

Newsletter Man-of-Honor Society

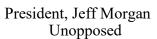
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2020 Nominees for MOH Office

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

The following will be on the November 14th election ballot for the office indicated. Term of office will be from January 2021 to December 2022. You may vote anytime between 1200 to 1300. The results of the election will be announced during the meeting.







Secretary, Bernie Knippel Unopposed



Sgt at Arms, John S. Fust Unopposed

Man of Honor Meeting

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

Man of Honor meeting at 1300 hours, 14 November 20 at the clubhouse. Voting for the President, Secretary, and Sgt at Arms will start at 1200 hours. There will be no lunch at the meeting. We ask that masks be worn unless you feel totally uncomfortable and cannot wear one. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Members Pick Up Ham Friday, 12/4/2020

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

Man of Honor members and associate members can receive a ham. If you are a husband/wife team, do you need two? The Clubhouse will be open Friday, December 4th, from 1600 to 1800 hours, 4 till 6 p.m. There will be NO members receiving hams on Saturday morning unless you stand in line like the other veterans.

Ham Giveaway on December 5, 2020

Written by Jeff Morgan

Ham Giveaway will be at Marathon Park Midway this year on December 5th. Starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp. The setup will be between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. There will be contactless drive up for the veterans to receive their ham in 3 lanes. Veterans stay in their vehicles, have the proper DD214 or etc. and then they are on their way.

Veterans Day

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

Veterans Day Ceremonies will be held at Bunkers. The Ceremony is going to be held outdoors because of COVID-19 threat. Bunkers doors will be open for restroom use only. There will be no luncheon served at Bunkers. The program will start at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday November 11, 2020.

The newsletter will be published every two months.

Submit any articles in writing to: ricrosiecarr@charter.net or Rosie Carr 715-571-9620

Vicki Harness, Photographer 715-581-8452

Letter from the Prez

Jeff Morgan SFC E7, ARNG, Retired

Hello everyone.

So it starts. October 16th there is frost on the pumpkins and a few flakes of snow in the air. I am definitely not ready for winter this early and all the fun things that comes with it.

September 27th was Gold Star Mothers Day. American Legion Post 492 took on the task of raising the monies needed to have a statue built, shipped to and placed at Veterans Park in Rothschild where it was unveiled that day. At least 16 people from Post 492 had a hand in that endeavor. Well done Post 492. I'll have the story in this newsletter.

Since our last membership meeting, it has been a whirlwind of activity at the clubhouse. One Saturday morning there was a small army of helpers on hand and the pole building (storage shed) was cleaned out and reorganized. No small job for sure. Thanks to all who used a lot of muscle power that day. Thanks to John Fust Jr. for taking charge of that.

David Nowak tore out the old front steps, leveled dirt, built forms and poured concrete for the new ones with the help of Zilisch Asphalt and Morgan Sand & Gravel.

Jerry's Painting got the job of pressure washing the clubhouse. A few days later the crew came

back with boom trucks and sprayers in hand ready to give the building a fresh coat of paint. Looks good.

Bob's Electric ran wires up and over the ceiling over to the west meeting room for much needed electrical outlets.

From heavy equipment projects to pushing a paintbrush and tieing electrical wires together, the jobs are getting done and done well. Thank you one and all. Progress is being made.

Other points of interest upcoming: Our annual Ham Giveaway, December 5th, at Marathon Park Midway, Christmas & Awards Banquet, New Member Orientation, our election results and much more to discuss at your meeting. See you there.

At the time I wrote this, I am sad to say their will not be Wreaths Across America at King Veterans Cemetery. More info at the meeting.

More bad news. Never Forgotten Honor Flights "so far" are also cancelled for the near future.

Good news? Maybe it will warm up for the month of November. Keep your fingers crossed. This early cold and snow are bad enough. I will see you at the meeting. Thank you all for what you do to help maintain the best veterans support organization around.

God bless you and the United States.

Integrity - Honor - Concern

Register for Awards & Christmas Banquet

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

Rosie Carr will have a reservation table setup at the November 14th meeting for anyone who would like to pay in advance for the Awards & Christmas Banquet.

If you would like to make reservations for a Hotel room, call Quality Inn at 715-842-1616 and ask for the block of rooms under Man of Honor, Ric Carr.

We are still looking for members or spouses who are willing to help out with the games for about an hour, please contact Rosie Carr at ricrosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620.

Anyone who is willing to donate a Christmas gift for the games, it would be appreciated. We are looking for candles, candy baskets or small baskets of any kind, gift cards, booze or wine, any guy items, and whatever you can think of. Please bring the items to the November 14th meeting or call Rosie Carr 715-571-9620.

