



# FBI MICHIGAN CHAPTER NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES

## FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By: Ron Taig*



I want to thank everyone who attended our Fall Training Conference at the Grand Hotel. This year's event was the largest event we have ever had on Mackinac Island. From Steve and Javier, the subjects of the #1 Netflix series "Narcos," to the debrief of the hostage incident in Colleyville, Texas, at the Israel Synagogue; the speakers were fantastic. The hard work of your Executive Board and Curriculum Committee was very apparent at the event and I want to thank both groups for their continued dedication to our chapter.

Mark your calendar for November 3, 2023, at the American Polish Century Club. Jon Jansen, former NFL standout and now co-host of the Michigan Football Tailgate pre-game show will be our special guest and speaker. What a perfect time of year to come out and talk all things football with Mr. Jansen.

As we wind down a great year for our chapter, I want to thank all of you for the support and I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Training Luncheon.

God Bless,

Ron Taig



FBINAA Fall Training Conference Thursday night dinner.



## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

By: Dan Keller

This is a friendly reminder that your 2024 FBINAA dues are approaching! You should receive an email in early January regarding payment options. If you miss the email, here is the information:

**FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:** Go to <https://fbinaamichigan.org/> and click "Pay My Dues" at the top of the page. This will take you to the FBINAA national page. After logging in, select the "Renew Now" button, and follow the prompts. If you've forgotten your login, select the forgot password prompt to receive an email response (check your spam folder if not). Be sure to verify your preferred mailing address before leaving the website after processing online payments.

**FOR CHECK PAYMENTS:** **Agency checks must reference the member's name.** Please make checks payable, in US dollars, to **FBINAA** and mail to: **FBINAA, Attn: Membership, FBI Academy, Bldg. 8-102, Quantico, VA 22135**

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [dkeller@whitelakepolice.com](mailto:dkeller@whitelakepolice.com) or **248-935-6739**. Have a great New Year!

## RETIREE'S/MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: John Courie

Retired Commander, Detroit Police Department



The National Membership Committee is working hard to find new and innovative ways to increase our members' benefits. Retirees make up fifty percent of the FBINAA membership. We also receive quite a few of the benefits.

Several members have recently taken advantage of Lifetime membership. If you have been a due paying member of the Michigan Chapter for 15 years and have 20 years in police work, you are eligible to apply for "Lifetime" Michigan status. With a lifetime membership your Michigan dues are waived.

Recently the national board has authorized a National Life Membership after 25 years from graduation from the Academy. As a Life Member you still have full access to all your FBINAA member benefits. In addition, in appreciation for being a loyal member for 25 or more years, they now offer additional benefits exclusive to 25-year Life Members only. Those benefits can be found at <http://www.fninaa.org>.

On August 21, 2023, the National moved to a new web site. To sign in, you will have to use your e-mail address rather than the FBINAA number on your ID card. You will be prompted to change your password. In the future, this may make it easier for members wanting to renew and not remembering their NA number. It should also be easier for the National to have a current email address.

Currently, Michigan has 321 active members. We have 653 inactive members. There are only 39 former members from 2022 that have not renewed in 2023. **Active dues are \$100.00, and retirees are \$55.00.** You can pay dues at, <http://www.fbinaa.org>, with credit card or mail a check to:

**FBINAA**  
**FBI Academy**  
**Building 8-102**  
**Quantico, VA 22135**

If you need help, I can be contacted at [jcourie@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:jcourie@schoolcraft.edu) or cell # **586-557-0367**. The National can be contacted thru Renee Reynolds 703-632-1944 or [rreynolds@fbinaa.org](mailto:rreynolds@fbinaa.org), or Laurie Ulizio 703-632-1994 or [lulizio@fbinaa.org](mailto:lulizio@fbinaa.org).

# *2023 Mackinac Island FBI National Academy Michigan Chapter Golf Outing*

**By: Curt Lawson**

Forty golfers gathered in the shadow of the Grand Hotel just after 7:30 A.M. Originally built in 1901 and redesigned in 1987, the Jewell Course showcases an amazing view of the Mackinac straits and the Mackinac Bridge. Golfers sliced and hooked their way through the first several holes with relatively warm weather for a September on the Straits of Mackinac. Half way through the first nine holes a 20-minute downpour of rain slowed play, but could not dampen the spirits of the 40 participants. As the rain came to a halt, participants enjoyed a short carriage ride to the west side of the island to prepare for their second nine holes on the longer Woods Golf Course. The rain held off through the back 9 holes and several teams were able to score under par!

Ladies Long Drive was won by Marcy Kuehn and the Men's Long Drive was won by Erik Tilli. The Ladies Closest to the Pin was won by Andea Mayes and the Men's Closest to the Pin winner was Matt Frendeway.

The team led by Steve Kaufman, Matt Mayes, Andrea Mayes, and Mark Engstrom were our overall winners with a 61 after 18 holes.



Overall Fall Training Conference outing winners (L to R) Matt Mayes, Andrea Mayes, Mark Engstrom, and Steve Kaufman.



Jewell Golf Course on Mackinac Island.

# Michigan FBINAA Fall Conference 2023

By: Lori King

The FBINAA Michigan Chapter fall conference on Mackinac Island was an immense success. Attendees and their guests had to brave some rain upon arrival, but as per usual in Michigan – it changed quickly, and we were treated to some sun and an overall great three days!

We are proud that the conference was fully booked this year with 130 attendees and the addition of 70 spouses and 18 vendors. It was a great turnout with N.A. graduates ranging from the 132nd Session to the most current 286th Session!



