

Newsletter Man-of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute from the Officers of the Man of Honor

Written by Bernie Knippel



It is always a pleasure to write about those people who stand out from the rest of the crowd. The Man of Honor Society is fortunate to have their fair share of these people and Lucy Cota is one of them. Although Lucy has just become an associate member in September 2017 she has been involved in many ways with the MOH for quite a

few years. Before our current raffles at the Eagles started, Lucy had volunteered and worked many hours assisting the MOH Treasurer (at that time) in the performance of his duties with previous raffles. She was always dependable and available everyday of the raffle and when needed, she would be there. She is a very kind, gracious lady and an absolute pleasure to work with. She makes your day with the smile on her face. She is already planning on devoting hours to our upcoming raffle and will be of great value wherever she is needed. For all you have done for the MOH in the past Lucy, we are grateful. Your attitude and devotion to the Man of Honor is of the highest degree, and we salute you for you are "A TRUE MAN OF HONOR".

The newsletter will be published every two months.

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

Man of Honor and Hospice Care Honor WWII Veteran

Written by SMSgt First Sergeant Bernie Knippel



The Hospice staff at Cedar Ridge Assisted Living decided it was time to recognize one of their residents for his efforts during WWII. That gentleman is 97 year old John Prince, a Staff Sergeant who was assigned to a Tank Unit during WWII. John was injured during the action overseas and was decorated with a "Purple Heart". The Man of Honor was notified of the event only hours before the ceremony but was quick to react and make John Prince a Man of Honor. President Jeff Morgan gave John his MOH Certificate and coin while Bernie Knippel showed respect by pinning a U.S. Flag on Johns shirt collar. During the ceremony, which was attended by family members and friends, John began to tell some "War Stories" which everyone enjoyed.

This was truly a great day for John Prince and all attending. The MOH was honored to help with the event and we want to give a special "Thank You" to Gary and Kathy Patten who care so very much for this new Man of Honor.

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

Letter from the Prez....

Jeff Morgan SFC E7, ARNG, Retired



Hello everyone! The promise of warm weather is in sight. Just hope it doesn't take too long to get here.

The official raffle ticket drive started February 14th. As we have in the past, the clubhouse will be open for signing out and turning in ticket stubs and money each Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 2nd will be final ticket/money turn-in date. Get your tickets early. They go very fast.

The weekend after your membership meeting, January 20th at 1 p.m., our 3rd New Member Orientation was held at the clubhouse. About 33 members plus came to this informative meeting. It lasted about one hour. Again there was a good mix of "seasoned" members to help answer questions. Seven hams were left over from the Ham Give-a-way so during the meeting 1st Lady Cathie (Toot) Morgan worked her way around to all in attendance and had them put there name on a ticket to be drawn after the meeting for a chance to win a ham. I want to thank again Paul Missett and Mrs. Joe (Deb) Hoppa for redonating their hams to other people in attendance. Congrats to

the winners! And thanks to all who came to the Orientation.

The early evening of Monday the 12th of February the officers were at the clubhouse for a short meeting. I got a phone call and the man on the other end says.... I got a 97 year old WWII Veteran. Can you make him a Man of Honor member tomorrow, Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m.? You will find Secretary Bernie's article about that in this newsletter. Thanks Bernie for writing the story!

Other than those two items of interest its been a slow time for news.

The day after our March 10th meeting it will be "Spring Ahead" daylight savings time begins.

The 17th is St Patrick's Day and also the MOH Pool Tournament at the Eagles Club. It's always a fun time. Come to the Eagles and cheer for your MOH players. Rumor has it that a "Leprechaun" will be there.

The first of this years Never Forgotten Honor Flights starts in April 23rd and May 21st.

May also promises to be very busy as well. See you all on the 10th of March. As always, there is much to discuss about upcoming activities, special events and of course the raffle. So to help us grind out the rest of Winter, pick-up a pack of tickets, a couple posters for the lunch room at work or take them to your coffee clutch. Let's not forget, still need basket raffles &

Booze Wagon items.

