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Club News

Welcome Aboard. Please welcome our newest members:

- **LTC Ellis R. Langjahr, USA.** He lives in Marinette.
- **LTC James Kerrigan, USA.** He and his wife, **Suzette**, live in Appleton.
- **CDR Michael Holzmann, USN.** He and his wife, **Karen**, live in Green Bay.
- **LTC Dennis O'Connor, USA.** He and his wife, **Kathryn**, live in Manitowoc.

March Dinner Meeting. The March Dinner Meeting was held on Thursday, March 10 at The Marq in Green Bay. Our guest speaker was **COL Mike Ivy, USA (Ret).**

Mike is vice president of Global Integrated Product Support for Oshkosh Defense.

He is responsible for life cycle sustainment support of all Oshkosh Defense products and aftermarket services, including product training, technical manuals, provisioning, spare parts, kits, field service operations, warranty and related technical services.

He leads the global Oshkosh Defense product support network to include the United States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Afghanistan, the Middle East, Africa and the Far East.

He joined Oshkosh Corporation in 2004 after a 27-year Army career.

His previous positions include director of Army Tactical Wheeled Vehicle production programs, vice president of Defense Aftermarket, and vice president and general manager of Army Programs. In the latter position, he was responsible for development, production and sustainment of Oshkosh's programs with the U.S. Army including the Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT), the



Mike Ivy.



Save This Date

June 9, 2016

Please join us as we welcome US Air Force Veteran, Green Bay Packer player alumni, and current Green Bay Packers Strength & Conditioning Assistant Coach—**Chris Gizzi** as our guest speaker.

Mr. Gizzi is a 1997 graduate of the US Air Force Academy, completing his military commitment as a US Air Force Reservist in 2000.

In 2000, as a non-drafted free agent, Mr. Gizzi was picked up by America's Team—the Green Bay Packers—and played for us during the 2000 and 2001 seasons.

So, please join us as we welcome Green Bay Packers Coach Chris Gizzi at this dinner.

Expect to receive your dinner RSVP notices toward the end of May 2016.

Please check out:
<http://www.packers.com/media-center/videos/Alumni-Spotlight-Chris-Gizzi/f41aed6d-e630-4c2b-b894-1f3f817bdf3c>

What—MOC of NEW Chapter dinner meeting, June 9, 2016

Where—Brett Favre's Steak House, 1004 Brett Favre Pass, Green Bay

Time—5:30 pm social; 6:30 dinner; 7:30 speaker

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President's Corner



Hello All,

It appears Winter is starting to come to a conclusion and Spring is about to break out all over. This is also the time when the Veterans Benefit Golf Outing preparations and coordination becomes more intense.

Thanks to **Fred White**, we are ahead of the game in most areas. Donations are building in our Veterans Benefit Fund, Hole Sponsorships are almost fully sold, and Foursome registrations are nearly full. The tasks ahead of us include finalizing the prizes for the raffle, continuing to solicit donations, and coordinating the various moving parts for our event. We can still use prize donations to make the raffle more interesting.

I am pleased to say, that Fisher House Wisconsin is now up and running. I saw an article saying the first five families began using the House shortly after the 23 April opening ceremonies.

On April 14th **Glenn Brunner** and I attended the WPS Volunteer Awards breakfast. This annual event, hosted by WPS and The Volunteer Center of Brown County, recognizes groups and individuals for their volunteer contributions to those in need throughout the local area.

Our Club submitted an application for consideration in the small group category. The winner was 4th HOOHAH. This is a veterans organization that assists with basic needs and conducts suicide awareness events. The president of this group, **Nicholas Gries**, was additionally selected as runner up for the Schneider Foundation Volunteer Leadership Award. Club member **Dal Wood** was nominated in the category as well.

In my opinion, the most notable recipient was a 7th grade student, **Luke Smith**, winning the United Health Care Youth Volunteer Award. Luke raised over \$400,000 for Autism awareness and anti-bullying programs, truly a great accomplishment.

