very easy. Here's how – log onto the MOAA web site www.moaa.org, click on "Advocacy" then "Legislative Action Center", click on any topic in the "Take Action" section and fill in a few blanks to send a quick email to your House or Senate member.

Thanks to Greg Bertolini, Bill Hamelin, and Steve Mercurio for the nice work they did in making this effort a big success.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's Veteran Plan

Ensuring VA Transparency and Accountability

- **Supported H.R. 2704, the Improving VA Accountability to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Act of 2021:** This legislation will make significant strides in accountability at the VA to ensure our country's heroes are not subjected to the evils of sexual harassment. In particular, the bill requires the VA to report sexual harassment allegations and update its policies and training. This legislation passed the House of Representatives on May 18, 2021, with strong bipartisan support.
- **Supported H.R. 2911, the VA Transparency and Trust Act:** This bill will ensure the VA is effectively handling all funds it has received as part of its COVID-19 response efforts. The VA has received tens of billions of dollars in funding from Congress to respond to COVID, and this legislation will provide full accountability over those funds. This bill passed the House of Representatives on May 17, 2021, with bipartisan support.

Expanding Access to Quality Healthcare

- **Cosponsored H.R. 2127, the Toxic Exposure in the American Military Act:** This legislation will improve VA healthcare benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxic materials through burn pits during their service. Open burn pits were responsible for conditions affecting the respiratory and cardiovascular

systems, eyes, skin, and the gastrointestinal tract. Every veteran suffering from as a result of such exposure deserves the best care available. Relatedly, I also have cosponsored **H.R. 2436**, which recognizes that veterans were subjected to toxic exposure through burn pits.

- **Supported H.R. 2441, the Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act:** This bill will expand the VA's capacity to assist veterans experiencing mental health illnesses. It will require the VA to maintain new centers of the rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement (RANGE) Program. It also will initiate a study to make certain the VA has sufficient resources to serve mental health care needs of veterans in rural areas. This bill passed the House of Representatives on May 18, 2021, with bipartisan support.

Supporting the Transition to Civilian Life

- **Cosponsored H.R. 1448, the PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act:** 30% of Vietnam veterans and 11-20% of veterans from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom have had post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) at some point in their lifetimes. This bipartisan legislation will allow the VA to provide service dogs to veterans with mobile illnesses and create a program to assess its effectiveness. Research from Purdue University has shown that service dogs for PTSD can help restore feelings of confidence, safety, and independence in veterans' daily lives. This legislation was passed by the House of Representatives with bipartisan support on May 12, 2021.
- **Cosponsored H.R. 1476, the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act:** This legislation will create a national program that connects veterans suffering from PTSD or a traumatic brain injury (TBI) with other veterans suffering under similar circumstances. Connecting veterans with their peers allows them to confide in someone they can trust in addition to trained VA civilian staff.
- **Cosponsored H.R. 2391, the Veterans Fellowship Act:** This bill will create short-term fellowships for veterans and provide them an opportunity to be employed on a long-term basis after completion. This will help veterans reacclimate to civilian life and find meaningful careers following their service in a range of roles in the Armed Forces.

Honoring the Sacrifice of Those Who Served

- **Introduced the Remembering Our Local Heroes Act:** This bill will honor our fallen or disabled heroes by providing grants to local governments to support memorials to veterans of the United States Armed Forces, as well as law enforcement officers and firefighters. We cannot forget our history and the sacrifice of our local heroes; we owe it to their memory to erect these memorials or to keep these local landmarks maintained.
- **Cosponsored H.R. 1115, the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act:** This bipartisan legislation will establish a memorial for the Global War on Terrorism at a location near the National Mall in Washington, D.C. We must never forget those servicemembers who made great sacrifices to protect our homeland in the wake of the most devastating terrorist attack in our nation's history.
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GRUC-MOAA Merchandise

- Polo Shirts: High quality short sleeved shirts provided by A&P Master Images on Water St. Utica, NY. 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.



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GRUCMOAA 2021 DUES STATEMENT

Please renew your 2021 membership by November 1, 2020 by sending your check, payable to **GRUCMOAA, to GRUCMOAA Treasurer, 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:** _____

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_____ \$10.00 Auxiliary Membership

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_____ \$5.00 Auxiliary Non-Attendee Membership

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

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Prior Year Dues Enclosed: \$ _____

***Total Dues Enclosed:** \$ _____

***Check Number:** _____

GRUCMOAA CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE:

| Age (in 2021) | Membership Fee |
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| 50 and under: | \$300 |
| 51 to 55: | \$282 |
| 56 to 60: | \$265 |
| 61 to 65: | \$242 |
| 66 to 70: | \$213 |
| 71 to 75: | \$184 |
| 76 to 80: | \$153 |
| 81 to 85: | \$118 |
| 86 and over: | FREE! |