



# Quarterly Newsletter



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## Club News

### New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

- **COL Timothy Cody, USA.** He and his wife, **Sara**, live in Appleton.
- **CW3 Patrick McAvinue, USA.** He and his wife, **Donna**, live in Appleton.

### March Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, March 11, 2021, the Club held its first Quarterly Dinner Meeting since March 2020. It was held at The Radisson Hotel & Conference Center.

There was a short Business update followed by the guest speaker, **John Maino**. Mr. Maino, author of the WWII series of 3 books "Frontlines – WWII – volumes I-III," is also working on a book about Vietnam.

In addition for the first time, for those that were unable to attend, the business update and Mr. Maino's portion of the meeting were live streamed on the Club website and on the Club Facebook page. It was also streamed on YouTube.

While attendance was down from previous years, the members who did attend felt it was a great dinner and John Maino, did an excellent job as speaker. They also expressed their excitement that Club activities have restarted after a long year of isolation.



Guest speaker John Maino.

### June Dinner Meeting

Next Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Club will host a "Dinner Detective" murder mystery show and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay.

"Dinner Detective" is a play with 6-10 actors that interact with the audience to solve a murder mystery. (I think it was Colonel Mustard with a candlestick in the Conservatory.)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing

The Club is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual VETERANS BENEFIT GOLF OUTING on Monday September 13, 2021. It will be held at the Oneida Golf & Country Club in Green Bay.

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Our Golf Outing Committee is more determined than ever to resume this event. The 2021 objective is to raise \$100,000. In 2020, even without an actual event, our faithful donors, sponsors, and supporters kept their commitments and, as a result, \$86,000 was raised.

## MOAA News

### MOAA President, Board Member Speak Out to End Military Food Insecurity

Two MOAA leaders took to the commentary pages in recent days to garner support for an end to military food insecurity, one of three issues that make up this year's Advocacy in Action campaign.

In a piece for Military.com, MOAA President and CEO **Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret)**, called the plan to establish a Basic Needs Allowance to support servicemembers living near the poverty line a critical retention tool.

"Without help in the early stages of these careers, the military risks losing the investment it makes in these members," Atkins wrote. "They'll seek other ways to feed their families and separate at the earliest opportunity, or they'll suffer on the job from the stress of their situation or from a simple lack of nutrition, putting their family's needs ahead of their own."

