



**Western New York Chapter**  
**A Veterans' Service Organization**  
**Spring 2026 Newsletter**

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## **President's Message**

*By Frank J. Sparacino*  
*LTC U.S. Army (Retired)*

I am proud to announce that our Chapter was awarded the 2025 **Five-Star** Level of Excellence Award. Congratulations to our Board of Directors for all their hard work.

The Advocacy in Action program began in April and we had two districts to cover. I'd like to believe our fellow MOAA Chapters made some impact on encouraging Congressional support on all three Legislative priorities. Anyone willing to join us in the future to meet our representatives just contact me.

To all members and their guests, the 2026 NYS CoC MOAA Annual Convention is at the Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake, NY from **27 September – 30 September 2026**. Final details have been worked out, and have been EMAIL'ed; forms are also available on our website.

I encourage members to attend at least a few days if not the entire 4-day event. Rebecca and I will be attending and plan on doing some personal exploring of our own.

MOAA Chapter dues are due again this year, please make every attempt to renew your membership so we can support our Chapters initiatives such as the VA tailgate social, ROTC & JROTC awards, and our newsletters. The dues are very economical, especially if you pay for 3 years at a time and donations are always appreciated. Dues can be paid online or mailed to Stan Lichwala.

*PS. Chapter dues are in addition to the National membership dues.*

If you know of anyone that does not have an email, please them contact us for paper copies. Also, make every attempt to contact me at [fjspa26@gmail.com](mailto:fjspa26@gmail.com), to update your contact information. It makes it easier for us to reach out to you on upcoming events. Please forward this newsletter to anyone you feel might be interested in MOAA.



The Armed Forces Committee is ramping up for their **2026** events.  
The Luncheon is on **May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM (\$35)** at the Connecticut Street armory.  
The Military Ball is on Saturday, **May 9<sup>th</sup> 6 PM, (\$60)** also at the Connecticut Street Armory. This year is hosted by the US Army. Tickets are available online at [www.wnyarmedforcesweek.com](http://www.wnyarmedforcesweek.com)  
I have paper tickets as well, just email me.



***Future BOD mtg dates:***  
***June 13, September 19,***  
***December 19***

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## Legislative Liaison Report

*by BG Tony Caruana, U.S. Army (Ret.)*

MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, and this mission is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. MOAA's experts in Washington are there to support legislation that benefits the military community, and they are equally diligent when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood.

On April 15th the annual Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign in Washington, DC, focuses on four key issues which will be brought directly to Congress. Our local state chapter leaders from each of our states will come to DC to meet with each of their congressional representatives to discuss and advocate for these important priorities:

The Major Richard Starr Act (S.1032/ H.R.2102)

The Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168/H.R.7137)

The Guard VA Benefits Act (H.R.1732) and

The Military Care Act (H.R.6796)

These efforts will keep the priorities where they belong, in front of Congress. And when these face-to-face conversations are reinforced by outreach from more than 350,000 MOA members nationwide **like us**, it sends a clear message that carries real weight.

We at home can show our genuine passion to advocate for the well-being of the entire uniformed services community across all services at every stage of service by following these steps below.

1. Register for MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#) on the MOAA website to stay connected and contact your lawmakers.
2. Review all four Advocacy in Action topics on the [AIA website](#) and share these issues with your local congressional district representative and our two state senators through the website.
3. You may be receiving this newsletter after the April 15 AiA campaign event in DC, but what's extremely important is that you send your messages soon, and you can send even more in the weeks ahead, to ensure our lawmakers understand the importance of getting these acts passed. And please remember to thank those who sponsor our bills and vote for their passage. That is important, too!

## Personal Affairs

*By Richard A. Scalfani  
CW4 U.S. Army (Retired)*

### Taps:

No deaths to report.

### Well Wishes:

We pray for a speedy recovery for all members and their family who are experiencing health issues.

### Items of Interest:

#### Can the VA Reduce Your Disability Benefits?



When the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives you a service-connected disability rating, it retains the right to reexamine you to determine if your disability is still present and warrants the original rating. The rating can stay the same, increase, decrease or be terminated based on its examination. Which means the amount of VA disability compensation you receive can also change after these examinations.

