

# Newsletter Man-of-Honor Society

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#### 2021 Nominees for Man of Honor Office

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

The following will be on the November 13th election ballot for the office indicated. Term of office will be from January 2022 to December 2023. You may vote anytime between 1200 to 1300. The results of the election will be announced during the meeting.





Candidate for Vice President Candidate for Treasurer Bernie Knippel Ken Kohnhorst

# Flag Retirement Ceremony

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director



Flag Retirement Ceremony was held on October 9, 2021 at the clubhouse at 1:00 p.m.



Brad Hanson was there from Channel 9 filming us during the whole ceremony. Brad was so impressed he even joined the Man of Honor. Thanks so much Brad.

Jeff Morgan, President, lead the ceremony along with Paul Missett, Deb Oelke who sang "America the Beautiful" and "National Anthem", taps from Dale Osterbrink, Scout Leader Gene Bahr with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from pack #409. The parents and families of the Scouts were so impressed. Everyone did a tremendous job. Thanks everyone.





(Cont'd on page 3, Column 1, see Flag Retirement)

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!

It's the end of October and the way the leaves are falling it's almost a full-time job trying to pick them up, keeping the rain gutters cleaned out, you know all the fun stuff that has to get done before the white stuff starts to stack up. Tis the season.

Since the September meeting and most of October not too much to report. However, on the 9th of October Man of Honor did a flag retirement. After 2 years we had collected about 300 plus flags. That made for a really hot fire. We had in attendance Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Scout Leaders, Parents, Grandparents, and Man of Honor members. People, all in all I'd say 3 dozen or so and everyone helped. Rosie Carr set it all up and she'll have an article in this newsletter. Thank you for your efforts, nice job. Thanks to all who were there as well.

As you know this meeting is Election Day. The Office of Vice President and the Office of Treasurer will be voted upon. Again, I strongly urge you to make this meeting and cast your vote. Election results will be announced at the meeting. See you there.

Just a brief summary of what's to

come in the next several weeks. In December we have the Ham Give away, Awards and Christmas Banquet, and Wreaths Across America at King, WI.

In January we have the membership meeting, New Member Orientation, and as always a whole lot more to hash over. Come early for a good seat. Thank you all for all you do.

Well, it's about that time to sharpen the cutting edge on the old snow shovel, or maybe just button everything up and head south for the season. Either way that nasty stuff is coming.

God Bless you all and the United States

### **Honor Integrity Concern**



# Register for Awards & Christmas Banquet

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

I will have a reservation table setup at the November 13th meeting for anyone who would like to pay in advance for the Awards & Christmas Banquet.

If you would like a reservations for a Hotel room, call Quality Inn at 715-842-1616 and ask for

the block of rooms under Man of Honor, Rosie Carr, by November 20th.

We are looking for donations of small prizes. It can include gift certificates, small Christmas things, women or men items, or whatever you can think of. We are also looking for Christmas bags. Suggestion: They have many sizes at the dollar store.

We are also looking for large items to put under the Christmas Tree. It could include a Christmas basket, any large Christmas items, or whatever you would like to donate. Any of the items must be new.

We are also looking for bottles of booze or wine for some of the games.

Please bring the items to the November 13th meeting or call Rosie Carr at 715-571-9620 or ricrosiecarr@charter.net

Thanks for all your help.

President:

Jeff Morgan Cell: 715-203-3211

Vice-President:

Dan Rigney Cell: 715-212-1348

Secretary:

Bernie Knippel Cell: 715-803-8039

*Treasurer:* 

Bill Fenhaus Cell: 715-870-1261

Sergeant-at-Arms:

John Fust Jr. Cell: 715-581-6574

(Flag Retirement, Cont'd from Page 1, column 2)

We had a lot of flags to dispose of because of Covid-19. Everyone joined in taking turns disposing of the flags even the members and the Scout parents. It was so nice to see.



We had so many flags that we decided to do this twice a year. One in spring and one in fall, depending on how many flags we receive. If you haven't been to a Flag Retirement Ceremony, please join us next year.







# A Gathering of Flags

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

It seems that every time we had a function where we had to gather our flags for display there was a problem. Some would be left in the van while others were upstairs in the clubhouse and not always easy to get to. Well, that problem has been solved. Tom Rottscheit built a 10 rack flag holder, on rollers, and they are all rolled up neatly, placed on the racks and stored in our club storage room. The flags are easy to get to and easy to identify. He did a very nice job putting this all together and the MOH gives a huge "Thank You" to Tom for making things better for all of us. Nice job Marine.



# Members Pick Up Ham/Turkey Friday December 10, 2021 at the Clubhouse

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

Man of Honor members and associate members can receive a ham/turkey. There is a limit of 1 per family. The Clubhouse will be open Friday, December 10th, from 1600 to 1800 hours (4 till 6 p.m.) There will be NO members receiving hams/turkey on Saturday morning unless you stand in line like the other veterans.

## Ham/Turkey on December 11, 2021

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

Ham/Turkey Giveaway will be on Marathon Park Midway on December 11, 2021. 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 the ham/turkey in 3 lanes. Veterans stay in their vehicles, have the proper DD214 or etc. and then they are on their way.

