

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**21 May 2026**

**Call to Order:** The BOD meeting at the Backyard Brewery was called to order by President Larry Miller at 1200 hours. Gary Terhune provided the opening prayer. All members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attending:** Balcolm, Boyle, Breuder, Days (Sharon/Roby), Dunn, Jaffin, Luti, McLean, Miller (Larry & Pat), Novoletsky, and Terhune. A quorum of members was present.

**President's Opening Remarks:** Larry had several topics to discuss including the following:

1. MOAA-NH Coin: Larry submitted an update on the 1.75" Soft Enamel Coins based on the number purchased and the price includes a \$220 mold fee, a %50 production fee, and a 5% tariff plus any shipping or taxes. The mold fee is good for three years. For a lot of 99 coins, this came to \$963.33 (\$9.73/coin); for 299 was \$2,207.10 (\$7.30/coin). After some discussion, a motion was made and approved to consider an initial buy of 500 coins.
2. Jim will discuss the awards program later in the meeting. He did mention that we will need to order more perpetual awards plaques for next year as we have run out of room on the current plaques and MOAA ROTC medals at several units. **ACTION #1(Open):** Place an order for plaques and MOAA medals for next years' award programs.
3. Larry would like us to consider holding one BOD meeting or event in a small conference center at the Veteran's Campus in Franklin sometime over the next year. It is only a very short distance from the NH Veteran's Cemetery. We need to find out what the cost for renting the room will be.
4. Larry said that Frank Michaels mentioned that MOAA National is supposed to have a meeting with us the day before the annual Clambake. If we have a speaker at that meeting, we will also receive points on the next LOE cycle. Michael thought it might be 10 points. They will also be looking at how well the Chapter is participating in the Legislative Actions website. Bill Luti mentioned that it is the intent to flood the zone for the CODEL's with these actions. Bob Jaffin reminded everyone that you don't have to be a MOAA member to use the Action Center. **ACTION #2 (Open):** Michael will draft a blast email and/or statement for the June Granite Slate. The Blast Email should probably go out after each BOD meeting.

**Immediate Past President Remarks:** Jim was excused from the meeting.

**VP Remarks:** Bob stated that the Southern Maine Chapter at the last meeting he attended has started including as members, adult children of members (who no longer have surviving spouses), but children wish to remain involved). They have also opened non-voting memberships to enlisted members. This is also starting to occur across the country and has been encouraged by MOAA National. Bob believes that our current Bylaws would already allow adult children of members to become Chapter members as well (See **Attachment #1** regarding "**MOAA NH Membership Classes**"). He has also been contacted by several senior enlisted members who would like to join. There would be two issues: 1. An IRS C-19 reporting issue, and 2. They would not be MOAA National members for the purpose of membership counting. He would like to move this discussion for a vote at the next BOD meeting. Michael said that for the C-19 IRS report, 75% of your members must be veterans

which is where we are now because about 25% of the Chapter are surviving spouses. Technically, if we fall below the 75% mark, we would no longer be eligible for C-19 status.

There was also discussion of the dues structures with these changes including a possible dues increase.

Sharon also felt that if a person is a member, they should have voting rights unless they were "honorary" members. Also, MOAA National has not provided any guidance with regards to the above membership questions. For their purposes, only officers and surviving spouses count towards our membership rolls. Bob stated that there are no enlisted organizations equivalent to MOAA National.

**Secretary's Report:** Michael received no corrections or comments to the March minutes. A motion to approve the March BOD minutes was made, seconded, and approved by all present.

**Bookkeeper's Report:** Peter was excused. Peter is going to send Larry a summary of the April luncheon income/expenses. He thinks that we made almost \$400. Peter has also gotten Bob a MOAA credit card for use in purchasing supplies for the Clambake.

**Trustee of the Trust Fund:** Drew stated that it appears that the stock market has recovered virtually all the losses since the start of the Iranian war in March. He noted that he had received a heating oil refill today and the price was down \$0.35/gallon but wasn't sure whether this was reflecting normal seasonal changes or some reduction in the price of crude oil.

**Surviving Spouse Liaison report:** April 14-16, 2026, attended Advocacy in Action in Washington DC. There were four items this year on which to concentrate. #1 Major Richard Star Act, which would fully restore earned retirement pay to combat-injured retirees and correct this long-standing inequity in military compensation. #2. Shutdown Fairness Act, which would allow uninterrupted pay and benefits for members of the armed forces during funding lapses and to allow reservists to continue training. #3 GUARD VA Benefits Act which would reinstate penalties for unaccredited agents and protect veterans from predatory claims practices. #4 Military Care Act which would give service members and their families a direct voice in identifying access challenges.