Some VA disability ratings are considered protected and will not be changed, like Veterans with a P&T rating (permanent and total) or injuries considered permanent or static. These include injuries that will never change, such as a missing limb.

Not all medical conditions are permanent. Some injuries heal over time. The VA wants to ensure they are compensating you for your injuries at an appropriate rate.

When the VA assigns you a disability rating, it will also determine if your condition needs to be reexamined in the future. This typically only happens for injuries with a reasonable expectation of improving over time.

Re-examinations are usually scheduled within two to five years after the initial examinations. They can also take place any time there is material evidence of your change of condition. This could be evidence that your situation has improved or disappeared.

The VA must establish substantial evidence of a change in condition before any change can occur to your service-connected disability rating. But you still need to be proactive to protect your rating and attend your reexamination appointment.

If you've had a condition for five, 10 or 20 years, certain protections apply.

Certain VA disability benefits are considered protected ratings, according to the VA (though others say the term "protected" is a misnomer).

This is where it helps to find and read the appropriate regulations or find an expert who can help you through the task. Here are some of the rating protections for the 10- and 20-year rules:

- VA Disability Five-Year Rule: If the rating has been in effect for five years, it cannot be reduced unless your condition has improved on a sustained basis. (The VA must have documentation supporting this is a permanent improvement.)
- VA Disability 10-Year Rule: A service-connected disability rating cannot be terminated if it has been in effect for 10 years. Compensation can be *reduced* if evidence exists that the condition has improved. The sole exception is if the VA can prove fraud, in which case it can terminate the benefits.
- VA Disability 20-Year Rule: If the rating has been in effect for 20 years, it cannot be reduced below the lowest rating it has held for the previous 20 years. The only exception is if the VA can prove fraud.
- VA Disability 100% Rule: The VA must prove your medical situation has materially improved, and as a result, you are able to perform substantial work.

### What Do Protected VA Disability Ratings Mean?

If you have had a VA service-connected disability rating, and you've had that rating for certain periods of time, it's harder for the VA to reduce your rating. These time span distinctions are important because some ratings can vary over the years, based on the medical condition.

Example: Let's say you have a knee injury that warrants a 30% disability rating when you complete your initial VA evaluation. After five years, the VA can not reduce this rating below 30% unless they can prove the injury has healed on a sustained basis. If it has improved to the point it warrants a lower rating or the injury no longer exists, then the benefit can be reduced or terminated.

After 10 years, the benefit can no longer be terminated, but it can be reduced if the VA can document substantial sustained health improvements. After 20 years at that rating, your benefit can no longer be reduced below its lowest rating or terminated (unless there is proof of fraud).

The 100% rule is much more difficult to have decreased. The VA must prove your health has materially improved, and you are now able to perform substantial work. If all your injuries still leave you unemployable, then it is unlikely your benefit will be reduced.

Most veterans with a 100% rating have one or more major service-connected medical conditions, and possibly additional multiple less-severe injuries. The VA must prove the veteran is able to perform substantial work even with this assortment of medical conditions.

The VA must send you a reexamination letter before they can change your service-connected disability rating. This letter will detail what will take place and when.

#### What you need to know about the reexamination letter:

You have 30 days to request a hearing if you wish to contest the VA decision

- You have up to 60 days to submit evidence that a reduction in your rating is not warranted.

The notice of reexamination should include contact information where you can reschedule your appointment if necessary. It's essential you attend your reexamination appointment or work to reschedule it for a better time. If you don't attend the appointment or provide supporting evidence for your case, the VA can reduce or terminate your benefits without additional warning.

Reestablishing your rating could take some time or may be impossible, barring a legitimate reason for missing the appointment.

Note: The VA cannot reduce your service-connected disability rating without first sending you notice. Failure to do so should result in a full reinstatement of your benefits.

### **VA Reexamination Exceptions**

The VA will typically not request to reexamine your rating under the following conditions:

You are over age 55;

- The disability is static (such as a loss of limb);

- The disability is considered permanent and is not expected to improve (e.g., blindness, deafness);
- The disability is already at a minimum rating for that particular disability or
- Reducing an individual rating would not affect the total combined disability rating.

