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## MOAA Hosts Two Memorable Events

**April Luncheon-Somersworth  
with Col Donald Davidson  
Wing Commander  
New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol**



President Joan Huber thanking Col Davidson

**June Luncheon-Waterville Valley  
with Adrian Cronauer  
Special Assistant to the Director, Defense POW/  
Missing Personnel Office.**



VP Gary Terhune presents token of thanks



Adrian and Former POW Bob Fortnam

- Coming Events: 2008**
- August 2      Clambake, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard-see back page for information
  - Sept 27      Bistro Nouveau Restaurant, the Center at Eastman, Grantham NH  
*Speaker: COL Christopher O'Connell, USA, Chief Nurse (Director of Nursing),  
325th Combat Support Hospital, Speicher Tikrit Iraq (Sep 07-Jun 08)*
  - Nov 8        Manchester Country Club

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## President's Corner

Speak Up!

By Joan Huber



So, here we are in the throes of the election year. New Hampshire's 'First in the Nation' primary election is but a distant memory....the field has been set....and now the serious campaigning begins. Between now and November we will find ourselves inundated with the many local, state, regional and national debates. Sometimes it feels like too much information and discussion. Many of the issues will have very personal impact for us, some less so. But all are important at some level. Now is the time to make your preferences known and participate in the process that you assured with your military service.

Take the time to be part of the debate in your community. Educate yourself about both sides of the issues and make your positions known. Be part of the discussion. You have a lot to offer and your military service has given you a perspective that others may not have had the opportunity to experience.

Increasingly, fewer and fewer members of the population have served in the military or have personal contact with someone in the military. As a result, many find it difficult to relate to the military forces currently committed overseas. Speak up as a veteran. Be proud of your service and your accomplishments. Help the people in your community to understand issues and know that veterans bring rich experience and skills back to their local area, using them to run businesses and services in the local area.

Please commit some time to your community activities on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day as well as the campaign activities associated with the coming elections. Speak up! Be part of the action. Believe me, others are listening!

The MOAA Scholarship Program Results  
These four young adults graduated this year and  
your donations were part of their  
college experience

*Sarah MacPherson, Cornell University, NY*

*Tyler Newton, Plymouth State Univ, NH*

*Jill Olson, Plattsburgh State, NY*

*Alyson Wood, James Madison Univ, VA*

## New Chapter Members

### Welcome Aboard !

CDR Kent Caldwell  
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## Chapter & National Membership Dues

By Michael McLean

The NH Chapter of MOAA is affiliated with but not a direct part of MOAA national. Consequently, when joining one, you do not automatically join the other or that when paying dues to one that covers dues to the other. In the past, when you reach 80 years of age, you no longer paid chapter annual dues and you become a life member. Unfortunately, we have had to do away with that provision and require annual dues from all members who have not paid for life membership. MOAA national has no such provision, so even if you do not have to pay chapter dues, you still must pay dues to MOAA national (unless you are a life member of national). One final point concerning surviving spouses – you inherit whatever category your deceased member had – either annual dues paying or life membership. If you have further questions, please call me at (603) 692-4648.

**CLAMBAKE HELP WANTED -NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED;**—The Clambake is coming up in August; again we are looking for new participants to continue making the Clambake the great event it has become.

Pickup and delivery of beverages (beer, wine, coffee, tea) to the site

Pickup and delivery of ice – The Iceman always has his pick

Making clam chowder

Help with serving beverages

Making butter for the lobster

Pickup and delivery of other food stuffs

We would like to have people take on these items for a few years to provide stability and continuity. If you are interested in a small part or taking on a lot we can use the help. Please contact Jeff Olson at [jnjolson@comcast.net](mailto:jnjolson@comcast.net) or call in the evening at 603-659-2343. Thank you.

### **ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS**

For all of you that go south for the winter (or at any other time), we need your help. To keep our mailing list current, we need to know your alternate address where you go (other than in NH). Please help us out by providing your other mailing address to include street, city, state, ZIP +4 , phone number (if available) and the approximate dates that you are out of NH so you can continue to receive important information about your chapter. Please provide the information to MOAA-NH at PO Box 712, Dover, NH 03821-0712 or email to [moaa-nh@comcast.net](mailto:moaa-nh@comcast.net). Thank you for your assistance.

### **Storming the Hill from the New Hampshire Perspective by Gary Terhune, VP**

R. Bancroft McKittrick, Col (USMC Ret) and Gary Terhune, LTC (USA Ret) attended MOAA's annual Council President's Seminar in Alexandria, VA, 1-3 April 2008. Bancroft is a former NH Chapter President and member of the National BOD MOAA and Gary is our current Chapter Vice President. A major objective of this event was meeting with congressional legislators and staffers on Capital Hill as part of "Storming the Hill" to solicit their support of legislation to support national defense and uniformed service community issues.

Bancroft and Gary met with Representatives Carol Shea-Porter and Paul Hodes as well as Senator John Sununu and with Senator Judd Gregg's legislative staff to urge their support to again protect against disproportional health care fee increases, to sustain the size of the Defense budget, and to ensure the implementation of Veterans Disability Benefits Commission (VDBC) recommendations to end unfair penalties for disabled retirees and survivors.

Please go to our website ([www.moaa-nh.org](http://www.moaa-nh.org)) to find out who is supporting this legislation and who is not. Please take action by sending messages, letters, etc to those who are not in accord with MOAA's agenda. Presently Rep Shea-Porter and Hodes have cosponsored HR 579 which is the bill that opposes TRICARE fee increases. Please take action as no one else will.

As a part of the activities, Bancroft and Gary attended an awards reception on Capital Hill recognizing distinguished leaders that have been great supporters of national defense and the military .

Senators Carl Levin (D-MI) and Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Representatives Ike Skelton (D-MO) and Vic Snyder (D-AR) received the Colonel Arthur T. Marix Congressional Achievement Award for their work in championing legislation to protect national defense and the uniformed service community. Marix founded MOAA Feb 23, 1929 and was its first President until 1944.

MOAA's Distinguished Service Award, an award given to individuals or an organization who are not members of Congress but who have been consistently strong supporters of national defense and the uniformed services community. Awardees were the General Electric Co, the Worcester Wreath Co and LTG James T. Scott, USA (Ret). Accepting for GE was Mr. Jay Ireland, President and CEO, GE Asset Management; Mr. Morrill Worcester, President Worcester Wreath Co and LTG Scott, Chairman of the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission.

Many of you may recognize the name Morrill Worcester but you will definitely recognize what his company does. Each Christmas season he and his company unselfishly send thousands of wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery and other cemeteries across the country to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children that our freedoms have come at great cost. We are very proud of Mr. Worcester especially since he is one of New England's own. He hails from Columbia Falls, Maine.

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## **THE 2008 NH-MOAA CLAMBAKE**

### **SATURDAY, AUG, 2ND- PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD**

**1100: Beer, Wine, Lemonade, Ice Tea, Coffee available**

**1200: Lunch will be served**

**Lobster OR Char-Broiled Steak**

**Clam Chowder, Steamed Clams, Corn-on-the-cob, Potatoes, Onions,  
Bratwurst, Watermelon—All this for just \$18.00 !!!**

**Signup By July 24th—Mail check payable to NH MOAA; mail to  
Lt Col Tom Kyle, USAF (Ret.), 48 Cote Dr, Epping, NH 03042 (tel. # 603-679-8687)  
Flyer will be mailed; additional information available on the website**



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