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Nashua Country Club



The Common Man Restaurant Plymouth, NH

NASHUA, NH- Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) addressed over 150 members, friends, family and guests at the Military Officers Association of America- New Hampshire (MOAA-NH) chapter's annual meeting at the Nashua Country Club. The luncheon was held on November 8, and it was a beautiful day with lots of fall foliage still remaining throughout the area.

In addition to expressing her gratitude to the men and women in the audience who have served our great nation, and in many cases borne the burden of protecting our nation in time of war, Senator Ayotte expressed our nations' gratitude to the spouses who have sacrificed so much in the name of freedom and democracy as well.

Senator Ayotte went on to say that "the number one responsibility of our government is to ensure the country stays safe as without security you can't have prosperity, without security you can't have freedom, and without security you can't exercise the rights that all of us have been guaranteed under the U.S. Bill of



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

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New Feature Column

With a bit of extra space in this quarter's edition, an excellent idea for a new column was submitted. Please consider sending me a photograph or short dialogue depicting a "best time on active duty." I'll include it on a space available basis. Here's our first entry:

Cdr. Peter Burdett (ret.)



T-28 "Trojan" primary flight training



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

Col Phil Odom, USAF (Ret.), receives plaque from Cdr. Bruce Avery (MOAA-NH)

It was a beautiful, HOT, Autumn day when the chapter traveled to Plymouth, NH for our Fall Meeting and Luncheon held at the Common Man Inn & Spa. This was our first sojourn to this location, we visited the Common Man in Claremont last year. The Inn was very rustic with much atmosphere, and the staff was very friendly and helpful during our luncheon event.

Ninety-four members and guests were in attendance and we were fortunate to have Mr. Matthew Voccola (Collette Tours) give a very comprehensive outline of 2015 group travel opportunities. Please take a look at the web-site for details of these attractive trips. Contact information is also listed for questions and reservations.

We were very pleased to have **Col Phil Odom, USAF (Ret.)**, Deputy Director, Government Relations, MOAA as our guest of honor. Col Odom briefed us on some of the legislative issues and problems in Congress facing the military, both active and retired. Unfortunately, he did not present a very encouraging prediction for future

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President's Corner

Chad Chadwick

First, let me thank Bruce Avery for his outstanding leadership as president of MOAA NH. His insight, intellect, and professionalism throughout his tenure are grand tenants of an outstanding military leader. Bravo-Zulu Bruce... and to Shirley as many thanks for your support to our mission.

Throughout this coming year we will be directly engaging with professionals as both speakers and advisors for our chapter. We will also be publishing & distributing numerous materials for our members to review. Our intention is to educate you (and also our lawmakers) on the importance of the military rights we have earned as veterans.

Additionally, our challenge will be to continue enhancing our methods in reaching out to organizations that can assist our veterans with beneficial policies and services that may be currently unfamiliar to us. This effort affords MOAA-NH the rare opportunity to not only reach out to our members statewide, but to also look back on our victories in Concord as well Washington and to look ahead at challenges that are yet to come.

You'll find that we've achieved a lot together in the past several years including many messages developed and sent to Congress on veterans issues, State Bills sponsored by MOAA members, our continued participation the State Veterans Advisory Committee (SVAC), the continued success of our world famous annual clam bake, and the many military families' children that we've assisted with college expenses.

You'll also learn we still need for you to become involved with MOAA-NH allowing you to gain the most from your relationship with us. Whether it means joining as a key volunteer for the chapter, participating as a board member, or sharing a message on our web site or twitter, it's all about connecting with our membership. We promote your becoming being actively involved in the chapter, its functions, and the overall process.

MOAA's greatest mission is to fight for the men and women who protect this country, retirees and their families, and the widows of the fallen. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen stand in harm's way around the globe to defend our nation and our cherished liberties. We would ask that you continue to pray for their strength and protection—as well for their families who daily stand in support of their spouses, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters.



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2014 New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard!

COL Scott P Brown ARNG (Ret.) Gail 33 Oceanview Ave Rye, NH 03870-2017	CPT Joshua D Denton USA 116 Middle St, Apt 2 Portsmouth, NH 03801-4306
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In the News:

July 3: The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) said The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission interim report released July 3 validated MOAA's analysis that military personnel costs have remained steady at about 30 percent of the defense budget. This is in sharp contrast to the 40-, 50-, or 70-percent increases various DoD and service officials have stated to the media, the public, and Congress. Congress created the commission to conduct an independent, comprehensive review of military compensation and benefit programs and make recommendations for their modernization.

"Unbelievably, after repeatedly crowing that costs were spiraling out of control, DoD leaders are now saying costs are dropping due to their plan" **MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan said**. "DoD officials recently acknowledged military personnel costs are coming down and even claimed "We are making progress."

MOAA recognizes its best affiliates

Every year, MOAA's affiliates compete to receive a four-or five-star *Levels of Excellence Award*. The very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards, while above-average councils and chapters receive four-star awards. Among the Large Category (600 or more members), CDR Michael McLean accepted a **special streamers citation at MOAA's Annual Meeting** in Arlington, Va.



Chapter Members,

Please add your comments to the MOAA-NH web-site (moaa-nh.org), and send possibilities for our next edition to "poko@comcast.net." All submissions including news items will be considered for inclusion. Please see new our new column (P1).

Rosemary and I hope that each of you and your families have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at the Granite State Warrior Awards luncheon on Jan. 31st (Saturday),
-editor-

MANCHESTER (Nov 9)

Martin Roy will celebrate his 100th birthday with some very personal gifts that were earned rather than purchased. Roy officially becomes a **centenarian** on Tuesday, which also happens to be Veterans Day. In recognition of both, his family managed to get him replacements for some of the medals and ribbons he received for his service in the Navy during World War II.