If the VA contacts you to reexamine your case and you meet any of the above criteria, contact them at the phone number listed on your notice of reexamination and explain why you do not believe you should be reexamined. You may be able to have the reexamination cancelled.

A notice of reexamination may result in an increased disability rating if the situation warrants it. The VA will not go out of its way to increase your benefits rating for you.

If the situation is warranted by your examination, then they will increase your disability rating.

Keep this in mind if you are scheduled for a reexamination. Remember also that requesting an increase in disability ratings may result in a decrease if the VA can prove your medical condition has improved over time.

Bottom line: A VA disability rating is not always a static rating that will remain unchanged over the course of your lifetime. Your rating may remain unchanged, but it could also increase or decrease, depending on circumstances.

If you feel there is a problem with your rating, it is best to find someone who specializes in VA disability claims and see if you can get them to help you with your claim.

### **What to Do if the VA Decreased Your Benefits**

If you receive notice that your disability compensation benefits have been decreased, read the letter to make sure you thoroughly understand the VA's reasoning behind the rate reduction.

If you still disagree with the reduction, you can file a Notice of Disagreement to kick off the formal appeal process. You have one year from the date the VA mails your reduction notification to file your notice of disagreement.

You'll use the Notice of Disagreement form to declare what you disagree with and indicate how you'd like your appeal to proceed.

On your notice of disagreement form, you can request an opportunity to submit additional evidence for consideration, a higher-level review with the existing evidence from your original claim, or a hearing in front of a veterans law judge.

If you're going to submit new evidence, gather all relevant paperwork to back up your appeal. You may find it helpful to enlist a lawyer or your own medical professionals to ensure you don't miss anything.

If the VA reduced your rating after evaluating your disability, you need to provide evidence that proves the severity of your condition and its impact on your daily life. This can include private medical records, your VA health record and statements from people close to you.

The VA said the appeals process can take about five months to a year. If the VA grants your appeal, you'll receive back pay of your benefits to offset the reduction. If it doesn't, you can start over by selecting a different review process on your notice of disagreement or consult a lawyer specializing in veteran disability claims.

### **How to Upgrade Your Military Discharge Characterization :**

Your military discharge characterization (or rating) is important for many reasons. A high rating can open the door to various benefits, including the ability to qualify for government employment, reenlistment eligibility, and certain VA benefits. On the other hand, not having a high enough rating can impact your eligibility for certain benefits.

This is especially important for veterans who may have experienced Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) symptoms that impacted their discharge characterization, as new guidance from the DoD makes it easier for veterans to appeal a discharge where evidence of PTSD or TBI impacted the characterization.

An honorable discharge can open many doors, including preference points for military service when applying for a federal position, access to certain military and veterans benefits, and more. Conversely, even a general discharge under honorable conditions may not be high enough to earn certain benefits.

How does your discharge negatively affect you?

- Unless you have an honorable discharge, you are ineligible for the Post 9-11 GI Bill education benefit – worth tens of thousands of dollars.
- Unless you have a discharge under honorable conditions, you are ineligible for VA compensation and a VA pension.
- Unless the military makes mistakes, and these mistakes have a huge impact on you and your family. The Department of Defense wants all veterans to know they can have their discharge and military records reviewed to correct any injustice.  
Why? Because the Department of Defense wants to ensure that “all Veterans who have sacrificed so much in service to our great Nation receive all of the benefits” they deserve. You have a discharge under honorable conditions, you may be disqualified from receiving VA medical care.

If you received a discharge characterization that is other than “Honorable,” you may request a military discharge upgrade. To do so, you must submit a DD Form 293 to the appropriate Discharge Review Board (DRB) and convince them that your discharge rating should be upgraded. But there is a catch – the DRB won't automatically upgrade just any discharge request simply because you ask. You must convince the Discharge Review Board that your discharge was improper or inequitable.