Last week, I presented the annual \$100 grant and Superior Cadet Award to **Cadet Austin Houston** from Ripon College.

At the national level, some interesting and concerning developments are taking place in regards to the future of the Veterans Administration.

Seven members of the 15 member commission on improving the VA have met separately and developed a strawman proposal that would eliminate clinics and hospitals within approximately 20 years. Veterans' health care would be turned over to civilian hospitals, with the VA only being the bill-payer.

At present, this is only in the strawman phase of development. MOAA will issue some form of position in the June time frame regarding this concept. An internet search will provide you with multiple articles on this topic.

As usual, I am asking for some help in filling the board positions. We can use almost any of your executive skills in a variety of areas. Please let me know. We are discussing the future of the Club and how we can transition to an improved future.

Mike

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Palletized Load System (PLS), the Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET) and the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV).

For most of his Army career, he was a field logistician. He served at locations worldwide. His experiences include command and staff positions in operational theaters and with NATO and the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

COL Ivy holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy and master's degrees from Georgia Tech and the National War College.

Fox Valley ROTC Battalion Cadet Award. The Fox Valley ROTC Battalion held its awards program on April 21 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Alumni Welcome Center.

This year's MOAA ROTC award winner was **Cadet Austin Houston** from Ripon College. **Mike Egan** presented the Certificate and the Medal, as well as a check for \$100 from the Club.



Legislative News



Joe Williams,
Legislative Chairman.

DD-214s are NOW Online.

Please pass on to other vets. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> or try <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

Panel Rejects Pay, Force Cuts. On April 20, the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee approved its version of the FY 2017 defense authorization bill (H.R. 4909).

The Subcommittee's mark differs significantly from DoD's FY 2017 defense budget proposal, and provides some early optimism on the 2017 pay raise and commissary issues. Here's how the bill addresses several issues of MOAA interest:

- **Force Levels:** increases force levels above the DoD budget request by 20,000 for the Army; 15,000 for Army National Guard; 10,000 for Army Reserve; 4,000 for the Air Force; and 3,000 for the Marine Corps. Approves the DoD

request to reduce Navy forces by 6,300.

- **Active Duty Pay Raise:** rejects the administration's proposal to cap the 2017 pay raise at 1.6 percent, and instead would provide service members the same 2.1 percent pay raise experienced by the average American (as measured by the Employment Cost Index).
- **Commissary:** allows DoD to implement variable pricing strategies and "house brand" products at commissaries nationwide, but specifies current patron savings and satisfaction must be maintained, benchmarks for those measures must be established, and quarterly reports must be provided to track progress. MOAA appreciates the Subcommittee's extra efforts to preserve benefit value for patrons while pursuing system efficiencies.
- **Military Retirement:** adopts a DoD proposal for flexibility in paying a continuation bonus between eight and 12 years of service for members under the new blended retirement system (taking effect in 2018), but does not include other DoD proposals to delay the onset of government Thrift Savings Plan matching until five years of service, increase the maximum government match, and extend matching beyond 26 years of service.
- **Uniform Code of Military Justice:** adopts a long list of changes, including establishing new offenses involving use of government computers and credit card fraud, extending the statute of limitations for child abuse, and improving transparency of court records.
- **Impact Aid:** provides \$30 million in assistance for local schools serving significant numbers of military children. The Subcommittee bill did not address military health care or extension of authority to pay a Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) to survivors affected by the military "widows tax." Subcommittee Chair Rep. Joe Heck (R-Nev.) said both of those issues would be addressed next week during action on the bill by the full Armed Services Committee.

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The full committee is set to take up the defense bill next Wednesday, and action by the Senate Armed Services Committee is scheduled to begin May 10.

Personal Affairs News

House Defense Bill Addresses Survivors, Divorces, Draft. The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) followed the lead of the Personnel Subcommittee and rejected administration proposals to cap the military pay raise and cut force levels.

After a marathon session, the committee went on to include several other significant provisions in its version of the FY 2017 defense authorization bill on April 27, including the following:

Survivors: extends the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance by one year until Oct. 1, 2018, and keeps the monthly rate at \$310. SSIA was established in 2008 to provide incremental relief to survivors affected by the "widows tax."

