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The New Hampshire Chapter of AUSA



Chapter General Membership Newsletter – July 2018

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A Note from the Chapter President

Hi everyone. As we head into July, summer has really kicked in as I write this. Please stay safe over the next week as the temperatures will be in the 90's!

With High School and College graduations the past few weeks, it brings to mind that this is the "traditional" time when the military receives their biggest influx of new Recruits. The problem, though, is we are not seeing this influx. In fact, all the Services, especially the Army, are not meeting their numbers to keep the military to its needed strength in personnel. If you are not aware, only 3 out of 10 Americans of eligible age to join the military...are physically and mentally fit to join. From that pool, the military is competing against employers who are also trying to recruit the best and the brightest. I ask each of us to help the Recruiters of our National Guard, Reserve and Active Army to find and recruit young people who could benefit from military service and who could also benefit our Nation by their service. The Army has the largest number of college scholarship

programs in the Nation and if a person joins the Army, there are so many ways for them to get a free college education I cannot list them all here. As members of AUSA, we are uniquely qualified to talk to young people...and their parents who many times are the ones opposed to their kids joining the military...of how valuable, and needed, is their service to our Nation. Please make that one of your missions this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will get you to the right person who can help. Bottom Line: this is a National Security issue and AUSA stands solidly with our Army, and most especially, with our Recruiters who are on the “front line” of trying to meet the needs of our Nation.

Our Chapter once again earned “Eagle Chapter” status, making it the 10th month this year (July 17 to June 18). Chapters who attain this distinction have increased membership from the previous month. I thank each of you, especially those who have joined since July, for making us one of the top Chapters in the Nation.

June Recap

Army Birthday Celebration, 14 June: Our Annual Army Birthday Celebration was a great hit and I thank everyone who made this happen. The event continues to grow each year. I especially thank CSM Ford, the National Guard State Command Sergeant Major, for helping to organize the event, and the Governor’s Office for allowing us to celebrate this event each year in the State House with the Governor.

Upcoming Chapter Events:

July 22, “Vetworking” Social, American Legion Hall, Manchester: Thanks to the hard work and efforts of Chapter member Chris Sittig, there will be another “Vetworking Social” on the 22nd of July at the Manchester American Legion Post 2 on 251 Maple St. If you are an employer, please consider attending. If you are seeking employment, please plan on attending. The flyer is in this newsletter. Feel free to invite friends.

September 21, Chapter Golf Tournament: Our Chapter is hosting a golf tournament the 21st of September at the Amherst Country Club, in Amherst, NH. The flyer is in the newsletter, but we really need sponsors for holes so if you can, please let me know. Proceeds from the tournament will go to helping raise funds for the Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery (<https://nhvca.org/veterans-heritage-learning-center>) and to our “Adopt-a-Soldier program.

October 8 to 10, AUSA Annual Meeting in DC: The biggest event for the entire AUSA family is the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Information about this event can be viewed at <https://t.e2ma.net/message/87ki8/o4syc6>.

AUSA Institute of Land Warfare Publications:

- “Velcro Soldiers: Global Professionalism in the Reserve Components,” by Colonel Clarence J. Henderson, U.S. Army Reserve. Examining the evolving character of reserve component citizen Soldiers in today’s Army, Henderson discusses their advanced abilities and experiences in a business world that is both global and technologically advanced. As they justifiably move forward in their civilian careers, the education and skills that they have built ought to be put to good use in their participation with the reserve component. Too often, however, this dual track incurs a conflict rather than a mutually-beneficial complementary symbiosis. The Army is missing out on the knowledge and capabilities of this burgeoning class of global professionals because it is not adequately facilitating their dual careers or intelligently harnessing the skills they offer to the appropriate assignments. Concepts and policies to amend this shortcoming must be implemented, or the Army will lose this pool of talent. Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/velcro-soldiers-global-professionalism-reserve-components>
- “The Reemergence of the Siege: An Assessment of Trends in Modern Land Warfare,” by Major Amos C. Fox, U.S. Army. Looking back over the last 30 years, Fox cites two events that have definitively shaped the character of modern warfare: the fall of the Soviet Union and the 9/11 attacks. Although they happened a decade apart, these events together directed the Army to move beyond high-end, major land wars and instead focus on precision-strike and smaller, more agile forces. Motivated by this expected shift in the nature of warfare, the U.S. military has been guided by a philosophy that restraint and prudence could make warfare something that happens on a small scale rather than demanding large land forces as it has in the past. This almost-quixotic outlook, however, does not factor in the truth that while high-end wars between nations have decreased, war has neither gone away nor decreased in violence. Land warfare, demonstrably utilized again and again in recent years, has reemerged in the modern employment of the siege. While today’s sieges are not replete with trebuchets and battering rams, they are nonetheless a prominent fixture of contemporary warfare; the modern siege is firmly extant, and so it ensures the continued relevance of land forces. Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/reemergence-siege-assessment-trends-modern-land-warfare>

