

## Chapter Achievements

### From the Field:

#### Pennsylvania Council of Chapters

The Pennsylvania Council of Chapters, which represents members in 14 MOAA chapters and about 12,000 officers statewide, held Sept. 14-15, 2012, its first convention in more than 10 years. The Lehigh Valley Chapter hosted the event in Bethlehem. About 100 members, spouses, and guests attended, including key personnel from national MOAA, local and state legislators, and officials who work with veterans and wounded warriors.

Lehigh Valley Chapter President Col. William Harris III, USAR (Ret), says the convention energized chapter leaders and reiterated

the importance of a state council. Attendees also learned about state veterans' issues and pending legislation and exchanged ideas.

#### Susquehanna (Md.) Chapter

The 155-member Susquehanna Chapter conducted a stay-at-home tea that raised \$1,565 for the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, Md. Secretary and Treasurer CWO4 Roy Valiant, USA (Ret), launched the fundraiser after learning \$8,000 was needed to purchase gifts for Maryland's 700-plus hospitalized veterans on Veterans Day.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brock, USAF (Ret), says members received a letter with two tea bags and were invited to enjoy

a cup of tea at home and make a donation, which honored state veterans.

#### Grand Canyon (Ariz.) Chapter

MOAA President Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret), and his wife, Judy, traveled to Arizona to charter the Grand Canyon Chapter. The chapter, previously a satellite of the Northern Arizona Chapter, chartered with 75 members.

Grand Canyon Chapter President Col. Pete Kloeber, USAF (Ret), says members recently donated presents and gift cards to veterans served by a local VA housing program, and they plan to establish a scholarship fund.

The chapter meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Sizzler Restaurant in Flagstaff.



**(left) Grand Canyon (Ariz.) Chapter President Col. Pete Kloeber, USAF (Ret), left, receives a charter from national MOAA President Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret), during a November 2012 ceremony. (above) From left, VA personnel Brandi Sima and Susan Kern accept a check from CWO4 Roy Valiant, USA (Ret), and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brock, USAF (Ret), of MOAA's Susquehanna (Md.) Chapter.**

#### New Hampshire Chapter

New Hampshire Chapter members hosted U.S. Sens. Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen at their 2012 annual business and membership meeting. Members maintain strong ties with their legislators, and Ayotte's husband, Lt. Col. Joe Daley, ANG, serves on the chapter's board of directors.

Both senators, who serve on the Armed Services Committee, talked about the "fiscal cliff" and sequestration. They also pledged to protect Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from budget cuts and support an Air Force refueling tanker being stationed at Pease Air National Guard Base. Reporters from a local newspaper and TV station covered the event. **MO**

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