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

Improvement to the Clubhouse



Written by Bernie Knippel, Ret, USAF, E-8 First Sgt

Dave Nowak took on a project that was long overdue. Replacing the front steps to the entrance way of our clubhouse would be no easy task. He handled it with no



problems. Dave, owner of Nowak Contract Finishing coordinated the entire project with Morgan Concrete and Zilisch Asphalt of Ringle who donated materials needed to complete the project. The results of all of Dave's efforts was a safer and much better looking walkway into the clubhouse. A special thanks to Morgan Concrete and Zilisch Asphalt for donating materials needed to complete the job. The Man of Honor is very proud of the work that Dave did for all of us and we certainly appreciate all of his efforts.

A Note By Bernie Knippel

Written by Bernie Knippel

Lots of work being done inside the clubhouse. All the offices have been reorganized and looking good. John and Charlie Sapp did a great deal of re-wiring the back room (west side), fixed some doors and we threw away things that needed to go. I painted the room and John

Fust Jr and I put in the baseboard. The kitchen has a new stove that was needed badly and the old fridge was taken out. Gerri Knippel spotted the stove at a garage sale and we jumped all over it as the price was great. Don Masterson and I painted the kitchen and it looks nice and bright and clean. Tom Fust is replacing the window in the kitchen which also brightens things up. We also want to thank Bob's Electric for donating several days of work doing some of the complicated wiring. Thanks to everyone in our effort to make the clubhouse a better place to be.

More Improvements to the Clubhouse

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

This is an ongoing list of projects that are either completed or are still being worked on. I may have overlooked some and possibly missed the names of people who have been working on these projects. Thanks to all involved. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Back Shed - Reorganized.

<u>Upstairs eastside storage</u> - Cleaned out and reorganized <u>Upstairs west storage</u> - Cleaned out and reorganized <u>East side glass door</u> - Rib Mt Glass, John & Charlie Sapp

East side door closer hardware - John Sapp

Weather seal big door west side - Sapp's

Eastside lounge meeting room - Tear out old bar

Extra electric runs - Bob's Electric

New heat registers -

Rain gutters cleaned out - Last year Paint -

<u>Utility closet</u> - Cleaned out, reorganized - Bernie & Company

<u>Kitchen cupboards</u> - Cleaned out, reorganized - Gerri Knippel and Rosie Carr

<u>Paint</u> - Bernie Knippel and Don Masterson <u>New water meter</u> - Wausau Water Works <u>Paint building outside</u> - Jerry's Painting New steps - Dave Nowak

Hand railing -

<u>Concrete donated</u> by Morgan Sand & Gravel other material by Zilisch Asphalt

20' Ext. Ladder donated by Kevin Zahurones Sign work, inside and out by Tom Westermeyer

Gold Star Mothers

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



A little trivia question for you. What is 5'7" tall, only 4 in the United States and 1 is located in Rothschild, WI? Answer: A congressionally approved Bronze Gold Star Mothers Statue.

A while ago, Man of Honor was asked to donate



monies to help American Legion Post 492 in their quest to bring a Gold Star Mothers Statue to their "Veterans Park". With the help of many great business, non-profits, and many other

donors that dream was realized.

Sunday, September 27th, was the official unveiling of the GSM Statue with all the well deserved pomp and circumstances. Man of Honor member, Paul Gwidt and commander of post 492 was emcee for the program. Barb Oelke was on hand to sing our National Anthem and God Bless America. Barb is a good friend of Man of Honor and helps us occasionally with song.



I had every intention to name the members who came to this ceremony, but happily there were more than 2 dozen. So I'll say thank you all.



However, some of our members went above the call. Bill Henrich and Brian Thompson were part of the Color Guard. Thank you.



Billy (Mouse) Kucil, Bob Hood, Jason Housley, Brian Heier, and Brian Housley had the honor of escorting the Gold Star Ladies to their places of distinction. Thank you gentlemen, well done. The whole procession moved quickly and was over in an hour or so.

Rosie Carr worked as our photographer and will have some pictures to enjoy in this newsletter. Thank you, Rosie.

Packer Game at the Clubhouse

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

The Packer game previously planned on November 1st against the Minnesota Viking has been cancelled. Actually our Packer Party is cancelled not the game.

A Spotlight On One Of Our Own

Written by Don Masterson

It is always a pleasure to inform our membership of other members who are going above and beyond in the Man of Honor Society. This issue is no exception as we spotlight David Nowak, the man solely responsible for our new front and rear steps, at our newly painted Clubhouse. What a great job.

