



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Special Salute from the President



If you are not familiar with Tom Westermeyer's work you have not been by the clubhouse lately. The beautiful signs on the front of the building were all done by this gentleman. He has spent many hours of his time working on these types of projects and the results are obvious. There are three different buildings at the King Home for Veterans that have signs made up by Tom and we were privileged to present them to the staff members at King. In one of the main buildings there are signs that say "Man of Honor" and also have 5 smaller signs representing the 5 branches of the military. Very nice to see. All the signs in our clubhouse are the results of Tom's work and dedication to the Society. He has been an Associate Member for the past three years. His devotion

and eagerness to help the Man of Honor Society is very much appreciated. He continues to contribute in any way he possibly can. Tom Westermeyer, it is a pleasure to have you in our Society and you are unquestionably A TRUE MAN OF HONOR and for that we salute you.

Congratulations to the Winners - MOH Raffle



Grand Prize: Chrysler 200
Brian Kluender



- 1st:** Harley - Kevin Kramer
2nd: Camper - Wayne Allen
3rd: 4-Wheeler w/trailer - Les

Hotchkiss

- 4th:** Lawn Mower - Jeff Mientke
5th: \$750 - Ross Krueger
6th: \$750 - Kent Schuh
7th: \$500 - Marcy Stahl
8th: \$500 - Pat Duranceau
9th: \$250 - Steve Beaudorn
10th: \$250 - Diane Schaefer
11th: \$150 - Katelynn Schilling
12th: \$150 - Mary Pruess
13th: \$100 - Jim Bittner
14th: \$100 - Cindy Hilmer
15th: \$100 - Rejeana Ebert
16th: \$100 - Shawn Ziebell
17th: \$100 - Scott Waldhart
18th: \$100 - Pete & Joyce Reger
19th: \$100 - Sue Johnson Fenhous
20th: \$100 - Deanna Schubring

Those who donated, raffle organizers, ticket sellers, people who worked very, very hard at the raffle and most important of all is the people who attended.

THANK YOU for another successful year!

The newsletter will be published approximately every two months.

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**Letter
from the
Pres.**



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

Hello everyone!

WOOO-HOOO What a ride it's been since the May 9th membership meeting.

The 11th was the 2nd return of Veterans this year who went to Washington D.C. on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. I have to say about 1 dozen Man of Honor people came to CWA to help welcome home our veterans. Really good to have that many folks show up. Thank you.

On the 15th & 16th Wausau Harley hosted a MDA Fundraiser weekend. Dan Rigney came up with the idea of selling MOH tickets at their event. So with the help of friends, they set up a booth and got busy. On Saturday afternoon, things were a little quiet cause riders were out riding, of course. Look at who shows up? The grandson of the Davidson side of Harley Davidson, Bill Davidson. What a surprise and what a super nice guy. Hey Bill, will you sign a few T-shirts for us? I sure will. Hey Bill will you sign the Harley Low Rider Man of Honor is giving away this year at our Veterans Fund Raising Raffle? I sure will, he said again.



Thanks to all involved with the weekend of Memorial Day Parade. What can I say, Man of Honor at their finest! New members, spouses, kids, handing out Flags or carrying Branch Flags, walking with the Man of Honor Banner the van pulling the trailer with people riding on it. It's a great day for a parade. Thank you for being a large part of our communities effort in remembering our fallen heroes.

Another piece of the Memorial Day weekend is our participation in the Restlawn Cemetery Ceremony. This year Man of Honor did the Missing Man Table. Considering the wet weather and the program being moved to the Chapel, it was standing room only. Once again MOH did our community PROUD! The presence of so many MOH people was almost as great as the numbers that were at the parade. Thank you to the team who rehearsed time and again so the Missing Man Table program went off without a hitch. Thank you to

Flag Line as well. Thank you to those who were part of the audience. Events like these or the Labor Day Parade or Honor Flight, all of meaning to our Veterans and their families and to the whole town that comes out to support these causes.

The next group of sentences is of very sad news, Past President, Comrade in Arms, Friend, Bill Hommerding passed away on the 26th of May. RIP Bill! Peace to the families!