We did not have the privilege of meeting with Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander or her staff. We did however, meet with Congressman Pappas and Samantha Goldenson, staff assistant and Legislative Correspondent for about 20 minutes. We thanked him for sponsoring the Guard VA Benefits Act and asked him to support the other three. The Congressman was so gracious, knowing that the temperature was 94 degrees outside, he sent Brittany to walk and ride to the Senate Side. We were accompanied by Sarah Ferris from MOAA. We went to visit Senator Hassan and were accompanied by General Brian Kelly, CEO and President of MOAA and General Thomas Waldhauser, Chairman of the Board of Directors. We visited with Joe Gookin, Policy Advisor for National Security and Veterans, when Senator Hassan came in and sat with us. She agreed with all four issues and said she would support all. General Kelly said he really liked how I pick up where Larry ends. Our next visit was with Senator Shaheen's staff, Maia Round, Legislative Assistant and Michael Kans. They both agreed with our need for these four issues to be passed.

The highlight for me this AiA was being awarded the Military Officers Association of America 2026 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award. It made me so proud to be part of the NH Chapter.

I spoke to Gwen DeVoe to learn that she is having a total knee replacement on 14 June.

I visited Brie McKeage at the Franklin Easter Seals Campus for veterans.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. This event took place at the NH Veterans Cemetery. Governor Kelly Ayotte read a proclamation for this event. I was fortunately chosen to pass out Military Spouse pins and yellow roses which are the rose for Military spouses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1230 for lunch and reconvened at 1243.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Veterans Cemetery Project:** Bob reported that the bench dedication will either be on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday through Saturday) of September. This is a recess week for the CODEL's. The ceremony could be done on any day within that time frame. Bob mentioned that there are funerals going on during the day. Bob's main concern was, "Who do we want to show up"? Primary Day would be on 8 September. Bob also suggested that this be done in conjunction with a function at the Veteran's campus in Franklin such as an ice cream social or pizza party. Again, "Who do we want and why? Veterans, public, CODEL's". **ACTION #3: (OPEN).** Determine actual date of this event, can it be combined with an event at Veteran's Campus, and who should be invited.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Honorary Member:** LCDR John X Murphy III, CO of the Sea Cadet Corps Harlan R. Dickson Division has completed his application for membership.

**Clambake:** Larry needs to let MOAA National if they want to send out a blast email for us.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT/Vets Count):** Peter was excused but Larry attached a copy of a letter to Governor Ayotte from the SVAC (see **Attachment #2**), specifically Leo Paquin who is the Chairman, that stated the SVAC was pleased that the 2027 NDAA includes \$1.3 billion for a new VA Medical Center in NH. However, the letter stated that the SVAC and veterans in the state believe that the new facility **SHOULD NOT BE A FULL-SERVICE HOSPITAL!** Bill Luti explained that this has been the position of the SVAC since at least 2018. However, the President's budget request, based on his Executive Order last year to determine the need for a full-service hospital in NH, included this funding to meet that perceived need. The actual results of the VA study required by the Executive Order has not been publicly released so far. This information came for the Manchester VAMC Director, Kevin Forest, at an April meeting. Drew gave a short explanation of why inpatient services were shut down by Dr. Marc Levenson in November of 1999. Central Office at VA and MOAA National are both concerned about the rapidly growing expansion of the Community Care programs here in NH. Also, a former Undersecretary of Health for the VA concludes that the VA needs to learn from the TRICARE experience of growing expenditures for this type of care. He stated that some Defense Health Agency assumptions about civilian direct care networks turned out to be not sound. Currently, the VA and Military Health System serve more than 18 million patients, and both systems are looking to transfer more care to the civilian system which is unable to handle the volume of demand and are competing with commercially insured patients for more lucrative payment sources.

The hospital supporting Ft. Drum, NY has gone bankrupt, in part due to the offloading of care from the military to the civilian community. In addition, the reason for military health care is primarily to support the active duty and reserve components, which, unfortunately, it is not even meeting that goal (e.g. trauma surgery).

