



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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2016 MOH Ham Giveaway

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



They were lined up all the way to the street by 8 a.m. on Friday 3 Dec to receive their Christmas Ham. (Starting time was 9 a.m.) What a pleasure to give these Veterans a little something for Christmas.



President Morgan and Secretary Knippel opened the ceremony by giving out the first 2 hams, one to an Air Force Vet and another to an Army Veteran. The first 600 hams were distributed in about 9 minutes. The weather was great and so was the turn out of MOH members to give out the hams. Very nice to see all the members in action. "Mouse Kucil" was in charge of the handicap line and those people with a hardship had minimum waiting time to receive their hams and many of our members carried them off for the Veterans who needed help. The end result was proud MOH members making veterans Christmas a little more special.

MOH Christmas Party

Written by Ric Carr, Chairman

Man of Honor Christmas Party was held on December 10th at the Hoffman House. Every year the party gets better.

Todd & Peggy Wold currently run the bar, Bourbon Street, and restaurant at the Hoffman House. They did an awesome job. The dinner was put on by our master chef, Peggy Wold. We had plenty to eat and the food was awesome. Thanks again Peggy and Todd.

After dinner, Jeff Morgan, President, gave out the awards for the past year. The President Award was



given to John H. Fust, retiring after 12 years as Sergeant of Arms. Very well deserved. He has outstandingly contributed to the mission of the Society during the year.

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**Letter
from the
Prez**

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



Hello everybody. Are you getting better at writing 2017?

November 12th was our last meeting of the year. Elections were held and if you have not yet heard, running unopposed for President and winning another two year term, was myself. Thank you for the vote of confidence! Running unopposed for Secretary, Bernie Knippel. Again, thank you for the vote of confidence! It was a fight down to the wire for the position of Sergeant at Arms. Congratulations to John Fust Jr.! I know both Brain Thompson and John Jr. ran a good campaign. Thank you both for the interest in becoming an officer in the Man of Honor Society!

With good news there is usually some sad to go along with it. John Fust Sr. has stepped down from the SGT at Arms position, a position he has held since Man of Honor was formed. No small feat, but one done with great pride and dignity. Thank you, John, for your service not only to the MOH Society, but to our Country as well!

December was a busy time of year for the MOH. Saturday, December 3rd, was MOH Ham Give-A-Way. A refer trailer was again donated to us to use for ham storage by Frank Kowalski owner of Blue Eagle Trucking Company. Thank you Frank. And thank you Mark

Lyon for setting things up with the Blue Eagle Trucking Company.

As many of you know, there is a great deal of behind the scenes activity that goes into not only our Ham Give-A-Way but also your Christmas Party, Parades and the MOH 3 day raffle, the list is long. Join a committee, find out what it takes to keep the MOH wheels turning. Well I got my pitch in for volunteering for the up coming year. Got a little off track. Secretary Bernie will have an article on the Ham Give-A-Way.

Next up in December was our Christmas & Awards Banquet Party. Gosh, what a good time we had this year! The banquet room was decorated perfectly. I thought the meal was great! Thanks so much Todd & Peggy, the Hoffman House, Ric & Rosie and the Christmas Committee. Ric & Rosie will have more on the Christmas Party in this newsletter.

Now, Christmas for the Homeless Veterans at King. Friday, December 16th, the van was loaded with boxes of gifts that were donated at our Christmas Party along with hams donated by the MOH. The weather outside was frightful, but we went anyway! Gerri Knippel has the article and pictures. Thanks Gerri.

The next day was Wreaths across America. Once again the weather outside was frightful!! We, MOH as a unit, did not go. I sent out a message that we were not going because of the weather forecast but I had a computer glitch and the news wasn't sent. The Ceremony was cancelled but the laying of the Wreaths was still a go. I'll

have a short article on the Wreaths in this newsletter.

Other news, back in October Gina Cornell who works for John Muir Middle School called me to ask if they could donate to the Man of Honor Society as they were starting a Community Funds Raising Drive. I, of course, said yes. Any help would be appreciated. On or about the 20th of December, I received an E-mail from Gina stating the donations to MOH is filling a huge bin!! She wasn't kidding and asked if I would come to an all-school assembly and maybe say a few words. I told her I'd be there. Imagine my surprise when I saw this LARGE container sitting on a pallet brimming with donated items. On behalf of the Man of Honor Society, I thanked them for their generosity and mentioned that their are 27 Homeless Veterans at King and that is where the donated items were going. On Thursday, December 29, Bill Fenhous, Joe Nikolai and myself loaded the 16 boxes into our van and drove to King to deliver the "stash" to the homeless vets. THANK YOU Gina Cornell and the 8th Grade Class at John Muir Middle School !! A very nice way to end the year 2016!

As we turn our focus to 2017 and the work we all choose to do to assist our Veterans, I hope we all can learn and grow to make everyone's job that much easier for all. See you at the 14th of January 2017 membership meeting.

God Bless You and the United Sates. Happy New Year!