The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

The conference golf outing was a tad bit wet this year – but 40 golfers still enjoyed their rounds. The team of Steve Kaufman, Matt Mayes, Andrea Mayes and Mark Engstrom were the overall winners of this year’s contest. The longest drive contest was won by Marcy Kuehn and Erick Tilli respectively. While the closest to the pin award went to Andrea Mayes and Matt Frendeway. Thursday was kicked off with the “fun” run and the overall male winner was Brian Bassett with a time just over 24 minutes and the overall female was Heather Hall with a winning time just over 29 minutes.

Javier Pena and Steve Murphy – the two DEA agents that took down Pablo Escobar, kicked off the training session. Their presentation was entertaining and informative, and they gave a lot of credit to the local agencies and Columbian government. An interesting note was that they advised that only about 30% of the Netflix series was accurately depicted– the remaining 70% of the series was added for entertainment purposes!

Dr. Benjamin Stone then gave a presentation on Health and Wellness. His company is Sigma Tactical Wellness, and their long-term goal is to focus on finding high-risk individuals (especially those in law enforcement), managing known cardiac illness and preventing early onset heart disease in younger officer populations. Learn more at [iamsigma.com](http://iamsigma.com).

Supervisory MAPA Lance Lamoreaux presented the Leadership Mindset Series. He has studied the art and science of leadership and by improving his own leadership skills, developed a means to help organizations and people with leadership development. He discussed leadership versus management and supplied some insight on how to develop better leadership skills.

Day one concluded with Charlie Langton of “Let It Rip” hosting an open discussion about the difficulty in the recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers. The discussion led to a spirited exchange of views on the causes and potential solutions to the nationwide problem confronting every agency from the smallest rural towns to the largest urban departments.

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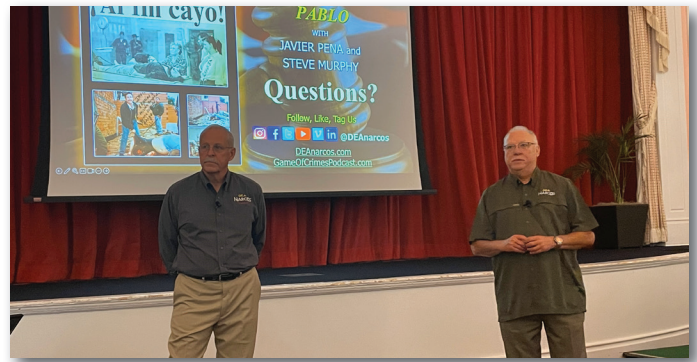


Detroit Fox 2 News anchor Charlie Langton hosting a “Let It Rip” discussion on Recruitment and Retention with (from L to R) Plymouth Chief Al Cox, Macomb County Sheriff Tony Wickersham, Detroit FBI ASAC Jennifer Runyon, and MSP Lt. Col. Mike Krumm.

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The Thursday night dinner was well attended, and everyone looked fabulous. Our dinner speaker was Kimberly Cheatle, the 27th Director of the U.S. Secret Service. She gave a highly informative overview of the start of the Secret Service and their many areas of responsibility.

Brett Leatherman, Section Chief over Cyber National Security for the F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation) and Chief Michael Miller of Colleyville Texas Police Department presented Friday morning on the Colleyville Synagogue Hostage Crisis. This presentation was informative, covering the suspect's arrival through the last moments when the F.B.I. Hostage Rescue Team entered and fatally wounded him.



Retired DEA Agents Stephen Murphy and Javier Pena answering questions following their presentation on the Pablo Escobar investigation.

A key piece of information is that the synagogue was a secure location where one had to be buzzed in upon entry – and the rabbi let the suspect in, thinking he was a homeless person who needed aid. This reinforced the idea that you could take extra steps and pay for advanced security, but if it is not used it is worthless.

There were also several drawings throughout the conference with two lucky winners each taking home a Glock 43X handgun. We also hosted two highly profitable 50-50 drawings. We also handed out several Visa gift cards during session breaks with ten more lucky winners.

## *A Calling*

*By: Michigan FBINAA Chapter Chaplain Chief (Retired), Scott Pike*

For he [warrior/police officer] is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer." (Romans 13:4-7).

One of the many questions those in the law enforcement profession get from those who are not, is what made you decide to be a Police Officer? This elicits many responses; "I didn't like math in school", "I like excitement and the challenge," "I want to help people" etc. I think many of us can remember the early part of our careers when we were idealistic and prepared to be a positive force in our communities. Unfortunately, though, as law enforcement officers move through their careers, they may succumb to increasing stressors resulting in a lack of focus, dissolution, and outright burnout.

In my experience these issues are not typical of the National Academy graduate. That is not to say we never go through these negative issues during our career.

What makes the National Academy graduate different (in my opinion) is they realize their profession goes beyond personal goals and achievements. It is seen as a greater mission, a calling if you will. The focus is the wellbeing of the communities they serve, the governing body they answer to, the officers and staff under their charge.

Most healthy Officers view their career choice as a calling. While a calling is strongly associated with ministry, in many ways I see a correlation between the two careers. It is a case of faith, be it God, Allah, Buddha, the universe etc. they see what they do as bigger than themselves, they are following a direction for the greater good.

When those difficult days come, as they surely will, for yourself or those around you, remember Paul's statement in Romans, that God called you to care for his flock.

God's Blessings and Peace