



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute from the MOH Officers

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary



This young lady, who you may have seen around many times, sometimes dressed as Mrs. Santa Claus, is our own Barbara Dern. Barbara has been in the Man of Honor for the past several years and has become a great asset to the organization. She has spent a great deal of time working at the raffle, at the clubhouse and of course as Mrs. Santa at the annual Christmas

Party. She was on the scene both days of the 2020 Ham Giveaway unpacking and handing out hams to our veterans. Barb sets the example for others to follow by always being ready to lend a hand where needed. Barbara Dern it is a pleasure to work with you and you are a TRUE MAN OF HONOR.

Ham Giveaway December 5, 2020

Written by Deb Zahurones

Coming into the end of what everyone will remember as a year of unpredicted circumstances, the Man of Honor Society can mark another successful event in the books.

This year marked the twelfth year for the ham giveaway, and this one, even with the adjusted location, had to have been one of the best. What some of the members may not be aware of is like most of the shortages experienced this year, we almost did not have 700 hams to give away. Merrill Distributing was stellar in their efforts down to the week of pick up in ensuring we had the hams needed. Another nice surprise, were the additional 36 14lb turkeys do-

nated by Sam's Club, and the cooperation of Marathon County Parks Department.

With the experience of past years of giving away hams, turkeys, and now both, the Man of Honor is a well-oiled machine! The volunteers were great in get-



ting tables set up, hams and turkeys tabled, breaking down boxes, and assembling lines of Veterans awaiting their gift of thanks. However, even with our new location and space, the sight of cars al-

ready lining up at 8 a.m. for the 9 a.m. start time, was

something to see. Four rows of vehicles were assembled until the space only allowed for two rows of vehicles. The line of vehicles



continued down to 3rd Ave, with vehicles approaching from the North entrance of the park, and South on adjoining streets. At approximately 8:40 a.m. it was decided to start the giveaway to open up traffic.

(See Ham Giveaway Page 3, Column 1)

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Letter from the Prez



Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired

Hello everyone.

As I start to write this newsletter, it is 12 days before Christmas day. I hope you all got your outside work done. For those of you who deer hunt, did you fill your freezer? If not, deer camp was still fun.

November 27th the Man of Honor Officers and this year Ham Giveaway Chairman Tom Fust met to finalize the plans for December 5th giveaway. As it turns out it was foolproof.

It's been 3 weeks and I still have people telling me they thought it was the best organized we ever had. We had lots of help this year, thank you. The weather co-operated, with no snow or wind. Having the Ham Giveaway in the mid-way at Marathon Park was a great idea and we hope to have it again there next year.

Pictures and story in this newsletter.

Even though our Christmas Banquet and Awards Ceremony was canceled because of the Covid-19, January 9th at the membership meeting we will still award our "Excellence" Award. It will be given to the people that constantly show a great deal of work and dedication in this past year. I will not spill the beans here and if you want to know who they are, maybe it's you, be sure your at the membership meeting, 1300 hours on 9 January.

Also in January is the New Member Orientation. All are invited, spouses, buddies, anyone who may be interested in who we are. Must be 21. Complete article in this Newsletter.

Now for the big news. As the officers discuss the operations of the daily business of our Society we sometimes come up with an idea to improve on the way things work or at least try to make it easier for the next elected officers to understand and follow. At this meeting, we will be asking your opinion by casting a vote to allow a small but very important addition to our By-Laws.

See you at your meeting. I promise it to be a good one.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

God Bless you and the United States

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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 November and December 2020.

Auto/Rent - Zastrow	\$1,985.00
Funeral - Gwidt	\$ 500.00
Funeral - Millard	\$ 500.00
Funeral - Ric Carr	\$ 500.00
Funeral - Grant	\$ 500.00
Funeral - Morasch	\$ 500.00
Funeral - Hohn	\$ 500.00

Internet/food - Dean	\$ 949.56
Rent - Kucil	\$ 300.00

Total Request paid this period
\$6,234.56

Total Paid 2020	\$35,677.61
Total Paid 2019	\$44,425.80

Couples Cribbage Tournament Scheduled for Feb. 6th

Written by Deb Zahurones, Associate Member

First Cribbage Tournament at the Man of Honor Clubhouse to start at 1300 hours on Saturday, February 6th. Tournament is open to the first 20 paid teams. Fee is \$20.00 per team. Players must be 21 years or older, and one of the team players needs to be a member or associate member of the Man of Honor Society. More information will be supplied at Jan 9th Man of Honor Meeting.

To sign up before meeting, please contact Deb Zahurones 715-581-7055.

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(Ham Giveaway, Cont'd from page 1, col. 2)

From that point, it went rather quickly with several volunteers checking military ID's, managing traffic, and handing out the hams and turkeys. The last ham was handed out shortly after 9:30am....wow! During this



time, Santa made an appearance, Channel 9 covered the setup of our event, and Bull Falls Harley's Marketing Director and Sales Manager shared our event live on their face book page. The

most notable thing that happened were all of the Veterans of various ages and disabilities that were able to attend because of the capability of driving through this year, and the smiles and shared stories in the process of it all. It is amazing that even with a change that wasn't asked for, created so much for our fellow Veterans this year!



