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Welcome aboard to our newest members:

- Russell Anderson, CAPT, US Army. Russell lives in Kewaunee with his wife, Pamela.
- Daniel Anderson, Capt, US Air Force. Daniel is a widower and lives in Howard.

We kindly ask that you take time at our next quarterly social to seek out our newer members to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

We presently have 14 LIFE members. LIFE members do not have to pay dues. To be a life member you need to have been a member of the club for 10 years and have reached the age of 80. If you meet this criterion, please let me know.

I sent out over twenty invitations by email or letter this last year to MOAA members from a list that MOAA sends to us each month. This list sometimes has no entries but usually has several people listed, sometimes with an email and sometimes only with an address. This list comes from MOAA members who have a change of information, like an address change, and have indicated a willingness to be contacted by the local chapter. You can see how this may limit the number of invitations I can contact using this source of information. Our primary source of new membership still comes from you. Your interaction with other Veterans and personal invitations to join are an important recruitment tool. We do have business cards available that you can hand out to people you meet. Contact John Breuninger for cards.

If you meet a former or retired officer not a member of MOAA talk about the benefits of how MOAA supports all Veterans through their various advocacy programs. Talk about our club, the social aspects and the efforts we take to support **local** veterans through student scholarships and sponsored donations from our annual golf tournament. Point them to our website!

Did you know that MOAA provides interest free loans and grants to children of MOAA members and supports military families in many, many other ways. The MOAA Foundation serves all members of the uniformed services community. Support for service member career transition, community outreach programs, crisis relief program, scholarship funding, and much more. Check out the MOAA website (moaa.org) and learn a little of what is offered and what MOAA is involved in. We are the local chapter of a pretty good organization that also has far-reaching legislative impact at our nation's capital. So if you meet someone not a member of MOAA point them to the MOAA website too. If they join our club, we will sign them up for a **free** Basic MOAA membership.

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President's Corner



Members, Spouses and Friends,

The first Officers' Board meeting of 2024 was held on January 25th. We reviewed last year's success of our four quarterly dinner meetings and the "Veterans Benefit Golf Outing" (VBGO), which raised \$80,300. This amount was awarded to ten Veteran Organizations in our twenty county chapter area. This is an incredible accomplishment and we are grateful for the opportunity to impact lives of Veterans.

Looking ahead, our first Dinner and Business Meeting of 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th. The annual VBGO golf outing will be on July 29th. More information regarding these events, as well as our June Dinner Meeting, will follow shortly.

This year, our mailed Dinner Meeting invitations will also include a copy of our quarterly newsletter, and as usual they will also be on the website. We thought we'd try this to improve Club communication and news.

I look forward to seeing you this year. Thank you for your continued participation and engagement with MOC of NEW!

Jim Lienau
Club President



Financial & Membership Report

Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (9/30/2023)	\$27,857.37
Receipts	+\$6,960.76
Subtotal	\$34,818.13
Disbursements (10/1/2023-12/31/2023).....	(\$18,798.50)
 Total Club Funds Balance (12/31/2023)	 \$16,019.63
Bank-Checkbook Balance (12/31/2023)	\$14,488.74
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (12/31/2023)	\$1,530.89

2024 Membership Report

MOAA Members	114
Honorary	5
Spouse.....	4
Non-MOAA Members.....	0
Total	119
Life	14
> 2 Yr. Overdue	10

Dates of Interest

- Feb. 19: Cost Guard Reserve Birthday
- Mar 3: Navy Reserve Birthday
- Mar 10: Daylight Savings
- Mar 14: Club Dinner**
- Mar 25: Medal of Honor Day
- Mar 29: Vietnam Veterans Day
- Mar 31: Easter Sunday
- Apr 5: Gold Star Spouses Day
- Apr 14: Air Force Reserve Birthday
- Apr 23: Army Reserve Birthday
- Apr 25: Board of Directors Meeting**
- May 12: Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 18: Armed Forces Day
- May 27: Memorial Day



Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing (VBGO)

December marked the conclusion of "VBGO 2023" with the presentation of grants to 10 veterans service organizations. This was a very successful event with \$80,300 raised. "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.

The 2023 grant recipients were:

- Camp American Legion
- Northeastern Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court
- Outagamie County Veterans Treatment Court (Mentor Program)
- Fox Valley Veterans Council
- Sheboygan Area Veterans Court (Mentor Program)
- 4th H.O.O.A.H Wisconsin
- Old Glory Honor Flight (Appleton WI)
- Disabled American Veterans of Wisconsin
- Veterans 1st of NEW
- Door County Farm for Vets

Mark your calendars for "VBGO 2024" to be held on **July 29, 2024** at Oneida Golf & Country Club.

The work of the VBGO Committee is already underway with some additional members. The VBGO Committee is beginning work on identifying donors. We could use help from all of our MOC NEW members with items for our Silent Auction. If you have something to offer or suggest, please contact Dan Ammerman directly. Also please mark your calendars for volunteer support for VBGO 2024!

"The Final Chapter"

This is not normally what a Legislative Board Member would submit to the editor. My wife and I have done some funeral planning and noticed how many of our friends have left the hard decisions to their survivors. Many legal decisions are often overlooked or not communicated. Here is a reminder to our members and a short summary of an article in MOAA's Military Officer from April 2023.

According to estate planners, it's never too late to gather the crucial details by ensuring correct names on every account and asset, mortgages, vehicle titles, and financial accounts. Funeral homes are very helpful in obtaining death certificates and contacts to be made like, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

The article by Patricia Kime who is a military health care reporter gives many tips on which DOD departments assist with benefits and insurance. She also explained how a recently married Army wife was left without any benefits because her husband had failed to change the new marriage partner information on survivorship with DoD.

Info to have on hand: Will and legal documents, power of attorney, insurance policies, DD214 or letter of retirement, birth certificates, divorce decrees, Social Security numbers or cards, listing of financial accounts, passwords listing of real estate deeds, automobile titles, income tax returns for past 5 years, adoption/naturalization papers, most recent retiree account statement from DFAS, location of medical and dental records. Key phone numbers and a survivors checklist are also essential to the file folder of these plans.

Joe Williams, BOD, Legislative

December 2023 Dinner

On Thursday, December 14, 2023 we held our 4th Quarter social event at the Oneida Golf & Country Club in Green Bay. We enjoyed as we celebrated the holiday season with comradery, entertainment and a nice dinner. The local ROTC battalion provided us with a color guard and joined us for the festivities. We also continued the traditional Holiday Raffle. Our entertainment was a musical performance by the Ashwaubenon High School Choir; entertaining us with Christmas Carols and other holiday songs.

Starting with our March event in 2024, the Programs leadership will transition from Dan Ammerman to John Breuninger. We thank Dan for his leadership of Programs over the past 3+ years and looking forward to John providing a fresh perspective to continually make these social events enjoyable for our members.

