

# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 13 July 2017

**Call to Order:** Vice President Warren Coulter called the meeting to order at 1828 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the assembly present followed by the invocation delivered by Joe DiChiaro.

**Attending:** Avery, Breuder, Chadwick, Coulter, Day, Devoe, DiChiaro, LeFebvre, Lull, McLean, Register, Smith, Way. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**Opening Remarks:** Warren Coulter began by welcoming everyone. He noted that Peter Burdett was at a presentation by Ken Burns talking about the Vietnam War.

**Immediate Past Chair [sic] Remarks:** Warren asked if “Chad” Chadwick had anything. “Chad” said he met with Porter Davis, the President of the local Navy League, in his capacity as Executive Director of Tall Ships Portsmouth. The Navy League is asking for assistance from MOAA-NH with the commissioning ceremony for the USS Manchester which will be in Portsmouth sometime in the March timeframe 2018. They anticipate that a number of US Navy “heavies” will be attending (SECDEF, SECNAV, CNO, etc.). “Chad” said there will be about 400 volunteers from Tall Ships there. “Chad” thought it would be a good PR event for MOAA-NH. He will talk to Peter Burdett about it. Then followed a brief discussion of what a littoral ship was all about.

**Secretary’s Report:** Michael McLean reported that he received no corrections to the May Board meeting minutes. Michael reminded everyone making reports to speak up so his recorder will pick them up. Motion made and seconded to accept the May minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Roby Day said that people had the May and June reports, as we didn’t meet in June. He asked if anyone had any questions about the reports. No one had any. Roby went on to talk about the June luncheon at the White Mountain Hotel. He has mixed feelings about the hotel. He said that on the one hand they became somewhat inflexible yet on the other they were very gracious and supportive. He said we lost people moving from the luncheon, in the main dining room, to the ball room where the speaker gave his presentation. We tried to recruit the speaker to join our chapter, but he has not done so yet. Roby then moved on to the Clambake. The nose count as of today’s mail is 119. He commented that we are running about the same count at this point as we were for the last two years. He added that we have 22 Follansbee’s coming! Roby reported that he has signed us up for next year and we have gotten a break in the price for next year. The sign-up person at MWR inadvertently charged us a lower price. Roby said he needs to know who the guests/DV’s are and who will be informing him. Ken Lull inputted that he has written invitation letters to all the important people at the Shipyard. He will contact the Shipyard PAO to find out the status of any responses. “Chad” Chadwick added that there are five submarines in the Shipyard at present. Finally, Roby asked if there were any questions on the mid-year review. He pointed out that the last column on the right of

the June Income Statement are the 2017 Budget amounts so people can see where we stand. He said that financially we are doing very well! Warren called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund:** Andrew Breuder commented that he felt we are in good shape and should continue on our present course. Warren pointed out that the market was kind of bad this month.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT):** Peter Burdett and Bancroft McKittrick not present. Warren Coulter said that Peter Burdett wanted him to bring up that the SVAC has a new Vice Chair, replacing Peter.

**Personal Affairs:** Russ Register reported that this month we have three important items from MOAA that will be included in a blast email to our membership. The first is that MOAA is continuing to ask members to contact their Congressional representatives to ask them to repeal Sequestration. The second item is concerning TRICARE and expanded mental health coverage. The third concerns Arlington Cemetery. It will be expanded to accommodate 40,000 to 60,000 new burial plots. The next step is to get Congressional approval. If all goes well, it will allow Arlington to go on into the 2050's. Roby Day's solution to the problem is that we all should be cremated and buried at sea! His comments were met with mixed feelings.

