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New Hampshire MOAA 2010 Award Winners

Congratulations to each of these outstanding individuals

University of New Hampshire Army ROTC

Cadet Samuel A. Silver, Senior

Cadet Benjamin R. Moreau, Junior

Alvrine High School (Hudson) Air Force JROTC

Cadet Bria Shorten, Senior

Cadet Christopher Gleason, Junior

Fall Mountain Regional High School (Alstead) Army JROTC

Cadet Joe Hart, Senior

Cadet Jeremy Barnett, Junior

Pinkerton Academy (Derry), Air Force JROTC

Cadet Scott Sorensen, Senior

Cadet Joshua Sutton, Junior

Salem High School Air Force JROTC

Cadet Christopher Johnson, Senior

Cadet David Pierson, Junior

Spaulding High School (Rochester) Air Force JROTC

Cadet Captain Keith Mooney, Senior

Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Jenny Gray, Junior

Manchester West High School Navy JROTC

Cadet Lieutenant Commander Michael Anderson, Senior

Cadet Ensign Daniel Lee, Sophomore

White Mountain (Whitefield) High School Army JROTC

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Randall E. Ledoux, Senior

Cadet Alex Rivers, Junior

Winnacunnet (Hampton) High School Marine JROTC

Cadet Dakota Stebbins, Senior

Cadet Charles Roy, Junior

New Hampshire Air National Guard, Pease Air National Guard Base

Outstanding Airman

Senior Airman Anastasia M. Nestor

157th Medical Group 157th Air Refueling Wing



Speaker's Appreciation Gift presented to Col Dan McElhinney, NH State FEMA Liaison Officer

Programs for 2010

Aug 7th

Annual Clambake

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Information being mailed soon

September 18

Bistro Nouveau at the

Center at Eastman,

Grantham

Speaker-Thomas Galligan,

President, Colby-Sawyer

College

November 13

Annual Meeting

Manchester CC, Bedford

Speaker-Kelly Ayotte

Former NH State Attorney

General

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President's Corner

Gary Terhune

Spring is here! As I write this article we have already experienced some "summer" weather believe it or not. As they say in New England if you don't like the weather wait a day or two. The economy here is holding its own but the Europeans have fallen on hard times. On the NH-MOAA front, we had our Spring luncheon on the 27th of March at the Portsmouth Country Club once again. We had a wonderful turnout to listen to the NH FEMA Coordinator Dan McElhenny who is also a Colonel in the USAR in Massachusetts. His talk was very enlightening especially in the wake of the major disasters our area has experienced recently. Last year's speaker, Capt Ed Johnson, co-founder of the Pease Greeters was in attendance and it was announced he was the winner of the MOAA National Distinguished Service Award. He received the award in Washington in April; there is a picture on the back cover of the newsletter.

For the second straight year, we had one of our spring Board of Directors meetings at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. The May 13th meeting started with a great tour of the facility by Director of Operations, Garry Naughton. This is a wonderful facility made possible by the attitude of the people that run it. This facility continues as the model for Veterans Homes all over the country. If you haven't seen this facility make plans to visit sometime soon. You will not be disappointed. Great job Barry Conway and staff. Keep up the good work!

Stormin' the Hill was again a success as Bancroft McKittrick and Vice President Jim LeFebvre and wives participated. Look for a Stormin' article on page 3.

Finally, our next two functions will be our early summer luncheon held in beautiful Mt Washington Valley at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort in North Conway. Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution, Commander Tim Cooper and his wife will be our honored guests. Our other summer function is, of course, the World Famous Clambake at Jamaica Island on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on August 7th. Same great menu at the same low price. If you assisted last year we need you back. Please let Jeff Olson, our Bakemaster, know if you had a job last year but can't make it.

New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !

1Lt Cornelius Ahern USA (former) Spouse: Annie 15 Boulder Dr Belmont, NH 03220	LTC Alan Bridgham ARNG (Act) Spouse: Linda 9 Jericho Rd Kingston, NH 03848
COL Dennis Corrigan USA (ret) Spouse: Phyllis 346 Liberty Hill Gilford, NH 03249	CDR Paul Mavizzo USN (act) Spouse: Deborah 1312 Whisper Dr Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Brig Gen Benton Smith ANG (ret) Spouse: Pam 12 Edgemont Rd Concord, NH 03301	CDR William Summers USN (ret) 41 Currier Ave Peterborough, NH 03458
Lt Col Albert Tagg ANG (ret) Spouse: Susan PO Box 87 Hampton Falls, NH 03844	Col Karen Torres USAF (ret) Spouse: Ray 9 Crescent Lane Bow, NH 03304
Lt Col Lloyd Van Norten USAF (ret) Spouse: Loretta PO Box 515 Graham, NH 03753	LT Richard Vitale USN (former) Spouse: Suzanne 170 Randell Hill Rd North Conway, NH 03860
1LT Trina Wood ARNG (ret) 15 Heritage Way Allentown, NH 03275	Look forward to meeting you at a future MOAA meeting, and welcome!

Auxiliary Advisory Committee Seeks Nominations

Auxiliary members play a vital role supporting MOAA mission making up approximately 17% of MOAA's membership. Six military widows comprise the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) and advises the Board of Directors. MOAA National is seeking nominations of auxiliary members to serve on the AMAC. Two new members from across the United States will be selected. Departing members are from the North East and North West Regions. If interested, selection criteria which will assist you in the nomination process and a nomination form for completion is available online—

http://www.moaa.org/usergroup/usergroup_fam/usergroup_fam_aux/usergroup_fam_aux_AMACnomination.htm.

