

# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 12 October 2017

**Call to Order:** President Peter Burdett called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the assembly present to Peter's lapel flag pin as the restaurant could not locate the American flag we had donated to them a number of years ago. This was followed by the invocation delivered by Gary Terhune.

**Attending:** Avery, Balcom, Boyle, Burdett, Burdo, Day, Devoe, Ikstrums, Jaffin, LeFebvre, Luti, McLean, Register, Satterfield, Terhune, Way. We welcomed Ray D'Amante and his wife Cinda to the meeting.

**Opening Remarks:** Peter Burdett began by passing out pens that Bruce Avery had procured with our chapter name and web site on them. Peter said we can give them to potential members as recruiting aids. We have a box full of them. Gwen Devoe mentioned that she had put the MOAA-NH car sticker she had bought (from the MOAA-NH Virtual Store) on her car window. Peter apologized for Warren Coulter's absence but Warren had a daughter event. Peter then passed around several flyers, etc. for different subjects and events, to include among others a flyer for an event at the NH State Veterans Cemetery on November 11<sup>th</sup>, a flyer for Easter Seals Veterans Count Breakfast (free) on October 17<sup>th</sup> where they will be passing out Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins to those who served in the military anywhere during the Vietnam era.

**Immediate Past President Remarks:** "Chad" Chadwick not present.

**Secretary's Report:** Michael McLean reported that he received two inputs for corrections to the September minutes. They are:

Under **Liaison:**, **ESGR:**, first line, change "there" to "they"

Under **OLD BUSINESS:**, **National Planning for regional convention:**, second line, change "help" to "held"

Under **Opening Remarks:**, third line, change "Home (Cemetery?)" to "Cemetery" and seventh line, change "Sitier (sp?)" to "City Year"

Under **NEW BUSINESS:**, **Awareness:**, second line, change "MOAA-NN" to "MOAA-NH"

Michael said people could make their own pen and ink changes. A quorum was present for the meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the September minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roby Day passed around the proposed 2018 chapter budget. Roby asked if people were receiving his monthly finance reports as he was concerned that he did not have everyone's emails. It appeared that everyone was receiving them. In reference to the September report, Roby commented that we need to make Tony Burdo our travel chairman for life because of the revenues he has brought in from Collette. Roby mentioned that he has created a new speaker's gift account. He asked if we are going to buy more books. Peter Burdett replied that we will but not yet. Roby went on to report that the Wolfeboro lunch appears to

have been a rousing success! We made \$133 on the luncheon. Roby opined that perhaps he and Sharon ought to go to Scotland more often! There followed a short discussion of the payment check for the luncheon and whether it was cashed. Moving on to the November Luncheon, we fifteen days left to the deadline, we have 38 reservations. Roby acknowledged Jim LeFebvre as the 50/50 Raffle person for the November Luncheon. The last item is the budget. Roby revised it from the August version. We now are looking at over \$2400 to have in our pocket at the end of the year. Roby drew people's attention to the reverse side of the sheet he handed out to see how we have done over the past several years of budget vs. reality. He suggested that we are in pretty good shape. Peter Burdett asked for a motion for the Board to approve the 2018 budget to present to the membership at the annual meeting. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed. Peter then called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund:** Andrew Breuder not present due to a spouse meeting. Gary Terhune reported that we can look at the end of September numbers compared to the end of August numbers on the Treasurer's Report to see we are going in the right direction. Gary then went into the numbers he will be presenting at the annual meeting. Gary thought things were going well and we do not need to make any changes in our distribution of funds. Finally he added that there were no disbursements from the Scholarship or Life Member Funds this month.

**Introduction of new attendees:** Peter said he was remiss in not introducing a new couple in attendance this evening. He introduced Ray and Cinda D'Amante. Peter called on Cinda, who serves on the board of the NH Scottish Games at Loon Mountain, to provide a bit of background on the Games.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT):** Peter Burdett began by saying that the SVAC has outgrown its location. They are now meeting at the National Guard Training Facility in Pembroke, NH. Their next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, as the normal meeting day (the 7<sup>th</sup>) is election day. At the last meeting, they talked among other things about flu shots at the VAMC. They had a guest speaker, Brandon Finn, from the state Veterans Council, who spoke about the Veterans Council. Al Montoya, the acting Director of the VAMC, provided an update on the fixing of the Medical Center after the flood. Peter, once again, made a plea for people to sign up with the VA, as more numbers helps their funding. He went on to discuss the various efforts underway to improve the medical care delivered by the VA in the state. Peter opined that Veterans Choice "2.0" was the way to go. They talked about the NH veterans license plates again. There was discussion on the status of the direction of veterans leadership within the state of NH. No decisions have been made yet.

