

## WWII vet, company win Warriors Award

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### Haircuts and maritime barriers:

The award recognizes the contributions of individuals and organizations to the military.

**GREENLAND** — A World War II Navy veteran from Newmarket, and a hightech company in Newton, won this year’s Granite State Warriors Awards from the Military Officers Association of America’s New Hampshire chapter during a recent ceremony.

Born in Dover and raised in Newmarket, Norman Langlois joined the Navy at age 17, stationed aboard a PT boat and destroyer. He attained the rank of petty officer 3rd class.

After leaving the military in 1946, Langlois worked initially with machinery but then attended and graduated from a beauty academy 12 years later.

Langlois’ small Durham salon startup grew to a multi-site enterprise known as the Empire Beauty Academy Inc.

Langlois always treated all veterans to a free hair styling at any of his locations, officials said.

Because of a recent injury, Langlois could not attend the Jan. 26 awards ceremony at the Portsmouth Country Club in Greenland. His daughter, Donna Demers, accepted the award in his absence.

The second award went to HALO Maritime Defense Systems, which builds security barrier systems to protect U.S. ports, naval bases and gas locations from attacks that might be launched by enemy boats or swimmers.

Established in 2008, the company makes unique waterside barriers that help its clients with gaps between piers and other platforms.

Retired Navy Capt. Brendan Gray, chief operating officer and president of HALO, accepted the award on the company’s behalf.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-NH, addressed the awards luncheon event to speak on the status of issues affecting veterans in Congress.

MOAA is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan affiliation with more than 350,000 members from every branch of service.

MOAA-NH established the Granite State Warriors Award in 2011 to recognize individuals and organizations that make great contributions to the nation’s military services.



Retired Navy Capt. F. Warren Coulter, president of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, left, presents a Granite State Warriors Award to Brendan Gray, chief operating officer and president of HALO Maritime Defense Systems, which is based in Newton. MOAA-NH

