



# Newsletter

## Man-of-Honor Society

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### **2020 "Week-End at Bernie's" MOH Golf Tournament**

*Written by Bernie Knippel, E-8 First Sgt,  
USAF, Retired*



At 8 a.m. on 25 July the Mouse and I were locked in at Trapp River and ready for action. The weather was perfect for golf and the troops were ready to go. Once again, Andy, Kerry and Patti had everything at the course in top condition and anything we were in need of, we got. Our hats are off to them and we could not ask for nicer people to work with.

Vixter, our MOH photographer, came down with an illness and she was unable to make it.



Seazon Hanson volunteered to take Vicki's place and drive the queen around the course. Deb Zahurones, was the Tournament Queen and of course did a wonderful job riding around, talking to the golfers and making them relax and enjoy the day.



Deb and Seazon must have had some big smiles on their faces as everyone on the course was "anxious to see them". Deb Zahurones entertained everyone with her smile and charming personality and she was just precious during the entire event. (Who picks these queens each year).

Once again we had some great golfing. Some teams surprised us as we figured they were there for "The Beer" and a good time.

*(See Golfing, page 3, Column 1)*



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every two months.*

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## Fore-Some for Charity Golf Outing

*Written by Dan Rigney, Vice President*



*(L/R: Liz Van Der Geest, Don Brose, Karl Henrichs, Bernie Knippel, Jay Schlueter, Dan Rigney)*

What a great group of people, Liz Van Der Geest, Don Brose, Karl Henrichs, and Jay Schlueter. These folks are four business owners in Merrill that put together an annual golf outing with the focus to raise money to help Veterans. We were honored that they chose to donate to Man of Honor for their 2020 outing, raising \$10,600.00 donated to us to help area Veterans. With the covid-19 crisis, they weren't sure if they would be able to pull it off, but they decided that the Veterans were worth them giving it a try no matter what. They held the event on August 1st at Merrill Golf Course with a goal of 36 teams and they met that goal!! Outstanding work!

There were many hole sponsors, Bernatello's donated Lotzza Motzza pizzas for all the golfers to munch on during the day and donated all tips to Man of Honor. Mayhem BBQ took care of cooking supper, only charging for the food needed and donated all their time for preparation and cooking.

It was great to see the amount of Man of Honor members that golfed in the outing, that did not go unnoticed by the fore-some. A HUGE thank you to Liz, Jay, Don, and Karl.



## Letter from the Prez . . . .



*Jeff Morgan  
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired*

Hello everyone.

Where did summer sneak off to. A couple of golf outing's and it's September already. Speaking of golf, after your July 11th meeting Man of Honor held it's annual golf outing at Trapp River Golf Course. Thank you, Andy Spears, for everything it was a great day.

I should add that the name of the outing has been changed to..."Weekend at Bernie's Golf Outing". Once again Bernie and Mouse did an outstanding job of organizing this event. Thank you again. All your efforts are appreciated by all who attended.

The Queen this year was Deb Zahurones. Her escort, Vicki Harness, who also is Man of Honor professional photographer was ill and Seazon Hanson took her place. Many thanks to both of you gals.

And thank you to our grill masters and bartenders. Here we go again, too many to name. Don't want to miss anyone so, thank you all who helped make it another fun time.

The 1st of August was another golf outing. This one was held in Merrill. Man of Honor was the direct beneficiary of the proceeds raised by this outing. I personally did not play, how-

ever, Man of Honor had, I believe, 2 teams ready and willing to enjoy the day. Vice President Dan Rigney had a hand in setting this up. Dan will have an article about the outing, and finding out how much was raised and gifted to Man of Honor. The Man of Honor Society applauds the 4 business people who pledged their time and talents to help the area's veterans. Thank you very much.

Well, there you have it, a couple of golf outings, no 4th of July Celebration, no flag presentation at the Wisconsin Valley Fair, no Fill-a-Back Pac Fill-a-Need, and no Labor Day Parade. A very quiet summer indeed.

This September membership meeting nominations for President, Secretary, and Sgt at Arms will be accepted. If you don't feel comfortable being at this meeting, Secretary Bernie Knippel will be at the clubhouse by 11 a.m. if you want to nominate someone but not stay for the meeting.

