



Quarterly Newsletter

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Club News

Welcome Aboard. Please welcome our newest member:

- **Capt Kristen Fuller, USAF.** She and her husband, **Peter**, live in Kimberly.

March Dinner Meeting. We held our most recent dinner meeting at The Marq in De Pere on March 9.

Our guest speaker was the Co-Chairman and CEO of the Meijer Supermarket chain, **Hank Meijer**. He talked about his personal history, the growth of the store chain, what they offer, and their veterans programs. **Polly Emelander** joined him.



Mike Egan presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Hank Meijer.

Hank's presentation included many pictures and slides showing the earliest stores through the latest ones. There were a lot of questions from the 70+ members and guests in attendance. Hank took the time to thoughtfully answer each one.

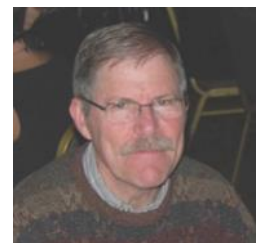
Meijer Supermarkets will open a supercenter on Shawano Avenue on May 16. Ms. Emelander will be the store manager.

Veteran's News

Aspen Dental To Provide Free Dental Care For Veterans During Nationwide Day Of Service

Aspen Dental recently announced its 4th annual Day of Service event, which provides free dental care to our nation's veterans, will be held on Saturday, June 24. During the annual event, dentists and teams from nearly 450 Aspen Dental offices will provide free dental care to thousands of veterans.

Like millions of Americans, veterans often do not get the dental care they need due to barriers like cost, fear, access and lack of insurance. Of the 21 million+ veterans across the U.S., fewer than 10 million are enrolled for U.S.



Joe Williams
Legislative Chairman

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President's Corner

Hello All,

This year is off to an interesting and action packed start. We have several major events in progress, with an event filled six months.

In June, we are having our Quarterly Dinner Meeting and hosting the new Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Then, a few short weeks later, we will conduct our 4th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing, followed by hosting the State Council of Chapters biennial conference in October. Each of these events will require volunteers and your support.

In the entire time I have been associated with our Club, I cannot remember more activities being held in a single year. I am sure we can do these things and do them well.

The Board of Directors is well into planning for each of these events. In so doing, we have made some improvements on how we do business as a Board of Directors. We are communicating more online and submitting reports electronically minimizing meeting time and paper documents. Our operating processes include summarizing key operational indicators at our quarterly meetings allowing time to discuss and plan events. This process is not yet fully implemented but worked well on our first attempt. We are working to fine tune this process and incorporate it with a similar effort I suggested at the state level.

This technique was attempted by the Council of Chapters last quarter and will be attempted again for the May meeting in conjunction with a traditional face-to-face meeting ongoing at Ft. McCoy. In the first attempt, all chapters were in communication for the first time in many months and travel was eliminated for attendees. This was a major accomplishment.

Another development that has begun is the establishment of a Club Website. Thanks to our newest Board member, Stu Betts, a website designer has been contacted and work will soon begin on this project. Our vision is to post our calendar, activities and other types of information on this site. We are early in the process, but I am sure we will be able to keep all of you better informed, better connected, and up to date on all Club activities.

The last item I want to mention is a plan to increase annual dues to \$20.00, beginning in year 2020. The mantra for this is \$20.00 in 2020. Until that time, our dues will remain at \$15.00 a year.

As usual, I am asking for your support. We can use volunteers in all our activities to lighten the load on some of the Board members and to contribute in new areas. I have always envisioned some individuals becoming experts in various areas, such as health care, changes to the retirement process and any of the various areas emphasized by MOAA or the WDVA. Expert knowledge in many areas could be of great assistance and could be communicated on the new website.

Thanks for your continued support and see you at the dinner.

Mike

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Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits, and more than 1.2 million lack health insurance altogether. The disparity is even more pronounced when it comes to dental care because the VA only provides dental benefits to veterans who are classified as 100% disabled, have been a prisoner of war, or have a service-connected dental condition or disability.

