

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 13 September 2018

Call to Order: Vice President Bob Jaffin called the meeting to order at 1828 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by the invocation delivered by Gary Terhune.

Attending: Avery, Balcom, Boyle, Breuder, Burdett, Corson, D'Amante, Day, Ikstrums, Jaffin, Lull, McKittrick, McLean, Register, Spotts, Terhune. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Vice President Bob Jaffin began the meeting by announcing that he was going to deviate from the published agenda. He recognized Ray D'Amante who took the floor to pay homage to recently departed John McCain. Ray presented a moving tribute (**Attached**) to Senator McCain followed by a request that all present rise to toast the war hero, and all others who have served our country, with a dram of Knappogue Castle Single Malt Irish Whiskey. Ray went on to relate an amusing story concerning the purchase of the Knappogue at his local NH Liquor Commission.

Bob Jaffin continued his departure from the agenda by calling on Jim Spotts to present the Recruiting Team's presentation on their efforts to date. Prior to Jim starting his presentation, our loyal server, Kim, was recognized for her facilitating our earlier toast. Jim went over his slide presentation (provided by separate email). Several people made suggestions as to new groups of contacts that could be approached. Jim responded by saying that they should provide him with the information. Judy Terhune relayed a story about someone she met who did not realize that MOAA accepted more than just retired military. We need to reach out to those people to tell them we are more than "TROA". People continued to provide suggestions of groups that we could contact. Jim went on to discuss some recruiting initiatives. One idea he had was to create a business size recruiting card from the trifold brochure. He talked about LinkedIn and Facebook as recruiting platforms. Peter Burdett inputted information that the ESGR has a program called ESP (Employment Services Program) to exam resumes and link them with companies. Jim brought up the idea of providing several incentives for recruiting. Bob Jaffin said that we could put off a decision on the incentives until next meeting or vote now. Sharon Day brought up that she was concerned about the cost to the chapter. Jim replied that Ray D'Amante has generously volunteered an amount of money to help defray the cost of any incentives. A motion was made and seconded to approve the straw man concerning providing incentives for Jim's recruiting efforts. Michael McLean brought up that there needs to be some criteria for the incentive packages. Bob Jaffin agreed that there needs to be rules of criteria for these incentives. Peter Burdett agreed but thought the principle was what was motioned. Motion called for a vote – motion passed with one abstention (Michael McLean). Jim Spotts said his committee would work up criteria for the incentives and present them at the next Board meeting. Jim then went through the rest of his slides. Bruce Avery brought up the idea that we ought to make the first year membership no charge. There was general discussion on the merits of the proposal. Bruce made a motion to that effect. Bob Jaffin asked whether we need a motion

on this or whether it was part of the initiatives of the recruiting committee. The idea was to include this as one of the proposals. There was discussion whether Bruce, who would not be at the next Board meeting, could vote by proxy. Michael McLean said no, you must be present to vote. There was further discussion on voting via email. Michael asked for a show of hands who plans to attend the Board meeting on October 18th. It appeared that there should be a quorum then to vote on the proposals.

BREAK FOR DINNER

Reconvened Meeting at 1940

Bob Jaffin continued his opening remarks by cautioning everyone to stay focused on what they have to report.

Immediate Past President Remarks: Peter Burdett began by citing an article in the *Union Leader* that reported that overall 36% of soldiers who attempted suicide had no previous diagnosis of mental illness. Peter went on to provide additional statistics from the article.

Secretary's Report: Michael McLean reported that he received several comments on the August minutes but no corrections. He pointed out that people need to start thinking about their inputs for the Annual Meeting reports. He sent out an email with responsibilities breakdown and saying that he needs all their reports **NLT** the October Board meeting on 18 October. If no one had any other comments, Michael asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the August minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Roby Day began by commenting on a picture, in the *Union Leader*, of Andrew Breuder and asking who else can fit into their Mess Dress. Roby went on to mention notes he received from Terry Bobseine, thanking the chapter for allowing her to attend the chapter functions, and Camp Resilience, thanking us for our donation. Peter Burdett pointed out that he serves on the Board of Camp Resilience as the duty USN representative. Roby then addressed the August Treasurer's Report. He pointed out that we are about \$600 ahead of our budget estimate, so we are in good shape. Roby then went on to discuss the budget for next year. He said that the bottom line for next year is only \$390 as compared to about \$2400 for this year. He said that revenues are down due to reduced membership dues and lower luncheon attendees among others. Expenses are up also to include printing costs. At this point Roby deferred to Michael McLean to talk about six page newsletters for next year. Michael said that the newsletter editor, Marie Chipola, would like to have all four newsletters next year be six pages. That way she can include more "war/sea" stories. Michael pointed out that we did a six page newsletter last December and the latest one in September. He hopes to do another six page edition this December and indicated that Roby thought we have the money to do it. Michael said to do the four six page newsletters next year would drop our bottom line surplus from \$390 to \$114. He said that the Board doesn't have to approve the six page newsletters but they do have to approve the budget that would include the newsletters. There was general concurrence with the idea. Michael commented that it would be nice if we could afford color newsletters, but we can't. He did point out that the newsletters are available, in color, on our web site that can be downloaded. It was suggested that we mention that in the newsletter. It was asked whether we have considered advertising in the newsletter. Michael replied that we had tried in the past but

