

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 9 March 2017

Call to Order: President Peter Burdett called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the assembly present followed by the invocation delivered by Gary Terhune.

Attending: Avery, Boyle, Breuder, Burdett, Burdo, Chadwick, Coulter, Day, Ikstrums, McLean, Register, Satterfield, Smith, Terhune, Way. We welcomed guests William Luti and Andrew Breuder's son to the meeting. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Peter Burdett began by mentioning that he had passed out a limited number of NH Veterans Notes that listed a few veterans' items that might be of interest. (**Copy attached**) Peter went on to point out items from MOAA national that were in an email sent out this morning (9 Mar 2017) – the Level of Excellence (LOE) Award ceremony is changing. It used to be every year as part of MOAA's annual meeting. Now it will be presented every other year, either the year the meeting is away from DC or the year in DC. The point being is that they are trying to save some money. At this point, Peter took time to introduce a new chapter member, CAPT William Luti, USN (Ret.), who was visiting the Board meeting. Bill Luti gave a short bio of himself. Peter then welcomed back "Chad" Chadwick, the Immediate Past President, to his first meeting since stepping down as Chapter President last November. Peter then acknowledged the son of Andrew Breuder, who was visiting from Seattle. Peter commented that Bill Luti had pointed out that there has been much discussion recently on how the CPI (Consumer Product [sic] (Price) Index) is handled. It has been pretty much a flat line which is why Social Security and retired pay have not gone up much. People have suggested possible changes to it. Bill Luti brought up that Rep Shea-Porter has introduced a bill to change it to CPI-E (for elderly). MOAA national is opposed to it. Peter also mentioned there is a proposed CPI-I. Peter said he consulted a national economist who said that CPI is political – you can make it whatever you want it to be! Peter mentioned that our Congressional delegation, down in Washington, are busy putting in bills. Finally, Peter brought up the upcoming Storming the Hill in which he will represent our chapter.

Immediate Past Chair [sic] Remarks: "Chad" Chadwick thanked everyone for welcoming him back. His only comment was that MOAA's money is drying up because the membership is drying up. Unless membership starts to increase, we will see more reductions in events sponsored by MOAA. Peter Burdett brought up that MOAA has cancelled spouse events at various meetings.

Secretary's Report: Michael McLean reported that he did not receive any corrections or comments to the January Board meeting minutes. Motion made and seconded to accept the January minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted. He announced that we do have a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Roby Day reported that we are soluble [sic]. He said we have a very good balance in our operating checking account. He thanked Bruce Avery for defraying \$300.00 from the January Luncheon resulting in \$120.00 ahead for the luncheon. In February, we got \$285.00 from MOAA for recruiting. Roby said we are beginning to see a small, but steady on-line dues payments. Until we actually see the deposits from MOAA, he carries that money as "accounts receivable". Roby wondered whether it would be worthwhile taking some of the \$11,000 we have in the operating account and putting it into the Trust Fund. Roby will work with the Trustees of the Trust Fund to make it happen. Roby mentioned that this year we got \$136 from the 50/50 raffle at the January luncheon as opposed to \$157 last year at the January Luncheon. Roby pointed out that Warren Coulter, our current Vice President, runs the 50/50 raffle. However, when he becomes President, he probably won't have time to do the raffle; so we need to look for someone else. Several names were thrown out but no decision was made. Peter called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Andrew Breuder reported that we are doing well. Gary Terhune added that, in the market, we are up in excess of 4 1/2% year to date. It was decided that there was no need to have a vote on the Trustees report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT): Peter Burdett commented that Bancroft McKittrick (Peter's back-up on the SVAC) was at home unpacking boxes from his move, but that he has attended numerous meetings assisting Peter. Peter reported that there were two SVAC meetings – mid February and March. At the February meeting, Sen. Hassan attended and provided an overview at the national level. Peter commented out that, at one point, she was a voting member of the SVAC when she was a state Senator. Governor Sununu also attended the February SVAC meeting. The Governor issued a challenge to the SVAC to give him, on two sheets of paper, all of the challenges facing veterans in the state of New Hampshire and what he can do to help fix them. Peter said that several groups are working on similar inputs for the Governor. He went on to say that the SVAC is now taking a more active role and providing guidance to the various levels of the state government. Peter brought up a state bill, HB 636, introduced by chapter member Russ Ober, for the formation of a Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill is currently "retained", which means that it can be brought up for discussion and voting on next year. That gives people involved with it a chance to work on it to make it better. Peter went on to discuss some of the intent and provisions of the bill. He wanted people to think about ideas to incorporate into the bill and let him know of their ideas. One other item that Peter brought up was that Kelly Ayotte is now on the executive board of Veterans Count. Peter sent a draft copy of the April Lunch flyer to her husband, Joe Dailey that says that Kelly will be receiving the Granite State Warriors Award (GSWA) at the luncheon. Peter hopes to get together with her when he is down in Washington in April for Storming the Hill.

