

The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

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Quarterly Newsletter



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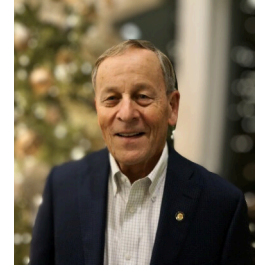
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December 2024

President's Corner



Members, Spouses and Friends,

2024 has been an exciting year for our Club and Members. The four quarterly dinner meetings provided us the opportunity to enjoy friendship and share family updates.

Here's a quick summary of our year:

March: "The Oneida Smoke Dancers" performed traditional dancing, and Board Members were sworn in.

June: We were "energized" by "Oldies Jukebox" music performed by "Daddy D Troupe".

September: Dinner meeting featured speakers from the 432d Civil affairs Army Reserve, Wisconsin National Guard and the Fox Valley ROTC Battallion all providing their current unit status.

Our final meeting is the annual Christmas Dinner on December 12th . Our Club was established as a "Social Club" and remains so today.

Interesting statics: We average 61 members and guests per meeting with Christmas attendance at 105.

Board planning for 2025 is underway. I am looking to fill positions including: 2nd Vice President, Parliamentarian, Chapter Historian and At-Large Member. If you have any interest or questions let me know. Thank you for your continued participation and engagement with the Military Officers Club.

On behalf of Mary and I, we wish you and your families a very Christmas and Happy new Year!

Jim Lienau
 Club President

September 2024 Dinner

On Saturday September 7th we held our 4th Quarter social event at the River's Bend supper club. Our program this evening was an informative crew of guest speakers from the following organizations:



MAJ Berger spoke about his company's recent deployment to Europe in support of NATO



Captain Kramer Menz spoke about Wisconsin Army National Guard structure and missions which included disaster response and covid assistance



Lt Col Jonathon Doiron is the new ROTC Battalion Commander and Professor of Military Science for Fox Valley. Lt Col Doiron spoke about the ROTC program, recruiting efforts and ways we can help

Dinner photos





MEMBERSHIP

Personal Recruitment

Your personal interaction with another former or retired officer, your personal invitation, is our best source for new members. Thanks to all our members who have introduced new members to our organization. Our annual Christmas party would be a great meeting to invite someone to meet us.

Current Membership Status

We are still holding steady at 121 members: 113 MOAA reportable(have a MOAA membership ID#), 5 Honorary, 3 non-MOAA. 23 members are LIFE members (>10years in the club and over age 80 or spouse of deceased member).

We would like to welcome our newest member, LTC John Doiron to the club. Please make sure to introduce yourself at the next opportunity.

Database Update Challenges

I used to invite MOAA members to join us from lists given to me by MOAA but since MOAA upgraded their database we've been at a standstill. The committee module wherein our roster (MOAA's copy held in their online database) resided, and from which information was provided to me, is still a work in progress. They have had a lot of problems getting the system back on line. I think our prime source of recruiting will always be from personal contacts made by club members.

Virtual Chapters

Have you heard of virtual chapters? MOAA has seven virtual chapters available right now:

- Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter,
- Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter,
- Public Health Service Virtual Chapter,
- Chaplains Virtual Chapter,
- Judge Advocate Virtual Chapter,
- Advocacy for Servicewomen and Military Families Virtual Chapter,
- and the new MOAA Public Affairs and Communication Professional Virtual Chapter.

Benefits of Virtual Chapters

MOAA's virtual chapters are growing, successfully executing their respective missions, and complementing the efforts and membership growth of geographic chapters. MOAA would like to continue to establish new virtual chapters to promote camaraderie amongst affinity groups and reach even more potential members.

Virtual chapters are intended to increase awareness of the MOAA brand by accessing previously untapped networks. Because virtual chapter membership requires national membership, and because virtual chapters encourage their members to also join their local geographic chapter, the potential effect is increased membership at all levels.

Learn more by checking out the MOAA website. Click on "MOAA Councils and Chapters".

Glenn Brunner
Membership Chair

IT'S DUES RENEWAL TIME:

As of January 1, membership dues of \$20 per year is payable. Enclosed you will find a reminder of the status of your dues. If there is not a reminder you are a Life Member or your 2025 dues has been paid.

