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## CHANGE IN THE WORKS FOR SOME

### Tricare for Life Members

MOAA recently became aware that effective Oct. 1, 2006, TRICARE will no longer pay a TRICARE For Life (TFL) claim from a beneficiary who has seen a provider that has opted-out of Medicare. An opt-out Medicare provider is one who notifies Medicare that they are no longer seeking Medicare payment for their patients and cannot submit claims. Don't pay any more than you must - choose a provider that accepts Medicare. For more information, go to [http://www.moaa.org/serv/serv\\_healthcare/serv\\_healthcare\\_tfl\\_summary.htm](http://www.moaa.org/serv/serv_healthcare/serv_healthcare_tfl_summary.htm)

## Upcoming National MOAA Events

**2006 MOAA Career Fair:** November 15  
Washington DC Convention Center, Hall D  
10 AM to 3 PM

### MOAA Military Professionals Symposium

#### The All-Volunteer Force: Is It at Risk?

Thursday, Nov. 16, 1-3 p.m.

*Topic: Can we sustain the all-volunteer force in an extended conflict?*

### 2006 MOAA Annual Meeting & Chairman's Luncheon:

Saturday, Nov. 18 :Washington DC

See: [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

## Coming Events

### 2006

Nov 4 Manchester Country Club, Bedford;  
*Speaker: Admiral Samuel DeBow, NOAA*

Mar 24 Great Bay Gallery, Somersworth;  
*Speaker: CAPT Terry Pudas, USN (Ret), Director, Office of Force Transformation (DoD)*

### 2007

Jan 20 Executive Court Conference Center, Manchester; *Speaker: CAPT W. G. "Bud" Schneeweis, USCG (Ret) Director, Benefits Information, MOAA*

May 19 Indian Head Resort, Lincoln  
Aug 4 Clambake, PNSY  
Sep 22 Brass Heart Inn, Chocorua  
Nov 10 Manchester C. C., Bedford *Speaker: RADM Joyce Johnson, USPHS (Re.)*

## Chapter Officers

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## President's Corner

By John Graham



By now I am sure that you have read or heard that our Chapter was once again selected as a "Five Star Level of Excellence" chapter for 2005 by MOAA National Headquarters. This recognition takes into account all of our Chapter's

activities: our newsletter, our scholarship, our luncheons, our involvement in the legislative process, as well as all the other activities your chapter is involved in. I wish to thank each and every one of you who have helped the Chapter, and me achieve this level of distinction.

The one area and this will come as no surprise, which was highlighted in this competition, as a possible weakness is our recruiting effort. I have written about this in past columns, and it continues to be a pressing concern of mine. We simply need to do better at encouraging eligible people to join our chapter.

This has been a bittersweet "President's Corner" to write. In November, at our Annual Business Meeting a new Chapter President will be elected and installed. I have been honored to be your president the past two years, and know that any successes I may have enjoyed would not have been possible without the support of the Chapter's officers and Board of Directors. To each of them I wish to extend a personal note of thanks. To the membership at large, the Chapter is only as good as its members – so to each of you a heartfelt thank you for your support and dedication.

### **HELP WANTED:**

**SOMEONE TO AUDIT THE CHAPTERS BOOKS (PRO BONO)—IF YOU CAN PROVIDE THIS SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE CHAPTER OFFICERS LISTED ON THE FRONT COVER**

## **New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !**

Maj Earon Beale  
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Spouse: Linda  
52 Anthony Dr  
Laconia, NH 03246  
603-528-5277

Maj James Beaulieu  
US Air Force (ret)  
Spouse: Grace  
12 Packard Dr  
Merrimack NH 03054  
603-424-7678

LTC Darrel Gearhart  
US Army (ret)  
Spouse: Tambra  
PO Box 294  
Franconia, NH 03580  
603-996-1211

LTC Dennis Tobin  
US Army (ret)  
Spouse: Patricia  
5 Lindy Lane  
Hanover, NH 03755  
603-643-8120

Capt Raymond Youngs, Jr  
US Army  
Spouse: Lauren  
18 Meetinghouse Hill Rd  
Deerfield, NH 03037  
603-661-6306

We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming MOAA event.

NH Veterans Home invites you to a night entitled  
**Servicemen's Club; Remember When**  
An evening honoring all veterans with dinner, dancing,  
raffle prizes and a WW II traveling museum.

