

## AER-Quad State 2024

### New England Division Conference & Quad State Convention 2024

The Department of New Hampshire hopes all who attended the 2024 event enjoyed the many activities and instructional presentations. The DNHMCL would also like to thank the New England Division, especially Lynn Maguire and Carol Salisbury for the many details, table center pieces, guest speaker's gift basket, and with RI's donation of raffle baskets, that made the event a step above others. Our National Judge Advocate David Porter who did a great job as the banquet MC. Our National Vice Commandant, New England Division Patrick Maguire was a god sent, always available with needed with help and information.

Also, would like to recognize and thank Kevin Brown, DNHMCL JA, that stayed the course at the registration table, Kim Benoit, DNHMCL paymaster, who acted as my right-hand woman, taking care of details that came up, Judith Jones, Gormley's paymaster, who ran a great hospitality room and made sure items were available when needed. Chris Peirce, Granite State JA, was in the background, stepping up as needed to keep events running smoothly. Others that were instrumental in the Fallen Comrade Ceremony Mark Lindsley, DNHMCL JVC & NCIOC-firing detail and all the Marines that stepped up as riflemen, Bryan Westover, Dillon Detachment, who acted as my Sgt-at-Arms.

Many big Woof Woofs to 60<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog Allen Sanning and his Aide de Kamp Chuck Covert, Sarah Belden, Deputy Kennel Executive Director, and Stephante Abbott, Iowa Madam Mad Dog who inspired the Dogs of New England to break open their bone bags and give it up for the Kennel Children's Hospital Fund in over 1,000 big bones. The 38 Dogs that were corralled for the Growl were in for a treat as the Kennel staff helped/hindered the Worthy NH Pack Leader Mark Lindsley, who later stated that he learned a lot (old dogs CAN learn new tricks).

A big thank you to National Chaplain Howard Shaeffer for the reading of the names of the fallen, MCLA Vice President Dottie Sanning. And New England ADVC Mike Hinds for the placement of the carnations.

There was a total of 96 for the banquet and 66 registrations for the convention. New England Division ran a 50/50 Bingo Cash game and then paid for pizza for lunch for everyone on Friday. There was a DJ playing music during the meal and was present for after the banquet if anyone wanted to dance.

The Department Commandants' Council made a proposal about Connecticut and Massachusetts joining the host department rotation. More to come at future New England Division Conferences.

Please read New England Division Adjutant & Newsletter editor Walt Benson's report for more information on the various programs.

Semper Fi

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