



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute from the President



Keep a smile on your face when this lady is around. I am talking about our own Vicki (Vixter) Harness, the Man of Honors Official Photographer. Vicki became an Associate Member in 2011 and has devoted many hours volunteering her services wherever needed. She has done an outstanding job as our photographer and it is obvious to everyone she takes great pride in her work. Vicki has been invaluable as a committee member during our raffles. She spends a great deal

of time with the basket raffles and manages our 50/50 raffles. Her pleasing personality along with a great smile has made her the perfect fit as our photographer. Vicki is to be commended for all the work she has done for the Man of Honor Society. I know I speak for all the MOH members when I say THANK YOU for all you do and I am extremely proud to say to you Vicki (Vixter) Harness, you are a TRUE MAN OF HONOR and I salute you.

Flag Retirement Ceremony May 17, 2014

This year, because of the large amount of flags we held a Retirement Ceremony in the spring. A group of members, Associate Members and their spouses met at Ric & Rosie Carr's home for the ceremony.



It all began with Alicia Reedy singing 'America the Beautiful' and the 'National Anthem'.

The ceremony flag was unfolded, Bill Hommerding read the Retirement Ceremony. While others proceeded to cut the strips one by



one, rolled them, kissed them, and put them in the fire. When the strips were completed the stars were added and Nathan Reedy played taps. The balance



of the flags, about 150, were retired.

See everyone at the Fall Ceremony.

Ric Carr, Vice President

The newsletter will be published approximately every two months.

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

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

**Letter
from the
Prez**



**Jeff Morgan
SFC ARNG , Retired**

All I can say is WOW!!! As I write this brief letter, I haven't gotten all the numbers. The committee is to meet Wednesday, 25 June at 6:30 p.m. Until then, here's some of what I do know. Somewhere around 600 pieces of Chicken, 500 Hamburgers, tons of Hot Dogs, Brats, French Fries that flew out of the Food Tent. And the new big hit, Fried Cheese, which we sold 100 lbs. WOW. The beer stand was, of course, very busy. Paddle Wheel, Basket Raffles, Card Raffles, I heard were a bit slow this year. All in all what a huge success for the Man of Honor's 10th Year Anniversary/Raffle. From the opening ceremony to the Fireworks at dusk on Saturday night. Did you get to dance with everyone on Sunday with the Polka Band?? That dance floor was shaken until we were going to call the raffle winners. WOW what a great time. I cannot thank each and everyone of you enough who helped make this such a huge success!! From the time of our membership meeting, asking for your thoughts and ideas, I really thought. . . We can make this happen, and you sure did!!!

Thank you. Each group within the committee started their planning and set out to complete the task before us. Never once looking back. I am no savvy business man by any stretch of the imagination but I'd guess some would look with envy at how well we all worked together and made our 10th Anniversary such a complete success! Even the weather could not defeat us. Saturday evening we waited till the last possible minute. Mr. Scott Zoromski set up his show, and after my short speech it was time for the National Anthem sung by Korin Saal followed by Taps played by Nathan Reedy. Thanks to both of you. And before you could wipe away any tears...WOOSH, BOOM, OOO's, and AHHH's started. It really was a great show. I'll bet the fireworks lasted a half hour or more. Thank you, Scott Zoromski. Sundays down burst shut down the deep fryer for a short time, but it wasn't long before the kitchen was back at full throttle operation. WOW what a time had by all. Thank You, Thank You.

Thank You to everyone who helped in any way they could!!! With out your help Man of Honor fund raising efforts may not have been realized. Thanks again. So come to the next meeting to hear the final tally.

I almost forgot, by the July 12th meeting we'll have a flag pole

dedication, if all goes well.

Integrity-Honor-Concern

Jeff Morgan, President

Memorial Day



On Memorial Day some of the MOH members drove to Joe McGraths (or senior MOH member) home in Greenwood Hills and surprised him by giving him a personal flag rising ceremony, using the flag he proudly displays outside of this home. Joe was "almost without words" by the gesture. His home is adjacent to the golf course and while we were performing the ceremony a gentleman playing golf drove over in his cart and removed his cap. After the ceremony he said "Thank you everyone" and continued with his golf game. The ceremony touched us all and Joe was thankful to say the least. Nice job everyone.

Bernie Knippel, Secretary

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Man of Honor 10th Year Anniversary/Raffle a Big Hit!!

The President already told you all that it was a great event. I have spoke to many people since the raffle and hear nothing but positive feed back.

We would like to thank John S. Fust, our announcer, who was going to do Saturday only but also continued on Sunday. You're a great guy. Thanks John.

