



# Quarterly Newsletter

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## Club News

**Welcome Aboard.** Please welcome our newest members:

- **MAJ Tim Krause, USA.** He and his wife, **Michele**, live in Appleton.
- **MAJ Thomas Wiltzius, USA.** He and his wife, **Elizabeth (Betsy)**, live in Appleton.
- **MAJ Joseph Zondlo, USA.** He and his wife, **Barbara**, live in Green Bay.

**Christmas Dinner Meeting.** The December dinner meeting was held on Thursday, December 8 at the Oneida Golf & Country Club in Green Bay.



Once again, the annual Christmas raffle, under the direction of **Diane Wallace**, was very successful. **Sandra Quigley** co-chaired the raffle and did a great job reading the winning ticket numbers.

**Deborah Hansen, Karen DuChateau** and **Jennifer Friedel** assisted **Diane** and **Sandra** in selling

the raffle tickets.

Following a superb dinner, we were entertained with seasonal music by the volunteer WPS Choir.

### **Longest Serving Board Member Quits Under Fire.**

**Robert Michael Patrick Quigley, Jr.** has retired from the Board of Directors after only 22 years of service (out of the 58 years of this Club's existence). Our reporter spoke to CAPT Quigley and, by his own admission, he was just starting to get it right. An investigation is pending.

Seriously, as you all know, **Bob** has been one of the foundations upon which the Club has grown and prospered. He was always a stalwart and stellar volunteer for the Club.

In 1994, he joined the board as Legislative Chairman. Then, in 1995, he began his long tenure as Program Chairman/Co-Chairman.

It is no easy task to line up a variety of locations, speakers and menus for our quarterly meetings. One major factor is always the cost to the member. **Bob** always tried to



Robert Michael Francis Quigley, Jr. and Mike Egan.

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**President's Corner**

Hello All,

I hope all of you have successfully weathered the storms of the election, Christmas, New Years and the inauguration. Now we can just wait out the winter.

As we look toward the heat and sunshine, our Club efforts once again will focus on the Golf Outing in July. Teams and Hole Sponsors are signing up, and Major Donors are once again making their commitments. There has also been a serious effort to recruit some additional donors. The golf committee has voted to include the Honor flight as a recipient of a donation as well. We have set \$100,00.00 as a fund-raising goal for this years' outing. So, if any of you have ties to an organization that could possibly contribute, let us know who they are and who to contact.

If there is any doubt that the Fund-Raising effort is doing any good, I reviewed the results of the 2013 to 2016 results of the Fox Valley Veterans Council and found that they had doubled the number of Veterans Assisted and the dollar amount provided in assistance during 2015. The 2016 results indicate that they assisted 133 Veterans, with \$127,147.00. Two of the more interesting areas of assistance the Fox Valley Tech Tool and Books Programs. These program funds the purchase of tools for individuals graduating from courses at the technical colleges, allowing them to enter the workforce properly equipped and for books used during the various courses. From what I understand, the graduates are encouraged to reimburse the fund over time after graduation.

This month, the State Council of Chapters will attempt to conduct the Quarterly meeting via conference call. This is a major change in their method of operation, and will, if successful, provide an easier means of conducting Council business.

Many of you may have noticed that **John Scocos**, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has retired. Secretary Scocos reorganized the WDVA from a small cumbersome office to a Secretary level organization that has made Wisconsin a great place for Veterans. He was replaced by **Daniel Zimmerman**, who comes to the WDVA with twenty-five years active duty service, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, experience with the national Guard Bureau and significant expertise in Homeland Security. I have every expectation Secretary Zimmerman will be equally as successful as **John Scocos**. His first mission is to look into the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

The WDVA has two major ongoing initiatives, in addition to the Veterans Homes, one is ending Veteran Homelessness and secondly the 2017 theme of ending Veteran Suicides using The WDVA Zero Veteran Suicide Initiative.

The Goals of the initiative are to:

- Empower veterans and our communities to prevent veteran suicide through proactive resourcing and education.
- Become an essential mental health resource for Veterans and their family members and,
- Eliminate Veteran suicide in Wisconsin.

There is much more to this initiative than I will mention here, but it is available in more detail on the WDVA homepage. I would strongly encourage you to look it over, especially the concept of QPR, Question, Persuade and Refer. This is a process likened to CPR, except it is for suicidal individuals.