Please visit Our Facebook Page: Our Chapter’s Facebook page is called the “Colonel Edward Cross Chapter, the New Hampshire Chapter of AUSA” and you can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/Colonel-Edward-Cross-Chapter-the-New-Hampshire-Chapter-of-AUSA-1350333641697702/>. Please visit the page and hit the Like button so you can receive notifications when items are added. There you can see pictures from our events as well as learn about upcoming events. If you want to add items to the page, contact me and I can have them added. Pictures from events will be posted there so please take the time to visit the page and hit the “Follow” button. Thanks!

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Until next month...

Well, that is all for this month. We are always looking to increase our membership, so, if you have friends or businesses that support the Army, AUSA is the right organization for them. If you work or own a company that does business with the Army, please consider having your company join as a Corporate Member. Please contact me for more information.

Thank you for your membership and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Greg

Greg d'Arbonne, Colonel Edward Cross Chapter President

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Announcements

Vietnam Veterans Memorial: The Moving Wall

From 19 Jul - 23 Jul The Moving Wall will be at Souhegan High School in Amherst, NH. Opening ceremonies will be at approx. 1300 hours on 19 Jul and closing Ceremonies will be at 1600 on 22 Jul and it will be open 24 hours in between. If you know any Vietnam Veterans let them know; if you want to explain to your children about patriotism, sacrifice etc., bring them. The website is www.movingwallnh.org

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
THE MOVING WALL

COMING TO AMHERST
JULY 19 - JULY 23, 2018
SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsored by Milford Rotary Club
www.movingwallnh.org

5K ROAD RACE TO BENEFIT THE MOVING WALL
Friday, June 15, 2018 | Amherst Village
For more information contact Amherstflagday5k@gmail.com



We're Rolling Out the Red Carpet for Veterans

Celebrating Recovery and Expansion of Services At Manchester VA

Date: Thursday, July 19, 2018 1600 - 1900
Location: Facility wide, 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH
Who: All are Welcome!

Whole Health **Drop In Yoga** (Veterans and their guests welcome)
Red Sox Nurse Hero, Veteran and VA Nurse, **Jeffery Ballard** talks PTSD
Manchester VA **Job Fair**

Explore **Outpatient Recreational Therapy (NEW!)**
Innovative Advanced Prosthetic Technology Demos (**LUKE Arm**)
and more!

Veteran Town Hall and Listening Session 1800-1900

Learn about the benefits and services available to Veterans. Subject matter experts will be on-hand from services across the medical center, VBA, VetCenter and **Community Partners!** Bring your DD-214 to enroll and check out the available alternative therapies and wellness offerings.

For more information contact the Office of Public Affairs
800-892-8384 x 6779 or email: Kristin.Pressly@va.gov
www.Manchester.VA.gov

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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

NETWORK

SUNDAY, JULY 22ND

Event will be held at the American Legion
251 Maple Street, Manchester, NH

Hosted by Chris Sittig
RSVP to ccsittig@kw.com

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**THE NH CHAPTER OF MOAA
ANNUAL CLAMBAKE**

SATURDAY, 4 AUGUST 2018

JAMAICA ISLAND, PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

1045: WELCOME CEREMONY (NATIONAL ANTHEM)

1100: CLAM CHOWDER SERVED 1200: LUNCH SERVED

MENU

**Lobster OR Char-Broiled Steak
Steamed Clams/Mussels, Corn-on-the-cob, Potatoes,
Onions, Roll/Butter, Watermelon
*Beer, Wine, Lemonade, Ice Tea, Coffee***

All this for just \$20.00 !!!

→→ (DOES NOT INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP LOAN PROGRAM) ←←

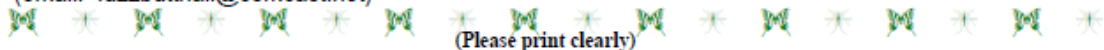
SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SHIPYARD.

Seating and tables in the Pavilion are limited so bring your favorite folding chair and table to make your eating a little more comfortable. A tray is also useful for carrying the comestibles to your table. Plastic utensils will be provided, but your own tools for Lobster/Steak might make eating easier.

→ → → DIRECTIONS: See reverse side ← ← ←

SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP LOAN PROGRAM !! The Scholarship Committee hopes to raise at least \$5,000.00 this year in order to continue supporting the nine students we have been helping, and to try to help a few more. Your generosity will make all the difference. They are the **FUTURE** and their need is **REAL!!** If you can't make the "Bake", donations may be sent to: COL. JOE DICHIARO, P.O. BOX 865, LONDONDERRY, NH 03050-0865, 603-421-9229 .