Personal Affairs: Russ Register reported that this month we have one important topic from MOAA. That issue is the repeal of sequestration. He sent out a blast email to our membership with a link to MOAA's suggested email to be sent to our Congressional representatives. Peter Burdett commented on the importance of repealing sequestration. Peter also mentioned

another important issue, the “widow’s tax”, that he will bring up during Storming the Hill. Roby Day brought up that the sequestration item was included in the Affiliate so why did we need to send out a blast email. Peter pointed out that only the chapter leadership receives the Affiliate email, so the rest of the chapter needs the blast email.

Membership: Michael McLean pointed out that there are two reports – February’s cancelled meeting report and March’s report:

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
New member	3	1
Deceased members	0	1
Dropped members	1	0
Current total membership	781	781

As of 3/9, of the 321 dues letters sent out, we have received 227 responses or 70.7%. Of note, only 15 members have taken advantage of paying dues online so far. 9 members with dues year 2015, out of 37, have paid their 2017 dues or 24.3%.

Recruiting: Peter Burdett reported that Jon VanGuilder was off doing USAF simulator training and Dave Wall called in sick. Peter brought up that there is a document that lists seven good reasons to join our chapter. Peter said we need to have those reasons in the forefront of our brains so, if we meet someone who is eligible to join the chapter, we will have them to talk to the individual. Peter said that Tony Burdo had suggested incentives for chapter members to recruit new members. Tony presented that following suggested incentives for consideration:

<u>Number of members recruited:</u>	<u>Incentive:</u>
3-7	Free Luncheon and a MOAA-NH appreciation plaque.
8-14	Free one year annual membership and a small MOAA-NH appreciation plaque. Or \$75.00 and a plaque if new members were recruited by a life member.
15 or more	Free life membership and a large MOAA-NH appreciation plaque.

Tony suggested that the Recruiting and Retention Committee under Goal 1 of our Goals and Objectives might want to incorporate these incentives. Peter concurred. Going back to the seven good reasons to join our chapter, Michael McLean pointed out that we have had “six good reasons” for a number of years and have included them on the back side of the recruiting letters we have sent out. They have also been on our web site. Michael said he will send them to whoever wants them. (*Secretary’s comment – the seven good reasons are attached.*) Speaking of incentives, Michael said that, for curiosity, he went through those who had joined the chapter last year (2016) to see who, if any, had been referred by a chapter member. He then ran down the list. (The breakdown is available to anyone who wants it by contacting Michael.)

Programs: Sandy Way talked about the next luncheon on the 29th of April. The flyer is going to the printer tomorrow (3/10). He covered the next event in June and said that we finally have a location for the fall luncheon – The Inn on Main in Wolfeboro. He said we may have free

admission to the museum there in Wolfeboro that day; he needs to double check on that. Roby Day said they will be away for that luncheon; so somebody needs to take the responses and do the check in.

BREAK FOR DINNER

Reconvened Meeting at 1938

Web Page: Michael McLean pointed out that there are two reports – February’s cancelled meeting report and March’s report – 185 hits in January and 157 hits in February.

Travel Programs: Peter Burdett pointed out that the title is now “Travel Programs” as apposed to “Travel Program” before. This is because in addition to Collette trips that Tony Burdo manages, we now have Military Historical Tours (MHT), of which Dave Wall is an unpaid employee. As a result Dave Wall can not represent MHT; so Tony will officially cover both programs. Tony Burdo reported that he has not received any input on the MHT. However, we have several people signed up for the MHT Ireland trip. [*discussed at the January Board meeting*] Tony presented the following report on Collette tours for 2018:

The following four tours have been contracted with Collette. He is planning two more fall tours to be announced in the near future.

California and America’s Western Wonders – March 2018, 12 days, 10-22 March 2018, \$4179

Romantic Road & Fairytale Road (Germany), – 12-23 April 2018, 12 days, \$3,999

Discover Scotland – August 2018, 10 days, (Price and exact dates in August TBD*)

Charming French Canada – September 2018, 8 days, (Price and exact dates TBD*)

Bruce Avery pointed out that since we have had a relationship with Collette, the chapter has received over \$17,000 in commissions. This is over a period of six to seven years.

Scholarship Loan Program: Joe DiChiaro not present as he had another meeting. He sent the following report:

Payments are coming in as scheduled and those beginning this year have set up automatic payments which are now the case for most. The transition of this phase of the program is complete. Cal is still handling the application process for next year and will turn over the rest of his responsibilities at our annual summer meeting when we approve next years' recipients. He will remain a member of the committee. He has advised Mike of the deadline for applications which he will include in a letter to existing recipients. For the benefit of member parents or grandparents that deadline is June 20, 2017 and applications may be requested from Cal.

Strategic Initiatives: Bruce Avery had no report.