Man of Honor 2015 Raffle - A complete success! Thank You, Thank you. There are just too many people to list and I wouldn't want to miss anyone. From the chairman all the way to the supply runners. From the builder uppers to the taker downers and the put awayers. Bartenders, kitchen workers, volunteers! Thank you to each and everyone!!!

However, I must acknowledge these 5 by name.

Eagles Club, thank you for your hospitality, this event would be much

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more difficult without your support. Thank you!

Carson Fust, this young man, I believe never stopped moving for the three days of the event. He helped out in every area. Thank You!

Next, this young lady, Jaydan Hanson, is the granddaughter of Tim and Donna Gosse. She ran the cash register all 3 days of the raffle. She was a whirlwind of help. Thank you!

Emily Gwidt, granddaughter of Tom Fust, was a big help in the basket area. She was there Saturday and Sunday setting up and selling tickets.

Barrett Stolzman who did an excellent job playing taps.

Parents and Grandparents, you can be very proud of these young people. Thanks again to all who helped in all areas.

One last thing. Please when you're out and about and you know the shop keeper or store owner or the person that donated to help make this raffle a success, let them know the Man of Honor members tells them Thank You for helping out.

Wooo-Hooo what a ride it's been. Thank you for all you do!

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God bless you and the United States!



Man of Honor 11th Year Raffle an Absolute Success - 2015

Tom Fust once again was Chairman of the raffle, with Ric Carr and Dan Rigney as Co-Chairman.

The 11th year of raising funds to support our local veterans is over.

It was the most successful event in the history of the Man of Honor Society. The food was "Cookin'", the baskets were getting full of tickets and the Beer Tent was full of people telling stories that only a few believed.

FRIDAY was the normal "Get Started" day. Ric & Rosie Carr and Cathie (Toot) Morgan had the burgers and brats on the fire and ready to go. Bernie Knippel and Mark Lyon had the beer and wine cold and folks were lined up to quench their thirst.

The Band "Grizzly Sons" was playing and everyone was singing along and having a good time. Everyone enjoyed the band and had many nice things to say about this fine group.

SATURDAY was a different story. Sara DeWitt was awesome as she sang the National Anthem while the troops formed up and raised the flag to officially open the 2015

Raffle.

Early on Saturday afternoon a reporter from the Wausau Daily Herald approached Jeff Morgan and myself and wanted an interview. Jeff and the young lady stepped aside where they could talk and the interview began. The reporter was very courteous and very interested in our operation. On Monday the Headlines in the Wausau Daily Herald was all about the MOH and a beautiful picture of Rachelle Hulderman and Joe McGrath who is 94 years old and our most senior member. An article was written by Melanie Lawder and it was just amazing. Wonderful day and wonderful work by the Daily Herald reporter.

There were games for kids in the afternoon run by Julie and Liz Rybacki, Jake Bupp, Clover Leonard, Dustin and Caleb Schoessow and Allyson Kaiser. A bouncy house was donated by Kaileah and available for the kids (and some adults) to enjoy. Wanda Oleson from Jimmy's Italian's ice set up their operation (donated) and when the kids were parched that was the place to go. Caricatures by Melody, Melody Valenti, also did character portraits for kids and adults. The adults were amazed on what the final results were. The kids had a great time thanks to these kind people who are non-members of the MOH.

The Honor Run, organized by Dan Rigney, Mary Mary Mulder and Shannon Consolver had 14 bikes and 25 riders. The ride took them all over Marathon County. A touch of rain did not affect the ride and the riders had a great time and met some great people. The sound of all the bikes together for the Veterans was music to their ears. The riders were met with open arms by many who attended the raffle. Nice job and a very special thank you to all the sponsors.

John Fust Jr. was doing a great job announcing everything including the 50/50 raffles, the paddle wheels and any other things that needed a "Barkers" touch.

Peggy Wold, Vickie Harness and Gerri Knippel were in charge of the basket side of the raffle, full of great things that were donated by so many gracious people. Bev Bain, a MOH member, put together over 40 of these baskets alone. Despite the rain baskets went well, in fact more baskets than ever.

Vicki (Vixter) Harness was not only doing her duties as MOH photographer she also handled the 50/50 raffles.

The people that were previously mentioned by no means did everything alone. The number of volunteers who made all this happen was absolutely great.

