

**Board of Directors Meeting
13 June 2026
Brounshidle Post 205**

Call to order (LTC Sparacino)

- President LTC Frank Sparacino called to order the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting at 0843 on 13 June 2026 at the Brounshidle Post
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Attendance: LTC Sparacino USA (Ret), CDR Zuffoletto USN (Ret), LTC Mark Onesì USA (Ret), Col Forrest NJANG, CDR Lichwala USN (Ret), MAJ Privitera USA (Ret), BG Caruana USA (Ret), CAPT Concannon USN (Ret), CW4 Scalfani USA (Ret),

Excused: CW5 Niezgoda USMC (Ret), Col Pecoraro USAF (Ret), CW4 Patrick Morrow USMC (Ret), JoAnne Lichwala

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Lichwala approve the 14 March 2026 meeting minutes; seconded by Privitera; motion approved by BOD.
- Minutes are posted on the Chapter website and emailed to each BOD member.

Treasurer's Report (CDR Lichwala)

- Opening balance of \$12,203.91; Closing balance is \$ 12,258.31(see attached Treasurer's Report)
- Motion made by Zuffoletto to approve; seconded by Onesì; motion approved by BoD
- W9 completed

Membership Report (MAJ Privitera)

- Chapter dues: 42 members paid 2026; 34 members paid for 2027.
- 174 members; 110 Auxiliary; 104 Deceased
- List from MOAA National showing who lives in the WNY area. Life members 133; Premium members 110 and Basic members 177. National members have the option to opt out or Chapters will have access to their contact information.
- Sparacino will continue to scrub the National list, removing duplicates and deceased.
- 627 National members in the area who are not Chapter members
- Send out letters for dues and solicit membership from National members who are not Chapter members, letters to request emails, phone #, opt in/out, and dues, both via check or on-line.

Personal Affairs Report (CW4 Scalfani)

- Needs current roster with Member IDs to have accurate contacts for deceased letters

ROTC/JROTC Awards (LTC Onesi)

- Leadership medal set/certificate/coin awarded to (junior) next year's leadership for Jr ROTC at McKinley, Hutch Tech, Maritime, South Park, and Dunkirk. Only McKinley has returned a name.
- WNY MOAA coin - \$10 per coin
- Thank you to the presenters for the following schools in 2026:
 - Canisius – 22 May 2026 at the Montante Bldg - Onesi
 - Niagara – 15 May 2026 at the Gallagher Center - Privitera
 - St Bonaventure – 17 May 2026 at the Regina Quick Center – Onesi
- Decrease in ROTC membership. Future ceremonies may be combined.
- Future PMSs are Major's and possibly Captains

MOAA Level of Excellence (LOE)

- Our Chapter received a Five-star LOE for 2025
- All 6 NYS Chapters received a Five-star LOE for 2025
- Members are asked to submit articles and Photos of outside events for publication

Legislative Report (AIA) (BG Caruana)

- Legislative advocacy to meet with Langworthy and Kennedy –Pecoraro, Sparacino, and Caruana to lead
- AiA for 2026
 - Major Richard Star Act (S. 1032/H.R.2102)
 - Guard VA Benefits Act (H.R. 1732)
 - Military CARE Act (H.R. 6796)
 - Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168)
- **Members need to log onto MOAA website and send or print the AiA messages.** BG Caruana provided a demonstration of how to navigate the MOAA website and send letters via www.moaa.org to our Representative's. He encouraged all to pass the word.

Newsletter Report (CDR Zuffoletto)

- **18 Sep 2026** is the deadline for submission for the FALL newsletter. Submit to **MPZ@aol.com**
- The next newsletter will be emailed except for members requesting a print copy. It will also be posted on chapter website.
- Father Mike Zuffoletto will take over future newsletters.

Old Business, Past Events/Activities

- Legislative advocacy with Zuffoletto and Onesi attending to learn the process next year 2026.
- Onesi continues to chair the duties of the ROTC/JROTC.
- Future Membership checks will be sent to the Treasurer; exception would be for the annual Business meeting of which would be sent to the event Chairperson.
- MOAA State Convention, see new business
- 63rd Armed Forces Week (hosted by the ARMY) is May 2026, Guest Speaker: MG Raymond Shields
 - Luncheon 7 May at 1100 at the Connecticut Street Armory (Morrow)
 - Military Ball 9 May at 1800 at the Connecticut Street Armory (Sparacino)
 - Vets Fun Run 16 May at 0800 at the Naval Park (TBD)
- MOAA WNY Chapter 8-foot table banner purchased for \$211.74

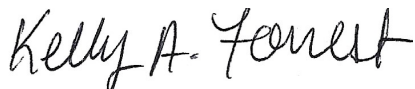
New Business, Future Events, and Activities

- **MOAA State Convention**, Hotel Saranac, **27-30 September**, See website or newsletter. 26 June deadline for payment. \$1070 for double occupancy includes room for 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, tours on Tuesday and 3 nights Complimentary Hospitality room.
- Buffalo Bills VA tailgate social at the Buffalo VA Hospital – **15 November 2026, 1230**. Lichwala has solicited National for a \$300 grant to help fund the tailgate social.
- American Red Cross Reconnection Brunch in Niagara County, Location/date/time TBD
- Armory Christmas Party on **Monday, 7 Dec 2026** at 1800 location, French Pub (Privitera)
- Annual meeting on **Saturday, 19 Dec 2026** at Classic V at 1100 AM. Letters for donations and raffles will be sent out. We are asking members to solicit donations or baskets for the raffle.
- 2027 Armed Forces Week dates, 6-8 May 2027
- Brounshidle Post turning 100 this year.
- Roundtables every month on zoom, check the web site. Space A travel, Aug 26th, 2-3 PM
 - On MOAA website – events – upcoming events/webinars
- Post 205 is hosting their 100th year event on November 11th at their post
- Future Board meeting(s): **Saturday, September 19th, Saturday, December 19th**

Adjournment

- President LTC Sparacino adjourned the meeting at 1000 hrs. with a motion made by Lichwala; seconded by Zuffoletto; motion approved by BOD

Minutes submitted by:



Kelly A. Forrest, Col, NJANG
MOAA WNY Secretary

Minutes approved by:



Frank J. Sparacino, LTC, USA (Ret)
MOAA WNY President