Granite State Warriors Award: Bruce Avery said that they have added four more candidates for the award this year – Dr. James Wright (Bruce recommends deferring him until 2018), Sig Sauer, Dysfunctional Veterans Farm, and The Patriot Resilient Leadership Institute. Three of these are going to require some vetting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Joe DiChiaro not present as he had another meeting. He sent the following report:

We are beginning to hear from our ROTC and JROTC units as they schedule their Awards ceremonies. UNH Army ROTC will be holding their Awards ceremony in the Memorial Union Building, Granite State Room at UNH at 9:00 AM on Friday April 28, 2017. CWO 5 Bernie Sattterfield will be presenting the award in uniform. Joe has also extended the invitation to Hunt Kerrigan so that he can become familiar with this activity. Anyone else would like to attend is welcome to do so as it is a good opportunity meet the cadets and their families. The first JROTC unit to provide a date is Army at White Mountain Regional High School which will hold their program on Saturday May 27th. Joe will provide more details as they come in. Bernie is also planning on doing this one. Salem High School AFJROTC will be holding theirs at 5:30 PM on Wednesday May 10th. Joe will be presenting here but welcome any other AF types to join him for the refreshments at 5:30 or the start of Awards at 6:30.

NH Veterans Home: Joe DiChiaro not present as he had another meeting. He sent the following report:

Joe presented our check for \$500 to the President of the Residents Council of the NH Veterans Home on February 7th and was asked to pass on the thanks of the Commandant. There are many opportunities to volunteer each month so if anyone is interested in spending a few hours assisting at an entertainment night or other activity please let Joe know.

Roby Day Commented that he received a thank you letter from the Veterans Home for our check and that he will scan the letter and send it to the Board members.

Nominations (Directors & Officers): No Reports.

PAO: Peter Burdett reported that we still don't have one. Bruce Avery said he could send out a blast email if Peter would give him some words. Peter said that everything needed to be said is in our Operations Handbook. Bruce can just pick what he wants to include. Peter added that the PAO can be a spouse or anyone, not necessarily on the Board.

Granite Slate: Peter Dawson not present. Peter Burdett passed around a draft copy of the *Granite Slate*. Peter Burdett still has his "President's Column" to write.

Web Communications - FB: Jon VanGuilder not present. Peter Burdett asked if anyone has been on our Facebook page recently. He encouraged people to check it out and like it.

SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee: Andrew Breuder submitted his report of the February Committee meeting (**attached**) as well as the minutes from the December 2016 meeting (**attached**). Andrew also submitted the reports mentioned in the minutes (**attached**). Peter Burdett commented that the one page chart of Veteran Density and Selected TRICARE Service Density was particularly interesting. Peter also mentioned that he had sent everyone on the Board an email with a link to a veterans survey, being administered by UNH, and asked that everyone fill out the survey and then send the email on to another veteran.

LIAISONS:

ESGR: Sandy Way reported that they had a meeting in February in Concord. The head of the ESGR in New Hampshire, David Quinn, is stepping down. Bruce Thomas has volunteered to become the ESGR Chair. He has to be approved by the national ESGR. Sandy's other position in the ESGR is Boss Lift Coordinator. They are starting to plan for flights for this summer (May through October). They do lifts on the refueling tankers at Pease and Blackhawk helicopters from Concord. The ESGR is planning for their annual awards presentations on May 13th, given to people who support ESGR. Sandy then went into more detail about the Lift Program and the transitions to new aircraft.

Transition Liaison: Bancroft McKittrick not present. He sent the following report:

Col Dave Wall, USMCR (Ret) referred LtCol Tomas Reilly, USMC (Ret) to him for employment opportunity references and contacts. Bancroft provided him several references and contacts. Although he found employment on his own, he appreciated MOAA-NH transition support. Also, Bancroft was contacted by a company seeking to fill a Logistics Analyst position. He provided the information to Mike who added it to our website.

VAMC Manchester: Bernie Satterfield reported that February's meeting was cancelled because of the weather. Bernie did add that they are constructing a new pharmacy which will have more room than their present location. The next meeting is on March 13th.

Martins Point: Bob Jaffin not present. Peter Burdett said that Bob will attend the next meeting in April.

Auxiliary: Peter Burdett said that we are still looking for someone to fill this position. Michael McLean said that we need to fill this position by the end of the year as it is a requirement for the 5-Star LOE submission. Michael commented that one of the things that Bev Kemp did as Auxiliary Liaison was to write condolence notes to the surviving spouses. She sent Michael a sample of the notes she had sent out. Michael said that he could take over that function because he knows who has died and who the spouse is. Michael thought of Gwen Devoe. Sharon Day commented that she had spoken to Gwen a year ago and she seemed interested but had several personal issues that were occupying her time. Peter asked if Sharon would approach her again.

