

Military Chess Committee 2024 Annual Report

The 64th U.S. Armed Forces Open was held October 7-9, 2023, at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott (special thank you to Anand Dommalapati and Capital Area Chess for donating the playing space). Sixty-one players competed, with Peter Jackson of the United States Military Academy taking clear first with the only perfect score. The United States Military Academy won the Service Academy championship and Army won the Military Team championship. Nine players participated in the Veteran's Open, which was won by Charles Unruh with 4/5. The Armed Forces Open Blitz champion was Englebert Querol Roy with 7/8. The Chief Arbiter was Mike Hoffpauir.

The 65th U.S. Armed Forces Open will be held October 12-14, 2024, at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Future USAFO hosts/sites: 2025 – Army / U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA (tentative); 2026 – Air Force / Florida (tentative); 2027 – Marine Corps / TBD

The 33rd NATO Chess Championship was held September 3-8, 2023, in Portoroz, Slovenia. The U.S. team earned the team bronze medal, and FM Patrick Aizpurua claimed the individual gold medal in the blitz tournament in clear first with a score of 9½/11.

The U.S. team members were Airman First Class (FM) Patrick Aizpurua, USAF; Captain (FM) Eigen Wang, USAF; Lieutenant (NM) Chase Watters, USN; Technical Sergeant Andrew Duren, USAF; Petty Officer Andrew Peraino, USN; and Senior Airman Charles Unruh, USAF.

The 2024 NATO Chess Championship will be held in Greece; U.S. team participation will be coordinated by John Farrell and David Hater.

Current US Chess Military Chess Committee membership:

Chair: Robert Getty; Army Rep.: Mike Donovan; Navy Rep.: Erick Toribio; Air Force Rep.: Charles Hatherill; Marine Corps Rep.: John Farrell; Space Force Rep.: Vacant; US Chess Executive Board Liaison: David Hater