Once again the Beer and Food Tent were very busy and the bar was knee deep with patrons. All the people who worked bartending had little time to breathe and they did a great job making sure there were no thirsty people around the beer tent. It only got better once the band "HYDE" began to perform. They were absolutely fantastic and the place was wall to wall enjoying the fine music. HYDE not only put on an unbelievable show but their respect for Veterans and MOH members was more than anyone ever expected to hear. HYDE - We Salute You!

Then came the evening ceremony. Bernie Knippel organized the ceremony with Mark Lyon at his side. They made arrangements with Scott Zoromski to have the evening fireworks and once again did a terrific job. President Jeff Morgan began the ceremony with a welcome to all the spectators and introduced Sara DeWitt who once again sang the National Anthem in a way only Sara could do it. MOH troops had already formed upon the lawn then Jeff made more comments to everyone and passed the ceremony over to Bernie and Mark. Respect was shown as we honored all of the following fallen members of the MOH Society: VETERANS - Wayne Ash, Gary Bench, Michael Bruess, Victor Burzinski, Steven

Goetsch, Pat Grimm, Edgar Gunderson, Dennis Gutnecht, Roger Hicks, James Hieronimus, Harold Hofstetter, William Hommerding, Thomas Lanigan, James Moheintsky, Frank Mueller, Robert Prott, John Rath, Dennis Richie, Paul Spatz, Timothy Stark, Victor Venske, William Volm and John Wunch.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS -

William Gottschalk and Mary Ann Williams. Bernie read off their names one by one and Mark rang the bell after each name. It was a very emotional time for many of us in attendance. Taps were brilliantly played by Barrett Stolzman at the end of the ceremony and the fireworks followed. It was a wonderful way to honor and show our respect to our fallen brothers and sisters. After the ceremony the fabulous HYDE continued to thrill the crowd and the people behind the bar were wearing out their shoes trying to keep up with the 5 deep waiting for a beverage.

SUNDAY - Ric & Rosie Carr and Cathie Morgan opened up the food area at 11 a.m. with a super chicken dinner prepared by Peggy Wold and people were lined up in anticipation. They were not disappointed. Once again the food service area was busy busy with all the guests lined up. With all the great help on board everything went like

clockwork. Great food and happy people.

The band Polish Connection once again did a tremendous job. They are a great group and the MOH is always extremely proud to have them with us. Very nice people. Folks were dancing and having a great time.

John Fust Jr. had some raffles going and once again the basket people were very busy. The band continued to play until 5 p.m. at which time all the people who were winners of the baskets were notified.

Sunday evening right at 6 p.m. it was time for the drawing and people were crowded around the stage hoping they had the winning ticket for one of the many prizes that were about to be drawn. President Morgan introduced Dave Procop who was our guest of honor. Dave, a genuine character, pleased the audience with a few jokes and comments. Dave by the way, is also a retired Major and Veteran from the U.S. Army. All the winners were announced and some were thrilled to have their name called and those who were not so lucky commented that it was still for a great cause. Nice comments. MOH troops formed up once again and Echo Taps were played by Polish Connection, Ron and Wally Raczkowski and the 3 day event was officially over. The bar be-

came a very popular place after the drawing when once again some tall tales emerged. Everything closed around 8 p.m. and the crowd left with lots of smiles on their faces, many who were winners and the rest because they had a great time.

A few very special "Thanks" to mention. These young people did a fabulous job. Carson Fust never had a moment to rest helping in every area that needed help, regardless of what job it was.

Emily Gwidt spent long hours on Saturday and Sunday setting up and selling in the basket area.

Jaydan Hanson worked to perfection in the food area manning the cash register and helping Grandma Gosse sell 10 liners.

Barrett Stolzman who did an excellent job playing taps which was previously mentioned.

Finally, many thanks to Tim Miller and Bill Hendrichs for all they did representing the Eagles Club. It would be very hard to find a better place to have this raffle and it would be even harder to find two people who cared about everything as much as these two gents.