OLD BUSINESS:

Goals and Objectives 2017 Committee: Tony Burdo reported that he has sent out some exact measures for the Goals and Objectives to the goal owners for comment. Peter Burdett said we have already made changes to the first Goal with the earlier discussion of recruiting incentives. Tony said that perhaps the most important Goal for the next few years is recruiting and retention. He recommends that the Goal owners appoint committees to assist in meeting the objectives and measures of the Goal. Roby Day asked if anyone has approached Jon VanGuilder about this. Tony said it was up to the Goal owners, but he would assist if asked.

Speaker Gift: Peter Burdett said he believes we are set for April with a book signed by Dr. James Wright. Peter asked who is responsible for getting the book. He thinks it is Dave Wall and Peter will contact him.

Need PAO: We still need one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gold Bar Program: Joe DiChiaro sent the following report:

He would recommend that we continue the Gold Bar program as he has again checked with MOAA national and we have the latitude to purchase just what we wish to award from either their supplier or directly at an on base exchange. He has some inventory left from what they have provided last year which will handle our AFROTC needs and will purchase only the cami bar for the Army as the kit they have been using is no longer of much value since the Army now only has the Blue uniform which uses epaulets rather than gold bars. The cloth insignia changes at the whim of uniform designers so he will only purchase when we know how many we need that year. We get a return on the Gold Bar program monetarily for each new LT that accepts the national free membership so it is a win-win for us.

He would drop the MOAA ribbon and medal award as it was designed by MOAA for Juniors in both ROTC and JROTC which was fine as long as it was free. The cost now is \$5.95 in a plastic bag or \$10.25 in the box as previously presented he doesn't see it of any value to us or even to the recipients since the medal is rarely worn and the ribbon will only be worn for one year especially for ROTC since it is not worn with active duty ribbons. Since we have been awarding these to both ROTC units and 10 JROTC units and they will also be charging \$2.75 for each certificate holder also, this is a waste of money for us.

TAX Form 990: Roby Day said that even though we are a non-profit, we still have to send the IRS an income statement and balance sheet. He went into further detail of the filing requirements. He said the form is of little use but the IRS wants it. Peter Burdett will sign it.

Town Voting: Bernie Satterfield brought up that March 14th is voting day in many NH towns, and one of the items will be the changes to the veterans' tax exemptions.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 13 April 2017 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2014 hours.

Michael A. McLean
CDR, USN (Ret.)
Secretary
New Hampshire Chapter

ATTACHMENTS: 5

March 08, 2017 11:17PM

NH Veterans Notes:

Post 2

MANCHESTER — American Legion Post 2, Sweeney Post, welcomes the Black Light Band this Friday, March 10, from 8 to 11 p.m.

VA medical center to hold town hall

MANCHESTER — The Manchester VA Medical Center is hosting a town hall for veterans, family members and the public to provide feedback on VA operations and recommendations for VA programs.

The town hall will take place Tuesday, March 14, from noon to 1 p.m. in the training and education room of the medical center at 718 Smyth Road, Manchester.

This town hall is one of many that VA is holding around the country. The meeting will be an open forum where veterans can engage with VA officials about healthcare and benefits.

Congressional stakeholders, veteran service groups and non-governmental organizations are also encouraged to attend.

Scholarships available for kids of fallen vets

CONCORD — Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is currently seeking qualified New Hampshire student applicants for college scholarships for 2017.

The Foundation provides college scholarships to military children who have lost a parent in active military service, due to combat casualties, military training accidents, service related illnesses, suicide, as well as other duty related deaths as ruled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Foundation's mission is to ensure that every child of a fallen patriot receives all necessary college funds.

Annually, Children of Fallen Patriots awards \$6,250 to each student, providing scholarships toward a student's tuition, living expenses, transportation, internet expenses, health insurance and learning materials.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S.

Internal Revenue Code.

To date, the Foundation has assisted more than 750 military children who have lost a parent.

Children of Fallen Patriots research has found that nearly 20,000 dependents have been left behind by those killed in the line of duty over the past 35 years. Many surviving families struggle to make ends meet with nearly two-thirds of surviving spouses making less than \$50,000 per year. With no central repository of information from which to find these children, the organization works to find each and every one of these children to assist them in their growing success.

To learn more about Children of Fallen Patriots please visit www.fallenpatriots.org. To apply for a scholarship, contact Jay Lucas at jlucas@lucasgroupinc.com.

SEVEN GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER OF MOAA

Here are seven good reasons for any officer—active duty, Guard, Reserve, former, or retired, or their surviving spouse—to join MOAA-NH today. Check out our web site <http://www.moaa-nh.org> for a more comprehensive picture.

1. We make ourselves heard. Our chapter provides critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Our benefits under constant attack, now more than ever. MOAA-NH members regularly connect with national legislators, staff and local agencies to share our thoughts and concerns. We open doors for MOAA's legislative team in Washington, D.C. In these difficult times, MOAA members need to stick together and our chapter is the best way we know to do that.

