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In the News:

US Army selected for Joint Strike Fighter software assessment

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (Aug. 12, 2014) -- The F-35 Joint Program Office has selected the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center to perform independent software safety analyses of the next-generation strike aircraft commonly called the Joint Strike Fighter.



The single-engine, single-seat F-35 will be manufactured in three versions: a conventional-takeoff-and-landing variant for the Air Force, an aircraft-carrier variant for the Navy, and a short-takeoff/vertical landing variant for the Marine Corps and the U.K. Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

The Software Airworthiness and Safety Lab, or SASL, which is a part of the Software Engineering Directorate at the Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, or AMRDEC, will be responsible for performing an independent assessment of safety-critical software requirements, design and code that is embedded in the F-35 Aircraft operational flight program software. This highly integrated system is comprised of many parts including a propulsion system, weapons system and an autonomic logistics system.

"The F-35 has over **24 million lines of code** and is clearly the most complex weapons system ever designed by the DOD," explained James Lackey, AMRDEC's Acting Director. "The department's decision to select the Software Engineering Directorate to provide the independent software safety evaluation speaks highly of our expertise, credibility and our past demonstrated successes."

The Software Engineering Directorate, or SED, provides system and software engineering life-cycle management support to the Army's Aviation and Missile Command and numerous other customers. This includes software safety analysis and software airworthiness support for numerous aviation systems, such as the AH-64 Apache, UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook, and various weapon systems, including the Hellfire missile and Sentinel Radar.

MOAA news: May 16, 2014

Retired Navy Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, president of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) wrote to the Commander in Chief, President Barack Obama, urgently recommending he establish an independent, high-level commission to examine the VA health care system for the nation's veterans in the 21st century.

U.S. Army Africa Deputy Commander Addresses the New Hampshire Military Officers Association of America

JACKSON, NH- New Hampshire native Brigadier General Peter L. Corey was the guest speaker at the Military Officers Association of America-New Hampshire (MOAA-NH) Chapter annual summer luncheon at the Eagle Mountain House in Jackson, New Hampshire on June 16th.



(Photo by Peter W. Dawson, MOAA-NH)

Brigadier General (BG) Corey currently serves as the Director, Joint Staff, New Hampshire National Guard Joint

Forces Headquarters and concurrently as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Africa. BG Corey grew up in Littleton, NH and attended the University of New Hampshire graduating through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1983 with a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He has deployed numerous times most recently to Kuwait as the Commander of the 197th Fires Brigade which was the largest deployment of New Hampshire Army National Guardsmen since World War II.

U.S. Army Africa (USARAF) protects and defends national security interests of the United States, strengthens land forces and regional organizations, supports United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM), and conducts military operations to deter and defeat violent extremist groups. The wide-ranging goal of these organizations is to create a secure environment in Africa and to protect U.S. interests.

"The challenges to U.S. national security and interests in Africa is an enormous task given its sheer size alone" said BG Corey. "Africa is three times the size of the United States, and covers 20.4% of the earth's total land area. It has porous almost non-existent borders, suffers from resource depletion, poor infrastructure, limited health care, and there are over 1250 different dialects spoken." Despite these challenges, USARAF continues to develop and foster new relationships and assists sovereign African countries to develop African land forces and capabilities. Our goal is to address regional security interests, main-

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President's Corner

Bruce Avery

Sept, 2014

As my tour as your President winds down, a couple of thoughts.

First, it has been an honor and privilege for me to be the President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the MOAA for the last two years. It has given Shirley and me the opportunity to meet and talk with most of you at a wide variety of events. It has also provided the opportunity for me to routinely meet with our Senators and Congressional Representatives and their staffs to discuss a wide variety of many subjects including the basing of the new USAF aerial tanker at Pease and the VA healthcare debacle. While I disagree with the positions that some of these officials have taken, I remain impressed with their concerns regarding military and veterans issues.

One of the tasks I will be undertaking as your Immediate Past President is to lead the Chapter effort to have quarterly meetings with our Senators and Congressional Representatives and their staffs. There is a two fold purpose for these meetings. Obviously, we will seek to ensure that the positions of our members are made known. Just as important, we will use these meetings to discern how we can help these elected officials do a better job as our advocates in Washington.

Second, MOAA-NH needs your help in recruiting new members of all ages in order to attract a broader membership base. We all know individuals who meet our membership criteria, but are not yet members. Share your membership experiences with them - invite them to a meeting. The chapter website (www.MOAA-NH.org) is a great source of information on the advantages of MOAA-NH membership.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President. It has been a great trip.

Bruce

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is the second of a series of articles in which we will profile the collateral duties of various members of the MOAA-NH Board of Directors in order to become better aware of the efforts of the Board on behalf of our members, Ed.)

