

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 14 June 2018

Call to Order: President Warren Coulter called the meeting to order at 1831 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by the invocation delivered by Bancroft McKittrick, once again filling in for Joe DiChiaro.

Attending: Avery, Coulter, Devoe, Ikstrums, Jaffin, LeFebvre, Lull, Luti, McKittrick, McLean, Register, Spotts, Whitman. We welcomed Geoff Corson, prospective Blast Email person, to the meeting. A quorum (just) was present for the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Warren Coulter began by saying that we have a lot of people missing so it should be a short meeting.

Immediate Past President Remarks: Peter Burdett not present. He sent an email with his input that will be reported under SVAC.

Secretary's Report: Michael McLean reported that he received one correction to the May minutes from Joe DiChiaro who reported that on page 5, the Spaulding AFJROTC was today Sunday May 20th - the 29th was obviously a typo. If no one had any other comments, Michael asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Roby Day not present. Warren Coulter reported that Roby had sent out a Treasurer's Report and it looked pretty much the same as last month. Not much has changed. Our retained earnings look pretty good. There was a brief discussion whether we could approve the Treasurer's Report with Roby not present. It was decided that we could, so a motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Andrew Breuder not present. He submitted the following comment:

Assets all look good and generally continuing to grow.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT/Vets Count): Peter Burdett not present. He submitted the following report:

See attached email on Delta Dental- I have not reviewed the file, but it's the plan I have now. More plans will be offered, but the bottom-line is: which plans do your providers participate for care?

MONDAY at 1030 – attend if you can make your way through the 1000's of motorcycles: Join Governor Sununu, Director Montoya, National VA Guests and NH Stakeholders at the Governor's signing of SB 488 in the Training & Education (T&E) on the 1st floor of the Manchester VA. Bill and Bancroft – if in the area, you should attend. I will be there.

There is now a new Chief of Staff. This bill provides flexibility to the staff at the MHT VAMC and may become a nation-wide model. The bill also changes the SVAC report to annually.

Elections were held for Chair and Secretary – current slate continuing for two years.

Homeless review: NEED more housing for VASH program \$\$\$\$. It is available. Any veteran that wants housing can get it. So, what is Zero? Just call 211 – they can move fast, call if you know of impending homelessness – anywhere in the state.

Caregiver grants are available - \$2000

Around 6000 attended the Commissioning of the USS Manchester. I attended – they did a great job.

Be looking for announcements from CMC about new treatment options in MHT, they and Elliott have started a new relationship with Veterans Count to serve Veterans. CALL VC at 603-315-4354 for intake issues; should ring through for after-hours emergency cell phone - Adam Peak, or Angela Webber at 603-851-9270.

SVAC Summer Social at the Veteran Association – Weirs Beach on 22 August at 1800

Next meeting on 2 October at 1700.

Personal Affairs: Russ Register reported that this month's Personal Affairs blast email covered the TRICARE Dental Program (TRDP) transitioning to the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). This subject was also covered in an article in the current issue of the *Granite Slate*. He emphasized that beneficiaries enrolled in the current dental program are not automatically enrolled in the new program. You must actively enroll. Ken Lull asked if there is anything out there comparing the new program choices. The answer is not yet. Bob Jaffin added that conversations with Delta Dental reps indicate that the premiums may go up but the coverage might be much more extensive. Warren Coulter said we need to keep hammering away with information on this so people will get the word. **See attached email** for more information.

Membership: Michael McLean presented the following membership numbers:

New members -	7
Deceased members -	5 (Plus 1 w/ spouse)
Dropped members -	2
Current total membership –	692

I will be sending out 58 dues reminder letters next week.

Recruiting: Jim Spotts reported that we have eleven new members this year due in large part to the bulk mailings sent out by Michael McLean. Jim commented that from the last broadcast letter of 101, we have received five membership applications for a 5% return. He is working with chapter volunteers to identify potential members with the same service in the location of the volunteer. Jim then sends the volunteers with the contact information and asks that they get in touch with the potential people. Jim said that he works with two lists of potential people, the Service Academies' Resource Boards (which lists the various Academy graduates who live in the state) and the lists from MOAA national. Jim LeFebvre brought up that there are other military

organizations in the state that we might be able to share membership lists. Jim Spotts asked for volunteers to help him out.

