

# MOWW NEWSLETTER



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Candid Camera: The Muddy Rudder Restaurant; Steve Nichols presenting the MOWW award to a new 2nd/ LT at USM ; Newly commissioned 2nd/LTs pose for a picture at the Commissioning Ceremony, May, 2013; Our own MG Nichols was the Guest Speaker at USM's Commissioning Ceremony

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

-----MG Steve Nichols-----



### What Do You Want From Me?

In one episode of the TV show "Everybody Loves Raymond," a totally frustrated Raymond yells at his wife, Debra, "What do you want me to do?" There are times when we, as MOWW officers, ask ourselves the same question: "What more should we do?!" The Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain Chapter--a pretty small chapter in the grand scheme of things--already does quite a bit. Thanks to Bob Barton, we have conducted one of the most effective ROTC and JROTC medal programs in the Northeast. We hold regularly scheduled meetings, something which not all chapters can boast. The Chamberlain Chapter has won more than its share of awards among the New England chapters despite a frequently changing set of rules for the competition. We execute annual budgets that are consistently in the black. (How many organizations do you belong to that can make that claim? ) So what more can we do? We could organize and conduct a Massing of the Colors. This is a drill practiced by other MOWW chapters in which national, state, military, and veterans' organizational flags are assembled in a ceremony intended to demonstrate MOWW's dedication to the country, the state, and the active Armed Services, as well as the country's veterans. We don't do this now because we don't have the manpower to accomplish it. There is a great deal of planning that goes into such an event, and the logistical aspects demand still more personnel. It's a fun ceremony--and impressive-- but it is beyond our capability given the active strength of our chapter. We could present a demonstration called "Building the Flag" in which a United States flag is constructed on stage accompanied by a narrative of the history and significance of each portion of the flag. Again, it takes people to make this effective. We could sponsor a youth team: Little League, American Legion baseball, bowling, but it would take someone willing and able to give some time to it. We could be active with the Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts; and again, if we had the hands to do the necessary work.

Some members of MOWW don't enjoy going to meetings and listening to programs intended to inform or entertain them. Perhaps you are among those. If, however, you would enjoy being active in one or more activities suggested above, give us a call. We'll give you all the support that we can muster and we'll do our darndest to get your picture in the paper!



Left: Bob Barton led a group of 20 volunteers in placing flags at the deceased veterans graves in Westbrook.

Right: Our Commander MG Nichols shows his Silver Patrick Henry Award presented to him at the August 24th Staff Meeting: 1 to r --Bob Barton, Steve Nichols, Pete Stark and Rey Moreau.



## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

11:30 A.M. **SATURDAY , SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

MEETING STARTS AT 11:30 LUNCH AT NOON

THE MUDDY RUDDER

ROUTE 1, YARMOUTH, ME

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## WHEN DO WE MEET?

### REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2013

All Staff and Chapter Meetings will be held at the Muddy Rudder Restaurant on Route 1 in Yarmouth.

Meeting Time is 11:30 AM

Staff Meetings

Chapter Meetings

October 19, 2013

November 16, 2013

2014 dates to be determined

- State and Chapter Commander: MG Stephen Nichols
- Vice Commanders: COL Robert Barton  
( Medals Officer & YLC)  
CAPT Alan Johnston  
( Admin Assistant to the State & Chapter Commander)  
LT Joseph Griffin  
(Membership Officer & Guest Speaker Officer)
- Treasurer: CWO Dana Lane, CPA
- Adjutant: LT Peter Stark
- Chaplain: MAJ Reynald Moreau
- Marshall: CAPT Alan Johnston
- Newsletter Editor: Companion Bev Barton
- Faithful Mascot: LT Basil Johnston  
(Special Consultant to the State and Chapter Commander)

At our May 25th Chapter meeting, Mrs Maureen Carland, RN, LNHA, Administrator of the Maine Veterans' Homes, joined us for lunch and then shared with the Companions a comprehensive and excellent overview and profile of the exceptional services provided by the Maine Veterans' homes. Ms Carland focused on specific MVH services such as Skilled Nursing and Therapy Care, Alzheimers/Dementia Care, Residential Care, and Long Term Care which covers Skilled Nursing, Rehabilitation Services, Dementia Care, Pain Management, and Respite Care.