Bill said that there is a bill in Congress to change the pay scales of physicians and dentists (which were last overhauled in 2006) for VA and the military. He also asked Kevin Forest why the White River Junction VA is a full-service hospital and was told that they use all the resources of Dartmouth surgeons. In addition, the Manchester VA Medical Center's current operating budget is \$490 million, of which \$213 million is for community care (almost 44%) and \$277 million for the facility.

The issue for the CODEL's is that for the last 10-15 years, they have argued for a full-service hospital. Larry said the duration the AiA meetings, they were told that the administration has not released the results of the study, but that NH is not going to get a full-service hospital. The Governor has not made any specific comments so far. It was recommended that someone consider contacting Karen Ruedisuell, Director of Government Relations for Health Affairs, who attended our Clambake last year. Larry had a hand including the request for a full-service hospital into the President's speech at Windham HS last year.

**NH State Legislature:** No further discussion.

**Public Affairs:** Annette was not present.

**Membership:** Michael received a request from MOAA National wanting to know what Zip Codes are in our catchment area for our Chapter. He responded that we have all the Zip Codes in NH, York County in Maine, and all the Zip Codes for Vermont. These should be posted in the MOAA Real Time List of the Committee module. This ultimately increases our pool for recruiting purposes. We have one definitive member from Vermont who has attended two of our luncheons.

Micheal received some feedback on our LOE/Harris Communications awards. We had "good practices" on our inputs. We are told that for the Newsletter, Website, and overall LOE, we had an "**OUTSTANDING**" Chapter! We received Five-Star ratings in all three categories. We are still awaiting the actual award material from National. It should be noted, however, that only one medallion is awarded for each the LOE and Communications even though we had THREE five-star awards.

For membership, we had three new members, zero deceased, and seventeen dropped members, for non-payment of dues, for a total of 500 members. The number of new members for the last two reports exactly offset the dropped members, so the total membership remains the same.

Thirty-seven members have not paid their dues and will get a reminder letter in June.

**Recruiting/Transition:** No report. Position vacant.

**Programs:** Gerry has Lt Gen Sims, the recently retired #3 on the JCS, as a speaker locked in for 7 November. Speakers of this caliber can draw up to \$25K to do these types of speeches. The annual meeting will be at the Portsmouth Country Club due to the issues from the fire at the Nashua Country Club. A motion to confirm the date and speaker was made, seconded, and approved by all present.

**Web page:** Michael said that there were 189 hits in April. The web counter he uses says that about 25% of our “hits” are from web bots, mostly China and Germany.

**Travel Program:** Tony Burdo sent the following report:

“Four of our five group travel trips for 2027 have been contracted with Collette and are posted on our website. I am still waiting for the British Landscape trip contract from Collette. We have four travelers paid for our 2026 program and no travelers to date for 2027”.

**Scholarship Grant Program:** Wayne Balcolm said that they approved three recipients today, Gary’s grandson has not yet applied, and one application will be coming for Drew’s granddaughter pending her decision on which college she will attend. There is \$4771.00 in the checking account, so he will need a disbursement from the Scholarship Investment account to cover this year’s requirements. One recent graduate sent the committee a “take you” note for the funding he’s received over his college career. The recipients will again be invited to the August Clambake.

**Nominations – Directors:** Sharon was present and submitted a one-page report on the status of Directors and positions that needed to be filled in the future (see **Attachment #3**). Jim Dunn prefers only a one-year extension, Rick Siemens is looking to step down at the end of his term as he will be out of the US much of the near future, and several others she has approached have declined citing age, health, work or travel. Jason Moody’s position is now vacant as of April.

Bottom line is that we need to do more to recruit for these positions. See suggested that Larry use the next “President’s Corner” in the June Granite Slate to discuss this issue. She has already sent Drew some material for that issue.

**J/ROTC AWARDS:** Jim Dunn submitted an extensive report (see **Attachment #4**). There are 16 presentations to be done with the newest one for the CAP, NH Wing, in April. The CAP program may expand to two awards (North and South) next year. Eleven of these presentations are complete as of this date. We have also added the second Sea Cadets program, the Dan Healy Division in Kittery, ME), this year. Most of these cadets are from NH. During the Covid years, Nashua North had discontinued their program but reinstated this year with 90 cadets.

One problem this year was that there were many late identifications of award presentation dates and winners. In addition, at least six high schools selected dates that conflicted with at least one other high school. Dover HS was noted for an excellent program now commanded by a retired USN Commander Nick Price who used to run the SERE program at PNSY. Also of note, Manchester West NJROTC also lost their CO this March to illness and a new CO isn’t expected in until October.