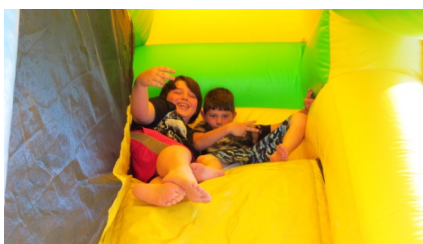
To list all the names of the people who volunteered to make this our most successful year ever would be an impossible

chore without leaving someone out. Preparation for an event such as this requires many people to get the job done. There were cooks, bartenders, people selling baskets, folks doing the kids area, people running for extra items needed, doing the 50/50 and the side raffle, the paddle wheel, setting up and taking down everything and all the people who took part in the Honor Run and list goes on and on. It take each and every one of those who volunteered to make this all happen and no one position or job is more important than the other. Everyone must work together to make it all happen and that is exactly what everyone did. GREAT JOB EVERYBODY!!!!

Written by Bernie Knippel



Man of Honor Raffle - Friday

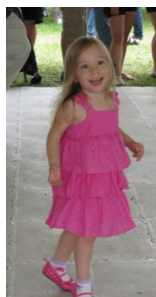


Man of Honor Raffle - Saturday





Man of Honor Raffle - Sunday





Memorial Day Parade & Restlawn Ceremony



Memorial Day Parade was held on May 23, 2015. It was a beautiful day with MOH members, families and friends waiting to join in the parade.

The parade started with Jim Fust leading our Flag Line and Banner with MOH marching behind. New members, spouses and kids handing out Flags. We had the van pulling the trailer with people riding, Tom Fust's truck hauling the MOH prizes for the raffle, a Jeep driven by Joe Nikolias and his family and last but not least a Chrysler Sebring driven by Ric &



Rosie Carr with our senior member, Joe McGrath accompanied by Duke Treu. Joe was so proud to ride in the parade and hand out Flags to anyone who wanted one.

On May 25th MOH participated in Restlawn Cemetery Ceremony. Due to the wet weather the program was moved to the Chapel, which was standing room only.

This year the MOH did the Missing Man Table instead of the Folding of the Flag. Very well

done.

Thanks everyone who attended both the Parade and Restlawn Ceremony.

Written by Rosie Carr

Honor Run

A great time was had by all on the 2015 Honor Run, June 13th! Much work was done by Mary Mulder (Mary Mary), Shannon Consolver, and Dan Rigney to make it happen. From planning the route, finding sponsors, getting t-shirts made, and many other things to make it all come together.

We opened registration at The Jim 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning, there was some rain and overcast skies to start with, but at least the temperature was good. The weather did not stop the 25 riders and 14 bikes from showing up to ride and support our local veterans.

From The Jim we headed for our first stop at the Peplin Pub, where we enjoyed a beverage and the riders started chatting and getting to know each other. From there it was a beautiful ride on 153 heading to Hog Creek Saloon, thankfully the rain stopped when we got there; unfortunately, it started again when we left. The ride to Loonies was enjoyable and once there we enjoyed some delicious appetizers. The next stop was Jumper's in Little Chicago, after

our visit there we headed over to Lucky's East Side Pub, then it was on to the fund raiser at Eagles.

A big thank you to all the riders that showed up ready to ride in the rain, the many, many sponsors, and to those that helped make it happen.

Written by Dan Rigney

Thank You!

A very special thank you goes out to Kevin and Joy Mallum. Owners of the 19th Hole Tavern and the Denmark Bar. These folks have been very special in helping the Man of Honor every year with their loan of their tent for our raffle and of course all the items they donate to us to help make our raffle the success that it is. Also I would like to mention two very special people, Cha and Sarah Moua who manage the bars for Kevin and Joy. They make sure that we are always taken care of when it comes to donating items to the raffle and they are both absolutely great with the attitude they have in our cause to helping Veterans and their families in need. Kevin, Joy, Cha and Sarah, the Man of Honor thanks you for your long time support of our efforts to raise funds for our Veterans. You are all very special people. The Man of Honor Salutes you.

Bernie Knippel, Secretary, MOH

Rest In Peace



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.

William "Bill" Hom-



merding, 66, of Wausau passed away peacefully in the early hours of Tuesday May 26, 2015 with his wife by his side at St.

Clare's Hospital.

Bill was a past president in 2008 and member of the Man of Honor Society for many years. Right out of High School Bill joined the U.S. Air Force and served 20 years and 1 day, retiring on September 1st 1987.

