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Club News

New Members

Please welcome our newest member:

- CDR Robert Laird, USN. He and his wife, Anne, live in Green Bay.

Christmas Dinner Meeting Cancelled

Due to a combination of factors surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Christmas Dinner Meeting, originally scheduled for December 10, had to be cancelled.

March Dinner Meeting

We continue to plan for our next dinner meeting in March. While no one knows what will happen in 2021, we are hopeful that we can resume our dinner meetings and other activities.

Club Life Membership

Some questions have come up lately with regard to Life membership status in the Club.

The Club By-laws state that:

“Life membership will be granted to those members who will reach 80 years of age in the next dues-paying year, providing they have been a member of this Club for a period of ten (10) years.

The spouse of a deceased member ("Regular" or "Life") is eligible to become a Life Member by attaining the age of 80 and having 10 years' participation. Participation is defined as the combined years of the

deceased member's membership and the spouse's subsequent regular membership.

Proof of age is required if not available in Club records. They will be provided with a Life Membership card and will be exempt from paying dues.”

Club Volunteer Opportunities

We are working on some initiatives as we are planning for an exciting 2021-2022 for our Club. We would like to request your help.

We could use your creative ideas and need to spread out the workload a little bit more.

We have a few vacancies and are asking you to consider volunteering.

Our vacancies are listed below:

Membership Committee (5)

We need more volunteers on our membership committee to reach out to potential sources of members within our community, whether they be in local military units, veterans service organizations, or other sources.

Communications Committee (5)

We need your creative ideas on how we

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President's Corner

Greetings Members and Spouses,

Thanksgiving is here and we can all be thankful to be living in the greatest Country in the world. We need only to scan throughout history to recognize the amazing evolution of America. How fortunate we are to be Americans and have our freedom and lifestyles.

Christmas is drawing near and our excitement grows to celebrate with family and friends. Please be cautious in whatever fashion you may or may not gather. Let us celebrate what we have and what we can do, as opposed to lamenting what we can't.

All Military Officers Club members should have received an email announcing the cancellation of our annual December Christmas Dinner. The MOC Board felt this was the best decision for all club members and their families. I am hopeful our regular dinner meetings can resume in March 2021.

The MOC Board continues to meet and focus on Club planning for 2021 and beyond. An email was sent out recently asking for volunteers to serve on key committees. I urge you to consider being a part of your Club's future planning and success. Sign up today!

In closing, Mary and I wish for all Military Officers Club Members, Spouses and Friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to coming together in 2021.

Jim Lienau
President

2021 Club Dues

Annual Club dues (\$20) for next year are due on January 1st. They may be paid online via the Club website or by check.

If paying by check, send the check, drawn in favor of the *Military Officers Club of NEW*, to:

Military Officers Club of NEW, Inc.
c/o John Cumicek
933 Fulton St
Seymour WI 54165-1611

If paying online, go to the Club website [here](#) and click on the **Pay Now** button. In the Price per item box type "20" and click continue to make your payment. You do **NOT** need a PayPal account to use this method.

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can raise awareness in the community of our Club's activities for the veterans we support and fellow former military officers that might want to join our organization. We need your knowledge in website techniques, writing articles for newspapers, radio, and TV media so we can raise awareness for new members and those veterans that we can help in our community.

ROTC/JROTC Liaison (1)

This person will reach out to ROTC units/ programs within our area to raise awareness of our Club and develop ways to help these cadets with their professional development.

Surviving Spouse Liaison (1)

This person stays in contact with the widows/widowers of our members to make sure we can help where possible and keep them informed of Club activities.

Personal Affairs Chair (1)

This person ensures that our members are informed of benefits related to our military service.

2nd VP (Internal Operations) (1)

This person ensures that our Club continues to provide value to our members through social programs and keeping them informed. This role has oversight over the Programs Committee and several liaison positions responsible for keeping our membership informed of benefits and legislation.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact our president, **Jim Lienau** at jim.lienau@gmail.com or (920)498-8984.

Club Outreach Opportunity

Please help spread the word. **Ryan Fencel**, Green Bay Packers Football Outreach Specialist, recently wrote to inform us of an event that they will be hosting.

It is called the **Veteran Holiday Drive Through**, and will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00AM to noon in the Lambeau Field parking lot.

Please share the registration link (below) with those veterans that you may know who are in need for the holidays. They can be veterans who are making bare minimum income, have been impacted by COVID-19, lost their jobs, or any veteran that you know could use this more than some that are very well off right now.

In order to receive a Duffle bag, the veteran must register [here](#) (or copy and paste the following link into their browser):

https://packers.formstack.com/forms/veterans_holiday_drive_through

Duffle bags will include:

- Uncooked bone in ham ~7.5 – 8.5 lbs.
- Packers Collector Series Football
- Packers Salute to Service Knit Winter Hat
- Packers Challenge Coin
- Other informational items

The Drive Through will take place in the Lambeau Field parking lot. Cars can enter Lot 3 on the North East side of the parking lot off Lombardi Ave. An overhead diagram will be emailed to those who register.

Since there is a perishable food item included, they will not be able to hold any bags outside of the registered veteran's pick up time. Registration is available on a first come, first served basis.

