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President Joan Huber presents March guest speaker CAPT Terry J. Pudas, USN (Ret.), from Sec Def Force Transformation and Resources (left picture) and May guest speaker Gary De Gasta, Director of the VA Medical Center at White River Junction (right picture) chapter thanks for their respective presentations.



New Hampshire MOAA Website Wins National Award

Congratulations to the chapter and specifically to Michael McLean for being recognized for excellence in Large Chapter Communication (yes we are one of big-time chapters in the country). The website was runner-up in the national competition for excellence. The award is truly reflective of the dedication and commitment of the webmaster to ensuring the New Hampshire MOAA members stay well informed and have up to the minute information on the chapter through the website; which as you probably already now is:

<http://moaa-nh.home.comcast.net>

Coming Events

2007

2008

Aug 4 Clambake, Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard

Sep 22 Brass Heart Inn, Chocorua
Speaker: Dan Meehan, Historical Legends and Stories of the Chocorua area

Nov 10 Manchester C. C., Bedford *Speaker: RADM Joyce Johnson, USPHS (Ret)*

February 9

April 12

June 7

August 2

Sept TBD

Nov 8

Holiday Inn, Concord

The Oaks, Somersworth

Diamonds Edge North Restaurant,
Waterville Valley

Clambake, PNSY

Wentworth by the Sea

Manchester Country Club

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President's Corner

By Joan Huber

Can You Help?



MOAA-NH has the proud and delightful tradition of our annual "World Famous Clambake." I dare say many of you have enjoyed the day with family and friends since we typically feed about 450 people each year. The clambake has become well known in our neighboring states of Massachusetts and Vermont, as well as at the national headquarters of MOAA in Alexandria, Virginia. MOAA members from these areas regularly make the annual trek to Portsmouth to enjoy a day sitting by the ocean enjoying the mouth-watering delights and the good company of fellow MOAA members. Since its inception when the chapter was newly formed, the clambake has been the mainstay of our fund-raising efforts for our scholarship program. It has grown steadily over time to become the world-class event that we look forward.

Most of the volunteers who make the clambake happen, have been doing their parts since the clambake was first initiated over 20 years ago. Now we find ourselves in the position of having a much larger event with volunteers who are ready to step back a bit and 'take a breath.' So we are in need of volunteers who can help to continue the high standard that we have all come to enjoy.

You know the old saying, "Many hands make light work." Can you help? Would you be willing to order groceries? Pick them up and bring them to Portsmouth? (We use a LOT of corn, potatoes, and onions.) Order and pick up the drinks (wine, beer and lemonade)? Set up the bar? Help with the food preparation? (It takes a LOT of cooks!) Shuck corn? Melt butter? Serve? Help clean up?

If you can help, please contact either Jeff Olson, our 'Bake Master' at jjolson@comcast.net or 603-659-2343 or me at joanhuber@aol.com or 603 863-5731. With everyone's help, we will continue to enjoy a unique, world-class New England event for many years to come!

New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !

1 Lt Eleanor Kjellman
USAF (former)
Spouse: Capt John V.
51 Rush Rd
Henniker, NH 03242
603-428-4234
(correction from Mar 2007)

Maj Ronald E. Button
USAF (ret)
Spouse: Patricia
252 New Boston Rd
Bedford, NH 03110
603-296-1876

Lt Col Thomas Cahill
USAF (ret)
Spouse: Pamela
24 Sandown Rd
Chester, NH 03036
603-413-6152

CDR Robert Cosgriff
USN (active duty)
Spouse: Gail
USS Rickover, SSN-709
PSNY
Kittery, Maine 03904
207-451-1095

CAPT Joseph Hagan
USN (ret)
Spouse: CAPT Gail
30 Chester St
Chester, NH 03036
603-887-4280

CW04 Robert Jaffin
USN (ret)
Spouse: Elaine
47 Governors Rd
Rochester, NH 03867
603-335-5093

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USAF (ret)
1465 Hooksett Rd #145
Hooksett NH 03106
603-268-0036

Maj Walter Woodruff
USAF (ret)
10 E. Piscassic St
Newmarket, NH 03857
603-659-6464

Col Gary DeGasta
USA (ret)
Spouse: Fran
366 Hawk Pine Rd
Norwich, VT 05055

Great to have you with the chapter and look forward to meeting you at a future meeting

