

MOAA World Famous Clambake

Summer News and Events



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

327 chapter members, families and guests attended our traditional feast of clam chowder, lobster, steak

and all the traditional extras at our famous Jamaca Island clambake in August. Once again, summer weather prevailed! Our cookie lady, Col Mary Beth Moran, USAF (Ret.), 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, USAF (Ret.). The senator was quickly put to work serving lobsters to our crowd to earn her dinner (picture on page 2). We also welcomed the new Shipyard Commander, CAPT David S. Hunt, USN and his wife Cheryl (who just joined our chapter the week before).

They were also put to work on the serving line (not much of a welcome!). Being an election year, several state candidates also joined us for introductions. Again, we were honored to have a US Navy color guard from the Shipyard Clinic post the colors.

This was the first year for our new Chapter Bakemaster, COL Ken Lull, USA (Ret.). Aply assisted by a full crew, they succeeded in putting on an outstanding Clambake for the chapter. Several boiling pots of water kept the lobsters and clams coming at full-speed and a 7am start for this team made for a show-stopper!

We were joined once again by neighboring MOAA chapters for our now famous Clambake. Our western



Summer Meeting, White Mountain Hotel and Resort

The chapter's summer meeting and luncheon was held at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort on



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

June 11, 2016. This was the third time we have traveled to this venue located at the foothills of the White Mountains in North Conway, NH. The hotel staff were very helpful and friendly in accommodating our needs, and



our meal was enhanced by a beautiful panoramic view of the white mountains across a valley below.

We were pleased to have chapter member Major General Susan Y.

Desjardins, USAF (Ret.) as our guest of honor and speaker. The subject of her talk was "Today's Military, Honoring the Legacy, Leading the Change." She presented a slide show outlining the status of our current military with an emphasis on the increasing role of women in the Armed Forces. Her presentation was well received by all in attendance.

We were pleased to be joined by a new chapter member in attendance for his first MOAA-NH event: Robert Giuda of Warren, NH. Welcome to our chapter Robert.



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President's Corner

Chad Chadwick

President's Corner September, 2016

I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support during first three quarters of year 2016, culminating in our world famous clambake at the Portsmouth Naval Ship yard. What a display of teamwork and great leadership from the Lull Family, Cal Hosmer and Joe Daley and all the MOAA NH volunteers. As has been our custom over the years, we have been present at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and the dedication of the new monument to War on Terror with which we honor all of our fallen comrades.

We have been honored this year many times by MOAA National for first, winning MOAA's Communications award for our website, thanks to Mike McLean. Secondly, we received monetary awards twice from MOAA National for recruiting new members thanks to Jon Van Guilder's and your recruiting efforts. Of note, we are actually attracting and recruiting younger members. We have also won recognition from MOAA National for presenting 2nd Lt Gold Bars to newly commissioned Officers thanks to the efforts of Joe DiChario. Finally, we have won the prestigious MOAA Five-Star Level of Excellence award again for the **fourteenth** year in a row! So congratulations to you for all of your efforts and time in making this happen.

Our collective efforts have not gone unnoticed by our legislators. Your actions have directly affected how Tricare and Tricare For Life (TFL) congressional action was either defeated and or modified. Thank you for standing tall and voicing your opinions to them; they heard you and now they understand more precisely what "earned benefits" truly means to us.

Finally, equally important is Cal Hosmer and MOAA NH's continued support and efforts to honor chapter members, their children and grandchildren through our Scholarship Loan Program and our continued support of the ROTC and JROTC programs through the efforts of Joe DiChario. The future of our country and understanding the legacy of self-sacrifice is in hands these of young men and women participating in these vital programs. -Chad--

Level of Excellence Award

Each year, councils and chapters may request to be recognized for one of two Levels of Excellence awards. The very, very best councils or chapters receive a five-star award, and above-average councils or chapters receive a four-star award.

A standard set of rating criteria are used to evaluate all councils and chapters that submit a package. Those accumulating at least 220 of the maximum 240 total possible points will be recognized appropriately as five-star, and organizations accumulating between 200 and 219 points will be recognized as four-star.

All councils and chapters qualifying for a particular level of excellence will be recognized appropriately and given a special battle streamer in recognition of their selection.

We at MOAA New Hampshire can be proud that our "Level of Excellence" has been at ★★★★★ for the 14 year! Great Job all.....

2016 New Chapter Members Welcome Aboard!

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NH Senator Kelly Ayotte (Rep.NH)
serving lobsters at the clambake!

Travel Update

We have the following trips scheduled for 2017:
Springtime Tulip Cruise, Dutch & Belgium Waterways, April 20 - 28

Hawaiian Adventure, 23 Feb - 4 Mar

Southern Charm, USA, 26 Mar - 1 Apr

Canadian Rockies By Train, 26 Aug - 3 Sep

Pacific Northwest & California, September 17 - 24

Wonders of South America, 2-13 Nov.

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IN MEMORIAM

BRENTWOOD - With his family at his side, Edward H. Josephson "slipped the surly bonds of earth" at Massachusetts General Hospital Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016. Ed was air-lifted from Wentworth Douglas Hospital in Dover, to Mass General (Boston).

Growing up in Concord, Ed enjoyed hunting and fishing, his paper route, frequently visiting the NH Historical Building, and being in the Civil Air Patrol which nourished his love of flight.

