



# FBI MICHIGAN CHAPTER NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES

## SPRING 2026

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Al Cox



Happy Spring! I'd like to thank everyone for attending our annual Spring Training Luncheon at the wonderful Italian American Banquet & Conference Center. We had a tremendous turnout and a great time of fellowship and catching up with those we may not see on a regular basis. Former Attorney General Mike Cox, who is also a current Michigan gubernatorial candidate, did an outstanding job as our keynote speaker. By reflecting on what he sees as dangerous ideological trends in the enforcement and prosecution of criminal violations in the State of Michigan, he impressed upon law enforcement leaders the importance of our voices and influence in countering these flawed ideas.

In March, Josh Monte and I were able to attend the 2026 Chapter Leadership Summit at the FBI Academy in Quantico. The importance of membership was the focus of this year's summit. Our Chapter was highlighted as finishing first in our tier of 2026 membership renewals. As a result, I was one of four who was asked to sit on a panel focused on best practices for keeping our members engaged in the Chapter and National Association. It was a very beneficial experience for everyone involved.

In addition to much talk about membership, our 2026 Section 2 meeting location was announced and will be held on Mackinac Island on September 9th immediately before our conference kicks off. Both Josh and I had several chapter leaders specifically inquiring about when our conference registration will open, because they've heard so many great things about our conference. In fact, Jason



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Hester announced that he thought our chapter put on the best conference overall of the many he has attended since assuming his role as our Section 2 Representative. This is really a compliment to all of our Curriculum Committee members who work very hard in putting together a fantastic program every September that only seems to outdo itself every year.

With Spring, comes golf; so, I hope everyone is planning to attend our annual outing at the Mystic Creek Golf Course on June 5th. Last year was our best outing ever, and from what I hear, this year's is going to be even bigger and better. Again, kudos to the Curriculum Committee who have done an incredible job. Registration is now open on the website, and we'd love to see everyone come on out.

Not wishing the summer away, but don't forget to save the date for our Fall Training Conference, scheduled for September 9-11 at the beautiful and historic Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Your chapter has been working diligently on finalizing a great lineup of speakers for the event, including a pilot from the "Blackhawk Down" incident. Please check the Chapter website, as registration will be opening up at the beginning of June.

As I close, I'd like to thank everyone for your support and involvement in our Chapter. It truly is our members that make our activities and events so great. Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at the golf outing in five short weeks, on June 5th.



### **RETIREE'S/MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

***By: John Courie  
Retired Commander, Detroit Police Department***



2026 has arrived! I hope everyone is happy and healthy. As retirees, we plan our week around the various doctor appointments.

Michigan Chapter has some good news. National ran a contest to see what states could have the highest number of members renew in 2026. The states were divided into four tiers, depending on population. Michigan was in tier three. Michigan came in first in our tier with 103% renewed in 2026. This was a team effort with the Michigan Board and Curriculum Committee, helping to remind members to renew.

This year we started something new; renewals were started in November of 2025 and went to the end of 2026. I think this helped by getting the message out earlier. The Michigan Board encourages our members to participate, remain active, and take full advantage of the services that our organization provides. The Michigan Chapter does appreciate your ongoing support and membership.

The Michigan Chapter waives Michigan dues (\$35.00) for Michigan Life Members with 15 years of paying dues and belonging to our chapter. The National has a "Quarter Century Club" membership for those who pay dues to the National for 25 years. While the "Quarter Century Club" membership does not eliminate your national dues, there are several benefits that are available at [www.fbinaa.org](http://www.fbinaa.org). The National is researching the possibility of a "Legacy" membership where the national dues will be waved. We are not there yet.

Hope to see everyone at the National Conference in Niagara Falls!!!



## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

By: Dan Keller

This is a friendly reminder if you have not paid your 2026 FBINAA dues, please do so! Below is the payment 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 "My Profile" on the left side. Then click "Renew Your Membership" in the top right corner 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 summer, see you at the Fall Training Conference!