#### Hard At It

Written by Bernie Knippel, USAF, Ret. E-8 First Sergeant

A very special "Thank You" to Charlie Sapp, Mary Sapp, Rick Falkowski and Jamie Brendemuehl for all the very hard work replacing all the overhead lights and cleaning up the meeting room. Boss Charlie had the guys there for 7 hours working on the lights. Mary did a great job with the flowers all summer long outside of the building. Charlie put everything back in order when the lights were done. The meeting room has such a nice, new look that everyone should give a thanks to all those who made it happen. Really a great job and very much appreciated.

#### **Corvette Club Donation**

Written by Bernie Knippel, Ret. USAF, E-8 Sergeant

Prior to the Packer/Bears game on the 17th we had two visitors join us at the clubhouse. They were Pat

and Lucy McCarthy, members of the Wisconsin Valley Corvette Club. The Corvette Club had raised some money they were willing to donate to help our local veterans in need. The Man of Honor immediately came to mind so Pat made the call and it was all set to go. The Corvette Club donated \$835.00 to



the MOH knowing that we are one of the top units around that help needy veterans. Pat McCarthy (pictured) giving the donation to Vice President Dan Rigney. We appreciate the Corvette's concern for

veterans and the donation was very generous. (Packers won the game).

### **Danny Flores Foundation**

Written by Bernie Knippel, USAF, Ret. E-8 First Sergeant

Ken Petrowski, Chairman of the Danny Flores Foundation presented a check for \$1200.00 to Secretary Knippel for the Man of Honor Society. Ken is the Chairman of the Annual Horseshoe Tournament each year and the foundation raises money to help veterans. Once again, great work by Ken and the Foundation.

# Chuck A Puck October 22, 2021

Written by Brian Thompson



The Wausau Cyclones were nice enough to let the Man Of Honor do Chuck A Puck for one of there hockey games. Brian Thompson and Bob Genrich sold the pucks and the

proceeds of \$186.00 went to the Man Of Honor to help a area veterans. Thanks for the donation. It is greatly appreciated.

#### **Bears Still Suck!**

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

There was a Green Bay Packers vs Chicago Bears game at the clubhouse on October 17th. Packers won 24 to 14. It was a blast!

There were over 30 people at the party. We had several pools going on, and even had the penalty flag. Everyone had such a great time. A few had too much fun. I wonder who that was.

We had 3 large tables of delicious food, hot dishes, fruit salads, dips, desserts and so much more. There was no reason to go away hungry. There was even a Birthday Cake for Laurel Schalavin. Happy Birthday, Laurel.

Vicki Harness, photographer, took several pictures. Thanks Vicki.

Everyone is welcome!

















# A Spotlight On One Of Our Own

Written by Don Masterson

In this issue of the October/November newsletter, the spotlight proudly falls on Ron Keen.

Ron was born in Knowlton, Wisconsin, and later as his family had moved to Wausau he attended Wausau East, the only Wausau High School at the time.

The allure of Vietnam was great to Ron as he quit school and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1970. Ron was sent to Camp Pendleton, California where he completed both phases of his training and earned the Military Occupation of Weapons and Demolition Specialist. By early 1971 Ron found himself in Quang Tri Province just south of the (dmz) demilitarized zone in Vietnam and spent the next ten months there. While in the service Ron was awarded the Good-Conduct, National Defense Ribbons and Marksman Badge, he was also awarded the Vietnam Service Medal w/1\* and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Ron was discharged in 1975.

Upon his return home, Ron worked for the Wausau Department of Public Works for the next fifteen years. After working for the City, Ron earned a degree in Wildlife. At ease, at ease, before you start thinking, is that the greatest degree in the world? I'm speaking of the kind of wildlife that lives outdoors. Ron earned a degree as a Wildlife Biologist through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and worked in both the public and private sectors for the next twenty years in animal damage control and still dabbles in it today. Ron retired in 2010. He joined the Man of Honor three years ago and has not sat still since. He puts the Energizer Bunny to shame. From set up, to take down and put away, this man is busy, always

asking if anyone needs any help until the job is done.

Ron married his lovely wife Lynn in 1991 they have a daughter, granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren. Ron's hobbies are, you guessed it, hunting and fishing and volunteering for the elderly.

Ron, you bring great credit to yourself, your Fam-



ily and your
Country. The
Man of Honor salutes you not only
for what you have
done for our Society, but what you
have done for
your beloved
corps and the lives
of the people you
have touched.