The two newly-selected committee members will commence their three-year term at the November Annual meeting in Alexandria, VA. Please email your nomination packet to the AMAC selection committee at auxcomm@moaa.org NLT Aug 1, 2010.

Locally questions or request for link to be sent may be directed to Cindy LeFebvre, NH Chap Auxiliary Liaison, 603-356-7296, cyn99@att.net.

Stormin' the Hill

James R. LeFebvre, VP, MOAA-NH

Once again, the NH Chapter of MOAA successfully participated in National MOAA's annual "Stormin' the Hill." The goals of the NH representatives (Chapter Vice President James R. LeFebvre and National BOD member Bancroft McKittrick) were to brief the members of the NH Congressional Delegation and/or their staff principals on current National MOAA key legislative issues, and acquire their active support for our position.

The topics discussed included an enhancement to the FY 2011 military pay raise, seeking an increase from DoD's suggested 1.4 percent to at least 1.9 percent, which will continue to reduce the gap between civilian and military pay, and send a positive message to our forces, who are enduring the worst sacrifices since the Vietnam era. We also discussed a "fix" to the 2008 law that reduced reserve retirement age 3 months for each ninety days activated, but only credited active service from the date of the law's change. We believe that this oversight is inherently unfair to those reservists who served a total of over 500,000 combat tours from 9/11/2001 to the end of CY 2007, and the best way to alleviate this inequity is to credit all activated service since 9/11/2001. We also discussed the need to fix the inequities for widows and disabled veterans in concurrent receipt.

Due to the hectic schedules of the congressional delegation, we were only able to meet with Senator Shaheen personally, at a reception in the new Congressional Visitors Center. While the majority of our elected officials were unable to meet with us, we did have constructive sessions with key representatives of each representative or senator. These representatives were all supportive of our positions, stated that they would brief their senator or congressman/women on our concerns and they were sure that Congressman Hodes, Congresswoman Shea-Porter, Senator Shaheen, and Senator Gregg would also likely be supportive of our "recommendations." We also took the opportunity to extend invitations to our annual clambake to the senators, congressmen, and key staffers.

By the time this article is printed in the newsletter, follow-on conversations will have been conducted with the representatives of each senator or congressman, to provide any additional information they desire, and reinforce MOAA's position on each topic.

While the focus of the conference was preparation for and execution of the "Stormin' the Hill" mission, there were several information sessions that presented useful information to all attendees. One of the best briefings was conducted by the Department of Defense State Liaison Office. The goal of this office is to remove unnecessary barriers to the quality of life of military families, with enhanced retention and readiness of our forces being a key result. New Hampshire is rated "Red" on two of the current year's 10 key issues – ensure deployment separation does not determine child custody decisions or impact visitation rights, and ensure that state laws comport with DoD rules on the disposition of Service Member's remains. These issues will be discussed in the future with MOAA NH members who are elected NH legislators.

2011 NH MOAA Travel Program Information

Our 2011 Travel Program will start on 26 May with **Canadian Rockies By Train** followed by a 13 October departure to **Tuscany**. Brochures will be available at all luncheon meetings. You can receive email copies of the brochures by emailing Bruce Avery at bruceavery@tds.net

CLAMBAKE HELP WANTED NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED;—

The Clambake is coming up August 7th; again we are looking for new participants to continue making the Clambake the great event it has become.

Pickup and delivery of beverages
Help with serving beverages
Pickup and delivery of ice
Making butter for the lobster
Making clam chowder
Pickup of other food stuffs

If you are interested in a small part or taking on a lot we can use the help. Please contact Jeff Olson at jnjonson@comcast.net or call in the evening at 603-659-2343. Thank you.

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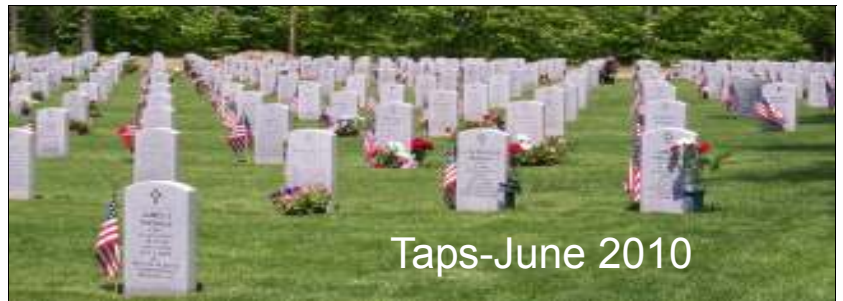
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National MOAA Honors Pease Greeters

MOAA Board Chairman General Richard I. Neal, USMC-Ret. presents the **2010 MOAA Distinguished Service Award** to Pease Greeters cofounders Charles Cove and Edmund Johnson. If Ed Johnson's name sounds familiar, he was the guest speaker at the NH MOAA April 2009 program. (Photo by Steve Barrett)



Mrs. Charlotte S. Adams
Lt Col William A. Caulfield, USAF (Ret.)
LTC Sydney L. Crook, AUS (Ret.)
Col Hubert W. Gainer, USAF (Ret.)
Mrs. Marie L. Gainer
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Lt Col John Koziell, USAF (Ret.)
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