Thank you to Tom and Jeff for picking up the hams, and allowing a reporter from Spectrum News 1 along for the ride. Thank you to all the behind the scene advocates in getting the word out, volunteers and members for making this another success! Happy New Year! Bring on 2021!

Donation to the Man of Honor \$1054.00 November 14, 2020

Letter written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary



*(L/R: Ken Petrowski, Chairperson, Danny Flores Memorial and Jeff Morgan, President
Man of Honor Society)*

Once again the Man of Honor Society stands before you and accepts your donation of \$1054.00. This money that you raised was done so by hosting a horseshoe tournament, which was an absolute success. Hosting these type of fund raisers are no easy task and all the work your people put into it is commendable. The Man of Honor Society works very hard to help as many veterans and their families as we can. To do this without the support of great organizations like yours would be impossible. Your organization obviously supports all of our great veterans and rest assured that your donation will help veterans in need.

Once again, thank you for all you have done and the Man of Honor salutes you.

A Spotlight On One Of Our Own

Written by Don Masterson

This issue of the spotlight proudly shines on Tom Rottscheit pronounced, (roachite). And "yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus".

Tom grew up in Marshfield and as a teen, had several run-ins with the authorities. When the Judge finally had enough and made the either-or speech, Tom accelerated his plans, thanked the Judge, and joined the Marine Corps in 1966.

Tom did his training at Camp Pendleton, in San Diego and has been stationed in several locations depending on the needs of Marine Corps. He has been stationed at Camp Lejeune, Camp Puulooa Hawaii, Okinawa, volunteered for Vietnam, and Marine Barracks, Naval Base Brooklyn, New York. While at Camp Puulooa he met Gary Lubbe back in 1967, another Man of Honor member and they have been lifelong friends. While in Vietnam Tom was a forward observer for the artillery and was involved in three separate engagements. An automobile accident cut Tom's military career short. He spent fifteen months in the hospital and was given a Medical discharge in 1972. During his service, Tom earned the Vietnam service, Vietnam campaign, and the Vietnam cross of gallantry, good conduct and national defense medals and a combat action ribbon.

During his time in service, Tom had been corresponding with a young lady from Montreal, Canada whom he was very interested in meeting. Tom moved there and while there attended the prestigious McGill University attaining a B.S. in Sociology and a Master's degree in Social Work. For the next twenty-six years, Tom specialized in working with abused and troubled teenagers in Montreal, Neillsville, and Waukesha before moving to the Wausau area in 2013. Tom still volunteers at the Women's Community Inc. As the Magi brought gifts for the birth of Christ, so does Tom in empathy, dedication, and knowledge in the healing of his clients.

Tom has two daughters in their twenties and is in a relationship with Barb Dern, a High School sweetheart and current Associate member.

Tom joined the Man of Honor in 2014 and has been extremely active in everything we do from cooking and bartending at the raffle, ticket sales, and ham giveaways. Also he and Barb also carried our banner in our last Memorial Day Parade. Sometimes, you may not even know he is there. He has been Santa Claus for the last three years at the Ham giveaway, as well as many other community and social functions in Wausau for the past five years. Tom, you bring great honor, pride, and respect to yourself, your family, and the Marine Corps. "So yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus" and we are proud to have him as a member as he helps make this the great organization that it is. Tom, we salute you.



Happy

Birthday

January



- 2 - John P. Grant, US Army
- 3 - Michael Horsman, US Army
- 3 - Jason Housley, US Army
- 4 - Theodore Bronson, US Army
- 6 - James Gauerke, Jr., US Army
- 6 - Joe Don Prejean, USAF
- 7 - Cecil Wold, US Navy
- 10 - Jim Gilge, US Army
- 10 - Wes Latimer, US Navy
- 11 - Mark Lambert, US Navy
- 12 - Casey Conner, Army NG
- 12 - Nick Kuehn, US Army
- 12 - Roger Priebe, US Army
- 12 - Charles Schwake, US Army
- 15 - John H. Fust, US Army
- 15 - Wayne Krueger, USAF
- 16 - Wes Hoffman, US Navy
- 16 - Roger Schmidt, USMC
- 17 - Lucy Cota, Associate
- 17 - Don Dorgan, US Army
- 17 - Rachelle Hulderman, US Army
- 17 - Steve Williams, US Navy
- 18 - Brian Williams, USMC
- 19 - Tim Miller, US Navy
- 20 - Dale Cherney, US Army
- 20 - Wayne Mueller, US Army
- 23 - Steven Nelson, USMC
- 24 - Ryan Mathwich, Associate
- 25 - Ronald Keen, USMC
- 25 - Mike O'Rourke, US Army
- 26 - Mark Lyon, USMC
- 26 - Gary Kowalski, US Army
- 27 - Donna Bonin, Associate
- 27 - Ronald Rothenberger, USMC
- 27 - Phil Whitman, USMC
- 27 - Darvick David Xiong, US Army
- 28 - Barry Diehl, US Army
- 29 - Keith Strey, US Navy
- 30 - Jake Edwards, USMC
- 30 - Alan Krueger, US Army Airborne