Please mail the completed reservation form below with your check, made out to MOAA - NH, to CDR James R. Day, Jr., USN (Ret.), 2 Blue Heron Ct, East Kingston, NH 03827-2054 (tel. # 603-642-7956) (email: fuzzbutthall@comcast.net)

 (Please print clearly)

Name(s) Attending: _____ (Please attach additional lists for more names)

Rank: _____ Service: _____ City: _____

Number of Lobster: _____ Number of Steak: _____ Is this your first MOAA - NH Event as a member?
Yes

Breakdown of check total: Amount for Clambake (@ \$20.00 each) _____ No
Amount for Scholarship contribution _____

Mail check and reservation form to above address **to arrive no later than July 27, 2018.** After which no refunds can be permitted.

Voice of the Army - Support for the Soldier
Association of the United States Army
First Region - AUSA

**22nd Annual Joshua Chamberlain Chapter
Lobster Bake September 14, 2018**



Rhumb Line Resort
41 Turbats Creek Road
Kennebunkport, ME 04046
207-967-5457



Social Hour and Presentation of Awards
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Lobster Bake
5:00 pm

Honored Guests

Person of the Year: Laura Benedict of the Red Barn Restaurant

*Please complete reservation form below and mail to:
AUSA c/o Arthur Wickham, PO Box 1016, Windham, ME 04062
Please respond on or before September 1st, 2018.*

Due to no-shows in recent years, meals **MUST** be paid for in advance.

No meals will be paid at the door.

There will be NO exceptions to this for 2018.

*Association of the United States Army
Joshua Chamberlain Chapter Lobster Bake*

Please reserve # of tickets _____ \$35.00 per person. Total: _____

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Enclosed is my check for: Lobster: _____ Steak: _____

Tickets will be issued for either lobster or steak to the person listed above

Please make checks payable to:
AUSA Joshua Chamberlain Chapter *(Donations always welcomed)*

Dress: Casual / Military: ACU's or Multi-Cam

For further information call:

Arthur Wickham @ 207-892-3064, Arthur.wickham@yahoo.com,
Cindi Piacitelli @ 207-776-3963, cpiacitell@aol.com
or Dee Hunt @ 207-458-2972, deeh1964@gmail.com

Rhumb Line Resort Reservations 1-800-337-4862 or 207-967-5457



**12TH Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans
co-hosted by**

Harbor Homes and Manchester VA



Location: Harbor Homes

77 Northeastern Boulevard, Nashua NH

September 20th, 2018

9am-2pm

Services Include: VA Representation, Food, Clothing, Community Resources, Employment Information and More. For a view of past events: Visit [Utube Harbor Homes Stand Down Andrea Reed 2012](#). Thank you.

For more information call (603)882-3616 and ask for Andrea Reed, by email: a.reed@nhpartnership.org or Emily Reisine, Homeless Coordinator Manchester VA at Emily.Reisine@va.gov or at 800-892-8384 x 3622



Showers available as well. Bring a towel if you can. We will do our best to have new available.

The Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is brought to you through the partnership of Harbor Homes, Inc. and Manchester VA along with the collaboration of our community partners.



**Association of United States Army
Colonel Edward Cross Chapter
2018 Networking Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 21st – Amherst Country Club

72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst, NH 03031 (603) 673-9908

Registration Table Open 12 pm

Shotgun Start – Scramble Format 1:30pm

BBQ Dinner Following 6:30 pm

Awards for Team Score, Closest to Pin, Long Drive, Putting Contest



**Funds raised will support the New Hampshire Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH**

and

The Colonel Cross Chapter “Adopt-a-Recruit” Program

For more information and sponsorship, call or e-mail:

Dane Rota (603-878-0701) dane.rota@verizon.net or Greg d’Arbonne GDarbo6844@aol.com

Registration Deadline is September 11th. Make checks payable to: COL Cross Chapter AUSA

Mail to: AUSA, c/o Greg d’Arbonne, 65 Cleveland Hill Road, Brookline, NH 03033

- Single _____ \$100 per person (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Team _____ \$400 per foursome (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Sponsor _____ \$1000 (includes foursome, tee box advertising, cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- BBQ Only (total number attending only for the BBQ) _____ \$20 per person
- Contribution to NH Veterans Cemetery with/without golf _____

\$ _____ *Total Amount Enclosed*

Name _____ Affiliation (if any) _____

Email Address _____ Telephone # _____

Are you with a foursome? If so, who else will be in the foursome? _____

No Tickets Will Be Required; Check-In at the Door

The Association of the United States Army is a nonprofit educational and professional development association serving America’s Total Army, our Soldiers, Army civilians, and their families; our industry partners, and supporters of a strong national defense. AUSA provides a voice for the Army, supports the Soldier, and honors those who have served in order to advance the security of the nation.