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chapter by-laws provide for **five** standing committees and such special committees "as may be required by the by-laws or as he or she [the President] may find advisable". Last time Legislative Liaisons, which fall under the Legislative Committee, was covered. The other standing committees are **membership, program, personal affairs, and scholarship**.

CDR Michael A. McLean, USN (Ret.) is our Membership Committee Chairman. He is responsible for maintaining the chapter membership records and sending annual dues notices to the members. He ensures that the records are as up to date as possible *relying on members to inform him of any changes to their information*. Working with the Recruiting chairman, he establishes goals, plans and carries out membership-solicitation drives, and follows up on leads concerning potential members. Every three years he is responsible for publishing the chapter directory. His email address is mamclean@comcast.net.

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2013 New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard!

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COL H. Allen "Chad" Chadwick, USA (Ret.) is our current Program/Luncheon Committee Chairman. He is responsible for coming up with the various luncheons and other social functions throughout the year. He is aided by subcommittees in different areas of the state to assist in locating venues and planning the events. He is always looking for volunteers to assist him in locating new places to hold luncheons and to recommend interesting speakers that the membership would enjoy. His email address is achad21396@hotmail.com

MAJ Patricia A. Graham, USA (Ret.) is our Personal Affairs Committee Chairwoman. She serves as the primary point of contact for issues associated with military rights and entitlements, with special emphasis on benefits and personal affairs issues, keeping up on issues such as TRICARE, SBP, VA services, concurrent receipt, etc. She is assisted by our Auxiliary Liaison, Beverly Kemp, who tracks the passing of members and their spouses and ensures that the chapter's condolences are communicated to family members by sympathy cards or letters of condolences, as appropriate. Patricia Graham's email address is smowcy@comcast.net. and Bev Kemp's email address is RedDuchess31@comcast.net.

COL Calvin Hosmer, III, USA (Ret.) is our Scholarship Committee Chairman who manages the chapter's Scholarship Loan Program. He is responsible for processing the loan applications and, with the rest of the Scholarship Committee, for selecting those individuals to receive loans. He distributes the loan checks to the students and receives their pay-back checks. For further information on the Scholarship Loan Program, contact him at hosmerIII@aol.com.



Brigadier General Peter L. Corey & Chap. President CDR Bruce Avery (story on page 1)

Chapter Members,

Please add your comments to the MOAA-NH web-site (moaa-nh.org), and send possibilities for our next edition to "poko@comcast.net." All submissions including news items will be considered for inclusion.

Additionally, please note Cdr. Avery's request for your help in soliciting membership(s) from your NH Veteran colleagues.

My challenge is for each of you to contact one veteran before our Christmas edition is published and delivered to you,

-editor-

Our Chapter's Summer Clambake was a huge success!

It was a dark and gloomy day to start off with predictions of rain in the forecast! However, with the exception of a few drops early in the morning, the Chapter lucked out again and had a reasonable day to hold it's Annual Clambake on August 2, 2014. Once again it was held at Jamaia Island on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY). The weather did not deter the 359 members, families and guests gathered in the idyllic surroundings to enjoy our traditional feast of clam chowder, lobster, steak, mussels, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes, onions, rolls and watermelon.



MOAA Pres. Cdr Bruce Avery, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Base CO Capt. Will C. Greene, USN

It was nice to see that attendance was up from last year! Again, with the new layout of the main pavilion, we were able to use two "chow lines" - one for lobster (the longer one) and one for steak and lobster (not quite so long). The cookie lady, **Mary Beth Moran**, was back selling home baked (by her) cookies in support of the Scholarship Loan Fund.

We were pleased to be joined by US Senator **Kelly Ayotte**, the wife of chapter Board member **Lt Col Joe Daley, ANG (Ret.)**, who once again was put to work on the serving line to earn her dinner! In addition, US Senator **Jeanne Shaheen** and US Congresswoman **Carol Shea-Porter** stopped by to chat with the attendees (this is an election year after all!). The Shipyard Commander, **CAPT William C. Greene, USN** was also in attendance. We were honored to have a US Navy color guard, from the Shipyard Clinic, present the colors while local recording artist **Joan Feldmeir** sang the National Anthem.



Again this year we extended invitations to neighboring MOAA chapters to join us for our now famous Clambake. Our western cousins from Vermont and New York along with cousins from several "south of the border" Massachusetts chapters joined the best chapter of MOAA at our Clambake. We were joined by **five** chapter



BG Corey & MOAA-NH President Bruce Avery (photo by Peter W. Dawson, MOAA-NH)

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tain sustained engagements, create a credible African force, and to assist Africans in solving specific difficulties they have encountered.

