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## ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011 PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

1100: Beverage Line Opens    1200: Lunch served

### Menu

Clam Chowder, Steamed Clams  
Lobster OR Char-Broiled Steak  
Corn-on-the-cob, Potatoes, Onions, Bratwurst,  
All this for just \$18.00 !!!

Flyers to signup will be mailed to all members or go to the  
Program Notes page at [www.moaa-nh.org](http://www.moaa-nh.org)

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED MOAA-NH needs you

The chapter is seeking able-bodied volunteers to serve on the chapter's Board of Directors. The only requirements are that you are a regular member and want to serve your chapter.



The term for a Director is three years. The Board meets the second Thursday of the month in Concord at the Red Blazer Restaurant; starting at 6:30 pm and ending at 8:30, with a break for in the middle for dinner.

If you are interested in volunteering for this very important part of the chapter's operation, please contact Michael McLean at (603) 692-4648 or [mamclean@comcast.net](mailto:mamclean@comcast.net)

### **CLAMBAKE HELP WANTED** **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED;—**

The Clambake is coming up August 6th; again we are looking for new participants to continue making the Clambake the great event it has become.

*Beverage pickup and delivery*  
*Help with serving beverages*  
*Making butter for the lobster*  
*Making clam chowder*  
*Preparation and setup on Aug 6th*

If you are interested in a small part or taking on a lot we can use the help. Please contact Jeff Olson at [ijnolson@comcast.net](mailto:ijnolson@comcast.net) or call in the evening at 603-659-2343.

### **Remaining 2011 Programs**

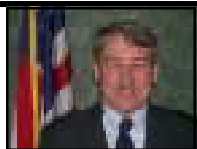
**October 1st**  
Harts Turkey Farm, Meredith  
*Dr Marc Levenson, MD*  
*Director, Manchester VA*  
*Medical Center*

**November 5th**  
Annual Meeting  
Manchester CC, Bedford

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**President's Corner**

Pete Burdett

*“Stormin’ the Hill”*

The trip to Washington DC in April was filled with the politics of the day, but the data that made the most impact on me was the membership totals that were shared. Please refer to the MOAA Officer magazine that just arrived for the legislative detail, but the realization that the total membership of MOAA is 377,000 and only 66,000 are chapter members was a surprise to me. We visited the Alexandria offices, and found the spaces functional and spartan. However, this organization still makes a mark big enough for the USA Today newspaper to call for a response in reference to a veteran healthcare issue. They know, because of the respect that MOAA has in the Washington arena that this is an organization that speaks for the military.

If you would like to review the piece see additional information and a link at the New Hampshire MOAA website under “Hot Items”

[www.moaa-nh.org](http://www.moaa-nh.org)

ADM Steve Abbot said that, “We face an uphill battle in defending our earned military benefits. Health care fees are just the beginning as Congress looks to deal with the gigantic national debt and the chronic imbalance between government income and expenditure.” So, then where does that leave the 412 MOAA chapters across the USA? The strength of the MOAA organization is the membership. That is you! MOAA needs more strong chapters like the NH Chapter and more members from the large number that are not yet Chapter members, but belong to MOAA.

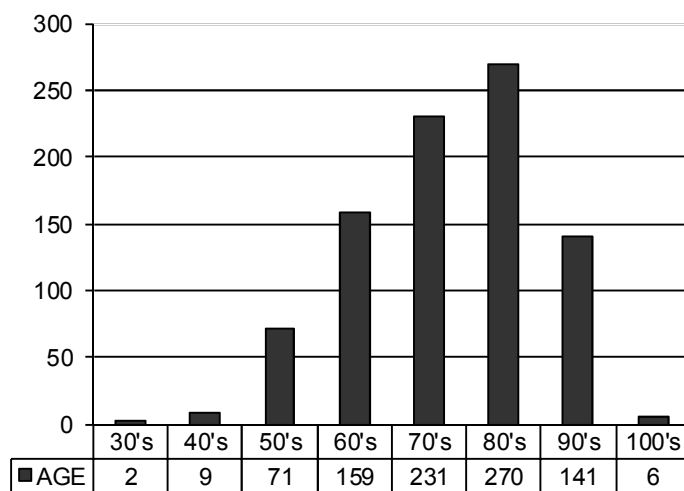
As I reviewed the NH 2010 award submission that was just submitted, I was struck by how involved the NH Chapter is across the state. NH is special! Many chapters in MOAA are struggling, but NH remains strong. The answer as to why is the membership numbers and involvement of the members. Our membership is at 898 as of 25 April. Many volunteers lighten the work, but we need more members. Please help us find the next generation of members. Thanks!