Introducing Heroes With Hearing Loss

Hearing loss is the number one service-related injury affecting veterans. According to recent studies, 60% of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan come home with tinnitus and hearing loss¹.

Often overshadowed by the other challenges our service men and women face, hearing loss is nevertheless intertwined both physically and emotionally – as a trigger, a constant reminder or an every day frustration. It is a very unique and personal challenge for many veterans.

Fortunately there are solutions available right now to help manage the impact of hearing loss. Our goal moving forward is to connect veterans, their families and friends with viable answers. We firmly believe that hearing loss conversations lead to hearing loss understanding – and ultimately hearing loss solutions.

This is Heroes With Hearing Loss. The conversation starts here.

Heroes With Hearing Loss

Designed to raise awareness and initiate meaningful dialog about shared hearing loss experiences among veterans, their families and friends – the Heroes With Hearing Loss program is a platform of engagement, providing insightful solutions and successful lifestyle-focused results.



For more information:

Call Toll-Free: 800-974-1517
Visit: HeroesWithHearingLoss.org
E-mail: Info@HeroesWithHearingLoss.org

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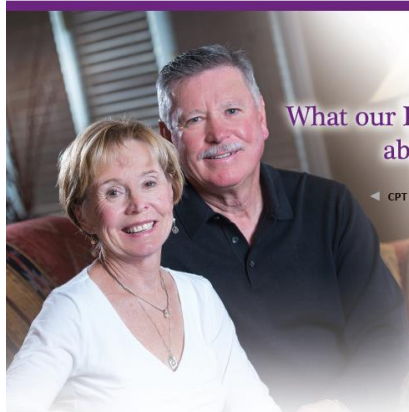


You've Earned This Freedom

Join the hearing loss conversation with our veterans from around the country.



¹U.S. Department of Defense Hearing Center of Excellence.



What our Heroes are saying about Hearing Loss

◀ CPT E. Anthony "Tony" Seahorn, USA (Ret.)

"I never viewed hearing loss as serious or as critical as what I call the physical wounds of war. Now I realize that it's all intertwined with my combat experience."

▲ Janet Seahorn, My Hero is Tony Seahorn:

"I didn't know how devastating hearing loss was for us until just a few years ago. It's one more thing that Tony lost because of the war."

▶ Sunny Brogan, My Hero is Mark Brogan:

"Halfway through a phone conversation Mark is so lost, because people just don't slow down for people with hearing loss. They don't realize that it really is an issue."

For more insight into the hearing loss conversation, visit HeroesWithHearingLoss.org



CPT Mark Brogan, USA (Ret.)

"With every hearing loss situation, you have to learn how to advocate for yourself and you have to learn how to help the other person on the other side of the conversation." ▼

Committed to Veterans

Heroes With Hearing Loss is sponsored by Hamilton CapTel®, a division of Hamilton Telecommunications – a family-owned company founded in 1901 based in Aurora, Nebraska.

Hamilton greatly appreciates the sacrifices of the men and women who have protected and preserved this great country and, as a result, is pleased to extend their expertise in captioned telephone services – directly to veterans with hearing loss.

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Through the Heroes With Hearing Loss program, any veteran with a qualified hearing loss can receive a Hamilton CapTel captioned telephone at no cost.*

We encourage you to find out more about Hamilton CapTel and see if a captioned telephone is a viable solution for you or a veteran you care about. Visit HamiltonCapTel.com/veterans for more details.

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*Independent third-party professional certification required.

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NH Freedom Cup helps military families and veterans with direct financial support. Our red-tape free services make it easy for us to go directly to those in need. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have placed enormous pressure on our military families. We help ease some of that pressure with utility payment support or with assistance as listed below. We provide support when it is most needed by those who need it sooner than later without all the red tape paperwork.

We work with the OIF/OEF transition team at the Manchester VA Medical Center. They identify those individuals and families that need assistance and use our funds. **Since our origin in we have distributed food and gas cards to Veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, however, in the past few years our help has been expanded to all Veterans in need of immediate help.** If you need help or know someone or a family that does, please contact us immediately at the Manchester VA Medical Center -- (603) 624-4366 ext. 6392

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If you're not already a member of AUSA, please click the link below to fill out an application. As a member of our chapter, we'll keep you updated on upcoming events, important news on the military, and ways you can get involved with supporting service members.

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