

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 14 November 2019

Call to Order: President Bob Jaffin called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by the invocation delivered by Gary Terhune.

Attending: Boyle, Breuder, Coulter, J. Day, S. Day, Jaffin, LeFebvre, McLean, Terhune.

Opening Remarks: Bob Jaffin welcomed everyone and announced that we do not have a quorum. Due to the arrival of dinners, Bob decided to break for dinner at this point.

BREAK FOR DINNER

Reconvened Meeting at 1908

Opening Remarks (continued): Bob Jaffin began by saying that he had a lot of ideas that he wanted to put out but that he will reduce them to three or four or five. He said he would like to see his ideas settled by the February Board meeting. First, he would like four to six Board meetings per year. He said that the chapter by-laws do not require meeting every month. He thought perhaps a meeting at a fixed time before each luncheon. He then said that we have to look at how we are going to restructure the Scholarship award. We need to discuss various options, perhaps by email. Bob wants to do more discussions by email rather than wait for Board meetings. Moving on, Bob said that for the fall meeting/luncheon he plans on inviting the Vermont Chapter, for the GSWA luncheon the Southern Maine Chapter and multiple chapters to the Clambake. He brought up the Veterans Plaza that is being planned for Brunswick, ME. The dedication will be next Veterans Day. He wants to have a formal chapter presence at that event. Finally, Bob mentioned "Membership Profiles" similar to the veterans' stories for the Library of Congress. He doesn't know what many of the Board members do for a living. He would like to see a book of people's stories. One more item, Bob asked if anyone had attended SNHU or the Manchester Business School. Bob DeColfmacker, a Viet Nam vet, has done a lot of scholarship work there. He might be a possible candidate for the GSWA.

Immediate Past President Remarks: Warren Coulter did not have any comments.

Secretary's Report: Michael McLean reported that he received two corrections to the October 2019 minutes. Under **Government Relations**, delete "now" in the sentence: "The SVAC ~~now~~ Annual Report will be a month late in publishing." Under **GSWA**, add the word "Partners" after "(LTC)" in the sentence: "Bruce Avery said that the Committee recommended Long Term Care (LTC) as one recipient." Michael repeated that we do not have a quorum so we can not approve the minutes from the October meeting. Sharon Day commented that, at the November Luncheon, Hunt Kerrigan looked surprised when it was announced that LTC Partners were to receive the GSWA. Michael opined that perhaps Hunt was not in the loop as Peter Burdett had told LTC Partners president, Paul Forte, of the award.

Treasurer's Report: Roby Day said that we are solvent. He commented that Michael McLean had done a superb job on the November Luncheon. Roby went on to say that we have a few of the mementos left from the luncheon. The wash out for all the lunched for the year was over \$1,500 to the good. As of today, our "retained earnings" for the year is almost \$1,600. That is after all our major bills have been paid. Jim LeFebvre asked about insurance on the new trailer. Roby was not sure we have addressed that issue. There was discussion on who pays and how much. Bob Jaffin said he will contact Ken Lull to try to find out. Roby added that he had registered the trailer in his town. Roby brought up the new CO of the Shipyard and wondered whether he would be invited to speak at an event. Gerry Boyle suggested the Clambake. There were several other suggested times when he could speak. Again, without a quorum, the Treasurer's report could not be approved.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Andrew Breuder reported that there have not been any major changes, and we are still doing well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vacancies: Bob Jaffin believes that cutting down the number of meetings may help fill these vacancies. He also said we should have a list of the average time a volunteer would put into each position. It doesn't have to be official. Sharon Day brought up that she believes a lot of the Directors don't have copies of the Operations Handbook. She said they should have a copy of the by-laws because they are in the Directory. She went on to say that she doesn't believe that anyone has a turn-over file of what they do to turn over to the person relieving them. She doesn't believe people communicate very well.

Other Old Business: Sharon Day wants to formally thank Barbara and Lyman Smith and Judy Terhune for helping Sharon get all the 40th Anniversary mementos out on the tables at the luncheon Saturday. Bob Jaffin asked if we could do a Certificate of Appreciation. Sharon said she didn't think it was worth that. Bob thought we should recognize the extra effort people make.

NEW BUSINESS:

KC-46: Bob Jaffin mentioned that he knows that the committee organizing the ceremony to officially welcome the new aircraft next spring will need money for the ceremony. Bob believes the chapter should participate in the event. He is not looking for a commitment; just throwing out ideas. Roby Day brought up that we have over \$600 in the veterans contributions account. What do we want to do with it? It was asked if we have done anything for the Veterans Home this year. The answer is not yet. Bob said we should decide at the January meeting as we don't have a quorum this evening.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT): Peter Burdett not present.

Personal Affairs: Geoff Corson has volunteered to take over Personal Affairs.