Service Academy Milestones for NH

These outstanding individuals entered the class of 2011 this summer. Best Wishes on your journey

(Editor's note: the academies can only release names of individuals who have signed a release form. If someone is missing from this list we apologize, but we need to adhere to their policies

United States Air Force Academy

Anthony Belviso Bedford
Michael Greer North Hampton
Johathon McMahon Londonderry

United States Military Academy

Randall Babcock Manchester
Matthew Belanger Manchester
Timothy Brennan Somersworth
Timothy Clark Wentworth
Jared Davison Milford
Paul Demeo Derry
Adam Gernhard Lyme
Nicholas Laplante Claremont

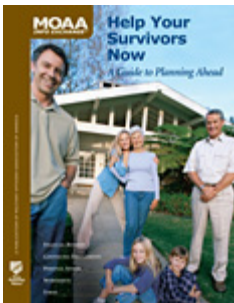
Personal Affairs Planning Guide:

Available Free to Members of MOAA

One of the most important gifts you can give your family is a well-thought-out plan to take care of them after you're gone. This 80-page book guides you through ensuring your hard-earned military benefits are available to your survivors. With easy-to-follow charts, contact information, and sample forms, this comprehensive guide also includes the tear-out Personal Affairs Workbook (a \$7.95 value) to help you keep your affairs in order.

Get Your Affairs in Order with MOAA's New Interactive Personal Affairs Planning Publication

MOAA's *Personal Affairs Workbook (Appendix A)* is now available through interactive computer-based worksheets that can be completed and stored on your personal computer. Make changes as necessary as you update your workbook yearly and save the new data. Print out a copy to retain with your records.



To get your copy:

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- *Non-Members and Guests* can call toll-free **1-800-234-6622** to have a printed copy mailed to them. Please have your credit card information readily available.
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- Link: www.moaa.org/pubs/pubs_booklets/pubs_booklets_infoex_hysn/index.htm

Storming the Hill

By Gary Terhune

R. Bancroft McKittrick, Col (USMC Ret) and Gary Terhune, LTC (USA Ret) joined representatives from all 50 states and Puerto Rico at MOAA's annual Council President's Seminar in Alexandria, VA, 17-19 April 2007. Bancroft and Gary met with Rep Shea-Porter Rep, Rep Hodes, Sen. John Sununu, and Senator Gregg's staff urging their support blocking TRICARE fee increases for working age military retirees that would jeopardize long term retention and readiness, especially in wartime, and ending the SBP-DIC (Dependent Indemnity Compensation) offset for survivors. They also strongly recommended at least a 3.5% pay raise be supported for 2008 in order to continue the positive strides made in closing the pay gap. As of this writing an increase from 3% to 3.5% was included in the budget.

Take action by sending messages, letters, etc to those who currently are not actively supporting MOAA's priorities. Rep Shea-Porter is co-sponsoring HR 579 which is the bill that opposes TRICARE fee increases. The chapter's website has up to date information on legislative initiatives and links to view your Congressional representatives position on key pieces. (http://moaa-nh.home.comcast.net/Hot_Items.htm)

MOAA held an awards reception on Capital Hill recognizing outstanding accomplishments

Sen Frank Lautenberg (NJ), Sen Chuck Hagel (NE), Rep Chet Edwards (TX) and Rep Walter Jones (NC) received the Colonel Arthur T. Marix Congressional Achievement Award for their work in championing legislation to protect retired military families against disproportional health care fees. The award is named for the founder of MOAA and its first President (1929-1944).

MOAA's Distinguished Service Award was given to the DuPont Nemours Co in Wilmington, DE. The company has been stellar in its support of their employees in the Guard and Reserve serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Accepting on behalf of DuPont was Mr. Charles Holliday Jr President and CEO.

Gary Sinise actor and musician, who stars currently in CSI-NY and who played Lt Dan in Forrest Gump, was recognized for his support of the troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world on 22 USO tours. He is also the National Spokesperson for American Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial and co-founded Operation Iraqi Children.

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Help wanted-
No Experience Necessary!!
1 Day only; and
you're coming anyway-right?

August 4th will be the annual MOAA clambake at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The well-oiled team putting this together is looking for help. For example, as much as the lobster wants to jump on your plate, some intervention is required. We can use your talents...

What better way to meet everyone, than helping in the production?

Give our maestro of the event a call:
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