



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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2020 MAN OF HONOR RAFFLE

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Assisting with the article was Don Masterson and Vicki Harness



Friday

Sixteen years of assisting veterans and over a half-million dollars used to do it. As usual it was held at the Eagles Club on June 12-14, 2020. The 3 day event started at 1200 hours on Friday and ended with the raffle drawing at 1800 hours on Sunday with Dave Calloway Radio Personality from the Sunrise Media Group as the guest announcer. Tom Fust the Chairman and Lt. Dan Rigney as co-chair did their usual spectacular job. Myself and Billy (Mouse) Kucil had the bar jumping and the beer ice cold. Connie Masterson, Laurel Schalavin, and Steve Pavlow had the food tent smelling like a summer cook-out and the food tasting just as good. Peggy Wold, Bev Bain, Gerri Knippel, and Donna Vetterkind had over 100 items to raffle. Vicky Harness ran the 50/50 along with Donna Gosse, "Wheezy" Modrzejewski, and Kevin and Deb Zahurones. Amy Lawrence won a 50/50 for over \$300 and donated it back to the MOH. Dollar Bill Fenhaus (Best treasurer in the MOH) had all finances covered and waited in his private trailer to assist those with all money matters. "Barker" John Fust did another super job announcing winners, donations and supporters. "Chewey" Mathwich (Barker #2) also did a great job filling in for John whenever

necessary. (Hide the mike when these two are around). Bev Bain, Char Goretski and Donna Vetterkind manned raffle boards Friday evening. They had a lot of nice items and the results were outstanding. Great work. The band "Drovers" performed Fri



day night and played just about every style of music which the audience thought was terrific. Nice job to the band. Temperature was a bit cool Friday night so everyone headed for home when the band finished.

Saturday

The day started at noon with the troops in formation ready to raise the colors while Lily Passineau sang the national anthem. Lily sang it just beautiful and we are very proud of her and thank her for making our day start off right. Mary Mulder once again the honcho of the Honor Ride was on top of her game. After months of hard work it all came together. Over 200 Bikes participated in the ride and it was a sight to see.

(See Raffle on page 3, column 1)

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Letter from the Prez



Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired

Hello everyone.

As usual, I start the newsletter with something about the weather. But first a short story. Back in March and April the officers and I kept the conversation going about whether or not to cancel or postpone the raffle cause of the Covid-19 bug. At the last minute the Marathon County Health Department gave us the green light to go ahead with our raffle. I got going on the city and county for licenses and permits. All the permits were granted and we pressed on.

Now the weather. I asked Secretary Bernie to make sure we had good weather for the raffle weekend. Seeing that he has Air Force background, he said he would take care of it. What a job he did!

Aside from the steady breeze, it was an absolutely beautiful weekend. Thank you, Bernie.

All three bands were eager and willing to play. The dance floor was busy with nearly every tune played, Drovers (Friday), Knock Point (Saturday), Polish Connection (Sunday). Thank you. You all did a great job. See you next year.

The Baskets were a huge hit starting Friday afternoon. Thanks Bev Bain. Saturday, more baskets, 50/50, Guns, Bows, and etc. It was like a feeding frenzy. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with that very important part of the raffle.

The kitchen was also at a fever pitch. Good food, good cooks, good prices keeps them coming back. Thank you Connie Masterson, Laurel Schalavin, Steve Pavlow, and your entire crew of helpers, runners, and most importantly, the clean-up crew who did a bang-up job each night.

Bernie and Mouse (Bill Kucil) took good care of our thirst. Good work by all your bartenders. I think we put a pretty good size dent in those beer coolers. Thank you to all who signed up to help.

\$Bill had his Treasures trailer well-staffed. They, as well, were quite busy collecting money, tickets, and stubs, stuffing envelopes, and of course making change. Hey, you got any tickets left? I need two. Thanks \$Bill and your team.

I have not recognized a lot of good people by name simply because I know I'd miss someone. EVERYONE did a FANTASTIC JOB!!! I will say this... From the committee leaders down, the short amount of time you had to get supplies, all the things you

needed to pull this together and make it work is nothing short of a miracle. Everything dropped into place and we all pulled in the same direction. This year's raffle went off without a hitch.

Every one of you should be DAMN proud of this year's accomplishments. Hold your head high Man of Honor.

A very special thank you to TOM FUST. Thank you for another spectacular year.

See you all at your next membership meeting. Should have final numbers by then.

Keep your gardens weeded. God knows were getting enough rain.

