## The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

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# Quarterly Newsletter



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#### Welcome aboard to our newest members:

- CW2 Chris Behrens (US Army) and his wife, Fanny.
- CPT Rebecca Chase (US Army)
- COL James Dougovito (US Army) and his wife Linda
- Karen Lacy

Please take a brief moment at our next quarterly social to seek out our newer members to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

Our membership consists of 112 MOAA members. Here's a breakdown of our membership.

- 3 non-MOAA members: Jennifer Friedel, Karen Lacey, and Barbara Zondlo who were spouses of former military officers/members.
- 2 Surviving Spouse MOAA members (They have their own unique MOAA identification number.) Jane Clarke and Diane Junio.
- 5 Honorary members: Bob Burns, Tom Hinz, Thomas Olson, Roger Perrault and Jerry Polus. These individuals were invited to be members of our club but are not former military.
- 17 LIFE members. These 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. The spouse of a deceased former member is also automatically given a LIFE membership.

Just a reminder that our 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. 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 that are distributed to organizations that actively support veterans. Point them to our website!

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.

Please don't forget our student scholarship donation basket that is normally at every quarterly social event. We offer a \$500 scholarship to a ROTC cadet each year and this contribution defrays our cost to the general fund which we must maintain to carry out the activities of the club. Our only input to the general fund is from our dues, because all proceeds from the golf tournament are donated to organizations that directly support veterans. We can't use golf tournament profits for our own use.

Glenn Brunner, Membership Chair

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# **President's Corner**



Members, Spouses and Friends,

Hard to believe we are already in the second half of the year and on the brink of Fall. Hopefully everyone had a chance to enjoy the summer.

We held our 11th Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing on July 29th. We had a beautiful day of golf - only slightly humid with some sprinkles to cool us off in the afternoon. A big thank you to all that helped to make this event a success (I know there were many helping hands). Specifically I want to thank the VBGO Committee Members: Dan Ammerman, Michael Seering, Jim Strong, Tim Cody, Dan Mullen, Glenn Brunner, John Cumicek, John Breuninger, Chad Luebke, Bob Burns, and Claudia Bartz. All of your "behind the scenes" work made for a smooth event that will benefit our local veteran organizations.

I want to take a moment to discuss our 20-year partnership with the "Fox Valley ROTC Battalion". The Battallion is made up of five colleges: St Norberts, UW Green Bay, UW Ripon, Marion College and UW Oshkosh, the "Headquarters". Currently there are 70 Cadets enrolled. This past spring 8 cadets graduated and commissioned. The ROTC Battalion active duty personnel are, Commander Lt Col Frank Armeson and Operations is CPT Scholl. You might recognize CPT School, as he manages the 5 person color guard detail which is at many of our dinners.

Two years ago the club decided to ask the ROTC Battalion to post the colors at one of our quarterly dinner meetings. We were so impressed with their perfection we now have the ROTC team post the colors at every dinner possible and the club pay for their meals. Usually its on a school evening which means going the extra mile having to travel from their locations that evening and back. Please consider personally thanking the cadets next time you see them - we really appreciate what they do for the club. The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin is very proud to support the Fox Valley ROTC Battalion.

Jim Lienau Club President







## **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 will not receive our final major donor donations until sometime in November, 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. 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.





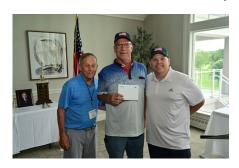


Looking ahead to 2025, our 12th Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing will be July 28 2025 at Oneida Golf & Country Club. The work of the VBGO Committee is already underway. The VBGO Committee is beginning work on identifying donors. We could use help from all our MOC NEW members with identification of items for our Silent Auction.

Mark your calendars for "VBGO 2025" to be held on **July 28, 2025** 

## **Results from the 2024 VBGO:**

1st Place: Tim Jorgensen, Adam DeKeyser, Sean Dwyer, Jason Tadych 2nd Place: David Blackman, Nate Kok, Jeff Blackman, Matt Prickette 3rd Place: Ted Burrows, Dean Meyer, Derek Meyer, Mark Prahl







Longest Put (Hole #1): Pat McAuinue Closest to the Pin (Hole #3): Pat McAuinue

Closest to the Middle of the Fairway (Hole #5): Maddy Albers

Closest to Pin in 2 Shots (Hole #7): Matt Schutte

Longest Putt, Women Only (Hole #9): Maranda Wendel

Closest to the Pin (Hole #13): T.J. Hemauer Longest Putt (Hole #15): Adam Dekeyser

# June 2024 Dinner

On Sunday June 9th we held our 3rd Quarter social event at the Riverside Ballroom. We enjoyed dinner followed by entertainment by Daddy D's! We saw Daddy D's at this same venue in 2023, but this time we watched "Oldies Jukebox". Thanks to everyone for attending!

















