

Newsletter Man-of-Honor Society

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Special Salute from the President and the MOH Officers

Written by Bernie Knippel



A nice time to introduce this young lady as we have just finished the annual raffle. There were many baskets at the 2016 Raffle donated by friends as far

away as Minnesota, however, a great many of them were personally donated by Bev Bain, and what a wonderful job she did with them. Bev, an Associate member for only a short period of time, spent a great deal of her time, not only in the basket area but in the selling of our raffle tickets as well. Bev was instrumental in the success of the fund raising Pool Tournament this year as she put some baskets together and people were lined up to buy tickets and a chance to win one. A compliment itself. Bev is without question a firm believer in the MOH cause which is evident by the

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work she continues to do for the MOH all year. She spent many hours of her time working at the raffle this year and was always there when you needed her. She's a very kind hearted lady and always eager to do what she can for the society. Bev Bain, you are very special and we are proud to have you as one of our members. For all you do, we salute you and you are a 'TRUE MAN OF HONOR."

2016 Golf Tournament

Written by Bernie Knippel, Golf Tournament Chairman

A beautiful day, great friends and visitors and a great golf tournament. The "Bernified System" took its toll on several teams and once again the best scores because of the system used did not necessarily win. Hole number 3 was drawn and several teams who had birdies on hole 1 and 2 found out they were tossed out. Fair system. Winners were:



<u>A Flight</u> - L to R: Carson Fust, Andy Emmerick, Beau Emmerick and John Fust Jr.



<u>B Flight</u> - L to R: Ric Carr, Rosie Carr, Julie Rybacki and Keith Rybacki



<u>C Flight</u> - L to R: Gary Marquart, Kevin Bavido, Tiffany Schmidt and Kevin Tacker

Long Drive for Men went to Aaron Masterson, for women, Tilly Jessen, closest to the pin on number 7 was Al Luebbe and on number 9 was Al (mini mouse) Kucil. Long putt on hole number 8 was made by the famous Dave Bain. Nice work all. Trapp River was more then generous on the Hole Event Certificates that they donated to our event and Steve and Paul were great hosts.

After golf everyone headed to the clubhouse where Gerri Knippel had sandwiches and chips

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Letter from the *Prez....* Jeff Morgan SFC E7, ARNG, Retired

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again, where did the summer go? I hope you all had and are still having a fun time getting away from it all, be it sitting in the shade on a swing or rippling up the water up north at the cottage, or just enjoying family or friends before school starts or your vacation is over. I can say it's been non stop around our house.

Let's start with one week after the July meeting. MOH had our annual golf outing at Trapp River Golf Course. Chairman Bernie will have a article with full details I'm sure.

On July 20th MOH Officers met with the Marathon County Tavern League Vice President Nancy and her husband Jim Prahl. Vice President Nancy presented MOH with a check for \$750.00! We needed to get a photo and a thank you note in the paper to receive matching funds from Wisconsin State Tavern League Association, you may have seen the article in the paper. That \$1,500.00 donation was/is greatly appreciated. Thank You!!

On to August. Fair week, once again MOH proudly presented the colors prior to Friday nights opening performance. The VFW stand was at full capacity with bartenders going steady insuring all had a cold refreshment. MOH Flag Detail accepted the VFW's

invitations to a 'cold one'. Thanks to the VFW and the people on our flag line.

Also, on Friday the 5th we had some very sad news, member Joseph "Joe" McGrath passed. His daughter, Elizabeth, called me to say her father had passed due to complications after surgery he had a few days earlier. See the obituary and more info in the newsletter. Rest in Peace, Joe!

On the 13th of August there was the MOH Fun Run. Organized and executed by Mary Mulder and Dave Nowak. What a great job they did making it work. Thank you, I know it's hard work. I think they will have a paragraph or two about the ride.

Other news. The MOH van is having repairs on the heating and air conditioning unit. The work tors. I know they'll do a great job all there! for us. More headlines are events that are going to happen but because of newsletter deadlines and the fact the 1st Lady and I will be God bless you and the United States. gone goof-n-off for a few days, I have very limited info to share with you. Maybe at the membership meeting and/or the next newsletter.