An improper military discharge is one that was made in error or one that violates laws or military regulations. In some cases, this could be an administrative snafu or a misclassification. An inequitable military discharge is inconsistent with military traditions or policies. Many circumstances could qualify for these two classifications, and it is recommended that you seek legal counsel to help you determine the best way to challenge your discharge rating.

Each service has a DRB that allows former military members to request a review that could change their characterization of service, the reason for discharge, and their re-enlistment code based upon mistakes made by the Service.

- Note: The Navy runs the Discharge Review Board for both the Navy and the US Marine Corps.

The DRB consists of a five-member board consisting of a legal advisor, medical advisor, personnel advisor, senior NCO, and a senior officer. They can review almost any discharge, except for a discharge or dismissal by sentence of a general court-martial. You can read more about the law governing Discharge Review Boards here: [Title 10, United States Code, Section 1553.](#)

When you fill out your DD Form 293 (discharge upgrade request form), you can present your case at the DRB in Washington D.C, in front of a traveling DRB or have a records review board without presenting your case in person. If you have the means, it is almost always recommended that you have legal representation present your case in person. Regardless of which method you choose, it's important to understand there are no guarantees, and discharge upgrade request approvals are not common.

Many people mistakenly believe they can get their discharge automatically upgraded to an Honorable Discharge after 6 months (or some other time period). Unfortunately, this is not the case.

### [How to Request a Military Discharge Upgrade:](#)

To request a discharge upgrade, you must download [DD Form 293](#) – *Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States*.

Ensure you have the most recent version of the form and follow the steps to complete the form as completely and accurately as possible. Instructions can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the form. Be sure to sign and date the form before submitting it.

Including supporting documentation, such as your [DD 214](#), [military records](#), and statements from former supervisors, first sergeants, commanders, and other veterans you served with, is a good idea. Mail the completed DD Form 293 to the appropriate address listed on the DD Form 293 for each respective service.

Your personal statement and statements from those who served with you are invaluable. Do your best to obtain statements from your former supervisors, first sergeant, commander, or others in

your chain of command regarding your duty performance and facts and circumstances that may support your case to upgrade your discharge characterization. In most situations, the Boards focus on your conduct during your period of military service. However, in rare circumstances, Boards may upgrade a discharge based on post-service conduct.

Discharge upgrades are possible. Legal counsel who is familiar with the discharge process can



provide you valuable advice on the strategy to upgrade your discharge and whether your case may warrant an upgrade or change in the reason for discharge. If you want to consult with counsel, it is always best to consult with counsel with experience in these types of cases, as this is a very specialized area of military law.

You may also seek counsel or advice from a veterans organization for more information. Try your local VFW, American Legion, or similar organization as a starting point, and go from there.

Expect the application, review process, and decision to take several months from start to finish depending upon the number of cases pending with your service. Applicants who opt to present their case in person generally have a more favorable chance of an upgrade than those who do not appear in person, assuming there is a basis for an upgrade.

### **Upgrade Requests Must be Made Within 15 Years – But There is Hope**

Veterans must request an upgrade within 15 years of separating from active duty. Otherwise, they must request a change to their military records by submitting an application to their service's Board for Correction of Military Records using a DD Form 149, which is an entirely different process. In this application, you would submit evidence to support that your discharge characterization or reason for discharge was in error or that there was an injustice based on the facts and circumstances of your case.

## **Tailgate Party at VA Hospital**

*By Stanley Lichwala  
CDR U.S. Navy (Retired)*

Last November 9 our chapter hosted our 16th Tailgate Party in Freedom Hall at the Buffalo VA Hospital for the patients. It was very well attended and greatly appreciated by the patients. This year we will host our 17th Tailgate Party and partner with the Home of the Brave on a date to be determined after the Bills release their schedule.