Veterans can call (or see the last paragraph of this article) 1-844-Aspen-HMM to find a participating Aspen Dental office in their community and schedule an appointment during the annual Day of Service on June 24. Advance appointments are required. During the Day of Service, Aspen Dental dentists and teams treat the most urgent needs of each veteran to ensure they are relieved of any dental pain, including anything from fillings and extractions to basic denture repairs. Routine cleanings and exams are also provided.

Aspen Dental is working to close this gap through its Healthy Mouth Movement, a community giving initiative that provides free dental care and oral health education to veterans. Since the launch of the Healthy Mouth Movement in 2014, Aspen Dental has provided free care to over 12,000 patients resulting in more than \$7.6 million in donated dentistry.

This is an excerpt of an article in the *Business Insider* online magazine. About 450 of the 600 Aspen Dental offices participate in this day of service program. We, in the MOC of NEW, can spread the word of the program to encourage veterans to utilize this free dental service.

The following offices are participating but have appointments on a "first call" basis: Ashwaubenon, Appleton, Manitowoc, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Plover, and West Bend. For appointment at all of the offices, call (920)471-0767, select option 1 and stay on the line.

My impression is that it is a limited program but has value. Submitted by **Joe Williams**, LTC, USA Retired, Board Member.

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Memorial

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports that a small monument was proposed to honor helicopter pilots who died in the "Helicopter War" during a meeting between the new executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries and Vietnam veterans.

Previous attempts by the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association for a monument were denied by cemetery officials, according to the Journal Sentinel. The concern was that other groups would want a memorial and the dwindling space at Arlington Cemetery should be reserved for graves. However, the new director seems to be more receptive to the group's efforts.

Bob Hesselbein, Middleton veteran and former president of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, said the proposed location of the monument next to a tree is ideal, the newspaper reported.

The design of the marker would feature an UH-1 "Huey" helicopter etching with logos of



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all military branches and the phrase "In honored memory of helicopter pilots and crew members who gave the full measure of devotion to their nation in the Vietnam War."

The exact cost of the 27.5-by-32-inch marker is not yet known. Hesselbein, who piloted Cobra attack helicopters in Vietnam, told the Journal Sentinel that the memorial's cost is "a humble amount that we, of course, will pay to donate." After all, the cost of the memorial is much less important than the recognition of the group's fallen comrades. The group has raised enough money for the memorial's creation, shipment, installation and upkeep.

The next step for the creation of the memorial is the approval of the design by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. Hesselbein told the Journal Sentinel that he is hoping the memorial will be complete by the end of the year so it can be dedicated in 2018.

VA Veterans Justice Outreach Program—Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act

Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) introduced the Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act on 11 APR. The bill seeks to require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to hire additional Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) specialists in order to ensure veterans have greater access to effective and tailored treatment. The Veterans Treatment Court model requires regular court appearances (a bi-weekly minimum in the early phases of the program), as well as mandatory attendance at treatment sessions and frequent and random testing for substance use (drug and/or alcohol). Veterans respond favorably to this structured environment given their past experiences in the Armed Forces. However, a few will struggle and it is exactly those veterans who need a Veterans Treatment Court program the most. Without this structure, these veterans will reoffend and remain in the criminal justice system. The Veterans Treatment Court is able to ensure they meet their obligations to themselves, the court, and their community.

The VJO program was created by the VA to provide veterans with timely access to VA services and engage justice-involved veterans in specialty treatment courts. The veterans' treatment court model removes veterans from the regular criminal justice process and helps to address symptoms that are unique to veterans, such as post-traumatic stress disorder or substance abuse. In a veterans' treatment court, the presiding judge works alongside the veteran and the VJO specialist to establish a structured rehabilitation program tailored to the specific needs of that veteran.

Flake made the announcement during a visit to the Mesa Municipal Court with Arizona Attorney General **Mark Brnovich** to observe the court's veterans docket. During the visit, Flake and Brnovich met with several dedicated VJO specialists who are responsible for connecting veterans to available veterans' treatment court services under the VJO program.

New Director at Camp American Legion

One of our Veterans Benefit Golf Outing recipient organizations is Camp American Legion. Its long-serving Director, **Kevin Moshea**, is retiring in June. The new Director is **Donald Grundy**.



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OF NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN, INC.**
(MOC of NEW, Inc.)