During his senior year at Concord High School he learned of the new "U.S. Air Force Academy" which would be accepting candidates for its first-year classes. Ed wrote a letter to newly elected Congressman Perkins Bass and and delighted to be subsequently appointed.

While flying transport planes for the USAF, Ed visited all 50 states then onto several countries (including all continents).

Following AF retirement Ed joined AVCO which became the Textron Systems Division. He was promoted to V.P. Ombudsman, a term and job that he thoroughly enjoyed. Ed had been a strong and busy advocate for many veteran groups in the state throughout many years.

He leaves his wife, Judith (Judy Coates from Tampa, Fla.) of 53 years, son (Edward Andrew from Charleston, S.C.), and granddaughter (Monica Louise Josephson of Bayreuth, Germany, (now residing in Bucksport, Maine).

Additionally a brother, (Michael A. Josephson from Webster), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/concordmonitor/obituary.aspx?n=edward-h-josephson&pid=181350687&fhid=4587#sthash.V0ewKKb8.dpuf>

(Clambake (cont. from page 1)

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 seven chapter members in attendance for their first MOAA-NH event: Larry & Nanette Colby of Center Barnstead, Francis & Marsha Conti of Center Barnstead, Jeffrey & Jennifer Corton of Bedford and Rick Harden of Fremont. Welcome to the chapter!

The main benefit of the Clambake, other than to enjoy a great home-cooked clambake, 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. This year the Clambake raised \$3110.00. Thank you to all who contributed!!

Pease Greeters, S.O.S.--STOCK OUR SHELVES!!!

The Pease Greeters is an honored group of volunteers who greet flights of service men and women, at the Pease Air Terminal in Portsmouth, NH, both returning and heading overseas to the Middle East. In addition to greeting flights, they manage a Care Package Program.

Every summer, the Pease Greeters' Inventory for Care Packages gets low. Below are some of the items they are low on. Small sizes to be carried in back packs - nothing in large bottles or packages unless the large package contains smaller packages.

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| dried fruits - small pkgs. | Sizes 8 oz |
| nuts - sm. pkgs. | mouthwash |
| coffee 1 lb. and tea, | shaving cream |
| tuna snack packs | foot powder (lg. and sm.) |
| body powder | lg. shampoo |
| women's socks | lg. bar soap |

For more information and where to drop off the items, go to the Pease Greeters website at <http://www.peasegreeters.org/events.htm> and scroll down to "SOS Care Packages". Any donation would be appreciated. Gift cards are welcomed.

THANK YOU in advance from our Troops.

MOAA News:

May 13, 2016

On May 12, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved its version of the FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill. Committee leaders left no doubt about their determination to address problems in beneficiary access and program efficiency, quality, oversight, and contracting in several areas including specific health matters.

They also left no doubt they believe many fees associated with TRICARE should be increased.

That combination of views is best described by a sentence in the committee's press release that said, "[These] reform initiatives adhere to a simple guiding principle: that beneficiaries should only be asked to pay more into a military system that delivers greater value."

Changes addressed by the committee include:

- ** eliminating preauthorization requirements for specialty care
 - ** lowering copays for high-value medications and services
 - ** requiring a plan to improve pediatric care
 - ** requiring a standardized appointment system in military facilities
 - ** establishing performance accountability standards for military health care leaders at all levels
 - ** incorporating value-based methods and provider reimbursements in TRICARE contracts
 - ** expanding telehealth services
 - ** Authority for TRICARE beneficiaries to enroll in the federal civilian dental and vision programs;
- See more at: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Currently-Serving/Senate-Panel-Proposes-Health-Care-Overhaul.aspx#sthash.8Q3apBfp.dpuf>

Aug 2, 2016

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2016 -2017 Luncheon Schedule

- 9/17/2016 Bistro Nouveau at the Center at Eastman, Grantham, NH
- 11/5/2016 Annual Meeting, Nashua C. C., Nashua, NH
- 01/28/2017 Granite State Warrior Awards, Portsmouth C. C., Greenland
- 04/ 29/2017 Mid-State (TBA)
- 06/10/2017 White Mountain Hotel & Resort, North Conway
- 08/05/2017 Clambake, (PNSY)
- 09/16/2017 Eastern/ Central NH (TBA)



CPT Robert M. Gordon, USA (Ret.) Bethlehem, NH
 Capt Miles E. Waltz, USAF (Ret.) N. Conway, NH

Chapter Members,

As the summer season comes to a close, I'm hoping that each of you and your families found a bit of time together to enjoy each other's companionship. While visiting 5 state and national parks this summer from Maine to Wyoming, we found extraordinary landscapes and visitors from around the globe. We're indeed fortunate in the United States to have these special places available to us and protected for our enjoyment.

With the passing of my best friend and mentor this summer, my Dad was honored with a flag-draped coffin and taps played at the end of his service. Most of the guests were surprised to find that Dad was in fact a veteran, as his time in the Army Air-force (1942-1943) was very brief.

He was better known as a "normal" business man and church-goer for most of his life and was a champion among many groups during his 90 year run. Most placed him at the top of their favorites list.

So many of us have acquaintances who also spent their time wearing a uniform, and may have had those days completely forgotten after joining the multitudes living in the "real" world. We might take a moment to ponder which ones of our friends spent some time back in the "old days" putting our country first, and themselves in second place.

They are part of the reason that we have our national parks along with the freedom to enjoy them today. We are each fortunate to have been part of this special group of countrymen, and can all be proud of our achievements.

--editor--
 Peter W. Dawson
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