I personally believe the lay out of the tents was great. When they came through the gates there was the food and dining tent. This area was the responsibility of Rosie Carr and Cathie Morgan. What a great job they did. They sold French Fries, deep fried Queso Blanco Cheese and served Burgers, Brats, and Hot Dogs. On Sunday a fabulous Chicken Dinner made by Peggy Wold. The people who served the food were: Lynn Wilson, Skip Sparks, Deb Zahurones, Marcia Hoard, Julie Myer, Jesse Fink, Karen Denton, John Heck, Maureen Heck, Lynda Fust, Wendy Schneider, Barb Lyon, Mary Bittner, Larry Seidl, Michelle Reedy, Alicia Reedy, and Jamie Wilson. Fryers were run by: Rosie Carr, Wanda Olson, Cathie Morgan, Brenda Cheyka, Sue Gartmann, Tanya Lubke, and Angie Petroski. Cooks were: Wendy Schneider, Lonnie Evans, Andrew Ponshock, Wayne Allen, Gerard Winchell. People who did the running for supplies were:

Scott Noonan, Don Hintze, Jamie Wilson, Ric Carr, Jeff Morgan, Todd Wold, and Tom Fust. You were life savers.

I did use the dining tent for kids games and face painting for a few hours on Saturday. The games started slow but picked up as time went on. All the games were run by Rianna Fust, Nadine Kaiser, Allyson Kaiser, Michelle Reedy, Elizabeth Reedy, Hailey Raymond, Elizabeth Rybacki, and Julie Rybacki. The face painting was done by Chelsea Beilke. She was scheduled till 3 p.m. Chelsea was doing such a great job, some of the adults had their faces done also. The line seemed to go on forever. I got in line and told anyone that came in behind me I was the last one, that was about 6 p.m. This was the first year we did kids games and it was a great success. Job well done.

The beer tent was the work of Bernie Knippel and Jim Wilson. They worked hard getting members to tend bar for three days. The bartenders were: Bernie Knippel, Jim (Chiselhead) Wilson, Mark Lyon, Connie Allman, Dennis Holzem, Ed Fecteau, Ted Williams, Lynn Wilson, Ken Hendelman, Bob Hood, Aaron Masterson, Ed Dehnel, Jim Bittner, Deb and Kevin Zahurones, Larry Peterson, John Heck, Tim Wood, Lyle Bricko, Jack Pettitt, Jack Sliwicki, Korin Saal, and

Casey Conner. Getting to work long hours for three days is not an easy task, just ask Bernie and Rosie.

The third tent was the basket, raffle tent. Many people helped with the basket raffles including Peggy Wold, Gerri Knippel, Vicki Harness, and Bev Bain. The card raffle boards and paddle wheels also had volunteers, Don Masterson, Jim Linden, Jose Benitez, Roger Hicks, Bryan Thacker, Jack Sliwicki, William Spain, Gary Bauer, John Domino, Jennifer Schave, Billy Kucil, and Denny Bell. Thanks for a job well done. Vicki Harness also spent her time doing 50/50 raffles and selling paddles for the paddle wheel along with taking pictures of the event. Thanks to all that helped.

The music worked very well. Friday night we had Grizzly Sons, Saturday night Ric & Barry Acoustic Show, and topped it off on Sunday with Polish Connection. They all did a great job. The music was organized by Kevin & Deb Zahurones, Tom Fust, and Ric & Rosie Carr.

The MOH Van was driven by Billy Kucil. Thanks Billy for giving the people a ride to or from the raffle as needed.

Thanks to the Eagles Club for all their support during our event, and before after the event. It means a lot to us.

The Committee Members were:
Tom Fust, Chairman, Ric Carr,
Co-Chairman, Rosie Carr, Bill
Henrichs, Tim Miller, Jeff &
Cathie Morgan, Bernie & Gerri
Knippel, John H. Fust, John S.
Fust, Jim Fust, Ted Williams,

Todd & Peggy Wold, Kevin &
Deb Zahurones, Vicki Harness,
Jim Wilson, Jim Bittner, and
Korin Saal.

On behalf of the Committee
Members, special thanks to all

those who helped with the raffle.
Hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Thank you, again.