31 - Bill Wolfe, US Army

February

- 1 - Bruce Borman, USMC
- 1 - Archie Drake, US Army
- 1 - Sheila Stafford, USAF
- 2 - Carrie Stotler, US Navy
- 4 - Charles Smith, US Army
- 5 - Henry Blarek Jr., US Army
- 5 - Mary Mulder, Associate
- 6 - Donald Gille, USMC
- 6 - Leon Lemma, US Navy
- 6 - Richard Stroik, Army NG
- 7 - Joshua Genrich, USMC
- 7 - Dan Rigney, Army NG
- 8 - Dennis Hardt, US Army
- 8 - Bob Peterson, US Army
- 9 - Benjamin Brandt, US Navy
- 9 - Timothy Hunt, US Navy
- 10 - Ted Blus, USMC
- 12 - Scott Hafner, USMC
- 12 - Bob Genrich, US Navy
- 13 - David Bain, US Naval Reserve
- 13 - Craig Chapman, US Army
- 14 - Tim Wood, USMC
- 17 - Lyle Beck, USAF
- 18 - Richard Knoeck, USMC
- 19 - Duane Gauger, US Army
- 19 - Jay Petrowski, US Army
- 20 - Perry LaFortune, US Army
- 20 - Joey Vanouse, US Navy
- 21 - Zachery Petri, USAF
- 22 - Jeani Maszk, Associate
- 23 - John Chase, US Army
- 23 - Dick Schoultz, US Army
- 24 - Donna Vetterkind, Associate
- 25 - Earl Heil, USAF
- 25 - Quincy Kasper, US Army
- 26 - Eddie Dehnel, US Army
- 26 - George Lemmer, US Army
- 28 - James Ascher, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the meeting on November 14th received \$25.00 each. For November there was none and January was Steve Yonker, USMC .

There were 3 - 50/50 ticket winners each received \$65.00.

Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 1 new member in our society which brings it to a total of 510. Let's welcome him:

James L. Busko, USAF

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.

New Member Orientation

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

January 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. we will have an informal but very informative orientation meeting at the Clubhouse for new members and associate members that joined in 2020.

Anyone you know who may be interested in becoming a member of the Man of Honor Society is also welcome. All Man of Honor members and spouses are welcome. Must be 21 years of age. Please wear your masks to help stop the virus as well.

We will cover everything from the raffle fund raising to our general everyday policies. This will give our newest members a better understanding of how the Man of Honor business wheels keep turning. Any questions you may ask at that time.

We will see you on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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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Mary E. Grant, 69, passed away October 29, 2020 under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services at Wausau Manor.



Mary was the wife of John Grant member of the Man of Honor.

Our hearts go out to the Grant family in your time of sorrow.

Lawrence "Nemo" Neitzke, 82 of Ringle, passed away on November 2, 2020 at Marshfield Medical Center, Weston.



Lawrence was the father of James Neitzke member of the Man of Honor.

We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to the Neitzke family.

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

Dale A. Millard, 70, of Wausau, passed away on November 7, 2020 due to a motorcycle accident. Dale was a member of the Man of Honor Society.



Our hearts go out to the Millard family in their time of sorrow. Peace, prayers and blessings.

Richard "Ric" W. Carr, 76, passed away on November 11, 2020 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Ric was a member of the Man of Honor, past Vice President 2009 through 2015.



Ric was the husband of Rosie Carr Associate member.

I will miss him dearly along with his family and those who knew him.

Peggy M. Morasch, 76, Rothschild, bravely passed away on November 16, 2020 after a long illness at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

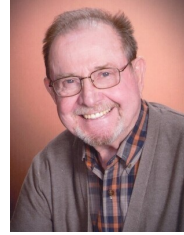


Peggy was the wife of Al Morasch member of the Man of Honor.

We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Morasch family.

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

Vernon Gustav Hohn, 86, of Wausau, passed away November 22, 2020 at Hospice House. Vernon was a member of the Man of Honor Society.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hohn family.

John Phillip Sukup, 81, passed away on December 21, 2020 at his home. John was a member of the Man of Honor Society.



Please accept our condolences on the loss of your husband. Our thoughts and prayers to the Sukup family.

Coming Events:

January 9, 2021 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

January 16, 2021 - New Member Orientation at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Man of Honor members also welcome. Must be 21 years old.

February 6, 2021 - First Cribbage Tournament at the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. See Deb Zahurones to sign up at the January 9th meeting.

March 13, 2021 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.