

# MOWW NEWSLETTER



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At JROTC Awards Ceremonies, Kurtis Grant, who was top Cadet at Norwich's YLC, was Master of Ceremonies at the Sacopee Valley event: Lewiston H.S.'s JROTC ceremony was held in May; COL Bob Barton presents Brewer HS's PMS Connie Hoksch with her MOWW Perpetual Membership, and Brewer High School JROTC Cadet receives her award from the ME Chapter.

## NEXT MEETING

11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2010

MEETING STARTS AT 11:30 LUNCH AT 12 NOON

THE MUDDY RUDDER

ROUTE 1, YARMOUTH, ME

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

BEVERLY M. HANCOCK

JUNE 9, 1927-JULY 28, 2010



Companion Beverly Hancock passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House.

Beverly was brought up in Nobleboro and attended the one-room school house there. She later graduated from Lincoln Academy in neighboring Newcastle with the class of 1944.

Beverly continued her education at the Maine School of Commerce. Following her formal education, Beverly taught Business Education for 17 years at Erskine Academy in South China, specializing in typing, shorthand, and office practices. She also taught Business Education at Freeport High School where she met the love of her life, Lt Col Douglas Hague, a member of the Chamberlain Chapter, MOWW.

Graduating from USM with a Business Degree, Beverly enjoyed her 41 years of teaching and during her long and distinguished career, she was honored by being named the Maine Business Educator of the Year, and subsequently honored by being named the Maine Vocational Educator of the Year.

Beverly faithfully attended MOWW meetings for many years and became a Companion in 1994. She was also an honorary member and Treasurer of the MOA for twenty years. She served as Secretary-Treasurer and the only woman in the United States to be an honorary member of the National Sojourners.

Beverly was always known as a caring, thoughtful, selfless person who loved spending time with her family, friends, and her students.

Chamberlain Chapter will always be grateful for her countless years of support, and most of all for her friendship.

by Peter Stark

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our new Commander is 1/LT Joseph Griffin. He was born in Damariscotta, ME. He served with the 11th Airborne Div 1954-56. He received a BA from The U of The South, 1959, did Graduate studies at Boston U., and received his DMD from Tufts U School of Dental Medicine in 1965. He has been a part-time Clinical Instructor at Harvard School of Dental Medicine from 1990 to present. Joe is Lecturer for the Department Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, part-time Attending General Practice Residency at HSDM 2003-present, Master of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, 2003.

As you can easily imagine, Joe a very busy person. He is an active member of his community and is a member of many Dental Associations as well as other organizations.

Joe served as a dental volunteer in Israel, 1989-1990, in a children's dental clinic. He is a 38 year Registered Maine Guide.

We welcome him to his new office as Commander. Please come and support him at our meetings.



## SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE MUDDY RUDDER

ROUTE 1, YARMOUTH, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Enjoying lunch at the Muddy Rudder are Steve Nichols, Past Commander, Commander Joe Griffin, and member Dottie McGuirk.

(right) Member Ed Lawler and his wife, Linda Mae



**MOWW/SOJOURNER SPEAKER**

Our speaker for the October 7th meeting was Jerry Mundy. Jerry is one of the most active members of the Bangor Troop Greeters who are at the Bangor International Airport for all the troop planes coming to and from Iraq. The Troop Greeters have 250 members signed up, but a core group of 25-30 volunteers do the bulk of meeting the planes 24 hours of the day, whenever the planes come in. They receive little advance notice but are on a phone tree or pagers to notify one another of the arrival of the troop planes. No matter how bad the weather, at least several volunteers manage to drive a few up to perhaps 30 miles so that someone will be there to greet the troops. Jerry said that this volunteer work has changed his life in the 9 years he has been doing it.

A Film Producer from Maine whose mother is one of the faithful greeters saw an opportunity to tell the story of the Bangor Troop Greeters. Jerry, the Producer's mother, and another volunteer were the subjects of the Film Documentary, "The Way We Get By", which was up for an Emmy this year, although it did not win.

The Troop Greeters have a special room at the airport where they display all the items given to them by various men and women who have been very thankful and moved by the Greeters as they wished them well, thanked them for their service, gave them food, and lent them a cell phone to call home. Jerry concluded his remarks by saying the meetings are very emotional to the troops as well as the Greeters.

Speaker, Jerry Mundy  
Bangor Troop Greeter



Mike Dunn, our newest member, is shown receiving his perpetual membership certificate from Commander Joe Griffin.

Our guest speaker at the September 18th meeting was LT.jg Dennis "Mike" Dunn of the State of Maine Department of Environment Protection Bureau. Mike's topic was "Effects of Air Pollution on Previously Exposed Adults and Present Air Quality. He also discussed testing and the state of the art measuring devices currently in use.