On August the 20th, Fill A Back-Pack Fill A Need will happen with Secretary Bernie as Chairman but Bill Hendrichs and company will be doing all the work. I don't have any names, but I will say thank you to all who volunteered to help Bill. It's a great service to our community. Thanks again.

The 22nd of August is Never Forgotten Honor Flight golf outing at

Greenwood Hills Golf Course. Man of Honor has been donating to NFHF for sometime. A few of us pay our own way to golf in this outing.

As long as we are on this subject, NFHF, the next flight is on the 12th of September and the 10th of October. Hope to see a big turn out of members at the CWA Monday night.

Saturday, August 27th, Marathon Electric is having their golf outing. Organizers of the outing called me to say their proceeds will be donated to the Man of Honor. I'll have to set up a meeting for photos, and so forth on Monday the 29th. Will let you know of the outcome.

Don't forget this September meeting we will be accepting nominations for Officers positions of President, Secretary and Sergeant At Arms. Let's have another big turnout at is being done at Glen-Ray Radia- your membership meeting. See you

> Meantime, be safe and enjoy your summer activities.

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Nominations President, Secretary & Sgt at Arms

Written by Bernie Knippel, MOH Secretary

Nominations for the office of President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms will be taken at the September meeting. Those elected will take office in January 2017 for two years. Current officers and any member may be nominated. Associate members are not eligible to run for office and are not allowed to vote. If you wish to nominate a person for one of these offices, we ask that you speak to the nominee to be sure he/she is ready to accept that position. These positions take up a great deal of a persons time so be ready to accept the challenge. Elections will take place at the November meeting and members must be present to vote.

Marathon County Tavern League presents check to MOH Society of Marathon County

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



On 20 July 2016 Jim and Nancy Prahl (Nancy is Vice President of the Marathon County Tavern League) presented a check for \$750.00 to the Man of Honor (MOH) Society of Marathon County. The donation was greatly appreciated and will in fact be matched by the Wisconsin State Tavern League Association.

The MOH Society is a 501C non profit organization with one objective and that is to help veterans and their families in need. It is organizations like the Tavern League that search for organizations like ours to donate money to and in this case shows their deep concern for all the veterans.

The MOH Society appreciated the generous donation from the Marathon County Tavern League and the fact that the State Tavern League agreed to match the donation makes it even more special. Our thanks to Vice President Nancy Prahl who was very gracious and sincere when presenting the check and also a special thank you to the State Tavern League for all their support. Rest assured the money donated will find a good home for some veteran in need.

MOH Fun Run August 13, 2016

Written by Mary Mulder

A good time was had by all!!!



The weather did not start out to favorably, but ended up being beautiful.

The ride started out at Ricky & Becky's Sunrise on Hwy 52, in which Ricky provided a yummy breakfast for all riders. We're on or way north bound. Our stops were Nut Zee's in Harrison Hills, very curvy scenic route, bottoms up (Tomahawk) lunch stop, T's Roadhouse, I do believe everyone had a full tummy, Rock Island, final stop Cruise Inn 1727, where we did our 50/50, gift certificates and cash prizes. All walked away a winner. Even our President and the first lady were there.

I would like to thank our stops for participating on our ride. It was greatly appreciated.

Fill a Backpack August 20, 2016

Written by Bill Henrichs, Co-Chair

It's the start of another school year. Good for the parents for two reasons, the children get out of the house and the needy families get some needed help from the United Way with Fill A Back Pack Fill A Need for school supplies.

Everything went well this year, the doors were open on time. The weather was wet and the turn out was somewhat slow to begin with. I'm sure things picked up as the weather cleared.