Programs: Gerry Boyle not present. Warren Coulter said that Gerry reported that everything is on track for the June luncheon in Jackson. Jim LeFebvre commented that fourteen of the fifteen rooms reserved for our group have been sold. He plans on sending emails to those people inviting them to get together for dinner on the Friday night. He went on cover other logistical items concerning the luncheon. Warren Coulter asked if Jim would do the intro of CAPT Hunt. Jim said he would if he had a bio. Michael McLean said he would check online and send whatever he finds to Jim, info Warren. While still on Programs, Michael commented that the Clambake flyer should be mailed out in the next day or so. He also said that he was planning on sending electronic flyers to a bunch of staff members at MOAA national that exhibited interest in attending the Clambake. Michael went on to ask who would invite the Shipyard officers to the Clambake. Ken Lull said he would take care of it.

Web Page: Michael McLean reported there were 234 hits in May, down from 291 in April.

Popular Pages in May:

Hits Page

21	Odds and Ends
16	Membership
12	Newsletter
8	Program Notes
8	Virtual Store
7	Chapter News
5	Tricare
4	Group Travel
2	UNK
1	Transition Assistance
138	General

Travel Programs: Tony Burdo not present. Janis Ikstrums presented the following report:

Six passengers booked for 2018.

Ten passengers booked for 2020.

No bookings to date for 2019.

I have sent a request for Bruce Avery to send out a blast email for our June 2018 Tours of the Month. They are Charming French Canada for 14 – 21 September 2018 and Magnificent Cities of Central and Eastern Europe for 4-17 August 2019. Thank you Bruce.

Warren Coulter commented that we have a new blast email person - Geoff Corson.

Scholarship Loan Program: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

Applications for the coming school year 2018-2019 for both new applicants and returning students have now closed. I have mailed applications to those currently in schools and to 3 new applicants. We have 7 applications that will be reviewed for approval by the committee prior to the next Board meeting at which I will give a final report. Of the current students, 2 are graduating this year and 2 will be entering their senior year.

Once again I would recommend that we restrict the first and second year students to \$2000 per year and increase the 3rd and 4th year to \$3000 with the option of \$4000. This will keep out total allocation per student to not more than \$12000 but will make the repayment burden lighter for the first 2 years of repayment. Repayment begins 6 months after graduation with 1/50th of the 1st loan for 12 months and each succeeding 12 months increased by 1/50th of the next loan. The final increase will be the ongoing payment until the loan is paid in full.

Strategic Initiatives (SIC): Bruce Avery reported that we have been approached by a company called My Grove Media. They are a start-up company out of Brooklyn and their specialty is providing management support to associations and clubs. Bruce spent an hour and a half on the phone with the founder. They are attempting to cover all aspects of association management at no cost to the association. They will make their money with advertisements off to the side of their web site. Bruce recommended that the SIC be tasked with looking into this for the next several months. He said it covers everything from blast emails to reservations for our events, allowing people to use credit cards to pay for the luncheons. Prior to a luncheon, they will provide a report with who is attending, what they want to eat and how much they paid. Bruce said he is running the September luncheon and recommends that we try this group for that luncheon. He reassured himself that this group's security is sufficient. Bruce admitted that there will probably be some duplication with blast emails from them and from ours. Michael McLean asked whose web site they are putting their ads on. Bruce replied their web site, not ours. Michael pointed out that we already have our web site, our Facebook page and now another web site. Bruce pointed out that the access to their web site would be via a link from a blast email they send out. He added that they would send out Board meeting notifications to include the agenda. Once again, Bruce emphasized that he will be in charge of this experiment. Michael asked how people will respond to the September luncheon flyer – to Roby or this new web site. Bruce said it would be up to the individual. A motion was made and seconded to go forward with this proposal. Motion passed.

Granite State Warriors Award: Bruce Avery asked for recommendations for the 2018 GSWA. Bruce said their current list is about six companies. Warren Coulter commented that in the past the question of how many awards should be given each year was brought up. Bruce replied that it depended what the slate of candidates looked like. Bob Jaffin said that he owes Bruce information on a possible nominee. Bancroft McKittrick pointed out that if we have three awardees (for example), that they be told that they have only a limited time for their remarks.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

The JROTC/ROTC awards cycle has been completed. My sincere thanks to our President, Peter, Bob, Carol and Bernie who shared the both the burden and the blessing of presenting awards and Gold Bars to the students.