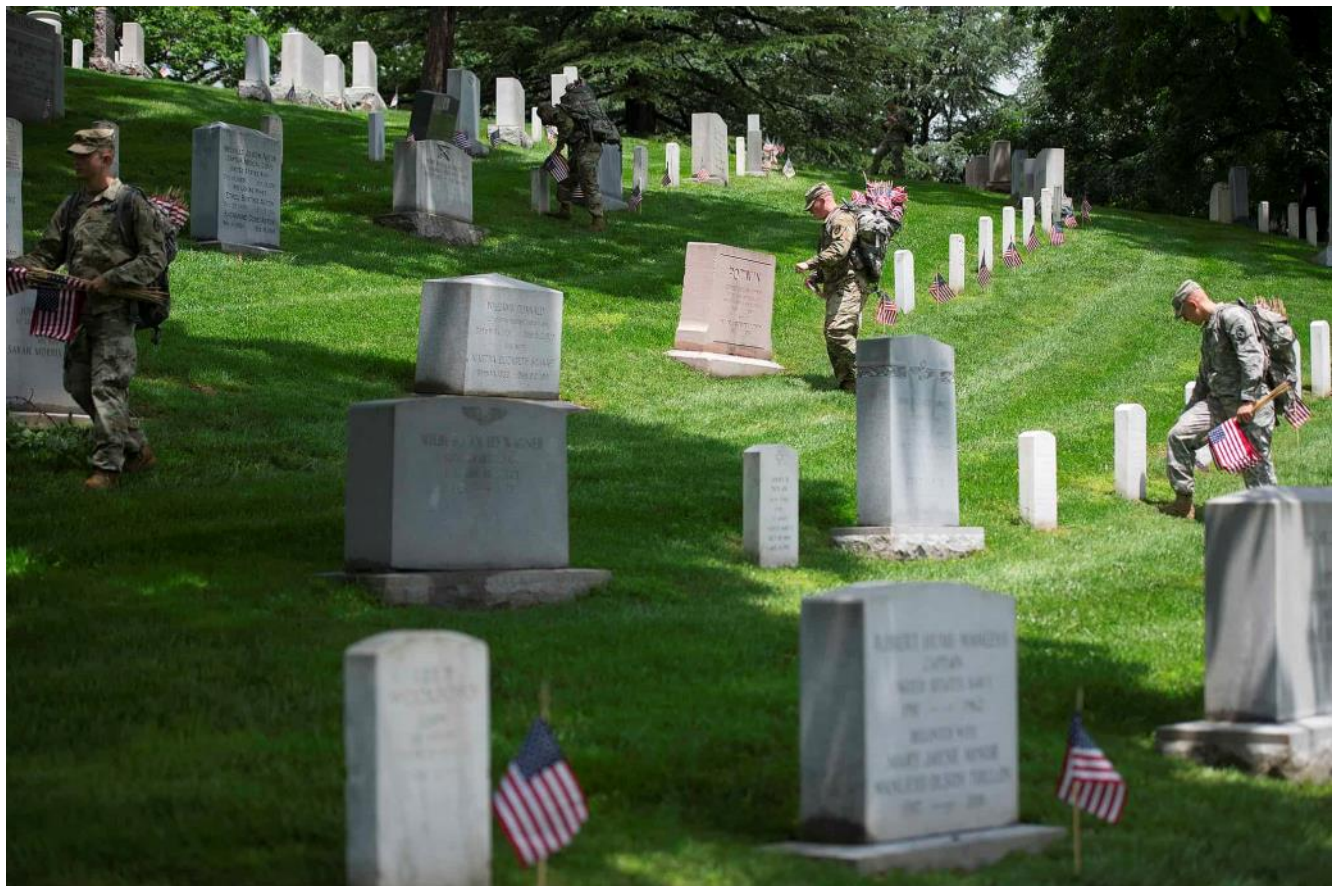
A piece in The Hill by **Rear Adm. Tom Jurkowsky, USN (Ret)**, a MOAA board member and author, outlined the difficulty faced by some of these junior enlisted families in receiving assistance. Because the military's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) counts toward income requirements for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps), many of these servicemembers aren't eligible for aid. Those who are eligible may not seek aid because of a stigma surrounding the SNAP program, Jurkowsky wrote.

"No one in this country, the so-called 'land of plenty,' should experience hunger or food insecurity — and especially those who raise their right hand to volunteer to serve their country and go into harm's way to defend it."

Both pieces outlined how COVID-19 has made the problem worse, with child care concerns mounting and more military spouses losing income because of the pandemic.

The Military Hunger Prevention Act – bipartisan legislation in both the House and Senate – would provide an average of \$400 a month to servicemembers at or near the poverty line. Ask your lawmaker to support this bill today, and pass the word so others can join the cause and learn more about food insecurity in the ranks.

# We Remember



# Military Wife

Your life is filled with unexpected surprises each and every step of the way. Before becoming a military wife, these are some things you probably never thought about...