God Bless You and the United States

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(Raffle continued from page 1 column 2)

I sat at the Eagles with Dan Hommerding in my special golf cart generously donated by "Mike" from Rib Mountain Golf Course and greeted the bikers as they ended their journey. It was a sight to see as they were lined up for the last mile shouting and waiving as they arrived. Great job Mary and our thanks to all the bikers.



6 o'clock rolled around and time for the "Knock Point" band to begin. They put on a fantastic show and all in attendance thought they were great. A great performance and we thank them for a great evening. President Jeff Morgan said a few words to the people who gathered for the fireworks and ceremony. He introduced Scott Zoromski, Master of Fireworks and Kristen Hurtis from the band Knock Point who did an excellent job singing our National Anthem. I took the reigns and continued on with the ceremony. A few words about



the MOH and then introduced Tom Fust, Chairman and Lt Dan Rigney Co-Chairman of the 3 day event. I then introduced the officers and also Vicky Harness and Mouse Kucil who are dedicated to the MOH and it shows. Kevin Zahurones rang the chime as 4 of our fallen members were recognized. Taps were played by Jonathon Lanctin (another great performance) and then the fireworks began. Without a doubt our best fireworks display to date and compliments poured in from

those who were there for the show.

Sunday

Time for the \$5.00 chicken dinner and once again the best polka music around by "The Polish Connection". This is an awesome group and it has been a pleasure to have them with us these past years. The people just love this group and so does the MOH. Two members of the band played echo taps at the end of the 3 day event. Many were dancing all afternoon and everyone enjoyed the fine music. A first class performance. Connie Masterson, Laurel Schalavin and Steve Pavlow had everyone working overtime trying to make sure everyone could enjoy the special chicken dinner, and they did just that. A special thanks to these very dedicated people who worked the food area. Gerard (Lump Dog) Winchell, our head cashier, said he stayed busy for many hours. A special thanks to Peggy Wold who spent many hours preparing the chicken for the special meal.



Promptly at 6 p.m. the drawing was ready to start. After one of our devoted members, and my friend, was once again introduced to the crowd. Archie is pretty much confined to a wheel chair and getting around is not always easy. Archie insisted that he be brought to the raffle, and his family did just that. The MOH is proud to have Archie with us each year. Dave Calloway is the best. He is just a natural at everything he does and once again did a super job as our special guest for the drawing. A few names to mention. BRB Auto Body for the donated paint job on our MOH van. Beautiful work. Northern Chill supplied and donated all the drinking water for the entire 3 days of the raffle. Very generous. A special thanks to Wausau Coin and Burks Bar who were extremely generous donating the entire "Mystery Prize" for the raffle. Very nice. A special thanks to Merle Kelch at the Eagles for having us once again.

(See Raffle, Page 4-7 for more pictures)







Man of Honor Raffle was a "success" !!!!

Treasurer's Report Regarding The Raffle

Written by Bill Fenhaus, Command Sgt Major E9, Retired

As always, Tom Fust volunteered to head up the 2020 Man of Honor Raffle. Once again, Tom, GREAT job.

Ticket sales started in February, as always, were off to a great few weeks. After the virus, sales slowed, but due to our members continued support and positive attitude, sales picked back up and by the 1st day of the raffle 2489 tickets had been sold.

Friday opened rather nippy, windy and cool. By late afternoon the crowd began to increase. Beer and food started to flow. Baskets were available and dollars were starting to move.

Sales were down slightly in all areas, and the cost of beer, food, etc., were up compared to 2019. With the cost increases of extra chairs, tables, bar, additional cost of sanitary items, etc., the overall outcome was expected.

The cost of major prizes were up by \$5,472. With 2500 tickets for sale the chance of winning is 1 in 100. Good Vegas odds.

The final dollar amount has not been determined as some bills have not been received. The Treasurer's best guess is

\$93,934.00 compared to \$100,529 in 2019. All things considered, I feel we had a great

year.

With the 4th of July, Wisconsin Valley Fair, HODAG, Lincoln County Fair, State Fair, etc., all canceled, we need to be thankful to our members and all supporters for their belief that the MAN OF HONOR could make it happen.

LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO 2021. Our Veterans need our continued support.

