

# **NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 8 November 2018**

**Call to Order:** President Warren Coulter called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by the invocation delivered by Bancroft McKittrick.

**Attending:** Avery, Balcom, Breuder, Burdett, Burdo, Corson, Coulter, Day, Ikstrums, Jaffin, McKittrick, McLean, Register, Spotts. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**Opening Remarks:** Warren Coulter announced that this is our last meeting of the year.

**Immediate Past President Remarks:** Peter Burdett began by talking about Academy Day for Congresswoman Kuster that he participated in. They interviewed candidates for the Service Academies. He was impressed with all those he interviewed. He went on to relate his experience with the Cadets he met during his trip to West Point. Peter went into a discussion of the selection process that Congresswoman Kuster uses to nominate the candidates. Peter moved on to talk about the veteran unemployment rate. That led him to mention a job expo that Dartmouth-Hitchcock is running on December 5<sup>th</sup>. He finished by commenting that the COLA has gone up by 2.8% which will be reflected in our “pay checks”

**Secretary’s Report:** Michael McLean reported that he received several comments on the October minutes and one correction. Under Immediate Past President remarks, it should be “Nippon” vice “Nissan” Airways. Michael commented that the Annual Reports packages are ready to go for Saturday. He announced that we do have a quorum. He finished by asking that everyone’s reports and comments be brief as he will have several minutes to type up. Bruce Avery asked if Michael could send out the Annual Reports electronically to the Board. Michael said he could. Warren Coulter asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Roby Day began by saying that we are still solvent. Roby went on to discuss the upcoming luncheon on Saturday. He had a head count of 115 and Michael McLean has a count of 124. Roby said the USAF was doing the 50/50 Raffle. Michael McLean said that Terry Bobseine had told him she was planning on attending the luncheon and would volunteer to do the Raffle. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund:** Andrew Breuder reported that our investments were slammed in October. Since the beginning of November, we have recovered most of the losses from October.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Clambake gear storage:** Jim Spotts reported that everyone should have read his email on the subject. He said some people expressed concern about the propane storage. As per his email, Jim was asking that the Board authorize \$3,000 maximum to purchase a 7' x 12' trailer. Michael McLean brought up someone's concern about insuring the trailer. Jim recommended that we don't bother with insurance and that he believes that the state does not require it to register the trailer. There was further discussion on the details of the trailer. The issue of the propane was brought up again. Someone brought up the idea of catering the Clambake to avoid all the issues of equipment storage. There was a loud chorus of "been there, done that". It was way too expensive. A motion was made to authorize up to \$3,000 to purchase a trailer. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

**Dental and vision program – open enrollment starts November 12:** Bob Jaffin said he will be available for the Spouses Program on Saturday. He said that Brenda Pennels from Martins Point will also be there on Saturday. Jim Spotts said that he had a bunch of hand-outs from Long Term Care (LTC) Inc. only to be told that there were mistakes in the information. He asked if anyone could run off 50 copies of the corrected hand-out. Roby said he could. Warren Coulter said that he is planning to tell people on Saturday that Bob Jaffin and possibly Brenda Pennels would be available to answer questions.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Meeting – any issues?:** Warren Coulter asked if there were any issues with the luncheon on Saturday. Jim Spotts said he was going to fill in for Hunt Kerrigan for the Dental/Vision brief for the Spouses and Friends program. Warren Coulter said he was going to open up the luncheon for questions about the new program. Jim said this was not his area of expertise.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT/Vets Count):** Peter Burdett reported that the SVAC has rescheduled the November meeting to the 13<sup>th</sup> because the original date is Election Day. So Peter said he had nothing to report, and for the next meeting in January, he will be in Florida. Peter reminded everyone to come out to the Veteran Cemetery at Boscawen on the 11<sup>th</sup> for the Veterans Day ceremony at 11 am. He also mentioned that they are opening the Heritage Center there after the ceremony.

**Personal Affairs:** Russ Register reported that the monthly blast email covered the topics on this month's Personal Affairs report. The subject of the email was the TRICARE Dental Program ending on December 31 and a webinar from MOAA. **(Read the attached email)**

**Membership:** Michael McLean presented the following membership numbers:

New members - 6  
 Deceased members - 1  
 Dropped members - 0  
 Current total membership – 701

Michael commented that one of the new members was someone who had called Michael wanting to join the chapter. When Michael received his application, he noticed that the person's age was 94; so his annual dues became his life membership dues,

**Recruiting:** Jim Spotts reported that we had another good month with four of the six new members coming from the recruiting letter sent out by Michael McLean. Jim said that he now has recruiting business cards he will pass out on Saturday. He told people who had contacted potential recruits to keep up the good work. He went into what he was planning to say on Saturday. Jim also said he will provide Michael with a blurb to include on the Membership Page of the web site. Kent Whitman asked if he could get hold of a bunch of the recruiting brochures to pass out a various veteran groups. Michael said he could not print any more before Saturday but he could send everyone the PDF file that people can print on their own. Michael added that the four people who joined were part of 106 broadcast letters sent out to MOAA members who recently moved to NH, recently joined national and a list of AUSA members who are also MOAA members I received from Jim Spotts. The four that have joined resulted in a 4% return.