## LEGACY GIVING

Consider the FBINAA Charitable Foundation in your estate planning by making a donation in the form of a bequest or gift of cash, real estate, annuities contracts, securities, assets comprising an IRA or retirement plan account, or the proceeds of a life insurance policy.

Legacy giving offers significant tax benefits. For example, the value of the assets you give at death is fully deductible for federal estate tax purposes. Moreover, by naming FBINAA Charitable Foundation as the beneficiary of an annuity contract, traditional IRA or qualified retirement plan account, no income tax is payable on the deferred income passing to FBINAA Charitable Foundation, thereby increasing the power of that wealth to do good.

In terms of lifetime giving, you may also want to consider establishing a charitable lead trust or a charitable remainder trust of which FBINAA Charitable Foundation is a beneficiary. Those types of tax favored trust can also be created at death.

All of these types of charitable giving should be discussed by you with your own tax advisor. Leave a lasting legacy and start living in the way you want to be remembered. It will allow you to start doing what matters, now.

Please contact Board Member Bob Young, [BobYoung@FBINAAFoundation.org](mailto:BobYoung@FBINAAFoundation.org) or 517-749-2739, for more information about making a gift in your estate plan.

## CHAPLAINS CORNER SPIRITUAL BODY ARMOUR

In Ephesians 4:31, we are exhorted: “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.”

In today’s climate, that is a tall order. It often feels as though public sentiment toward law enforcement is reaching a fever pitch. Fueled by the 24-hour news cycle and the echo chambers of social media, the hostility can feel relentless and, in many cases, entirely unwarranted. From my perspective in retirement—watching the “game” from the cheap seats—I find myself deeply concerned for the safety, mental health, and spiritual well-being of today’s warriors.

It is easy to feel that we are living in unprecedented times. However, if we were to ask our predecessors—the men and women who wore the badge through the civil unrest of the 1960s, the height of the anti-war protests, and the peak of urban volatility—they might remind us that the “storm” is not new. They endured profound tension and public outcry, yet they held the line.

The landscape has changed, but the struggle remains the same: holding onto your humanity while standing in the gap.

When the shift ends and the weight of the world feels heavy, remember the instruction in Ephesians 6:10-11: “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

Just as your ballistic vest is designed to protect your heart and vital organs from physical threats, God provides spiritual armor to shield your soul from the bitterness and “clamor” of the world.

On those days when it feels like the world has truly lost its mind—when you feel isolated or misunderstood—remember that you do not have to carry that burden alone. Reach out to God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for the peace that transcends understanding.

You are seen, you are valued, and above all, you are loved.

## FBINAA SPRING LUNCHEON





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## MICHIGAN CHAPTER 2026 GOLF OUTING

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

### \$125 W/CART

Continental Breakfast Included

#### MYSTIC CREEK GOLF COURSE

1 Champion Circle | Milford MI 48380

[www.MysticCreekGolfClub.com](http://www.MysticCreekGolfClub.com)

Register online:

[fbinaamichigan.org/events](http://fbinaamichigan.org/events)



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## EVENT DETAILS

REGISTRATION 7:30AM

SHOTGUN START 8:30AM

LUNCH (HOT DOG & DRINK)

DINNER AFTER GOLF

#### CONTESTS

- DOOR PRIZES
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- PICK A PRIZE RAFFLE
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- LONGEST DRIVE
- PUTTING CONTEST

The 2026 golf outing proceeds benefit several chapter initiatives including student scholarships.



### FRI JUN 5

## COST PER GOLFER

### \$125 W/CART

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED



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Or visit:

[fbinaamichigan.org/events](http://fbinaamichigan.org/events)



# 2026 FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE



**THE GRAND HOTEL  
MACKINAC ISLAND**

September

09

September

10

September

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**\*REGISTRATION COMING NEXT MONTH\***