October 28th at the  
Pheasant Ridge CC, Gilford \$25/pp

For more information  
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Music by: Annie and the Orphans  
The Bean Hill Blue Grass Band  
The Belmont High School Band

### **Admiral Raymond Wood**

While saddened by the passing the Admiral Ray Wood, his inspiration will be part of the NH Chapter of the MOAA for years to come. We are thankful for the leadership and friendship that were his trademarks in every endeavor he undertook. So many benefited from his dedication and service both in the Coast Guard and the many organizations to which he unselfishly committed his time and energy. We offer our thoughts and prayers to Marty and his wonderful family, and say thank you Admiral for being part of our lives!

## MOAA Awards to Outstanding Students

Every year our chapter recognizes outstanding Junior and Seniors in NH ROTC and Jr ROTC programs. The Board of Directors and the NH Chapter of the MOAA is pleased to honor these fine young men and women in 2006. Congratulations to each of these outstanding students for their contributions to their programs, communities and schools.

### UNH ROTC

Army  
Air Force

### Sr Cadet Award

Matthew Rouleau  
Nicole Crampton

### Jr Cadet Award

Jeff Paveglio  
Sean Kelliher

### Junior ROTC Programs

Fall Mountain High School (Army) Jacquelyn Lund  
Pinkerton Academy (AF) James Carideo  
Spaulding High School (AF) Andrea Gallant  
Dover High School (Naval) Stephen Dunn  
West High School (Naval) Michael Chaplin  
Winnacunnet HS (USMC) Chris Cormier  
White Mountain Regional (Army) Greg Lasko  
Salem High School (AF) Kevin Hardacre

### Sr Cadet Award

### Jr Cadet Award

Spencer Chaffee  
John Pepper  
Shawn MacNevin  
Jennifer Barter  
Audrey Defreest  
April Reola  
Joseph Seeley  
Nellyssa Lopez

### Fifteen Deserving Students Receive Scholarship Loans for 2006-7-Thanks to MOAA's members!

The Chapter Scholarship Committee approved 11 loans to continuing students and four to incoming Freshman

John Burdett	Senior at Univ of New Hampshire
Alexander Bennett	Freshman at W. New England
Tyler French	Junior at Auburn University
Jessica Hodgeman	Sophomore at Plymouth State
Anne Kasper	Freshman at Washington & Lee
Luke Kyle	Junior at Univ of New Hampshire
Sarah MacPherson	Junior at Cornell University
Dan Malconian	Senior at MIT
Kayla McBride	Freshman at Univ of New Hampshire
Tyler Newton	Senior at Plymouth State
Jill Olson	Junior at Plattsburgh State
Michaela Olson	Sophomore at Univ of Nebraska
Sara Pulit	Sophomore at Columbia
William Sheridan	Senior at Univ of Massachusetts
Allyson Wood	Junior at James Madison Univ

### CHAPTER DIRECTORY

The chapter is planning to issue a new member directory at the beginning of next year. To be accurate, we need correct, up-to-date information before it is printed. Please look over your address label on this news letter. It has all the data that will be included in your entry in the directory (except your telephone number). Please check that your name, rank, service, status [(RET), (FRM), (CIV), etc.], spouse, address and zip are all current. Check your old directory (it has a white cover), to ensure your phone number is correct; if you can't find it, have changed your phone number or joined in the last three years, please provide your current number. Any changes/corrections should be sent to MOAA-NH, PO Box 712, Dover, NH 03820 or email: [moaa-nh@comcast.net](mailto:moaa-nh@comcast.net), by **Dec 31, 2006**. As they say— *garbage in – garbage out!* Thanks!!!!

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***Annual Meeting  
November 4th  
See you there ; and  
more importantly  
invite a new member  
to join and attend—  
The more the merrier***

### **CHAPTER DUES REMINDER**

There are still a number of chapter members who have not renewed their annual dues for 2006. Please check your address label on this newsletter. If you see a “2005” on the line above your last name, you still owe your dues for 2006. Please send your check **NOW** for **\$15.00** for members or **\$10.00** for surviving spouses to MOAA-NH at P.O. Box 712, Dover, NH 03821-0712. The life of the chapter depends on its members’ dues. Thank you!