Integrity-Honor-Concern

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The Special Award was given out to 6 individual people who have supported the MOH in an



exceptional manner. They were L to R: Tim Gosse (Standing in for Donna Gosse), Gerri Knippel, Peggy Wold, Bev Bain, Vicki Harness, and Cathie Morgan. Job well done!



Guess what, our own Bernie Knippel entertained us once again with his monologue. Thanks Bernie We all needed a laugh. Great job!



Rosie came up with the idea to change the door prizes for each table to be snowmen. Great idea Rosie. The members loved them!

The Archives was the music for the evening



and did an excellent job again this year. The



bartenders did a great job taking care of some thirsty people.

Thanks Dan Hommerding, MOH van driver, for picking up and taking people safely home.

Some of our members took advantage of the room specials and enjoyed the pool. Others went to the bar, Bourbon Street, and partied on. Great time had by all.

The members that were unable to attend missed a great time. Can't wait for the next Christmas Party December 9th, 2017.

I want to thank the Committee Members, Co-Chair and Head Coordinator Rosie Carr, Gerri Knippel, Ted Williams, Connie Masterson, Vicki Harness and this year John & Gert Krukowski helped setup even though they weren't able to attend because of company from out of town. Thanks Vicki for also taking all the beautiful pictures.

Happy New Year!!!

More Pics from the Christmas Party!



Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

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

The Man of Honor Society recognizes Jeremy Otto as our Spotlight recipient for December 2016 – January 2017.

Jeremy was born in Park Falls Wisconsin. He graduated from High School in Glidden, Wisconsin in 2001. He furthered his education while stationed in Alaska attending the University of Alaska for 2 years. He is currently a single young gentleman. He is employed at Coldwell Bankers Realty.

Jeremy joined the U.S. Army in January 2003 and was discharged in 2009 as a SSgt E-6. He went to Boot Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was assigned to Ft Wainwright Alaska and to Fort Hood Texas attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. His MOS was 19D Cavalry Scout for 3 years and an M-1 Armor Crewman for the remainder of his enlistment. He spent one year in Iraq in 2004-2005 and another tour from 2008-09. His military decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (V), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (w/star), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge.

Jeremy recently joined the MOH Society and has a sincere desire to help our local Veterans when they need help. He is a sharp, honest young man and conducts himself accordingly. During the short time Jeremy has been in the MOH he has been very much involved in our activities and our meetings. He attends as many functions as work will permit and recently represented the MOH as a flag bearer on Veterans Day at the VFW. His future plans are to help in the MOH where ever he is needed and looks forward to helping with the 2017 Raffle.

Jeremy will obviously be a great asset to the Man of Honor as he continues his dedicated involvement in all of our activities. He has brought great honor to the U.S. Army and the United States during his military service and is to be commended for his two tours of duty in Iraq. For your devotion to duty and to our country, and for all you have accomplished: Jeremy Otto, we salute you.



Gifts for Homeless Veterans



Written by Gerri Knippel, Christmas Committee

On December 16, 2016 Jeff Morgan, Bill Fenhaus, John Fust, Sr., John Fust, Jr., Duke Treu, Mark Lyon, Cathie Morgan and Gerri Knippel went to

the Veterans home at King to deliver the donated items from the MOH Christmas party.

There are 27 veterans there who will receive these items. We were able to meet with about a dozen of them and they were thrilled and thankful to get the items. It was a nice visit.

Many thanks to Joe and Barb Buska, Tom Beese, Laurin Jarstad and Robert and Dianne Fitzke who gave "extra" cash so we were able to buy gift cards for all of the vets at the homeless center. Many others also donated cash, gift cards and personal items. All this together went to give these 27 veterans a little something extra for Christmas. We know it was appreciated and it made us feel awfully good to help out.

Scholarship Update

Written by Ron Jones, Chairman

The scholarship program is up and running!! I have contacted several high schools and they are quite excited to participate in our program.

Just recapping, the deadline for application is April 15 of each

year.

Application and qualifications for students will be available on our website shortly, or you can call me and I will see you get one.

I hope you will be able to use this fine program we now have for our member's children and grandchildren.

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 November and December 2016.

Final report for 2016:

Funeral	\$200
House Payment	\$1,124
Plumbing	\$620
Rent	\$525

Wreaths Across American \$750

Total paid this period - \$3,219
Total year to date - \$43,506

This is by far the most MOH has paid in any one year!!!

A big "SALUTE" to all MOH members and Associate Members for their hard work to make this possible to help our fellow veterans here in Marathon County in 2016.

