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The MOAA-NH Chapter's Mission

- To promote the aims of the MOAA stated in the By-Laws of that Association
- To further legislative goals and objectives of MOAA
- To encourage and facilitate camaraderie among our membership
- To provide useful services for and to protect the interests of members, their dependents, and survivors
- To encourage participation in community services deemed to be in the Chapter's best interest

Granite State Warriors Awards presented at MOAA-NH's first meeting of 2018

It was a clear, mild winter day when the chapter held its first meeting of the new year on January 27, 2018 at the Portsmouth Country Club in Greenland. As in the past, the staff was friendly and responsive to our needs. Members and guests totaling 110 enjoyed a tasty meal choice of baked haddock or roast pork loin.

We were there to honor the recipients of the seventh annual *Granite State Warriors Awards* (GSWA). These awards are given to the New Hampshire resident or NH-based organization making the most significant contribution to the armed forces of the United States that year. The recipients of the 2017 Awards were:

- **Sig Sauer** with the following citation:



Pres. Warren Coulter (l) with Sig Sauer's David Bailey

In recognition of being awarded the U.S. Army contract for the new Modular Handgun System (MHS), Sig Sauer is awarded the 2017 Granite State Warriors Award. Sig Sauer's Model P320 will replace the Beretta M9 service pistol in use since the 1980s. The MHS program provides for the delivery of both full-size and compact P320s over a ten-year period. The P320 is the first modular pistol with

interchangeable grip modules that can also be adjusted operationally in frame size and caliber.

The Army currently plans to procure more than 280,000 of the basic design and an additional 7,000 compact versions of the P320. Orders from other military services participating in the MHS program could result in an additional 212,000 systems. All Modular Handgun Systems will be produced in Sig Sauer facilities in New Hampshire.

- **DV Farm, Inc.** with the following citation:

DV Farm, Inc. is awarded the 2017 Granite State Warriors Award.

Now in its third year of operation, DV Farm provides practical rehabilitation for homeless veterans via a combined program of housing and meals, animal-assisted therapy, a structured work schedule, and the camaraderie of fellow veterans to facilitate reintegration into civilian life.



DV Farm's founder Michael Rivers (r) accepting the GSWA from Pres. Warren Coulter

After serving seven years as an Army Ranger, Michael Rivers found himself completely lost as a civilian. Drinking, drugging, homelessness, and petty crimes became his life. After hitting bottom in 2007, he participated in the first-of-its-kind veterans program at Victory Farm in Fitzwilliam, NH – an experience that turned his life around. With his wife, Martha, also an Army veteran, Rivers became inspired to launch DV Farm in Gilsum, NH. The operating philosophy of the farm is simple and

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President's Corner

CAPT F. Warren Coulter, USN (Ret)



Spring is hopefully on its way, and one way to enjoy it will be to travel to and attend our next luncheon. We'll meet at the Common Man in Plymouth on April 21; and with warm April weather, we hope to have a good turnout.

Following such an event, we always like to see some news about the luncheon in our local newspapers. To do that, however, we need to have a Public Affairs Officer (PAO) in our chapter who will make that happen. Unfortunately, that position continues to be vacant; but it would seem that amongst our 700+ members, that there be one member (or a spouse) who could step up and help us out. Since we only have six such events spread throughout the year, the workload would appear to be fairly light.

Peter Burdett is our representative to this year's "Storming the Hill" in Washington, DC. Hopefully, he will have a colorful description of interesting events that happened there.

In any case, we look forward to seeing you in April – and please bring along a guest who might be qualified to join the chapter and share in the fun.

Warren Coulter

Granite State Warriors Awards

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and straight forward – by bringing family, security, regular meals, humor, tough love, hard work, and unique veteran camaraderie to every resident, once lost veterans are finding honest purpose in the daily tasks of homesteading and a road to recovery. The basic requirement for entrance is that the veteran must have been unsuccessful in a prior veterans program. Ten veterans have been positively impacted by the DV Farm. Now a 401(c)3 non-profit organization, 90% of all donations are spent directly to benefit the veterans under its roof, and no donor dollars go to administrative salaries.

• **Camp Resilience** with the following citation:
Camp Resilience is awarded the 2017 Granite State Warriors Award for its development and operation of a series of three-to-five day residence camps for veterans. Located in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Camp Resilience is the operational arm of the Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (PRLI) – created in 2013 as a non-profit.



Pres. Warren Coulter (l) with Col Donald Morrissey, USAF (Ret.) (MOAA-NH chapter member) of Camp Resilience

The PRLI developed a curriculum offering a balance of recreational sporting activities, life skills training, networking and facilitated discussions about the myriad of issues confronting veterans, especially those injured, physically and emotionally, in combat deployments. All expenses are covered by the PRLI.

To date, Camp Resilience has conducted over 29 sessions serving over 250 veterans from all over New England.

Camp Resilience – Helping Veterans Bounce Back in Mind, Body, and Spirit.

After presenting the GSWA awards, President Coulter called chapter honorary member, Terry Bobseine, to the podium. He presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work she has done for the chapter. She worked above and beyond all expectations last August at our annual clambake.

We were honored that six first-time members were able to join us: Donald & Sandra Morrissey of Gilford, Kenneth McCann of Dover, Jere & Carol Ericson of Concord, and Denise Bevis of Newmarket.