"I was very surprised," Roy said, seated comfortably in a room full of family and friends at Intervale, NH Country Club. There were also some visitors who were there to thank Roy personally for his service and wish him a happy 100th. U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, Mayor Ted Gatsas and Cdr. David Kenney of the Navy Operational Support Center were all in attendance.

Martin's son, Paul Roy, said he also sent copies of military records documenting the service of his father from 1943-45. Among the documents the family has preserved is a letter of thanks written to Roy shortly after he was honorably discharged from the Navy. The letter was signed by James Forrestal, who was Secretary of the Navy at the time and would be appointed the country's first Secretary of Defense.

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events important to veterans.

After his presentation, **CDR Michael McLean, USN (Ret.)** was presented a certificate in recognition of the chapter's winning the annual **Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award** competition from MOAA national for 2013 for **best recruiting brochure** in the Large Category Chapter (600+ Members). Please see another of Cdr. McLean's recent MOAA activities. (Page 2)



Photo by Mike McLean, MOAA-NH

Head Table, Common Man, Plymouth

Nov. Chapter luncheon (Continued from page 1)



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



Rights and our great U.S. Constitution." She further added that "When we look at the responsibilities as I see them for people in a position like mine in Washington, we have to always keep that in mind because if we are not safe and don't honor and serve those who have served us and have been willing to step up, then we can't enjoy all the other things that made this country great."

In addition to her remarks Senator Ayotte swore into office the new MOAA-NH President Col. Chad Chadwick, USA (Ret.), Vice-President Col. Ken Lull, USA (Ret.), and new board members, Lieutenant Col. Gary Terhune, USA (Ret.), Col. Sanford Way, USAFR (Ret.), Cdr. Lyman Smith II, USN (Ret.), Chief Warrant Officer 4 William Diggle, USA (Ret.), and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Bernard Satterfield, USA (Ret.).



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Senator Ayotte swearing in new officers

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. The New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA consists of just under 900 members. More information can be found at: <http://www.moaa-nh.org> or <http://www.moaa.org>

Congratulations to the following chapter members who were elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature:

Herb Vadney
Frank Tilton
Karen Umberger
Susan Emerson
James Coffey
Russ Ober
Lynne Ober (spouse)

David Hess
Robert Introne
Kenneth Weyler
John Balcom
Frank McCarthy
Kenneth Peterson

Veteran's Choice card information:

Key news: You **MUST** have a street address, NOT a Post Office Box. List both the street address and the POB with the VA. Suggest calling the VA at whatever contact number you have and make sure your address is NOT a POB.



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MOAA-NH offers a heartfelt thank-you to President and Mrs. Bruce Avery for their dedicated service to our chapter.

In the news:

Oct 09, 2014 [Tricare](http://www.military.com/daily-news/2014/10/09/tricare-will-stop-sending-notifications-by-mail.html) is no longer sending most beneficiaries notices by postal mail and instead will be pushing them through the Defense Department's Milconnect website according to a new Defense Department plan announced Oct. 1.

Effective immediately, users will no longer receive notifications about Tricare enrollment or disenrollment, changes to their primary care managers, Medicare eligibility notices, dental status changes, or informational letters. See more: (<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2014/10/09/tricare-will-stop-sending-notifications-by-mail.html>).

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Maj Daniel G. Wentworth, USAF (Ret.)	Lyndeborough, NH
CAPT John R. Wheeler, USNR (Ret.)	Zephyrhills, FL
Mrs. Ruth E. Whiteley	Brentwood, NH
Mrs. Geneva M. Zehner	Marietta, GA

This list completes our membership Taps for 2014 (continued from earlier editions)

Mrs. Geneva M. Bliss	Jaffrey, NH
Mrs. Anastine Caros	Merrimack, NH
Mrs. Nellie S. Gagne	Manchester, NH
Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis	Contoocook, NH
COL Alphonse F. Lucas, USAR (Ret.)	Wolfeboro, NH
Mrs. Geraldine McCloud	Bow, NH
Mrs. Josephine M. Oakie	Hooksett, NH
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CW3 Richard E. Piper, USAR (Ret.)	Milford, NH
Mrs. Lucille H. Pollock	Conway, NH
Lt Col Donald D. Pongrace, USAF (Ret.)	Rye, NH
Mrs. Lorraine C. Reagan	Nashua, NH
CAPT Robert G. Relinski, USN (Ret.)	Durham, NH
Mrs. Joan M. Rosen	Northampton, MA
Mrs. Muriel E. Shaw	Atlanta, GA
Col Donald B. Shea, USAF (Ret.)	Boscawen, NH
Mrs. Mildred L. Stone	Dover, NH
Lt Col Alfred Viviani, USAF (Ret.)	Boxford, MA

2015 Schedule

January 31	Portsmouth C. C., Greenland. Granite State Warriors Awards
April 18	Bistro Nouveau at the Center at Eastman, Grantham
June 13	Grill 28, Pease G. C., Newington
August 1	Clambake (PNSY)
September 12	Eagle Mountain House, Jackson
November 7	Annual Meeting, Nashua C.C.

MOAA Travel: Our travel coordinator has several trips available for 2015. These include Ireland, National Parks, Germany, Prague, and others. For additional information please see our website (MOAA-NH.org), or contact Tony Burdo, 603-391-7106 (email: tonyajjb@gmail.com)

Sign up soon to take advantage of these great opportunities and discounts.