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Summer News and Events



Summer Luncheon Grill 28, Pease Golf Course, Portsmouth



(Photo by Peter W. Dawson / MOAA-NH)

Colonel Allen "Chad" Chadwick, USA (Ret.), President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA-NH), and the Board of Directors were pleased to host seven female WWII Veterans at its annual summer luncheon on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The luncheon and ceremony was held at Grill 28, Pease Golf Course in Portsmouth.

The seven WWII Veterans (all in their 90's) are native New Hampshire women who, when their country needed them the most, stood up and joined the military during a time of war. They were among the very first women in the United States to do so and forged the way for many generations of women to come. Their service shattered many of the gender and equality biases of their time. These ladies served in every branch of the service including the U.S. Army (USA), the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF), and one would later retire from the U.S. Coast Guard. The honorees included Private First Class Olga Currier, USMC, of Weare; Pharmacists Mate 1st Class Isabel Dabrowski, USN, of Manchester; Corporal Emilia De-

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MOAA World Famous Clambake A huge success!

It was a beautiful, hot summer day when the Chapter held its Annual Clambake on August 1, 2015. Once again it was held at Jamaica Island on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY). 342 members, families and guests enjoyed our traditional buffet including clam chowder, lobster, steak, steamed clams, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes, onions, rolls, and watermelon.

Updates to the pavilion allowed an expeditious flow of hungry party-goers, and our annual food specialists were once again joined by US Senator Kelly Ayotte. The senator enjoys her role as the official **Lobster Manager**, and proudly served hundreds to the masses. Our cookie lady, **Mary Beth Moran**, was back selling home baked (by her) cookies in support of the MOAA-NH Scholarship Loan Fund.

With a traditional transfer of Clambake Spoons, VP Col Ken Lull USA (Ret.) officially took over all management duties for future Clambakes from CDR Jeff Olson, USN (Ret.). The Commander was happy to pass the lead to the VP, and we were honored to catch an official photo of COL Lull posing in his new outdoor kitchen (page 3). Our kitchen crew spent many hours tending to several butane cookers in the 80+ degree outdoor heat, and we sincerely thank them and each of the food staff who provided this wonderful



Our Kitchen Crew

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President's Corner

What an important time to be part of the Military Officers' Association of America and our MOAA-NH Team! Developing our goals and objectives, updating the Chapter's by-laws, recruiting new members, and getting new organizational ideas from you has never been so vital to our organization. One of our primary goals as an association is to continue fighting for and helping to protect the hard-earned benefits for our entire military community.

My priorities as well as those of your Board of Directors for the past 10 months have centered largely on ensuring that our organization, our chapter leadership, and your ideas have been equally valued and conveyed to both our chapter and to MOAA National.

Please join me this year in working to grow MOAA-NH. By doing so, you're demonstrating pride in what MOAA has done and continues to do for all of our service members both active and retired. Attracting more members is one of our primary goals, and by getting personally involved in this recruiting effort you can add your experiences, voices, and efforts toward this important objective. Adding more members to our ranks will allow us to grow in strength better supporting our active service members, veterans, and their families.

We should continue to promote our superior work and accomplishments at every opportunity, and maintain our mission of putting a collective face on MOAA-NH. I'm humbled and very proud to be part of this team, and so should you.

-Chad-

Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II

Multi-role, country, and service strike fighter. Approx. cost: \$100m



How You Get Medicine Is About To Change

TRICARE beneficiaries will be required to refill select maintenance medications through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a military pharmacy - or pay the full price at retail - beginning Oct. 1.

The FY15 defense bill expanded the pilot to encompass all TRICARE beneficiaries, with the exception of those on active duty, those with other health insurance that provide drug coverage, or those who live overseas. While active duty service-members are exempt from the mandate, active duty family members will be required to participate in the program.

In September, beneficiaries will receive a notification letter from TRICARE providing details on enrollment instructions and the waiver process. Beneficiaries can still get short-term or "acute" drugs from retail pharmacies like antibiotics and pain medications. The new mandate only applies to select main-tenance medications, many of which are brand name.

Unlike the original pilot, there will be no ability to "opt out" of the program after one year. Starting Oct. 1, beneficiaries will have approximately 90 days to move their prescriptions before being responsible for 100 percent of the cost share.

For years, MOAA has said that home delivery is a low cost, safe, and convenient option for beneficiaries to fill their maintenance drugs and save money.

2014 New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard!

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MOAA-NH Awarded 5 Star LOE Award

The New Hampshire Chapter has been awarded the five-star Level of Excellence (LOE) Award from MOAA national in the large chapter category. As MOAA puts it, only the very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards. This is the **thirteenth** year in a row that MOAA-NH has received the five-star rating! Congratulations to all who made this possible.

Over 300 Chapter members and their families attend the annual clambake. (PNS Kittery)



Chapter Members,

We cannot believe that the summer vacation season has passed, and are hoping that each of our members enjoyed some time away from regular duties to enjoy the summer weather. Our Clambake day in Kittery was one of Rosemary and my favorites as the weather, company, and food made for a wonderful combination. Our warm thanks to all who helped and participated.

One of our members has asked to have a general request sent to the chapter. He's looking for an old military stencil machine (half inch letters). "Over the years, on my old sea bag, the white canvas one, I have stenciled all the ports that I visited. Before donating it, I would like to complete it with missing ports and dates." Any help or info would be great. Please send to: ernest47@hotmail.com. Thanks (all members and military relations).

