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Lobster Bake 2007

Another great day at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Those in attendance would certainly attest to the unqualified success. Thanks to Jeff Olson for his leadership; it certainly was a team effort; but that team needed a leader and Jeff again excelled in that role.



Scenes from the 2007 MOAA Lobster Bake

NH MOAA Earns Top Level of Excellence Award

Congratulations to the Chapter, the officers, and all members of the New Hampshire MOAA. The National President announced the chapter earned the 5-Star Quality Level of Excellence; the highest which is awarded to any chapter. The evaluation takes in to account membership, programs, legislative liaison activity, and communication within the chapter. To earn the 5-Star rating a chapter must receive 220 of 240 possible points in a total of 13 different criteria. This success is only attained through the commitment and dedication of the chapter members

Coming Events

2007

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

June 7 Diamonds Edge North Restaurant,
Waterville Valley

2008

February 9 Thomas Betro, Director, Naval
Criminal Investigative Service
Holiday Inn, Concord

August 2 Clambake, PNSY

Sept TBD TBD

April 12 The Oaks, Somersworth

Nov 8 Manchester Country Club

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President's Corner

By Joan Huber



Wow! Where does the time go? Here we are with the summer behind us and the end of the year in sight. And I was just getting used to writing 2007 on my checks!

As you have read in this issue, the chapter has been selected as one of the winners of the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award as a MOAA chapter. We have been lucky enough to earn this recognition for the last few years, but it is important that we not take it for granted. It is no small achievement, I assure you. Many thanks to all of the many members of the chapter who contributed to this achievement – all of the committee chairs, directors, volunteers, and participants who make all of the chapter functions and events so successful.

With the shorter days of autumn, we are headed into the time of year when there are a number of ceremonies and activities throughout the state to acknowledge military contributions. There will be ceremonies at the state Veterans Cemetery on September 11th at 7 PM to complete 100 Nights of Remembrance, September 21st at 3 PM for POW/MIA Day, and September 23rd at 2 PM to salute NH Veterans. As we get closer to Veterans' Day, there will be many more ceremonies at the Veterans Cemetery and many other locations around the state. Please participate in your town's events and state events as much as you are able. It is important for your neighbors and friends to appreciate how military veterans contribute to our towns and state. Don't be invisible!

The Board of Directors is busy planning for the annual meeting in November and preparing the budget and necessary documents. Please come to the meeting and participate in decisions for the next year. Then we will eat!

Enjoy the autumn season and the beauty of New Hampshire. Aren't we lucky? Thanks for all that you do. Be safe. See you at a ceremony....

New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !

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Welcome aboard and
hope to see you at the
November Meeting!

Possible TRICARE Data Compromise

Defense contractor SAIC announced a "security failure" in the handling of TRICARE customer data. The company alerted MOAA that "uniformed service members, family members and others" were at risk of potential compromise." The company said the situation was a "totally unacceptable failure on our part." SAIC said that "forensic analysis has not yielded any evidence that any personal information was actually compromised; however, the possibility cannot be ruled out." SAIC is notifying approximately 580,000 households (870,000 beneficiaries) of the incident. The SAIC's website contains additional information.
(www.saic.com/response)

Twelve Deserving Students Receive Scholarship Loans for 2007-8; Thanks to MOAA's members!

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| Maria Crossman | Junior at the Univ of New Hampshire |
| Tyler French | Senior at Savannah Col of Art |
| Troy French | Freshman at Springfield College |
| Jessica Hodgeman | Junior at Plymouth State |
| Ann Kasper | Sophomore at Washington and Lee |
| Luke Kyle | Senior at Univ of New Hampshire |
| Sarah MacPherson | Senior at Cornell University |
| Tyler Newton | Senior at Plymouth State |

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| Jill Olson | Senior at Plattsburgh State |
| Michaela Olson | Senior at Univ of Nebraska |
| Sara Pulit | Junior at Columbia Univ |
| Allyson Wood | Senior at James Madison Univ |

Congratulations to past recipients graduating in 2007

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| John Burdett | University of New Hampshire |
| Daniel Malconian | MIT |
| William Sheridan | Univ of Massachusetts |



ARE YOU THINKING OF BEING A TEACHER OR ARE YOU A TEACHER IN A HIGH NEEDS SCHOOL?

by Gary Lovgren

Having already served with a community dedicated towards service, many of us have or are thinking of serving again, this time with our youth in public schools. The Troops to Teachers Program is a federally financed program that assists those leaving active duty in the military and those continuing to serve with out National Guard or Reserve forces in transitioning to a new career in public education.

Our schools continue to look for qualified teachers. The goal of this program is to help improve American Education by providing motivated, experienced, and dedicated personnel for the nation's classrooms. It has been proved that those serving in the military are part of the answer. In New Hampshire, over 60 military professionals have made this transition using this program. Like them, you can make a difference. Registering for the Troops to Teachers Program will assist you in making the transition to a new career in teaching and may pay for educational expenses leading towards teacher certification. Should you be hired in a High Needs School, you will be eligible for a bonus up to \$10,000. For more information and eligibility about the Troops to Teachers program visit the program Web site at www.proudtoserveagain.com or contact me at NHTroopsTeachers@aol.com.

Take MOAA's TRICARE Survey

MOAA needs your help to achieve maximum member feedback on an important survey aimed at identifying areas of the country where people are having trouble finding doctors who will accept new TRICARE and/or Medicare patients. Surveys conducted by the Pentagon reportedly show beneficiaries generally don't have many problems finding doctors who participate in TRICARE. But we continue to hear anecdotal cases of problems at various locations, either in finding any participating doctors or in finding particular specialists.

Results from MOAA's survey so far are inconclusive. While they've had several thousand responses, they haven't heard from many localities, and they've received small numbers of responses in many others. If your chapter members or their TRICARE-eligible friends have had trouble finding participating doctors in your area, please have them complete MOAA's survey. You can make a difference and by helping us identify problem locations so we can work to get those problems fixed.

To access the survey paste this link in your browser;

<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB226GL47SASK>

MOAA Assistance with Estate Planning

Visit "Planned Giving" on the national website. Members can request an electronic copy of "Questions and Answers About Wills" or obtain any of our 17 "e-brochures" by sending an e-mail to moaasf@moaa.org.

MOAA provides a Lawyer Listing Service with names of attorneys who are MOAA members and who have agreed to give other MOAA members a 25 percent discount off their customary charges. Beyond asking each attorney to confirm that he/she is admitted to practice in the state indicated, MOAA has not investigated these attorneys' backgrounds or capabilities in any way. MOAA suggests contacting each attorney directly for additional information, including his/her areas of expertise.

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New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery to Honor the United States Navy and United States Air Force

Two new memorials will soon adorn the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen.

United States Navy

A memorial to those from New Hampshire who have served so honorably in the US Navy will be constructed in the near future. Your support is requested and can be sent to:

*Stephen Dean
8 Cloverleaf Lane,
Farmington, NH 03835*

United States Air Force

The Air Force Memorial is a joint venture of the NH Chapters of the Air Force Assoc. and the Air Force Sergeants Assoc. The goal is to dedicate the memorial Veteran's Day 2007 if \$150,000 is raised. Donations can be sent to:

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