I also had the honor of attending the commissioning of the first AFROTC 2 Lt at Brown University since 1971! (Although he had to take his ROTC at Worcester Poly Tech.) Also 2 Army ROTC Lts who took their ROTC at Providence College. Navy ROTC is

now available to Brown students at Holy Cross in Worcester. One Army Captain receiving his PhD in history from Brown will be teaching at West Point.

NH Veterans Home: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

If you did not meet some of residents at the Memorial Day service at the Veterans Cemetery, those unable to travel enjoyed their own observance at the Home the day before. I represented MOAA-NH at that event which was attended by the Governor and Sen. Maggie Hassan. Each of the rest of our Congressional delegation sent a letter read by a staff member.

Nominations (Directors & Officers): Nothing new.

PAO: Kent Whitman commented that the agenda listed “Chapter Achievements” and that he and Geoff Corson are present is an achievement! Geoff said that both he and Kent will be attending the luncheon in Jackson taking pictures and interviewing people. Warren Coulter said that the newsletter editor, Marie Chipola, is still looking for “war stories” for the newsletter.

Granite Slate: Marie Chipola not present. Beyond what Warren said above, Michael McLean wanted to add that the latest edition of the newsletter was excellent and she continues to do an outstanding job.

Web Communications - FB: Jon VanGuilder not present. He submitted the following report:

Here's a small update for the next meeting on the NH Facebook account. It remains little used but must admit the numbers are increasing slowly. I generally post 1-3 posts a months on topics from the MOAA national site, and of course information prior to and after our quarterly luncheons. Data includes:

Followers - 32

Liked - 32

Reach - 15 - 20 per post.

Based on the average MOAA-NH demographics--I'm not convinced the numbers will increase. I do not have a feel for how many members have Facebook accounts, but would bet it's a pretty low percentage. Will continue to post as there are some and folks seem to be getting information.

Warren wondered who the people who “liked” us were. Kim, our loyal server, spoke up that she followed us and liked us on Facebook!

SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee: Andrew Breuder not present. He submitted the following report:

Next meeting is 21 Jun. I have received back comments from my son in the USN Surgeon General's Office regarding the proposed letter to Defense Health Agency and passed those comments on back to the committee. I met with Jo Moncher last Wednesday and was asked to take over one of the co-chair positions on the subcommittee due to numerous personnel changes in those positions over the last year. I have agreed and Jo submitted my name to the TAG who has agreed with the nomination. It will be forwarded to the Governor's Commission for final approval.

Warren Coulter added that he had received an email from Jo Moncher stating that Andrew had been approved for the position of Vice Chair of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drugs Joint Military Task Force. Warren said we should congratulate Andrew on the posting.

Blast Email: Warren Coulter asked Geoff Corson, the new blast email committee chairman if he had anything to say. Geoff introduced himself and his wife and gave a brief run down of his background and what he is doing now.

BREAK FOR DINNER

Reconvened Meeting at 1927

LIAISONS:

ESGR: Sandy Way not present.

Transition Liaison: Jim LeFebvre reported that he received a phone call from a Naval Officer in Hawaii who plans to retire in New Hampshire. Jim said he will work with that person. Jim went on to report that the reason he was all dressed up was that today is the birthday of the US Army and he attended a cake cutting ceremony at the State House with the governor. Jim continued by bringing up the idea, put forward by Michael McLean, of buying a video projector and possibly a laptop for the chapter. Jim thought that was a good idea and would solve some problems for the chapter. It was decided to wait for discussion and final approval until next meeting when Roby Day will be in attendance. Michael said he found a relatively inexpensive video projector on-line which he went ahead and bought and brought to the meeting to demonstrate. He hopes the chapter will reimburse him for the cost. As far as a laptop is concerned, he has two and attends all the luncheons so he can use his own. He went into a bit of detail concerning the projector. Jim next mentioned that he attended the funeral of chapter member "Jake" Jacobsmeyer and wondered whether the chapter sent out notes of condolence as we had in the past. Gwen Devoe spoke up to say that she does that now. Bancroft McKittrick thought we should have a moment of silence for Jake at the upcoming luncheon. Michael McLean said he could provide a large picture of Jake (unfortunately not recent) for display at the luncheon as we had done for Ed Josephson a few years ago. There followed a discussion of whether we should do something similar for prominent members at the Annual Meeting luncheon. Jim's last item was the subject of holding a Board meeting at the NH Veterans Home. Jim said he spoke with the Commandant who is happy to host such a meeting at the home. The consensus of those present was that it was a good idea to do next spring. Jim will follow up with the home.