*Ric Carr, Co-Chair
for Tom Fust, Chairman*

Friday - June 13, 2014



Saturday, June 14, 2014



Saturday June 14, 2014



Saturday night was the highlight of the 3 day event. Mark Lyon and Bernie Knippel organized the fireworks display and the ceremony celebrating the Man of Honor 10 Year Anniversary. President Jeff Morgan addressed the audience and read a letter from Governor Walker on behalf of all the citizens of Wisconsin, extending their gratitude to all members of the Man of Honor Society for their service to our country and our ongoing efforts to assist our fellow veterans. All the officers who were able to attend the ceremony were introduced to the audience. This included the founders of the Man of Honor Society who started this great organization to our current officers. Korin Saal sang the National Anthem while the fireworks were bursting in air, followed by Nathan Reedy who played taps followed by a fireworks display of a 21 Gun Salute. It was a very emotional ceremony. A very special thank you to Scott Zoromski whose fireworks display during and after the ceremony was nothing short of outstanding.

Bernie Knippel, Secretary



SCOTT WALKER
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

P.O. Box 7863
MADISON, WI 53707

June 12, 2014

Mr. Bernard Knippel
Man of Honor Society of Marathon County
PO Box 5112
Wausau, WI 54402

Dear Mr. Knippel and Members of the Man of Honor Society of Marathon County:

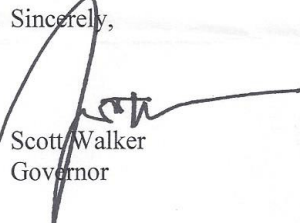
On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin, I would like to extend our grateful appreciation for the freedoms we have due to your service to our country during our nation's wars, and your ongoing efforts to assist our veterans.

Your organization's fundraising efforts on behalf of all veterans in your area, and bringing the American Veterans Traveling Tribute to Wausau serve as a constant reminder of the sacrifices that were made to ensure these freedoms for all Americans.

I only hope to instill in my own two sons an understanding of how much was at stake, and the courage it took on behalf of our service members to preserve and protect our democracy.

Congratulations on your 10th Anniversary! Again, thank you for your service to our veterans, and for caring so much for the country we love.

Sincerely,


Scott Walker
Governor

Sunday June 15, 2014



The End

Announcer, bartenders, cooks, food servers, raffle organizers, ticket seller's, volunteers, those who organized the event, people who donated, and etc., and most important of all is the people who supported us by attending.

Thank You, for making it a big success!

Winner's 10th Year Anniversary/Raffle



Grand Prize - Harley Softail
James Richey

1st - Camper, Tim Stark



2nd - Harley 750, Steve Lewis



3rd - 4Wheeler, Cortney Heck

- 4th - Lawn Mower, Jacque Sirianni
- 5th - \$750 Tammy Ballenger
- 6th - \$750 Ozzy Jonas
- 7th - \$500 Charisse Friday
- 8th - \$500 Amber Michel
- 9th - \$250 Sandra Cveykus
- 10th - \$250 Julie Skic
- 11th - \$150 Jerry Smith
- 12th - \$150 Robin Wagner
- 13th - \$100 Jerry/Ilene Bohlman
- 14th - \$100 Jim Wagner
- 15th - \$100 Amanda Wendler
- 16th - \$100 Lance Jirschele
- 17th - \$100 Roger Hoepfner
- 18th - \$100 Nathan Melville
- 19th - \$100 Dan Mass (Boone)
- 20th - \$100 John Cleveland

Man of Honor Honor Ride - June 15th

Well, let's start by saying that we raised more money than we have in the past. This year with the shirts, 50/50 raffle, and poker run and registration, we raised over \$1,200.00. Proceeds from the ride go to the Man of Honor raffle.

Following is a list of the sponsors we stopped at on the Man of Honor run which were: The Jim (Weston), Centerfield (Marathon City), Jumpers (Little Chicago), County Line (Merrill), Knuckelheads (Merrill), Dat Bar (Merrill), and Jim's Corner Pub (Wausau). With the money raised from the above we were able to get shirts paid for. We sold the shirts for \$15.00 each. All the shirts sold!

The people who helped in planning the Honor Run were:

Jennifer Jupp - Registration, 50/50, Sales, Raffle.

Mike O'Rourke - Route Planning, Sales, (Member)

Roger Howard - Route Planning (Associate Member)

Krist Bapp - Route Planning

Ron Consolver Jr. - Route Planning

Andy Murkowski (Doc), Road Guard

Mary Bricko - Mulder - 50/50 Raffle (Associate Member)

As I could not do this by myself, these people came on their own to help in whatever was needed to make this a success.

Thank you all!

Shannon Consolver, Chairman

The Soldiers Life

The soldier's life is not for all, a soldier must be willing to give his all.

He is overworked and underpaid, a truer patriot was never made.

Ready to go at any time, wherever there is trouble or the first sign.

His courage and honor are unsurpassed, ready and willing to complete the task.

Travelling to lands both near and far, he stands his post and looks at the stars.

Wondering what he might have done, if he had not chosen to carry a gun.