**Membership:** Michael McLean pointed out that there are two reports – June's cancelled meeting report and July's report:

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
New members -	2	8
Deceased members -	2 (Plus 2 w/ spouses)	15 (Plus 3 w/ spouses)
Dropped members -	0	7
Current total membership –	749	735

Michael reported that he sent out 43 dues reminder letters in June. To date he has received 8 checks, 4 paid on-line and 6 asked to be dropped from membership. Michael went on purpose that the chapter raises the annual dues for Auxiliary members from \$10.00 to \$12.00. That way they can take advantage of MOAA's paying on-line program. Currently, we are only talking about 18 auxiliary individuals who pay annual dues. It would require a vote by the membership at a scheduled meeting/luncheon. He suggested that it be scheduled for the November Annual Meeting. Michael asked for the concurrence of the Board for his proposal. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

**Recruiting:** Jon VanGuilder not present. Michael McLean reported that we sent out 204 recruiting letters this May. To date we have seven new members from the letters for a 3% return. This was due in large part to the phone calling of Jon VanGuilder and Jim Spotts.

**Programs:** Sandy Way went over the hand outs that he had passed out. These were the result of a meeting held before the Board meeting to discuss the 2018 Programs schedule. Sandy pointed out that there were two sheets – one for the schedule of luncheons in 2018 and the second was a list of potential speakers for next year. Bruce Avery said the April luncheon will be

April 21<sup>st</sup>. Sandy pointed out that the speaker list was just tentative as he has not contacted any on the list. There was further discussion about possible speakers. Roby Day brought up that he had heard someone mention Governor Sununu. It was pointed out that Sununu might not still be governor at the November 2018 luncheon. Bruce Avery defended his recommendation for a speaker for the September 2018 luncheon as being much more interesting than his write-up indicated. Michael McLean brought up that for the September luncheon this year, the flyer has to go to the printer on July 28<sup>th</sup>; so he will need it to him NLT July 26<sup>th</sup>. Ken Lull asked that Michael send him an email to remind him about the flyer.

**Web Page:** Michael McLean pointed out that there are two reports – June’s cancelled meeting report and July’s report - 301 hits in May, up from 237 in April and 330 hits in June, up from 301 in May. He went on to report that, in response to a question from Tony Burdo as to the capability of tracking individual pages on the web site, he has been able to come up with a rough way of tracking different pages. The results for the past two months are as follows:

Popular Pages in May:

<b>Hits</b>	<b>Page</b>
35	Program Notes
15	Chapter News
14	Membership
11	Odds and Ends
9	Transition Assistance
3	Newsletter
3	Group Travel
3	UNK
172	General

Popular Pages in June:

<b>Hits</b>	<b>Page</b>
40	Program Notes
20	Chapter News
17	Membership
15	Newsletter
14	Odds and Ends
13	Transition Assistance
5	Group Travel
3	UNK
194	General

Michael brought up the issue of web security. When we first started our web site, he was not concerned with hackers trying to install malware etc. on the web site. Unfortunately now times have changed and it has become a problem for many sites. Go Daddy, our web hosting company offers a program that will scan our web site for malware etc. It costs about \$5.00 per month or \$120 for two years. Michael thinks it is worth while installing it. He did point out that his son, who is very computer literate, was going to look into it. Unless he finds something adverse, Michael asks the Board to approve the expense for the Go Daddy program. Motion made to purchase the Go Daddy program and seconded. Motion passed.

**BREAK FOR DINNER**

**Reconvened Meeting at 1918**

**Travel Programs:** Tony Burdo not present. He submitted the following report:

Two travelers scheduled for a fall trip.

He has not heard from John Powell, Military History Tours for their 2018 program. John was going to send him a Memorandum of Agreement but he has not received it to date.

He will contact John when he returns.

**Scholarship Loan Program:** Joe DiChiaro reported that the Scholarship Loan Committee met and approved nine students for loans – four students already in the program and five new applicants. They were awarded loans of \$3,000 each. A detailed **report is attached**. A discussion of the Loan Program including payback amounts and relation with MOAA national’s program ensued.