2. Giving back to the community. Our members are MOAA's ambassadors in our communities, supporting countless programs that make a difference in the lives of others. We established the *Granite State Warriors Awards* to recognize NH individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the Armed Forces of the United States and we are actively involved with other government and non-government groups where we share common interests.

3. Value added to chapter member lives. Our chapter sponsors interesting programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders on issues important to members. We provide travel opportunities, an active scholarship loan program, well-attended meetings and great speakers.

4. Networking with fellow officers. Our chapter includes second career members in the work force or retired service members who have contacts in the community that can be valuable to transitioning officers. We work with other veterans groups frequently to assure achievement of common goal. For example are charter members of the influential State Veterans Advisory Committee and recently participated in a commission to study PTSD and TBI. This three-year effort resulted in significant improvement in the way agencies and organizations in NH work together to help victims and families.

5. Stay informed. Our chapter newsletter, website, and meetings provide you the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits. Our newsletter and web site have received national recognition for quality and effectiveness in meeting the needs of our members

6. Influencing state legislation. Several of our members are Representatives in the State Legislature and we participate in advisory groups to our Congressional delegation. We also have a strong representation on the statutory State Veterans Advisory Committee composed of four legislative members and fifteen veteran organizations to provide guidance and testimony on legislation of interest to veterans to provide a common voice for New Hampshire's veterans and their families.

7. Camaraderie with a purpose. Our chapter unites active duty, former, and retired officers from every branch of service, including National Guard and Reserve, as well as surviving spouses. Our camaraderie not only gives you a chance to connect with other members with similar backgrounds and interest, but to also develop close and lasting friendships.

SUD Commission Joint Military Task Force

Meeting of 16 Feb 2017

The first meeting of this sub-committee for 2017 was held on the above date. Formal meeting minutes were received electronically along with a copy of the current draft of the SUD Action Plan and dual sided Fact Sheet (see attached).

1. Due to the adverse weather conditions, there were only five attendees physically present at this meeting while another five dialed into a conference call for the meeting.
2. Again, there was an extensive discussion of the one page (front and back) draft Fact Sheet to be tentatively presented at the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment & Recovery meeting. Among the issues discussed concerning the fact sheet were the following:
 - a. Some of the graphics in the state need to more accurately reflect the issues with diagnosis, treatment, and TRICARE issues.
 - b. Need to consider establishing a list of facilities that accept TRICRE.
 - c. Consider adding a crisis hot line number to the fact sheet.
3. The balance of the meeting was spent discussing the attached SUD Action Plan and attempting to identify possible funding requirements to be included in the NH State Action Plan. The following items were discussed:
 - a. Updates to the "Ask the Question" website as changes occur with the TRICARE regional contracts take place. Easter Seals had been doing this under contract, but contract has now technically ended and new funding will be required for this function. Need to change planned action dates to reflect current situation.
 - b. Military Culture Training. Need a dollar estimate for making modifications to electronic medical records (EMR) to reflect this initiative. Need to know where the resulting data will be going, and what the cost will be to modify the EMR with specific "mandatory fields".
 - c. The Action Plan does not include any prevention initiatives. Need to add this to Section 2 and possibly send a member of this sub-committee to attend meetings of the Prevention Task Force.
 - d. Add "Stigma" to objectives plan as a possible military culture goal?
4. On 16 March, there will be a presentation on access and partnership (45 minute presentation with 15 minutes for questions) between 1445-1545 hours in the Walker Building, 21 Friend Street, Concord. There will be limited space for attendance.
5. Next scheduled meeting will be on 20 April 17.

Andrew J Breuder, MD, MPH, FACPM, CPE
Col (Ret), USAF, MC, CFS

NH Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Joint Military Task Force

15 December 2016

9:30-11:30

DHHS Brown Bldg Room 460

The mission of the Joint Military Task Force is to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable, relevant alcohol and other drug related services for military members and their families through education and collaboration.

Meeting Call in Information provided by Accenture Federal Services:

Phone number: (571) 293-3079

Conference ID: 145768139

- Welcome and Introductions
- Jess Blais (Accenture/ NHNG), Sue Brown (Riverbend), Amy Pepin (Center for Excellence), Chris Neiman (Manchester VAMC), Joe Moncher (DHHS), Andrew Breuder (MOAA Board of Directors), Chris Chant (Center for Excellence), Adelaide Murray (Community Health Institute), Bobby Graham (Congresswoman Kuster's office), Nancy Triantafyllou (Proforce)
- Leadership changes with PTSD/TBI commission
- Old Business
 - Fact Sheet approval
 - Edits:
 - Inclusion of information regarding families- military wives
 - Map still needs updates related to MLADC substance abuse/ mental health services
 - Information currently taken from treatment locator
 - Request for VA representative approval regarding data on SUD diagnosis
 - Concern about proliferation of SUD diagnosis for folks who have been on high dosage of opiates and react negatively to suggestion of titration
 - Dependency vs addiction
 - Over reporting vs. under reporting
 - Pull data for TBI and PTSD to overlay with the SUD data
 - Inclusion of information related to higher risk for suicide related to SUD
 - National Guard Data: concerns that self-report is low--- new data will be out in the spring
 - Discussion of panel testing and limits on drugs that are tested for
 - Suggestion to include explanation of URI- self report
 - Question about relevance/pertinence of this information
 - Is there comparable data within the state of NH
 - Behavioral risk factors- CDC
 - Expand collection local data to better identify gaps
 - Discussion of approval process and timeline- share draft at Commission