Thank you all for all you do!! God bless you and the United States.



INTEGRITY-HONOR CONCERN

Cut Back On Mailing Newsletter

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

This is to advise you that we are going to cut back on mailing out our newsletter. The Man of Honor newsletter can be found on our website, manofhonor.org.

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, you can be put on our mailing list by calling our PR Director, Rosie Carr, at 715-571-9620.

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Jeff Morgan Cell: 715-203-3211

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John Fust Jr. Cell: 715-581-6574

Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

Written by Bernie Knippel USAF Retired E-8 First Sergeant Author Note: Al and I go back to 1970. Both Proud Vietnam Vets.....Welcome Home

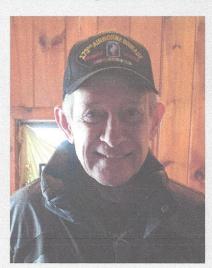
It is with great pleasure that I introduce Al Krueger as our spotlight for February - March 2018. Originally from Ringle, Wisconsin, Al moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin at a very young age and went to school at Rufas King High School graduating in 1966. He is the very proud father of two sons, Geoff and Eric. He was employed at Wausau Imports and remained with them for 22 years.

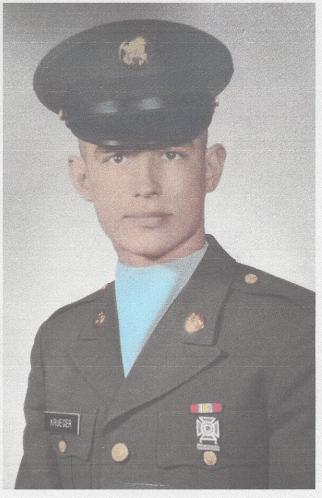
Al enlisted in the Army in September 1967. He went to boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and attended AIT at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His MOS was 11 Bravo, Infantry and went on to jump school at Ft. Benning, Georgia. In 1968 he was transferred to Bao Loc, Vietnam were he served with Charlie Company, 173rd Airborne. He did duty at times as point man for a Squad as well as with a Company.

Al is a decorated combat veteran who had 98 combat assault jumps. He was discharged from the Army in 1970 as a Sgt E-5. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal w/ device, Army Commendation Medal, and also the Bronze Star.

Al is very proud to be able to help veterans in need. Attending meetings is very important to him and when not working he is in attendance. He has volunteered to help the MOH on numerous occasions and was extremely proud to join the "Boonie Brothers" who tended bar in our "Beer Garden" at our last two raffles.

The Man of Honor Society is very proud to have this man as one of our members. He has brought honor to his family and served the U.S. Army in a commendable manner. His dedication to our country is of the highest degree and we can proudly say "Thank You Al Krueger for being the best you could be." We stand proudly and salute you.







Man of Honor Society

Public Welcome - Free Admission

1st Prize **2018 Jeep** Cherokee



June 8, 9, 10, 2018



2018 Harley Softail

Celebrating 14 Years Of Dedicated Support to Veterans 2004-2018

\$50.00 per Raffle Ticket —— <u>Drawing - Sunday, June 10 at 6 p.m.</u>

(One prize per ticket)

To purchase a ticket contact: Call Jeff at 715-203-3211 Need not be present to win

If you would like to donate items, please contact us at the numbers below.

For Daily Raffles:

Jeff @715-203-3211 Tom @ 715-302-1428

For Baskets:

Peggy @ 715-581-6149 Vicki @ 715-581-8452

Friday - June 8th

Noon to 11:00 p.m. Food 12 to 8 p.m.

Live Music **Whitehouse Players** 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All events will be held at: **Eagles Club** 1703 S. 3rd Avenue Wausau, WI 54401 **Boat Docking Available**

Saturday - June 9

Noon to 11:00 p.m. Food 12 to 8 p.m.

2018 Honor Ride

Registration 9 to 10:45 a.m. at Cruisin 1724 1724 Merrill Ave. Wausau, WI 54401

Raffles, 50/50 Drawings, Baskets, Booze Wagon, and more!

