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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

## The NH World Famous Clambake, PNSY 5 August 2023!

In the recent past, Mother Nature has not always been kind to our annual clambake, and I was beginning to worry that was going to be the case again this year. Fortunately, the rainy and windy weather cleared out of the area earlier that morning and we ended up with a perfectly delightful bright sunny day. Right on schedule, our President, Jim LeFebvre, called everyone to attention, and asked the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Color Guard to present the colors, and everyone recited the Pledge of



Allegiance and sang the national anthem. This was followed by a brief invocation. After the colors were retired, Jim said a few introductory remarks before introducing both Senator

Maggie Hassen and Congressman Chris Pappas. Senator Hassen spent about five minutes discussing the PACT act that was passed by Congress last year concerning compensation for exposures to toxic substances. She emphasized that the initial application for these benefits needed to be submitted to the VA no later than midnight of August 9th. The VA later amended this date and delayed it to August 14th.

Although Congressman Pappas was also present, he elected not to make any specific comments so that the program could proceed without further delays.



The president said that "a total of one hundred and sixty-five members and guests paid to attend and got to enjoy each other's company, while swapping "war and sea" stories, all of which were beyond doubt factual, and funny to boot." Jim expressed his personal thanks to the two key leaders of the event, Gary Terhune and Chad Chadwick, for without their hard work, attention to detail, and the like, the event would not



have been nearly as much fun or successful. He also thanked all of the MOAA-NH Board of Director members and other chapter members who pitched in and made this event a success. In addition to our

Congressional guests, we were happy to have the PNSY Commander, Captain Michael Oberdorf and his wife, the southern Maine MOAA Chapter President, Brenda Pennells, and two representatives from MOAA National Headquarters, James O'Brien and Frank Michael. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful helping of clam chowder immediately after the opening ceremonies, and over the next hour were served either their steak or lobster along with boiled potatoes, salad, rolls and butter, and corn on the cob. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks were served as part of the meal. For dessert, we all enjoyed slices of water melon. As there were fewer people using Jamaica Island that day, members and guests were able to move into some of the other pavilions. I hope everyone is looking forward to next year's event!



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***President's Corner***  
***CPT James R. LeFebvre, USAR***



This edition of the President's corner is written immediately after the Labor Day weekend. I trust that all had a good time, and are now ready for fall, which begins officially on September 23rd.

The MOAA-NH "World Famous" Clambake was a smashing success yet again, thanks to the hard work of Gary Terhune, Chad Chadwick, the Board of Directors, and many other volunteers including spouses and other relatives. We were pleased to have two members of the national MOAA staff travel to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to participate as honored guests. Two members of the NH Congressional Delegation also honored us with their presence. Please read the featured story and examine the photos for more information on this year's action. We will be looking for new personnel to handle the administrative and bake master tasks for next year. If you might be interested, please let any member of the BOD know and they can provide you with particulars.

By the time you receive this copy of the Granite Slate, it will be less than two months to our annual meeting, again being held at the Nashua Country Club on 4 November. This meeting sets the plate for 2024 upcoming events, BOD scheduled meetings, a new slate of officers, and new BOD members to name but a few things that take place there. It is important that all members strongly consider attendance. We have a special guest speaker from MOAA national already confirmed. More details will be available in the meeting notice/reservation form.

I once again want to stress that the impressive work of the BOD and the elected officials is only possible if members step forward to volunteer and actively participate in the BOD meetings, special events, and the work that makes everything go, often behind the scenes. If you don't do it, who will? Anyone who is willing to step forward can contact me directly (603) 356-7296 for more information and to discuss how your skill set can best be employed by the chapter.

It truly doesn't seem possible, but this will be my last column as President of the NH Chapter. Two years have flown by, and I have nothing but positive memories of my times as your President. Thanking all the folks who have made my job easier would take up all of the space in the Slate, so let me just thank all the members of the BOD, the elected officials, and all the members and spouses for their unwavering support. God Speed.

Jim LeFebvre  
President  
NH Chapter of MOAA

Tin Mountain Luncheon

On June 17th, 62 members, guests, and family members traveled to the North Country to attend our very first luncheon at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center in Albany, NH. Unfortunately, due to heavy rain most of the day, we were unable to participate in any optional outdoor activities, but we had a grand picnic lunch in the main meeting room where we had the opportunity to gather and enjoy ourselves while dining and listening to a great presentation by members of the NH ARNG Aviation Section regarding mountain rescues. Beer for sale was graciously provided by Tuckerman Brewing and our own Gary Lovgren provided the wine for sale. The picnic style luncheon included pulled port sandwiches, fried chicken, and various salads, such as potato and macaroni, were available as well as non-alcoholic beverages catered by Sweet Maple Cafe. Nancy Devine, current President of the Board of Directors, provided us with a brief history of the center and the efforts to expand their conservation and research activities since moving to this location. After lunch, we all listened to an informative PowerPoint presentation by CW3 Luke Koladish, one of the Blackhawk pilots, and SFC Aaron Angelis, the unit flight instructor, on the missions of the aviation section of the NH ARNG, primarily focusing on the aeromedical/rescue activities of the six HH-60 Blackhawks assigned to the 238th Medevac Unit. They spoke to us about two relatively recent mountain rescues and the missions of the other two units, the 169th with four assigned HH-60L Blackhawks which are mainly used to transport personnel and other logistical movements, and the one C-12 (Beechcraft KingAir) assigned primarily to move headquarters staff around the state. Because of the rainy weather and the center having to prepare for another group visiting the center later that afternoon, our luncheon broke up and we all headed home around 2:30 pm. Hopefully, we'll have another opportunity to visit in the future.



