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CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members:

- Don Korte, LTC, USA (RET). Don resides in Mequon.
- Margaret Garefino, LTC, USA (RET). Margaret resides in Appleton.
- Dan Norton, CW2, USA. Dan resides in Green Bay.
- Jane Clarke, surviving spouse of Donald Clarke, CWO3, USCG, who passed away in June this year.
- Diane Junio, surviving spouse of Fran Junio, LTC, USA, who passed away in July, 2021.

Jane and Diane remained members of the club following the loss of their husbands but have joined MOAA and the club as a Surviving Spouse member. A surviving spouse is eligible for MOAA membership receiving special recognition as a surviving spouse.

RECENT LOSSES

We mourn the loss of LCDR Steven VandenBoogard, USN, who died June 23 and COL Rodger Herson, USA, who died on August 23. Also, LtCol Stuart Betts, USMC, with whom we have lost contact.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2024

Just a friendly reminder—we kindly request that any members who have not done so, to please pay your 2024 membership dues of \$20 by January 2024. Make your check payable to MOC of NEW Inc., and mail it to:

John Cumicek, Treasurer
MOC OF NEW
933 Fulton St.
Seymour, WI 54136-1611

You can also pay dues via PayPal on the Club website. Contact Kristen Berg with any questions. (920) 851-2213.

<https://mocnew.com/donations.html>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Our membership over the last couple years has dropped to 117. At the end of 2021 we were at 130. We would like to turn this around, which means: **We Need You!** Our best recruitment has been with one-on-one personal invitations to those you may know or meet. I also send out invitations to MOAA members in the area that are provided to me by MOAA National, but this is limited to only a few, if any, MOAA members per month. Only those MOAA members who elect to be contacted, or new MOAA members to the area, are provided to me; so it is really important that we advertise ourselves well and personally invite other former or retired officers to join us. Thanks! -Glenn

What can you tell someone who may be interested?

- 1) We are the local chapter of MOAA. MOAA has a strong legislative voice in Washington DC. They are working hard for veterans. Their efforts include advocating for pay raises, the repeal of the Death Indemnity Compensation offset for surviving spouses, protecting TRICARE benefits, the PACT Act (comprehensive toxic exposure reform expanding care and benefits), GI Bill upgrades, defeated the 'COLA minus 1 Percent' legislation which would have diminished by 1 percent any cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for military retirees until age 62. (This saved an E7 \$83,000 and an O5 \$124,000 by age 62, and the list goes on.)
- 2) We work to support veteran organizations in the northeastern Wisconsin area by raising money for veteran support groups. Our annual golf tournament raises tens of thousands of dollars for local area veterans.
- 3) If you desire, we will connect you with MOAA for a free MOAA Basic membership. (You do not have to join MOAA to join our club.)
- 4) Join us for the camaraderie of fellow officers and their spouses. Enjoy some social time together with us. Do you enjoy it? Please share that enjoyment. This may be the most important part of your personal invitation.

Thanks for all you do to help our club thrive!

Glenn Brunner
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President's Corner



Greetings Members and Spouses,

The Thanksgiving holiday has passed, but we must continue to be thankful to be living in the greatest country in the world. We need to only turn on the evening news to “see” how fortunate we are to be Americans and have our freedom and lifestyles.

At our October 26, 2023 Board of Directors meeting, a discussion took place regarding the spouses of our deceased members and the continued club membership of the spouses. It was decided and approved that any Spouse who wants to continue membership and participate in Club activities can do so without paying dues. For those who are interested, we will help with their membership application and submission to MOAA National.

The Board of Directors continues to meet and focus on Club planning for 2024 and beyond. Two of our Dinner Meetings are confirmed with the remaining two in planning stages. We are looking for volunteers to serve on key committees. These include, Surviving Spouse Liaison, Parliamentarian, Personal affairs and 1st Vice President. I personally urge you to consider being a part of your Club’s future planning and success. I look forward to hearing from you!

May you all have a joyous holiday season.

Jim Lienau

JUNE DINNER

On Thursday, June 8, 2023 we held our 2nd Quarter social event at The Automobile Gallery in Green Bay. We kicked off the evening with dinner catered by local favorite Biebel's (what a treat!). Following dinner, we were given free reign to walk through the gallery located in 2 different buildings. Boy did we have fun! It seemed like each member found a car that brought back fun memories. Please enjoy the collage of pictures on the next two pages.



JUNE DINNER—CONTINUED



SEPTEMBER DINNER

On Thursday, September 7, 2023 we held our 3rd Quarter social event at the Riverside Ballroom Dinner in Green Bay. We enjoyed comradery and dinner, then were entertained by Daddy D's! The show was titled "Happy Birthday Buddy Holly" and it sure was a blast from the past! Many members could be found tapping their toes and bobbing their heads to the classic Buddy Holly era tunes. The Riverside Ballroom was one of the last stops for the "Winter Dance Party" in 1959 before the tragic plane crash which killed Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the "Big Bopper". The day the music died....



10th Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing

We concluded our 10th Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing (VBGO) in July 2023 and again it was a very enjoyable and successful event due to your support. We had beautiful weather and 144 golfers and dozens of volunteers helped to make this a fun event. While the final tally of donations is still underway as additional donations come in, we managed to raise over \$80,000 for veterans service organizations in our area. Planning has begun for next year's VBGO.

Please mark your calendar for VBGO 2024 on **July 29, 2024**



BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

We have a few changes within the board positions starting in 2024:

- Programs: John B.
- 2nd Vice President: Steve H.
- Deputy Treasurer: Dan Ammerman
- Vacancies Remaining: 1st Vice President, Surviving Spouse Liaison, Public Relations Liaison, Personal Affairs

CONNECT WITH US!

How can you keep in touch with the club?

- Email Distribution: Do you receive emails from “MilitaryOfficersClubNEW@gmail.com” ? In addition to “snail mail”, we send all of our social invitations from this account. Contact Kristen Berg if you are not receiving emails.
- Website: We have done a lot of work to update our website, we hope this is a helpful resource for you.
- Facebook: “Like” us on Facebook! We do our best to post pictures and social event information here. Search: The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

Financial/Membership Report

Financial Statement

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| Total Club Funds Balance (6/30/2023)..... | \$39,243.99 |
| Receipts..... | +\$22,308.76 |
| Subtotal..... | \$61,552.75 |
| Disbursements..... | (\$33,695.38) |
| Total Club Funds Balance (9/30/2023)..... | \$27,857.37 |
| Bank-Checkbook Balance (9/30/2023)..... | \$26,327.24 |
| Bank-Business Savings Acc’t Balance (9/30/2023) .. | \$1,530.13 |

2023 Membership Report

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| MOAA Members..... | 86 |
| Honorary..... | 5 |
| Spouse..... | 4 |
| Non-MOAA Members..... | 0 |
| Total..... | 118 |
| Life..... | 15 |
| > 2 Yr. Overdue..... | 11 |

Dates of Interest

- Dec 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 13: National Guard Birthday (1636)
- Dec 20: Space Force (2019)
- Dec 19: Hanukkah
- Dec 25: Christmas
- Jan 1: New Year’s Day
- Jan 16: MLK Day
- Jan 25: Board of Directors Meeting
- Mar 14: Club Dinner (MULVA Center)