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Programs for 2012

Sep 29th  Bistro Nouveau, Grantham, NH
Guest Speaker: CAPT Kathryn M. Beasley
USN (Ret.), Deputy Director of Government Relations,
Health Affairs; MOAA National Office
“MOAA’s 12-Point Plan and What’s Going on in Washing-
ton With Our Benefits”
Registration information available at www.moaa-nh.org or
Contact Joan Huber—phone and email below by Sep 14

Nov 10th  Manchester Country Club
2012 Annual Meeting
Guest Speaker: US Senator Jeanne Shaheen

Dates and Locations for 2013

Jan 26th  Merrimac Valley
April 13th  Abenaquai Country Club, Rye
June 8th  The Chase House, Meredith
Aug 3rd  Clambake, Portsmouth Shipyard
Sep 28th  Common Man, Claremont
Nov 2nd  Manchester Country Club

Another Outstanding Clambake
If it is the first Saturday in August, then it must
be New Hampshire MOAA’s Annual Clambake. Once again the team of volunteers led by Jeff
Olson rose to the challenge and provided a day
of fellowship, fun and obviously good vittles to
the 375 that came out to Portsmouth Shipyard. Donations support the Scholarship Loan Pro-
gram benefiting children and grandchildren of
chapter members. See page two for this years
recipients.
President’s Corner
Pete Burdett

As the MOAA NH Chapter winds up the summer we can recall our outstanding event at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the famous Clambake. I continue to be pleased at the spirit of the volunteers and the attention that gets it all done. This is just one of the events of the many that the NH Chapter holds each year. Our next event is going to be OUTSTANDING, and we are also looking forward to our Annual Meeting! Be sure to get your reservations in quickly!

The efforts of this chapter have been outstanding and I draw your attention to the seal on the front of this newsletter (right next to the return address) that announces our 10th FIVE STAR AWARD. MOAA national uses a “Level of Excellence” rating system that uses both objective and subjective scoring to challenge individual Chapters. A comprehensive package is written each spring by your Board of Directors on our activities and is submitted for judging to receive at least 220 points of the maximum 240 points to obtain the “5 STAR” rank.

By the way, one of our biggest concerns is maintaining our % of regular chapter members who are also members of the national MOAA. So help us out by keeping both of your memberships up to date and better yet, become life members!

Very recently I have become aware that the Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees (including gray area retirees) and their eligible family members, un-remarried surviving spouses and their eligible children. It appears to be an interesting benefit. As the details are too long for this short space, please use the NH Chapter website at www.moaa-nh.org or scan the QR code on the address page to get more details. You can also call directly to Doug Schobel at 401-732-0297 or e-mail him at Dschobel@delta.org. Retirees can find more information on the program, as well as enroll 24/7/365, online at trdp.org.

That is all for now. However, I would like to hear from you. So if you have any ideas or comments on how we can improve our programs, call or e-mail me directly: 800-778-4251 or peter_burdett@ml.com.

Thank you and all that you do to support this chapter!

Pete
Peter Burdett, President MOAA NH Chapter

The NH Chapter Scholarship Loan Program

The NH MOAA Scholarship Committee approved 12 loan requests, 8 renewals and 4 new applications. Thanks to everyone who supported the program to make this possible

**Approved Renewals**

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**Approved New Applications**

| Megan Berg     | Granddaughter of Wallace Berg                     | Univ of New England       |
| Alexander Crowell | Grandson of Glen Crowell                        | SUNY, Purchase NY         |
| David Cummings | Son of Candyce Cummings                          | Coastal Carolina, SC      |
| Kelsy McDonald | Granddaughter- Edward Fagouri                    | University of Scranton    |
## 2013/4 NH MOAA Travel Program

Our 2013 Travel Program starts in April 11th - Exploring Panama. Spend seven days exploring Panama City, Panama Viejo, Casco Antigua, Miraflores Locks, Gamboa, Smithsonian Galeta Marine Laboratory, Colon Free Zone, and the Panama Canal Railway. A Webinar on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:00PM.

On September 6, 2013, we offer an eight day trip to the Northern National Parks which include visits to Salt Lake City, Jackson WY, Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons.
A special webinar on this trip Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00PM.

On October 17, 2013, we offer a ten day trip to Rome and the Amalfi Coast with stops in Rome, Ravello, Vietri-sul-Mare, Sorrento, Paestrum, Pompeii, and Naples. Webinar on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 7:00PM.

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, we offer – From the Outback to the Glaciers. This twenty day trip to Australia and New Zealand includes Melbourne, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney, Franz Josef Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound, and Mt Cook National Park. Webinar on this trip Friday, February 22, 2013.

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

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### Help Wanted:
**New Granite Slate Newsletter Editor**
- **Start Date Jan 2013**
- **First Newsletter March 2013**

New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA is looking for a new newsletter editor to take over the quarterly publication. A four page document, the newsletter is mailed to every member. The time commitment is approximately 6-10 hours for each edition and completed at home. The chapter will provide a copy of Publisher, or you can use your own. All newsletters since 2006 will be provided as samples. The current editor will do Dec 2012 and be available electronically for questions or assistance. Great way to serve the chapter and stay connected with what is going on locally and nationally. Printing and mailing are through a commercial firm. If interested contact Bruce Avery at (603) 526-2854, bruceavery@tds.net
The chapter is planning to issue a new member directory at the beginning of next year (2013). In order for it to be as accurate as possible, we need correct, up-to-date information before it is printed. Please look over your address label on this newsletter. 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 ([ACT), (RET), (FRM)], spouse’s name, address and Zip are all current and spelled correctly. If you can still find your old directory (it is dated 2010 on a blue cover), check that your telephone number is correct; or, if you can’t find it or you have changed your phone number or joined the chapter in the last three years, please provide us with your current number. Any changes/corrections should be mailed to MOAA-NH at PO Box 712, Dover, NH 03821-0712 or emailed to Chapter@moaa-nh.org. Please ensure that they are received by the end of this year to be included in the directory. As they say in computer speak, garbage in – garbage out! Thank you for your assistance.