Of the sixteen presentations, Jim has done or will do seven of them this year, Larry has done three, Drew has done two, and Hollie Novoletsky, Bob Jaffin, Carol Moore, and Chuck and Annette Frost have done one each. We could use some additional volunteers to spread out the workload for next year.

Finally, as noted earlier, some of our perpetual plaques will need to be replaced next year due to lack of space for new awardees (approximately \$64/plaque).

**Granite State Newsletter:** Drew said that he will begin working on the June issue at the start of June and would like any inputs as early as possible. He will try to shoot for a 15 June target date for a first draft so we can get the finished issue to the printer and have it out NLT end of June.

**Web Communications:** No updates. Jennifer was excused.

**Blast Emails:** Michael will work on a draft for the legislative affairs.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**ESGR:** Peter was not present and there was nothing to report.

**Manchester VAMC:** Bernie sent a report. See **Attachment #5** for specific details.

**21 May BOD meeting:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours which was seconded and accepted by all present.

**Next BOD Meeting:** July 2026 with date TBD at the Backyard Restaurant/Brewery in Manchester.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. McLean  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
Secretary  
New Hampshire Chapter

## MOAA NH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

### Summary background information

For quite some time national has indicated a willingness to see chapters accept non-officer members. Recently the Maine Chapter BOD voted to extend membership to adult children of deceased members and more recently voted to open restricted membership to enlisted personnel. I have reviewed our own bylaws and my interpretation of the language we currently use to describe our basic membership in article V "as well as survivors of any deceased individuals who would if living be eligible for membership" already encompasses children of deceased members. There are both IRS and MOAA national implications to opening enrollment to others but they may easily be integrated into any revised language that is put forward to our membership. The article also talks about honorary members and the language indicates no dues and no voting rights. There are actual monetary costs and administrative costs incurred by carrying nonpaying members and my suggestion is that at a minimum no form of membership, other than life membership, should exceed one year as non-dues paying and that all such members must renew each year and pay their dues.

In addition, a question of holding a BOD position or elected office needs to be clearly addressed in our bylaws. I think we can establish multiple classes of membership that will help address some of the issues related to MOAA and the IRS. I am also ready to work with the CODEL to see if the IRS can be directed to modify the language for C 19 organization's to allow for these new classes of members. It is also my recommendation that we essentially create four classes of monetary membership which would include our current life membership program. I further suggest that it is time to increase in annual dues to \$20 per year and add a requirement to review the annual dues amount every three or five years at the board's discretion:

1. normal renewable membership \$20 per year renewable
2. life membership varying cost based on age at time of enrollment
3. gifted membership no cost but only once for one year and not renewable
4. restricted membership \$15 per year renewable

The next issues that would need to be addressed would be voting rights and eligibility for BOD or elected office. At this point in time, I think it would be wise to restrict elected offices to full members who held the ranks of E7 through O10, although we could

restrict it strictly to officers and warrant officers for the next five years with a requirement to review at that time to possibly expand to senior enlisteds with tenure within MOAA NH. For BOD positions my current feeling is immediate family members and others who have worn the uniform should be allowed to serve on the BOD.

Please recognize there are very real administrative time and monetary costs attached to moving any or all of these forward and would make more work for both the treasurer and secretary

Honorary extended by the chapter but still requiring the completion of a membership application, and not renewable after the first year. Example GSWA awardees

Supporting member requires formal application within annual dues of \$15 nonvoting with no other privileges. Example the Ericsons possibly Easter Seals/Veterans Count, Veterans campus Swim with a mission and many others

Service member requires formal location \$15 annual dues nonvoting no other privileges for enlisted folks who wish to join

Joint (or reciprocal) membership \$15 annual dues this would include enlisted members who belong to other recognized VSO's or MSO's who would have no other rights and officers who belong to other VSO's and MSO's who by their designation as officers would have voting rights. No example at this time but could include Andy Corrow, Dave Kenney, Greg d'Arbonne, Steve Greco. Would require coordination with state chapters of those other organizations focus is on current state officer and enlisted organizations specifically, but not limited to, the NH National Guard and Naval Reserve

This certainly addresses the concerns I have especially with the implications of using the word "honorary" while also allowing us to expand our membership in a manner that is fiscally responsible while still honoring the underlying premise of the organization "of but not for officers".