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Navy
Air Force
Marine Corps
Coast Guard
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- Event:** MOC of NEW Chapter Dinner Meeting
- When:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 - Social Hour with cash bar starts at 5:30 pm
Dinner starts at 6:30 pm
Guest speaker starts at 7:30 pm
- Where:** The Ravine Banquet Hall, 2633 Manitowoc Road, Green Bay, 54311.
- Program:** On February 2, 2017 Governor Walker appointed Daniel Zimmerman as the new Wisconsin Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This evening will mark Sec. Zimmerman's first visit to the Green Bay area where he will introduce himself to us and discuss the current and future of all the state programs that affect state veterans. After 25 years in the service Sec. Zimmerman retired from the US Army in 2008 as a LTC. He is a dedicated combat veteran with two (2) Bronze Star Medals and five (5) Meritorious Service Medals. Join us tonight as we welcome Sec. Zimmerman to his new role of helping all of WI veterans.
- Guests:** All are welcome. Dress: Business casual is recommended
- Reservations:** RSVP no later than Thursday, June 1, 2017. Please mail the below RSVP form along with your check to me by then in order for us to provide a head count to The Ravine Banquet Hall. ***Questions - call Randy

CW5 Randy Hansen, USA, Ret., Program Chairman
920-639-6996 (cell)

Reservation form for the June 8, 2017 Dinner meeting

MOC of NEW Member: _____
Guest: _____ Guest: _____ Guest: _____

Menu: Please indicate how many individuals will be attending

_____ Wisconsin Classic Family Style dinner will be tonight's meal, **\$20.00 each**:
Baked & Broasted Chicken and Baked Cod, with: Buttered Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetables, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Coffee and Milk and Assorted Desert Bars,

Please mail this reservation form and your check (made out to "Military Officers Club of NEW") to arrive at the below address no later than Thursday, June 1, 2017.
Thank you!!

Military Officers Club of NEW, Inc.
c/o Randy Hansen
P.O. Box 285
Wrightstown, WI 54180-0285

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Randy Hansen
Program Chairman

Eternal Rest

Capt Louis H. McAbee, USAF *Rest in Peace*

Capt Louis H. (Buck) McAbee, Jr., 81, of De Pere died on Thursday, May 4, 2017. He was born on September 29, 1935 at home in the town of Lawrence.



After graduating from West De Pere High School at the age of 16, he attended St. Norbert College, as well as the University of Wisconsin (Madison).

He met his sweetheart, Pauline, one summer at Camp Bird and they were married in 1954.

Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the Air Force and served in the Wisconsin National Guard as a fighter pilot.

His military service and love of flying led him to a 32-year career with Delta Airlines.



Financial/Membership Report

Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (12/31/16)	\$8,655.42
Receipts.....	+\$15,051.04
Subtotal.....	\$23,706.46
Disbursements.....	(\$4,402.50)
Total Club Funds Balance (3/31/17)	\$19,303.96
Bank-Checkbook Balance (3/31/17)	\$17,780.29
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (3/31/17)	\$1,523.67

Membership Report (As of 3/31/17)

Paid	115
Honorary	5
Life	18
Overdue	3
Total.....	141
2018 Paid	41
2019 Paid	8

Dates of Interest

- May 14—Mother's Day
- May 29—Memorial Day
- Jun 8—Club Dinner meeting, The Ravine Banquet Hall, Green Bay
- Jun 18—Father's Day
- Jul 4—Independence Day
- Jul 10—4th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing
- Jul 20—Board Meeting

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.

- (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.

Mail completed form to:

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 N2420 Lakeshore Road
 Kewaunee, WI 54216

March Dinner Meeting Pictures

The Marq



Jan & Bob Burns.



Diane & Drew MacDonald of the Old Glory Honor Flights organization.



Kristina Biggs, Logan Biggs, Nicholas Franda, Amber Franda, Beth Larson, Kurtis Larson.



Standing: Stu & Vicki Betts (Associated Bank). Seated: Jennifer Ray & Patrick Derpinghaus, also from Associated Bank.



Randy Hansen, Hank Meijer and Eleanor Rose (Randy's mom and former employee of one of the first Meijer Stores).



Bill Trombley & Rodney Schreiber, mentor support group members with the Outagamie County Veterans Treatment Court.