**Strategic Initiatives:** Bruce Avery had no report.

**Granite State Warriors Award:** Bruce Avery had no report.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NH Veterans Home:** Joe DiChiaro reported on the Alzheimer's residents at the Veterans Home and the various volunteers who assist them. The Home is always looking for more volunteers. Last year the volunteers donated the value of \$464,000.

**Awards:** Joe DiChiaro reported that he received a thank you note on behalf of Bob Jaffin who had presented the JROTC award to a cadet at Spaulding HS in Rochester.

**Nominations (Directors & Officers):** Michael McLean reported that we need nominees to be Directors.

**PAO:** Warren Coulter reported that we still need one.

**Granite Slate:** Peter Dawson not present. He wants to step down as editor. Peter Dawson said he would do pictures but did not want to do the write-up.

**Web Communications - FB:** Jon VanGuilder not present. He reported, via email, that everything is up-to-date on our Facebook page. Unfortunately we have not had a lot of “likes” on the page.

**SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee:** Andrew Breuder submitted the **attached report**.

## **LIAISONS:**

**ESGR:** Sandy Way reported that the ESGR is starting their “Boss Lifts” for this summer (one a month through October). They start the Blackhawk helicopters lifts from Concord in August or September. The New Hampshire ESGR is in the process of getting a new chair. Joe DiChiaro mentioned that there is pastoral training being conducting for PTSD veterans in conjunction with the VA.

**Transition Liaison:** Bancroft McKittrick not present. He is transitioning to a new job out of the country for a year. We are looking for a replacement.

**VAMC Manchester:** Bernie Satterfield not present.

**Martins Point:** Bob Jaffin not present.

**Auxiliary:** Gwen Devoe reported that she had communicated with MOAA’s representative for our region. The representative pointed out the MOAA now calls this position “Surviving Spouse Liaison” as opposed to “Auxiliary Liaison”. The consensus was that it did not make any difference. She summarized her efforts in going through our database trying to find members

who had died. She said that she had come across chapter members whose spouses had died. In the past, we had not acknowledged them. Gwen said she would like to send condolence notes to them as well. It was agreed to do so.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Clambake:** Ken Lull gave an overview of where we stand at the moment. He reviewed the status of the volunteers for the Clambake. Michael McLean asked if we were going to have an honor guard again this year. “Chad” Chadwick replied to the affirmative. Michael McLean confirmed that there would be the National Anthem. “Chad” said that he did need the security list to pass to Base Security. Ken reiterated that people with Maine driver licenses can not get on the Shipyard unless they had a military ID. Maine driver licenses are not approved by the Shipyard. A discussion of ticket colors then occurred. Ken said that his wife Vicki would be busy with food preparation so would not be able to do the 50/50 Raffle. Warren Coulter said he believes the raffle is under control.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Donation to SVAC Summer Outing:** Warren Coulter reported that we have been asked by the SVAC to help out with their summer outing scheduled for 8 August at the MHT Sweeny Post. He talked with Peter Burdett concerning a donation and they feel that \$50.00 from the President’s Fund would be appropriate. It was felt that it should be voted on so a motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.

**Swim with a Mission Event:** Warren Coulter brought up that if you are in the vicinity of Newfound Lake tomorrow, July 14<sup>th</sup>, you might like to attend the Swim with a Mission Event and have an opportunity to meet and greet US Navy SEALs.

**Other Items:** Bruce Avery brought up the issue reading reports from Directors who were not present. He feels that if they can’t make the effort to attend Board meetings, then those who do attend should not have to listen to their reports being read. He feels that we should consider stopping this practice.

Roby Day brought up the fact that we need to find a replacement for the *Granite Slate* newsletter and asked how we go about finding one. Sharon Day said she would work with Michael McLean to develop an advertisement that could be sent out as a blast email to all the membership.