Kids Games 1 to 4 p.m.

Live Music

HYDE

6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Veterans Honor Ceremony

Followed by:

Fireworks at Dusk! Provided by:

Fire in the Sky Fireworks, LLC

1st: 2018 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 2nd: 2018 Harley Softail Street Bob 3rd: Honda 4-wheeler w/6x10 trailer

4th: John Deere 42" riding lawn mower

5 & 6: \$500; 7-10: \$300; 11-15: \$200; 16-25: \$100

Public Welcome Free Admission

Website: manofhonor.org

Sunday - June 10

11:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food 11 to 5 p.m.

Chicken Dinner \$5.00

11:00 a.m. till gone

50/50 Drawings **Baskets Mystery Prize Booze Wagon** and more!

Live Music

Polish Connection

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Raffle Ticket Drawing at 6:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club under the big white tent.



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Proceeds going to help members of the Military, Active Duty, Veteran, Reserve or Guard Units and their families of Marathon County. Winner responsible for taxes, license, and registration.

Wills for Veterans

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

The Wills for Veterans program is designed to assist low-income veterans and their spouses or domestic partners in preparing a basic will, durable power of attorney, power of attorney for health care, and living will. This program is free for those who are eligible.

Eligibility must be determined prior to the event. Space is limited. NO WALK-INS.

Our clinic will be held on April 28, 2018 at Man of Honor Society Clubhouse.

Contact: Courtney Graff, Schmiege & Graff Law Firm, Ltd, at Medford, WI at 715-748-9888.

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Annual Guidelines

| Family Size | 300% |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | \$35,310.00 |
| 2 | \$47,790.00 |
| 3 | \$60,270.00 |
| 4 | \$72,750.00 |
| 5 | \$85,230.00 |
| 6 | \$97,710.00 |
| 7 | \$110,190.00 |
| * 8 | \$122,670.00 |

Monthly Guidelines

| Family Size | 300% |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | \$2,942.50 |
| 2 | \$3,982.50 |
| 3 | \$5,022.50 |
| 4 | \$6,062.50 |
| 5 | \$7,102.50 |
| 6 | \$8,142.50 |
| 7 | \$9,182.50 |
| * 8 | \$10,222.50 |

*Note: For family units of more than 8 members, contact: Courtney Graff at 715-748-9888.

In addition to the income eligibility, the value of

their assists (including life insurance and pension death benefits, real property, business interests, etc.) must be less than \$650,000 for an individual and \$1,300,000 for a married couple/domestic partnership.

You can expect to be at the Clubhouse for 2-2.5 hours. You are required by the State Bar of Wisconsin to watch a 30 minute video regarding basic estate planning concepts and the limited scope of our representation prior to beginning. Then you will meet paralegals, he/she will input information into a software system and generate your documents. Finally, you will meet with an attorney to review the documents and make any necessary or desired changes. The attorneys and notaries will assist you with signing their documents and then you will be on your way.

They can serve 3 clients per appointment time: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. A veteran and his or her spouse are considered to be 2 clients and require 2 appointment times. The appointment times will vary depending on how many clients they receive.

Prior to the meeting on April 28th, they will be screening the veterans to make sure that they qualify according to the income and asset restrictions provided by the State Bar of Wisconsin. Plus they will be sending you a planning questionnaire to fill out in advance of the clinic.

2018 Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance Info and Schedule for Marathon & Lincoln County Residents

Submitted by Laurel Schalavin, MOH Member

Wausau AARP Tax-Aide

February 1 through April 11 - 212 River Drive Wausau UW Extension Office - Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For an appointment call 715-298-5734 weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning January 10, 2018.

Recommended for low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those age 60+.

Merrill AARP Tax-Aide

February 15 & March 15 - 303 N. Sales Street, Merrill - Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For an appointment call: 715-298-5734 weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning January 10, 2018.

Recommended for low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those age 60+.