**REGION 1 Mid-Winter Conference**

The Region 1 (New England) Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11 at the Mount Vernon Restaurant in Somerville, MA. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M.

Cost for Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch will be \$30 per person. All MOWW members are welcome. Get to know members from other states and share ideas. If interested, contact Bob Barton for more information concerning directions to the restaurant, meal choices and schedule for the day.



National MOWW Convention August 3-7 2010

El Paso, Texas

COL Clifford Way is installed as the new CINC at the 2010 MOWW Convention

Bob & Beverly Barton with Greater Boston's Chapter members, Bob Gillen and new Region 1 Commander, Harry Weinberg at the formal Banquet



The US Border Patrol served as Honor Guards at one of the meetings.



**WHEN DO WE MEET?**

At a Staff meeting held on August 21, 2010, it was determined that in order to maintain our own identity and to enable us to aptly discuss MOWW matters, we would once again hold our own Staff meetings AND our regular 4 Chapter meetings. Last year we met jointly with the Sojourners.

**MEETING DATES 2010-2011**

Staff Meetings	Chapter Meetings
at China Rose Restaurant Brunswick	Muddy Rudder Rt. 1 Yarmouth
Sat. Aug 21,'10 11:30 am	Sat. Sept 18,'10 11:30 am
Sat. Oct 16,'10 11:30 am	Sat. Nov 20,'10 11:30am
Sat. Feb 19,'11 11:30 am	Sat. March 19,'11 11:30am
Sat. April 16,'11 11:30 am	Sat. May 21,'11 11:30am

We will continue to join the Sojourners at their meetings which are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Masonic Deering Lodge, 102 Bishop St. Portland. Their dates are: Oct 6, Nov. 4, Dec 2 in 2010, and March 3, April 7, and May 5 in 2011. Reservations are needed for their luncheon meetings. Call Bob Damon at 782-4721.

## MOWW OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

State Commander    MG Steven Nichols  
Chapter Commander    1/LT Joseph Griffin  
Vice Commander    CDR Frank Jones  
Adjutant    1/LT Peter Stark  
Treasurer    WO1 Dana Lane

Congratulations to our newest members of MOWW, LT.jg Dennis "Mike" Dunn, a Perpetual member, and CAPT Larry Stevenson, Senior Army Instructor for the Army JROTC at Sacopee Valley High School. WELCOME.



Lobsterbake at  
Two Lights  
Cape Elizabeth  
August, 2010

The Chamberlain Chapter of MOWW enjoyed the annual Lobsterbake at Two Lights, Cape Elizabeth, on Saturday, August 14, sponsored by the Coast Guard and MOA (Maine Officers Association). The Coast Guard does all the planning and food preparation and we enjoy the results. The weather was perfect and the food, as usual, was excellent. We all enjoyed lobster, steamed clams & mussels, fresh corn on the cob, all kinds of beverages from water to wine, as well as the salads and desserts which we all bring to share. This is an event we all look forward to and hope more MOWW members will join us next summer.

Shown in the picture above are prospective member, Bill Hall, members Dottie McGuirk, Beverly & Bob Barton, Rey Moreau & George Benjamin.



State Commander Steve Nichols presented Companions Bob Barton and Pete Stark with Silver Patrick Henry Awards for their extraordinary work in behalf of the Joshua L. Chamberlain Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars. The awards were given at the September meeting.

Check out the website maintained by Deo Lauria [www.mainemoww.sabattus.net](http://www.mainemoww.sabattus.net)

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### Speaker for November 20th Meeting

The speaker for our next meeting, Saturday, November 20th at The Muddy Rudder, will be CAPT William "Bill" Peterson, USN Retired. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a Naval Architect. His topic is "The Vietnam War Seen From The Naval Perspective".

From the State Commander Steve Nichols and YLC Chairperson, Bob Barton

Maine is gearing up once again to dominate the Youth Leadership Conference at Norwich University. This year's event will be held April 01-03, 2011. This year we encourage inviting non JROTC high school students as well as JROTC students. A 50/50 split is desired but not mandatory. We shall be looking for the brightest students to attend this conference and to shine as their predecessors have. If you would like to help make this year's Conference a success by either identifying a high school sophomore or junior, either boy or girl, to attend or by contributing to our financial support of a student, please let us know. We hope to sponsor at least eight students at a cost of \$75 each. Not only does the Conference provide a good leadership experience for the students, but it also gives them a good look at Norwich as a possible place at which to attend college. All JROTC High Schools have already been contacted.