In 1989 he took a position with ITT Corporation in Iceland. While there he met and married his wife, Sissa Hommerding (Associate Member), of almost 23 years.

MOH website:
manofhonor.org

Bill moved back to Wausau in 1992. He worked as a Dietary Manager for Senior Living Facilities and retired again from Marywood Convalescent Center in 2013. Bill was a kind, gentle man who also had a great sense of humor. Bill loved to travel and went all over Europe where he was stationed and once back home he loved taking cruises to the Caribbean with his wife Sissa and friends with their last trip going to Mexico in February of this year.

Survivors include his wife Sissa, his daughter Tara and three grandchildren, Austin, Brendan and Audrey, stepson Gummi.

When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. Lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about.

Gratitude

I would like to give my heartfelt gratitude to all Man of Honor members that showed up for Bill's services to pay their respects. Due to most of them not being able to sign the guest book, it is impossible for me to thank them all in person as I would have liked. You had an impressive number of people show up and I thank you for that. You did Bill proud.

Sissa Hommerding

Funds Committee Update

The Funds Committee had two requests that were paid by the

Man of Honor Society from May 9, 2015 to present.

Requests paid:

- Funeral \$200
- Rent \$550.00

Total paid this period: \$750.00

The total requests paid for the year is 4,093.00.



We watched him suffer, day by day;
It caused us bitter grief;
To see him slowly pine away;
And could not give relief.

His weary hours and days of pain;
His troubled nights are past;
And in our aching hearts we know;
He has found sweet rest at last.

'Tis sweet to know we will meet again;
Where parting is no more;
And my dear husband I loved so well;
Has only gone before.

God knows how much I miss him;
He counts the tears I shed;
And whispers, "Hush, he only sleeps;
Your husband is not dead."

Some day, some time, my years shall see;
The face I loved so well.
Some day, some time, his hand I'll clasp;
And never say farewell.

The pearly gates were opened;
A gentle voice said "Come,"
And with farewells unspoken;
He gently entered home.

His smiling way and pleasant face;
Are a pleasure to recall;
He had a kindly word for each;
And died beloved by all.

Some day we hope to meet him;
Some day, we know not when;
To clasp his hand in the better land;
Never to part again.

Coming Events:

July 11, 2015 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

July 18, 2015 - Golf Tournament at the Tribute Golf Course formally known as the American Legion at 9:30 a.m. Cost per person \$55.00.

Contact: Bernie Knippel, chairman 715-803-8039.

September 12, 2015 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m. Nomination of officers, Vice President and Treasurer.

September 20, 2015 - Flag Retirement at Ric & Rosie Carr home at 6803 Carnation Avenue at 3:00 p.m. Boy Scouts will be there to help with the ceremony.

September 28, 2015 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 8:30 p.m.

October 12, 2015 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 8:30 p.m.

November 11, 2015 - Veterans Day.

November 14, 2015 - Meet-

ing at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m. Election of officers, Vice President and Treasurer.



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 - Bryan 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 - Robert Burton, USAF
29 - Kevin Krueger, US Army
31 - Ray Bender, USAF

August

1 - Rick Beck, USMC
4 - Tyra Chlebowska, USAF
6 - Gary Olson, US Army
7 - Thomas Buhs, US Navy
7 - James Landowsky, US Navy
11 - Dan Brezovar, US Army
11 - Greg Brezovar, US Army
11 - Jeff Morgan, Army NG
11 - Roger Zynda, US Army
12 - Tom Fust, USMC
13 - Vernon Vetterkind, US

Army

14 - William Fenhaus, NG
15 - Jacob Petterson, US Army
15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
17 - Roger Kohn, USMC
Army
20 - Kevin Zahurones, Army NG
22 - Charlie Sapp, US Army
22 - Daniel Paul, USAF
23 - Jason Rumbaugh, US Army
24 - Bernie Knippel, USAF
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 Corps. and for June was Guy Mockler, US Navy.

New Members

We have four new members in our society which brings it to a total of 379. Let's welcome the following:

Gerald Gwidt, US Army
Anthony Kopchinski, US Army
David Nowak, Army NG
Jacob Petterson, US Army

We are always looking for members to help on our many functions, such as: MOH Raffle, parades, committees, building maintenance, and much more.

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

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