Just a reminder about an e-mail message Secretary Bernie sent out. According to the Marathon County Health Department we are advised to wear a face covering. However, they also said those that have trouble breathing or other problems with the mask could go without but must stay 6 feet apart. If you are drinking or eating the mask may be off. The individuals call. If it is a nice day, we can move some chairs outside

how many will be in attendance so no luncheon will be served. Don't forget membership meetings start at 1 p.m. 1300 hours. See you at the meeting. Thanks everyone for what you do.

God Bless You and the United States

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## Nominations for 2021-2022 Officer Positions

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

Officer positions that will expire on 31 December 2020 are the President (Jeff Morgan), Secretary (Bernie Knippel) and Sgt At Arms (John S. Fust). Nominations will be accepted for these 3 positions at the September 2020 meeting. Term of office is 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022. Talk it over with others and be sure that the person you nominate is willing to accept that position and devote the time required to get the job done. Also, a reminder to all that our meetings will be called to order at 1300 hours starting in September 2020.

### *President:*

Jeff Morgan Cell: 715-203-3211

### *Vice-President:*

Dan Rigney Cell: 715-212-1348

### *Secretary:*

Bernie Knippel Cell: 715-803-8039

### *Treasure:*

Bill Fenhaus Cell: 715-870-1261

### *Sergeant-at-Arms:*

John Fust Jr. Cell: 715-581-6574

*(Golfing from page 1, column 2)*

Winning flights were as follows:



**A Flight - Team Krukowski**



**B Flight - Team Marsha**



**C Flight - Team Mouse**



**D Flight - Team Hommerding**

Congratulations to all the winning teams. Long drive went to Jim Light for the men and long hitting Sheila Fust won for the women. Closest to the pin was "Minnie Mouse Kucil" for the ladies and Ryan Gorek for the men. Dave St. Claire won the longest putt.

Golf came to an end and the scores tallied. Almost everyone figured out that if you started on a specific hole you would use the cart reserved for that hole. Well almost everyone. We did have one person that thought carts should be moved around, and did just that, causing a little confusion on the other golfers looking for a cart. Oh well, 83 smart golfers is a good thing.

Back to the clubhouse for dinner. 16 ounce Rib Eye's with all the trimmings. Fantastic meal. Gerri Knippel had everything under control at the clubhouse. Connie Masterson, Laurel Schalavin, Denise Boehm and Jeff (Slim) Schilling were there getting things done and of course we had Wisconsin's finest bartender on duty, our own Lucy Cota. Thank you Jeff and ladies for all the great work you did. It could not have been done without each of you. A special thanks to everyone for putting up with a very warm clubhouse that day.

We handed out all the prize money and all the extra things that Mouse and I scrounged up to make nice gifts. We appreciate all those who donated to the outing. We thought the extra gifts were exceptional this year. Everyone, 84 people, got something. Many compliments received for running the tournament and Mouse and I thank you for that.

Once again, Andy and crew at Trapp - always a pleasure. To Gerri and her crew at the clubhouse - very nice work.

On 24 July 2021 the next tournament will be held again at Trapp River. We continue to say that the MOH Tournament is the best around, with very special people, in the state of Wisconsin.





## More pics: "Week-End at Bernie's" MOH Golf Tournament



## **12 September 2020 Man of Honor Meeting**

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

Man of Honor Meeting will be held at 1300 Hours, 12 September 2020 at the clubhouse. Health Department has advised that we must stay 6 feet apart and masks are required inside the building. Weather permitting we may take some chairs outside and meet there. A bit unusual but possible. There will be no lunch served at this meeting because of all the health concerns and impossible to estimate the number of people that will be at the meeting.

Nominations for President, Secretary and Sgt At Arms will be taken at this meeting. There will be no nominations accepted unless member is physically present at the clubhouse. Secretary will be available to accept nominations from 1100 to 1300 prior to the meeting if you would like to nominate someone. You can make your nomination and if you feel uncomfortable you do not have to attend the meeting. As always, be sure you discuss your intent to nominate someone with that person, to be sure they are willing to accept the job if voted in. The refreshment center will be open all day.

The time was changed to 1000 rather than 1400, asking for some volunteers to help with a little physical work before the meeting. We are taking everything out of the building we park the van in, getting rid of what is no longer needed, and putting the remainder back in a manner that we will be able to find something if needed. The building has not been gone through in the past 10 years that I know of. John Fust, 715-581-6574 will head the project so if you have the time call him. A little confusion these days trying to get everything done that needs doing, but we will prevail.

