



The Granite Slate

The Official Newsletter for the
New Hampshire Chapter of The Military Officers Association of America



Dec 2010

Published quarterly for the information of members of the NH Chapter of MOAA
P.O. Box 712, Dover, NH 03821

Volume 32, No. 4



President Gary Terhune receives 5-Star Banner (8th in a row for the Chapter) from Gen Butch Neal, Chairman of the Board of Directors, MOAA. The 5-Star Award is presented to the "very, very best chapters." The evaluation of membership retention and recruitment, chapter communications, legislative liaison and updates, and civic support must produce a score of 91% or above to reach this pinnacle. For the eighth straight year the NH MOAA Chapter is "Five-Star".



President Gary Terhune presents the Speakers Thank you gift to Senator-elect Kelly Ayotte for her remarks and insights at the November Annual Meeting

Results of Elections at 2010 Annual Meeting NH MOAA Officers Elected to one Year Term

President CDR Peter S. Burdett, USN (Ret.)
Vice-Pres CDR Bruce F. Avery, USN (Ret.)
Secretary MAJ Patricia A. Graham, USA (Ret)
Treasurer CAPT Joan M. Huber, NC, USN (Ret)

Board of Directors (Three year term)

Warren Coulter Joseph Di Chiaro
Robert Jaffin Thomas Kyle

Thanks for your dedication and service

The NH Chapter of the MOAA thanks the outgoing officers and Board of Directors for their outstanding contributions to the success of the chapter. If you need proof see the 5-Star Banner Award in the adjacent column.

Thanks to 2009-2010 Chapter Officers:

President Gary Terhune VP Jim LeFebvre
Secretary Pat Graham Treas Joan Huber

Board of Directors whose terms have expired:

Peter Burdett Glen Crowell
Bob Jaffin Thomas Kyle

Upcoming Programs for 2011

January 22nd, "Rethinking American Foreign Policy"

Speaker: Dr. William Martel,
The Fletcher School, Tufts University
The Yard Restaurant, Manchester

Save the Dates for 2011

April 16th Seacoast June 4th Conway/Berlin
August 6th Clambake, PNSY Oct 1 Lakes Region
Nov 5th Annual Meeting Manchester Country Club

Chapter Officers

President CDR Peter S. Burdett, USN (Ret) (800) 778-4251, peter_burdett@ml.com
Vice President CDR Bruce F. Avery, USN (Ret) (603) 526-2854, bruceavery@tds.net
Secretary MAJ Patricia A. Graham, USA (Ret) (603) 644-1630, smowcy@comcast.net
Treasurer CAPT Joan M. Huber, NC, USN (Ret) (603) 863-5731, joanhuber@aol.com

Visit the Chapter's website at: www.moaa-nh.org



President's Corner

Pete Burdett

Seems as if military service can continue after retirement. The pay is lower compared to active duty in terms of \$\$\$, but the best returns come in other types of modes. I retired in 1993 and served as President of the NH Chapter of TROA in 1996-1998. Now I have an opportunity for another leadership term for the Chapter and I do look forward to the challenge.

What makes it the most enjoyable is having the help of many dedicated volunteers who, without much recognition, work hard for the 900+ members of the MOAA here in NH.

The speaker for the 22 January meeting is Dr William Martel of the Fletcher School at Tufts. The topic will be "Rethinking American Foreign Policy". As the principal investigator on space policy study with support from MIT Lincoln Laboratory (2007-2009) he will have interesting perspectives to share. Let's fill the house and learn about how new technologies are changing policies.

Next year also brings us to the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corp aviators will be reflecting on the rapid progress of aviation over the Centennial, fabric and wires to supersonic!

During the annual meeting I proposed a goal for the NH Chapter to find additional members to increase the total membership to over 1200 during my two years as president. This is NOT something I can do myself. However, each of YOU may know someone who can join the chapter and the national MOAA to ensure the continuation of earned benefits and a strong military. If you have any questions call any of the board members or me directly. See my contact information on the front page. Please use the website: www.moaa-nh.org and share it with others.

Lastly thanks to Gary and Jim for their leadership. "I relieve you, sir".

New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !

CW3 Richard Tidwell US Army National Grd (act) 3 Waterford Way, #309 Manchester, NH 03102 Spouse-Desiree <i>Correction from Sep entry</i>	Maj Donald Beddie USAF Res (ret) 254 Washington St, #3 Dover NH 03820
CPT Thomas Dougherty US Army (former) 11 Southgate Rd Hollis NH 03049 Spouse: Lynne	CDR Gregory S LeGore US Navy (ret) 14 Drake Lane Derry NH 03038 Spouse: Joanna
COL Leo O'Keeffe US Army (ret) PO Box 793 Enfield, NH 03748	CWO4 Parker Vanderhoof, Jr; US Army (ret) 27 Whippoorwill Rd Union, NH 03887 Spouse: Janice
CDR Rick Chrisoffersen US Coast Guard (ret) 1479 Route 117 Sugar Hill NH 03586 Spouse: Ann	COL Peter Kujawski USAR (ret) 140 Powder Hill Rd Bedford, NH 03110

Travel Program Notes

Canadian Rockies by Train Space is still available for this May 26 – June 3, 2011 trip. We cannot guarantee availability of space on this trip after December 26, 2010.

Discover Tuscany To resolve a schedule conflict, the dates of our Discover Tuscany trip will be October 18 – 27, 2011.

