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Club News

September Dinner Meeting

The September Dinner Meeting was a dinner-theater experience with *“Let Me Be Frank Productions – Elvis Tribute”* at **Backstage at the Meyer Theater**, Green Bay. The members and guests enjoyed the raucous antics of star **Frank Hermans**.



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President's Corner



Dear Members and Spouses,

December is here and cooler weather has arrived signaling the end of this year. Our Christmas Dinner meeting on December 8th wraps up the Military Officers club social events for 2022. The dinners been very successful; each with a different focus. Looking into 2023, three of our dinner meetings have already been finalized.

Our membership has remained around 130 but will be a major focus going forward. Club members are the best recruiters thru social contacts with friends, neighbors, and professional organizations.

The communications committee is identifying methods to contact Officers who would consider becoming members. The Club does not receive information from military organizations when an officer leaves active duty, Reserves, National Guard, or other sources. Our challenge is finding where these officers live. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

Our 2022 "Veterans Benefit Golf Outing" raised **\$72,000** to be distributed to eight 501(c)(3) veteran support organizations throughout Northeastern Wi. Check out the Club website for additional details.

In closing, my wife Mary and I would like to wish all of you and your families a safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you next year!

Jim Lienau

December Christmas Dinner Meeting

The Club will hold its Christmas Dinner and 22nd annual Christmas Raffle on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Oneida Golf and Country Club, 207 Country Club Road, Green Bay. Entertainment will be provided by the **Baylander Barbershop Quartet**.

The festivities will begin at 5:00 pm with a Social Hour, followed at 6:00 pm with the Christmas Raffle. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. At 7:30 pm the Baylander Barbershop Quartet will entertain us with a Christmas musical performance.

Club Member Delivers Talk on Russian Geo-Politics

One of our members, LTC(R) Joe Tullbane, USA recently delivered a talk on "*Russian Geo-Political aims in the Near Abroad and Europe*" to the **MOAA Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter**.

Using the current conflict in Ukraine as his vehicle, he discussed the military tactics and strategy for Russian victory, how Russian success would advance the geo-political goals of Russia in both the ex-Soviet nations (called the Near Abroad by Russia) and Europe.

He also discussed the impact that failure or a negotiated peace would have on Russia's long-range geo-political goals.

The talk lasted about one-hour and was well-received by the audience, who followed it with a well-considered give-and-take with the speaker (of particular interest to the audience were the speaker's answers, regarding Russian success or lack-there-of in meeting its political-economic goals for Europe).

For those of you who attended his summer talk to us on "*Russian and Chinese Expansion*" this talk, while similar, went into considerably more detail on tactics/strategy/military morale/ immediate affect on the Russia's ability to project forces in the future.

An excellent catered buffet lunch was served prior to the talk. Just under 40 individuals attended the lunch and talk, including a number of invited professors from Concordia University.



LTC Joseph Tullbane.

Membership Dues For 2023

Just a friendly reminder. We kindly request that any members who have not done so, to please pay your 2023 membership dues of **\$20** by January 1, 2023. Make your check payable to **MOC of NEW Inc.**, and mail it to:

John Cumicek, Treasurer
MOC of NEW
933 Fulton St.
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Or you can pay dues via PayPal at our Club website, found at: <https://mocnew.com>.

Life Members. Life membership is granted to those members who will reach 80 years of age in the next dues-paying year, providing they have been a member of the 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. Proof of age is required if not available in Club records.

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Board Membership Change

President **Jim Lienau** has reluctantly accepted the request of **Joe Tullbane** to leave his position as past chairman of the Golf Outing Committee and the Board of Directors.

State News

WDVA Announces 2022 Woman Veteran of the Year

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) has awarded the 2022 Woman Veteran of the Year to **Natalie Isensee**, a former Marine Corps Captain and long-time veteran advocate. Isensee was formally presented the award by **Governor Tony Evers** and **WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar** at a Veterans Day reception at the Executive Residence in Madison.



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.

Isensee, a New Berlin native, served as an officer in the Marine Corps from 2000 to 2005, including service in Kuwait and Iraq. Achieving the rank of Captain, Isensee followed her Marine Corps service by establishing herself as a stalwart advocate for military veterans and their families.

Local News

Unity Hospice Veteran Volunteers Needed

Unity, a not-for-profit provider of hospice and palliative care, has been caring for the people of Northeastern Wisconsin for over 40 years. Unity's hospice program provides care for people who have a prognosis of six months or less. A full quarter of all hospice patients are veterans of the United States armed services. Unity recognizes the special needs of this population and strives to provide the best possible care.

To honor veteran patients, Unity created a program called Respecting Valor. Through this special programming veteran patients receive a red, white, and blue lap blanket upon admission as well as a handwritten thank you note for their service to our country. Patients are also matched with a veteran volunteer for companionship and socialization if they would like this extra support. If requested, a pinning ceremony is scheduled to honor the veteran's time of service. Group pinning ceremonies and flag raisings are held at Assisted Living facilities and Nursing Homes.

As the number of veteran hospice patients is increasing, Unity has a need for additional veteran volunteers to support the end-of-life journey. We know that veterans bond with other veterans in very deep and meaningful ways, and we are asking you to become a member of this very special, well-trained group of Unity volunteers.

If you would be interested in helping or would like further information, you can contact

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Kelly Lautenslager, klautenslager@unityhospice.org or **Leah Seibel**, lseibel@unityhospice.org or by calling 920-338-1111 or 800-990-9249.

Humor

Who Is Going to the Front First?

Boudreaux, the smoothest-talking Cajun in the Louisiana National Guard, got called up to active duty. Boudreaux's first assignment was in a military induction center. Because he was a good talker, they assigned him the duty of advising new recruits about government benefits, especially the GI insurance to which they were entitled.

The officer in charge soon noticed that Boudreaux was getting a 99% sign-up rate for the more expensive supplemental form of GI insurance. This was remarkable, because it cost these low-income recruits \$30.00 per month for the higher coverage, compared to what the government was already providing at no charge. The officer decided he'd sit in the back of the room at the next briefing and observe Boudreaux's sales pitch.

Boudreaux stood up before the latest group of inductees and said, "If you has da normal GI insurance an' you goes to da front an' gets youself killed, da government pays you beneficiary \$20,000. If you takes out da supplemental insurans, which cost you only t'irty dollars a mons, den da government' gots ta pay you beneficiary \$200,000!"

"Now," Boudreaux concluded, "which bunch you tink dey gonna send ta da front first?"

Financial/Membership Report

Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (6/30/22)	\$33,172.17
Receipts.....	+\$26,188.31
Subtotal.....	\$59,360.48
Disbursements	(\$34,515.07)

Total Club Funds Balance (9/30/22)	\$24,845.41
Bank-Checkbook Balance (9/30/22)	\$23,318.00
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (9/30/22)	\$1,527.41

2022 Quarter 4 Membership Report

MOAA Members	122
Honorary	5
Spouse	3
Non-MOAA Members	0
Total.....	130
Life	14
> 2 Yr. Overdue	4

Dates of Interest

- Dec 13 — National Guard (1636)
- Dec 19 — Hanukkah
- Dec 25 — Christmas Day
- Jan 1 — New Year's Day
- Jan 16 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **Jan 26 — Board of Directors Meeting**
- Feb 12 — Abraham Lincoln (1809)
- Feb 22 — George Washington (1732)