Mosinee AARP Tax-Aide

March 22 - 607 13th Street, Mosinee - Mosinee United Methodist Church - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For an appointment call: 715-298-5734 weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning January 10, 2018.

Recommended for low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those age 60+.

VITA at NTC

March 1 through April 12 - 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau - Northcentral Technical College - Thursdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For an appointment call: 715-348-7888 beginning February 29, 2018.

Recommended for income under \$54,000 (No business or rental ownership income or capital gains.)

Clean American Flags for Free

Submitted by Laurel Schalavin, MOH Member

Tradition Cleaners will clean American Flags for free. One store at 207 Central Bridge Street by Pic and Save and one at 2111 Stewart Avenue across the street from Milwaukee Burger. Both are in Wausau. It takes about a week.

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 January and February 2018.

| Auto Repairs | \$991.26 |
|------------------------|------------|
| Bus Ticket | \$235.50 |
| Child Care | \$605.00 |
| Medical | \$1,520.00 |
| Rent | \$900.00 |
| Rent | \$875.00 |
| Rent | \$500.00 |
| Rent | \$575.00 |
| Utilities | \$504.32 |
| Water Heater | \$1,000.00 |
| Wounded Warrior/Action | \$750.00 |

| Total this period | \$8,481.08 |
|-------------------|------------|
| Total Paid 2018 | \$8,481.08 |
| Total paid 2017 | \$3,439.10 |

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.

Ronald R. Lemmer, 80, passed away on December 12, 2017 in Merrill, WI.

Ronald was the brother of George Lemmer, Man of Honor member.

Our hearts go out to the Lemmer family in your time of sorrow.

My Memory Library

Written by Sarah Blackstone

Imagine if I was given one moment.

just a single slice of my past. I could hold it close forever, and that moment would always last.

I'd put the moment in a safe, within my hearts abode. I could open it when I wanted, and only I would know the code.

I could choose a time of laughing, a time of happiness and fun. I could choose a time that tried me, 1 - John Krukowski, US Army through everything I've done.

I sat and thought about what mo-

would always make me smile. One that would always push me, to walk that extra mile.

If I'm feeling sad and low, if I'm struggling with what to do. I can go and open my little safe, and watch my moment through.

There are moments I can think of, that would lift my spirits everytime.

The moments when you picked me

when the road was hard to climb.

For me to only pick one moment, to cherish, save and keep, Is proving really difficult, as I've gathered up a heap!

I've dug deep inside my heart, found the safe and looked inside. there was room for lots of moments,

in fact hundreds if I tried.

I'm building my own little library, embedded in my heart. for all the moments spent with you, before you had to part.

I can open it up whenever I like, pick a moment and watch it through,

My little library acts as a promise, I'll never ever forget you

Happy

Birthday



March

- 3 Ricky Godbolt, US Army
- 3 Tom Gordon, USAF
- 6 Michael Koenig, Army NG
- 7 Barb Buska, Associate
- 7 Jeremy Schmitt, USMC
- 8 Earl Mc Cloy, US Navy
- 8 Warren Ryan, US Army
- 11 Martin Glenn, US Army
- 12 Joe Dina, US Navy
- 13 Gary Bauer, US Army
- 14 Terry Cota, US Army
- 14 Shawn Ziebell, US Navy
- 16 Gerald Gwidt, US Army
- 17 Colin Cook, US Navy
- 17 Peter Geueke, US Navy
- 17 Gerri Knippel, Associate
- 18 John Pellegrino, US Navy
- 19 Guy Skidmore, USMC
- 23 Jeff Schilling, Associate
- 24 LeRoy Schill, US Army
- 25 Brian Heise, US Army
- 26 Jeremy Wilson, USMC
- 27 James Fust, USAF
- 30 Jack Horak, US Army
- 31 Ken Wilcox, US Army

