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MOAA-NH Chapter's Mission

- To promote the aims of the MOAA stated in the By-Laws of that Association
- To further legislative goals and objectives of MOAA
- To encourage and facilitate camaraderie among our membership
- To provide useful services for and to protect the interests of members, their dependents, and survivors

MOAA-NH's 2019 Annual Clambake!

In the days leading up to the clambake, the forecast was for a clear and sunny day; however, on the morning of August 3, the day of the clambake, the forecasters changed their forecast to scattered thunderstorms. And it did!! Notwithstanding the intermittent rain and thunder, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the majority of the 211 members, families, and guests who had signed up from enjoying our traditional feast of clam chowder, lobster or steak, mussels, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes, onions, rolls, and watermelon. Unfortunately, the attendance was down again this year as the overall chapter membership is down. Again, we welcomed the Shipyard Commander, CAPT David S. Hunt, USN and his wife Cheryl, a chapter member. We were honored to have a US Navy color guard from the Shipyard Clinic again this year.



COL Ken Lull,
USA (Ret)

As always, our Chapter Bakemaster, COL Ken Lull, USA (Ret), ably assisted by his second-in-command, Lt Col Joe Daley, USAF (Ret) and Drinksmaster CW5 Bernie Satterfield, USA (Ret), succeeded in putting on an outstanding clambake in spite of the weather. We were pleased to be

joined by former US Senator Kelly Ayotte, wife of Chapter member Joe Daley, who was put to work on the serving line to earn her dinner!

US Representative Chris Pappas stopped by and was put to work on the serving line. BG Donald Bolduc, USA (Ret), a brand new member of the chapter, and CAPT Hunt and his wife were also manning the serving

line. We were joined again by neighboring MOAA chapters for our now famous clambake. Several "south of the border" Massachusetts chapters joined the best chapter of MOAA at our clambake. We welcomed four chapter members in attendance for their first MOAA-NH event: Kevin & Evelyn Ray of Sanbornville, Arthur Ricca of Merrimack, and Robin Tyner of Exeter. We even had five people join on the spot – Donald & Sharon Bolduc of Stratham, Dennis & Denise Howe of New Ipswich, and David Hunt, in anticipation of his retirement. Dean & Schelly Rondeau of Wolfeboro rejoined 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 and \$3000 per academic year. This year **NINE** students will receive loans. The 2019 Clambake raised \$2,114. Thank you to all who contributed!!

In addition to the money raised for our Chapter's Scholarship Loan fund, Chapter Board members collected \$155 to support veterans organizations in New Hampshire.

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!!

*CDR Michael A. McLean, USN (Ret)
MOAA-NH Secretary*

*(Pictures from MOAA-NH's
2019 Annual Clambake are on page 3.)*

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President's Corner

CAPT F. Warren Coulter, USN (Ret)



Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. The clambake was a smashing success – despite the intermittent showers.

Many thanks go to Ken Lull, Joe Daley, Jim Spotts, Bernie Satterfield, and to the whole crew who pitched in to make it happen.

Kudos to Ken Lull for locating and purchasing a trailer for storage of the clambake gear. He and his friendly carpenter lined and created shelving to accommodate everything (pictures elsewhere in this issue).

Our Chapter Treasurer, Roby Day, is still in need of a back-up Assistant Treasurer. Likewise, we also need a back-up to our Secretary, Michael McLean. Consequently, we need to find and encourage anyone interested in either position to contact either Roby, Michael, or me.

This will be my last Granite Slate message as president since we will have a change of command at the annual meeting in November. I want to thank everyone for their support over the past two years and ask for that continued support for my successor.

Warren Coulter

Let's Welcome Our New 2019 Chapter Members!

BG Donald C. Bolduc, USA (Ret) — Stratham
Maj Wesley T. Collins, USAF (Ret) — Ogdensburg
Capt. Kevin C. Frye, USAFR (Ret) — East Kingston
LT Eric L. Golnick, USN — Derry
LTC Dennis R. Howe, USA (Ret) — New Ipswich
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CDR Arthur S. Ricca, USNR (Ret) — Merrimack
COL Dean J. Rondeau, USAR (Ret) — Wolfeboro
LTC Richard N. Townsend, USAR — North Conway

MOAA-NH's Summer Luncheon Held in North Conway

It was a beautiful, sunny day when the chapter members gathered to meet at the White Mountain Hotel & Resort for their summer meeting on June 22, 2019. Seventy-six members and guests enjoyed the scenic view from the dining room of the hotel and feasted on a delicious choice of Marinated Beef Tips or Chicken Cordon Bleu.

