



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Special Salute from the President and the MOH Officers

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



Introducing one of the hardest working ladies the MOH is honored to have as one of our Associate Members. We are speaking of course about Gert Krukowski. Gert just became a member in 2016 but her volunteer work goes way back in time. During the 2016 raffle

Gert spent many hours working in our food area and was there to do whatever had to be done, when it had to be done. She is a no nonsense individual and has one goal in mind when a task is at hand – Get ‘er Done. When our last Christmas party rolled around, Gert volunteered to help set up the event even though her and her husband John were unable to attend. She is a sincere lady and a pleasure to work with. Gert is also a very vocal person and getting her point across to others who need guidance is never an issue. (I personally feel Gert would make an excellent First Sergeant in the Military). She is very loyal and dependable and strongly believes in the MOH goals which are to help raise funds to assist Veterans and their families in need. The MOH Society appreciates all she has accomplished in the past and looks forward to working with her in the future. Gert Krukowski, the MOH could not ask for a more loyal member in our

society. Once again, we thank you for always being who you are and all you have accomplished, and we are very proud to call you ‘A TRUE MAN OF HONOR’.

MOH Pool Tournament 2017

Written by Jim Fust, Committee Chairman

March 18, 2017 was the day highly anticipated by some of the areas best pool players: The 2017 Man of Honor Pool Tournament!!

As usual, the tournament was held at The Eagles Club again. The support by the entire staff, once again, was outstanding! From setting up the tables to providing support in every area was absolutely fantastic.

This was obviously a MOH sponsored event with committee members comprised of myself, (Jim Fust), Andy Schoeder, Todd Wold and Ted Williams. Half of the entry fees (\$600.00 cash) was to go back to the MOH coffers. However, an Executive decision was made by the MOH officers to give 12 raffle tickets back to the participants in the tournament through a drawing instead. So . . . 12 of the 60 8-ball sharpshooters went home with a chance to win in the upcoming Man of Honor Society’s annual fundraising raffle in June 2017!! Great decision by the Officers!! There were many other raffles held as well: a few 50-50 raffles made a few dollars for the MOH and lucky individuals; baskets made by Bev Bain were a hit as usual; a pool cue was donated by Jim Light; gift certificates donated by “Woody”

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**Letter
from the
Prez**



**Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired**

Hello everyone! As it's been said, April showers bring May flowers, but holy cow enough already. April has been more of a Monsoon season. Anyway, by the time this goes to print, lawns will have been mowed a few times and golf courses are open. All the "nice weather" things are starting to happen.

As usual, when I start my part of the newsletter I go backwards starting out with what has taken place since our last membership meeting. Man of Honor has certainly been very busy even before the snow was gone. Forming raffle committees, placing orders for food, refreshments, and raffle prizes. The list goes on and so does the work.

One week after our membership meeting, MOH hosted it's annual Pool Tournament at the Eagles Club. I would like to say "Thank You" to the Eagles Club, their employees and volunteers who work very hard so we can have a good time with not only some of our pool shooting members but the general public as well. Good time had by all. Chairman, Jim Fust, will have an article and pictures for us. Thanks Jim and to your committee for setting this event up and running it. Thanks again to the Eagles Club!

That takes care of the highlights

for March so on to April. This month has been quiet as well, with one main event to report. That is the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. April 24th Veterans boarded a plane at CWA in Mosinee to visit the Memorials built in their honor in D.C. Man of Honor member Ron Worthey was on that flight. Welcome home, hope it was a good experience for you. Thanks to the nine people who made the effort to be at the airport to welcome our veterans home.

Well, that about covers things on the outside, now on the inside. **RAFFLE TICKETS, VOLUNTEERS, HELP !!!!!** Raffle tickets, it would seem that tickets sales are brisk. If you have tickets to sell, **SELL THEM!** If you sold yours, thank you, and if you need more your Clubhouse is open Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday from 11-1 p.m. each and every week until "Last Call".

VOLUNTEERS! If you're not on any raffle committee, we still need your help in bringing in items for basket raffles, booze wagon, kids games, and 50/50 drawings. Your imagination, or the sky is the limit as to what can be put to use. As you know, the 13th of May is our next meeting. From that day, the 13th, until June 7th we'll have just 26 days to gather and put together the baskets, food, games, tie up all loose ends and etc. Just 26 days to sell the remaining tickets and turn in stubs and money. All in all we are in pretty good shape,

but there's still a sense of urgency. You know, no rest for the weary. Let's get'er done so we, Man of Honor, can boast of yet another year of helping our veterans.