The Packers want to thank all veterans for their service, but they want to start with those who really need these offerings due to the limited (300 bags) supply.

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7th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing

In spite of one postponement and then its eventual cancellation, the 7th Annual VBGO was, nevertheless, considered a major success.

The community that we are lucky to live in is truly remarkable. Essentially all of our wonderful donors, sponsors, teams, and supporters stayed with us and helped us raise almost \$70,000.

The VBGO committee recommended and the board of directors approved that funds be disbursed to the following vetted organizations:

- NEW Veterans Treatment Court
- Outagamie County Veterans Treatment Court
- Sheboygan Area Veterans Treatment Court
- Fox Valley Veterans Council
- 4th H.O.O.A.H Wisconsin
- Camp American Legion

The 8th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, September 13, 2021** at the Oneida Golf & Country Club.

Legislative News

MOAA Continues Push to Protect Pay Raise, Medical Benefits as Budget Deadline Nears

The Senate Appropriations Committee released the texts of all 12 appropriation bills for FY 2021 on Nov. 10, including a defense appropriations package totaling \$688 billion.

The bill would provide the necessary funding for DoD for the new fiscal year, which began Oct. 1. The federal government and its agencies are operating under a continuing resolution at FY 2020 spending levels, which is due to expire Dec. 11.

Members of Congress face a narrowing timeline to pass a budget before the December deadline; if they can't, they'll need to pass another continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown. Initial indications from the congressional leaders appeared positive that both chambers would pass the appropriations bills before the close of the year. However, each passing day Congress fails to act makes it increasingly more difficult for lawmakers to finish their work.

Congressional leaders may opt for another stopgap spending bill, potentially through either February or March of next year. However, recent reports show leaders from both parties lining up behind an appropriations omnibus – one bill covering the entire government – in lieu of a continuing resolution. Signs point to the president approving this approach, though the administration has taken issue with it in the past.

Why is this critical to MOAA members? Limping along under continuing resolutions

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prevents DoD from enacting meaningful reforms and improvements, including many MOAA-supported measures that could become law as part of the still-in-discussion FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

MOAA-Supported Provisions in Both House and Senate Defense Appropriations Bills

So far there are two MOAA-supported provisions that appear in both the House and Senate versions of the FY 2021 defense appropriations bill.

Military Health System (MHS) Reform. MOAA has been actively advocating for a halt to proposed cuts to military medical capacity until the Defense Health Agency conducts a comprehensive reassessment of civilian medical capacity to ensure continued beneficiary access to high quality care. The Senate defense funding bill underscores MOAA's concerns and would require DoD to submit detailed implementation plans prior to the obligation of funds to close or restructure any military treatment facilities (MTFs).

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee's explanatory statement, there is concern about methodology gaps found in DoD's assessments, which used incomplete and inaccurate information about civilian health care quality, access, and cost-effectiveness. Due to these gaps, DoD leaders may not fully understand the risks associated with the restructuring of the MTFs.

Uniformed Services Pay Raise. Both Senate and House versions of the defense appropriations bill will provide the funds for a 3% pay raise for active duty servicemembers. This pay raise would be effective as of Jan. 1, 2021, and is in line with the benchmark established by the Employment Cost Index (ECI).

Next Steps and How We Can Help

The Senate Appropriations Committee must vote on the 12 appropriations bills before they can advance to the Senate floor. It remains to be seen if the Senate and the House will agree on a single omnibus package to include most, if not all, of the appropriations bills into a single package. The House and Senate will still need to reconcile any differences between the two versions before moving forward. Lawmakers are also up against mounting pressure for another COVID-19 relief package, which adds more uncertainty to whether they will meet the Dec. 11 deadline.

Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) agree they are "probably 90% together on" the 2021 appropriations bills. There are significant hurdles that will need to be settled though; for example, the Senate committee's appropriations bills do not include any emergency pandemic funds, so agreement must be reached on how much relief funding can be expected if a compromise is reached — and whether such funding will be included in the appropriations package or in a separate bill.

Contact your elected officials and ask them to pass a federal budget by Dec. 11 and remind them continuing resolutions stall plans to modernize DoD and improve the lives of servicemembers, military families, retirees, and veterans.

WDVA Announces 2020 Wisconsin Woman Veteran of the Year

Joanie Dickerson Honored for Military Service, Commitment to Community

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) recently announced that U.S. Navy veteran Joanie Dickerson was named its 2020 Woman Veteran of the Year.

Dickerson, a Bagley resident, dedicated twenty years (1980-2000) to the Navy, achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer, which provided the opportunity to serve in a variety of leadership positions. Upon her retirement from the military, she continued her service by improving the lives of others in her community.

"From transporting veterans to medical appointments to participating in Veterans in the Classroom, a program that educates young people about the sacrifices of those who have served, Joanie Dickerson exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding community member and veteran," said WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar. "She used the skills she developed in the military for the betterment of our state's veterans, youth, and community members."

Dickerson has held positions at American Legion Post 482 in Bagley as post commander, service officer, and finance officer. She has served as adjutant on the American Legion Grant County Council and, as a dual member of the American Legion family, she has also served as an officer and active member of American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 482.

Dickerson served as a liaison to the county veterans service officer when the American Legion Auxiliary established the state-wide Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund, which helps women veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and currently serves on its review committee. At the state level, she has served as chairman of several American Legion ALA committees and has advanced through the ALA state officer positions, currently serving as the department president.

In addition to these Legion roles, Dickerson is also an active advocate regarding issues impacting veterans, the military, and their families to ensure the issues impacting them remain in the forefront of the minds of our elected officials.

Dickerson was formally presented the award by Secretary Kolar during a Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday at St. Mary's School in Bloomington, Wisc., where she teaches 5th through 8th grade. During the presentation, a congratulatory video from Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers was played. To see a video of the presentation please visit the Women Veterans of Wisconsin Facebook page.



Joanie Dickerson-2020 Woman Veteran of the Year.



Joanie Dickerson with WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar.

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Past Award Winners:

2019: Gundel "Gundy" Metz, United States Army
2018: Kim Graff of Milton, United States Marine Corps
2017: Connie Walker of Madison, United States Navy
2016: Cindy Brosig of Sun Prairie, United States Air Force
2015: Denise Rohan of Verona, United States Army
2014: Jennifer Sluga of Waunakee, United State Army
2012: Nancy Kaczor of Franklin, United States Air Force
2011: Holly Hoppe of Oconto, United States Air Force
2010: Jessica Maple of Mosinee, United States Air Force
2009: Connie Allord of Madison, United States Marine Corps

Created in 2009, the WDVA's Woman Veteran of the Year Award recognizes women veterans in Wisconsin who have compiled records of exemplary service as military service members, veterans, and outstanding members of their communities.

Twenty-one women veterans from around the state were nominated by their peers for the 2019 award, and each were scored by a five-person panel based on a number of criteria such as contributions to the veterans' community and the resulting impact.

The WDVA also honored three women veterans with the "Women Veterans Impact Award." The following recipients were among the highest-scoring nominees through the selection process. Each received certificates commending them for their contributions to Wisconsin's veterans' community.

- **Julia Atkinson, US Army veteran, Menomonee Falls**
- **Halli Lannan, US Army veteran, Wauwatosa**
- **Sandra Schumacher, US Army veteran, Madison**

Vietnam Veterans Memorial 38th Dedication Anniversary



Thirty-eight years ago, on November 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF). The Memorial, in Washington D.C., originally consisted of a wall of 70 inscribed panels containing 57,939 names. Today, there are 58,279 names inscribed with names of casualties, chronologically, from 1959 to 1975. Among the names are:

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- Eight women who were nurses. Seven were from the Army; one from the Air Force.
- 160 Medal of Honor recipients
- 16 clergy. Seven Catholic; seven Protestant; two Jewish
- 120 individuals who listed foreign countries as their home of record. They include: Australia, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Switzerland.

A 60-foot tall flagstaff is also at the Wall. It flies a 12-foot-by-8-foot flag 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in honor of the men and women who served in Vietnam. The flagstaff features an inscription and the seals of the five branches of the military service at its base and was donated by The American Legion.

The Three Servicemen sculpture, which was finished and added in 1984 along with the flagstaff, is a larger-than-life depiction of three infantrymen cast in bronze. The men—one white, one black, and one intended to represent all other ethnic groups in the county—are all in uniform, carrying weapons.

The Wall and surrounding grounds are beautifully sorrowful. Trinkets shining in the sun; tiny flags waving with the breeze. It is solemn, it is quiet, it is remorseful. Visitors from far and wide come to touch the Wall; to find a name of a long lost soldier. To show their grandkids, nieces, nephews the truth of war and how it has permeated their lives so much. Thank you Vietnam Veterans; those that were able to come home, and those that gave their lives for the freedom of others.

Financial/Membership Report

Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (6/30/20)	\$20,586.75
Receipts.....	+\$3,310.38
Subtotal.....	\$23,897.13
Disbursements.....	(\$159.05)
Total Club Funds Balance (9/30/20)	<u>\$23,738.08</u>
Bank-Checkbook Balance (9/30/20)	\$22,211.89
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (9/30/20)	\$1,526.19

2020 Membership Report (As of 9/30/20)

Paid.....	91
Life.....	12
Honorary.....	5
Overdue.....	26
Total.....	134
2021 Paid (As of 9/30/20)	12

Dates of Interest

- Dec 13—National Guard (1636)
- Dec 25—Christmas Day
- Jan 1—New Year's Day
- Jan 18—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 28—Board of Directors Meeting
- Feb 12—Abraham Lincoln (1809)
- Feb 15—President's Day
- Feb 22—George Washington (1732)
- Feb 23—MOAA Founded (1929)



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



Date: _____

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

Name: First M.I. Last

Address: # / Street

City, State, Zip

Primary Contact Phone #: _____ Work Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____ (Needed only for future LIFE membership eligibility.)
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? _____
{...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: Club dues are \$20.00 per calendar year, payable by January 1st 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 NEW." Please be sure to indicate on the check what year the dues are for.

Mail completed form to:

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Kewaunee, WI 54216