## Online Dues Payment

*By Stanley Lichwala  
CDR U.S. Navy (Retired)  
WNY Chapter Treasurer*

MOAA National has subcontracted to a specialty web service known as “Cheddar” for handling members ability to pay CHAPTER DUES in a simple and easy way. You are HIGHLY encouraged to use this system – it eliminates a great deal of mail-in payment issues, trips to the bank and is more secure than sending checks through the mail. Go to [www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org) and log in using your login and password. Click on About MOAA, then click on Councils and Chapters. Go to Fast Access Chapter Members and click on Chapter Dues Payment System. Scroll down to New York, click on MOA of Western New York and that will take you to the Cheddar Payment System. If you do not have a Log-in and Password you may just go to <http://www.MOAA.org> and put “Dues” in the search bar. Click on Online Chapter Membership Dues, Join and Renewal. Then click on "Pay Chapter Dues Online," scroll down to New York. Click on MOA Of Western New York and that will take you to the Cheddar Dues Payment System. You may also make any desired charitable contributions with your dues payment. Alternatively, you may mail a check made out to Western NY MOA to our Chapter Treasurer Stan Lichwala at 28 South Castlerock Lane, East Amherst, NY14051. Annual dues are \$16 and you may renew for 2 years for \$30 or 3 years for \$44. Please make every effort to keep your dues up to date!

## NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

## MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



CONVENTION

# HOTEL SARANAC

100 Main Street, Saranac Lake, New York 12983

<https://www.hotelsaranac.com>

Sunday, 27 September through Wednesday, 30 September 2026

**ALL MOAA members** are cordially invited to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New York State Council of Chapters. Your Council Officers have been working very hard to schedule another memorable, educational, inspirational, **and** affordable NYS Convention! We extend a special warm invitation to all MOAA members in NY who are not affiliated with a Chapter and encourage them to attend and see how they can Never Stop Serving® in their local communities!

With this mind, we have defined these specific objectives for this Convention:

- To advance the mission of MOAA in advocating on matters for all service-members;
- To enhance the NYS CoC's relationship with MOAA National; ☐ To establish a direct connection between our Chapters; and
- Honor our deceased members at our Annual Memorial Service.

All Packages begin with your choice of an air conditioned (no smoking) room, daily Hospitality Room privileges, meals, and all gratuities. Choose your own room configuration (Standard w/2 Queen Beds - OR - Standard w/1 King Bed. Limited availability – FIRST COME FIRST SERVED). Please consult <https://www.hotelsaranac.com> for pictures and details. Additionally, the outstanding stewardship of Council funds also has allowed us to apply a one-time discount to your registration package by \$40 per person!

Choose from the following Packages OR from the A LA CARTE menu:

- ☐ **SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE**: Includes 3 Nights (Sun, Mon, Tue) lodging, 2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, Tour visits to Whiteface Mountain and the Olympic Center Museum, and 3 Nights Hospitality Room (per person).

- ☐ **DELUXE PACKAGE**: Includes: 2 Nights lodging (Sun, Mon), 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch,  
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Nights Hospitality Room (per person). (NO TOUR.)

- ☐ **MINI PACKAGE:** Includes: 1 Night lodging (Mon), 1 Banquet Dinner, 1 Lunch, 1 Breakfast, 1 Night Hospitality Room (per person). (NO TOUR.)
  
- ☐ **A La Carte Items:** In an effort to encourage participation and be as flexible as possible, we are offering options to attend whatever activities you can fit into your busy schedules.

Final  
Our **Tentative** Schedule:

- Sunday 09/27/2026: Check-in and Welcome Buffet Dinner – Guest Speaker TBD
  
- Monday 09/28/2026:
- Morning: Latest Information from MOAA National Staff (TBD)
  - ☐ (Chapter Management, Advocacy, Communications, and more)
- Afternoon: New York Council of Chapters Annual Business Meeting
- Evening: 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet / Awards Dinner / Memorial Service – Guest Speaker from MOAA HQ TBD
  
- Tuesday – 9/29/2026: Admission and tickets for the Cloudsplitter Gondola Ride at Whiteface Mountain, lunch at the American Legion Post 326 in Lake Placid, and a self-guided visit to the Olympic Center Museum, home of 1980’s “Miracle on Ice.” You must provide your own transportation (approximately 50 miles round trip). Dinner on your own.
  
