



Newsletter

Man-Of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute From the President



Keith Cota Sr. is one of the original members of the Man of Honor Society of Marathon County. In December 2012 Keith stepped down as our Treasurer after nine years of total devotion and dedication to this position. Words cannot describe how much this man has contributed to this fine organization. To summarize all of his many accomplishments would take up this entire newsletter. I can only say to Keith that we honor and respect all of his countless accomplishments and the fact that he

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will continue to be among us is gratifying to say the least. **Mr. Keith Cota Sr - You Are Truly a Man of Honor. We Salute You.**

Jeffrey Morgan, President

King's Camper Palooza V

February 28th thru March 3rd was the King's Camper Palooza. The 4 day event was held at King's Camper, 5507 Lilac Avenue, Wausau.



(Bernie Knippel, John Sapp, Ray McSherry, Joe Hanke, Tom Fust, Jeff Morgan)

The Man of Honor Society set up their booth on Friday morning and were ready to go for all day Friday and Saturday when the doors opened. We sold 21 Harley tickets, \$250 worth of MOH hats, and signed up 4 new members. Great job!

Why this event is so good for the MOH, is the variety of people who attend. There was a lot of



(John Krukowski, Don Masterson, Larry Andreski)

help from our members selling tickets. I would like to thank all the members who helped with this event.



(Bryan Thacker, John Fust)
This is King's Camper biggest event of the year and I'm proud the Man of Honor is a part of it.

Next years Camper Palooza at King's we plan on selling Brats and Burger along with our tickets. Should be a good fun raiser.

(See King's Camper pg 2 col 3)

Flag retirement drop off box at Whiskey River and The Jim.

**Letter
from the
Prez.....**



**Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, Army National
Guard**

Hello, from the new guy!

Hey, we got the 1st meeting over with and I thought it went well. Our next meeting is March 9th and I am really hoping for a good turnout. With the Harley Raffle coming in June, you can bet there is a lot to discuss. And more importantly many areas where all of us can pitch in and HELP!! In advance, I'd like to say thank you to the Committee Chairman, Tom Fust. He has been pretty much MOH right hand man. Thank you again for all you do. And thank you to all who also volunteer as planners, prize getters, bartenders, tent organizers, food, music, advertisement, and the list goes on and on. I almost forgot the most important part, **THE TICKET SELLERS!!!** Remember that with about 450ish members, if each of us would sell 1 pack of 5 tickets we will meet our goal! As with all of our adventures the more people helping the less work there is to do. Please try to be more involved, I know its difficult for a lot of you with work and family commitments. We really have a lot on our plates,

only the Spring and Fall Raffles, but also different Holiday parades. Pool and Golf outings which are our fun times but they all need someone to get the ball rolling. I think you all get my drift. So enough on that. In the relatively short time that I've been in the Society I am very proud to stand with each of you! Whether you are Military or Associate member, your pride shows. Service and respect given to their time of need is truly the glue that keeps this organization not only together, but allowed us to be able to do the great things that were accomplished in the past and also looking forward to our future.

Thank you for making the MAN OF HONOR SOCIETY the best organization in the Marathon County area.

God Bless You and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Jeff Morgan, President

MOH Members Bikers Run



Man of Honor Members Bikers Run on Saturday, July 20, 2013. Meet at "The Jim" in Weston at 9:00 a.m. For all members and Associate members of the Man of Honor Society along with their friends and family.

The sign up sheet will be at "The Jim" prior to the ride or you may

Sign up the day of the ride.

If any questions, contact Shannon Consolver at 715-218-8932.

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from pg 1 col 3)**



(Janice Skidmore)



(Tom Fust, Jeff Morgan, Ted Williams)

Thanks again for you help.

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Spotlight On One of Our Own!

I am once again honored to write in our Newsletter about our nominated “Spotlight On One Of Our Own” person.

Tom Fust was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin and graduated from Wausau Senior High in 1961. He and his wife, Bonnie, have 4 lovely daughters; Tracy, Tammy, Tanya, and Terria and have been blessed with 11 grandchildren. Tom was a Truck Driver for 42 years, finishing his career with Federal Express National.

Tom joined the United States Marine Corps in 1964. He went to Boot Camp in San Diego, California, then attended Advanced Infantry Training and finally school for 1345 Heavy Equipment Operator. He then transferred to Da Nang, Vietnam, where he served with the 3rd Engineering Battalion. Upon his return from Vietnam he attended Leadership School and then was discharged in 1968 with the rank of Sergeant. His military decorations included the National Defense Service Ribbon w/1star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Meritorious Mast and the Rifle Expert Badge.

Tom is always an extremely busy man within the Society. He has done numerous remodeling jobs in veterans homes, built wheel chair ramps for those in need, and many other projects involving his carpenter skills. He currently monitors projects within our new clubhouse and has spent many, many hours on the MOH Van to ensure it remains in top shape. He was chosen as Chairman of all of our Fall Raffles and has been selected to Chair our upcoming Harley Raffle for the second time. No easy task I can assure you. Tom is a quiet, down to earth gentleman, who strives to do the best he can possibly do to support the MOH.