U.S. long term strategic goals in Africa include countering violent extremist organizations, developing partnerships, building partner capacity, protecting Americans in Africa and American strategic interests from security threats stemming from Africa. When asked by a member of the audience what BG Corey would do in USARAF if he had an additional \$10 million dollars to help U.S. interests in Africa he replied, "The biggest issue in dealing with countries in Africa is not money, its understanding. Listening to the African citizens and understanding what they need and want is the key to their future success."



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVES 19 FOR LOANS

The Scholarship Committee met on July 7, 2014 to consider 19 applications for scholarship loans for the 2014-15 academic year. There were 10 applications from students already in the program and 9 from new applicants. All 19 applications were approved.

STUDENTS RE-APPLYING:

NAME	PRESENT SCHOOL / YEAR	SPONSOR/RELATIONSHIP
David Cummings	Coastal Carolina Univ./Junior	Candyce Cummings/Mother
Nicholas Christoffersen	Univ. of Conn./Sophomore.	Rick Christoffersen/Father
Kelsey Hayes	Lesley University/Senior	Barbara Hayes/Grandmother
Elizabeth Hertzler	Univ. of Rhode Island/Sophomore	Richard Dennis/Grandfather
Kelsy McDonald	Univ. of Scranton/Junior	Edward Fagouri/Grandfather
Caitlin Olson	Univ. of Nebraska/Senior	Jeffrey Olson/Father
Tyler Thren	San Diego State/Sophomore	John Zanella/Grandfather
Ryan Tidwell	UNH Manchester/Senior	Richard Tidwell/Father
Bianca Zanella	Green Mountain College/Senior	John Zanella/Grandfather
Jordan Zanella	Millersville Univ./Sophomore	John Zanella/Grandfather

NEW STUDENTS:

Matthew Cunningham	Colby Sawyer College/Freshman	Scott Cunningham/Father
Christopher Emery	Univ. of Maine/Freshman	Lyman Smith/Grandfather
Stephanie Girard	Meredith College/Freshman	Anthony Burdo/Grandfather
Jacquelyn Girard	Clemson University/Junior	Anthony Burdo/Grandfather
Casey Humphrey	Univ. of Southern NH/Freshman	Marie Daley/Grandmother
Mariah MacDonald	Keene State College/Freshman	Scott Cunningham/Grandfather
Jordan Suls	Univ. of Miami/Senior	Howard Suls/Father
Juliana Zanella	Elmira College/Freshman	John Zanella/Grandfather
Hannah Nelson	Rennselear Polytech. Inst./Senior	Mark Nelson/Father

CHAPTER MEMBERS --This is the largest number of students receiving loans in the history of the Chapter's scholarship loan program. These students need support from Chapter members, so please make as generous a donation as you can before year's end.

members in attendance for their first MOAA-NH event: Lisa & Peter **Begley** of Fremont, Richard & Jackie **Matthews** of Londonderry and John **Meaney, Jr.** of Hampton.

The main benefit of the Clambake, other than to enjoy a great home cooked clam-bake, is to support the Chapter's **Scholarship Loan Fund**. This locally run program helps children and grandchildren of the New Hampshire Chapter members with college expenses by awarding interest free loans of **\$2000.00** to **\$3000.00** per academic year. This year **TWELVE** students are receiving loans. The Clambake raised **\$2289.00**; thank you to all who contributed!!

Finally, a special **Bravo Zulu** to all those who made this event as successful as it was. It could not have been done without all the hard work of the chapter volunteers!!



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MOAA-NH is happy to welcome Mr. Tony Burdo as the new travel director for our NH chapter. Please note the wonderful trips he has organized for 2015:

- April 16, 2015, Shades of Ireland, 10 days
 - Sep 21, 2015, Classic Danube River Cruise and Land Tours, 11 days
 - Sep 2015, National Parks of America, 12 days
 - Sep 2015, Rhine River Cruise, 9 days
 - Sep 2015, Prague to Budapest River Cruise, 11 days
- For additional information contact Tony Burdo, 603-391-7106 or email:
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Details and more trips can be found at our web site, www.moaa-nh.org
Sign up soon to take advantage of these great opportunities and discounts.

2014 (remaining) & 2015 (proposed) Schedule

Sept 27	Common Man Restaurant, Plymouth, NH Speaker: Col Phil Odom, USAF (Ret.), Dep. Dir, Government Relations, MOAA topic: Retiree & Survivor benefits
Nov 8	Annual Mtg. Nashua C.C., Nashua, NH
January 31	Portsmouth C. C., Greenland Granite State Warriors Awards
April 18	Upstate NH
June 13	Grill 28, Pease G. C., Newington
August 1	Clambake (PNSY)
September 12	Eagle Mountain House, Jackson
November 7	Annual Meeting



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Mrs. Marjorie M. Hallinan	Rawlins, Wy
Maj Harold E. Hines, USMC (Ret.)	Meredith, NH
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