Peter W. Dawson
LCDR, USNR, editor

vore, USA, of Manchester; Private First Class Betty Hughes, USAAF, of Hampstead; Storekeeper 2nd Class Margaret Nally (who would later retire as a Lieutenant Commander from the U. S. Coast Guard), USN, of Amesbury, MA; Private First Class Polly Paquette, USMC, of Manchester; and Private First Class Jo Sad, USA, of Manchester. These ladies of the "greatest generation" were welcomed and honored by over 100 members of the New Hampshire Chapter of MOAA and their guests. Formal Letters of Appreciation from Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) and Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) as well as Governor Maggie Hassan were read and presented to each Veteran. "It is my distinct honor and privilege to present these letters today on behalf both our Senators and to pay tribute to these American heroes. They paved the road for the many generations of female warriors that would follow in their footsteps and for that their nation is eternally grateful. Thank you for your service ladies." said Colonel Chadwick.

Marine Corps PFC Olga Currier (center) still maintains her original uniform, and is featured in the book "WE WENT TO FIGHT" (New Hampshire WWII veterans (Meg Heckman and Mike Pride)). Mrs. Rose Breslin-Dawson (left) and Mrs. Carol Moore (right).



CHAPTER DUES INCREASE

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors has recommended that the chapter increase the annual dues rate for regular members from \$15.00 to \$19.00 effective January 1, 2016. It is planned to propose the increase at the annual meeting on November 7, 2015. This recommendation must be voted on by the chapter membership at a regular meeting, in accordance with the chapter by-laws. At the present time, the Board has decided not to recommend raising the annual dues (of \$10.00) for auxiliary (widows) members.

The chapter has not increased its regular member dues since 2001, yet the cost of printing and mailing has gone up steadily. As the chapter has lost money for the past several years, the Board felt it was time to raise the dues this modest amount.

The Board is also considering raising the Life Membership dues rates for regular members to reflect the new annual dues rates. If you are thinking about becoming a life member of our chapter, perhaps now is the time to do so. If you want to become a life member, please contact the Membership Chairman at Chapters@moaa-nh.org or write to MOAA-NH, PO Box 712, Dover, NH 03821-0712 to obtain a Life Member Dues form.

meal for over 300 members and guests.

The Shipyard Commander, **CAPT William C. Greene, USN** and his family were in



Senator Kelly Ayotte helps direct traffic

attendance and added support to the work force. We were also honored to have a US Navy color guard from the Shipyard Clinic post the colors while local recording artist **Joan Feldmeir** sang the National Anthem.

Once again this year we were joined by neighboring MOAA chapters including our western cousins from Vermont and New York along with several "south of the border" Massachusetts members. Also present were **nine new chapter members** enjoying their first MOAA-NH event. Included were Drew & Barbara **Boudrieau** of Westmoreland, Gary & Dorothy **Connelly** of Grantham, Michael **Farinola** of Hampton Falls, John & Rita **Meehan** of Hooksett and Dean & Shelley **Rondeau** of Alton Bay.

The main benefit of the Clambake is to support the Chapter's **Scholarship Loan Fund**. This locally run program helps children and grandchildren of the New Hampshire Chapter members with college expenses by awarding interest free loans of **\$2000.00** to **\$3000.00** per academic year. This year **NINETEEN** students are receiving loans. Thank you to all who contributed!!



VP (Col) Lull takes charge!

CHAPTER BY-LAWS CHANGES

The Board of Directors has reviewed the chapter by-laws and has come up with a number of changes to bring them up-to-date, as they have not been amended since 2005. The revised chapter by-laws will be introduced for consideration at the Annual Meeting on November 7, 2015. As required by the current by-laws, any amendments to the by-laws must be voted on by the membership at a duly organized meeting of the chapter "provided that a copy of any amendment proposed for consideration has been mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting." This newsletter satisfies that requirement. See the enclosed two page summary of the proposed changes to the by-laws. To view the entire revised chapter by-laws, go to the chapter web site at moaa-nh.org and click on "REVISED CHAPTER BY-LAWS. Please attend the Annual Meeting to cast your vote!

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| CW4 Robert F. Winter, USAR (Ret.) | Nashua, NH |
| CDR Robert P. Woodworth, USN (Ret.) | Danvers, MA |

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2015 / 2016 Schedule

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| 11/7/2015 | Annual Meeting, Nashua C.C. |
| 1/30/2016 | Portsmouth CC, Granite State Warriors Award |
| 4/23/2016 | Common Man Restaurant, Plymouth, NH |
| 6/11/2016 | White Mtn. Hotel & Resort, N. Conway, NH |



Color Guard and Formalities mark the start of lunch for 300 + picnic - goers

MOAA Travel: Matthew Vaccola, Collette Travel District Manager, will present our 2016 travel program to spouses and guests at our annual meeting on November 7, 2015 at the Nashua Country Club.

Our 2016 travel program currently consists of Tropical Costa Rica, Black Hill and Badlands of South Dakota, Switzerland-Austria-Bavaria, and Treasures of Northern California. We are awaiting final confirmation on Italian Lakes-Greek Islands-Venice. For all travel information, contact Tony Burdo at 603-391-7106 or tonyajjb@gmail.com