The guest speaker was CAPT Mark J. Winter, USN (Ret), former Chief of Staff to Commander Joint Task Force, Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) and son of chapter member CDR Steven J. Winter, USN (Ret). Mark Winter is a New London, NH area native, graduating from Kearsarge Regional



CAPT Mark J. Winter
USN (Ret)

High School in 1984, Maine Maritime Academy in 1988, and the University of Maine, School of Law in 1998. Mark served 30 years in the U.S. Navy, both on active duty and in the reserves. One of his last assignments was as Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force – Guantanamo, the organization responsible for detention operations in Cuba. Mark was previously the General Counsel at the National Maritime Intelligence Center and served on the Joints Chiefs of Staff in the Detainee Affairs Branch. Mark and his wife Meredith reside in South Freeport, Maine with their two children, William (17) and Eleanor (14).

Mark began his talk by thanking all service members present and their spouses and families who supported their veterans along their way for their service and “especially the Vietnam era veterans who were never properly thanked when they came home.” He introduced and thanked his mother, who attended with him, for supporting him and his father during their military deployments.

He gave a very thorough briefing of the history of the US Naval Base at Guantanamo, Cuba and its current use as a detention facility for enemy combatants. He stated that at one time there were nearly 800 detainees there. Today, there are only forty. The US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba was established in 1898 when the U.S. took control of Cuba from Spain at the end of the Spanish-American War. The US Government obtained a perpetual lease from the Cuban government that began on February 23, 1903. Although the current government of Cuba maintains that the Guantanamo Bay base is illegally present on the island, the U.S. presence remains. Throughout his talk, Mark emphasized the difference between “policy” and “politics” and how they influenced decisions regarding the operations at GITMO. Much of his discussion covered the conflicts between the different presidential administrations, the differing political views of members of Congress, and the many legal issues surrounding holding enemy combatants. He discussed many examples of these conflicts that existed between the presidential administration’s efforts to create “policy,” the “political” climate at the time, the various legal opinions rendered by the courts, and who we are as a country. One glaring example he pointed out was the Bush Administration’s announcement of the use of enhanced interrogation techniques (EIT) on some of the high-value detainees. After the 9-11 attack, it became evident that the captured combatants had been thoroughly trained in how to evade normal interrogation requiring “enhanced” techniques such as water boarding. The US was unsure how to best balance the need to ensure no further attacks occurred with how detainees were interrogated, hence the conundrum with the “political environment” and the EIT “policy.” CAPT Winter did emphasize that EITs were performed by other than Department of Defense (DoD) personnel.

The informative and thought-provoking presentation was well received by all present resulting in a healthy question and answer period that followed. In addition to the presentation, the chapter welcomed six first-time members: William & Laura Birkmaier, Jr. of Lebanon, John & Kimberley Buck of Hampton, and David & Beverly Dunning of Elkins.

Article by Kent Whitman
CPT, USA (Ret)

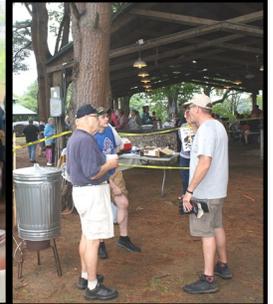
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USMC (Ret)



*Enjoy these pictures
from MOAA-NH's 2019 Annual Clambake!
(Courtesy of Mike McLean and Kent Whitman)*



*Fun Times &
Delicious Food!*



... And for a great cause!





to MOAA-NH's Clam Meister
COL Ken Lull, USA (Ret)



Our annual clambake at the Shipyard is a do-it-ourselves luncheon, as you no doubt understand. It takes a great deal of coordination and work, and our Clam Meister, COL Ken Lull, USA (Ret), has done an extraordinary job to make the Clambakes an event not to miss. He and his faithful team have created a culinary experience that is delicious, efficiently run, and nearly world-famous.

To organize the employment of our cooking and kitchen materials, Ken found a trailer suitable for storing and transporting our collection of pots, pans and propane bottles, and configured its interior with shelving to hold it all. Nicely done MOAA-NH decals were placed on three sides as well.

On the road, the trailer advertises to all that MOAA-NH is here and on the move! Our deepest gratitude goes to Ken and his team for demonstrating what we in the military community can do when we set our minds to it. Thank you and well done, Ken.



MOAA-NH
Clambake Trailer
PNSY, 2019

MOAA-NH Needs Your Help

Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions and being part of MOAA-NH's nationally recognized excellence.

Director: supervision, control, and direction of the organization, determining policies and procedures, promotes our purposes, voting on expenditure of funds, and adopting any rules and regulations.