Thank you for what you all do!! See you at the meeting. We have lots to talk about. Busy times ahead!

God bless you and the United States!

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CONCERN**

Update on Raffle Tickets

Written by Bill Fenhaus, Treasurer

Raffle tickets sales and turn in are going well with 872 turned in as of April 29th, compared to 517 same date last year. **GOOD JOB** and continue to sell. If you need more, there is limited amounts left.

Reminder, **ALL** tickets, sold or unsold, need to be turned in no later than 1300 hours on June 3rd.

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and Gary, The Jim, Jim's Corner Pub; a cooler full of meat from Country Meats donated by Patti Burby was a huge money maker. Others who donated were Whiskey River, Hoffman House Bar or "Bourbon Street". Corned Beef and Cabbage (keeping up with the St. Patrick's Day tradition) was made and donated by Sheila Fust. A special thanks goes to Barb, Patti Burby's mom, who served the delicacy all day and to Brian Thompson for doing all the raffle stuff. Great job . . . Again Brian!

A huge thanks goes out to Andy, Teddy, and Todd the committee members I mentioned above. These guys did an outstanding job once again. Andy did most of the work by preparing the brackets for the tournament. He pretty much ran the tournament once March 18th rolled around. Even Bernie, our secretary got into the action once again this year by updating the brackets and helping Todd and Teddy assign players to tables.

The winners for the 2017 MOH Pool Tournament are:



1st place went to James Light and Todd Rhineschmidt.



2nd place honors went to Brad (Woody) Woodward and his partner Gary.



3rd place went to Danko and Sonoy. Congratulations!

One last huge thanks go to all the participants. We hope you enjoyed this tournament. To all those who donated prizes and those that donated their time a very special thank you. Eagles Club, a wonderful job by all. Thank you.

On behalf of the committee members and MOH Officers thanks for supporting your Man of Honor Society and we will see you next year!

Why Did Mr. Rogers Wear A Sweater?

Captain Kangaroo passed away on January 23, 2004 at age 76,

which is odd, because he always looked to be 76 (DOB: 6/27/27). His death reminded me of the following story.

Some people have been a bit offended that the actor, Lee Marvin, is buried in a grave alongside 3 and 4-star generals at Arlington National Cemetery. His marker gives his name, rank PVT and service USMC. Nothing else. Here's a guy who was only a famous movie star who served his time, why the heck does he rate burial with these guys?

Well, following is the amazing answer:



I always liked Lee Marvin, but didn't know the extent of his Marine Corps experiences. In a time when many Hollywood stars served their country in the armed forces often in rear echelon posts where they were carefully protected, only to be trotted out to perform for the cameras in war bond promotions, Lee Marvin was a genuine hero. He won the Navy Cross at Iwo Jima. There is only one higher Naval award ... the Medal of Honor!



If that is a surprising comment on the true character of the man, he credits his sergeant with an even greater show of bravery.

Dialog from "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson":
His guest was Lee Marvin...



Johnny said, "Lee, I'll bet a lot of people are unaware that you were a Marine in the initial landing at Iwo Jima .. and that during the course of that action you earned the Navy Cross and were severely wounded."

"Yeah, yeah... I got shot square in the bottom and they gave me the Cross for securing a hot spot about halfway up Suribachi. Bad thing about getting shot up on a mountain is guys getting shot hauling you down. But, Johnny, at Iwo, I served under the bravest man I ever knew... We both got the Cross the same day, but what he did for his Cross made mine look cheap in comparison. That dumb guy actually stood up on Red beach and directed

his troops to move forward and get the hell off the beach.. Bullets flying by, with mortar rounds landing everywhere and he stood there as the main target of gunfire so that he could get his men to safety. He did this on more than one occasion because his men's safety was more important than his own life.

That Sergeant and I have been lifelong friends. When they brought me off Suribachi we passed the Sergeant and he lit a smoke and passed it to me, lying on my belly on the litter and said, "Where'd they get you Lee?" "Well Bob.... if you make it home before me, tell Mom to sell the outhouse!"