VAMC Manchester: Bernie Satterfield not present. Warren Coulter commented that Bernie puts out a lot of information about the VAMC on emails.

Martins Point: Bob Jaffin had nothing to report on Martins Point.

Auxiliary: Gwen Devoe reported on the number of chapter members' deaths over the last few months.

OLD BUSINESS:

New TRICARE Retiree Dental and Vision Plan: Warren Coulter reiterated the importance of getting the information out concerning this program. He said he will mention it at each luncheon for the rest of the year. He also recommended that we repeat the article in the *Granite Slate*. Bruce Avery suggested we have another briefing after the Annual Meeting luncheon in November by the person who gave the briefing at the spring luncheon in Plymouth. Warren commented that he was concerned about the timing with everything going on that day. Bob Jaffin said that he and Peter Burdett had been working on doing a briefing after the Clambake. He said they need to check with CAPT Hunt, PNSY Commander, about a space to do it. Bob went on to say that one reason to do it then was to get some of the other regional chapter leaders involved to possibly have a regional MOAA conference in the next year or two. Bob said that we are fortunate that the contractor doing the role out of the new program is a Portsmouth based company. The concern is whether there will be enough information available to do it at the Clambake. Warren suggested perhaps do something at the September luncheon. As an aside, Michael McLean asked who present was using Delta Dental. Virtually everyone raised their hands, so Michael opined that he must be the only one not on the plan. Warren decided that we should discuss it further at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clambake: Ken Lull introduced himself as the Clambake Bakemaster. He reported that this is the first year that Cal Hosmer, who has been directly involved in the Clambake for the past twenty five years (or so), can't make it. We have two problems with this. First is the storage of all the equipment Cal has stored at his house. Joe Daley, Ken's number two, has said he can get the equipment and check it out this year, but he doesn't have the storage capability. The second issue is the long term storage of the equipment. Ken then went over other details of the Clambake. Michael McLean asked who was going to organize the color guard. Ken said he will contact "Chad" Chadwick who has done that in the past. Michael also mentioned the podium that apparently is provided by the PNSY fire department. Ken summarized by saying this is our biggest event of the year. Jim Spotts pointed out that August 4th is the Coast Guard Birthday so he will try to get a bunch of "Coasties" to attend.

Other New Business: Jim Spotts asked how many people present were on Linked In.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 12 July 2018 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

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CDR, USN (Ret.)
Secretary
New Hampshire Chapter

(ATTACHMENTS: 2)

From: Doug Schobel [mailto:DSchobel@delta.org]

Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:24

To: Doug Schobel <DSchobel@delta.org>

Subject: New Info re: Delta Dental Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)

Good Morning,

This is Doug Schobel with Delta Dental and the Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program (VADIP). I hope you're doing well.

I wanted to let you know that we just posted a [quick New Plan video](#) that helps the Veterans and CHAMPVA folks better understand their Delta Dental VADIP options. If you could share this 2-minute video and the other important VADIP links below via your e-newsletters and with your distribution lists, PAOs and anyone else who you think can benefit from the information, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any upcoming meetings/conference calls in which I can participate, or if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Respectfully,

Doug

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June 2018 Personal Affairs Report

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end on December 31st, 2018. Beneficiaries enrolled in or who are eligible for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program will be able to enroll in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) with coverage starting January 1st, 2019. Note that if you are currently enrolled in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, you will not be automatically enrolled in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Program. Enrollment in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Program will take place during its open season which is November 12th, 2018 to December 10th, 2018.

More information is available at www.tricare.benefids.com.