Chair, Personal Affairs: serves as the primary point of contact for issues associated with military rights and entitlements, with special emphasis on survivor benefits information, and when called upon, provides information to members and survivors about their entitlements. Reports to the Board and members (Blast emails, *The Granite Slate*, chapter website) about topics of interest and the status of Personal Affairs. Being a member of MOAA national is advantageous. To apply, contact Sharon Day, 603-642-7956, cimice89@comcast.net, or Michael McLean, 603-692-4648, mamclean@comcast.net.

Back-up Recording Secretary: fills in if the regular Recording Secretary is unavailable for a Board meeting. Takes notes/records the conduct of the meeting and prepares written minutes for distribution. Monthly Board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday at the Red Blazer Restaurant in Concord from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with a break for dinner. Chapter membership is not required – spouses are welcome! Contact Michael McLean, at 603-692-4648 or mamclean@comcast.net

Vice Treasurer: fills in when the Treasurer is unavailable for any reason. The Vice Treasurer is kept current in all our chapter's finances. Writes checks, make deposits, prepares treasury reports, and completes reports external to the organization. To apply, contact Roby Day (603-642-7956; fuzzbutthall@comcast.net)



Reflections . . .
**In Service to
My Country**

A Rowdy Time

After Roby retired from the Navy, Sharon got orders in 1989 to NATO AFSOUTH in Naples, Italy, a purple suit job for her. He went with her as her house husband and horse holder, and got two military IDs in the process (that's another story).

Anyway, the AFSOUTH team could be a rowdy bunch, and the Navy folks decided to have a Dining Out at the Club in Bagnoli at NATO South headquarters. Dining Outs are events where we get dressed up in our Mess Dress uniforms (without swords, of course) and throw dinner rolls at each other. The event turned out to be so lively that the Carabinieri (Italian military constabulary) were called in to quell the rioters (see picture). Sharon & Roby were released on personal recognizance.



Bagnoli, Italy, 1992

*CDR James R. Day, Jr., USN (Ret)
and CDR Sharon P. Day, USN (Ret)*

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY 2006

In the fall of 2006, post active duty retirement, I was a contractor with Northrop Grumman in support of Special Operations Command, Joint Forces Command (SOCJFCOM). During that November, my assignment was to travel to Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force (CJSOTF) Afghanistan to conduct some training. Our team was a mixture of active duty and contractors who provided Joint Training Team support to Special Operation Forces at various locations throughout the world. Among my team members were two active duty Marines.

The picture below shows (L-R) Maj Richard Green, USMC; Maj Tom Sharp, USMC; Lt Col Geoff Corson, USMC (Ret), Bagram, Afghanistan, Nov 2006



Our Afghanistan deployment coincided with the Marine Corps' 231st birthday celebration, normally conducted on 10 November. As it turned out, we were on our way back from our deployment on the 10th and were in a fix. Our dilemma was how to appropriately honor this momentous occasion as it would be a grievous dereliction of duty if we ignored the birthday of our beloved Corps.

As luck would have it, we had a lengthy layover at Heathrow Airport as part of our return itinerary. In order to properly celebrate the Marine Corps'

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MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY 2006

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birthday, we had to have a birthday cake traditionally shared by fellow comrades and where the youngest and oldest Marines present get the first pieces of cake. Fortunately we found a shop that sold cakes, but not birthday cakes. We settled for a Glenfiddich Whisky fruitcake for our celebration.

Our Marine Corps birthday cake for celebrating the 231st birthday of the Corps, Heathrow Airport, London UK, 10 Nov 2006.



Supplied with our whisky cake, our next challenge was to find a somewhat private area to conduct our ceremony in order to celebrate appropriately. There weren't many options as Heathrow is a busy place, but we found a chapel inside the terminal that was not being used. We gathered the team in the chapel, read the appropriate verbiage for the birthday ceremony, listened to our guest of honor's [LTC Forrest "Woody" Aurentz, USA (Ret)] speech about the history of Marine heroes from West Virginia (Woody is from West Virginia), and proceeded to conduct our cake cutting ceremony. We didn't have the traditional sword to do the honors as we were disarmed due to travel restrictions but found some plastic ware that did the trick. Later we found a bar to wash down our Whisky cake and in order to do an appropriate toast to the Marine Corps' 231st birthday. Some Canadian soldiers returning home from Afghanistan joined us in our toast.

Maj Richard Green (background) narrates while Maj Tom Sharp gives guest of honor (LTC "Woody" Aurentz, USA (Ret)) a piece of Marine Corps Birthday cake (aka Glenfiddich Whisky cake), Heathrow Airport, London UK, 10 Nov 2006.



Bottom line, the Marines of SOCJFCOM ensured they honored their Corps' 231st birthday appropriately in any "clime or place" (from the Marines' Hymn) and the takeaway is: "Improvise, Adapt and Overcome" (Clint Eastwood, Heartbreak Ridge, 1986). Semper Fidelis....