Remember the next time that you are driving by, and see the flag flying proud and high.

That somewhere out there a soldier stands, weary and cold in a foreign land. Protecting our country from our foes, standing tall and proud come rain or snow.

Author: SSgt. Scott E Hilligoss

Memorial Day Parade



The Wausau Memorial Day parade was held on May 24th. All of the units assembled in Marathon Park. The Man of Honor Society once again was well represented. Many of the members families joined in the parade handing out American Flags to all who came to the parade. It was a great parade and the White Caps and White Shirts stood tall and a great amount of pride was obvious. Thank you to all who participated in this very special event. *Bernie Knippel, Secretary*



Restlawn Flag Raising, May 26, 2014



Restlawn Cemetery has a program to honor the memories of our brave service members who have given all for the freedom which we enjoy each and every day! Once again the Man of Honor was invited to be part of this. The Man of Honor van was loaded with our set of flags and as many people that it could hold. Many more came in there own cars. The 1st rank was, of course, the U.S. Flag and all branch service flags, POW/MIA Flag, and our State Flag. If I remember correctly, we had 3 ranks of members standing behind the Flag Line. It was a very good turn out, thank you all!! This year again we did the meaning of the 13 folds of our flag. As I read each step and explained what each fold represented, four of MOH members each representing the four branches of our military, held tightly and made the folds. Those members were: Bill Hommerding - USAF, Mark Lyon - USMC, Rachelle Hulderman - US Army, Tim Gosse - US Navy. Everybody did such a great job! Thank you! If you haven't been to a Memorial or Veterans Day program, or a Parade, or gone to CWA to welcome home our Vets from the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, your missing out on a lot!

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Jeff Morgan, President

Rest In Peace



Wayne Ash, 67 of Mosinee passed away at this home on Sunday, May 25, 2014 surrounded by his

family.

Wayne was a member of the Man of Honor since 2004. He was born October 21, 1946 in McKeys Port, PA to the late Lloyd and Dorothy Ash. Wayne graduated from Mosinee High School and attended North Central Technical College. Wayne served six years in the Army Reserve. He was a graphic designer for several Wisconsin printing companies before retiring.

Wayne loved the outdoors. You could always find him hunting, fishing or camping where he was known for his campfire meatloaf and stew. He enjoyed traveling to participate in historical reenactments. Wayne was also a great fan of the Green Bay Packers.

Survivors include his children, Eric Ash of Denver, CO, Andy (Tara) Hodgkins of Ludlow, VT, and Bobbie Ash of Cottage Grove, WI. One sister, Donna Ash of Wausau.

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Philip H. Linden, 69, of Iron Ridge, passed away on Friday, May 30, 2014, at Beaver Dam Community Hospital.

Philip is the brother of James Linden, MOH member. Philip was born the son of Daniel and Helen Linden on January 26, 1945, in Wisconsin Rapids. He was united in marriage to Jean Beauprey on August 12, 1972, in Renton, WA. Philip was the assistant pastor and worship leader at Pentecostal House of Prayer.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jean, and his 6 children.

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



Timothy Stark, 58, of Wausau died on June 2, 2014, 10 miles south of Fingal, ND in a car accident.

Tim became a member for a short time with the Man of Honor on May 10, 2014.

Tim had 3 daughters, Erin, Alysa, and Lilly.

May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.

When You See a Soldier

When you see a soldier
Be sure to shake his or her hand,
And let that soldier know you're grateful
For the protection the military affords our land.

But most of all express your thanks
for every soldier's personal sacrifice.
In order to serve our country,
They risked their entire lives.

Flag Pole at the Clubhouse

Finally, the Flag pole is standing tall. On Tuesday, July 1st, a group of members, Jeff Morgan, Bernie Knippel, John Sapp, Charlie Sapp, Mark Lyon, Ric & Rosie Carr were there for the raising. When you look at the pole, check out the beautiful Eagle Truck on top and the finish work that was done by Steve Kopp at Crystal Finishing.

The dedication will be before our meeting July 12th. The flag will be raised at that time.