David grew up in Wausau and graduated from Wausau West, in 1979. Upon graduation, he joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard and became a member of the 632nd Armor Battalion. Nowak was one of the last guardsmen to be ASVAB tested, physical, and sworn in all at home station, before being sent to training. David went to Fort Knox in Kentucky, for his basic and advanced individual training to become a Calvary Scout. The mission of the Calvary Scout is reconnaissance, security, and the destruction of the enemy. I asked if he brought any samples home from Ft. Knox? He said "alas no" (but not exactly in those words), but he did have the distinction and honor of guarding the vaults. While in the Armor Battalion, David stepped up as he volunteered to become the unit's Recruiting and Retention NCO and later went above and beyond again and became the NBC (nuclear biological and chemical) warfare NCO. This willingness to go above and beyond led Nowak to be nominated for Soldier of the year in 1984. David was part of the 32nd Brigade when it went to Germany in 1986 for Reforger. David has the usual ribbons and decorations but what he is most proud of are the three Sergeant Major awards he earned during his twenty-year Military career.

David has been self-employed in the concrete business for close to thirty years. He has one son, two daughters, and four grandchildren. His favorite past-time is teasing the Grandkids but he states "their catching on"

David told me of plans he has for the front of the parking lot and his ideas to square off the flagpole area. I like that idea. The last time I helped with the flag, John Jr. prevented me from rolling into the

parking lot. Dave's other passion is the Honor Ride. He and Mary Mary are quite the team. They spend countless hours communicating with sponsors, riders, and organizing. Last year over two hundred riders participated, and Dollar Bill told me they raised over seven thousand dollars. As usual, the dynamic duo is already hard at work on the next year's ride with loftier goals in mind.



David, you have demonstrated in your personal life, military career and, with your association with the Man of Honor that you certainly do go above and beyond, qualities we all wish we had. For the great and unselfish work you do for your family, have done for our Nation, and continue to do for our great organization, we salute you and say thank you. You are a true Man of Honor.



Happy Birthday



November

- 1 Joshua Withers, USMC
- 2 Glen Pupp, US Army
- 3 Michael Skains, USMC/USCG
- 4 David Barttelt, US Navy
- 6 DK Sampey, US Army
- 7 Les Huebner, Army NG
- 7 Patrick Krafty, USMC
- 8 Cindi Aasen, US Army
- 8 Marcia Hoard, Associate
- 9 Jerry Fritz, US Army
- 9 Matthew Kuklinski, US Army
- 9 Douglass Myer, US Navy
- 10 John Heck Jr., Army Reserve
- 10 Scott Kreager, US Army
- 10 Al Morasch, US Army
- 11 Dee Dennis, Associate
- 11 Rick Sisterman, USAF
- 12 Andy Schoeder, US Navy
- 13 Kenneth Henkelman, USMC
- 17 Lincoln Mitchell Jr., US Army
- 18 Jason Genrich, US Army
- 20 Mike Thompson, Air NG
- 23 Audrey Narlock-Thayer, US Army
- 24 Rob Bluhm, US Army
- 26 Dale Millard, USMC
- 27 Alice Yonker, US Army
- 28 Gary Moll, US Army
- 29 Christina Dryden, USAF
- 29 Clarence Treu, USAF

December

- 4 Dan Oekle, USAF
- 5 Dave Schillinger, US Army
- 7 John Krukowski, Army NG
- 8 Tom Knetter, USMC

- 8 Randy Rasmussen, USMC
- 9 Larry Hotchkiss, US Army
- 9 Steve Yonker, USMC
- 10 Derrick Laine, US Army
- 10 Gordon Steinke, US Army
- 11 Walter Fredrick, US Army
- 15 Ted Jacobsen, US Army
- 16 Dennis Bell, US Army
- 17 James Light, Associate
- 17 Tim Sanders, US Army
- 18 Don Masterson, US Army
- 18 Richard Wizner, Air Force NG
- 19 Tom Joss, USCG
- 19 Jon Kielman, US Army
- 22 Cher Latimer, US Navy
- 23 Loren Kurth, USCG
- 24 Korin Conner, Army NG
- 25 David Schave, USMC
- 27 Elwyn Parlin, Army NG
- 27 James Wadzinski, US Army
- 28 Jerold Gutknecht, US Army
- 28 Dennis Winter, US Army
- 29 Jeff Krueger, USAF
- 30 Thomas Beese, US Army
- 30 Don Jagoditsh, US Army
- 30 Andrew Krieg, US Army
- 31 Joe Buska, Associate
- 31 Alan Christensen, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the meeting on September 12th received \$25.00 each. For September Allen Maszk Airman First Class, and October was Laurel Schalavin US Army.