It is an absolute Honor to “Spotlight” Tom Fust. The Honor and Respect he brings to his Family and the United States Marine Corps is beyond reproach. I can only say “Thank You” for all that you do for the MOH Society and for all Veterans in need. A Very special Salute to you for all you have done for your country. Semper Fi.

Jeff Morgan, President

Written by,
Bernie Knippel, SMSgt, USAF, Ret.



Never Forgotten Honor Flight - April & May

The Never Forgotten Honor flight is in full swing gearing up for our four 2013 flights. Our spring flights are scheduled for April 22 (11th Mission) and May 13th (12th mission). Our April flight will have approximately 35 WWII veterans, 52 Korean Veterans and 3 Vietnam Veterans (TLCs- Their Last Chance). TLC veterans have a terminal illness and go to the head of the wait list. One of our Vietnam TLC veterans was actually a Guardian on our first flight, 27 April 2010! The May flight currently has 97 Korean Veterans and will be the first all Korean Veteran Flight. We will be calling the Guardians selected for the spring flights in the second week of March.

I encourage all MOH Society members who have friends and family that are WWII, Korean or Vietnam Era veterans; to send in their applications. Veterans (and Guardian) Applications can be found on our web site <http://neverforgottenhonorflight.org/> or by calling 715-573-8519 and request and application to be mailed to them.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Volunteers; please accept my sincerest gratitude and thanks for the MOH Society continued support of the

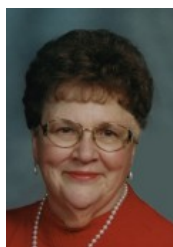
Never Forgotten Honor Flight. The very first donation received by the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, in December of 2009, came from the MOH Society and to date the MOH Society has paid for one veteran (Cost is \$500 per veteran) to go on each of our ten flights.

If you haven't been on hand to welcome our veterans home from their trip to Washington DC, I encourage you to show up at Central Wisconsin Airport at about 2030 hours (8:30 pm) on the night of the flight! I guarantee you an "experience" you will never forget!!

All MOH members need to be in uniform, white hats and shirts with black slacks.

Jim Campbell

**Rest
In
Peace**



Dorothy Dahlke, 83, Edgar died on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital

with family by her side.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Edgar, with Rev. Robert Strevefeler officiating. The visitation was held on

Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until service time at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Edgar.

Dorothy is the mother of Ray Bender, MOH member.

She married Raymond J. Bender on November 30, 1945. They farmed at Fairbury, IL and then moved their family to Edgar where they ran a dairy farm and raised 4 children until Raymond died in 1974. Dorothy then moved to Wausau and eventually went to work as a unit clerk for Wausau Hospital South. She worked on the OB unit for many years until her retirement from Aspirus. In 1980 she married Alex J. "Curly" Dahlke in Wuerzburg. She enjoyed being with family, gardening and canning, playing cards, fishing and going to casinos with her family and friends.

Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that we are very close in every thought and prayer.



Margaret E. Bruess, 88, Mosinee, died peacefully on Monday, February 11, 2013 at Cedar

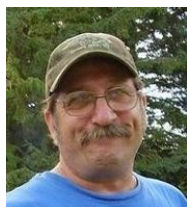
Ridge Elder Services after a long illness.

Margaret is the mother of Mike Bruess member of the MOH. She was a lifelong member of Grace United Church of Christ where she enjoyed the Merri Hearts

Club. She enjoyed golf, bowling, spending time at the cottage and walking her constant companion, her dog Peanut. She also enjoyed family card games where she kept everyone laughing. She was a generous loving person who made a friend of everyone she met.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 14, 2013 at Grace United Church of Christ in Wausau. Burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery in Wausau. Visitation was held at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Mike and his family.



John Lee Rath, 55, passed away on Tuesday evening, February 12, 2013 surrounded by family at home.

John was a member of the MOH Society since May 2011. He is also the brother of Candace Craig the wife of Robert Peck member of the MOH Society. John proudly served his country with the United States Navy. He was stationed for his first two years in Bermuda and worked as a firefighter, then finished out his service on the flight deck of the USS Okinawa, while traveling all over the world.

The memorial service for John was held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Nee-nah's Westgor Funeral Home. Friends were received at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family.



Edgar Gunderson, 83, Wausau, died on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Mount

View Care Center Wausau, under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services.