Lastly, I am looking forward to our next dinner meeting, hearing the story of the Meijer Company. We will be joined by a number of individuals from the Meijer Company who will attend to hear this presentation as well. Hope to see all of you there.

Mike

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obtain the best deal at the best location. (I think he read "The Art of the Deal" by **Donald Trump**.)

**Bob** served alone in this role until 2002, when **Fran Junio** joined him. In 2015, **Randy Hansen** took over from **Fran**.

As mentioned above, **Sandra Quigley** has also been a long-serving, very positive member of our Club family. For years, she and **Diane Junio** went out shopping after Christmas, to get good deals for the next year's raffle. Then, they stored the raffle items until the next party.

Without people like **Sandra**, this Club would not be as much fun, as successful or as energetic as it is.

The Battleship Iowa, in which **Bob** served, produced 212,000 shaft horsepower to propel itself. Our little dynamo, **Sandra**, beats that every day. God bless you both!



Sandra Quigley and Mike Egan.

**Golf Shirts For Sale.** We have four Greg Norman® Protek Micro Pique golf shirts left over from the 2016 VETERANS BENEFIT GOLF OUTING. They are men's medium (chest size 40-42).

If you would be interested in buying one, the cost is \$26 (cash or check please). The suggested retail price is \$45.

These are collectors items. Only 163 exist in the entire known universe.

To claim a shirt, call **John Friedel** at 920-339-5724 or see him at the March dinner meeting.



## Membership News

### Join MOAA today!

Are you a member of MOAA national? If you are not a member of MOAA national give me a call or talk to me at one of our quarterly social events. I'd be glad to give you an application form to join MOAA.

Just a reminder of what MOAA does for us: MOAA is the largest, most effective organization advocating for officers and their families with over 370,000 members. Without MOAA, many of the gains we've made in recent years such as pay raises, tax equity for military homeowners, TRICARE-For- Life, improved SBP, etc. would never have happened. When you join MOAA, you're adding your voice to the largest and most effective officers' association in the country. As a Life or Premium member you will receive a free subscription to Military Officer, the official magazine of MOAA.

Life membership cost is dependent on your present age. For example: ages 66-70 would pay \$501.00. Above age 70 the cost goes down, below age 66 the cost



Glenn Brunner  
Membership Chairman

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goes up. But the advantage is dues are paid for life. For Premium, 1 year is \$40.00, 2 years: \$75, 3 years: \$98. Basic membership is free. Although you do not receive all the benefits of Life or Premium, you are adding your voice to MOAA, which benefits all veterans by increasing the voice of MOAA in Washington. So even if you don't want to purchase any membership at this time please sign up at the Basic level.

Do you know someone eligible to join our club? Tell them about us and invite them to one of our quarterly meetings. You can also send me their contact information or send them mine. I'd love to talk to them. Most of our membership gains have occurred by personal invitations.

Thanks,

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Editor's Note: There is a Membership Application/Questionnaire on Page 7 of this and every issue of the *Quarterly Newsletter*. Pass it on.

## Veteran's News

### Million more vets allowed to shop online at exchanges effective November 11, 2017

The Department of Defense has made a policy change, effective Veterans Day, November 2017, to allow 16 million honorably discharged veterans to shop online for discounted military exchange products.

**Peter K. Levine**, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed a memorandum recently announcing the benefit expansion, giving Congress the required 30 days' notice before actions begin to implement the plan. The delay benefit start is to make e-shopping portals more robust and to allow the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) time to create software to verify veterans' status using Department of Veterans Affairs records."



Joe Williams  
Legislative Chairman

This added benefit will include the Army, Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard exchange services.

The online benefit does not extend to veterans' dependents, although spouses and family members theoretically could use the authorized customer's login credentials, given the nature of an online shopping benefit.

For more information: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/News-Articles/2017-Military-Update/Military-Update--Millions-More-Vets-to-Be-Able-to-Shop-at-Exchanges-Online.aspx#sthash.hc8VTg1o.dpuf>

### New State DVA Secretary Named

Retired military intelligence officer **Daniel Zimmerman** will serve as Wisconsin's new secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.