### **MOH Associate Member**

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

The Man of Honor Society is a Veterans organization. From time to time I have heard the words "I

am only an Associate member." As an Officer that bothers me very much and I want to say a few words about our Associate members and mention basically how one becomes one.

A person must be nominated for membership by a regular member (Veteran). 10% of the membership can be Associates, however, because we are a veterans organization they cannot vote. This will not change. The nomination will include the reason he/she should become a member. The officers will review the request and if they feel the person would be a great asset to the organization, they take it to the membership to be voted upon.

We have some outstanding associates in the MOH and I can assure everyone they do a tremendous amount of work, probably more than 60% of the regular members. That is why they are there and why we respect them. We are always open to suggestions from them and I can assure everyone that the ideas and suggestions are looked at.

Bottom Line: Associates are a great part of our team and they do a great deal of work. We are very proud to have all of them with us and there are many times that we would be lost without them. Always remember you are a big part of this organization and I hope you are proud to be a member because we certainly are proud to have you. Thanks to all of you.

## **2 Packer Parties**

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

We are scheduling 2 Packer Games (Both against the Vikings) at the Clubhouse. 13 September and 1 November 2020. The clubhouse will open at 11 a.m. and you may bring guests (21 years old) if you like. You may bring a dish to pass, but not necessary. Jeff, Dan, John and I will throw something on the grill for the September party and for the 1 November game we will wait and see. Mouse will have the refreshment center ready to roll. Pools will be available if you want to get in. Always a good day when you get these two teams together. See ya!



## Spotlight Of One Of Our Own

*Written by Don Masterson, Assistant Spotlight Editor*

The spotlight for the August-September 2020 issue of the newsletter, falls on Vernon (Vern, the quiet man) Vetterkind.

Vern was born and raised in Thorp, Wisconsin graduating from High School in 1966. His draft number came up in January of 1968 and Vern was drafted into the Army. All through his training Vern was planning on a trip to the sunny shores of southeast Asia, but that was not to be. Vern started his military training as many Wisconsin soldiers did, with basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. From Campbell, Vern was sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana where he was trained as an administration and supply specialist. As his advanced individual training was coming to a close he learned that he was going to Germany to become part of the 8th Infantry Division. While in Germany, Vern spent nineteen months as part of the 708th Maintenance Battalion in Baumholder, before coming home and being discharged, in January 1970.

After his discharge Vern met and married his lovely wife Donna in 1974. Their family grew with the addition of a daughter and three sons and at present sixteen grandchildren.

Vern has been involved in the trucking industry his entire life and still drives intra state four or five days a week. He has amassed over two and one half million miles during his career to date.

Six years ago Vernon joined the Man of Honor and it has yet to fail, when the word goes out for volunteers if he is not driving, he is on the front line. He assists with the set up, the tear down, cleanup and the putting away. Vern can also be found manning a work station during each day of the week-end raffle. If we were all like Vern, the workload would indeed be light.

Vern, balked at first about an interview stating that his "military career was plain" compared to others. But I explained, as it was explained to me, that the spotlight does not shine on your military career alone, but on your person and what you do as a member of the Man

of Honor Society, and sir your light shines bright. Vern, you are a great credit to your family, your country, the Man of Honor society, and above all to yourself. We the members of the Man of Honor Society salute you.



