



Quarterly Newsletter

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Club News

Welcome Aboard. Please welcome our newest members:

- **Capt Arthur Minguey, USAF.** He lives in Green Bay.
- **Capt Miles Rudolph, USAAC.** He lives in Green Bay.

September Dinner Meeting. The September Dinner Meeting was held on Thursday, September 8 at The Comfort Suites in Green Bay.

Our guest speaker was **Mike Murphy**, a retired professor who taught English and Humanities courses at UWGB for 35 years.



He then became a very active member **Prof. Mike Murphy** and popular course instructor for UWGB's



Lifelong Learning Program (LLI), teaching courses on a wide variety of topics including—most recently—the Secret Service, a topic he spent months researching in his personal effort to find out what his very close-mouthed son-in-law actually did when he went off to work each day as a Special Agent on the President's Protective Detail.

Farewell to Board Member. After four years of dedicated service to the Club, **Dwayne Whitfield** has decided to leave the board of directors.

He was named Personal Affairs Chairman in 2012 and worked very hard researching this topic so he could be a local resource for surviving spouses, helping them to navigate through the often complex process of applying for survivor benefits and notifying the applicable agencies.

To that end, he compiled a comprehensive summary of information and put it on a compact disc.



Dwayne Whitfield on a recent trip to Spain.

This disc contained relevant information, procedures, phone

SAVE THESE DATES

When: Thursday, December 8, 2016

What: Club Christmas Dinner Meeting

Where: Oneida Golf & Country Club, Green Bay, Starts at: 5:30 pm

Program: Back by popular demand for an encore performance, we welcome the volunteer WPS Choir

Invitations: RSVP invitations will be mailed mid-November

Contact: Bob Quigley for more information

When: Thursday, March 9, 2017

What: Club Quarterly Dinner Meeting

Where: The Marq, De Pere Starts at: 5:30 pm

Program: The Meijer Supermarket chain is opening their 1st Green Bay store (west side by Fleet Farm) in late spring 2017 and their 2nd 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.

Invitations: RSVP invitations will be mailed mid-February

Contact: Randy Hansen for more information

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President's Corner



Hello All,

Many things are taking place within the Club these days. There are some organizational things, a new board member, **Stu Betts**, and a lot on the calendar for the coming year. Our Christmas dinner is on track with the information and sign up letter on the way.

Due to the number of activities scheduled for 2017, the board has developed two committees to plan, organize and conduct the Golf Outing/Fund Raiser and the state Council of Chapters meeting. **Joe Tullbane** is leading the golf committee, with **Randy Hansen** and **Joe Williams** working on the state convention.

John Friedel continues to expand this *Newsletter* to include more articles from different authors and more pictures. Once again I ask for contributions to the *Newsletter*, since making it an online publication we have a lot more space available.

The golf outing is moving along as in years past, with an emphasis on an earlier start for registration and fund raising. At this point, the registration forms, donor options and executive summary are about complete and ready for use. We hope to have the Foursome registration/commitments completed by the end of January. Fundraising and raffle prizes are still a work in progress.

We ended the 2016 cycle in mid-October by sending out four checks of \$17,500 to each of our designated recipients. Our goal is to exceed this amount in 2017 and intensify our focus on the local veteran in need. This will mean evaluating how our donations are distributed and to whom. This effort is now underway.

The state convention is another task for next year. It is our turn to do this, and usually includes a change of command for the state council. We are going to combine our usual dinner meeting with this event. The council activities and business meeting are open to all and will be held during the day, with the dinner and guest speaker at the usual hour in the evening.

The exact date and particulars of this event are pending at this time, awaiting the Packer schedule due out in April. We have tentative confirmation of participation by a MOAA representative, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. So, be prepared for some scheduling adjustments to our usual Fall 2017 routine.

In the near future, as I am writing this on November 1 to be included in the October Newsletter, two major events are coming up—the election and Veterans Day.

As for the election, all I can say is “Go Vote.”

As for Veterans Day, it appears the Club will once again be very well represented at the De Pere Middle School Veterans Day assembly. Our participation in this event was initiated by **Dal Wood** during his term as president and we have been major participants since its inception.

It appears to me that no other single organization has provided more individuals more consistently than our club. Good job to those involved and many thanks to the Middle School for having this ceremony.

I was informed that the Seymour Middle school is now beginning a similar activity and at least one of our members will be participating.