Johnny, I'm not lying, Sergeant Keeshan was the bravest man I ever knew. The Sergeant's name is Bob Keeshan. You and the world know him as Captain Kangaroo."



On another note, there was this wimpy little man on PBS, gentle and quiet.

Mr. Rogers is another of those you would least suspect of being anything but what he now portrays to our youth.

But Mr. Rogers was a U.S. Navy Seal, combat-proven in Vietnam

with over twenty-five confirmed kills to his name. He wore a long-sleeved sweater on TV to cover the many tattoos on his forearm and biceps.

He was a master in small arms and hand-to-hand combat, able to disarm or kill in a heartbeat.



After the war Mr. Rogers became an ordained Presbyterian minister and therefore, a pacifist. Vowing to never harm another human, he also dedicated the rest of his life to trying to help lead children on the right path in life. He hid away the tattoos and his past life and won our hearts with his quiet wit and charm.

America's real heroes don't flaunt what they did. They quietly go about their day-to-day lives, doing what they do best. They earned our respect and the freedoms that we all enjoy. Look around and see if you can find one of those heroes in your midst. Often, they are the ones you'd least suspect, but would most like to have on your side if anything ever happened.

Take the time to thank anyone that has fought for our freedom. With encouragement, they could be the next Captain Kangaroo or Mr. Rogers.

Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

Written by James Bittner, SFC Army National Guard

The Man of Honor Society recognizes John Steve Krukowski as our Spotlight recipient for April - May 2017.

John was born on 1 MAR 41. He was raised in the Town of Guenther till the age of sixteen. His family then moved to the City of Wausau. John graduated from Wausau Senior High and although he did not attend college, John began his "degree in life" when he enlisted in the Army on 30 JAN 62. John's MOS of Supply Specialist at Fort Leonard Wood, MO was short lived. A transfer to Germany showed a knack for vehicle maintenance, triggering a job change to 63C, General Vehicle Mechanic. He served in that capacity for 4 years.

Sgt Krukowski was transferred back to the States for 6 months and then shipped to Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam where he served for 13 months. He mainly taught personnel in Truck Driving and went on Command Maintenance and Material Inspections of other units. When his tour of duty was over, he returned to the States and ETS'd on 29 JAN 69, serving a total of 7 years.

John joined the Wisconsin National Guard, Wausau, WI in August 1978 as a 63S, Heavy Wheel Vehicle Mechanic and also as a 63N, M60A1/A3 Tank Systems Mechanic. He retired in August 1993, at the rank of Sergeant First Class. While he was in the Guard, his civilian job was at Precision Body and Frame, Wausau WI for 20 plus years, retiring in March 2001.

SGT Krukowski's medals and awards include two Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3rd award) and the Expert Rifle Badge.

John and his wife Gert have four children - Mary, Patti, John Jr and Linda. They have given them eight Grandchildren.

In his spare time, John likes to fish, hunt, golf and use his green thumb gardening.

SFC (R) John Krukowski joined the Man of Honor Society in March 2012. We are very fortunate to have this dedicated individual in our group. John is reliable, generous with his time and can always be

counted on to assist with any projects or events of the MOH.

John has served his family, country and state with great honor. The Man of Honor society thanks you for your dedicated and loyal service.



Rest In Peace



*Written by Rosie Carr,
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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.

Jerome R. "Jerry" Zdano-



vec, 75, died on February 25, 2017 at Mount View VA Hospice Care Center.

He was a MOH Member.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Zdanovec family.

John Hagenbucher, 78, of



Wausau died on Monday, February 27, 2017 at Atrium Acute Care Center under the care of Ministry Home Care Hospice.

He was a MOH Member.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Hagenbucher family.

John Victor Mackie, Jr., 63, passed away March 3, 2017 at East Houston Regional Medical



Center in Houston, Texas.

John is the brother of Cindy Henrichs (husband Bill Henrichs a MOH member).

Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.

MOH Scholarship

Written by Ron Jones

I am very pleased and excited to announce our scholarship recipients for 2017!!!

This is our first year and I didn't know what to expect, but it certainly was a homerun for MOH and the kids and grandkids.

Our recipients are:

1. Brooke Streveler, granddaughter of member Gary Luebbe.

Brooke is graduating from DC Everest and attending UW Stevens Point.