Raffle Winners 2020

- 1st: Don Oelke - Wausau
Jeep
- 2nd: Ken Rupe - Wausau
Harley
- 3rd: Ron Betzner - Rothschild
Honda 4x4 w/Trailer
- 4th: Suzan Opichka - Wausau
John Deere Mower
- 5th: Todd Nelson - Withee
\$500
- 6th: Kevin Mallum - Schofield
\$500
- 7th: Mary Dunn - Wausau
\$300
- 8th: Denise Boehm - Wausau
\$300
- 9th: Eric Swenson - ???
\$300
- 10th: Thomas Roberts - Wausau
\$300
- 11th: Sandra Kelch - Wausau
\$200
- 12th: Loraine Esker - Hatley
\$200
- 13th: Andy Michlig - Wausau
\$200
- 14th: Jeani Maszk - Mosinee
\$200
- 15th: Shelley Buska - Merrill
\$200

- 16th: Gertrud Krukowski -
Wausau \$150
- 17th: Kevin Kosour -
Green Bay \$150
- 18th: Rhonda Olson - Wausau
\$150
- 19th: Paul Thomas - Wausau
\$150
- 20th: Rod Bricko - Ringle
\$150
- 21st: Joel Brod - Stevens Point
\$100
- 22nd: John Huber - Wausau
\$100
- 23rd: Zena Dhols - Mosinee
\$100
- 24th: Steve Seltrecht - Hatley
\$100
- 25th: Chris Romatowski -
Wausau \$100

Annual Golf Outing

Written by Dan Rigney, Vice President

I'm pleased to announce we are rebranding our Annual Golf Outing as: "Man of Honor weekend at Bernie's Golf Outing".

United Way - Fill A Backpack, Fill A Need

Due to Covid-19, they are not having a backpack distribution event to the families at the mall this year. Instead, they are providing backpacks/supplies directly to the school districts and they are going to coordinate distribution to their families in need through their schools.

They love working with the Man of Honor organization and look forward to working with us again in 2021.



2nd Annual
FORE-SOME
FOR CHARITY
GOLF OUTING

Questions? Contact Lt. Dan or Bernie Krippel

EVENT: PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE MAN OF HONOR SOCIETY (ORGANIZATION OF VETS HELPING LOCAL VETS)

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 @ THE MERRILL GOLF COURSE

TIME: 8:30 am REGISTRATION WITH 10:00 SHARP SHOTGUN START

COST: \$75 PER PERSON / \$35 FOR COURSE & CART MEMBERS / \$55 FOR COURSE MEMBERS

GOLF COURSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

18 HOLES W/CART

MENS, LADIES & MIXED FOUR-SOME FLIGHTED DIVISIONS

FLAG EVENTS, SKINS, MULLIGANS, RAFFLES, CASH PRIZES

PIZZA AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE FOR PURCHASE—BERNATELLO'S LOTTZA MOTTZA

DINNER TO FOLLOW GOLF AT THE COURSE

CALL THE GOLF COURSE @ **715-536-2529** TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY AS WE ARE LIMITED TO **36** TEAMS

DINNER PROVIDED BY



FORE-SOME CHARITY



Merrill
Golf Club

Happy Birthday



July

- 2 - Dale W. Evert, US Navy
- 3 - Seazon Hanson, Associate
- 3 - Larry Seidl, US Navy
- 5 - Joe Hoppa, USAF
- 6 - Scott Pavlow, USAF
- 9 - Kurt Gray, USMC
- 12 - Catherine Sowinski, US Navy
- 12 - Scott Wanta, Associate
- 13 - Charles Shipway, USAF
- 15 - Cindy Henrichs, Associate
- 16 - Randy Hoppe, US Army
- 16 - Michael Lazaroff, USMC
- 16 - James Mc Fann, US Army
- 16 - Joel Szablewski, US Army
- 17 - Richard Kloppenburg,
US Navy
- 17 - Charles Perez, US Army
- 17 - Nathaniel Stepp, US Navy
- 18 - Austin Harris, Army NG
- 18 - Howard Iwen, US Army
- 18 - Butch Russ, USMC
- 21 - Richard Hubert, USAF
- 21 - Michael Heidigh, US Navy
- 21 - Bryan Thacker, USMC
- 24 - Sue Fenhaus, Associate
- 24 - Allen Hotchkiss, US Army
- 25 - Anastasia Sebourn, Army NG
- 25 - Jason Yonker, US Army
- 26 - Joe Nikolai, Army NG
- 27 - George Webb, USMC
- 28 - Shirley Bickford, USAF
- 29 - Robert Burton, USAF
- 29 - Donald Hildebrandt,
US Army
- 29 - Kevin Krueger, US Army
- 31 - Ray Bender, US Army
- 31 - Don Genrich, Army NG
- 31 - Henry Meverden, US Army