Pres. Warren Coulter (l) with chapter honorary member, Terry Bobseine

Credit for Article:

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MILITARY TRIVIA . . . *Did You Know?*

- The English Bulldog, also known as "Teufelhunden," or "Devil Dogs," is the unofficial mascot that symbolize the ethos of the Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines. The U.S. Marine Corps earned this unofficial mascot during World War I, when many German reports called the attacking Marines "teufel-hunden," meaning Devil-Dogs. "Teufelhunden" were the vicious, wild and ferocious mountain dogs of German Bavarian folklore.
- The U.S. Army was in charge of exploring and mapping America. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was an all Army affair. Army officers were the first Americans to see such landmarks as Pike's Peak and the Grand Canyon.
- The Air Force's F-117 fighter uses aerodynamics discovered during research into how bumblebees fly.
- The Coast Guard seizes 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9,589,000 every-day.



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*Is travelling on your bucket list?
Maybe this list will help . . .*



2018 MOAA Travel Program:

- California & America's Western Wonders (10-24 Mar)
- Romantic Road & Fairy Tale Road [Germany] (12-23 Apr)
- America's Cowboy Country (16-23 May)
- America's Historic Mid-Atlantic (13-20 July)
- Discover Scotland, 14-21 Aug 2018
- Charming French Canada (14-21 Sept)
- Spain's Classics & Portugal (24 Oct - 6 Nov)

2019 MOAA Travel Program: *(Additional information on the available 2019 and 2020 trips will be posted on our website in the near future.)*

- Iceland, Land of Fire and Ice, March 21, 2019 (\$3,499 with air)
- Magnificent Cities of Central and Eastern Europe, 14 days in late August 2019 (\$4,749 with air)
- Canyon Country, early October 2019, Details to follow
- Alaska Discovery, Land and Cruise, July 2019 (Estimated cost \$5,399) Details to follow
- Magical Christmas Markets, Europe. December 2019, 7 days (\$2,599 with air) Details to follow

2020 MOAA Travel Program:

- ***The travel event of the decade! Book Early!*** Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.
- Exploring the Alpine Countries, 13 days (\$6,999 with air)
- Alpine Explorer with Glacier Express, 12 days (\$6,899 with air)
- Austrian Delight, 10 days (\$4,999 with air)
- Discover Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria, 10 days (\$4,999 with air)
- Imperial Cities, 11 days (\$4,199 without air)
- Danube River Cruise and Land Germany, 10 days (\$4,999 without air)
- Germany's Cultural Cities and the Romantic Roads, 13 days (\$4,999 without air)

Log into our website "moaa-nh.org" and click on "Group Travel." For reservations or additional information, contact Tony Burdo, 603-391-7106 or email: tonyajjb@gmail.com.

**Consider applying for
this job with MOAA-NH!**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

MOAA-NH's membership is dwindling as are many veterans' organizations. Ironically, we have never been more successful: the Granite Slate Warrior Awards, membership on two NH state veterans committees, another (15th year) MOAA National 5 Star Excellence Award, and fundraising events which support veterans' needs.

Publicizing our chapter's existence and achievements is vital. It helps recruit new members and enables us to continue our good work. MOAA-NH needs a Public Affairs Director to achieve that. Please consider applying. The job is open to members, spouses and surviving spouses.

The job requirements and parameters are:

1. Ability to write clear and concise press releases (PRs) for local newspapers, social media outlets (Facebook and MOAA national and NH websites), television, and radio.
2. Good computer and writing skills are essential as media outlets rarely edit PR submissions.
3. Writing articles for media outlets reporting the luncheons, annual clambake, and annual meeting. The articles are normally published using MS-Word and less than 1000 words.
4. High resolution photos are usually incorporated in all written PRs. These photos are taken by either the Public Affairs Director or other MOAA-NH members.
5. Attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings and brief the Board on Public Affairs issues. Established media points of contact, formats, and example historic articles published in the media are available.

Please consider helping MOAA-NH. Contact Michael McLean (mamclean@comcast.net), tel: 603-692-4648 to volunteer. Questions about the job requirements and parameters should be addressed to Ken Lull (longbow1962@msn.com), tel: 603-833-5260.

***Let's Welcome Our New
2018 Chapter Members!***

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WHY MOAA?

New Chapter Member Directory

The chapter is planning to issue a new member directory at the beginning of next year (2019). In order for it to be as accurate as possible, we need correct, up-to-date information before it is printed. Please look over your address label on this newsletter. It has all the data that will be included in your entry in the directory (except your telephone number). Please check that your name, rank, service, status [(ACT), (RET), (FRM)], spouse's name, address and zip code are all current and spelled correctly. If you can still find your old directory (it is dated 2016 on a pink cover), check that your telephone number is correct; or, if you can't find it, have changed your phone number or joined the chapter in the last three years, please provide us with your current number. Any changes/corrections should be mailed to MOAA-NH at PO Box 712, Dover, NH 03821-0712 or emailed to Chapter@moaa-nh.org. Please ensure that they are received by the end of this year to be included in the directory. As they say in computer speak, *garbage in – garbage out!* **Thank you for your assistance!**

Michael McLean
MOAA-NH Secretary

Cut and paste or type the link below into your browser. It will take you directly to National MOAA's "Take Action" tab. There you can learn about current legislative issues and voice your opinions about their efforts.

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction>

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Taps



All from New Hampshire:

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Mrs. Gertrude I. Butler [Fremont]
Mrs. Lorraine P. Clark [Melvin Village]
Lt Col David W. Houde, USAF (Ret) [Hudson]
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