

MOAWNY Website: Some Background

At our December 2007 Installation event, President Tony Caruana posed the possibility of creating an Internet Web Site for the Western New York Chapter. Soon after, CAPT Mike Concannon and COL Bill Reeder volunteered to see what they could do.

A proposed outline and alternatives for hosting a site were presented to the Board of Directors in February. The Board gave Mike and Bill the “go ahead” and a budget to continue their progress.

As of 16 February 2008, our prototype Web Site was operational: it can be found at

<http://www.wnymoaa.org/>

A few important points should be made here:

1. This is a PROTOTYPE site; there will be many comments and suggestions from our members, and that is what is desired. Since our site is now in operation, changing and adding material is relatively easy to do.
2. This effort was initiated by our President and the Board of Directors; it has their support as an important tool in maintaining effective communications.
3. Some pages are essentially empty – they are place holders for ongoing development. Others, such as Individual Service pages, are notional – we just plugged in some good pictures and / or links. These belong to YOU – any good ideas or materials can be worked in, within reason.
4. We cannot include EVERYTHING someone might suggest – the webmaster effort gets too large, but in general we will try to keep things updated, and improving.
5. The site does require some volunteer work to change and upload information, as well as to steadily improve its visual effects and mechanics. Mike and Bill are willing to serve in that capacity for now. Down the road, perhaps someone with equal or greater ability can take on the roll as Web Master, but for now, they volunteer to act in that capacity.
6. The site has the capability to use a form of EMAIL known as “Web Mail”. This allows you to send any email you desire to a “post office box” that the Web Masters can read, even though you are not sending a message to them at their normal, home EMAIL address. It is sort of like having a Post Office Box number, vice using your actual home postal mailing address.
7. You will find the link connection to send your web mail near the top left hand menu of the home (front) page of our site. Responses to your Web Mail may take

a little time because right now, we are formulating the best way to review and parse out the mail to various Board members, depending on the subject.