# **Happy Birthday**



## **September**

- 2 - Guy Hartl, US Army
- 2 - Peg Kohnhorst, Associate
- 2 - Jonathon Phelps, US Army
- 2 - Terrance Schilling, US Army
- 4 - Thomas Westermeyer, Associate
- 5 - Ted Williams, US Army
- 7 - Donna Gosse, Associate
- 9 - Robert Osborn, US Navy
- 11 - Donald Oelke, Army NG
- 12 - Michael Bohnsdahl, US Navy
- 13 - Alan Butalla, USAF
- 13 - Russell Kelnhofer, USAF
- 13 - Dan Toivonen, US Army
- 13 - Gerard Winchell, US Army
- 14 - Jesse Grieb, US Army
- 16 - James Lake, Army NG
- 19 - Mitch Bottomley, US Navy
- 19 - Sean Dean, US Army
- 19 - Allen Maszk, USAF
- 19 - Richard Partridge, US Navy
- 20 - Mark Arnett, US Army
- 20 - Mike Russ, USMC
- 21 - Lani Rethaber, USMC
- 21 - James Wilson, US Army
- 22 - William Cybula, US Army
- 22 - Henry Dehnel, USAF
- 23 - Russell Allen, US Army
- 23 - David Nowak, Army NG
- 23 - Brian Thompson, US Army
- 24 - Charleen Goretski, Associate
- 24 - Craig Tonkin, US Army
- 25 - Thomas Beson, USMC
- 25 - Doug Hagen, USAF
- 26 - Connie Allman, US Army
- 26 - Patrick David, US Army
- 26 - Lyle Jaegler, US Army
- 27 - Gary Luebbe, USMC
- 27 - Brad Tonkin, Army NG
- 29 - Mike Heilmann, USCG
- 29 - Denis Lang, USAF
- 29 - Kyle Newton, US Army
- 29 - Robert Paul, US Army
- 29 - Cheryl Reynolds, US Army

## **October**

- 30 - Frank Bohman, US Army
- 30 - William Opichka, US Army Airborne
- 1 - Rebeca Argiro, US Army
- 1 - James Cherek, US Navy
- 1 - Paul Gwidt, US Army
- 1 - Leorin Smith, US Navy
- 1 - James Webb, US Navy
- 2 - Lloyd Uttecht, US Army
- 3 - James Palmer, USMC
- 4 - James Bittner, Army NG
- 4 - Craig Hoffman, US Navy & Army NG
- 4 - David Stark, Army NG
- 5 - Dale Carr, US Army
- 5 - Guy Guyette, US Army
- 5 - Gregory Mouzon, US Navy
- 6 - James Miller, Army NG
- 6 - Clifford Nest, US Army
- 6 - Conrad Schepp, USAF
- 7 - Keith Cota, US Army
- 7 - Daryl Elmer, US Army
- 9 - Andrew Aasen, US Army
- 9 - Anthony Kopchinski, US Army
- 9 - Aaron Masterson, US Army/NG
- 10 - Ralph Mc Nutt, US Army
- 10 - Lawrence Peterson, Army NG
- 11 - Don Londerville, US Army
- 11 - Dennis Mays Jr., US Army
- 12 - Joshua LaFave, US Army
- 12 - Amy Miller, US Army
- 13 - Gary Uttech, US Army
- 14 - Kim Brandt, US Army/NG
- 15 - Joe Klefschmer, Army NG
- 15 - Laurin Jorstad, USAF
- 17 - Timothy Gosse, US Army
- 17 - Laurel Schalavin, US Army
- 18 - Kenneth Kohnhorst, US Navy
- 18 - Todd Wold, Associate
- 19 - Jerry Engevik, US Army
- 21 - Cortney Heck, Associate
- 24 - Jeremy Otto, US Army
- 25 - Randy Schultz, Army NG
- 26 - Tim Hickman, USMC

- 27 - Brian Housley, USAF
- 27 - Paul Kern, Army NG
- 27 - Rob Peck, US Army
- 27 - Theodore Sueck, USMC
- 28 - Floyd Moore, US Navy
- 28 - James Searles, Army NG
- 28 - Donna Seidler, Associate
- 30 - Robin, Schmid, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the meeting on July 11th received \$25.00 each. For July was Joel Szablewski US Army, and for August was Charlie Sapp US Army.

There were 2 members who won \$95.00 each for the cash raffle drawings. They were Tom Rottscheit USMC and Ken Kohnhorst US Navy, Ken donated it back to the Man of Honor. Very generous!

There was also a double winner for the "Tabs in a Jar". Bob Hood USMC and Brian Housley USAF both received \$35.00 for their tied guess. Brian also donated the \$35 back to the MOH. Many thanks.

Thanks for attending.

## **New Members**

We have 7 new member in our society which brings it to a total of 509. Let's welcome them:

*Michael Bohnsdahl US Navy*  
*Don Jagoditsh, US Army*  
*Larry Johnson USMC*  
*Peg Kohnhorst Associate Member*  
*Arthur H. Kroeplin, US Army*  
*Leon R. Lemma US Navy*  
*Brian K. Williams USMC*

We are always looking for new members to help on our many functions, such as: raffle, selling raffle tickets, parades, committees, building maintenance, and much more.