Membership: Michael McLean provided the following membership numbers:

New members -	6
Deceased members -	2 (plus 3 w/ spouses)
Dropped members -	0
Current total membership –	694

Recruiting: Jim Spotts not present. Michael McLean reported that MOAA’s “Near Real Time Notification” (NRT) report for November included 13 names of possible recruits, including 2 names of people who have agreed to receive emails from our chapter. Michael will send out 10 letters (1 had been sent a recruiting letter in the past so he did not include him.) MOAA’s “do not contact” list of names of people who do not want email communication from chapters is 696 this month. Michael is continuing to ignore this list as it still includes our chapter members.

Programs: Gerry Boyle reported that we have the GSWA coming up in January. He said that the TAG will speak at the April Luncheon. Roby Day pointed out that Bruce Avery has been in charge of the April and September Luncheons. In addition, Bruce has been responsible for the presentation at the GSWA in January. Gary Terhune alluded to the fact that he believed Bruce had approached him to take over the GSWA program. Gary reported that he had too much on his plate to do it. Sharon Day pointed out that there are other people on the GSWA Committee. Jim LeFebvre pointed out that Joan Huber had filled in for the September Luncheon in Grantham. Bob Jaffin said he would talk with her. Gerry Boyle volunteered to fill in for the April Luncheon. Bob said he would follow up with Bruce to determine his condition.

Web Page: Michael McLean reported that there were 405 hits in October, down from 408 hits in September.

Popular Pages in October:

<u>Hits</u>	<u>Page</u>
53	Tricare
27	Hot Items
21	Program Notes
19	Membership
19	Newsletter
13	Odds and Ends
10	GSWA
10	Group Travel
7	Chapter News
7	Virtual Store
1	Transition Assistance
193	General

Travel Programs: Tony Burdo not present. He submitted that following report:

A blast email was sent out in November featuring our Heritage of America tour and a list of all our 2020 travel programs trips.

I will be meeting with our Regional Manager from Collette to plan our 2021 travel program. Tentative date for our meeting is 21 January. If anyone would like a specific trip scheduled for 2021, please let me know.

Scholarship Loan Program: VACANT. Gary Terhune asked who was on the Scholarship Loan Committee. Michael McLean listed those people he knew of. There was discussion as to who is eligible to be the Chairman of the Committee.

Granite State Warriors Award: Bruce Avery not present.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Joe DiChiaro not present.

NH Veterans Home: Joe DiChiaro not present.

Nominations (Directors): No report.

Nominations (Officers): No report.

PAO: Geoff Corson emailed that he had no report.

Granite Slate: Marie Chipola not present. Michael McLean said that she is gearing up to work on the December newsletter.

Web Communications - FB: Jon VanGuilder not present.

Joint Military Task Force (SUD committee): Andrew Breuder reported that he had sent an email of the meeting on 17 October (**Attached**). He also included a draft of the updated fact sheet (**Attached**). The TAG had a pre-meeting on the 25th of September to discuss changes in personnel. He said they are considering cutting down on the number of meetings per year. The next meeting will be December 19th.

Blast Email: Geoff Corson emailed that he had no report.

LIAISONS:

ESGR: Sandy Way not present.

Transition Liaison: Jim LeFebvre had no report beyond his annual meeting report. He did have a question concerning the vacancies advertisement to go in the newsletter. One position said the person did not need to be a chapter member. Jim wondered whether that should apply to any or all of the vacancies. It was agreed that it should be considered.

VAMC Manchester: Bernie Satterfield not present. He submitted the following report:

Mental Health and Urgent Care building continues with a completion some time mid year 2021. Blasting continues for the foundation perpetration. The construction has taken over

parking spacing at the main entrance including some of the handicap spaces. Still a good idea for Veteran's to arrive a little early to make appointments.

New Patients Appointments: PCP 13 days, Mental Health; 9 days.

VA Urgent Care hours 8 – 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week.

Flu clinic is active – get flu shots.

Beekeeping and apiary program highly successful for PTSD therapy.

Bob Jaffin brought up the issue of Medicare Advantage and how it might affect the VAMC.

Andrew Breuder mentioned that there has been discussion concerning this for a number of years. Bob said we should look into this.

Martins Point: Bob Jaffin said that he has not received the report of the last Martin's Point meeting. He went on to discuss the changes in Medicare and how it might affect us.

Auxiliary: Gwen Devoe not present.

Last Minute Items: Jim LeFebvre brought up the June Luncheon scheduled to be held in the North Country. Jim said he is looking at three different locations. There was a discussion of various possible places. Roby Day brought up the plaque that will be presented at the GSWA luncheon. Bob said he would include that item when he talks with Bruce Avery.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 9 January 2020 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2001 hours.