2. Melissa Nieuwenhuis, granddaughter of member Dale Richmond.

Melissa is graduating from DC Everest and attending UW Marathon county

3. Emily Gwidt, granddaughter of member Tom Fust.

Emily is graduating from Wausau West and attending UW Platteville.

4. Katelynn Schilling, granddaughter of member Tom Fust.

Katelynn is graduating from Wausau West and attending UW Stevens Point or Marion College.

5. Alex Nelson, son of member Steve Nelson.

Alex is graduating from Wittenberg-Birnamwood and attending UW Madison

6. Michael Nelson, son of member Steve Nelson.

Michael is graduating from Wittenberg-Birnamwood and attending UW Madison

Congratulations to all these fine students!!!!

MOH is very proud of you all and glad we could help you further your education.

Funds Committee Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for March and April 2017.

Auto Repair	\$200
Auto Repair	\$500
Food	\$200
Food	\$200
Food/sundries	\$275
Funeral	\$200
Funeral	\$200
Gas/med expense	\$500
House payment	\$809.59
Rent	\$325
Rent	\$750
Rent	\$389.70
Rent	\$690
Rent	\$750
Rent	\$700
Rent/Auto repair	\$820
Visas/member children	\$820

Total paid this period \$8,349.29
Total year to date - \$10,238.58
Total for 2016 \$9,054

**Happy
Birthday**



May

- 1 - Paul Missett, USMC
- 4 - Gary Albrecht, US Navy
- 4 - Ed Fecteau, USMC
- 4 - John Schranz, USMC
- 5 - Lyle Bricko, US Army
- 5 - Allan Stober, US Army
- 6 - Michael Blank, US Army
- 6 - Bill Buttke, USMC
- 6 - Joe Hanke, USMC
- 7 - Jeremy Argiro, US Army
- 7 - Terry Schmidt, US Navy
- 8 - Brett Dintelman, US Army
- 9 - Jeffrey Dahl, USMC
- 9 - Lyle Royce, US Army
- 9 - Howard Woods, US Army
- 12 - Dennis Holzem, US Army
- 13 - Jamie Brendemuehl, USMC
- 14 - Ben Chrusniak, USMC
- 14 - Bill Henrichs, Associate
- 15 - Jose Benitez, USAF
- 15 - Larry Gresinske, US Army NG
- 15 - Connie Masterson, Associate
- 19 - James Gauerke, Sr., US Army
- 21 - Wayne Allen, Associate
- 21 - Ray Mc Sherry, US Navy
- 22 - Jack Pettit, USAF
- 22 - William Spain, Associate
- 23 - Janet Modrzejewski, Associate
- 24 - Lamont Bonham, USMC
- 24 - Cliff Goldade, USMC
- 25 - Charles Sanders, USMC
- 25 - Peggy Wold, Associate
- 26 - Greg Davis, US Navy
- 26 - John Huber, US Army

- 28 - Kurt Lis, USMC
- 28 - Dennis Ostrowski, Army Reserve
- 28 - Wendy Schneider, Associate
- 31 - Rosie Carr, Associate

June

- 2 - Ken Amundsen, US Navy
- 4 - Mike Reynolds, US Army
- 5 - Troy Buska, US Army
- 5 - Travis Floyd, US Army
- 6 - Roger Howard, Associate
- 6 - Julie Myer, US Navy
- 6 - Deborah Zahurones, Associate
- 8 - Ronald Hintze, USAF
- 8 - Gert Krukowski, Associate
- 8 - Kathy LaMere, US Navy
- 8 - Michael Stahnke, US Army
- 9 - Dave Becker, US Army
- 9 - Scott Gress, USAF
- 9 - Robert Fitzke, US Navy
- 10 - Chuang Chen, USMC
- 10 - Jim Campbell, USMC
- 10 - Elmer Engel, US Army
- 11 - John Sapp, US Army
- 12 - Jeff Soukup, US Army
- 12 - Stanley Zyduck, US Army
- 13 - Jesse Fink, US Army
- 13 - Duane Hofstetter, USAF
- 14 - Jim Neitzke, US Army
- 15 - John S. Fust, US Army
- 15 - Susan Gartmann, Associate
- 16 - Guy Mockler, US Navy
- 16 - Jerry Petrowski, Army Reserve
- 16 - Edward Raasch, USAF
- 16 - James Thompson, USAF
- 17 - Julie Mahr, Army Reserve
- 19 - Orville Crochiere Jr., US Army
- 20 - Richard Clendenen, Army Reserve