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- Call to Action
 - Bullet points? Is this too wordy? Does language get lost?
 - Simplify/combine call to action and next steps
- Next Steps ...
 - To better serve military, veterans and service members
 - Review of Draft Goals and Objectives
- NH Center For Excellence to present data
 - Power point developed for
 - Power point developed of Joint Military Task Force
 - Data sets that relate to military families- Young Adult Survey- have you personally served and Youth Risk Survey- family members
 - Compared data of youth who identified military family members with those without
 - Risk Rates higher for youth who have family members
 - Statistically significant findings
 - Demonstrably higher risk population
 - YRB analysis should inform recommendations to the commission and the governor's strategic plan
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 - State wide planning process general discussion
 - Plan to release 3yr plan in Oct 2017- Sept 2020
 - Focus on all substances
 - Highlight specific populations
 - CFE spear heading effort
 - Commissions
 - Task Force
 - Time to work on template through April
 - Chairs will present templates (priorities/strategies suggestions) for plan in early may
 - Include both strategic recommendations for state wide needs that individual task force can't accomplish (i.e. expansion of veteran behavioral tracks) and goals that will be accomplished by task force
 - Enforcement
 - Draft in early September with release in October
 - Membership list- not just distribution but active participants
 - Data Dashboard for Governor's commission

NH Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

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- Opioid crisis
 - Overdose incidents (not deaths) have continued to rise, but rate is slowing
 - Narcan administration is going down but most likely due to dissemination efforts and increased individual access to narcan (i.e narcan being administered prior to ems arrival)
 - Collected data related to charges and diversion, understand consequences of incarceration
 - 20% of incarcerated individuals (only sorted by top charge) are drug related
 - 50% of DCYF cases had drug/alcohol related risk factors
 - Prevalence of alcohol and prescription drug use have statistically significantly decreased- YRBS—correlates with prevention efforts
 - Funding request
- Wrap up and what's next

Our 2016 Meeting Schedule:

~~18 FEB 2016~~

~~21 APR 2016~~

~~16 JUN 2016~~

~~18 AUG 2016~~

~~20 OCT 2016~~

15 DEC 2016

All meetings will be held in the DHHS Brown Building room 460 from 9:30-11:30.

A call in number will be provided at the top of each agenda.



Joint Military Task Force: 2017

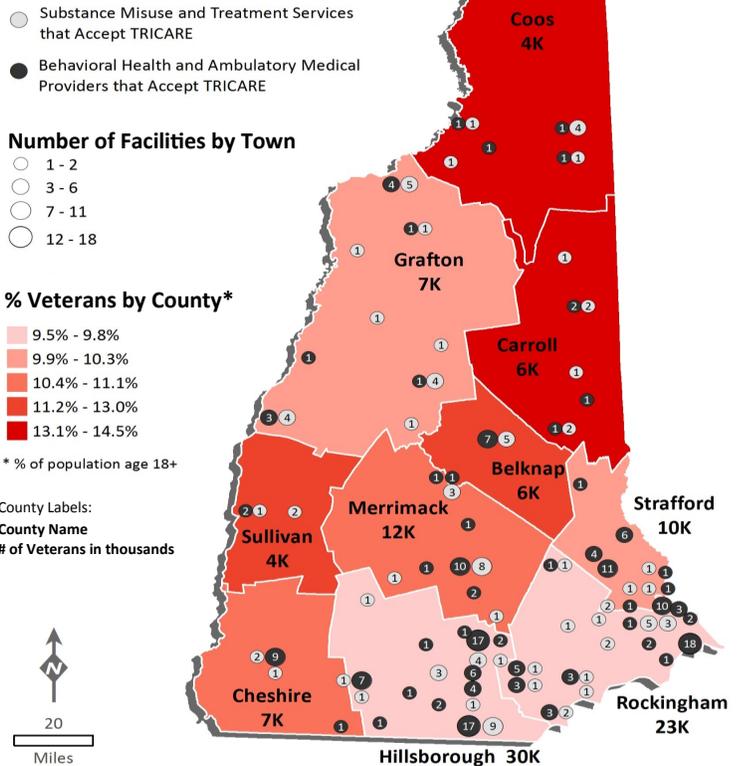
Mission: The mission of the Joint Military Task Force is to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable, relevant alcohol and other drug services for service members, veterans and their families through education and collaboration.