it hadn't worked out. Also there are legal restrictions on what type of ads can be put in. Michael pointed out that Bancroft McKittrick had run an ad for the company he used to work for a number of years ago. Michael was asked to look into any advertizing restrictions imposed by our status as a nonprofit. Bob Jaffin volunteered to seek out advertizing once he knows what the limitations are. Roby said we have to make a decision as to which budget we are voting on – with or without six page newsletters. A motion was made and seconded to approve the six page newsletters in the budget proposal. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the overall budget for next year. Motion passed and budget approved. Roby said the last item was the Grantham luncheon. We are in the low nineties for responses. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Andrew Breuder reported that everything is doing pretty well. He commented on Roby's transfer of funds between accounts. That was the only change.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT/Vets Count): Peter Burdett reported that he went to an Easter Seals meeting recently where he serves on their executive committee. He said they are very solvent. He said that he will be going to the Northeast regional meeting of CASA at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. He went on to say that he attended a Military Leadership Team (MLT) meeting where a lot is going on to include how to codify the Governor's Executive Order designating the TAG as the head of the veterans efforts within the state. He continued to list the dates for LSR's to be submitted to the General Court. He talked about Jo Moncher's new efforts involved with an aging committee. Bob Jaffin asked if we have ever posted the LSR's on our web site. The answer was no because there are too many of them.

Personal Affairs: Russ Register reported on this month's Personal Affairs blast email. He said it covered two subjects. The first concerned military retirement pay. He said it is possible that we could see a 3% rise in retirement pay. The second subject covered once again the new TRICARE Dental Plan. He said he included a link to a web site that listed the offerings for the new plans. Russ said that they are bringing a guest to the September luncheon who is a potential recruit. Several people offered comments concerning the new dental plans and the importance of signing up. **(Read the attached email)**

Membership: Michael McLean presented the following membership numbers:

New members -	1
Deceased members -	0 (plus 2 w/ spouses)
Dropped members -	2
Current total membership –	687

Recruiting: Jim Spotts commented that they are still looking for storage space for the Clambake equipment. On problem is the propane tanks and hazmat concerns.

Programs: Gerry Boyle reported that the next event is September 22nd in Grantham. Gerry mentioned that he sent an email to the speaker for the November luncheon to confirm. Michael McLean said he sent several emails to Gerry concerning A/V support for the speaker. Gerry said

he was having problems with his email accounts, but eventually resolved the problems. Michael brought up the question of a speaker's gift. He mentioned two ideas – a picture book of the White Mountains or a certificate of appreciation. Gerry Boyle suggested a bottle of NH maple syrup. Bruce Avery brought up that Hunt Kerrigan will be at the September luncheon to talk about FEDVIP. Michael reminded everyone that it was agreed at the last meeting to have the spouses program split between Collette Travel and FEDVIP. Roby Day asked if Gerry had a firm schedule for next year's schedule. Gerry said he would have it for the next Board meeting.

Web Page: Michael McLean reported there were 394 hits in August, up from 327 in July.

Popular Pages in August:

Hits Page

65	Program Notes
33	Chapter News
33	Newsletter
18	Membership
12	Tricare
9	Odds and Ends
7	Transition Assistance
5	Virtual Store
2	Group Travel
186	General

Travel Programs: Tony Burdo not present. Janis Ikstrums presented the following report:
No change to passenger bookings since last report.

Collette has accepted our invitation to speak at our annual meeting in November. Details to follow.

Our "trip of the month" has been published through blast email. Our next announcement will take place in late September or early October.

All six brochures for our 2019 travel program have been received.

Scholarship Loan Program: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:
The checks for the first semester have been cashed by the respective institutions of higher learning and we are in good shape for the next installment. In keeping with the latest concerns of NH losing workforce and the need to become more diverse as a result, of the nine students receiving loans this year only ONE is attending a college in NH! It isn't UNH, Plymouth State or Keene State. Since it is reported that only 30% of students leaving the state for college return to NH as opposed to 70% of those attending in NH remain, maybe we should be asking why our overpriced State schools are losing students to other states. As I suggested last month I did go back and review 30 other recipients who are now repaying or soon will be and found that only 4 of those attended NH colleges. The trend does not bode well for retaining young people in NH.