**Personal Affairs:** Russ Register reported that this month MOAA national published an article on the TRICARE overseas program, a summary of which was sent out in a blast email. **The report is attached.**

**Membership:** Before Michael McLean began his report, he acknowledged that tomorrow, October 13<sup>th</sup>, is the US Navy Birthday. He presented the following membership numbers:

New members - 2  
Deceased members - 3 (Plus 1 w/ spouse)  
Dropped members - 1  
Current total membership – 722

Michael went on to explain that these numbers are different from the numbers that will be presented in the Membership Annual Report in November as he used a cut-off date of 30 September for the annual report.

**Recruiting:** Jon VanGuilder not present. Peter Burdett reminded everyone to carry around membership brochures to hand out to prospective people.

**Programs:** Sandy Way reported that we are on track for the November luncheon. He went on to say that we are all set for the 2018 luncheons. Sandy then said that after the November luncheon, Board member Gerald Boyle will be taking over as Programs Chairman. Peter Burdett mentioned that he had a long phone conversation with Gen Marr, the speaker for the November luncheon. Michael McLean brought up that the agenda listed luncheons for the discounted sale of MOAA-NH Virtual Store items. Michael said to delete the “s” as he only plans on selling the items at the November luncheon and it will not be an ongoing event. Peter asked if Sandy was comfortable with back-up for the various functions within Programs. Sandy said he had not gotten into that yet.

**Web Page:** Michael McLean reported that there were 381 hits in September, down from a record high of 501 in August. Michael had no idea why the number of hits was so high that month. Popular Pages in September:

**Hits Page**

55 Program Notes  
31 Chapter News  
21 Membership  
11 Transition Assistance  
7 Odds and Ends  
7 Newsletter  
5 Group Travel  
4 UNK  
195 General

**Travel Programs:** Tony Burdo presented the following report:

All trips have been completed for 2017. I received our final commission check from Collette in the amount of \$627.80. The check has been forwarded to Roby. That brings our total to \$3,287.20 for 2017. Al Pacquin, President of the Bay State Council of MOAA will return from Europe on 21 October at which time I will coordinate a possible partnership in our travel program. All brochures have been received from Collette for our 2018 travel program. We have a total of seven trips planned...three in the US, one in Canada and three in Europe.

To date, seven trips are planned by Collette in conjunction with the The Passion Play in Germany for 2020. Prices have not been finalized; however, reservations must be made well in advance. I will be meeting with our Regional Director shortly.

**Scholarship Loan Program:** Joe DiChiaro not present. He reported that the program transfer was completed on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Joe will not be present at the annual meeting.

**Strategic Initiatives:** Bruce Avery had no report. Peter Burdett said that Bruce has asked if anyone would step forward to volunteer to take over the blast emails.

**Granite State Warriors Award:** Bruce Avery said the committee has recommended that we present three awards this year – **Sig Sauer** for a new contract with the US Army for their side arms; **Camp Resilience** in Gilford for veterans in need and **DV Farm** run by an organization called Dysfunctional Veterans LLC. Bruce provided some background on the person responsible for DV Farm. Bruce is somewhat concerned that this group is on the up-and-up. Peter Burdett has feelers out to find out more information. Bruce said the Board needs to approve the choices. Peter call for a motion to accept the three choices, with a caveat that DV Farm might be dropped if they turn out not to be what they seem to be. Motion made and seconded. Michael McLean asked why we are doing three awards this year when we have done only two in the past. Bruce argued for his recommendations. Motion passed.

## **BREAK FOR DINNER**

### **Reconvened Meeting at 1954**

**Granite State Warriors Award (cont.):** Bruce wanted to add a comment. He said after this year we are down to four organizations. Two more are being added but he needs your help in identifying possible candidates. If you see an organization or individual worthy of this award let Bruce know.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards:** Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted a report that “no awards currently in progress”.

**NH Veterans Home:** Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted a report that “Vet’s Home visited on Oct. 3rd and did the Chapel service, visited Alzheimer neighborhoods amazingly found one of the younger residents had recovered sufficiently to return to regular room! Also visited a Vietnam vet named Wareagle, an Apache”.

