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## The New Hampshire Military Officers Association Honors Senator Jeanne Shaheen

**Dover, NH-** Commander Bruce Avery USN (Ret.) President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (NHMOAA) and Colonel Chad Chadwick, USA (Ret.), honored U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) this past Thursday at her office in Dover for her bi-partisan support of the 157<sup>th</sup> Air Refuel Wing, New Hampshire Air National Guard's, national bid to be selected for the U.S. Air Force (USAF) KC-46 fielding at Pease Air National Guard Base. The Boeing KC-46 is a military aerial refueling and strategic transport aircraft developed by Boeing from its 767 jet airliner. In February 2011, the tanker was selected by the USAF as the winner in the KC-X tanker competition to replace older KC-135 Stratotankers. U.S. Senator Shaheen, along with U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), worked tirelessly the past 18 months in a combined and bi-partisan effort to highlight the strengths of the New Hampshire Air National Guard and the countless reasons that Pease Air National Guard Base should be chosen by the USAF for the fielding. In May 2013, the U.S. Air Force did just that. "It is an honor to present to you a token of our thanks and gratitude, not only for your efforts regarding the KC-46, but for what you do for all military members and their families as part of the Senate Armed Forces Committee" Avery said. When asked by Commander Avery what NHMOAA could do for the Senator, she responded by saying "continue to highlight to our legislators the importance of ending sequestration. I am concerned by the lack of urgency on behalf of some folks in Washington, D.C."

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan affiliation with more than 380,000 members from every branch of service including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families. It represents a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers. The New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA consists of just under 900 members. More information can be found at <http://www.moaa-nh.org> or <http://www.moaa.org/main>.



(L to R) U. S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Commander Bruce Avery, USN (Ret), President NH Military Officers Association of America (NHMOAA)