Strategic Initiatives (SIC): No report.

Granite State Warriors Award: Bruce Avery said that he will not be at the October Board meeting so he will coordinate the GSWA committee's recommendations and email them to the Board prior to the October Board so the Board can vote on them.

Clambake: Bob Jaffin departed from the agenda and called on Ken Lull. Ken began by thanking everyone who helped make the Clambake a success. He went on to say that the profit margin has gone down over the last few years due in part to the decreased attendance. He then said that storage is the big issue. Ken suggested that perhaps they could build a shed on Bob Jaffin's property. Ken would pay for the lumber and knows someone who could build it. Gary Terhune pointed out that "Chad" Chadwick has a large amount of room on his property.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

No report until school resumes.

NH Veterans Home: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

I delivered our donation which was received and thanks to be extended to the Board. Also yesterday I represented MOAA at the remembrance of 9-11 (now called Patriots Day) the American Legion National Commander was visiting NH and was therefore escorted by all those who hold major offices in the Legion. The Governor gave a heartfelt (no notes) speech followed by Sen. Hassan and Rep. Kuster, and others. Board member of the Residents Board served as Chaplain, presenters, and following a video of the 9-11 work of the first responders, played taps

Nominations (Directors): Sharon Day presented her report on the Board of Directors Nominations (**attached**). Michael McLean reminded everyone that the Board has to approve the slate to send forward to the annual meeting for vote by the membership. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations (Officers): No report.

PAO: Kent Whitman not present. Geoff Corson said that "Whit" was looking for feedback on the press releases he has submitted to the various newspapers.

Granite Slate: Marie Chipola not present. Michael McLean reported that Marie has asked if anyone has any "war stories" to send them to her (marie.chipola@gmail.com) or me.

Web Communications - FB: Jon VanGuilder not present.

SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee: Andrew Breuder reported that the SUDS meeting that was supposed to be in August was somehow left off the schedule so it didn't happen. The next meeting is in October. Andrew commented that the meetings have had to be adjusted slightly to accommodate his teaching schedule.

Blast Email: Geoff Corson reported that there are 687 members in the chapter but we are sending out emails to about 300 and about half of them don't bother to look at the emails. Perhaps we need to reevaluate to worth of the program. Roby Day asked how we know how many are not reading these emails. Geoff replied that the program (iContact) we use issues a report that says how many open the email, click on links, etc. It was asked how many of our members have email. Bob Jaffin opined that he believes it is how many won't give us their email information.

LIAISONS:

ESGR: Sandy Way not present. Peter Burdett talked about the ESP (Employment Support Program) run by the ESGR. Peter then said that they are still doing Boss Lifts with the KC-135's. They will continue until the spring of 2019. The KC-46A is scheduled to start arriving in the fall of 2019. Bob Jaffin asked how we can leverage the introduction of the KC-46 to our advantage. Peter commented that he has been involved in getting the aircraft for NH what he was Chair of the SVAC. He also pointed out that Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen were instrumental in getting the aircraft here. Bob said we should think about what we can do get our name out there.

Transition Liaison: Jim LeFebvre not present.

VAMC Manchester: Bernie Satterfield not present. Andrew Breuder reported that VAMC was bringing onboard a number of new doctors and services. Bob Jaffin asked if anyone attended the Farmer's Market. No one had. Peter Burdett said he was going to find out when the drive thru flu shot window is. Peter went on to say anyone who is a VA patient can get their shot at Walgreens. Bob asked if our PAO is on the mailing list from the SVAC because there is a wealth of information on their emails.

Martins Point: Bob Jaffin reported that the next meeting is next month.

Auxiliary: Gwen Devoe not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recruiting Presentation: Bob Jaffin said that he received several comments that it was good to have it early so people could make comments without feeling constrained by time. Bob opined that he felt new business should be pushed up earlier and that is what we are here for, not reports.

Other New Business: Bob Jaffin mentioned that we need to think about "value added" and ideas to introduce at the annual meeting. Concerning our events, he asked if people had preconceived notions about more or less events. He believes that MOAA-NH should meet with our Congressional Delegation twice a year in an open forum. Bob is willing to go after it if he has support from the chapter. This is an example of a value added event. He is hoping this will be an exciting annual meeting this year.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 18 October, 2018 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH. Note that this meeting is on the **third** Thursday in October.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2038 hours.

Michael A. McLean
CDR, USN (Ret.)
Secretary
New Hampshire Chapter
(ATTACHMENTS: 3)

JOHN MCCAIN
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
MOAA - NH

I AM SURE WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT JOHN MCCAIN WAS A GREAT AMERICAN HERO, BOTH IN THE MILITARY AND IN CIVILIAN LIFE. HE HAD A DEEP SENSE OF DUTY TO HIS COUNTRY.