(L-R) the youngest Marine present (Maj Tom Sharp, USMC); Oldest Marine present (LtCol Geoff Corson, USMC (Ret)); Narrator/Adjutant (Maj Richard Green, USMC), 10 Nov 2006, Heathrow Airport, London UK.

**LTC Geoff Corson
 USMC (Ret)**

***Is travelling on your bucket list?
 Maybe this list will help***



2019 MOAA Travel Program: *(Additional information on the available 2019 and 2020 trips are posted on our website under "Group Travel")*

- Magical Christmas Markets, Austria and Germany. December 7 — 14, eight days, (\$2,899 with air)

2020 MOAA Travel Program:

- ***The travel event of the decade! Book early! Some of the tours are already sold out. All the trips listed below include the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.***
- Classic Danube River Cruise, 10 days, June 6 — 16, (\$6,499 with air)
- Classic Danube River Cruise, 10 days, Aug 30 — Sept 10 (\$6,999 with air)
- Austrian Delight, ***(almost sold out; call Tony for dates)***, 10 days, (\$4,999 with air)
- Discover Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria, (several dates available), 10 days, (\$4,999 with air)
- Imperial Cities, (several dates available), 11 days, (\$4,199 with air)
- Germany's Cultural Cities and the Romantic Roads, (several dates available), 13 days, contract pending

The following 2020 trips do not include The Passion Play:

- Memorials of World War II, (featuring the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing), 10 days, 15 - 22 April 2020 (\$4,349 with air)
- Spotlights on the French Riviera, 9 days, 18–26 April 2020 (\$3,399 with air)
- Maritime Coastal Wonders (featuring the Cabot Trail) — Canada, 11 days, 7—17 July (\$3,799 with air)
- Mackinac Islands (featuring the Grand Hotel and Chicago), 8 days, August 2020 (\$3,599 with air)
- Treasures of Europe (from London to Rome), 12 days, 3-14 September 2020 (\$4,499 with air)

The following trip has been contracted with Collette; however, we have not received the brochures:

- Heritage of America, 10 days, October 2020 (\$3,600 with air)

Look for our "Trip of the Month" email blasts sent out periodically. Log into our website "moaa-nh.org" and click on "Group Travel." **For reservations or additional information, contact Tony Burdo, 603-391-7106 or email: tonyajjb@gmail.com.**

I would like to partner our travel program with a community organization such as the Kiwanis, the Elks, a religious organization, etc., so we can increase our customer base. Please furnish me with the name and phone number of a point of contact for any of these organizations, and I will accomplish the coordination process.
 ~Tony B.

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Taps

Mrs. Ann T. Chaplin, Strafford, NH
LTC Nicholas H. Collins, USA (Ret), Ogdensburg, NY
Lt. Col. E. S. Fraser, Jr., USAF, (Ret.), Durham, NH
CWO2 Donald E. Lambert, USMC (Ret), Raymond, NH
LCDR Stephen F. Lotterhand, USN, New London, NH
CDR Robert D. Smart, USN (Ret), Wolfeboro Falls, NH

2019 MOAA-NH Luncheon and Annual Meeting

September 21 Bistro Nouveau at the Center at
Eastman, Grantham
November 9 Annual Meeting, Nashua Country
Club, Nashua

MOAA Level of Excellence Award

Every year, MOAA's affiliates compete to receive a four- or five-star Level of Excellence (LOE) Award. The very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards, while above-average councils and chapters receive four-star awards. This award is based on the 2018 calendar year programs and events. This year, 135 of MOAA's very best councils and chapters earned five-star awards, while 23 above-average councils and chapters received four-star awards. The NH Chapter received a Five-Star Level of Excellence Award for 2018 marking the seventeenth consecutive year that MOAA-NH has received this award! Well done to all.



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that MOAA-NH has a Facebook page? We do . . . at <https://www.facebook.com/MOAA-NH-403462326493407/> Check out all the latest pictures and information about the chapter. While you're there, be sure to "like" us.

Cut and paste or type the link below into your browser. It will take you directly to National MOAA's "Take Action" tab. There you can learn about current legislative issues and voice your opinions about their efforts.

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction>

FOR LINKED-IN USERS

MOAA-NH members: We have established a group on LinkedIn for the purpose of helping members find employment in the New Hampshire area. If you have a LinkedIn account, please request to join the "New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA-NH)" group. If you are seeking employment or know a prospective member who will be, create a post for the group with a link to the member's profile. We also ask that recruiters and human resource professionals from companies around New Hampshire who are interested in hiring former officers to join the group. If you have suggestions for the LinkedIn Group, please contact Jim Spotts at jim.spotts@hotmail.com.