Daniel  
Zimmerman

Gov. **Scott Walker** announced Zimmerman's appointment, which is effective immediately, on Thursday.

"Dan's career is defined by public service," Walker said in a statement. "Wisconsin's veterans deserve the best care and services possible, and with Dan's experience in the military and government, I know he will serve as a tireless advocate for Wisconsin's veterans."

Former WDVA secretary **John Scocos** announced in November he would resign effective Jan. 7. Former deputy secretary **Kathy Marschman** was appointed as interim secretary early last month. Marschman was among the applicants for the permanent

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position.

Assistant deputy secretary **Dan Buttery**, another applicant for the secretary post, resigned late last month. The agency said he left to pursue work in the private sector.

The staff shakeups follow a *Capital Times* investigation last year that detailed concerns from residents and employees at the home of deteriorating facilities, compromised health care and persistent staffing shortages. Since the story was published, the home has received several federal citations and has seen its ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services downgraded.

The agency has disputed concerns regarding care at King, and said it is of the highest quality. Agency officials say they have made improvements to the home, pointing to a new residential facility being built there. It has appealed at least one federal citation.

**Zimmerman** has been instructed to "immediately conduct a thorough assessment of the operations at Wisconsin's veterans homes and to schedule regular discussions with the County Veterans Service Officer Association and veterans service organizations," according to the governor's office.

## Humor

### Fishing

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the bar near an American Legion Post. A ragged old sea going sailor was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle.

A curious young USAF fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," the old salt simply said.

"Poor old fool," the officer thought to himself, and he invited the old sailor into the bar for a drink.

As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty fighter pilot asked, "And how many have you caught today?"

"You're number ten" the old chief answered. 3 Army, 2 Air Force, 3 Navy, and 2 Marines.

### Golf (courtesy of member **Hank Bongers**)

During his physical, the doctor asked the patient about his daily activity level.

He described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand and took four leaks behind big trees.."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"NAH," he replied, "I'm just not a good golfer."

## SAVE THIS DATE

**What:** Quarterly Dinner Meeting

**When:** Thursday, March 9, 2017. Starting at 5:30 pm

**Where:** The Marq, De Pere

**Program:** The Meijer Supermarket chain is opening their 1<sup>st</sup> Green Bay store (west side by Fleet Farm) in late spring 2017 and their 2<sup>nd</sup> store (east side by Costco) in late spring 2018. Join us as we welcome the Co-Chairman and CEO of Meijer, **Mr. Hank Meijer**, as he talks about the history of the chain, what the stores offer, and their veteran programs.



Randy Hansen  
Program Chairman

**Invitations:** RSVP invitations will be mailed mid-February

**Contact:** Randy Hansen for more information

## Financial/Membership Report

### Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (Sep 30, 2016) .....	\$4,690.25
Receipts .....	+\$4,095.04
Subtotal .....	\$8,785.29
Disbursements .....	(\$129.87)
Total Club Funds Balance (Dec 31, 2016) .....	<u>\$8,655.42</u>
Bank-Checkbook Balance (Dec 31, 2016) .....	\$7,131.79
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (Dec 31, 2016) .....	\$1,523.63

### Membership Report (As of Dec 31, 2016)

Paid .....	113
Life .....	18
Honorary .....	5
Unpaid/Overdue .....	3
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>139</b>
2017 Paid .....	76
2018 Paid .....	35
2019 Paid .....	7

## Dates of Interest

- Feb 12—Abraham Lincoln (1809)
- Feb 20—President's Day
- Feb 22—George Washington (1732)
- Feb 23—MOAA Founded (1929)
- **Mar 9—Club Dinner meeting, The Marq, De Pere**
- Mar 12—Begin Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 25—National "Medal of Honor" Day
- Apr 9—National "Former POW" Recognition Day
- **Apr 27—Board Meeting**

**The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.**  
**Membership Application/Questionnaire**

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

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

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

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

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

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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? _____<br>{...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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.  
 N2420 Lakeshore Road  
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# December Dinner Meeting/Christmas Party Pictures

## Oneida Golf & Country Club



Joseph & Barbara Zondlo.



Jane & Donald Clarke.



John & Jennifer Friedel.



Jim Strong, Terry Irwin & Lenore Domers.



Beth & Kurt Larson.



Terri & Adriana Muskevitsch.