- Wednesday – 09/30/2026: Check out.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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| <b>All Day Monday: Annual CoC Business Meeting</b> - MOAA updates on Chapter Management, Advocacy, Social Media, Veteran Issues, much more! Current state of CoC affairs, Chapter reports. | <b>Daily Happy Hour(s)</b> in our own WORLD - FAMOUS Hospitality Suite (And we do mean HAPPY !!!)                                                |
| <b>Sunday Evening Welcome Buffet</b><br>Meet and Greet! Re-new old acquaintances and form new friendships                                                                                  | <b>Monday Evening Annual CoC Banquet</b><br>Plated dinner – Choose from Steak, Chicken or Salmon. Includes potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert. |
| <b>Tuesday - Fun Day!</b> Exhilarating ride on the Cloudsplitter Gondola at Whiteface Mt, Admission to the Olympic Center Museum. Lunch Included. (Provide your own transportation)        | <b>MOAA and CoC Awards Programs</b><br>Focusing on Levels of Excellence and Harris Communication Awards                                          |

## UNIFORM OF THE DAY

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Breakfasts,<br>Welcome Buffet, Olympic Sites Tours | Resort casual (no jeans or tank tops)                    |
| MOAA and Council Meetings                          | Business Casual                                          |
| Banquet / Awards Dinner / Memorial<br>Service      | Dinner Dress: Service Uniform / Dark Suit / Evening Wear |

Registration and deposit due by 26 June 2026. The balance is due by 01 August 2026. Reservations received AFTER 01 Aug 2026 will be accepted on a space available basis. There will be no cancellations/refunds accepted after 11 August 2026 (unless there are extenuating circumstances).

A full agenda, including Guest Speakers will be communicated as soon as they are finalized.

We hope you will attend and we encourage you to invite your MOAA friends to join us!

### QUESTIONS???

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PAYMENTS?

President Norma Weissend [nycocpres@gmail.com](mailto:nycocpres@gmail.com)  
585.727.6190 o Package Reservations and Down Payment: 50%  
Deposit due by 06/26/2026

- o Final payment due NLT 08/01/2026
- o A La Carte – Full Payment due with registration NLT 08/01/2026
- o Make Checks Payable To: NYS CoC Convention 2026

- OR -

o **NEW THIS YEAR:** REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE  
WITH CHEDDAR UP!

(Debit or Credit Card)

[www.nycoc.mycheddarup.com](http://www.nycoc.mycheddarup.com) or use QR Code:



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**RESERVATION FORM**

**Please return with your deposit:**

**(1) THIS ENTIRE PAGE**

**AND**

(2) Your Package Selection Form - OR - A La Carte Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Officer?: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Persons in Your Room:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name on Tag \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name on Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ALSO Please complete selections for Package Registration or A La Carte registration

MONDAY BANQUET MEAL SELECTIONS (Indicate quantity):

\_\_\_\_\_ Chimichurri Flank Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Rosemary Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Seared Salmon

(Annotate any special dietary needs below in comments)

## Special Accommodation Considerations or Comments

(Handicap Access, Dietary Needs, Food Allergies, etc.)

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**2026 MOAA / NYS Council of Chapters**  
**54th Annual Convention 27 Sep - 30 Sep 2026**  
**Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake NY**  
**Registration Form**  
*(\$40 per person discount included)*

**Last Name:**

**SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE**

| Check In                          | Check Out                | SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE<br><i>Includes: 3 Nights lodging,<br/>2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts,<br/>2 Lunches, Tour, 3 Nights<br/>Hospitality Room, All<br/>Gratuities (Per person)</i> | Please Circle Room Config<br>First Come First Served         | Total Cost          |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sun</b><br>9/27/26             | <b>Wed</b><br>09/30/2026 |                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1K Std or 2Q Std</b><br><b>Handicap Access: Yes or No</b> | Single<br>Occupancy | Double<br>Occupancy |
|                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                              | \$760.00            | \$1,070.00          |
| <b>TOTAL SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE</b> |                          |                                                                                                                                                                             | 50% Deposit NLT<br>06/26/2026                                | \$380.00            | \$535.00            |