Ms Carland discussed the significant savings that may be available to Maine Veterans such as stipends from the VA. She also provided each Companion with a very comprehensive packet containing answers to frequently asked questions including eligibility and admissions criteria, current services offered, current costs, and VA stipends.

The six Maine Veterans' Homes are in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough, and South Paris.

Contact information: Tel 1-800-278-9494

[www.MAINEVETS.ORG](http://www.MAINEVETS.ORG)

Our thanks to Chapter Commander, MG Steve Nichols, for arranging this outstanding and informative presentation.

LT Pete Stark, Adjutant

**Region 1 Midwinter Convention 2013**

The Region 1 Annual Midwinter Convention followed by a New England MOWW YLC Advisory Board meeting on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, Somerville, Massachusetts. Cost for Registration, Continental Breakfast and Lunch is \$30. The Department of Massachusetts MOWW will host the meeting beginning at 9 AM. Menu choices are: Baked Haddock, Roast Beef, Chicken Teriyaki, Fish and Chips, or Turkey Dinner.

Contact our Commander Steve Nichols if you plan to attend. Let's car pool!

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[www.mainemoww.sabattus.net](http://www.mainemoww.sabattus.net)

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Guest Speaker at the May 25 meeting was Maureen Carland from the Maine Veterans' Home.



## THIS 'N THAT

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP NEWS

LTC Mke Jarvis, who is the Director of the Youth Leadership Conference at Norwich University, has announced the following dates for the MOWW sponsored YLC Program: 7-9 December 2013

1-3 January 2014

1-3 March 2014

29-31 March 2014

Norwich will be sending out informational postcards not only to JROTC Schools, but also Secondary Schools throughout the country. There are students attending from as far away as California, many from New York and Connecticut, as well as the other New England states.

As usual, the Joshua L. Chamberlain Chapter will fund one JROTC student from each of our 8 JROTC Schools. The cost is still \$75 per student, and if not all 8 schools send a student, the Chamberlain Chapter will fund more than one JROTC per school.

The essay, "The Bill of Rights and My Responsibilities", is still required. Maine has had 3 winners of the essay since the Norwich YLC program began.

The Norwich YLC is mainly about leadership, and, while there are other schools which offer interesting programs, the leadership emphasis at Norwich is outstanding and would be an added plus for any student applying for college.

There was only one JROTC student who attended one of the YLC Conferences this year. That Cadet was Kyle Bridges of Sacopee Valley HS. There were 3 from other Maine schools.

Another YLC one day conference, The Future Leaders Camp, was held at Norwich on July 3. A girl from Kennebunk HS and a boy from Sanford Regional Technical HS attended from Maine.

If you wish to help sponsor a student, any amount of donation would be welcome.

COL Robert Barton

YLC Director, Chamberlain Chapter

**WANTED: MOWW Members Cell phone numbers or land phone numbers and e-mail addresses. WHY?**

**So that we may have better contact with all of our members and also be able to send the Newsletter to you.**

Several of our MOWW members attended the Lobster Bake at Two Lights in Cape Elizabeth on Saturday, September 7th. It is sponsored by the Maine Officers Association, and the Coast Guardsmen prepare the lobsters, clams and mussels, and corn on the cob down on the beach. All kinds of beverages - water, soda, beer, wine- are provided, and everyone brings something to share. Mother Nature provided us with a beautiful day-perfect weather and scenic beauty.



If you know of any MOWW member who is ill or suffered a loss, please contact us so that we may send a card. Also, any special event or celebration is noteworthy and deserves our attention.

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