A big thank you to all that helped out, hope I didn't forget anyone and if I did, thank you also. Thanks Donna Gosse, Eddie Pehnjl, Jacob Petterson, Larry Vinson, Sissa Hommerding, Perry

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(Golf Tournament cont'd from page 1) ready to snack on and of course had Lucy Cota ready to serve the beverages. Then Super Chef Teddy Williams did what he does best and began grilling the dinner steaks along with a big help from Jeff Morgan. Myself and Mark Lyon proceeded to give out the prize money and also made sure everyone got a small special gift. Thanks to those who donated these items. Everyone seemed to be extremely pleased with the meal and afterward some had several beverages and the tournament came to an end. A very special "Thank You" to Mark Lyon who spent many hours with me preparing for this special event and thank you to those who helped clean up and put things back in order. Many compliments were made regarding the golf tournament and thank you for that. It was a pleasure to make this great annual event happen.































Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

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

The Man of Honor is very proud to recognize 1st Lt. Al Morasch II as our spotlight for the August/September Newsletter.

Al was born in Wilmington, North Carolina and moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin at an early age. There he graduated from High School in 1965. He later attended college at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh and graduated with a degree in Psychology (with a minor in business) in 1984. Al and his wife of 25 years, Peggy, currently live in Rothschild. He had 35 years in the human resource area and in fact retired from Marathon Electric as the Human Resource Manager in 2013.

Al enlisted in the Army in 1966 and was discharged in 1969 as a SSGT E-6. During that time he went to Boot Camp in Missouri and then to Fort Ord, California to Infantry School. He was transferred to Vietnam where he spent 22 months as an 11 Bravo Infantryman. He was discharged in 1969, re-enlisted in 1971 and attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in 1976 and ended his Army career. His military decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Expert Marksmanship Medal for the M14 and M16.

The word gentleman has Al Morasch written all over it. He is a kind and caring individual and his heart is with the veterans. He joined the MOH 3 years ago and has volunteered to work in many areas and most recently put in many hours at our annual raffle. He is currently Post 10 Commander at the American Legion and also the Marathon County Commander which covers 8 Legion Posts. He is the Chairman of the United Way Homeless Veterans coalition and a member of the Everest Optimist Club. There are few words to describe Al's dedication to the cause of veterans. He is a great man that deserves and

Al Morasch is to be commended for his service to our country. His concern for all veterans goes beyond any expectations. He has brought great credit to his family and to the United States Army. The Man of Honor is very proud to have this fine gentleman as one of our members. Al Morasch - We salute you.

has the respect of all our veterans.





Happy Birthday



September

- 2 Guy Hartl, US Army
- 2 Terrance Schilling, US Army
- 4 Thomas Westermeyer, Associate Member
- 5 Ted Williams, US Army
- 7 Donna Gosse, Associate
- 11 Donald Oelke, NG
- 13 Alan Butalla, USAF
- 13 Russell Keinhofer, USAF
- 13 Dan Toivonen, US Army
- 13 Gerad Winchell, US Army
- 14 Jesse Grieb, US Army
- 16 Wiley Sparks, US Army Special Forces
- 19 Mitch Bottomley, US Navy
- 19 Sean Dean, US Army
- 19 Richard Partridge, US Navy
- 20 Mark Arnett, US Army
- 20 Mike Russ, USMC
- 21 Lani Rethaber, USMC
- 21 James Wilson, US Army
- 22 William Cybula, US Army
- 22 Hank Dehnel, USAF
- 23 Russell L. Allen, US Army
- 23 David Nowak, Army NG
- 23 Brian A. Thompson, US Army
- 24 Craig Tonkin, US Army
- 25 Thomas Beson, USMC
- 25 Doug Hagen, USAF
- 26 Connie Allman, US Army
- 26 Patrick David, US Army
- 26 Lyle Jaegler, US Army
- 27 Gary Luebbe, USMC
- 27 Brad Tonkin, Army NG
- 29 Denis Lang, USAF
- 29 Robert J. Paul, US Army
- 20 Cheryl Reynolds, US Army
- 30 Frank Bohman, US Army

