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Former National MOAA Board Member Bancroft McKittrick swears in newly elected Board of Directors and Chapter Officers at Annual Meeting

Results of Elections at 2011 Annual Meeting

NH MOAA Officers Reelected to one Year Term

President	CDR Peter S. Burdett, USN (Ret)
Vice-Pres	CDR Bruce F. Avery, USN (Ret)
Secretary	MAJ Patricia A. Graham, USA (Ret)
Treasurer	CAPT Joan M. Huber, NC, USN (Ret)

Board of Directors (unexpired term through 2012)

Lt Col Ed Josephson, USAF (Ret)

Board of Directors (Three year term)

CAPT Paul Chapman, USN (Ret)
COL Allen Chadwick, USA (Ret)
LTC John Graham, USA (Ret)
RADM Ted Lockhart, USN (Ret)

Thanks for your dedication and service

The NH Chapter of the MOAA thanks the outgoing officers and Board of Directors for their outstanding contributions to the success of the chapter. If you need proof-another 5-Star Banner Award says it all.

Thanks to the 2010-11 Chapter Officers:

President	Pete Burdett	VP	Bruce Avery
Secretary	Pat Graham	Treas	Joan Huber

(All offered to serve another year and were reelected)

& Board of Directors whose terms have expired:

Allen Chadwick	John Graham
Russ Ober	Steve Waterman

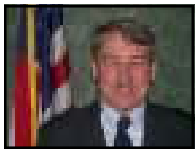


President Gary Pete Burdett presents the Speakers Gift to former Governor John H. Sununu for his presentation to the 2011 Annual Meeting

Chapter Officers

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President's Corner

Pete Burdett

Greetings to all as we look at transitioning through the holidays and into 2012. Your Board of Director's team has been busy...and likely the top event was the awarding of the 2011 Five Star award to the chapter in San Antonio, TX on the last weekend in October by ADM Steve Abbot, MOAA Chairman of the board (picture below). It was displayed at the MOAA annual meeting. Please review all the reports on the website for the details: www.moaa-nh.org. Those who missed the meeting missed an outstanding talk by former Governor John Sununu.

The trip that Susie and I took to San Antonio was NOT an arduous deployment. In fact, we arrived a few days early and checked out the famous River Walk downtown along with the Alamo. We even watched the IMAX movie on the battle –where they lived and died representing our NH motto: "Live Free or Die". MOAA business was routine, but I have again attempted during the Chapter Roundtable session to make a case for beginning electronic banking for the chapter and nationally. The American Legion has started paying annual members dues over their website now...we can reduce the paperwork and reduce the workload for our Treasurer and save our chapter \$\$\$\$. The goal is to make things easier for our members to join and sign up for events. Please help others find us and join the NH Chapter.

We have also recently supported the NH Veteran's Home with mailing Christmas cards to each resident. In that spirit, I thank each of you as we look forward to 2012 – wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Super Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

If you have an idea or wish to volunteer, just call or email.

Pete

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MOAA Chairman, Steve Abbot presents NH Chapter President Pete Burdett the 5-Star Banner

New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !

LTC Bruce Barton USAR (Ret) 14 Longview Dr Newbury, NH 03255	CAPT David Frye USN (Ret) 36 Colbourn Rd Rye NH 03870 Spouse: Cherie
Capt Henry Otto, Jr USMC (Ret) 694 County Rd New London, NH 03257 Spouse: Elizabeth	Capt Les Smith USMC, former 20 Gruner Ext Moultonborough, NH 03254 Spouse: Kimberly Jones
LCDR Arthur Vogel USN, former 45 Fall Mill Rd York, ME 03909 Spouse: Kathy	<i>Welcome to the MOAA Chapter of New Hampshire</i> <i>Look forward to seeing you at a future event!</i>

Amendments considered during Senate vote on 2012 Defense Authorization Bill.