# Happy Birthday



#### November

- 1 Joshua K. Withers, USMC
- 2 Glen Pupp, US Army
- 3 Michael Skains, USMC/USCG
- 4 David J. Barttelt, US Navy
- 6 DK Sampey, US Army
- 7 Les Huebner, Army NG
- 7 Patrick Krafty, USMC
- 8 Cindi Aasen, US Army
- 8 Marcia K. 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 Kenneth Anderson, USMC
- 23 Audrey Narlock-Thayer, US Army
- 24 Rob Bluhm, US Army
- 27 Alice Yonker, US Army
- 28 Gary C. Moll, US Army
- 29 Christina Dryden, USAF
- 29 Clarence Treu, USAF

#### **December**

- 4 Dan Oekle, USAF
- 5 Dave Schillinger, US Army
- 7 Bernie Andraschko, US Army
- 7 John Krukowski Jr., Army NG

- 8 Tom Knetter, USMC
- 8 Randy Rasmussen, USMC
- 9 Larry J. Hotchkiss, US Army
- 9 Steve Yonker, USMC
- 10 Derrick Laine, US Army
- 10 Gordon Steinke, US Army
- 11 Walter J. Fredrick, US Army
- 15 Ted Jacobsen, US Army
- 16 Dennis Bell, US Army
- 17 James N. 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
- 24 Korin Conner, Army NG
- 25 James King, US Army
- 25 David Schave, USMC
- 27 James M. Wadzinski, US Army
- 28 Jerold Gutknecht, US Army
- 28 Dennis Winter, US Army
- 29 Jeff Krueger, USAF
- 30 James L. Busko, USAF
- 30 Don Jagoditsh, US Army
- 30 Andrew Krieg, US Army
- 31 Joe Buska, Associate
- 31 Alan F. Christensen, US Army

Birthday winners who attended the meeting on September 11 received \$25.00 each. For September was Char Goretski, Associate and October was John Cherek, US Navy.

There were 3-50/50 ticket winners each received \$95.00. They were Allen Stober US Army, Dennis Winter US Army and Elgart Baumann US Army.

Thanks for attending.

#### **New Members**

We have 2 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 519. Let's welcome them:

Robert J. Peterson, USAF Wayne E. Vierqutz, US Army

We are always looking for new members to help with 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 Committee

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for September and October 2021.

1.	Appliance	\$1,666.14
2.	Funeral, Fitzke	\$500.00
3.	Rent	\$575.00
4.	Rent	\$511.00
5.	Rent	\$440.00
6.	Utilities/Food	\$1,105.00
7.	Utilities	\$237.23
8.	Wheel Chair Ramp	\$1,192.00

Total Paid this period \$6,226.37

Total paid year to date 2021

\$33,032.50

Total paid year to date 2020

\$29, 443.05

(This is corrected amount from last newsletter.)

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

**Robert M. Fitzke,** 85, passed away August 31, 2021 under the care of Aspirus



Comfort Care and Hospice Services at his home.

Robert was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Fitzke family.

# **Coming events:**

November 11, 2021 - Veterans Resource Fair & Military Honors at Marathon County Historical Society at 410 McIndoe Street in Wausau, WI 54403 at 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Bunker's will be hosting a free meal for veterans on Veteran's Day.

November 13, 2021 - Meeting

at the clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m. Election for Vice President and Treasurer.

 $\frac{November\ 25,\ 2021}{\text{giving Day.}}\ \text{-}\ \text{Thanks-}$ 

December 11, 2021 - Ham/ Turkey Giveaway at Midway in Marathon Park at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Setup time will be between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. to get the hams and turkeys unloaded. There will be a contactless drive up for their ham/ turkey 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 11, 2021</u>- Awards and Christmas Banquet held at Mountain View (Quality Inn) 227201 Hummingbird Road in Rib Mountain. WI at 5:00 p.m.

Invitation attached.

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

<u>December 18, 2021</u> - Wreaths Across America at King, WI. Wreaths laying is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., program is at 11:00 a.m.

If you plan on attending, the MOH van is leaving the clubhouse between 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

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

<u>December 25, 2021</u> - Christmas Day.

<u>December 31, 2021</u> - New Years Eve.

January 8, 2022 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

<u>January 15, 2022</u> - New Member Orientation at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

More details at the January 8th meeting.

# Packer Party November 7, 2021

Written by Bernie Knippel

The clubhouse will be open at noon on 7 Nov 21. There will be a Packer party and the game starts at 3:25 p.m. against Kansas City. Nothing will be cooked at the clubhouse so as always if you like bring a dish to pass or a snack or whatever you like. If you like you may bring your aunts, uncles, or distant relatives as long as they are 21 years old. The pool area will be open for those interested in pool or cards or whatever. Packer pools will be available. The Mouse will be the man behind the serving area for the day.

#### **ATTENTION**

If you have a change of your mailing address, phone, or e-mail address, please contact Rosie Carr at ricrosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620 or Gerri Knippel at any of the meetings.

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

# Awards & Christmas Banquet



Date: December 11, 2021

Place: Mountain View (Quality Inn) 227201 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, Rosie Carr. There will be 20 rooms (10 pool side & 5 Double beds on the 1st floor and 5 King bed on the 1st floor). The deadline date to insure sleeping accommodations is **November 20, 2021.** 

**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.

Games: Following the Awards Program - Fun games with great prizes for everyone. That's if your lucky to

be one the winners.

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, 2021**. 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 13th meeting.

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

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

Happy Holidays, Man of Honor Society

Name:	Guest Name:

Return reservation along with cash or check payable to Man of Honor Society, \$20.00 each by November 30, 2021.

Mail to: Rosie Carr 223449 Carnation Avenue Wausau, WI 54401 or bring it to the November 13th meeting.