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Programs for 2012

Sep 29th Bistro Nouveau, Grantham, NH
Guest Speaker: **CAPT Kathryn M. Beasley USN (Ret.)**,
Deputy Director of Government Relations,
Health Affairs; MOAA National Office
"MOAA's 12-Point Plan and What's Going on in Washington With Our Benefits"
Registration information available at www.moaa-nh.org or
Contact Joan Huber—phone and email below by Sep 14

Nov 10th Manchester Country Club
2012 Annual Meeting
Guest Speaker: **US Senator Jeanne Shaheen**

Dates and Locations for 2013

Jan 26th Merrimac Valley
April 13th Abenquai Country Club, Rye
June 8th The Chase House, Meredith
Aug 3rd Clambake, Portsmouth Shipyard
Sep 28th Common Man, Claremont
Nov 2nd Manchester Country Club

Another Outstanding Clambake

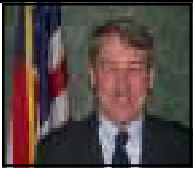
If it is the first Saturday in August, then it must be New Hampshire MOAA's Annual Clambake. Once again the team of volunteers led by Jeff Olson rose to the challenge and provided a day of fellowship, fun and obviously good vittles to the 375 that came out to Portsmouth Shipyard. Donations support the Scholarship Loan Program benefiting children and grandchildren of chapter members. See page two for this years recipients.



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President's Corner

Pete Burdett

As the MOAA NH Chapter winds up the summer we can recall our outstanding event at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the famous Clambake. I continue to be pleased at the spirit of the volunteers and the attention to detail that gets it all done. This is just one of the events of the many that the NH Chapter holds each year. Our next event is going to be OUTSTANDING, and we are also looking forward to our Annual Meeting! Be sure to get your reservations in quickly!

The efforts of this chapter have been outstanding and I draw your attention to the seal on the front of this newsletter (right next to the return address) that announces our **10th FIVE STAR AWARD**. MOAA national uses a "Level of Excellence" rating system that uses both objective and subjective scoring to challenge individual Chapters. A comprehensive package is written each spring by your Board of Directors on our activities and is submitted for judging to receive at least 220 points of the maximum 240 points to obtain the "5 STAR" rank.

By the way, one of our biggest concerns is maintaining our % of regular chapter members who are also members of the national MOAA. So help us out by keeping both of your memberships up to date and better yet, become life members!

Very recently I have become aware that the Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees (including gray area retirees) and their eligible family members, un-remarried surviving spouses and their eligible children. It appears to be an interesting benefit. As the details are too long for this short space, please use the NH Chapter website at www.moaa-nh.org or scan the QR code on the address page to get more details. You can also call directly to Doug Schobel at 401-732-0297 or e-mail him at Dschobel@delta.org. Retirees can find more information on the program, as well as enroll 24/7/365, online at trdp.org.

That is all for now. However, I would like to hear from you. So if you have any ideas or comments on how we can improve our programs, call or email me directly: 800-778-4251 or peter_burdett@ml.com.

Thank you and all that you do to support this chapter!

Pete

Peter Burdett, President MOAA NH Chapter

The NH Chapter Scholarship Loan Program

The NH MOAA Scholarship Committee approved 12 loan requests, 8 renewals and 4 new applications. Thanks to everyone who supported the program to make this possible

Approved Renewals

Kelsey Hayes	Granddaughter of Barbara Hayes	Fashion Inst of Tech, NYC
Christina Kasper	Daughter of Robert Kasper	Tulane
John T. McDonald	Grandson of Edward Farouri	Loyola
Caitlin Olson	Daughter of Jeffrey Olson	Univ of Nebraska
Richard Tidwell, Jr	Son of Richard Tidwell	Texas A & M
Ryan Tidwell	Son of Richard Tidwell	UNH, Manchester
Alexandra Zanella	Granddaughter of John Zanella	Boston Univ
Bianca Zanella	Granddaughter of John Zanella	Green Mtn College

Approved New Applications

Megan Berg	Granddaughter of Wallace Berg	Univ of New England
Alexander Crowell	Grandson of Glen Crowell	SUNY, Purchase NY
David Cummings	Son of Candyce Cummings	Coastal Carolina, SC
Kelsy McDonald	Granddaughter- Edward Fagouri	University of Scranton