Edgar was a United States Army Veteran serving as a medic during the Korean War. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart. Edgar was also a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Edgar was a man of many talents including cars, cooking and carpentry. He played numerous musical instruments without any formal training -- many will remember him for his harmonica and guitar. He was a gifted singer and spent a good part of his career as a singing bartender. Edgar lived life to the fullest and enjoyed telling a good joke, playing a game of blackjack at the casino, finding a good deal at an auction, and drinking a smooth Brandy Manhattan. He was larger than life itself, was loved by many and will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2013 at Hogarty Community

Church, with military rites conducted by the VFW. Interment will be in Hogarty Riverside Cemetery. Visitation was held on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Birnamwood and again on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of Service at the church.

Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.

Something to Remember

As a warrior I receive praise, medals, parades, handshakes from political figures, fancy speeches to honor my service and the list goes on and on.

What gets left on the sidelines is my family's sacrifice. On cold lonely nights, when things go bump in the night, when they have a bad dream from the fear for my safety, I am not there to comfort them.

When the hard times hit, I am not there to help them. When they cry themselves to sleep because they miss me, I can not console them.

So the next time you thank me for my service, in whatever way you have chosen, turn to my family first and thank them first because they pay a much higher price than I. I am doing what I love, they are enduring because they love me and share my passion.

God bless America.

*SGT Michael Damon
United States Army
United States Marine Corp.*

Coming Events:

March 9, 2013 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March 16, 2013 - Pool Tournament at 12 noon at the Eagles Club. We will sign up only 32 2-person teams at Jim's Corner Pub **ONLY** starting February 6th. Cost is \$40.00 per team and needs to be paid when you sign up.

May 11, 2013 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

May 27, 2013 - Memorial Day Parade - Details to follow in the next newsletter.

June 8, 2013 - Harley Raffle at the Eagles Club in Wausau, WI. It starts at Noon until Midnight. Tickets are ready to be picked up at "The Jim". We are asking for volunteers at the next meeting.
Fun, Food, and Music.

New Members

We now have 481 members in the Man-of-Honor Society.
The newest members are:

Lyle Beck, USAF
Joe Hanke, USMC
Aaron Masterson, US Army
Warren J. Ryan, US Army
Mike Sixel, Army NG

Happy Birthday



March

- 1 - *John Krukowski, US Army*
- 2 - *Eddie Brittain, US Army*
Ryan Ott, Associate
- 3 - *Donald Cisewski, US Army*
Ricky Godbolt, US Army
- 3 - *Tom Gordon, USAF*
- 6 - *Michael Koenig, Army NG*
- 7 - *Barb Bushka, Associate*
- 8 - *Earl McCloy, US Navy*
Warren Ryan, US Army
- 9 - *Michael Gesick, USAF*
- 11 - *Robert Bauer, US Army*
- 13 - *Gary Bauer, US Army*
- 14 - *Terry Cota, US Army*
Sandra Hagenbucher, US Army
- 17 - *Gerri Knippel, Associate*
- 18 - *John Pellegrino, US Navy*
- 19 - *Guy Sidmore, USMC*
- 20 - *Shannon Consolver, US Navy*
Joanne Guemmer, USAF
- 24 - *LeRoy Schilll, US Army*
- 25 - *Brian Heise, US Army*
Dan Kasten, Associate
Kyle Kelley, US Army
- 26 - *Dale Bickford, US Army*
- 27 - *James Fust, USAF*
Barbara Jastinski, Associate
- 30 - *Jack Horak, US Army*

April

- 2 - *Shawn Thake, US Army*
- 3 - *Michael Fehurman, US Navy*
- 3 - *Gerald Merideth, USAF*
Latrice Porter, US Army
- 5 - *John Londerville, NG*

- 6 - *Auudrey Nall, US Army*
Jason Oja, US Army
Ann Rigsby, US Army
Patrick Robinson, Army National Guard
Phil Thompson, USAF
- 7 - *Don Simpson, US Army*
- 8 - *Don Goretski, Associate*
- 11 - *Nancy Brown, Navy Reserve*
Mary Jane Kernosky, USAF
- 11 - *Mark Mugavero, US Army/NG*
Brian Wesenberg, US Army
- 12 - *Roger Cook, USAF/Army*
- 14 - *Richard Carr, US Army*
Dennis Kruzan, US Navy
Angela Petroski, Associate Member
Janice Skidmore, USMC
- 15 - *Anthony Kraus, USMC*
Tony Stange, US Army
- 16 - *Sheila Love, Associate*
Wayne Welch, US Army
- 18 - *Ron Jones, US Army*
- 19 - *Brian Augustine, US Army*
Carla Waube, Associate
- 21 - *Dan Schepp, US Army*
- 22 - *Scott Durkee, US Army*
- 23 - *Michael Bartz, USAF*
- 24 - *Christopher Lang, US Navy*
Tom Lanigan, US Navy
- 25 - *Landelin Koppa, US Army*
- 27 - *Michael Cram, US Navy*
Greg Foye, USAF
- 30 - *Sissa Hommerding, Associate Member*

The winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for January was Mark Lyon, USMC and for February was Jack Sliwicki, US Army. Happy Birthday!