## Rest In Peace



*Written by Rosie Carr,  
PR Director*

**Obituaries published will include military and Associate members and their family. Their family is defined as parents, in-laws, spouse, children (adopted and step-children) and siblings.**  
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### **Gary Lee Berzill, 71, of**



Wausau, WI passed away Friday June 19, 2020.

Gary was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Berzill family.

### **James Engelson, 77, passed**



away unexpectedly, on June 29, 2020, peacefully in his sleep.

James was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Engelson family.

**Flag Retirement drop off box at the "Clubhouse" and "The Jim".**

### **Jeanette J. Erikson, 89,**



passed away on July 27, 2020 at Mount View Center of Wausau, WI.

Jeanette was the mother-in-law of Lyle Bricko member of the Man of Honor.

Our prayers are with Lyle and Barbara Bricko and family.

### **Jack Horak, 83, Wausau**



passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Jack was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our deepest sympathies go to the Horak family.

### **Patricia Fern Krall, 75, died**



unexpectedly at her home in the Town of Cleveland on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Patricia was the sister-in-law of Gordy Steinke, Man of Honor member.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Gordy and Donna and to the Wiesman family.

## **Funds Request Update**

*Written by Ron Jones, Funds Request Chairman*

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for July and August 2020.

1. Donation, Honor Flight \$1,160

### 2. Donation, Wreaths Across

American	\$ 750
3. Funeral, Berzill	\$ 500
4. Funeral, Horak	\$ 500
5. Lodging	\$ 196
6. Ramp Materials	\$1,000
7. Rent	\$ 550
8. Rent	\$ 650
9. Rent	\$ 550
10. Rent/Food/Clothing	\$1,900
11. Repairs	\$ 500
12. Repairs	\$1,000
13. Repairs	\$ 400

Total paid this period \$9,656

Total Paid YTD 2020 \$25,372.72

Total Paid YTD 2019 \$30,849.67

## **Still Missing You**

*Author Unknown*

They say there is a reason  
They say that time will heal  
But neither time nor reason  
Will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache  
that lies behind our smiles,  
No one knows how many times  
we have broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something  
so there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of  
but so hard to be without.

We cannot bring the old days  
back, when we were all together  
The family chain is broken now,  
but memories live forever.

### Coming Events:

**September 12, 2020** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Town-line Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m. Nomination for 3 positions, President Jeff Morgan, Secretary Bernie Knippel and Sgt at Arms John S. Fust.

**April, May, September & October 2020** - The National Honor Flight network has postponed all 2020 Honor Flights.

**November 1, 2020** - Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

**November 11, 2020** - Veterans Day

**November 14, 2020** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Town-line Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

**November 26, 2020** - Thanksgiving Day

### MOH Item's For Sale

Anyone interested in purchasing one or more of the following items, they are available at the Clubhouse. You already have the MOH white hats so if you would like to purchase the uniform which consists of the MOH white shirts, and fleece jackets they are available.

To purchase see one of the officers or Gerri Knippel, Donna Gosse or Seazon Hanson.

Check in with Gerri Knippel  
at the front desk  
prior to the meeting.

WOOL "P" CAPS	\$5.00	FLEECE JACKETS (all sizes)	\$25.00
STOCKING HATS	\$10.00	HOODED SWEATSHIRTS	\$25.00
T-SHIRTS (all sizes)	\$10.00	CAR FLAGS	\$10.00
CAMO T-SHIRTS	\$15.00	TRAILER HITCH PLUGS	\$10.00
WHITE HATS (replacement)	\$10.00	GARDEN FLAGS	\$20.00
SWEAT SHIRTS	\$20.00	WHITE MOH SHIRTS	\$15.00

### Man-of-Honor Society Membership Application



Application to be filled out and turned into one of our members. Please bring a copy of your DD Form 214 or Military ID card with you when you attend your first meeting and show it to one of our officers. At this time you will become a member of the MOH and receive your certificate and coin. Our meeting place is at our Club House 1425 Town Line Road in Wausau, WI 54402. Phone: 715-212-1348. We meet on the 2nd Saturday every other month at 1:00 p.m. (January, March, May, July, September, and November).

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