Once again, I ask for your help. We will need some volunteers to help with the state convention. There will be some administrative work and bookkeeping needs and some day-of-the-event needs.

So with that, I will see you at the Christmas Party.

Mike

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numbers, points of contact for agencies, etc., for use during a difficult time when this information is hard to gather together and use. (A sample checklist for retirees can be found on pages 4 and 5.)

With great reluctance, president **Mike Egan** accepted Dwayne's resignation at the October board meeting.

We all thank him for his service to the Club and wish him and his wife, **Nancy Whitfield**, "Fair Winds and Following Seas." (Sorry, your NL editor is a sailor and old habits are hard to change.)

New Board Member. We are very pleased to announce that **LtCol Stu Betts, USMC** has agreed to join the board of directors of the Club.



Stu Betts.

Stu is a native of Green Bay and currently resides in Hobart. He graduated from Southwest High School and earned a BS in Industrial Education at Northern Michigan University. He played football at Northern, was a letterman three years, and was co-captain of the 1975 team that won the Division II national football championship.

He was originally drafted by the New England Patriots and later signed with the Dallas Cowboys. Following his playing days, he had several coaching positions including wide receivers coach for the University of Wisconsin Badgers.

In 1981 after attending OCS at Quantico, Virginia he accepted his commission and began a 21-year career with the Marines as a Naval Aviator, Cobra helicopter pilot, and Weapons & Tactics Instructor.

He deployed aboard ship (The Gator Navy) to locations all over the world and received numerous decorations during his time in service.

He retired with over 4,000 flight hours and is also a retired high school teacher and high school football coach.



Do not mess with this (or any) Marine.

Golf Outing Subcommittee.

As a result of the growing demands of the Veterans Benefit Golf Outings, the board of directors has established a separate subcommittee to conduct the annual golf outings.

The subcommittee will plan, conduct and ensure the success of the annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing and fund raiser to support the Veterans Benefit Fund.

All decisions of the subcommittee will be based on previously established precedent and be in consonance with board policies and decisions.

The deliberations and decisions of the subcommittee will fall into two general categories: (1) those that affect only the efficiency and operations of the golf outing itself, which will be reported out to the board; and (2) those that affect the greater Club organization, that will be submitted as recommendations for consideration by the board.

The members of the subcommittee are: **Joe Tullbane (Chair), Fred White, Randy Hansen, Mike Egan, John Cumicek & John Friedel.**

2017 Wisconsin Council of Chapters Convention

The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc., has been asked to host the biennial state Council of Chapters in 2017. This duty rotates among the 5 chapters in the state and now it's our turn. We plan to combine the convention with our regularly scheduled fall dinner meeting.

Randy Hansen and **Joe Williams** have agreed to lead the efforts to organize and run the convention. Pending release of the home Packer schedule in April 2017, the state convention will take place in late September or early to mid October.

More information will be provided as plans are developed and details are finalized.

Legislative News

Hot off the wire: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) announced the average American saw a 2.4-percent pay raise over the last 12 months. What's the significance of that?

By law, that will be the basic pay raise currently serving troops will see in January 2018 - unless the new president elects to submit an alternative raise "because of national emergency or serious economic conditions affecting the general welfare."



Joe Williams
Legislative Chairman

In 2004, Congress tied the annual military raise to the annual growth in the BLS' Employment Cost Index (ECI). Because the 2018 raise has to be submitted in the president's budget a year ahead of time, that raise is determined by measuring ECI growth from September 2015 to September 2016. The 2017 raise was supposed to be 2.1 percent, based on the ECI standard, but the president proposed an alternative 1.6-percent raise.

Congress still has to decide during the post-election lame duck session if it'll let the 1.6-percent pay cap stand or pass legislation raising it back to 2.1 percent. MOAA worked hard to persuade Congress to enact the ECI standard and believes strongly it should be upheld every year.

Unfortunately, it has been capped below that standard for the last three years. Hopefully, that trend will end for 2017 and 2018.

Personal Affairs News

Retiree Checklist

This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future. The checklist is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools.