**Nominations (Directors & Officers):** Nothing new.

**PAO:** Still looking for one. Sharon Day finally heard back from Ken Lull with information on what the job entails. Now she can put together an advertisement for the PAO.

**Granite Slate:** Marie Chipola not present. The next newsletter will come out in December after the annual meeting.

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

**SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee:** Andrew Breuder not present. He submitted a report that the next meeting is on 19 October. He also reported that he co-signed a funding request to the TAG and Governor’s commission just prior to the TAG retiring. **Letter attached.**

## **LIAISONS:**

**ESGR:** Sandy reported that they had a going away luncheon for Dave Quinn, the outgoing head of NH ESGR. The incoming head is Bruce Thompson. The last KC-135 "Boss Lifts" is October 27<sup>th</sup>. They also had two to three Blackhawk helicopters lifts from Concord in September.

**Transition Liaison:** Jim LeFebvre reported that he plans to work on the transition seminar material on the chapter web site. He also mentioned that he has chapter historical material that he plans to turn over to Roby Day. Peter Burdett mentioned that Marie Chipola might be able to glean some stories for the newsletter.

**VAMC Manchester:** Bernie Satterfield began by pointing out that there is a veterans benefits information session upcoming in Atkinson, NH. The USMC Band will play a couple of concerts in NH.

**Martins Point:** Bob Jaffin reported that the next meeting is on October 17th. Peter Burdett brought up some information concerning Martins Point and the transition to over 65.

**Auxiliary:** Gwen Devoe reported that she had sent out one condolence card and one letter this month. Gwen said she is still going through the chapter directory looking for deceased members.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Warren C of C in Nov 17:** Warren is ready to take over as president in November. Peter Burdett announced that we have a volunteer to be VP – Bob Jaffin.

**National Planning for regional convention:** Peter Burdett commented that MOAA national has been very quiet on this subject. Roby Day asked if CAPT Hunt was on our speaker list for next year. Sandy Way replied that he is scheduled for the June luncheon.

**Speaker Gift:** Peter Burdett said that we will continue to present Dr. Wright's Vietnam book as a speaker's gift as it is appropriate. Peter mentioned that for the upcoming November luncheon, Michael McLean has a picture book of New England left over from when he did Programs that would be good to present to Gen Marr.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Reports:** Peter Burdett mentioned that the reports are due today. Michael McLean said the he has received all the inputs required.

**Special membership request:** Michael McLean said that we have received a letter from Jere Ericson requesting special membership in the chapter as he does not qualify for regular membership as a member on the armed forces. He has attended almost all the luncheons for the past several years as a guest of chapter members and would like to be able to attend on his own. He included a membership application and a check for \$19.00 with his letter. Michael said that unfortunately there is no provision in our chapter by-laws for someone like that. Michael provided some background information on the various categories of individuals who are on our mailing lists. Michael said he does not have a strong feeling on way or the other concerning this situation. Someone asked if MOAA national had any provision for this case. Michael replied

that they do have a program for people who are not eligible to join MOAA but have an interest in the military. He couldn't remember the name of it. Jim LeFebvre brought up that perhaps they could fit in the honorary category. Michael replied that they don't really meet the by-laws requirements but then the current honorary members don't either. Bruce Avery stated that this sounds like an issue for the Strategic Initiatives Committee (SIC). The question of what to do concerning the check sent in with the application. Bernie Satterfield suggested we accept him free of charge and donate his check to the Scholarship Loan Fund. Someone suggested creating a new category call "supporting members". Peter said that could be something the SIC could come up with as part of the solution. Jim LeFebvre made a motion that this issue be referred to the SIC to come up with a recommendation to report at the next Board meeting. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed. Michael asked what he was supposed to do with the check in the meantime. Peter said to hold the check for now.

**Other business:** Michael McLean brought up an amusing story about a new member of the chapter. It appears that the individual has an Indian name as well as his Christian name. Michael went into some detail about the story. Bruce Avery brought up an item concerning the lack of knowledge of the military by our elected officials. He received an email from Annie Kuster addressed to "Dear Mr. CDR".

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 9 November 2017 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2026 hours.

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

ATTACHMENTS: 2



## Personal Affairs Report for October 2017

This month, MOAA has provided an article about TRICARE Overseas which is a globally integrated health care delivery program. Eligible beneficiaries have TRICARE coverage when they travel outside the continental United States. A few years ago, TRICARE consolidated its various overseas contract support services into one contract and awarded it to International SOS (ISOS), a global leader of health care and travel security assistance that consists of 11,000 employees operating in more than 1,000 locations in 90 countries. TRICARE ensures beneficiaries receive the best possible health care no matter where they are in the world, even in potentially extreme and austere environments. The program applies to active duty and retired military. More information can be found at:

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Currently-Serving/TRICARE-Overseas--A-Globally-Integrated-Health-Care-Delivery-Program.aspx>.