Statement of Problem:

- According to 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) 1.5 million veterans aged 17 or older (6.6%) had a substance use disorder in the past year.
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS) 2015 indicates that NH youth with military family members reported significantly higher rates of alcohol and drug misuse than youth with non-military family members.
- When compared with all married women aged 18 to 49, military wives were more likely to use alcohol in the past 30 days (53.8% vs. 67.8%) and were more likely to engage in binge drinking in the past 30 days (22.7 vs. 31.5%). (NSDUH 2015)
- The rate of substance use disorders among veterans is 12.7% among those who served in the military since September 2001. (NSDUH 2013)

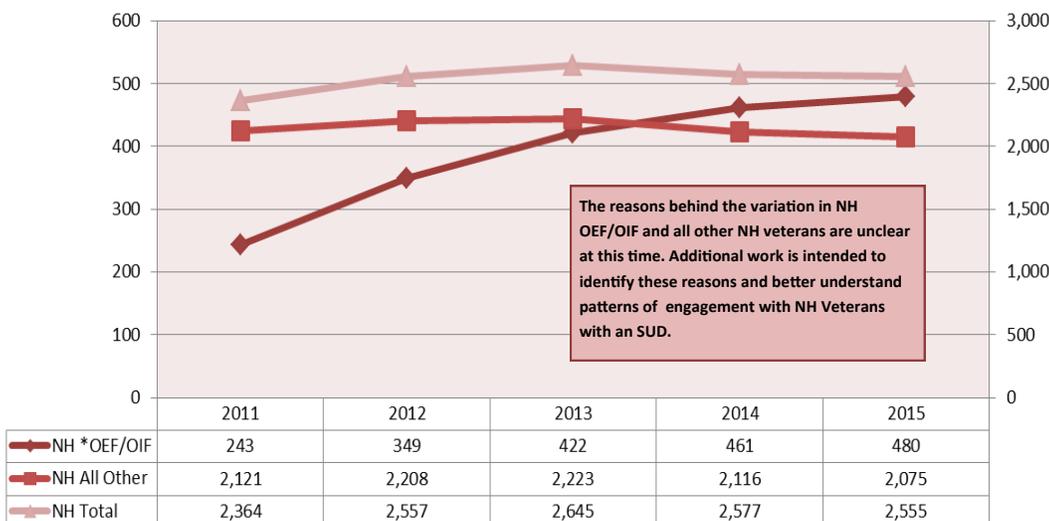
Access: In New Hampshire, counties with the highest densities of veteran populations typically have the least number of facilities that accept TRICARE. Additionally, access to substance misuse services becomes increasingly inadequate due to the nature of TRICARE insurance. SUD services are only covered in the event that the veteran has a dual-diagnosis of both SUD and a mental health disorder, AND the M/LADC is dual certified in SUD and mental health.

Veteran Density and Selected TRICARE Service Density



Source: NHTreatment.org, 2010-2014 American Community Survey, Health Net Federal Services TRICARE Provider Directory New Hampshire (2016)

NH Veterans with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Diagnosis at a VA Medical Center



Barriers and Gaps to Treatment:

- Stigma
- TRICARE and Veteran's Choice: Limited coverage and provider base
- Military Culture Training for substance use providers
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Geographic distribution of providers
- No Active Duty Installations

*Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (Post 9/11 veterans) / Source: Manchester VA Medical Center



Joint Military Task Force: 2017

2017 GOALS

STATE:

- Further promotion of “Ask the Question” Campaign.
- Ongoing promotion of Military Culture Trainings.
- Inform and educate providers and other stakeholders of training resources, both web-based and local.
- Reduce stigma.
- Collect additional local data to better represent military and service members in the state.
- Support Commission of PTSD and TBI.
- Support Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.

FEDERAL:

- Promote NH local data at the Federal level.
- Educate federal partners on NH’s barriers in providing prevention, early intervention, and treatment to veterans, service members and their families.
- Encourage multisystem changes in federally funded insurance programs to ensure parity.
- Advocate for adequate funding.

2015 NH Army National Guard Unit Risk Inventory (URI) (1,100 respondents)

NH

Problem Drinkers	16%
Have driven under the influence of alcohol/drugs	10%
Have used illegal drugs	2%

16%

Have driven under the influence of alcohol/drugs

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Have used illegal drugs

2%

About the URI: The URI, an annual survey administered to Army National Guard soldiers, measures both risk and protective factors and offers a picture of how NH soldiers are doing. The survey offers self-reported results from the perspective of the soldier and is generally administered to all deploying soldiers at least 30 days before a deployment and to redeploying soldiers between 30 and 180 days of their return.