Jim LeFebvre said he had some experience with Transition work so he volunteered to fill in for Bancroft McKittrick while he was absent.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 10 August 2017 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

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Secretary  
New Hampshire Chapter  
ATTACHMENTS: 2

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander Peter Burdett, President, NH Chapter MOAA

FROM: Cal Hosmer, NH MOAA Scholarship Committee

SUBJECT: Selection of student loan recipients

1. The Scholarship Committee met on July 7, 2017 to consider nine applications for loans for the 2017-18 academic year. Four were from students already in the program, and there were five new applications. All nine applications were approved for loans of \$3000.00.

2. Students approved are::

NAME	PRESENT SCHOOL	SPONSOR
Stephanie Girard	Meredith College	Anthony Burdo
Mariah N. MacDonald	Univ. of So. Maine	Scott Cunningham
Jenna R Suls	Univ. of Alabama	Howard Suls
Juliana A. Zanella	Elmira College	John H. Zanella
Zachary R. Anton	Mass. College of Pharmacy	Kenneth A. Smith
Joshua F. Bannon	Limestone College	Anthony Burdo
Abigail M. Bolduc	Southern NH University	Beverly J. Bolduc
Sarah K. Emery	University of Vermont	Lyman H. Smith
Cameron R. Suls	Univ. of South Carolina	Howard Suls

4. The committee considered the funds available during the coming year, and determined they were sufficient to warrant an increase to each loan from the previous \$2000.00 to \$3000.00. Details are shown below.

- a. Value of the Scholarship Trust Fund as of April 30th: \$90,754.96
- b. Checking account balance as of June 30th: ----- \$15,922.27
- c. Expected repayments over the coming year: ----- \$18,596.00
- d. Total estimated funds available over the coming year: \$125,273.23

5. Applying our benchmark of \$10,000 per student, there are ample funds available to provide loans to all nine. Adding 4a to 4b gives us \$34,518.27 providing more than enough to fund loans of \$3000 for each of the nine students.

6. Student recipients have been notified of the committee's approval, and have been furnished with Loan Agreement forms to be completed and returned to me. Checks will be sent out in August, after receipt of each form.

7. All records will be turned over to Colonel Joe Dichiario in September, completing the transfer of the program to him.

Cal

## SUD Commission Joint Military Task Force Meeting of 15 June 2017

The third meeting of this sub-committee for 2017 was held on the above date. Formal meeting minutes from 20 April were distributed at the meeting, but were not available electronically. In addition, a copy of the current draft of the Fact Sheet was distributed.

1. There were eleven attendees present at this meeting, including two police officers from the Hampton PD who were supposed to be attending another meeting in the building, but apparently came on the wrong date and they were invited to sit in and contribute their thoughts to the meeting.
2. As previously discussed, Sue Brown had to re-sign as co-chair of the sub-committee due to clinical demands at Riverbend and contract expiration for her support to the committee at the end of June. Victoria Bagshaw will temporarily take on the vacant co-chair position in addition to continuing her Secretary duties.
3. Again, there was some discussion of the one page draft Fact Sheet which is now ready for publication except for some minor editorial changes in the "Statement of Problem" section and correction/updating to the Taskforce Leadership positions.
4. Discussion on any TRICARE contract changes was deferred until the October meeting. No one is sure what changes will occur to SUD coverage once Humana takes over the contract.
5. The Statewide Planning session took place on 5 May and the committee's deliberations and recommendations, including the priority tasking list, were presented to the planning session by the TAG.
6. Diane Levesque from the Manchester VAMC reported that there will be a new 17 minute video, "Justise for All", will be presented to the NH State Police in the near future. No further details were available.
7. The Governor's Interagency Planning Session took place on 17 June with multiple attendees from various departments. The NH State Police are developing and action plan to serve veterans. There will be an update on the results of this meeting at the August meeting.
8. A "Peer to Peer" survey has been developed but not distributed yet.
9. There were no updates available regarding the Military Culture Training sessions (Dare Mighty Things". The current contract expires on 30 Sep 17.
10. Next scheduled meeting will be on 17 August 17.

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