Although MOAA is disappointed at the inability to increase the allowance, we're relieved it won't be allowed to expire. A one-year extension automatically creates pressure for further action, and committee leaders have pledged to work toward raising the SSIA and phasing out the offset.

The bill also changes the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) calculation for survivors of reserve personnel who die while serving under Inactive Duty Training (IDT) orders to the same (more favorable) method used for deaths on active duty. This is another MOAA-supported issue.

Former Spouses: changes the rules under the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA) by basing the amount of retired pay to be divided with a former spouse on the service member's grade and years of service at the time of divorce; the change would not be retroactive, but would apply to divorces finalized after this change becomes law. MOAA has long supported this measure.

Women and the draft: requires both men and women reaching age 18 to register with the Selective Service. By a 32-to-30 vote, the committee decided the recent opening of all combat roles to women means they should no longer be exempt from draft registration.

Navy: increases Navy force levels by about 1,700 above the DoD budget request. The bill also changes the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The full House of Representatives is expected to consider the HASC mark in May.

Humor

-A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. 'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?' 'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, 'I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.'

-An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. 'Yes, Dad, what is it?' 'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something

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happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife....'

-Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

-The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

-Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

-When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra...

2016 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House

FUN FOR ALL AGES:

- Guided bus tours
- Military Equipment Displays
- Face painting
- Personalized Dog Tags
- Historic World War II buildings
- Sandbag filling station
- Refreshments available & much more!



Fort McCoy is a Commemorative Partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.



Join us as we recognize, thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Saturday, May 21 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Located between Sparta & Tomah, Wis., off of Hwy 21.

**FREE
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Enter at Gate 15 & follow signs.
Adults must have photo ID.
Questions? Call 608-388-2407
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The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.
Membership Application/Questionnaire

Date: _____

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

 Name: First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____

 Address: _____ # / Street _____

 City, State, Zip _____

Primary Contact Phone#: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthday (optional) _____

Rank: _____	<u>Component</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>
	USAR _____	USA _____
	USNR _____	USN _____
	USMCR _____	USMC _____
	USAFR _____	USAF _____
	ANG _____	USCG _____
	ARNG _____	NOAA _____
		USPHS _____

Military History (complete the applicable category)

On Active Duty (Y/N) _____ Entry Date _____

Former Officer (Y/N) _____ Entry Date _____ End Date _____

Retired Officer (Y/N) _____ Entry Date _____

Active Duty Retirement Date _____

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

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| | (Y/N) |
| 1. Are you a member of MOAA? (National organization) | _____ |
| a. If so, what is your MOAA member number? _____
{...on your MOAA card or address label if you receive the MOAA magazine} | _____ |
| b. Do you receive the Military Officer magazine? | _____ |
| 2. Are you receiving military retired pay or survivor benefits? | _____ |
| 3. Do you plan to attend regular quarterly meetings? | _____ |
| 4. Would you attend if transportation could be arranged for you? | _____ |
| 5. Would you be willing to serve as a chapter officer or as a member of the Board of Directors? | _____ |

Note: Chapter dues are \$15.00 per calendar year, payable by January 1st each year.

If you would like to pay your current dues at this time, please attach a check payable to: "The Military Officers Club of NE WI." Please be sure to indicate on the check what year the dues are for.

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March Dinner Meeting Pictures The Marq



Deborah Hansen, Jennifer Friedel, and Randy Hansen.
(Photo credit: Jim Strong)



L to R: Mike Ivy, Jean Egan, Mike Egan & Dan Ammerman.
(Photo credit: Jim Strong)



New Honorary Members: (L to R), Tom Hinz, Bob Burns, and Jerry Polus. With Club president Mike Egan and membership chairman Glenn Brunner (at podium). *(Photo credit: Jim Strong)*



Club president Mike Egan presents a Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker Mike Ivy. *(Photo credit: Jim Strong)*