

UCT Board of Governors Member Thomas (Butch) Liebaert

Thomas (Butch) Liebaert of Superior, Wisconsin, is a member of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin Council 333. He is a past local and regional president. He serves on the regional executive board, has been on several regional committees, is a past president of the Past Grand Counselors' Association, and is a past secretary of the International Secretary-Treasurers' Association. On the international level he has served on many committees, and he is a past UCT chaplain.

Butch attended Wisconsin Technical College and worked for CB&Q Railroad, Fraser Shipyards, and Plumbers/Steamfitters Local 434, where he received his journeyman's license. Local 434 merged with Local 11 in 1976, and Butch has been its secretary since 1978. He served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard for over 30 years and spent 15

years as a recruiter and career counselor and more than 15 years as an M Day member. He received a Commander's Award for supporting the military and a Wisconsin Commendation Medal for leadership in support of the National Guard. After his tour of duty, he returned to plumber/steamfitter work in the construction trade until his retirement in 2010.

Butch was an active member of John L. Banks American Legion Post 418 until 2019 when he transferred to the Richard Bong Post 435. He is currently a member of the honor guard and serves as 1st vice commander. He is a life member of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter #4, and a member of TREA, The Enlisted Association, where he is a member of the national executive board. He currently serves as president of TREA's Lake Superior Chapter 119, which he helped organize. He is also an officer of the Belgian Club and a member of Elks Lodge #403, where he serves on the veteran's committee.

He coached youth hockey for the Superior Amateur Hockey Association for more than 25 years and coach baseball for the Superior Youth Organization for five years. He was named Douglas County's Outstanding Citizen in 2004 and was appointed to the Douglas County Veterans Committee in 2013. He is an active member of St. Anthony's Church, where he serves as an usher and Eucharistic minister.