**Programs:** Gerry Boyle not present. Warren Coulter reported that we have the schedule of luncheon locations for next year. The only one that is not confirmed is the June luncheon at the Red Jacket in North Conway.

**Web Page:** Michael McLean reported there were 345 hits in October, down from 422 in September.

Popular Pages in October:

<b>Hits</b>	<b>Page</b>
55	Program Notes
23	Tricare
22	Membership
22	Chapter News
12	Odds and Ends
9	Group Travel
7	Transition Assistance
4	Newsletter
1	Virtual Store
1	UNK
165	General

**Travel Programs:** Tony Burdo reported we received a commission check from Collette in the amount of \$2,762.40 for the Spain's Classical and Portugal trip. To date, we have no bookings for 2019. Warren Coulter mentioned an Alaskan waterways trip being put on by MOAA. Tony replied that we did a similar trip a few years ago. He also mentioned that Collette Tours has "Collette Connect" whereby anyone wanting to take a trip with Collette should contact Tony and he will arrange it.

**Scholarship Loan Program:** Joe DiChiaro not present. He had no report.

**Strategic Initiatives (SIC):** Bruce Avery had no report.

**Granite State Warriors Award:** Bruce Avery had no report. The GSWA nominees already mentioned.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards:** Joe DiChiaro not present. He had no report.

**NH Veterans Home:** Joe DiChiaro not present. He had no report.

**Nominations (Directors):** No report.

**Nominations (Officers):** No report.

**PAO:** Kent Whitman reported that there have been no new press releases since the September 22 Fall Meeting release. Someone pointed out that the article had appeared in the *Union Leader*.

**Granite Slate:** Marie Chipola not present.

**Web Communications - FB:** Jon VanGuilder not present.

**SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee:** Andrew Breuder reported that they had their meeting in October. The next meeting is in December. He commented that the TAG has been very active at the meetings.

**Blast Email:** Geoff Corson reported that he has reconciled the email list with the help of the Secretary. He has gotten the list down from 600+ to 304 active subscribers. Of that number, less than 50% open the emails. He commented that we have excess capacity that we can use to send more than the average three emails we normally send out each month. Below is the latest recipient report as extracted from iContact:

<b>BLAST E-MAIL SUBJECT</b>	<b>DATE SENT</b>	<b>NUMBER SENT TO</b>	<b>NUMBER OPENED % (# opened)</b>	<b>BOUNCES/ UNSUBSCRIBES</b>	<b>MANNER OF OPENINGS: BY COMPUTER</b>	<b>MANNER OF OPENINGS: BY SMART PHONE</b>	<b>MANNER OF OPENINGS: BY TABLET</b>
November Personal Affairs Report (Correction)	11/5	309	44.3% (136)	6 BOUNCES/1 UNSUBSCRIBES	52%(71)	32%(43)	16%(22)
November Personal Affairs Report	11/5	309	42.7% (132)	4 BOUNCES/2 UNSUBSCRIBES	54%(71)	28%(37)	18%(24)
MOAA Annual Meeting and Luncheon 10 Nov 2018	10/27	305	48.9% (149)	1 BOUNCE/0 UNSUBSCRIBES	49%(73)	27%(40)	24%(36)

## **BREAK FOR DINNER**

**Reconvened Meeting at 1945**

## **LIAISONS:**

**ESGR:** Sandy Way not present. Peter Burdett commented that he believes that the “Boss Flights” are done for this year and he does not think that there will be any next year because they are transitioning to the new aircraft. Peter added that the new KC-46A will be an outstanding Space A aircraft.

**Transition Liaison:** Jim LeFebvre not present.

**VAMC Manchester:** Bernie Satterfield not present.

**Martins Point:** Bob Jaffin had nothing to report.

**Auxiliary:** Gwen Devoe not present.

**Other New Business:** Warren Coulter reminded everyone that the next Board meeting will be on January 10, 2019. Peter Burdett said he had several MOAA license plate holders he was trying to get rid of. Bancroft McKittrick reminded everyone that November 10<sup>th</sup> is the Marine Corps Birthday and he will be providing a Birthday cake for the luncheon.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 10 January 2019 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1952 hours.

Michael A. McLean  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
Secretary  
New Hampshire Chapter  
(ATTACHMENTS: 1)



## November Personal Affairs Report

(The link sent in the earlier version of this blast e-mail to access the FEDVIP Webinar had errors, please use the one contained in this blast e-mail instead)

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) ends on December 31, 2018. Anyone who is in TDRP this year needs to choose a dental insurance plan from among 10 dental carriers in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) to retain dental insurance coverage next year. FEDVIP open season begins on November 12, 2018 and runs to December 10, 2018. MOAA National has created and archived a webinar to guide you through "How to Shop for a FEDVIP Dental and vision Plan." The presentation uses the Federal Benefits Enrollment (BENEFEDS) comparison tool

<https://www.benefeds.com/Portal/PlanSearch?submit=planSearch&ctoken=3rMFSHuY>

to discuss and compare potential plans that will best meet your needs. The webinar is available on the MOAA website for Premium and Life Members. Go to:

<http://cc.callinfo.com/play?id=gas2ux>

to view the webinar.