April

1 - Roger Grebe, US Army

- 2 Shawn Thake, US Army
- 3 Beverly Bain, Associate
- 3 Michael Fehrman, US Navy
- 3 James Garrity, US Coast Guard/US Army NG
- 3 Gerald Merideth, USAF
- 3 Nick Stamm, Army NG
- 3 Dave St Clair, US Army
- 5 John Londerville, NG
- 6 Audrey Nall, US Army
- 6 Phil Thompson, USAF
- 8 Don Goretski, Associate
- 11 Nancy Brown, Navy Reserve
- 11 Mary Jane Kernosky, USAF
- 11 Mark Mugavero, US Army/ Army NG
- 11 Bradley Nerad, USMC
- 12 Roger Cook, USAF/Army
- 13 Peter Wolff, US Army
- 14 Richard Carr, US Army
- 14 Bud Hilmann, US Army
- 14 Dennis Kruzan, US Navy
- 14 Angela Petroski, Associate
- 14 Janice Skidmore, USMC
- 15 Anthony Kraus, USMC
- 15 David Schoepke, US Army
- 16 John Domino, USAF/ Army NG
- 16 Sheila Fust, Associate
- 17 Tom Rottscheit, USMC
- 18 Robert Fandre, USAF
- 18 Ron Jones, US Army
- 19 Kenny Rupe, USAF
- 21 Donald Krueger, US Navy
- 23 Michael Bartz, USAF
- 23 Lenny Nievinski, US Army
- 24 Dewin Hoffman, US Army
- 24 Christopher Lang, US Navy
- 24 Jim Zielsdorf, US Navy
- 25 Landelin Koppa, US Army
- 27 Greg Foye, USAF
- 28 Mark Schleinz, USAF
- 29 Bryan Whittecar, US Army
- 30 Sissa Hommerding, Associate
- 30 Billy Kucil, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the January 13th meeting received \$25 for January was Mary Mulder, Associate Member and for February was Al Krueger, US Army Airborne. The ticket winners received \$175.00 each was Mary Mulder, Associate Member, Tom Westermeyer, Associate Member, and Duke Treu, US Air Force. The beautiful wooden tray donated by Tony Kopchinski was won by Richard Partridge, US Navy. Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 12 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 444. Let's welcome the following:

Delwin H. Hoffman, US Army Jerry Fritz, US Army Duane Gauger, US Army James Garrity, US Coast Guard/ US Army NG Danny Grieser, US Air Force Clarence Guralski, US Air Force Allen A. Mathwich, US Army NG

Dennis Mays Jr., US Army James P. Mc Fann, US Army William Opichka, US Army Airborne

Joel Szablewski, US Army Rosa Tahmassebi, 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.

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

Coming Events:

March 10, 2018 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March 10, 2018 - Daylight Saving. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead at midnight.

March 17, 2018 - Pool Tournament at the Eagles Club in Wausau at 12:00 noon kick off with 32 teams max. Cost: \$20 each or \$40 per team. Sign up: Jim's Corner Pub 1244 S. 9th Avenue Wausau, WI 54401. Any updates will be posted on the website, manofhonor.org

Chairman: Jim Fust 715-212-3743.

March 20, 2018 - First day of spring!

April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday

April 23, 2018 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA. Arrive at 9:00 p.m.

Uniform: white shirt and white hat.

<u>April 28, 2018</u> - Wills for Veterans at the Clubhouse.

Contact: Ric & Rosie Carr, 715-571-9620

May 12, 2018 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

May 21, 2018 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA. Arrive at 9:00 p.m.

Uniforms: White shirt and white hat.

May 26, 2018 - Memorial Day Parade. Setup 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.

If you don't have the uniform, white hats are fine. Bring your family and friends to join in the parade.

May 28, 2018 - Restlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Service. Time: 11:00 a.m. Setup 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.

Man of Honor Raffle Tickets

Man of Honor Raffle held on June 8, 9, and 10. Tickets are available for pickup and sold tickets turned in every Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Final ticket/money will be turned in on Saturday, June 2nd.

The tickets will be made out to 1 person only and no nicknames.

Man of Honor flyers are also available. The times and all the activities are also mentioned.

Tickets are going fast so get yours today before they are no longer available.