- ★ CDR Charles Anderson, USN (ret) Wilton, NH
- ★ Col Russell Bartlett, USAF (ret) Hanover, NH
- ★ LTC Donald Chesebrough, USAR (ret) Gilford, NH
- ★ LCDR Henry Clay, USCGR (ret) Wolfeboro, NH
- ★ Lt Col Wilbur Dennis, USAF (ret) Keene, NH
- ★ Mrs. Doris Diekmann New London, NH
- ★ LTC Robert Kaiser, USAR (ret) Hanover, NH
- ★ LTC Mary Kuczynska, USA (ret) Nashua, NH
- ★ LCDR John McCarthy, Jr USN (ret) New Castle, NH
- ★ Mrs. Lois McCrone Dover, NH
- ★ COL Paul E. Queneau, USA (Ret.) Hanover, NH.
- ★ Capt Les Smith, USMC Moultonborough, NH
- ★ Lt Col Joan Tyler, USAF (ret) Keene, NH
- ★ Col John T. Tyler, USAF (ret) Keene, NH
- ★ Mrs. Rosemary Wilkes Merrimack, NH

**Help Wanted:
New Granite Slate Newsletter Editor**

- Start Date Jan 2013
 - First Newsletter March 2013
- New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA is looking for a new newsletter editor to take over the quarterly publication . A four page document, the newsletter is mailed to every member. The time commitment is approximately 6-10 hours for each edition and completed at home. The chapter will provide a copy of Publisher, or you can use your own. All newsletters since 2006 will be provided as samples. The current editor will do Dec 2012 and be available electronically for questions or assistance. Great way to serve the chapter and stay connected with what is going on locally and nationally. Printing and mailing are through a commercial firm. If interested contact Bruce Avery at (603) 526-2854, bruceavery@tds.net

2013/4 NH MOAA Travel Program

Our 2013 Travel Program starts in April 11th - **Exploring Panama**. Spend seven days exploring Panama City, Panama Viejo, Casco Antigua, Miraflores Locks, Gamboa, Smithsonian Galeta Marine Laboratory, Colon Free Zone, and the Panama Canal Railway. A Webinar on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:00PM.

On September 6, 2013, we offer an eight day trip to the **Northern National Parks** which include visits to Salt Lake City, Jackson WY, Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons.

A special webinar on this trip Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00PM.

On October 17, 2013, we offer a ten day trip to **Rome and the Amalfi Coast** with stops in Rome, Ravello, Vietri-sul-Mare, Sorrento, Paestrum, Pompeii, and Naples. Webinar on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 7:00PM.

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, we offer - **From the Outback to the Glaciers**. This twenty day trip to Australia and New Zealand includes Melbourne, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney, Franz Josef Glacier Region, Queens-town, Milford Sound, and Mt Cook National Park. Webinar on this trip Friday, February 22, 2013.

**New Chapter Members
Welcome Aboard !**

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MOAA Legislative Update—Rep. Jon Runyan (R-NJ) introduced legislation to protect TRICARE beneficiaries from unfair fee hikes. The bill mirrors the Senate version introduced by Senators Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Rubio (R-FL).

- Acknowledge that servicemembers pre-pay significant healthcare premiums through decades of service and sacrifice, over and above what they pay in cash
- Limit the annual percentage increase in cash fees (to the percentage increase in military retired pay)
- Bar any further increase in the existing TRICARE Standard retiree inpatient copay of \$708 per day.
- Specify that should the Defense Department establish an enrollment system for TRICARE Standard, any eligible beneficiary filing a claim must be automatically enrolled until they opt to dis-enroll. (This is to ensure beneficiaries who fail to get the word about any new Standard enrollment system don't have their claims rejected for failure to enroll)

Urge your U.S. Representative to cosponsor it.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

The chapter is planning to issue a new member directory at the beginning of next year (2013). In order for it to be as accurate as possible, we need correct, up-to-date information before it is printed. Please look over your address label on this newsletter. It has all the data that will be included in your entry in the directory (except your telephone number). Please check that your name, rank, service, status [(ACT), (RET), (FRM)], spouse's name, address and Zip are all current and spelled correctly. If you can still find your old directory (it is dated 2010 on a blue cover), check that your telephone number is correct; or, if you can't find it or you have changed your phone number or joined the chapter in the last three years, please provide us with your current number. Any changes/corrections should be mailed to MOAA-NH at PO Box 712, Dover, NH 03821-0712 or emailed to Chapter@moaa-nh.org. Please ensure that they are received by the end of this year to be included in the directory. As they say in computer speak, *garbage in – garbage out!* Thank you for your assistance.