For reservations or additional information, contact Bruce Avery at (603) 526-2854 or bruceavery@tds.net.

The State Veterans' Advisory Committee

The State Veterans' Advisory Committee (SVAC) is established by RSA and currently includes up to 20 voting veteran organizations (currently there are 16 member organizations) and two representatives assigned by the Speaker of the House and two senators assigned by the President of the Senate. Veteran organizations that are not voting members are invited to every SVAC meeting and encouraged to join discussions on matters of interest to them. The SVAC also receives advisory support from other State agencies serving veterans and those agencies attend the meetings on a regular basis.

The SVAC serves as an advisory body on NH Veteran's issues. The committee reviews and comments on proposed legislation, monitors the status of veterans, proposes legislation, solicits publicity regarding veterans' issues, and provides recommendations to the Legislative and Executive Branches.

SVAC meetings are open to the public and are governed by the appropriate legislative rules relating to official meetings. The next meeting is 4 January at 1700 at the National Guard Aviation Facility in Concord. President Pete Burdett, is the MOAA voting representative and the current chair of the SVAC. The latest report of the SVAC is available at the MOAA website. Go to: <http://www.moaa-nh.org> and look under "Odds and Ends."

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING: NOV 13TH
MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB**



Outgoing VP Jim LeFebvre and Pres Gary Terhune



2010-11 Chapter Officers:
Pat Graham (Sec), Bruce Avery (VP),
Joan Huber (Treas), Pete Burdett (Pres)



Pete (right) presents Gary the recognition plaque and gavel for "Outstanding Service"

Thanks to the "Old" and Welcome to the "New" (Above)

The peaceful transition of the NH MOAA Chapter leadership occurred on Nov 13th. The strong legacy of the chapter remained intact under the leadership of Gary Terhune, outgoing President and Jim LeFebvre, outgoing Vice-President. Pete Burdett and Bruce Avery stepped forward to assume the leadership positions of President and VP respectively. So a heart felt thanks to Gary and Jim for their dedicated service, and to Peter and Bruce for stepping in. The leadership corps is strong because of two individuals who not only served with distinction, but volunteered to stay on and continue to ensure the chapter successfully fulfilled its mission. Heartfelt thanks to Pat Graham, Secretary and Joan Huber, Treasurer for not only their service, but for volunteering to continue in those roles for another year.

Members Elected to the Board of Directors in 2010

F. Warren Coulter

Last Assignment:
Present Civilian Occupation:
Avocations:

CAPT, US Navy, Retired
Naval War College
Financial Advisor
Hiking, Skiing, Scouting



Joseph DiChiaro, Jr

Last Assignment:
Present Civilian Occupation:
Avocations:

Col, US Air Force, Retired
15th AF, Judge Adv Staff, March AFB
Pastor, Calvary Fellowship,
Avid Reader,
Teach Eschatology, Biblical View



Robert Jaffin

Last Assignment:
Additional MOAA position:
Present Civilian Occupation:
Avocations:

CW04 US Navy, Retired
Naval Communications Station
Recruiting
Academics
Trains and Travel



Thomas H. Kyle

Additional MOAA Position:
Last Assignment:
Present Civilian Occupation:
Avocations:

LtCol, USAF Reserve, Retired
Liaison to VAMC-Manchester
Staff Weather Officer, Maine ANG
Retired
Jogging, Travel, Church volunteer



The New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA
PO Box 712
Dover NH 03821-0712

Address Service Requested

NONPROFIT ORG
AUTO
US POSTAGE PAID
DOVER, NH
PERMIT 615

Retirement Proposal Update

(source: www.moaa.org)

The Bipartisan Policy Center released the recommendations of a privately funded Budget Reduction Task Force with the goal of bringing the federal debt below 60 percent of GDP by 2020. This group, co-chaired by former Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) and former Congressional Budget Office Director Alice Rivlin, is independent of the President's Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, whose co-chairs issued a separate deficit-cutting proposal last week

Among a broad range of other proposals, the Rivlin-Domenici plan would dramatically alter the military retirement system by:

- Shifting it to a 401(k)-style system involving member contributions and variable government matching (depending on skill, retention needs, etc., each year),
- Basing retired pay on the highest five years' average basic pay (vs. the current three years),
- Delaying eligibility for immediate retired pay until age 57 for those with 20 or more years' service, and
- Vesting retirement benefits for members with 10 or more years of service

They estimate this would reduce long-term military retirement costs by 50%.

To help achieve those savings, the Rivlin-Domenici plan would shift all currently serving troops with less than 15 years of service to the new system!

MOAA believes the basic proposal is as ill-advised as were simi-



Mrs Marguerite Brockway
Mrs Alyce Crouter
LTC John Bliss, Jr USAR (ret)

Springfield, VT
Charlottesville, VA
Jaffrey, NH

lar proposals in years past, in that its fundamental premise is to dramatically cut compensation for people who complete a military career in order to pay people who elect to separate.

It's a formula guaranteed to end in a long-term retention and readiness disaster. If it were in place today and soldiers with 10 years of service facing a third or fourth...or fifth...combat deployment had a choice between leaving with a vested retirement benefit or being forced to serve until age 57 to get an immediate annuity, we wouldn't like the resulting retention rates.

Abrogating retirement promises to all currently serving personnel with less than 15 years of service would add gross insult to grievous injury.