HIS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE WAS WITHOUT QUESTION BEYOND ANYTHING A COUNTRY COULD ASK OF ITS WARRIORS.

ALTHOUGH HE SERVED UNDER FIRE IN THE NAVY, THAT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE PERSONAL ATTACKS HE HAD TO ENDURE AND RISE ABOVE IN CIVILIAN LIFE.

AT LEAST IN PRISON CAMP, HE KNEW WHO HIS ENEMIES WERE. RECENTLY, ONE PERSON SAID HE PREFERRED SOMEONE WHO WAS NOT CAPTURED - AS IF JOHN MCCAIN HAD A CHOICE.

AFTER HIS DEATH AND BEFORE HIS FUNERAL, HE WAS ATTACKED BY ALT-RIGHT PUNDITS AS NOT BEING AN AMERICAN HERO BECAUSE HE NAMED NAMES WHILE UNDER TORTUROUS INTERROGATION IN NORTH VIETNAM. WELL, THAT IS TRUE.

ONE DAY, TO STOP THE TORTURE, JOHN MCCAIN GAVE HIS INTERROGATORS SOME NAMES - - - THEY WERE THE NAMES OF THE FRONT LINE OF THE GREEN BAY PACKERS.

IT IS COINCIDENTAL THAT WE ARE SO CLOSE TO 9/11, BUT IT UNDERSCORES THAT JOHN MCCAIN'S JOB IS NOT DONE.

PLEASE STAND AND LIFT YOUR GLASSES IN A SALUTE TO JOHN MCCAIN AND TO ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED AND WILL SERVE OUR COUNTRY WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION. JOHN MCCAIN IS AMERICA'S HERO.

HERE! HERE!

RAYMOND D'AMANTE

POST SCRIPT

(The following was not part of the written tribute, but was presented to our team)

Earlier today, I went to the liquor store to get the Irish Whiskey for the toast. There were only two bottles on the shelf. I wanted to be safe and get a third bottle.

At the counter, I asked the young man if he had a third bottle. He dutifully went "out back" to check. People got in line behind me and were not happy.

When the young man returned with the third bottle, I noticed his name was Ryan. I asked if he was Irish and he responded in the affirmative.

I told him the purpose of the Whiskey - MOAA - Tribute to John McCain.

Immediately, everyone responded with great enthusiasm about John McCain and were giving their own tributes to this "Great American".

To see that spontaneous and unanimous response was one of the best moments of the day.

I took a shot in the dark with my explanation to everyone present.

John McCain delivered!

Raymond D'Amante

* Per Request, the Whiskey was: Knappogue Castle Single Malt Irish Whiskey



September Personal Affairs Report

Military retirement checks are due for a possible Cost of Living (COLA) increase in January. Military retirement compensation is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Each year, the government takes the CPI average for the third quarter (July to September) and compares it to the same period for the previous year. As of July, 2018, the CPI had increased 2.9 percent from 2017. So, retirees may be looking at a retirement pay raise in the neighborhood of 3 percent for next year. You can read more about this at:

<https://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/News-Articles/2018-News-Articles/Will-You-Get-a-Bigger-Retirement-Check-in-2019-.aspx>

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) ends on December 31st, 2018. Anyone who is in TRDP this year needs to choose a dental plan from among 10 dental carriers in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) to retain dental insurance coverage next year. The FEDVIP open season for enrollment will occur from November 12 to December 10, 2018. You can begin reviewing 2018 dental insurance program options now by going to <https://www.tricare.benefeds.com/more/plans> and then selecting the FEDVIP Plan Comparison Tool. The plan details and premium rates for 2019 will be available in October, 2018. And, a special note: On Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the fall MOAA-NH Chapter Meeting at Bistro Nouveau, in Grantham, NH, experts on the 2019 TRICARE Dental and Optical Program will be on hand to answer any questions between 11:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 2:30.



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 13, 2018

To: Secretary, New Hampshire Chapter MOAA

From: Chairman, Board of Directors Nominating Committee

RE: Board of Directors Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Annex C of the Chapter By-Laws, the Board of Directors Nominating Committee proposes the following four (4) officers for a full 3-year term (until 2021) on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association *of* America.

Col Andrew J. Breuder, USAF (Ret.) [Second term]

Col Gerard J. Boyle, USMC (Ret.) [Second term]

Lt Col Wayne E. Balcom, USAF (Ret.) [Second term]

Col R. Bancroft McKittrick, USMC (Ret.)

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon P. Day

CDR, USN (Ret.)

Chairman

Board of Directors Nominating Committee