Ric Carr, Vice President



Happy Birthday



July

3 - Larry Seidl, US Navy
3 - Ron Worthey, US Army
9 - Kurt Gray, USMC
12 - Scott Wanta, Associate
16 - Randy Hoppe, US Army
17 - Richard Kloppenburg,
US Navy
17 - Nathaniel Stepp, US
Navy
18 - Butch Russ, USMC
20 - Jerome Zdanovec, USAF
21 - Bryon Thacker, USMC
25 - Anastasia Sebourn, Army
NG
26 - Joe Nikolai, Army NG
27 - Duck Mallard, US Army
27 - George Webb, USMC
28 - Shirley Bickford, USAF
29 - Kevin Krueger, US Army
31 - Ray Bender, USAF

August

1 - Rick Beck, USMC
4 - Tyra Chlebowski, USAF
4 - Bill Hommerding, USAF
(Retired)
6 - Gary Olson, US Army
7 - Thomas Buhs, US Navy
7 - James Landowsky, US
Navy
11 - Jeff Morgan, Army NG
(Retired)
11 - Roger Zynda, US Army
12 - Tom Fust, USMC

13 - Vernon Vetterkind, US
Army
14 - William Fenhaus,
National Guard
15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
20 - Jeff Dehnel, US Army
20 - Ginny Edwards,
Associate
20 - Kevin Zahurones, Army
NG
22 - Charlie Sapp, US Army
24 - Bernie Knippel, USAF
(Retired)
25 - Cathie Morgan,
Associate
25 - Jack Treu, USMC
26 - Edward Benzing, US
Navy
27 - Vicki Harness, Associate
27 - Kraut Kersemeier, USAF
29 - Robert Hood, USMC

The winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for May was Ed Fecteau, US Marine Corp. who donated it to the MOH and for June was John Sapp, US Army.

Funds Committee Update

The Funds Committee had several requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society from May 10th to present.

Requests paid:

- \$275.00 Auto payment

- \$400.00 Burial Plot
- \$1,300.00 Rent
- \$296.00 Tools for work
- \$751.00 Utilities

Total: \$3,022.00

The total requests paid for the year is \$9,594.79.

New Members

We have a total of seven new members in our society. They are:

Elgart Bauman, US Army
Richard Clendenen, Army Reserve
Marcia Hoard, Associate
Brian Thompson, US Army
Jeremy Wilson, USMC
Tim Wood, USMC
Vernon Vetterkind, US Army



"We've only played three holes and we've both already shot our ages!"

**MOH website:
manofhonor.org**

Coming Events:

July 12, 2014 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

July 19, 2014 - Golf Tournament at the Tribute Golf Course formally known as the American Legion at 9:30 a.m. with a 10:00 a.m. go. Everyone is welcome to play in our tournament, not just our members. Cost \$50.00 per person (\$200.00 per team). Cost includes 9 holes with a cart, a drink ticket or two, prize money and "Gormet Chef King" Teddy Williams will take care of the Rib Eye Dinner which will be served at the clubhouse around 3 p.m. This is a four person scramble and we are limited to the first 15 paid teams. There will be 3 flights of 5 teams with equal payoff for each flight. We will use the "BERNIFIED" System as we have done in the past.

We are requesting if you have a team already, that when you pay, please pay for the entire team and be sure to put each persons name on the sheet as we need them when we do news articles.

Jim Chiselhead" Wilson says

*Check in at the front desk
prior to the meeting.*

he will have some music at the clubhouse and he assured me he will keep everyone entertained.

Sign up sheets are at The Jim, Jim's Corner Pub and Whiskey River. If you would like to bring a guest or friend to the clubhouse for dinner, the cost will be \$12.00.

Questions should be addressed to Bernie Knippel, Chairman 715-359-6178, Jim Fust 715-212-3743, Ted Williams 715-845-2604, Don Goretski 715-848-0176, Todd Wold 715-581-6150 or Mark Lyon at 715-359-5175.

It will be a great day to be with great friends.

August 8, 2014 - Wisconsin Valley Fair. Details will be announced.

September 1, 2014 - Labor Day Parade. Details will be announced.

September 8, 2014 - Return of Honor Flight at CWA at 8:30 p.m.

September 13, 2014 - Nomination of Officers - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

November 8, 2014 - Election Day - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road

Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

November 11, 2014 - Veterans Day.

December 6, 2014 - Ham/Turkey giveaway at 8:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse, 1425 Townline Road in Wausau.

December 13, 2014 - Christmas Party at Best Western Midway Hotel, 2901 Hummingbird Road in Rib Mountain. Details will follow.

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A Man walks into a bank . . .

A man walks into a bank and says he wants to borrow \$200 for six months. The loan officer asks him what kind of collateral he has. The man says, "I've got a Rolls Royce - keep it until the loan is paid off - here are the keys." Six months later the man comes into the bank, pays back the \$200 loan, plus \$10 interest, and regains possession of the Rolls Royce. The loan officer asks him, 'Sir, if I may ask, why would a man who drives a Rolls Royce need to borrow two hundred dollars?' The man answers, 'I had to go to Europe for six months, and where else could I store a Rolls Royce for that long for ten dollars?'