Michael A. McLean

CDR, USN (Ret.)

Secretary

New Hampshire Chapter

Attachments: 2

SUD Commission/Joint Military Task Force Meeting of 17 October 2019

The fourth meeting of this sub-committee for 2019 was held on the above date. Formal meeting minutes from August were distributed at the meeting and were available electronically.

1. There was a JMFT pre-meeting on 25 Sep 19 to discuss several issues and lines of effort that the TAG wished to pursue. The lines of effort would involve all NH servicemen, families, and veterans. The TAG also wished to do a gap assessment and to update the former one-pager including a new statement of the problem and three goals for each of the above lines of effort.
2. The actual formal meeting of the JMFT took place at the Pembroke Training Center on the above date with eleven attendees and one-call in.
3. The committee reviewed the minutes of the Ad Hoc meeting of 25 September, and a draft of the updated fact sheet was presented to the committee by SSgt Frost.
4. A needs assessment is in progress along with the development of specific goals for each of the above population groups.
5. The TAG discussed options for future meetings, which included reduction in the number of meeting of the JMFT from six/year to three/year. Members of the committee would volunteer to attend the meetings of other selected task forces at least three times per year. This would begin at the start of the new calendar year.
6. There was discussion about the development of a strategic plan.
7. I also attended another "Chairs Meeting" along with SSgt Frost at the Community Health Institute in Bow on 25 October. Due to the fact that this meeting took place between my classes on my normal teaching schedule that day, I was not able to attend the entire meeting, and most of the other attendees arrived 30 minutes late due to extended discussions at the main Governor's Commission hearing earlier that morning.
8. During my time at this meeting, there was discussion regarding the appropriate number of meetings that should be held for the Chair's meeting (probably four) along with potentially three additional meetings to discuss funding requests. Mr. Tufts was also considering adding some "non-public" meetings as needed. As of this date, I have not seen any notes or discussions of other topics from this meeting.
9. The next meeting of the JMFT will be on 19 December 2019.

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NH Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Joint Military Task Force: 2020

THE JOINT MILITARY TASK FORCE was established on December 15, 2015 per approval by the Chair of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery. The Task Force reflects a 'joint' partnership between the Governor's Commission and the multiple sub-task forces that encompass the Governor's Commission's work. The Joint Military Task Force serves as one of the task forces that has evolved from the membership and work of the Military & Civilian Alcohol and Drug Committee (MCAD) established in 2010.

MISSION

Our mission is to reduce substance misuse within the military-affiliated population of NH. Through collaboration with service providers, stakeholders, and key informants, we are able to determine the needs and challenges and align those needs with available resources, programs, and funding opportunities.

PROBLEM STATEMENTS

In 2015, more than 30% of active-duty service members were binge drinkers. Just over one-third either engaged in hazardous drinking behaviors or met criteria for alcohol use disorder (AUD).

National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2015

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS) indicates that NH youth with military family members reported significantly higher rates of alcohol and drug misuse than youth with non-military family members.

NH Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013-2015

Approximately only 30,000 of the 110,000 veterans living in NH access care from the Veterans Administration, creating the need for a better understanding of the military population from the civilian sector. As with many populations, substance abuse is a pervasive concern, requiring civilian providers to have a better understanding of military service and its impact on substance abuse.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - VA Medical Center, NH



SEVEN
out of ten

veterans receive their care from a civilian provider

NH MILITARY YOUTH ARE

15%

MORE LIKELY TO SHOW RISKY BEHAVIORS INCLUDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE

SERVICE MEMBERS

1. Increase the availability of Wellness programs and services available to servicemembers state-wide to include all dimensions of wellness: fitness, family, financial, social, emotional, and spiritual
2. Promote and advocate for services designed to treat substance use disorders for the military population by providers with knowledge of unique military risk factors

FAMILIES

1. Promote, advocate for, and support community services that provide protective factors for youth impacted by military service in their families
2. Provide support and services for military spouses or partners during times of need such as deployments, training periods, etc.

VETERANS

1. Increase and improve the implementation of military culture trainings for civilian practitioners providing services to the veterans of NH
2. Increase promotion efforts and utilization of the "Ask The Question" campaign to ensure appropriate services are being offered to our state's veteran population

2020 GOALS
by target population

Chair: Major General David Mikolaities, Adjutant General, New Hampshire National Guard

Vice Chairs: Dr. Andrew Breuder, Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Samon

Advisor: Staff Sgt. Rick Frost

The Joint Military Task Force meets on the third Thursday, every 4 months, from 9:30-11:30am in Room 222 of the Edward Cross Training Center, Pembroke, NH. For upcoming meeting dates, please visit <http://nhcenterforexcellence.org/governors-commission/military-task-force>