

United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my best wishes as you gather for the 2017 Granite State Warrior Awards Luncheon. I will be with you in spirit as you honor the successes of the past year and prepare the New Hampshire Chapter of MOAA for yet another exemplary year of advocacy for our veterans.

This ceremony is an important affirmation of our duty to advocate for the rights our veterans so earnestly deserve for their service. New Hampshire's military members have proven to us time and again that they are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms of all Americans. Each soldier who puts his or her life on the line demonstrates immense bravery and dedication to the United States, and our responsibility to honor their commitment cannot be understated.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the two Granite State Warriors Award recipients. Joe Byron's work as founder of Honor Flights New England has provided thousands of veterans across New England the chance to visit our nation's capital to be recognized for their patriotism. Harbor Homes, meanwhile, has utilized innovative methods to provide countless low-income, homeless, and disabled individuals with affordable housing, healthcare, job training, and more. I salute both Honor Flights New England and Harbor Homes for their honorable work.

The work of the New Hampshire Chapter of MOAA is a reflection of our shared gratitude for our state's finest and bravest men and women. Whether abroad or at home, every member of our military is deserving of healthcare, affordable housing, legal services, and more for their service. In providing access to these services, you are reaffirming to our veterans that we will never forget the sacrifices they have made for our state and for our country.

Thank you all once again for your great work, and best wishes in all of your future endeavors in 2017 and beyond.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator