

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

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# Quarterly Newsletter



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Members, Spouses and Friends,

Our Club is off to an exciting 2025 year with our quarterly dinner meetings and the upcoming 12th annual Veterans Benefit Golf outing on July 28th!

Our first dinner was recently held at the River's Bend Supper club on March 12th. Members from Daddy D's musical productions sang a variety of songs. The next Dinner meeting is June 12th with the location to be finalized. LTC(ret) Joe Tullbane, a member of our club, will give an update on world order based on what's currently evolving. Mr. Tullbane last spoke to us in June of 2022, and we have received numerous requests for his return. Our third dinner is scheduled for September 11th. The location and entertainment are yet to be determined. The Christmas Dinner is set for December 11th at the Oneida Golf and Country Club. Seasonal musical entertainment will be the program. Additionally, the recipients receiving grants from the VBGO will be present. This meeting is always our most festive and well attended of the year.

The Officers Club Board of Directors communicates with members using several methods: the Quarterly Newsletter, Dinner Meeting Invitations, our Website, [www.mocnew.com](http://www.mocnew.com), and Facebook, [FB.com/mocofnew](https://www.facebook.com/mocofnew). We encourage Members to contact the Board using the club email, [militaryofficersclubnew@gmail.com](mailto:militaryofficersclubnew@gmail.com). Please share your thoughts and ideas regarding dinner meeting entertainment, venues, speakers, questions about club operations or suggestions. You may also contact me directly at 920-639-0000 or email, [jim.lienau@gmail.com](mailto:jim.lienau@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at these events!

**Jim Lienau, LTC, Army (ret)**  
**Club President**



### Note from the Secretary

A quick reminder to the club: be vigilant against scammers. Please remember, the club will NEVER request that you spend money with the promise of reimbursement. Unfortunately, several board members have been targeted by a scammer impersonating our club president, Jim Lienau. Despite considering myself quite savvy, I nearly fell for it! It seems this scammer cleverly exploits our strong adherence to military protocol and respect for rank. Stay alert!

**Kristen Berg, Capt, Air Force**  
**Club Secretary**



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### At-Large Member

Vacant

## Membership Update

Welcome aboard to our newest members of 2025:

- LCDR Gregory Cissell, USN (Ret) and his spouse Rebecca. Greg and family are in the process of relocating to the Green Bay area.
- Col Jack Erdman, USMC (Ret). Jack lives in Appleton

Our membership is at 106 MOAA members, 5 Honorary, and 5 non-MOAA for a total of 116. Of course it's not as high as we would like, but with spouses and friends we still have very nice turn-outs at our quarterly social events. With your help in recruiting friends and acquaintances we will continue to grow. In addition I have some good news regarding the MOAA Committee Module (CM) and Near Real Time Report (NRT). Some of you may remember that MOAA recently revamped their membership database which impacted the old CM and NRT, so we were off-line for some time. It is from the NRT that I used to be given information on area MOAA members. This allowed me to make a connection and offer membership. With that gone we slowly dropped a little in membership. The problems with the MOAA database have been resolved. The new CM and NRT are being rolled out now. The East Coast chapters are up and we are scheduled to receive the database access on March 21st. Hopefully that date will hold. I will still be limited to contacting only those people that allow MOAA to share their information. This restricts the number of people I can contact, but I am hopeful this access will provide us many more contacts and future members. Our best source is still you; our own membership making contacts with other former uniformed members.

The accuracy of your membership data is your responsibility. If you have a phone number or address change, or any other data change, I need your input to keep our contact list for the club up to date. That list is only shared within the club and your elected officers, such as myself, the Secretary and other club board of directors members. MOAA also protects your information, which is why I only receive information on area MOAA members that have not opted out (told MOAA not to share their info even with the local chapter). This also means I cannot update your information in the MOAA database without going through certain "permissions" such as having your specific permission to do so, and only then can I work with MOAA to make a change. I've done this only on a limited basis to help some people. It is cumbersome. So the best way for you to update your information in the MOAA database is for you to log into MOAA and update your record yourself. Normally, I only keep the club's membership list up to date.

Please remember our student scholarship donation basket is available at every social event. We offer a \$500 scholarship to a ROTC cadet each year.

MOAA very much values local chapters and all they do in their respective communities. In return local chapter members can generate interest and support of state and federal proposed and current legislation that affects veterans.

I'm open to ideas on doing some form of community service out in our communities. With your help we can raise community awareness of who we are; and why active duty, former or retired officers should want to join our organization. Send me your ideas and I will present them to the board of directors.

**Glenn Brunner, CAPT, Navy (ret)**  
**Membership Chair**



## **Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing (VBGO)**

Planning is underway for our 12th Annual Fred White Memorial Veterans Benefit Golf Outing on July 28, 2025 at Oneida Golf & Country Club. We need your help! Below are 4 ways to help:

1. We are beginning our fundraising efforts. We would appreciate any help or leads for potential donors. Last year, we were able to raise \$82,000 and help 12 local Veterans service organizations through our efforts as MOCNEW.
2. If you like to golf or know someone that likes to golf, please register or pass along a registration for a foursome! You can find the foursome registration form on our website at [mocnew.com](http://mocnew.com).
3. We need Silent Auction items. We have been successful with items with a value of over \$200. It seems that sports related memorabilia, art, etc. do well in our silent auction. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Dan.
4. We need volunteers at the VBGO event. Also please mark your calendars for volunteer support for VBGO 2025 on July 28, 2025.



Please reach out to the VBGO Committee Chair, Dan Ammerman at [daniel1983ph@aol.com](mailto:daniel1983ph@aol.com) if you would like to be on the VBGO 2025 Committee or have any questions.

***Dan Ammerman, Maj Gen, Army (ret)***  
***Veterans Benefit Golf Chair***





## **December 2024 Dinner**

We ended 2024 on a high note with our most celebrated and festive event of the year: the December dinner! The evening kicked off with MG Dan Ammerman awarding over \$80,000 in grants to local Veteran organizations, generously funded through the club's annual Fred White Veteran's Benefit Golf Outing. During the meal, we delighted in a 50/50 raffle and an abundant Christmas raffle table. To top it off, the talented Ashwaubenon High School Choir brought the Christmas spirit to life with a selection of delightful tunes that had us tapping our toes!



## **March 2025 Dinner**

On Thursday, March 13th we held our 1st Quarter social event at the River's Bend Restaurant. We enjoyed dinner followed by entertainment by Darren & Shelly of Daddy D's Productions! Thanks to everyone for attending.

We have updated the website to reflect the 2025 social dinner schedule. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

- Thursday, June 12. Location TBD
- Thursday, September 11. Location TBD
- Thursday, December 11, at Oneida Country Club

***John Breuninger, Capt, US Public Health Service  
Program Director***





# Financial Report

## Year End - 12/31/2024

Checking Account..... \$7,822.79  
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$10,348.63  
 Total..... \$18,171.42

### Income Statement:

Receipts..... \$98,754.21  
 Disbursements..... \$96,602.42  
 Net Income ..... \$2,151.79

Checking Account..... \$7,823  
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$10,348  
 Total Account balances..... \$18,171

We continue to be financially stable. Our net income ended at \$2,152 for 2024 with non-VBGO revenue of \$15,704 and disbursements of \$13,552. The VBGO raised and awarded \$82,000 in grants to 11 non-profits that support Veterans in our Northeastern Wisconsin community.

**John Cumicek**  
**LTC, US Army (ret)**  
**Treasurer**



### Board Members (left to right):

Jim Lineau (President), Tom Hamblen (2nd Vice President), Mike Egan (Past President), Don Korte (President of the Wisconsin Chapter of Military Officers Association of America), Joe Williams (Legislative), John Breuninger (Programs), Kristen Berg (Secretary), Tom Martin (ROTC Liaison), Dan Ammerman (Veterans Benefit Golf Outing)

*Missing:* John Cumicek (Treasurer), Glenn Brunner (Membership)



**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

*Fred White Memorial*

**VETERANS BENEFIT GOLF OUTING**  
**MONDAY JULY 28, 2025**



Oneida Golf & Country Club  
207 Country Club Rd  
Green Bay

**Schedule**

8:00am—9:00am ----- Begin Check-in and Team Photos  
8:00am----- On-site Silent Auction begins  
9:00am----- Welcome in the dining room  
10:00am ----- Shotgun start  
11:00am-1:00pm ----- Lunch (#3 Tee & Snack Shack)  
2:30pm (approx.) ----- Cash bar  
3:30pm----- Silent Auction ends  
3:45pm----- Program/raffle/awards  
4:30pm----- Dinner



**GOLF REGISTRATION/RESERVATION FORM**

Return by Friday, June 6, 2025

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEAM SPONSOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your email address for notification and/or information distribution purposes.)

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your email address for notification and/or information distribution purposes.)

**PLAYER 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your email address for notification and/or information distribution purposes.)

**PLAYER 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your email address for notification and/or information distribution purposes.)

*The Golf Registration Fee includes greens fees, golf cart,  
lunch, and dinner at the completion of play.*

**RESERVATIONS ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED**

**THE GOLF REGISTRATION FEE FOR A FOURSOME IS: \$1000.00**

**THE GOLF REGISTRATION FEE FOR A SINGLE GOLFER IS: \$250.00**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:**

**The Military Officers Club of NEW**  
**The Military Officers Club of NEW**  
**% Dan Mullen**  
**4168 Merrimac Way**  
**Oneida, WI 54155-8607**

*For additional information call: (920) 664-6625 or email: [dndmullen744@gmail.com](mailto:dndmullen744@gmail.com)*



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## SPECIFIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### \_\_\_\_\_ HOLE SPONSOR (\$1,000)

A 60" high "Hole Sponsor" sign displayed adjacent to each tee box area, recognition and acknowledgement on other event signage, displays & advertising.

### \_\_\_\_\_ CORPORATE FOURSOME (\$2,000)

A 60" high "Hole Sponsor" sign displayed by the tee box area, recognition in the Golf Outing Brochure, and acknowledgement on other event signage, displays & advertising plus a full golf package for four players. (check payable to: MOC NEW)

### \_\_\_\_\_ PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN GIFTS SPONSOR (\$3,000)

A 3'x2' sign displayed at the front entrance during registration and then on the cart path from the parking lot to the golf course, recognition and acknowledgement on other event signage, displays & advertising..

### \_\_\_\_\_ MID LEVEL DONOR (\$2,000-\$4,999) DONOR AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A 3'x2' sign displayed on the cart path from the parking lot to the golf course, recognition and acknowledgement on other event signage, displays & advertising.

### \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR DONOR (\$5,000 AND UP) DONOR AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Major Donor sign displayed at the entrance to the main dining room, recognition and acknowledgement on other event signage, displays & advertising. Optional gratis foursome.

(check payable to: MOC NEW to include the cost of your foursome in your donation)

NAME (AS YOU WISH THE TEXT TO APPEAR ON THE SIGN) \_\_\_\_\_

(Or if you would like us to use your corporate logo, please send a scalable vector version of it to the email address shown below.)

POINT OF CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**Veterans Benefit Fund**

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:

The Military Officers Club of NEW

% Daniel Ammerman

1983 Paint Horse Trl

De Pere WI 54115

For additional information call (920)-360-0356 or email: [daniel1983ph@aol.com](mailto:daniel1983ph@aol.com)

Veterans Benefit Fund is managed by GGBCF with EIN 39-1699966

1/21/2025





# VETERANS BENEFIT GOLF OUTING

The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc. (MOCNEW) will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual FRED WHITE MEMORIAL VETERANS BENEFIT GOLF OUTING at the Oneida Golf & Country Club on July 28, 2025. The objective of this event is to raise \$100,000 for selected 501(c)(3) organizations that provide specific and targeted assistance or opportunities for Northeastern Wisconsin veterans.

## BACKGROUND

All military people eventually return to the civilian world and become veterans. Based on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) population estimates, there are approximately 410,000 veterans of all eras and gender residing in Wisconsin. Of this number, the focus of this golf outing is providing support to the approximately 120,000 veterans residing in the 24 counties of northeastern Wisconsin.

Leaving active service is the beginning of a new life and requires great personal change. Such change is an individual journey, a goal, and a process for both the veterans and their families. Commonly known as transition or reintegration, the process consists of achieving personal balance in several areas. Achieving personal balance among these areas is different for every individual, and ranges from effortless to nearly impossible.

## RECIPIENTS

Many legitimate groups assist those in need of guidance/mentorship, specific help, or respite during the process. The MOCNEW approach is to select/support qualifying recipient organizations. To be selected, they must:

- **Be a 501(c)(3) organization**
- **Make a direct impact on Northeastern Wisconsin Veterans**
- **Implement visible and quantifiable results**

The 2024 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)**
- **H.O.O.A.H Wisconsin**
- **Old Glory Honor Flight (Appleton WI)**
- **Disabled American Veterans of Wisconsin**
- **Veterans 1<sup>st</sup> of NEW**
- **Door County Farm for Vets**
- **VFW WI – Unmet Needs**

**\*If donors want their donation restricted for use in a specific county, we can do that.**

## HOW DO I DONATE?

Monetary donations may be made to the **Veterans Benefit Fund** of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation (GGBCF). Your fully tax-deductible donation should be sent to them at the address below.

## DONATION ADDRESS

**Greater Green Bay Community Foundation**  
**Veterans Benefit Fund** (#143442)  
EIN: 39-1699966  
400 S Washington St  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
920-432-0800  
[www.ggbcf.org](http://www.ggbcf.org)

If your donation also includes a **foursome** for the outing, please make your donation to ***MOC NEW*** and send to:

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## MILITARY OFFICERS CLUB ADDRESS/SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Website

<https://www.mocnew.com/>

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/mocofnew/>

## **Camp American Legion**

Since 1925, Camp American Legion has been serving Wisconsin Veterans, military and their families. Throughout the last 90+ years, alongside our military and veteran support organizations, Camp American Legion has evolved to provide the highest level of service. They offer a variety of programs for veterans, their family members, veteran caregivers, and family survivors of deceased veterans on their 300-acre facility. Programs include PTSD recovery, suicide prevention, aging health issues, family healing, substance abuse, Gold-Blue & Silver Star family support, active duty servicemember support and many other programs.

Camp American Legion has largely been sustained by a volunteer workforce. It is that spirit of giving and service that has continued to grow the legacy that is Camp American Legion.

## **Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court**

The mission of the Northeast Wisconsin Veteran's Treatment Court is to aid our veterans who have stumbled and entered the justice system. We will help them get back on their feet by using resources available in our community, while constantly being aware of public safety needs. 'Leave No Veteran Behind.'

The Northeast Wisconsin Veteran's Treatment Court is a court that is specifically designated and staffed to handle cases involving offenders (Participants) with veteran status through an intensive, judicially monitored program of alcohol, drug, mental health treatment, rehabilitation services, and strict community supervision. It offers a four-phase 18-month stringent court supervised treatment program that provides veterans with a positive life path, whole person, individually tailored treatment and mentoring program.

Since its inception, the Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court has been very successful. There have been 49 veterans who have been accepted into the treatment program. 47 successfully completed the course and only two have re-offended. Two additional veterans are on track to graduate from the program in the next two months.

## **Outagamie County Veterans Court (Mentor Program)**

The Outagamie County Veteran's Treatment Court is specifically designated and staffed to handle cases involving offenders (called Participants) who have served in the military and struggle with mental health and/or alcohol and drug use through an intensive, judicially monitored program of substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, rehabilitation services and strict community supervision. It offers a five-phase stringent court supervised treatment program that provides veterans with a positive life path, whole person, individually tailored treatment and mentoring program. Additionally, the fifth phase is a six month plan of aftercare, to aid our veterans who have stumbled and entered the justice system. We will help them get back on their feet by using resources available in our community, while constantly being aware of public safety needs.

The Veterans Mentor Group was established to support the participants of the Outagamie County Veterans Treatment Court, the six Veteran Treatment Court phased programs and to assist those veterans within the community who may be falling through the support cracks. We are a group of veteran mentors, veterans and partners from within our communities who share and understand the unique experience of military service, military life and the distinctive needs that may arise from that experience. We are brought together to support the veterans' treatment court and to fill the gap in resources to make certain that our veterans gain the assistance they need and have earned, helping veterans get back to where they need and want to be.

Since inception the Outagamie County Veterans Treatment Court has been very successful. There have been 38 veterans who have been accepted into the treatment program. 32 successfully completed the course and only one has re-offended. Two additional veterans are pending acceptance into the Veterans Treatment Court program.



# **The Fox Valley Veterans Council**

The Fox Valley Veterans Council is composed of area veteran service organizations and associate members who provide emergency funding for basic needs to area veterans, those still serving, their dependents, and survivors. The FVVC also provides a forum within the Fox Valley to disseminate information among veteran organizations and supports activities for the common good of all veterans.

A primary goal of the FVVC is to sustain a Veterans Emergency Fund that serves veterans who are in need of emergency financial assistance in Outagamie, Northern Winnebago, and Calumet counties.

Since the Veteran Emergency Fund's formation in 2011, over \$480,000 has been spent on 783 Veterans and their families. This assistance focuses on basic needs like food, rent, utilities and car repairs and helps those in our community who are homeless or facing homelessness. This assistance keeps families together, mothers and fathers employed, and children fed and safe.

In 2019, the Fox Valley Veterans Council will build upon its strong relationship with Fox Valley Technical College to offer assistance the veteran students for textbooks. The Fox Valley Veterans Council continues to provide no cost loans for specialized tools to those veteran students in highly technical mechanical programs.

## **Sheboygan Area Veterans Court (Mentor Program)**

SAVTC takes cases from Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Calumet, Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Washington and Ozaukee Counties that are US Military Veterans suffering from a diagnosable and treatable behavioral health issue that has contributed to the commission of a criminal offense, who are in need of the structure and support available through our court program and satisfy the courts screening process.

The Veterans Mentor Group was established to support the participants of the Sheboygan Area Veterans Treatment Court, the Veteran Treatment Court phased programs and to assist those veterans within the community who may be falling through the support cracks, as they return home from overseas. Our mentors and partners from within our communities share and understand the unique experience of military service, military life and the distinctive needs that may arise from that experience. We are brought together to support the veterans' treatment court and to fill the gap in resources to make certain that our veterans gain the assistance they need and have earned, helping veterans fully integrate into civil society after their wartime experiences.

## **H.O.O.A.H Wisconsin**

HOOAH Wisconsin supports forward deployed servicemen and women, their stateside families, and returning veterans with a high level of understanding, compassion, and empathy. They were one of the first organizations to begin conversations about suicide in the military community. They offer healthy alternatives to dealing with PTSD and other issues. Programs include:

- General & financial assistance and training;
- Operation Cold Snap - Complimentary service for residential heating and cooling equipment;
- Freedom Free Fall – A bond-building tandem sky dive package;
- Scuba Diving Certification - Certification and an equipment package upon completion;
- Veteran's Yoga - Free weekly yoga sessions to help veterans with PTSD;
- Flagpole program – Provision and installation of two 25' flagpoles and flags annually to veterans/active duty service members.

Community events include:

- Operation Tip Up fishing derby
- 20 Mile Veteran Suicide Awareness Rucksack March
- A Night For Life Gala
- Picnic For Patriots

HOOAH works to build strong community partnerships to provide the best care and resources to veteran, active duty service members and their families. They do it solely because it's the right thing to do for those who have done so much for our freedoms and liberties.

## **Old Glory Honor Flight**

Old Glory Honor Flight is the local chapter of volunteers that supports the Honor Flight mission of “Honoring Local War Veterans One Mission at a Time”. Old Glory Honor Flight was founded in 2009 by a dedicated group of volunteers based in Appleton, WI. Our original mission was to fly local WW II veterans to Washington DC on a one-day trip to see the memorials built in their honor, including the World War II Memorial. Through the years, our mission naturally transitioned to include younger veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The Old Glory Honor Flight missions are completely free of charge to the veteran; we believe it's a meaningful way to say 'Thank You' for their service and sacrifice. Every detail of their day long trip has the vets' best interest in mind to ensure they have a safe, memorable trip and one that conveys appreciation and admiration from our broad community. On each flight, we travel with trained volunteers who act as guardian escorts, a volunteer medical team, professional photographers and a host of others like the DC Park Police who ensure the veterans get the 'red carpet' treatment.

## **Disabled American Veterans of Wisconsin**

DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We provide free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining VA and other government benefits earned through service. We offer free rides to veterans who need help getting to and from VA medical appointments. We fight for the rights of wounded, injured and ill veterans on Capitol Hill in Washington DC and at the Capitol in Madison.

## **Veterans 1<sup>st</sup> of NEW Tiny Homes Village**

Veterans 1st of Northeast Wisconsin Tiny Homes Village is a non-profit agency that will provide a safe, supportive veteran community of tiny homes for our area veterans in need of transitional and affordable housing. Our vision is that after three phases of construction, we will have 21 tiny homes within a veterans' village. There is an incredible shortage of affordable housing in Brown County (3,700) as well as many veterans facing housing insecurity (up to 13% or over 480). We are also very aware of other complex issues that veterans face. First and foremost is the high and rising rate of suicide, along with substance abuse and mental health concerns. By removing the concern as to where they will be living, we will be able to navigate them to resources, and address individual needs as they arise.

## **Door Country Farm for Vets**

DC Farm for Vets is a rehabilitation farm that provides education and services to Veterans entering into agriculture. This service includes several different programs. We have an available community gardening program along with scheduled training tailored to the specific time of the growing season. Our training program entails regenerative agriculture, sustainable chemical free produce production, livestock, and cherry and apple orchards. We believe in Growing while Healing. The specific objectives and purpose of this organization is to work towards the elimination of veteran suicide. We accomplish this through teaching skills of sustainability and consumption of nutrient dense produce and livestock. Being able to grow your own food gives you a sense of control over your life and it is incredibly rewarding.

## **VFW Wisconsin – Unmet Needs**

The "Unmet Needs" Program is offered by the Wisconsin VFW as a reflection of its commitment to helping our comrades-in-arms and their families when they need a hand-up, not a handout. Through this program we provide direct financial assistance to provide for basic life needs of Wisconsin Veterans and their families. Once an application is received, action is taken quickly by the Unmet Needs Committee (made up entirely of VFW volunteers). If a grant is approved by the committee, a financial distribution is promptly and directly made to the applicant's creditor. Additionally, whether approved or denied, the committee will make all effort to refer the applicant to an appropriate agency or other nonprofit that may be able to provide further assistance.