Please give this a careful consideration. I respect anyone who opposes this as beyond the scope of MOAA NH. However if you do oppose please do not throw up possible barriers, rather, look at how to overcome any challenges such a change would entail

Dear Governor Ayotte,

My name is Leo Paquin and I am the Chairman of the NH State Veterans Advisory Committee (SVAC). The SVAC is extremely pleased that the FY 2027 U.S. Government draft budget includes \$1.3 billion in funding for a new VA Medical Center. The language outlined in the budget (below) aligns perfectly with the SVAC's position that there is an extreme need for a new modern VA facility in NH.

*“The new medical center would provide a variety of outpatient services including medical/surgical specialties, urgent care, mental health, radiology, rehabilitation, primary care, surgery, pathology and laboratory, and necessary support services. The Budget includes \$1.3 billion in funding to support the necessary design work, site preparation, and construction of a new Central Utility Plant.”*

As you are aware The SVAC is composed of representatives of major Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) such as DAV, VFW, The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, and members of the State Legislature. Over the past 3 years, there have been several discussions on whether the new facility should be a “full service” hospital or not. We take this “full service” definition to mean inclusive of facilities for full time in-patient care, both short and long-term. The overwhelming majority of the SVAC members agree that the facility should **not** be a full-service hospital but instead be more congruent with specific service metrics that the Manchester VA clinic has adopted. Should this federal funding be untethered to specific contractual requirements, improvements that the Director of the Manchester VA deem necessary to enhance the current comprehensive care model would be more beneficial to the New Hampshire veterans served by the Manchester VA.

New Hampshire veterans enrolled at the Manchester VA Medical Center currently benefit from the Community Care Program, which allows them to receive care from a wide network of prequalified hospitals, clinics, and specialists. This flexibility ensures access to high-quality, specialized treatment across the region, rather than limiting care to a single facility. A new full-service hospital could inadvertently reduce access to top-tier care. Additionally, a full-services facility offering full time in-patient care would be faced with staffing challenges. New Hampshire's proximity to Boston hospitals creates a highly competitive market place for the top-quality medical personnel we want for our veterans.

Consider a veteran in need of open-heart surgery. Today, under the Community Care Program, that patient can choose a surgeon who performs the procedure multiple times each week and maintains the highest level of skill and offers the best outcomes. At a newly built VA hospital with lower patient volume, that same procedure might be performed only

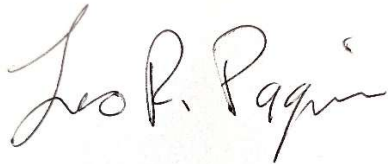
a handful of times per year. For an aging veteran population, where complex procedures are increasingly common, experience matters. Access to it should not be restricted.

We are advocating for some of this funding be directed toward targeted improvements that address other major service gaps, such as the lack of a transportation infrastructure that hinders many veterans from getting quality care. Expanding transportation services across the state would help aging veterans reliably reach appointments within the existing network of community providers, especially in under-served locations like Coos, Grafton and Carroll counties.

We are seeking your support in our endeavor to target these funds, where possible, to improve the level of care the VA can provide to all New Hampshire veterans.

We appreciate your steadfast support of our veterans and your interest in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leo R. Paquin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Leo Paquin, Chairman  
NH State Veterans Advisory Committee

## SITREP DIRECTOR RECRUITING

### Background

- Each year the slate for director nominees is submitted to the BOD by me for their approval. The approved slate is then put before the general membership in November for their voting and approval.
- The BOD needs to be aware the process of finding directors is becoming increasingly difficult due to decreasing membership (871 in 1993 to 500 in 2025) and decreasing personal contact through fewer events such as luncheons.

### Currently

- The BOD is one director short. Jason Moody resigned in March this year. His term was until November 2028. In accordance with our By-Laws, his vacancy on the Board should be filled at the upcoming annual meeting in November.
- Directors whose terms expire in November 2026 are Wayne Balcom, Jim Dunn, Larry Miller, and Rick Siemens. I have contacted them, inquiring about a successive term. Here are their answers to date:
  - Wayne Balcom: no answer yet.
  - Jim Dunn: his preference is a one-year extension. If that is not possible, he would stay one more year as Chairman of the Awards Committee. If there are no members volunteering to be on the Board, he would volunteer to complete the remaining two years of Jason Moody's term starting in November. He would also agree to remain Chairman till the end of that term.
  - Larry Miller: will get back to me.
  - Rick Siemens: "If you have members who are looking to serve on the Board, I would be happy to step down." He will be traveling to England and Holland several times a year so will be gone from the U.S. much of the time.
  - I have reached out to a few members who seem to have the focus we need and have demonstrated their interest by attending luncheons. They declined, citing age, health, work, and travel.
  - I have revised and updated the "help wanted" ad for the next *Granite Slate*. Drew Breuder has it in hand. The article lists 8 vacancies.