The MOCNEW By-Laws indicate that a Life Membership is for those persons who are 80 years old and in good standing with the chapter for ten years.

The Treasurer does not have the date of birth for each member. Please forward your date of birth along with your dues payment. Payments can be made by forwarding to

Treasurer John Cumicek, 933 Fulton St, Seymour, WI 54165-1611

or by Pay Pal on the chapter website, <http://www.MOCNEW.org>.

Questions or concerns are welcome at 920-833-2859

Dates of Interest

Dec 12: Club Dinner

Dec 13: National Guard
Birthday (1636)

Dec 20: Space Force
(2019)

Dec 25: Christmas

Dec 25: Hanukkah

Jan 1: New Year's Day

Jan 20: MLK Day

Jan 20: Inauguration
Day

Understanding VA cemetery benefits now can ease your family's path tomorrow

VA Cemetery Pre-Eligibility for a Wisconsin Cemetery

When a loved one passes, families often face numerous decisions during an emotionally challenging time. Pre-eligibility screening for VA cemetery burial can help reduce this burden.

Wisconsin Veterans Cemeteries

Wisconsin offers three locations:

- Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Spooner)
- Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (King)
- Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Union Grove)

Who Can Apply

- Veterans with qualifying discharge
- Spouses of eligible veterans
- Unmarried adult children of eligible veterans

Simple Pre-Registration Steps

- Visit dva.wi.gov/Pages/memorialsBurials/CemPreRegistration.aspx
- Complete the pre-registration form
- Include veteran's DD Form 214

Pre-registration is free and doesn't obligate you to a specific choice. It simply confirms eligibility and documents preferences.

For Details of Wisconsin cemeteries:

dva.wi.gov/Pages/memorialsBurials/StateVeteransCemeteries.aspx

For Pre-Eligibility for a National Cemetery:

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>



Treasurers Report – Financial Summary

Financial Summary	
Military Officers Club of NEW	
Beginning Balance Dec 2023	\$ 16,108
Program Revenue	\$ 6,815
Program Expense	\$ (6,751)
ROTC Scholarship Revenue	\$ 482
ROTC Scholarship Expense	\$ (500)
Dues Revenue	\$ 690
50/50 Raffle Revenue	\$ 505
Postage/Printing Expense	\$ (267)
Website Expense	\$ (185)
Interest Earned	\$ 349
Other Expense	\$ (175)
Ending Balance Oct 2024	\$ 17,072

We are financially stable with the MOCNEW Club balance growing slightly since the end of last year due to interest earned and our 50/50 raffle.

Financial Summary	
Veterans Benefit Golf Outing	
Beginning Balance Dec 2023	\$ 4,485
Registration Fees	\$ 33,000
Other Income	\$ 4,460
OGCC Expenses	\$ (35,717)
Other VBGO Expenses	\$ (5,357)
Donations	\$ 83,820
Ending Balance Nov 2024	\$ 84,691
Anticipated Grants	\$ (82,000)
Anticipated Ending Balance	\$ 2,691

The 2024 Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing was very successful and we anticipate paying out grants of approximately \$82,000 this year to vetted Northeastern Wisconsin nonprofits that directly benefit our Veterans.

Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing (VBGO)



We concluded VBGO 2024 in July and, by all measures, it was a success. We had more major donors, hole sponsors, volunteers, and silent auction items.

While we still have donations coming in, I expect that we will near the \$80,000 raised last year.

“Thank you!” to the VBGO Committee for soliciting donations and silent auction items, and all our volunteers that continue to make this a very successful and enjoyable event for participating golfers.

Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing (VBGO)



*Jennifer Friedel, wife to the late John Friedel
alongside her sons: Mike, Greg, and Chris.
The 1st place award is in honor of John Friedel*

This was also the inaugural year for our John Friedel 1st Place Foursome Trophy named for a longtime member and one of three founders of this VBGO event.



Looking ahead to 2025, our 12th Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing will be **July 28, 2025** at Oneida Golf & Country Club. Please reach out to the VBGO Committee Chair, Dan Ammerman at daniel1983ph@aol.com if you would like to be on the VBGO 2025 Committee. Also please mark your calendars for volunteer support for VBGO 2025 on July 28, 2025.

Golf Outing Photos



