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The guest speaker for the annual meeting, RADM Daniel A. Neptun, USCG Director of Personnel Management, provided an excellent overview of Maritime Domain Awareness and Coast Guard role. Presenting the Chapter's appreciation is Pres Huber.



Newly elected President Gary Terhune receives congratulations and the President's gavel from RADM Neptun and outgoing President Joan Huber.

### Upcoming Programs for 2009

Jan 24th	<b>Nashua, NH-Crowne Plaza; Guest Speaker Morrill Worcester, President of the Worcester Wreath Company</b>
August 1st	Lobster Bake Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Nov 7th	Annual Meeting, Manchester Country Club, Bedford

### A Heart Felt Thanks for your Service to the outgoing Officers and Board of Directors

A well-deserved message of thanks to those whose terms of service ended at the Annual Meeting held Nov 8th. Your selfless, dedicated commitment to goals of the Military Officers Association of America ensured the New Hampshire Chapter was at the forefront of the important issues

#### Outgoing Chapter Officers

President	Joan Huber
Vice President	Gary Terhune
Secretary	Mary Moran
Treasurer	Joan Huber

#### Board of Directors members whose terms expired

Robert Introne	Russell Ober
Jennifer Wright	Steve Waterman

## Chapter Officers

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## President's Corner

As I take over the reins of our chapter for 2009 I feel fortunate because this organization has been excellent by any standard and as attested to by National with 6 straight 5 star awards. It doesn't get any better than that. At the same time we do

have a few challenges as we move forward. Our decreasing membership, rising costs in an increasingly hostile economic environment, and of course maintaining the high standards that this chapter has grown accustomed to will have to be dealt with.

However, we have a great team of dedicated people who have a sincere desire to continue the level of excellence that has made us so successful in the past. New to our BOD this year is Bruce Avery whom we welcome warmly and, although he is not new to the BOD, we welcome Jim Lefebvre in his new position as Vice President.

Our membership has been dropping steadily since 2005. We want to get our numbers back up not for the sake of numbers but because we have a great chapter and want to share what we do with as many former and current officers as we can. Here is what we plan to do. First, the BOD is undertaking a letter writing and calling campaign to contact members of National that our living in our communities. We will encourage them to join us and send a brochure. Unfortunately, there are about 850 people in the state who are not members of our chapter so there aren't enough of us on the BOD to contact everyone. Therefore we need your help to make this a successful campaign. Please contact Michael McLean, our membership chairman, if you would like to help out. We will supply you with a ready to personalize recruiting letter, brochures and a list of names in your community to contact. Second, there are former officers, as well as current NHANG, USAR officers, and ROTC officers in our state that may not know about us. If you know any of these people, please tell them about us. We are discussing dividing the state up into regions similar to how we're doing our luncheons. Stay tuned for more later.

The life blood of our chapter is our luncheons and clambake. In case you haven't already heard, our first luncheon of 2009 is 24 Jan at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker, Mr. Morrill Worcester and his wife Karen, who will tell us about how his company came to provide Christmas wreaths to the Arlington National Cemetery every year. We are lining up some exciting venues and speakers. In this same vein, we are looking for ways to enhance our luncheons. One idea would be to add an event following a luncheon for those members that would like to do something with local flavor. For example, if a luncheon were held in North Conway we might be able to arrange a reduced price to take a ride on the Conway Scenic Railroad. Please let Jim Lefebvre, our program coordinator, or a member of the BOD, know if you have some good ideas or want to join a team that sponsors an activity.

We have had inquiries about a travel program. There are a number of reasons we haven't had one, not the least of which is having an enthusiastic person(s) to coordinate it. National is willing to help including sending a person to speak to the chapter. 2009 may be a little ambitious but we would like to hear from you if

## Annual Meeting Elects Officers and Board of Directors

The leadership of the MOAA for the upcoming year elected at the annual meeting is:

President	Gary Terhune
Vice Pres	Jim Lefebvre
Secretary	Mary Moran
Treasurer	Joan Huber

Also, elected—new members of the Board of Directors.

Three year term

Russ Ober	Stephen Waterman
Bruce Avery	John Graham

One year term

William Golding

## **New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !**

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you want a travel program.

Finally, I have been a member of this chapter since 1992 and I am very proud of it. We have one of the best chapters in the country with many dedicated volunteers and I look forward to serving with you in our communities, state, and country!

*Gary*

## Update on the New Hampshire MOAA Scholarship Loan Program

Children and Grandchildren of active members of the New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA are eligible for interest free loans. The actual amount is dependent upon funds available and number of students applying and according to Cal Hosmer, the committee chair. This year students could be awarded up to \$3000. Many thanks to Cal Hosmer, and all those who work to ensure resources are available to our next generation.