1. Create a military file.

- Retirement orders
- DD 214
- Separation papers
- Medical records

2. Create a military retired pay file.

- Claim number of any pending VA claims
- Address of the VA office being used
- List of current deductions from benefits
- Name, relationship and address of beneficiary of unpaid retired pay at the time of death
- Address and phone number for DFAS:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U S Military Retirement Pay, Post Office Box 7130, London, KY 40742 7130 (800) 321-1080 option #3 (for deceased members)

3. Create an annuities file, to include:

- Information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).
- Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP)
- Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP)
- Civil Service annuity

Note: (Additional information regarding SBP annuity claims can be obtained from the DFAS-Cleveland Center office at 1-800-321-1080.)

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4. Create a personal document file.

- Marriage Records
- Divorce decree
- Adoptions and naturalization papers

5. Create an income tax file.

- Copies of state and federal income tax returns

6. Create a property tax file.

- Copies of tax bills
- Deeds and any other related information.

7. Create an insurance policy file.

- Life Insurance
- Property, accident, liability insurance
- Hospitalization/Medical Insurance

8. Maintain a listing of banking and credit information, in a secure location.

- Bank account numbers
- Location of all deposit boxes
- Savings bond information
- Stocks, bonds and any securities owned
- Credit card account numbers and mailing addresses
- 401K Accounts

9. Maintain a membership listing of all associations and organizations.

- Organization names and phone numbers
- Membership fee information

10. Maintain a list of all friends and business associates.

- Include names, addresses and phone numbers

11. Hold discussions with your next of kin about your wishes for burial and funeral services.

At a minimum the discussion should include cemetery location and type of burial (ground, cremation or burial at sea). This knowledge may assist your next of kin to carry out all of your desires.

12. You could also pre-arrange your funeral services via your local funeral home. Many states will allow you to prepay for services.

13. Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning Navy Mortuary Affairs at (866) 787-0081.

14. Once your decisions have been made and you are comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining specifics.

15. Ensure that your will and all other sensitive documents are maintained in a secure location known by your loved ones. Organizations to be notified in the event of a retiree death:

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service, London, KY (800) 321-1080
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) (800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) (800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with (e.g., MOAA, ROA, VFW, AL)

6. Any previous employers that provide pension or benefits.

Humor (with apologies to our Irish cabinet-maker president, Mike Egan)

Paddy and Mick

Paddy and Mick are two Irishmen working at the local sawmill. One day, Mick slips and his arm gets caught and severed by the big bench saw. Paddy quickly puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick to the local hospital.

Next day, Paddy goes to the hospital and asks after Mick. The nurse says, "Oh he's out in Rehab exercising." Paddy couldn't believe it, but there's Mick out the back exercising his now re-attached arm. The very next day he's back at work in the saw mill.

A couple of days go by, and then Mick slips and severs his leg on another big saw. So Paddy puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick off to the hospital. Next day he calls in to see him and asks the nurse how he is. The nurse replies, "He's out in the Rehab again exercising." And sure enough, there's Mick out there doing some serious work on the treadmill. And very soon Mick comes back to work.

But, as usual, within a couple of days he has another accident and severs his head. Wearily Paddy puts the head in a plastic bag and transports it and Mick to the hospital. Next day he goes in and asks the nurse how Mick is. The nurse breaks down and cries and says, "He's dead."

Paddy is shocked, but not surprised. "I suppose the saw finally did him in." "No", says the nurse, "Somebody put his head in a plastic bag and he suffocated."

Financial/Membership Report

Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (Jun 30, 2016).....	\$30,941.45
Receipts	+\$22,293.04
Subtotal	\$53,234.49
Disbursements	(\$48,544.24)
Total Club Funds Balance (Sep 30, 2016).....	<u>\$4,690.25</u>
Bank-Checkbook Balance (Sep 30, 2016).....	\$3,166.66
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (Sep 30, 2016)	\$1,523.59

Membership Report

Paid	113
Life	17
Honorary	03
Unpaid	03
Total	136
2017 Paid	40
2018 Paid	2
2019 Paid	2

Dates of Interest

- Nov 10—U.S. Marine Corps established (1775)
- Nov 10—Golf Outing subcommittee meeting
- Nov 11—Veterans Day
- Nov 24—Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 8—Club Christmas Dinner meeting, Oneida Golf & Country Club, GB
- Dec 25—Christmas Day
- Jan 1—New Year's Day
- Jan 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 26—Board Meeting

September Dinner Meeting Pictures

Comfort Suites



Dennis & Kathryn O'Connor.



Bonnie Rae McSwain & Ellis Langjahr.



Barbara & Joseph Zondlo.