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## More Photos from the NH MOAA World Famous Annual Clambake









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



## 2024 MOAA-NH TRAVEL PROGRAM

All our 2024 trips are posted on the MOAA-NH website (moaa-nh.org) under Group Travel and through our periodic "Trip of the Month" blast email messages, the Granite Slate and travel displays at our luncheons and special events.

### 2024 TRAVEL PROGRAM:

**Spotlight on the French Riviera:** April 18–26, 2024, 9 Days; \$3,649.00 per person, double occupancy. Price includes air from Logan, taxes, fees, surcharges, hotel transfers, scheduled tours in Nice, Monaco, Cannes, and back to Nice, Italy, transportation to and from Logan and 12 meals.

**Spotlight on South Dakota** featuring Mount Rushmore & the Badlands: 12–30 May 2024, 7 Days. Book now and save \$150/person. \$2999.00 per person, double occupancy. Price includes air from Logan, transportation to and from Logan, taxes, fees, surcharges, hotel transfers, 9 meals, scheduled tours to Mt. Rushmore, Badlands, Custer/Crazy Horse, and Devil's Tower National Mounment in Wyoming/Rapid City.

**AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS AND DENVER:** 14 days, 20 meals, September 24 - October 7, 2024. Book now and save \$50/person. \$6499 per person double occupancy. Tour includes Sedona, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Jackson Hole/Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks, Rapid City, and Rocky Mountain National Park. Price includes round trip from Logan, air taxes/fees, hotel transfers, 20 meals, including 13 breakfasts and 7 dinners.

**MEMORIAL OF WAR – NORMANDY,** 11-20 October 2024. Book now and save \$100/person. \$4,799 double occupancy. Tour includes tours of London, Portsmouth, English Channel Crossing, D-Day landing sites in Caen, and Paris. Price includes round trip from Logan, air taxes/fees, hotel transfers, 12 meals including 8 breakfasts and 4 dinners.

Travel Notes from the Editor: For those of you who haven't flown commercially lately and gone through a TSA checkpoint, you might be unpleasantly surprised if you try to use your military retired ID card and it has an "Indefinite" expiration date on it. These cards are no longer being accepted due to equipment and software upgrades and you'll need to use any picture ID card or upgrade your current military ID card. To find an ID RAPIDS location, use: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator> to location a location near you. If you are in the Concord area, I would recommend going to the one on the grounds of the NH Joint Military Headquarters in Building "C". SSgt Hadley is excellent in processing ID card applications and my wife and I were in and out in less than 20 minutes. I would not recommend using the office at the 99th RSC Headquarters in Londonderry as it is not very "user" friendly. A Breuder, Editor

## **LEADERS WANTED!**

The MOAA-NH Board of Directors is the leadership team for MOAA-NH. The Board supervises, controls, and directs the organization's affairs, promotes its purposes, and approves funds disbursement. This includes, amongst many endeavors, our luncheons, the clambake, the "*Granite State Warrior*" award, scholarships, and monetary donations to organizations that assist veterans such as the NH Veterans Home, and others.

This November at our annual meeting the membership will vote on BOD Officer and Director nominees. We need to recruit **ONE Treasurer** (currently vacant) **and up to FIVE Directors**. These vacancies comprise a significant portion of the Board's membership. **The future of how MOAA-NH functions and what it can accomplish is at stake. Please consider volunteering for one of the 6 open Board positions.**

The MOAA-NH By-Laws are contained in the 2022 MOAA-NH membership Directory starting on page 31. The duties and responsibilities of Officers and Directors are explained therein, that is, in Article X for Directors and Article XI for Officers.

For further information, questions, or to step up to the plate, please contact:

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### UPDATES TO HANSCOM RAO

There were two items from the Hanscom RAO. First, there will be an Air Force 76th Birthday celebration at the Minuteman Commons (the former Officer's Club) at 1500 hours on 18 September 2023. There was also an attachment to this notification regarding some items, including safety items, that are available at the base Commissary.

Second, there was a lengthy document that stated that as of 1 Sep 23, all civilian Retired DOD Civilian ID's would no longer be valid for use for installation access to any DOD installation worldwide. Any DOD Civilian Retiree wanting access will need to register for access at each DOD Installation's Visitor Control Center that they wish access to. They will need proof of ID and their Standard Form-50 as proof of retirement. If you have a REAL ID driver's license, you can gain access to the installation. Contact the Hanscom RAO for more details.

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### Welcome to Our New 2023 Chapter Members!

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## Taps



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Mrs. Drucilla E. Laferriere  
Lt. Col. Stanley V. Rowney, USAF(Ret)  
COL Edward H. Russell, ARNG (Ret)  
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Dover, NH  
Barrington, NH  
Dover, NH  
Windham, NH  
Orlando, FL



### 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 Tom Goff at [tgsk64@gmail.com](mailto:tgsk64@gmail.com).