**DELUXE PACKAGE**

| Check In                    | Check Out              | DELUXE PACKAGE<br><i>Includes: 2 Nights lodging,<br/>2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts,<br/>1 Lunch, 2 Nights Hospitality<br/>Room, All Gratuities.<br/>NO TOUR. (Per person)</i> | Please Circle Room Config<br>First Come First Served         | Total Cost          |                     |
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| <b>Sun</b><br>9/27/26       | <b>Tue</b><br>09/29/26 |                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1K Std or 2Q Std</b><br><b>Handicap Access: Yes or No</b> | Single<br>Occupancy | Double<br>Occupancy |
|                             |                        |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              | \$510.00            | \$715.00            |
| <b>TOTAL DELUXE PACKAGE</b> |                        |                                                                                                                                                                         | 50% Deposit NLT<br>06/26/2026                                | \$255.00            | \$357.50            |

**MINI PACKAGE**

| Check In                  | Check Out             | MINI PACKAGE<br><i>Includes: 1 Night lodging,<br/>1 Banq Dinner, 1 Lunch,<br/>1 Breakfast, 1 Night<br/>Hospitality Room, All<br/>Gratuities. NO TOUR.<br/>(Per person)</i> | Please Circle Room Config<br>First Come First Served         | Total Cost          |                     |
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| <b>Mon</b><br>9/28/26     | <b>Tue</b><br>9/29/26 |                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1K Std or 2Q Std</b><br><b>Handicap Access: Yes or No</b> | Single<br>Occupancy | Double<br>Occupancy |
|                           |                       |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                              | \$265.00            | \$380.00            |
| <b>TOTAL MINI PACKAGE</b> |                       |                                                                                                                                                                            | 50% Deposit NLT<br>06/26/2026                                | \$132.50            | \$190.00            |

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| <b>2026 MOAA / NYS Council of Chapters</b><br><b>54th Annual Convention 27 Sep - 30 Sep 2026</b><br>Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake NY |                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                                                        | <b>Last Name:</b><br>_____ |                   |              |
| <b>A LA CARTE REGISTRATION FORM</b>                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                                                        |                            |                   |              |
|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                 | <b>EVENTS</b>    |                                                        | <b>Tot Qty</b>             | <b>Per Person</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| SUNDAY<br>9/27/2026                                                                                                                | WELCOME DINNER BUFFET - SPEAKER TBA<br><i>(Includes Hospitality Room)</i>                                                                       |                  |                                                        | \$55.00                    |                   |              |
| MONDAY<br>9/28/2026                                                                                                                | Hotel Saranac - Monday - Council Annual Business Meeting - Includes Lunch                                                                       |                  |                                                        | \$40.00                    |                   |              |
| MONDAY<br>9/28/2026                                                                                                                | NY Council of Chapters 54th Annual Memorial Service / Banquet / Awards<br>Keynote Speaker MOAA VP TBA<br><i>(Includes Hospitality Room)</i>     |                  |                                                        | \$75.00                    |                   |              |
|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                 |                  | Please indicate meal choice(s) on Page 3 of Reg Packet |                            |                   |              |
| TUESDAY<br>9/29/2026                                                                                                               | Cloudsplitter Gondola Ride @ Whiteface Mtn/<br>Private Lunch @ American Legion Post 326 - Lake Placid / Olympic Center Museum Self- Guided Tour |                  |                                                        | \$60.00                    |                   |              |
| <b>YOUR EVENTS SUBTOTAL:</b>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                                                        |                            |                   |              |
| <b>SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR A LA CARTE REGISTRATIONS: \$40 PER PERSON</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                 | Number of People |                                                        | x \$40 =                   |                   |              |
| <b>TOTAL FOR EVENTS LESS DISCOUNT</b><br><i>(Your Events Total Less Discount)</i>                                                  |                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                                                        |                            |                   |              |
|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                 |                  | # of Nights                                            | Lodging Per Night          |                   |              |
| Indicate Your Night(s)                                                                                                             | <b>Extra Nights Lodging</b><br><u>Please Circle Room Config:</u><br>1 King - or - 2 Queens<br><br>Check In Date: _____                          |                  |                                                        | \$150.00                   |                   |              |
|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                 |                  | Handicap Access: Yes or No ?                           |                            |                   |              |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                                                        |                            |                   |              |

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