Funds Committee:

- Ron Jones, Chairman
- Keith Cota
- Mark Lyon
- Don Masterson
- Andy Schoeder

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

Happy Birthday



January

- 3 - Michael Horsman, US Army
- 3 - Jason Housley, US Army
- 4 - Theodore Bronson, US Army
- 6 - James Gauerke Jr, US Army
- 6 - Joe Don Prejean, USAF
- 10 - Jim Gilge, US Army
- 11 - Mark Lambert, US Navy
- 12 - Casey Conner, Army NG
- 12 - Nick Kuehn, US Army
- 12 - Roger Priebe, US Army
- 12 - Charles Schwake, US Army
- 14 - Erika Koch, US Army
- 15 - John H. Fust Sr., US Army
- 15 - Wayne Krueger, USAF
- 16 - Wes Hoffman, US Navy
- 16 - Roger Schmidt, USMC
- 17 - Don Dorgan, US Army
- 17 - Rachelle Hulderman, US Army
- 17 - Steve Williams, US Navy
- 19 - Tim Miller, US Navy
- 20 - Dale Cherney, US Army
- 23 - Steven Nelson, USMC
- 25 - Mike O'Rourke, US Army
- 26 - Mark Lyon, USMC
- 26 - Gary Kowalski, US Army
- 27 - Donna Bonin, Associate
- 27 - Phil Whitman, USMC
- 27 - Darvick Xiong, US Army
- 29 - Keith Strey, US Navy
- 30 - Jake Edwards, USMC
- 30 - Tammy Behnke, Associate
- 30 - Alan Krueger, US Army Airborne
- 31 - Bill Wolfe, US Army

February

- 1 - Archie Drake, US Army

- 1 - Sheila Stafford, USAF
- 2 - Carrie Stotler, US Navy
- 4 - Charles Smith, US Army
- 5 - Mary Mulder, Associate
- 7 - Dan Rigney, Army NG
- 8 - Dennis Hardt, US Army
- 8 - Bob Peterson, US Army
- 9 - Benjamin Brandt, US Navy
- 12 - Scott Hafner, USMC
- 12 - Bob Genrich, US Navy
- 13 - David Bain, US Naval Reserve
- 13 - Craig Chapman, US Army
- 14 - Tim Wood, USMC
- 17 - Lyle Beck, USAF
- 18 - Richard Knoeck, USMC
- 19 - Jay Petrowski, US Army
- 20 - Perry LaFortune, US Army
- 20 - Joey Vanouse, US Navy
- 23 - John Chase, US Army
- 23 - John Hagenbucher, US Army
- 23 - Dick Schoultz, US Army
- 25 - Quincy Kasper, US Army
- 25 - Jack Sliwicki, US Army
- 26 - Eddie Dehnel, US Army
- 26 - George B. Lemmer, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the last meeting for \$25 for November was Rick Sisterman, USAF and for December was Don Masterson, US Army. Both donated the money to the MOH. Thanks for attending.

50/50 Winner of \$203 was Jack Sliwicki, US Army.

New Members

We have eight new members in our society which brings it to a total of 401. Let's welcome the following:

Larry Gresinske, US Army NG

Elaine Hanson, US Army
Bud Hilmann, US Army
Ronald K. Hintze, USAF
Jon Kielman, US Army
Edward Marek, USAF
Lincoln Mitchell Jr., US Army
Gary Moll, US Army

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.

\$750 Donation to the MOH

Written by Ron Jones



A big thanks goes to Bonnie Jones and Linda Kreklau for their donation of \$750 to MOH.

They were at Younkers in the mall recently selling Community Cards which allowed the purchaser to receive discounts at Younkers, and proceeds from the sale were donated to Man of Honor.

Thanks gals, job well done!!!!!!

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.

Barbara Ann Lyon, 69, died Thursday, November 24, 2016 at Ministry St. Claire's Hospital, Weston, surrounded by her family.



Barb was the wife of Mark Lyon, Man of Honor member and Bar Manager.

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Coming Events:

January 14, 2017 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

January 21, 2017 - New member orientation at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road,

Wausau, WI 54403 at 12:45 p.m.

March 11, 2017 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March 18, 2017 - Pool Tournament at the Eagles Club in Wausau at 12:00 noon kick off. Cost: \$20 each or \$40 per team. Chairman: Jim Fust 715-212-3743.

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

Wreaths Across America

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



I had received word that because of the weather forecast the Ceremony at King was being cancelled. The 2nd message was the actual laying of the wreaths was still on. The 3rd message was at that time, December 16th, a little more than 1,700 were at the cemetery. The whereabouts of the other 5,000 plus was still unknown.

I sent out a bulletin that the Man of Honor as a whole will not attend because of personnel safety. It was snowing and blowing. The roads between Wausau and King,

WI were snow covered and slippery. That message never went out because of a computer malfunction. Short story long, 8:15 Saturday morning I called Ray Mc Sherry for the final verdict. He said he spoke with the semi-driver and the truckload of wreaths would be at King Cemetery between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. I said to Cathie, I am going!! She said you are NUTZ!! Wait for me.

We got to the Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. the truck pulled in. As fast as a few of us



off loaded the boxes of wreaths on to pickups and flatbeds, around 125 other people were placing wreaths on the headstones. Even with the snowstorm blowing around us, people plowed through knee deep snow to place a wreath on the headstone of a veteran. Even Brownie the Dog got a wreath.

Somebody in the crowd said in just over 2 hours 6,900 wreaths were placed. Every headstone received a wreath.

A dream realized!!! Congratulations Ray and Evelyn Mc Sherry.

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