

# 2010 National Convention



JUNE 12 | ALBANY, NY

The National Convention is off to an impressive start with the presenting and posting of the Colors by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Color Guard!



National President, Cathy La Valle presents a token of our gratitude to the Sea Cadets.



National President, Cathy La Valle calls the Convention to Order.  
Keynote Speaker Kevin Secor, Special Assistant to Secretary Shinseki and Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison to Veterans Service Organizations, reported on VA programs and the Secretary goals.



Kevin Secor responds to a Delegate's questions.  
Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings welcomes Delegates to Albany.



Executive Director, Peg Bergeron, accepts Bronze Sponsor Awards for AMRA's support from Cathy and Vince La Valle, representatives of the United Veterans of St. Lucie County.



Luncheon Speaker Bob Becker spoke on legislative issues of importance to Military Retirees.



National President, Cathy La Valle presents recruiting awards to Mary Favreau for Lake Champlain Chapter NY1 and Mavis Jock for Treasure Coast Chapter FL1.



National Chaplain Debbie Smith conducts Memorial Service for all departed AMRA members.



Kathy Baumgarten, Department of New York President, reports on her Annual Convention. Convention recessed until Installation at the Annual Banquet. Colors retired by Board Member Dave Cook.



Cathy & Vince La Valle and Mavis Jock enjoy hospitality sponsored by Liberty Mutual at the Annual Delegate Reception.



Business was brisk at the AMRA supply department. Also exhibiting were representatives of VA's MOVE Program, Troops For Teachers, and Liberty Mutual.



AMRA Staff welcomes Uncle Sam to the Annual Banquet!



Historical re-enactor Fred Polnisch tells the story of the “real” Uncle Sam, Sam Wilson of Troy, NY. Sam Wilson was honored by Congress in 1961 as the original progenitor of the national symbol known as Uncle Sam.



Uncle Sam wants YOU!



National President La Valle presents Service Award to Mary Favreau in honor of her late husband Vern's dedication to AMRA and his service on the Board of Directors.  
Executive Director Peg Bergeron recognizes AMRA Staff.



A new year begins with the Installation of Officers.