October

- 1 Rebeca Argiro, US Army
- 1 James W. Cherek, US Navy
- 1 Leorin Smith, US Navy
- 1 James Webb, US Navy
- 3 James Palmer, USMC
- 4 James Bittner, Army NG
- 5 Dale Carr, US Army
- 5 Guy Guyette, US Army
- 5 Gregory Mouzon, US Navy
- 6 James Miller, Army NG
- 6 Clifford Nest, US Army
- 7 Keith Cota, US Army
- 7 Daryl Elmer, US Army
- 9 Anthony Kopchinski, US Army
- 9 Aaron Masterson, US Army
- 10 Ralph McNutt, US Army
- 10 Lawrence Peterson, Army NG
- 10 Robert Piotrowski, US Navy
- 11 Don Londerville, US Army
- 12 Joshua LaFave, US Army
- 12 Amy Miller, US Army
- 14 Kim Brandt, US Army/NG
- 15 Joe Klefschmer, NG
- 17 Timothy Gosse, US Army
- 18 Todd Wold, Associate
- 19 Allen Bench, USAF
- 19 Jerry Engevik, US Army
- 24 Jeremy Otto, US Army
- 25 Randy Schulz, Army NG
- 26 Tim Hickman, USMC
- 27 Brian Housley, USAF
- 27 Paul Kern, Army NG
- 27 Rob Peck, US Army
- 28 James Searles, WI ARNG
- 30 Robin Schmid, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the last meeting for \$25 for July was Bryan Thacker, USMC and for August was Kevin Zahurones, Army NG. Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have six new members in our society which brings it to a total of 388. Let's welcome the following:

Laurin Jorstad, USAF Quincy J. Kasper, US Army Perry LaFortune, US Army Lyle R. Royce, US Army John "Buzz" Schranz, USMC James M. Searles, WI ARNG

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 Committee Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid for by the Man of Honor Society from July 9, 2016 to present.

Funds report for this period:

Auto Repairs	\$307
Auto Repairs	\$2,000
Funeral	\$200
Funeral	\$200
Furnace	\$3,885
Rent	\$750
Rent	\$370
Rent	\$540
Rent	\$600
Rent/Food	\$1,500
Utilities	\$696

Total paid this period - \$11,048 Total year to date - \$31,311

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 stepchildren) and siblings. Contact: Rosie Carrricrosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620.

Joe McGrath, 95, passed



away on August 5, 2016. Joe was one of our oldest members of the Man of Honor Society.

Our thoughts and prayers go

out to the family.

John Bittner, 68, of Appleton



died Friday, August 26, 2016.

John was the brother of Jim Bittner, Man of Honor member.

You have our

sincere condolences on the loss of you bother.

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

Coming Events:

<u>September 10, 2016</u> - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

Nomination for officers will be held for President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms. This will be a two year term.

September 12, 2016 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 8:45 p.m. in uniform, white hat, white shirt, black pants and black shoes.

October 10, 2016 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 8:45 p.m. in uniform, white hat, white shirt, black pants and black shoes.

November 11, 2016 - Veterans Day.

November 12, 2016 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m. Election for officers for President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms.

<u>December 3, 2016</u> - Ham Giveaway at 9:00 p.m. More to follow.

<u>December 10, 2016</u> - Wreaths Across America.

<u>December 10, 2016</u> - Christmas party will be held at the Hoffman House from 4:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Music will be "Archives" same as last year. The Christmas Invite will be in the November newsletter with more info.

We are also reserving a block of

rooms under the Man of Honor for those who would like to stay over night. The rooms are \$70 for Saturday night which includes the veterans discount, cheaper than a DWI. Reservations can be made now until the deadline of November 10th. There will be 7 pool side rooms and 8 regular rooms on the first floor. Contact: Quality Inn at 715-842-1616

Football Season Begins

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

In past football seasons, members and their spouses, friends of MOH, have come to the Clubhouse to cheer on our beloved Packers. All are welcome 21 and over. Some bring a dish to pass, what ever your favorite munchie, crunchie might be. IT IS NOT REQUIRED. If there is enough interest, I'll see if I can get our Packer Cheerleaders to dust off their pom-pom's. We have 10 liners and much more to make the games more fun. Wear you Packer gear, it's a lot of fun! Sundays only, noon and 3:00 p.m. games.

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La Fortune and everyone whom helped out with this very worthwhile event.

Thanks again. Also thanks to Bernie Knippel for being the Chairman.

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