Surviving amendments included:

- End deduction of VA survivor benefits (DIC) from military Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (Sen. Nelson, D-FL)
- Make the National Guard Bureau Chief a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Sen. Leahy, D-VT)
- Bar reduction of the basic housing allowance for National Guard making the transition from active to full-time National Guard duty (Sen. Brown, R-MA)
- Protect employment and re-employment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty (Sen. Blunt, R-MO)
- Provide a death gratuity and related benefits for Reserves who die during an authorized stay at their residence during or between successive days of inactive duty training (Sen. Pryor, D-AR)
- Direct a review of all current DoD military spouse employment programs (Sen. Casey, D-PA)

Provisions NOT adopted included amendments to:

- Further expand concurrent receipt (Sen. Reid, D-NV)
- Provide service members access to Flexible spending accounts (Sen. Boxer, D-CA)
- Authorize expanded voluntary retirement and separation incentives (Sen. Levin, D-MI)
- Acknowledge in law that career military people pre-pay extraordinary premiums for their healthcare through decades of service and sacrifice (Sen. Lautenberg, D-NJ)
- Allow SBP payments into a Special Needs Trust for dependent children (Sen. Webb, D-VA)

(source: MOAA Dec 2, 2011 Legislative update at www.moaa.org)

Granite State Warriors Award Announced

The Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA approved the establishment of *The Granite State Warriors Award*. This award will be given annually to the New Hampshire resident or organization making the most significant contribution to the Armed Forces of the United States. Criteria approved to be considered in the selection of deserving recipients will include:

1. Contributions in providing US forces with new and/or improved systems that vastly improve our military capability.
2. Such contribution may also be in providing services that directly result in improving the health, morale, and welfare of individual service persons and their direct families.

Recipients of the 2011 Award

Joseph McQuaid, President and Publisher of the Union Leader and Photographer Bob LaPree:

Joe and Bob spent several months embedded with Charlie Company of the New Hampshire National Guard on deployment to Afghanistan. The Union Leader coverage of the men and women of Charlie Company and their Afghan mission provided invaluable insight into and recognition of their contributions to the War on Terror.

Paul Moore: Paul was the driving force and backbone of MooreMart. Established in 2004, MooreMart has provided over 43,000 "Care Packages" to members of the armed forces serving in the Middle East, to members of the armed forces from throughout the United States serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, to hospitalized veterans at the new the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, as well as, to residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, NH and homeless veterans.

The awards ceremony will be at the Chapter Luncheon on January 21, 2012

New Hampshire WW II Combat Pilot Receives Air Medal

The **Air Medal** has been awarded to Colonel Robert W. Fortnam reflecting actions taken by Copilot Fortnam to save their B-17 aircraft, after being attacked at 25,000 feet by Focke Wolf 190 fighters, while enroute to Bremen, Germany, on October 8th, 1943, during World War II.

During the attack, Pilot Emmert received a bullet wound, and his oxygen hose was severed, which resulted in his becoming unconscious while seeking an emergency O-2 bottle. After extinguishing the fire in no. 3 engine, and shutting down a malfunctioning no. 2 engine, two engines were incapable of maintaining altitude, then Copilot Fortnam executed a safe emergency off-airport landing in Holland, and all ten crew members safely exited the aircraft.

The presentation was made by Peter Burdett, President of the New Hampshire Chapter Military Officers Association of America shown below on the left.



The MOAA-NH Travel Program for 2012

(see the exciting highlights of all these at www.moaa-nh.org)

June 24: 8 day trip to America's Music Cities of New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville. Reservations for this trip are needed by February 24, 2012.

Oct 1: 11 day trip to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. Reservations for this trip are needed by June 1, 2012

For more information: [Bruce at bruceavery@tds.net](mailto:Bruce@bruceavery@tds.net), 603-526-2854

Oct 14: First Annual Reunion Cruise. 7 day cruise from Boston on Royal Caribbean's Jewel of the Seas along the Maine and Canada's Maritime Provinces Coastline.

Cruise contact Dick at dandsvitale@roadrunner.com, 603-356-0136

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Upcoming Programs for 2012

Jan 21: Crowne Plaza, Nashua
Awarding of the Inaugural *Granite State Warrior Awards* (see page 3 for details)

Save the Dates for 2012

April 21st Portsmouth CC Greenland
June 2nd White Mountains area
August 4th Clambake, PNSY
September 29th Grantham
Nov 10th Annual Meeting Manchester CC



October's Guest Speaker **Ms. Tammy Follensbee**, Associate Director of the Manchester VA Medical Center spoke on projects at the Center



Mrs. Martha W. Gorham	Meredith, NH
Mrs. Mary C. Backus	New Boston, NH
COL Pierre D. Boy, USA (Ret)	Durham, NH
Mrs. Jean W. Misiewicz	Albany, NY
1st Lt James F. McIntosh, USAF (Ret.)	Nokomis, FL
LT Wayne M. Beasley, USN (Ret.)	Barrington, NH
Mrs. Adelle C. Fitzgerald	Dover, NH
CAPT William J. Hurst, USN (Ret.)	Hanover, NH