- 24 - Wallace Gwidt, US Army
- 25 - Larry Vinson, US Navy
- 25 - Richard Zygarlicki, US Navy
- 28 - Ken Schauer, US Army
- 29 - Elgart Baumann, US Army
- 29 - Ron Carpenter, US Army
- 29 - Dale Richmond, US Army
- 29 - Aneila Rigney, Associate
- 30 - Larry Andreski, Associate
- 30 - Ernest Clark Sr., USAF

The birthday winners who attended the March 11th meeting for \$25 for March was Jim Fust, USAF who donated it back to the MOH and for April was Ric Carr, US Army. The winner for the 50/50 drawing of \$250 was Aaron Masterson, US Army. Five individuals won a \$50 raffle ticket with the other half of the 50/50 money. Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have four new members in our society which brings it to a total of 407. Let's welcome the following:

Charleen Goretski, Associate
Jeff Schilling, Associate
Allan Stober, US Army
Roger Wunsch, 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.

Coming Events:

May 13, 2017 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

May 22, 2017 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA. Arrive at 8:30 p.m.

Uniform: white shirt and white hat.

May 27, 2017 - Memorial Day Parade. Set up will be at 9:45 a.m. with a start time at 10:45 a.m. at Marathon Park.

Uniform: white shirt, white hat, black pants, and black shoes.

May 29, 2017 - Restlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Service. Time 11:00 a.m. Set up time 10:30 a.m. Place: Veterans Field of Honor - on east side of Troy Street, just north of Evergreen Road (Chapel Mausoleum if it rains).

Uniform: white shirt, white hat, black pants, and black shoes.

June 9, 10 and 11, 2017 - Man of Honor Raffle in the big tent behind the Eagles Club 1703 South 3rd Avenue in Wausau, WI 54401. The three day big event of the year with live bands (Friday - Whitehouse Players 6-11 p.m., Saturday - Hyde 6-11 p.m., Sunday - Polish Connection 12-5 p.m.) with plenty of food and beverages. Honor Run and children's games will be held on Saturday only. Raffles, 50/50 drawings,

baskets, booze wagon and more will be held on Saturday and Sunday. The big ticket winners will be drawn at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Starts at noon on Friday and closes at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Signup sheets will be available for bartenders, food servers, grill, fryers, cleanup at the end of day in the food tent, runners and security at the May 13th meeting.

Bring any donation for the raffle such as basket donations, booze for the booze wagon, gift certificates, or other donations to the meeting or you can drop them off on Wednesday between 5-7 p.m. or Saturday between 11-1 p.m. Also, remember to bring in your sold tickets!

June 10, 2017 - Honor Ride, all makes of motorcycles or cars are welcome. Registration at 9-10:30 a.m. at 51 Bar & Grill w/ free breakfast at 1718 Old Highway 51 in Mosinee, WI 54455. The ride will start approximately at 10:30 a.m. 50/50 drawings throughout the ride.

Cost: \$15 for single rider, \$25 with passenger included ride t-shirt and free drink at the MOH Raffle. Ride is approximately 90 miles. Rain or shine!

For more information contact Mary Molder @ 715-297-4105.

June 17, 2017 - There will be an after raffle Appreciation Day for all those who worked at the raffle or were part of this huge event. Those who bought or sold tickets

were also a big part of the raffle. There will be burgers, brats, chips and the beverage of your choice at the Clubhouse starting at noon until 3 or 4 p.m. The officers will assume the duties as cooks, beverage management and clean up.

Stop by if you have the chance.
Jeff Morgan, President

July 8, 2017 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

July 15, 2017 - The MOH Golf Tournament will be at Trapp River. Show time at 9:00 a.m. and tea off time is 9:30 a.m.

9 holes of golf, with a cart, and a Steak Fry at the Clubhouse after. Cost will be \$55.00 per person and limited to the first 18 teams paid, The team cost of \$220, must be paid in full, not individually! If you don't have a team, look around as others may need someone.

You can sign up starting 1 June with Bernie Knippel at 715-803-8039 or Mark Lyon at 715-574-9753.

We are also looking for donations to give away at the dinner, (t-shirts, towels, golf junk, gift card) or whatever. These items may be dropped off at the Clubhouse anytime.

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