### Action Ideas

- Larry Miller, as President, can use the weight of his column in the *Granite Slate* to appeal to the members to volunteer. I suggest to be straight forward, that without their help MOAA-NH could end up turning out the lights and closing the doors. Lost would be our power to advocate, provide scholarships for members' children, etc.
- The BOD is the leadership team of MOAA-NH. They need on an individual basis to approach members who are not involved to volunteer to be a director or run a program. I would ask anyone who does to please inform me of the results.
- I will continue to reach out on my own.

Sharon P. Day, CDR, USN (Ret.)

### May 2026 Report on MOAA-NH Award Programs

CAP	Location	Date	Presenter
NH Wing	Concord	4/18/26	Lt Col Miller USAFR (Ret.)
<b>ROTC</b>			
Norwich Univ (Army, AirForce, Navy/Marines)		4/08/26	Lt Col Miller USAFR (Ret.)
UNH Army	Durham, NH	5/01/26	COL Frost USAR (Ret.) / Lt Col Buford-Frost USAR (Ret.)
UNH Air Force	Durham, NH	4/30/26	COL Breuder USAF (Ret.)
<b>High School</b>			
Alvirne (Air Force)	Hudson, NH	5/27/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
Dover (Navy)	Dover HS	5/07/26	CPT Hollie Noveletsky ARNG
Fall Mountain Regional (Army)	Langdon, NH	5/07/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
Manchester West (Navy)	Manchester, NH	5/22/26	COL Breuder USAF (Ret.)
Nashua North HS (Air Force)	Nashua, NH	5/19/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
Pinkerton Academy (Air Force)	Derry, NH	5/22/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
Salem (Air Force)	Salem HS	5/11/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
Spaulding Academy (Air Force)	Rochester, NH	5/14/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
White Mountain Regional (Army)	Whitfield, NH	5/09/26	CAPT Dunn USN (Ret.)
Winnacunnet (Marine Corps)	Hampton, NH	5/20/26	Major Moore USMC
<b>Naval Sea Cadets</b>			
Harlan R Dickson	Londonderry, NH	2/7/26	Lt Col Miller USAFR (Ret.)
Dan Healy Division	Kittery, ME	6/06/26	CWO4 Jaffin USN (Ret.)

 Completed

May 2026

### 16th Annual VA2K Walk & Roll



When: Wed. May 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

Where: Manchester VA Medical Center

Solarium, Basement Level

718 Smyth Road

Manchester, NH

### Memorial Day 2026

Join us to honor and remember our nation's fallen service members.



When:

Mon. May 25, 2026, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Where:

Manchester VA Medical Center

Outdoor event (rain or shine)

718 Smyth Road

Manchester, NH

## Caregiver Support

VA Manchester health care offers several services to support you and the Veteran you care for. Ask a caregiver support coordinator to help you find what you need, whether it's in-home help, someone to listen, or anything in between.

To reach the Caregiver Support Program, call 603-624-4366, ext. 206895

If you are a caregiver for a Veteran, you can get support by contacting a VA Manchester caregiver support coordinator can help with:

Getting caregiver assistance available through VA.

Matching you with services and benefits.

Connecting you with local resources and programs.

## VA Caregiver Support Line

The Caregiver Support Line is available if you need support outside of the New Hampshire region. If you have questions about caregiver support services nationwide or just need someone to listen right now. Phone: 855-260-3274

## Artificial Intelligence (AI)

VA Manchester has introduced ambient artificial intelligence (AI) scribe for our primary care providers. Ambient AI scribe is a new tool that securely helps your provider capture notes during your visit — so they can focus on you, not the keyboard. You can expect:

- More one-on-one time with your provider.
- Same high-quality VA care — with a focus on what matters most – your health.

Your privacy is always protected, and participation is your choice.

To learn more, check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

## Mental Health Month

You can change a life by encouraging a Veteran to get the mental health care they need. This Mental Health Month, show your support by sharing this image with your community. <https://www.maketheconnection.net/MHM/>