Here is a short summary of what this program has accomplished

Students paying off in full:	33	Students actively paying off loans:	14
Students who begin paying this month:	6	Students still in school with loans:	12

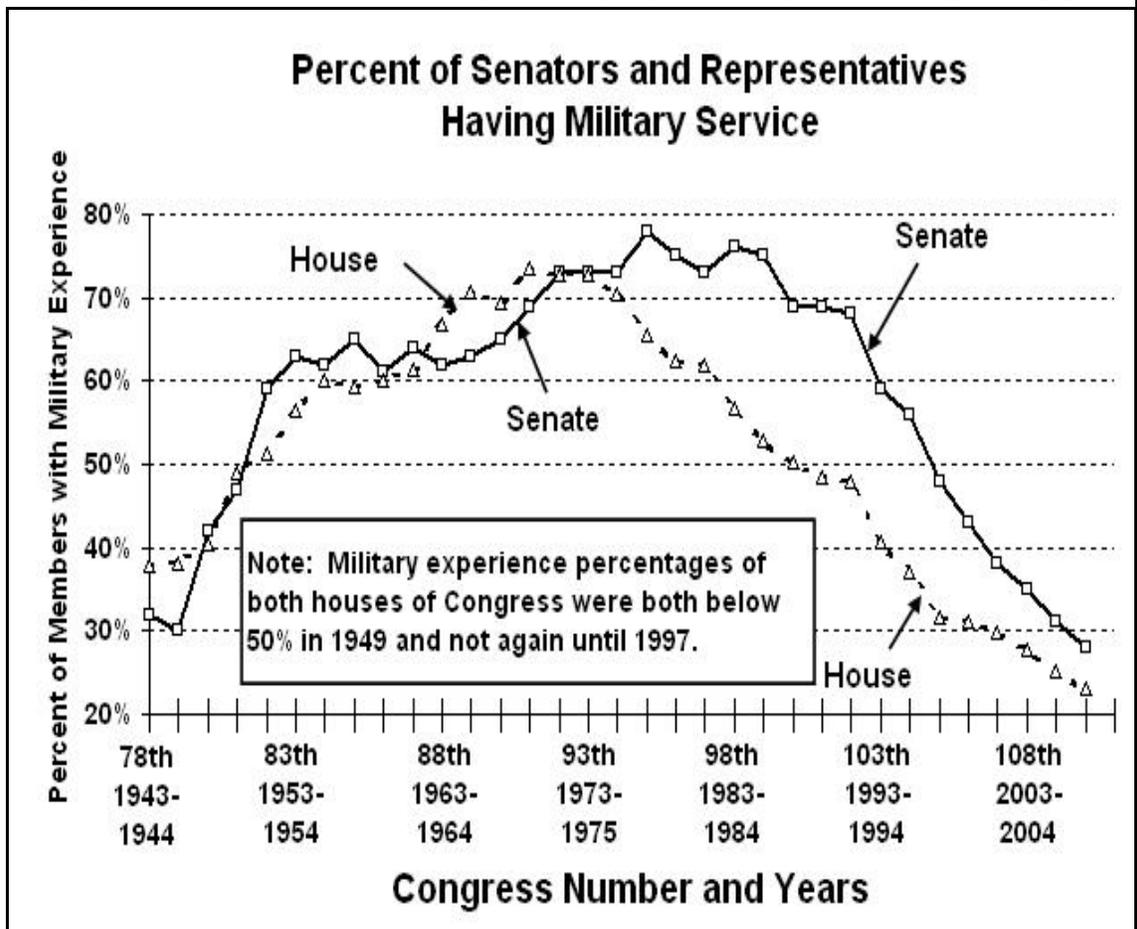
### Current Financial Status

Trust Fund Investments:	\$69,374	Outstanding Loans to be repaid	\$119,211.75
Checking Account:	\$4085	Portion for Current or just graduated:	\$75,325
Donations in 2008	\$6124	Portion in active repayment:	\$43,866.75
Amount of Loans Fully Paid off		\$96,799	

## Vets Aren't Taking the Hill

In the current 110th Congress, only 28% of U.S. senators and 23% of U.S. representatives have served in the military (active duty, Guard, or Reserve). That percentage has been declining steadily since it peaked at 74% in the House (1969-70) and 78% in the Senate (1977-78). (See the post-WWII year-by-year changes.) Not all of the results are in yet, but it looks like this year's election will continue that downward trend.

In the Senate, there are ten certain seat changes so far, including Senators Obama and Biden. Four of the departures are vets, and none of the nine known replacements are. In the Georgia runoff the challenger for Sen. Chambliss' (R-GA) seat is a veteran. That means the new Senate will have a minimum of 25 vets, but could have up to 28 if a veteran wins the Georgia seat and if veterans are appointed by the Illinois and Delaware governors to fill the Obama and Biden seats.



In the House, there are 50 certain seat changes so far. Sixteen of the departures are vets, and only 12 of the replacements are. So the new House will have a minimum of 93 veterans (a decline to 21.4%) the lowest number in the post World War II era.

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Steve Waterman, from the Board of Directors, presents Alice Brown, Assistant to the Commandant New Hampshire Veteran's Home a donation of \$453.77 from the membership of the NH Military Officers Association of America. The gift will be used for resident Christmas presents. In a note to the Chapter, Alice expressed her thanks on behalf of all the residents.

### **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS CEMETERY**

There will be a 45 minute **Wreaths Across America** ceremony at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH, on **December 13, 2008** at 12 noon. This ceremony will be occurring simultaneously with numerous others nationwide. This is a wonderful way to remember our service members at the holiday season. If you would like more information about the **Wreaths Across America** program, as well as, the other sites being honored on this day, visit their website at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)



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