# MILITARY TASK FORCE

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

Chair: Major General William Reddel

Vice Chairs: Jessica Blais, Victoria Bagshaw

Advisor: Jo Mancher

September 22, 2017

Tym Rourke, Chair

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

Director, Substance Use Disorders Grantmaking and Strategic Initiatives

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

37 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301-4005

RE: Funding Request for Military Liaison Model

Dear Chairman Rourke,

There are approximately 112,000 veterans residing in New Hampshire, and just over 30,000 of these veterans receive care at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Like most states across the country, the majority of our veterans receive care in the community. Recent national data shares that 20 veterans die by suicide each day; 6 of these veterans receive care at the VA and the other 14 receive care in the community. As we know from national and statewide data, many of these veterans struggle with substance misuse.

The mission of the Military Task Force of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery is to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable, relevant substance misuse treatment services for veterans, service members and their families through education and collaboration. The Task Force has identified the "Ask the Question" Campaign, Military Culture Trainings, Education of Providers and Reducing Stigma as some of our top priorities in moving this work forward. The Task Force also reflects a "joint" partnership between the Governor's Commission and the Commission on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Both Commissions support these priorities.

In late July of this year, a National Mental Health Summit took place in D.C. including key leaders from the Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute for Mental Health and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The purpose of this meeting was to identify steps to address the 14 veteran suicides a day – who do not receive care at the VA. NH's "Ask the Question" (ATQ) Initiative was highlighted at this meeting, and after additional follow-up conversations at a summit in Denver, NH's ATQ was approved to be included in the National Suicide Prevention Plan.

ATQ encourages civilian service providers to ask the question, "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?" This campaign begins with a simple question that creates conversation and can ultimately help connect our military to appropriate care. ATQ also helps to address stigma (NH's #1 barrier in accessing care for our military) by simply encouraging greater understanding and education. ATQ is a campaign that is working, and has received significant national attention across the Country.

NH's Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Military Liaison Initiative is a powerful example of how one healthcare system in NH has "operationalized" the ATQ campaign – as part of their successful efforts to serve and support NH veterans, service members and their families. This 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation model (highlighted at the recent National Legislative Convention in Boston) creates an internal Military Liaison in each of the 10 CMHCs. Through these efforts, we now know that 15% of clients served at the 10 CMHCs in NH are military connected. This new data is helping to create "intentional" strategies to serve our military by generating military culture trainings, developing internal military staff meetings, coordinating client referrals with the VA, adding Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Trainings for Veterans to community outreach initiatives, and providing greater supports for military families. *The CMHC Military Liaisons are at the core of this work.*

The Military Task Force of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, in partnership with the Commission on PTSD and TBI, would like to respectfully request that the Governor's Commission consider funding a Military Liaison model for the 15 Substance Use Disorder service providers, that contract with the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services.

We would like to ask for your consideration in funding this model for \$120,640. These funds would include:

- 15 Military Liaisons: 15 agencies x 8 hours per month x 12 months per year x \$65 per hour = \$93,600 (staff costs only – no travel or other costs)
- 1 Statewide Coordinator: 1 agency x 8 hours per week x 52 weeks x \$65 per hour = \$27,040 (staff costs only – no travel or other costs)

Possible responsibilities (based on the successful CMHC Military Liaison model) could include:

- Serving as a military culture subject matter expert/consultant for agency staff, providing support and guidance as needed;
- Promoting military culture and competence within the service provider;
- Evaluating agency-wide level of military cultural competence, evidence based practice in treating military members with a substance abuse disorder, and willingness to treat this population.
- Identifying trends, gaps and barriers to treating this population;
- Becoming familiar with the Veterans Health Administration (VA), Vet Center, Care Coordination, and military staff resources and services to assist staff team in developing relationships and making referrals; and
- Helping to serve and support justice involved veterans by collaborating with the courts, VA, Vet Center and other community resources.

As representatives of the leadership teams from both the Military Task Force of the Governor's Commission and the Commission on PTSD and TBI, we believe funding the Military Liaison model would help to address our mission to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable substance misuse treatment services for NH service members, veterans and their families.

Sincerely,



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