Impacts of Comorbidity:

- Comorbidity is when two disorders or illnesses occur in the same person, either at the same time or one after another. Comorbidity can also refer to the complex interactions between the illnesses and the impact that they can cause on the course of treatment and prognosis of both disorders. (*National Institute on Drug Abuse 2010*)
- During the past 10 years, the number of Veterans with comorbid SUD and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in VA care has increased over three-fold; in 2012 the prevalence of PTSD among Veterans receiving specialized SUD care was 32%. (*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*)
- Comorbid PTSD and SUD is associated with chronic physical health problems, poorer social functions, higher rates of suicide attempts, more legal problems, increased risk of violence, more barriers to engagement, and less improvement during treatment. (McCaughey J., Killeen, T., et Al. *Posttraumatic stress disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders: advances in assessment and treatment.* Clin Psychol New York. 2012; 19(3))
- Evidence shows that in general people have improved PTSD and SUD symptoms when they are provided treatment that addressed both conditions. (*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*)

The Joint Military Task Force: was established on December 15, 2015 per approval by the Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery. The Task Force reflects a ‘joint’ partnership between the Governor’s Commission and the Commission on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. The Joint Military Task Force serves as one of the 6 Task Forces that has evolved from the membership and work of the Military & Civilian Alcohol and Drug Committee (MCAD) established in 2010. Leadership of the Task Force includes:

- **Chair:** Major General William Reddel, *Adjutant General, NH National Guard*
- **Vice Chairs:** Jessica Blais, *Contracted Alcohol and Drug Control Officer for Army National Guard* Jessica.a.blais@accenturefederal.com and Sue Brown, *State Community Mental Health Center Military Liaison* sjbrown@riverbendcmhc.org
- **Advisor:** Jo Moncher, *Bureau Chief, Military Programs, NH DHHS* jamoncher@dhhs.state.nh.us
- **Secretary:** Victoria Bagshaw, *Housing Program Manager, Military and Veterans Services, Easterseals New Hampshire* mbagshaw@eastersealsnh.org

Meeting Dates: The Joint Military Task Force meets on the 3rd Thursday every other month, 9:30-11:30am in Room 460 of the NH Department of Health and Human Services, 129 Pleasant Street in Concord. **Meeting Dates include:** April 20, 2017, June 15, 2017, August 17, 2017, October 19, 2017 and December 21, 2017.

PRIORITY AREA 1: Example: Medication Assisted Treatment Access			
RECOMMENDED STATE PLAN STRATEGIES	RECOMMENDED TASK FORCE STRATEGIES	OTHER TASK FORCE(S)	OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
<i>1. Introduce, strengthen, and support the "Ask the Question" Campaign among Substance Use Treatment Providers;</i>	<i>1. Easter Seal NH Military and Veterans staff will add SUD tab and resources to the "Ask the Question" site by Dec 1, 2016</i>		
	<i>2. Joint Military Task Force will make ongoing recommendations for additions to the "Ask the Question" site</i>		
	<i>3. Information on becoming a Tricare and Veteran's Choice providers will be included by Jan 1, 2017</i>		
	<i>4. Joint Military Task Force will explore possible funding sources to help maintain the "Ask the Question" SUD section, ensuring up to date and accurate information</i>		
<i>2. Promote and advocate for Military Culture Trainings for Substance Use Treatment Providers</i>	<i>1. Ongoing promotion of free on line accredited Military Culture and SUD treatment focused training</i>		
	<i>2. Communication with New Hampshire Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association (NHADACA) and New Hampshire Training Institute on Addictive Disorders (NHTIAD) regarding the scheduling a total of at least 12 Military Culture training hours in 2017</i>		
	<i>3. Identification of qualified trainers to provide the above training to SUD prevention, intervention, and treatment providers throughout the state</i>		
<i>3. Coordinate technical assistance supports to Substance Use Treatment Providers on becoming Tricare Providers and Veterans Choice providers; and</i>	<i>1. Receive and disseminate updates on Tricare changes at least bi-monthly</i>		
	<i>2. Work with Center of Excellence to develop a survey to determine the following;</i> <i>i. Identification of SUD providers within our</i>		

	<p><i>state who are Tricare and Veteran Choice providers</i></p> <p><i>ii. Barriers to becoming credentialed and assistance needed</i></p> <p><i>iii. Comfort level working with Service Members, Veterans, and their families</i></p>		
	<p><i>3. Provide assistance and resources to SUD treatment providers who are interested in treating this population</i></p>		
<p>4. Participate and support the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery - and the Task Force (subcommittees) - on programs and issues that support and strengthen the mission of the Joint Military Task Force.</p>	<p><i>1. At least one person from the Joint Military Task Force leadership team will accompany he chair to each Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery meeting</i></p>		
	<p><i>2. Joint Military Task Force communication and collaborate with the other Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Task Forces to strengthen efforts</i></p>		