There were 3 members who won \$80.00 each for the cash raffle drawings. They were Ron Jones US Army, Jerry Toftum Army Reserve Finance, and Barb Dern Associate.

Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 3 new member in our society which brings it to a total of 510. Let's welcome them:

Dan Oelke, USAF

Jerry Toftum, Army Reserve Finance

Travis Westcott, US Navy

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.

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 September and October 2020.

| Donation, Hatley VFW | \$700.00 |
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| Funeral, Engelson | \$500.00 |
| Funeral, Carr | \$500.00 |
| Rent | \$675.00 |
| Utilities/Food | \$959.56 |
| Utilities/Food | \$735.77 |

TOTAL this period \$4,070.33

Total Year to Date 2020 \$29,443.05

Total Year to Date 2019 \$36,608.55

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

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.

Contact: Rosie Carr ricrosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620

Jake Schneider, 73, of Merrill,



passed away on September 21, 2020 at his home under the care of hospice.

Jake was the brother of Mary Silvis an Associ-

ate member.

You have our sincere condolences on the loss of your brother. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Wallace Gwidt, 81, passed



away on October 20, 2020.

Wallace was a member of the Man of Honor.

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gwidt family.

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

Dale L. Carr, 70, of Wausau



passed away on October 24, 2020 at his home.

Dale was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Carr family.

Coming Events:

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. A ceremony will be held outside at the Veterans Memorial Wall at Bunkers (Formally American Legion Golf Course) in Wausau at 10:30 a.m. Bunkers doors will be open for restroom use only.

Social distancing and masks will be encouraged. No meal will be served due to the current health concerns. If you wish, please bring a lawn chair.

November 14, 2020 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m. Election for the President,

November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving Day.

December 5, 2020 - Ham Giveaway will be at the Midway in Marathon Park this year 9:00 a.m. sharp. The setup time will be between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. to get the hams unloaded and barricades set up. There will be a contactless drive up for their hams in 3 lanes. Veterans stay in their vehicles,

have the proper DD214 or etc. and then they are on their way.

Contact: Bernie Knippel at 715-803-8039.

<u>December 12, 2020</u> - Wreaths Across America at King, WI. Wreath laying was been <u>cancelled</u>.

Contact: Jeff Morgan, President at 715-203-3211.

<u>December 12, 2020</u> - Awards & Christmas Banquet at Mountain View located at Quality Inn at 2901 Hummingbird Road in Rib Mountain.

Invitation is attached.

Contact: Rosie Carr at 715-571-9620.

<u>December 25, 2020</u> - Christmas Day.

<u>December 31, 2020</u> - New Years Eve.

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. Depending on the COVID-19. More details at the November 14th meeting.

Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirt Just Came In

Written by Gerri Knippel

We just got in some more zip up/hooded sweatshirts. We have solid colors (\$25) and camo (\$30). Let one of the officers know if you are interested in one before the meeting. Thanks

Awards & Christmas Banquet



Date: December 12, 2020

Place: Mountain View

2901 Hummingbird Road Rib Mountain, WI 54401



Room Reservation if desired: \$89.00 which includes the veterans discount and no tax. Contact: Quality Inn at 715-842-1616 and make reservation for the block of rooms under Man of Honor, Ric Carr. There will be 15 rooms (7 pool side & 8 on the 1st floor). The deadline date to insure sleeping accommodations is **November 25**, **2020.**

Attire: Casual

Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Buffet: 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Burgundy Beef Tips served with Buttered Egg Noodles, Buttered Corn, Dinner Rolls, Tossed House Salad with Choice of Dressing, Coffee (Regular & Decaf), Iced Tea, Milk, and Dessert.

Awards Program: 7:00 p.m.

Fun Activities: Following the Awards Program - Games with great prizes for those who are interested.

Cost: \$20.00 per person.

Drinks: \$3.50 for domestic beer, rail, wine, Old Fashions all night in the Tamarack Room & free soda.

RSVP: Reservation and money DUE by **November 30, 2020**. Make checks payable to Man of Honor Society.

Mail to: Rosie Carr

223449 Carnation Avenue

Wausau, WI 54401 Or bring the reservation and money at the November 14th meeting.

Payment will NOT be accepted at the Awards & Christmas Banquet!

Those that don't attend the Awards & Christmas Banquet may join in the after activities with their significant other after 8:00 p.m.

| Happy Holidays, Man of Honor Society | | |
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| Name: | Guest Name: | _ |

Return reservation along with cash or check payable to Man of Honor Society, \$20.00 each by November 30, 2020.

<u>Mail to</u>: Rosie Carr 223449 Carnation Avenue Wausau, WI 54401 or bring it to the November 14th meeting.