- The first deployment is a brutal shock to the system.
- Each subsequent deployment or separation will turn you into a bag of nerves, despite adequate planning, prep and support.
- Deployments don't get easier, you simply gain more tools to cope with deployment separations.
- You will spend nearly the entire time at your current duty station speculating about where you will go next.
- Someone will ask for your address history and you will nearly pass out.
- Your ID card will become an extension of your body. Without it, you'll feel lost.
- Learning acronyms and abbreviations will become your second language.
- Some duty stations will feel like the worst place EVER, right until you meet your BFF... two months before your rotation date.
- Patriotism will root itself deep into your heart.
- You will travel insane distances to see your friends and family back home.
- On top of that, you'll drive 8 hours to see your service member for 3 hours and this will seem normal.
- People will say a lot of silly things to you like... "I could never do what you do." And you will find a way to answer with grace and tact.
- Homecoming will feel like falling in love on a blind date. First comes the honeymoon phase, and then it just gets awkward.
- You'll make a plan only to make a new plan over and over again.
- Something will always break down during deployment. Always.
- At some point, you will feel lonely and wonder what in the world you are doing with your life.
- Military life will take you to the highest of highs and lowest of lows emotionally.
- Your ability to handle tough situations will rise exponentially.
- Attending the annual military ball will feel like prom...for adults.
- PCS stickers will remain on your furniture indefinitely. They're everywhere!
- Something extraordinarily important to you will receive major damage during a PCS move or it will get lost completely.
- You will try to explain your life as a military wife to a civilian and they won't get it.
- The family readiness group is going to help you when you least expect it.
- Moving overseas will give you a panic attack, but then you'll do it and actually love it.

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- Finding a homecoming outfit will take an ungodly amount of time.
- Upon arriving to the military base gate, you'll either forget your ID card completely or you'll hand them a credit card.
- The number of long-distance friendships you maintain will far exceed the number of friends living in your current duty station.
- Determining the perfect time to start a family will feel like advanced college calculus.
- Talking about possible funeral arrangements, living wills and military widow death benefits will happen early in your relationship.
- You'll get pregnant and he'll announce he's leaving on deployment...right before your due date.
- Military gear will take over your entire home before and after every deployment.
- People you barely know in the military community will do extraordinary things for you at the drop of a hat.
- Amazing friendships doesn't even begin to describe the relationships you will form with other spouses.
- After living in the same place for 3 years, you'll be itching to move again.

## Financial/Membership Report

### Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (12/31/20) .....	\$9,896.42
Receipts.....	+\$1,993.11
Subtotal.....	\$11,889.53
Disbursements .....	(\$2,670.95)

Total Club Funds Balance (3/31/21) .....	<u>\$9,218.58</u>
Bank-Checkbook Balance (3/31/21) .....	\$7,692.10
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (3/31/21) .....	\$1,526.48

### 2021 Membership Report (As of 3/31/21)

Paid .....	44
Life .....	14
Honorary .....	5
Overdue .....	68
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>131</b>

**2022 Paid** (As of 3/31/21) ..... 7

## Dates of Interest

- Jun 10—Quarterly Dinner Meeting
- Jun 14—Flag Day
- Jun 14—US Army (1775)
- Jun 21—US Constitution ratified (1788)
- Jul 2—US Army Air Corps (1926)
- Jul 4—Independence Day
- Aug 4—US Coast Guard (1790)
- Aug 7—Purple Heart Medal established (1782)
- Aug 26—Women's Suffrage (1920)

# Spring Dinner Meeting

## The Radisson Hotel & Conference Center





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Rev Date: 02/21)

Please circle: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ # / Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Component	Branch of Service
USAR _____	USA _____
USNR _____	USN _____
USMCR _____	USMC _____
USAFR _____	USAF _____
ANG _____	USCG _____
ARNG _____	NOAA _____
	USPHS _____

Military History {Complete the applicable category}

1. On Active Duty now? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Former Officer? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_
- or, 3. Retired Career Officer (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your Active-Duty Retirement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please notify the Club Membership Chairman or Club Secretary of any changes to the information on this form.

1. Are you a member of MOAA? (National organization) Yes / No  
 a. If **Yes**, what is your MOAA number? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ / \_\_\_  
 b. If **No**, may we join you up for a free Basic MOAA Membership? \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
2. Would you be willing to serve as a chapter officer or as a member of the Board of Directors? \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Note: Chapter dues are \$20.00 per calendar year, payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Check payable to: "The Military Officers Club of NE WI"

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