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2017 Annual Clambake

The Chapter "dodged a bullet" concerning the weather on the day of our annual Clambake, held at Jamaica Island on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) on August 5, 2017. There were



periods of rain in the morning resulting in a few umbrellas being broken out. However, that did not deter the **297** members, families, and guests who attended to enjoy our

traditional feast of clam chowder, lobster or steak, mussels, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes, onions, rolls, and watermelon. Attendance was down a bit this year, which may be an unfortunate result of our membership getting on in years! We were honored to have **US Senator Maggie Hassan** join us this



year. In addition, we were joined by two members from MOAA national in Alexandria, VA - **RADM Garry White, USN (Ret)**, a member of MOAA's Board of Directors, and **COL James O'Brien, USAF (Ret)**, MOAA's COO. Once again we welcomed the Shipyard Commander, **CAPT David S. Hunt, USN** and his wife, Cheryl, as well as several of his staff and their wives. We were honored to have a US Navy color guard from the Shipyard Clinic present the colors.



After that ceremony, **COL O'Brien** presented Chapter President **CDR Peter Burdett, USN (Ret.)** with a medallion signifying the Chapter's being recognized as a Five-Star Chapter for 2016 (**FIFTEENTH** year in a row!) in MOAA's annual Level of Excellence Award competition.



COL James O'Brien, USAF (Ret), MOAA COO (right)

This was the second year for our **Chapter Bake-master, COL Ken Lull, USA (Ret)**. Assisted by his second-in-command, **LTC Joe Daley, USAF (Ret)**, and **Drinkmaster, CW5 Bernie Satterfield, USA (Ret)**, they succeeded in putting on an outstanding clambake. On behalf of **GEN Atkins, COL O'Brien** presented Ken with the MOAA coin. The two "chow lines" made the serving much quicker. We were pleased to be joined by former US Senator **Kelly Ayotte**, wife of Chapter member **Joe Daley**, who was put to work on the serving line to earn her dinner! We were joined by neighboring MOAA chapters for our now famous clambake. Our western cousins from Vermont and New York along with cousins from several "south of the border" Massachusetts chapters joined the best chapter of MOAA at our clambake. We were joined by six chapter members attending their first MOAA-NH event: **Andrew Corrow & Chris Briand**, **Carl & Diana Johnson**, and **Chester & Tammy Parks**. One person — **Michael Moffett** — joined on the spot.

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President's Corner
CDR Peter S. Burdett, USN (Ret)

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I have to lead off with the BIG news: The NH Chapter has obtained the Five-Star Level of Excellence (LOE) once again – our fifteenth year!! How were we able to do this? It is each of you! Being a member, adding your name to our membership rolls, helping to recruit others, and attending our events has given this Chapter strength other chapters wish they could experience. However, we are concerned about a falling membership total. We are under 730 now, but we will continue to work hard to add to our ranks. You know it is not a message from me if you don't hear about adding members to the NH Chapter. Chapter members are the ones who influence legislation with direct contacts with our congressional delegation, and thanks for speaking with Senator Hassan at the clambake. Go to: www.moaa-nh.org and print out a membership flyer for a friend or colleague, or they can now sign up online! If you need some help, watch this informational piece by using your smart device: See the QR CODE on the back of this newsletter: WHY MOAA?

We have an excellent Granite Slate for you this month put together by our brand new editor, Marie Chipola. We would like to hear some of YOUR STORIES. If you have a military adventure to tell, please add to the history of the Chapter by being published on these pages. Exercise your Hemingway! Sending a photo is also a GREAT idea. Send it to me at: peter_burdett@ml.com

See you at the Inn on Main in Wolfeboro, NH – the Wright Museum Tour (FREE) right after, is going to be GREAT for our 16 September luncheon.

THANKS, and if you have any ideas about anything, just call me: 1-800-778-4251. I would also be pleased to speak to any group that may have a large percentage of eligible possible members or would like to hear about those who have served in New Hampshire.

Pete Burdett

It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves.
Edmund Hillary

May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.
Peter Marshall

2017 Annual Clambake (continued)

The main benefit of the clambake, other than to enjoy a great home-cooked 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 \$2,000 to \$3,000 per academic year. This year **NINE** students will receive loans of \$3,000. Thank you to all who contributed!!



In addition to the money raised for our Chapter's Scholarship Loan fund, a **50/50 Raffle** was held to support New Hampshire veterans organizations. **Terry Bobseine**, an Honorary Chapter member, collected **\$223** for the chapter's half, by measuring people's arms. (You have to be there to understand.)

Finally, a special **Bravo Zulu** to all those who made this event a success! It could not have been done without all the hard work of the chapter volunteers!!

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CDR MICHAEL MCLEAN, USN (RET)

President Signs Forever GI Bill

President Donald Trump signed the Forever GI Bill (H.R. 3218) into law on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. The Forever GI Bill ensures that more veterans and their survivors have an opportunity to pursue their educational goals, such as Purple Heart recipients who do not have the requisite three years of active service; veterans attending schools that close abruptly; thousands of involuntarily activated Reservists and Guardsmen; surviving family members; and it eliminates the 15-year use-or-lose limitation, which means veterans truly have a lifetime to use their GI Bill.

VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY

***Let's Welcome Our New
2017 Chapter Members!***

- LT Stephanie B. Carroll, USCG, (Walpole)**
- LTC Andrew J. Corrow, USA (Ret), (Durham)**
- COL Robert T. Durkin, USMC (Ret), (Windham)**
- LCDR Peter Hakewessell, USN (Ret), (Nashua)**
- CAPT Carl Amos Johnson, USNR, (Greenfield)**
- LTC Michael I. Moffett, USMC (Ret), (Louden)**
- MAJ Ronald J Nadreau, USAF (Ret), (Hudson)**
- LTC Robert Schroeder, USAF (Ret), (Hooksett)**
- LTC Louis M. Schwartz, USAR, (Bedford)**

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Level of Excellence (LOE) award is a coveted honor sought after by MOAA's many councils and chapters. In April, a selection board was convened at national MOAA headquarters to evaluate the LOE packages submitted. Terri Coles, COL, US Army (Ret), Senior Director of MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs, recently informed MOAA-NH President, Peter Burdett, that the NH Chapter received a "Five-Star Level of Excellence (LOE) Award for 2016.



MOAA-NH President
Peter Burdett

This marks the fifteenth consecutive year that MOAA-NH has received this award! COL James O'Brien, USAF (Ret), MOAA's COO, presented President Peter Burdett (shown here) with the LOE award at the annual clam-bake on August 5, 2017. Congratulations to all who helped make this possible!



**Luncheon Schedule for
Remainder of 2017**



September 16: The Inn on Main, Wolfeboro; Then the Wright Museum of World War II
November 4: Annual Meeting at the Nashua Country Club, Nashua

**Is travelling on your bucket list?
Maybe this list will help**



The following trips are scheduled for the remainder of 2017:

- ◆ Canadian Rockies by train [26 Aug—3 Sep]
- ◆ Pacific Northwest & California [Sept 17—24]
- ◆ Wonders of South America [2—13 Nov]

Trips scheduled in 2018 include the following:

- ◆ California & American's Western Wonders [March]
- ◆ Romantic Road & Fairy Tale Road (Germany) [April]
- ◆ America's Cowboy Country [May]
- ◆ Discover Scotland [August]
- ◆ Charming French Canada [September]
- ◆ Spain Classics with Portugal [October]

For details, contact Tony Burdo at 603-391-7106 or tonyajjb@gmail.com

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Taps

From New Hampshire

- CDR Robert F. Bergeron, USN (Ret) (*Exeter*)
- CDR Donald L. Campbell, USN (Re.) (*Wentworth*)
- Mrs. Nancy E. Duda (*Epping*)
- Mrs. Shirley J. Erickson (*North Hampton*)
- LCDR Frank W. Hogg, USN (Ret) (*Stoddard*)
- LT George E. Mattson, USN (Ret) (*Madbury*)
- Mrs. Lillian A. Meier (*Rochester*)
- Lt Col William O. Merrill, USAF (Ret) (*Londonderry*)
- COL Charles K. Nulsen, Jr., USA (Ret) (*W. Springfield*)
- CW4 James J. Parcell, USA (Ret) (*Somersworth*)
- CDR John H. Peterson, USN (Ret) (*Moultonborough*)
- Mrs. Evelyn M. Quigley (*Laconia*)
- 1st Lt Miles M. Walker, Sr., USAF (Ret) (*Bedford*)

From Concord, NH

- Mrs. Polly W. Smith
- Mrs. Virginia L. Greer
- 1LT Thomas K. Lalos, USA (Ret)
- CW5 A. John Minichiello, USAR (Ret)
- LCDR Irving J. Morrison, USN (Ret)
- Mrs. Hannah E. Samuelson
- COL Robert W. Fortnam, USAF (Ret)

From Dover, NH

- Mrs. Patricia G. McCarthy
- Mrs. Edna P. Follansbee
- LTC Jean P. Beaudoin, USAF (Ret)

From Nashua, NH

- Mrs. Elizabeth K. Holloway
- Mrs. Alice F. Lott
- LTC Joseph G. Oliveira, USA (Ret)
- Col Donald W. Stewart, Jr., USAF (Ret)

From Portsmouth, NH

- LTC Walter F. Lang, Jr., USAFR (Ret)
- CWO2 Edmund H. Cokely, USN (Ret)

From Florida

- Mrs. Joan Lennox (*Venice*)
- LTC Alfred J. Tagg, Sr., USAF (Ret) (*Tampa*)

From Maine

- Mrs. Velma N. Anctil (*Berwick*)
- CDR Ralph R. Blaine, USN (Ret) (*York*)
- Mrs. Jean G. Smart (*Windham*)

From Massachusetts

- CWO4 Walter D. Clark, USAF (Ret) (*Groveland*)
- 1LT Frank W. Sherman, USAAC (*Andover*)

From Other States

- Mrs. Dorothy C. Robarts (*Cromwell, CT*)
- Mrs. Jacqueline L. Gamper (*Towson, MD*)
- Mrs. Eleanor W. Belkovicz (*Jericho, VT*)



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WHY MOAA?

ATTENTION:
All Retirees and Annuitants

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's addresses changed effective May 1, 2017. The old addresses are being discontinued, and they will be replaced by addresses in Indianapolis. The new addresses are:

Retired Pay:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

Annuitant Pay:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

The old PO Boxes in London, KY will remain open and all mail will be forwarded to the new address for one year. However, sending mail to the old address will add three-to-five days to the normal processing time.

The telephone and fax numbers are not changing. Please copy and paste the following web address into your web browser for additional contact information: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

***MOAA-NH Approves \$27,000
in Student Loan Applications***

At its 7 July 2017 meeting, MOAA-NH's Scholarship Committee approved nine student loan applications of \$3,000 each to the following students:

Stephanie Girard [Meredith College]
Mariah MacDonald [University of Southern Maine]
Jenna Suls [University of Alabama]
Juliana Zanella [Elmira College]
Zachary Anton [Massachusetts College of Pharmacy]
Joshua Bannon [Limestone College]
Abigail Bolduc [Southern NH University]
Sarah Emery [University of Vermont]
Cameron Suls [University of South Carolina]

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