August

- 1 - Rick Beck, USMC
- 2 - Roger Wunsch, US Navy
- 3 - Les Kucksdorf, USAF
- 4 - Tyra Chlebowski, USAF
- 6 - Gary Olson, US Army
- 7 - Thomas Buhs, US Navy
- 7 - James Landowsky, US Navy
- 8 - Sue Rasmussen, US Army
- 10 - Tom Traska, US Navy
- 11 - Dan Brezovar, US Army
- 11 - Greg Brezovar, US Army
- 11 - Vernon Hohn, USAF
- 11 - Jeff Morgan, Army NG
- 11 - Rodney Rein, US Army
- 11 - Roger Zynda, US Army
- 12 - Tom Fust, USMC
- 13 - Vernon Vetterkind, US Army
- 14 - William Fenhaus, Army NG
- 15 - Patricia Cota, US Army
- 15 - Thomas Oliva, USMC
- 15 - Jacob Petterson, US Army
- 15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
- 16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
- 17 - Lynda Fust, Associate
- 17 - Roger Kohn, USMC
- 17 - Kent Wesner, US Army
- 18 - Clarence Guralski, USAF
- 18 - Felix Lucero, USCG
- 19 - Lloyd Borgh, US Army
- 19 - Jim Whitehead, US Army
- 20 - Jeff Dehnel, US Army
- 20 - Jeffery Oelke, US Army
- 20 - Kevin Zahurones, Army NG
- 21 - Ron Detert, US Navy
- 22 - Daniel Paul, USAF
- 22 - Charlie Sapp, US Army
- 23 - Jason Rumbaugh, US Army
- 24 - Bernie Knippel, USAF
- 24 - Edward Marek, USAF
- 24 - Arleigh Utecht, US Army
- 25 - Cathie Morgan, Associate

- 25 - Jack Treu, USMC
- 26 - Edward Benzing, US Navy
- 26 - David Campbell, US Army
- 27 - Gregory Falkowski, USAF
- 27 - Vicki Harness, Associate
- 27 - Kraut Kersemeier, USAF
- 29 - Robert Hood, USMC
- 31 - Brian Heier, US Navy

The birthday winners who attended the special meeting on May 30th received \$25.00 each. For May was Jamie Brendemuehl USMC, and for June was John H. Fust US Army.

There were 3 members who won \$84.00 each for the cash raffle drawings. They were Don Master-son US Army, Ken Wilcox US Army and Ron Jones US Army.

Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 2 new member in our society which brings it to a total of 523. Let's welcome them:

Denise Boehm, Associate
Theodore A. Sueck, 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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Elaine Hanson, 82, died May 26, 2020 as a result of an automobile accident.



Elaine was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hanson family.

Geraldine Voight, 88, passed away peacefully at Applewood of New Berlin on June 23, 2020.



Geraldine was the sister to Mark Lyon Man of Honor member.

You have our deepest sympathies on the death of your sister.

Coming Events:

July 11, 2020 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

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

July 25, 2020 - Man of Honor Golf Tournament at Trapp River with dinner at our clubhouse after.

Showtime 8:30 a.m., tee time at 9:00 a.m. Cost will be \$60 per person or \$240 per team.

When paying pay for the entire team. No checks please. Deadline to pay for your team is July 11th. Our next scheduled meeting.

Contact: Mouse at 715-571-1337 or Bernie at 715-803-8039.

September 12, 2020 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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 May and June 2020.

Repairs	\$1000.00
Plumbing repair	\$478.75
Rent	\$350.00
Rent	\$1674.00
Funeral, Elaine Hansen	\$500.00
Rent	\$1100.00
TOTAL this period	\$5012.75

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE
2020 \$15,716.72

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE
2019 \$16,547.68

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

Scholarships Awarded 2020

Written by Ron Jones, Scholarship Chairman

We are so proud to award 9 scholarships this year.

These are awarded to our member's daughters and sons or grandchildren, and also to our affiliate's as well.

Maria Esker, DC Everest attending UW Madison . Granddaughter of John Krukowski

Alexander Stumpner, DC Everest, attending U of Minnesota, Grandson of Ken Rupe

Paige Streveler, DC Everest, attending UW Milwaukee, Granddaughter of Gary Luebbe

Alayna Knapp, TABB High School, attending Wm and Mary College, Granddaughter of Rod Ostrowski

Cade Maple, Mosinee High, attending UW St. Point, Daughter of Jessica Maple

Micah Hendrickson, Wausau East, attending NCTC, son of John Heck and Courtney Drake-Heck

Trinity Foster, Wausau West, attending UW River Falls, Granddaughter of Ken Rupe

Alissa Wolff, Wausau West. attending UW Green Bay, Daughter of Peter Wolff

Abby Schilling, Wausau West, attending UW St. Point, Granddaughter of Tom Fust

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THESE FINE STUDENTS AND
BEST OF LUCK TO ALL OF
YOU!!!