**MOAA-NH AGE BREAKDOWN**

(as of 25 Apr 11)

AGE	MEMBERS	PERCENT	REG	AUX	ACTIVE
30's	2	0.2%	2	0	2
40's	9	1.0%	9	0	5
50's	71	7.9%	70	1	9
60's	159	17.7%	151	8	2
70's	231	25.7%	202	29	
80's	270	30.1%	165	105	
90's	141	15.7%	59	82	
100's	6	0.7%	2	4	
UNK	9	1.0%	8	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>20</b>

**MOAA-NH AGE BREAKDOWN**



**Chapter Member Highlighted in National Publication**

Meet **Capt. Ann Darby Reynolds** (MOAA-NH chapter member), one of the first four women recipients of the Navy's Purple Heart during the Vietnam conflict.

**My Purple Heart** - One Vietnam Veteran's Story of Survival. On Christmas Eve 1964 in Saigon, Vietnam, Navy Nurse Ann Darby Reynolds stood at the window in her room as the enemy attacked, making the holiday less like Christmas and more like a massacre. Reynolds would go on to devote 26.5 years to the Navy, rarely speaking about the incident or her duty at Naval Station Hospital Saigon, but never forgetting what she called “the most traumatic experience” of her life. Read her story through the link on Chapter News at [www.moaa-nh.org](http://www.moaa-nh.org)

### **The NH Chapter Scholarship Loan Program**

Established in 1985, scholarship loans are made with funds donated by the chapter membership. Managed by a Scholarship Committee as established in the chapter by-laws, over 65 students have been assisted by this program since it began. Eligibility is restricted to children and grandchildren of chapter members. Loans are interest-free and to college level undergraduate students.

Repayment of a loan is expected to begin six months after completion of a student's academic program at the rate of 1/50<sup>th</sup> of the loan per month. Repayment of subsequent loans to the same student will be at the same rate, commencing in sequence each year from the date that repayment of the first loan begins. Portions of a student's loan may be forgiven based on academic performance at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

The scholarship committee meets in June each year to review applications. Applicants are considered based on merit, not need. The amount of a loan will be based on funds available and the number of students applying.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting: Col. Calvin Hosmer, P.O. Box 175, York, Maine 03909. Telephone: (207) 363-2396. Email: [hosmerIII@aol.com](mailto:hosmerIII@aol.com).

### **MOAA Auxiliary Liaison Information**

The chapter has received a total of 40 phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers project which are exchanged for free talk time for our troops and their families. The program has been extended to January 31, 2012, and the top three donating Chapters will be recognized at the April 2012 Board and Council Presidents meeting in Washington DC. We will continue collecting at MOAA-NH events until January 31. These donations are tax deductible and Cindy will have forms available.

Several improvements have been made at the Conway Community Based VA Outpatient Clinic. The now has an on-site physician (as opposed to a physician's assistant), offers walk-in hours, and will have a pharmacist and social worker during certain times of the month.

Soon military parents will have another option for insuring their adult children until age 26 retroactive to Jan 2011. The TRICARE Young Adult Program will

## **New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard !**

Col Gerard Boyle USMC (ret) Spouse: Barbara 50 Highland St Plymouth, NH 03264	Col Gregory Boyle USMC (ret) Spouse: Leeann 30 Fogg Ct Manchester, NH 03104
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CWO3 Edmund Nycz, Jr USN (ret) Spouse: Barbara 30 Summit Ave Derry, NH	RADM Thomas Richards USN (ret) Spouse: Jacqueline 18 King St Hampton Falls NH 03844

operate like TRICARE Standard, but has a monthly premium. Premiums are expected to be lower than those associated with the CHCPB. If young adults required medical care after the first of this year and already have lost or will soon lose their TRICARE coverage, save the receipts. To learn more, visit [www.tricare.mil/tya](http://www.tricare.mil/tya). For more information, contact Cindy at 603-356-7296 or [cyn99@att.net](mailto:cyn99@att.net).

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CAPT L. Bryant Fuller III, USN, the Commander of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PSNY), receives speaker gift from VP Bruce Avery at the April Meeting after a very thorough overview on the operations at PNSY. (below left)



(above right) President Maggie Stiers, Chair, Education & Outreach, The Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund receives Speakers Gift from Pres. Pete Burdett. She gave a very informative history of the state symbol and plans for a monument.



Lt Col Charles H. Crawford, USAFR (Ret.), Laconia

Mrs. Ruth B. Kimball, Berlin

LTC Charles J. Kachavos, USA (Ret.), Montague, MA

Mrs. Genevieve A. Jaycox, Libertyville, IL

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Campbell, Lakeland, FL

Mrs. Louanne Pratt, Portsmouth

Col Harold J. McLoud, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Bow

CDR Conrad H. Carlson, USN (Ret.), Jamaica Plain, MA

Col Duncan D. Chaplin, III, USMC (Ret.), Concord

Col Robert A. Smith, USAF (Ret.), Merrimack

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LCDR Urban L. Bobseine, USNR (Ret.), Gilford