



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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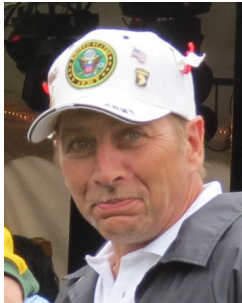
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Special Salute from the President and the Officers

*Written by Bernie Knippel,
Secretary*



Scott Wanta is an Associate Member who spends a great deal of time working with the Man of Honor. He strongly believes in our goals of helping veterans and lends a hand whenever needed. He is honored to march in our parades and on many occasions acts as one of our flag bearers. He is a regular at our meetings and is very sincere when asking questions about specific things that we are doing or going to do. Last year at our raffle he performed for us on stage for a short period of time showing his musi-

cal talents. He is a great seller of our raffle tickets and also has gotten many donations for the raffle from some of the local vendors. He is a gentlemen who shows respect and members enjoy working with him because of his positive approach to getting things done. Scott Wanta you are not only one of our finest Associate Members, you are unquestionably "A TRUE MAN OF HONOR".

New Members Orientation

*Written by Bernie Knippel,
Secretary*



The MOH conducted its first orientation for new members on the 6th of February. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize new members (some older members were in attendance) with the current policies and procedures of the Society. I conducted the first orientation and the other officers will take their turn in the future. Some of the areas covered were our clubhouse situation with the 4th of July Celebration people

and our agreement with them, our MOH Van and all BRB has done for us, our uniforms, the newsletter, functions we are involved with, our By-Laws and detailed information on our annual raffle. There was a question and answer period and things went well. There were about 25 people at the orientation and I feel that they all have a better understanding about the MOH and how we accomplish all the things we do. When the meeting was over some of the attendees stayed and chatted a bit and familiarized themselves with the MOH Refreshment Center. Overall a good day.

Quote from the President

You can be a passive member of the Man of Honor Society and no one will fault you, or you can dive in and get involved with some activities and I promise you'll get a lot more out of your membership. Don't rely on someones interpretation to tell you what to believe.

*"Be involved
with the MOH Society"*

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

***The newsletter will be published
approximately every two
months.***

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

**Letter
from the
Prez**



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

Hello everyone! It's not quite spring yet, however, we have had a pretty calm winter. As I write this, I'm not sure if March will come in as a lion and go out like a lamb. Either way in about 90 days or less some of us will be complaining there are too many bugs or it's too hot. Like I said, as I write this, it's still February. The most exciting thing in February is the Raffle Prize Committee has got together to decide what the ticket prizes were to be and got the tickets printed. If you haven't heard by now, tickets are now available to be picked up at the Clubhouse on Wednesday evening from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday from 11-1 p.m. So from now to the last Saturday in May, PLEASE, PLEASE, SELL, SELL all the tickets you can get your hands on! As long as we're on the raffle subject, this membership meeting we will be going over the rest of the committees that need to be formed. Please don't forget to gather things for the baskets, booze for the booze wagon, paddle wheel items, even things for the children activities. We have once again hit the ground running. With everyone's continued help this should be another very successful raffle. Thank you all for all the hard work that goes into not only "The Raffle", but all the activities through out the year. Just some tidbits as to what else will take place at your membership meeting, Man of Honor Pool Tourna-

ment, Never Forgotten Honor Flights dates, By-Laws changes and much, much more to be discussed. Plan to attend your meetings. THANK YOU!

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God Bless You and The United States.

Special Thank You

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

February 20th the 1st Lady and I were invited to Gulliver's Landing to attend the River Valley Express Trucking Company's Christmas Party. The event was Hosted by Mr. James L. Neitzke, MOH member. Lani Rethaber, MOH member, and Steve Nelson, MOH member, also played a large part as well. Cathie and I got there around 5:30 p.m. and the introductions started immediately. The people at the party were so friendly and outgoing. I was impressed. We were seated for the meal. Big Jim was calling out numbers for a very big table full of raffle prizes. As the meal progressed, Big Jim again called everyone's attention to the Milestones, Achievements, and at a boy of his employees. Then I was called to come forward. After a very warm introduction, MOH became the center piece of the party. Lani and Steve presented me a check to the tune of \$1,000.00. I was numb, I had no idea. It was hard to keep my voice from cracking as I said a great many thank you's.

Steve Nelson, Lani Rethaber, Jim Neitzke and to each of you who

work at River Valley Express, Thank You! You all are people of Honor.

Wood Shop Event

Written by Bill Fenhaus, Treasurer

On the 4th of February I had the opportunity to visit Tony Kopchinski's wood working shop where he was hosting two Purple Heart veterans, John Bentley from Kronenwetter and Larry Roszell from Texas. I was amazed what those 2 veterans were able to carve out of a simple piece of wood after only working with Tony for 3 days. Tony explained to me what he looks for when he is out in the woods. He showed me pieces of logs that I would have tossed in a fire pit, a wood burning fireplace, or even the Prez's wood burner, and then showed me what can be carved out of the same "junk". Everything that he carves is auctioned off and proceeds go to assist veterans. If you get a chance, give Tony a call at 715-551-7326 and stop by. You will be impressed.

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Scooter For One of Our Vets

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

The MOH made member John Hagenbucher a very happy man on Wednesday, the 21st of January. He was presented with a scooter on behalf of the MOH Society to enable him to get around. He had been on life support for several months and was only able to get around using a walker and thoughts of a scooter were out of the question. The presentation was made at John's



home by (L to R) Ron Jones, Bernie Knippel, Carol Hagenbucher and Jeff Morgan. Two of John's sons were also there. The MOH received some very kind words of thanks from all the Hagenbucher's and of course a few tears were obvious. It was a great day and it is always very special when you are part of an event such as this.

MOH AGE GROUPS (Includes all Members)

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

Over 70 (73 members), 56-69 (124 members), 46-55 (83 members), 36-45 (25 members), under 35 (19 members), Unknown-

roster not updated, (59 members)

Thought some of the members might be interested in our age spread in the MOH. In an organization such as ours you will probably find that the majority of Officers are seniors. They are normally retired and do not have jobs. I for one, based on the hours we have put in, could not imagine most younger people finding time to do all that is done or has to be done. It is very time consuming and that is putting it mildly. There is no doubt the job would be accomplished but it would definitely infringe on family time. Basically the job would more than likely have to get done over the week-ends because younger members are working and raising families. Not many want to give that up and of course that is totally understandable. The amount of spare time for these people is very limited and families come first. If one looks back over the past 4-5 years you would find senior involvement about 75%. A great example is when we moved into our building. 90% of the people who helped to update the place were over 60 years old. Paneling on the walls were stained, some walls were painted, new electricity put in, power was completely installed in the storage building, the bar was installed and a lot of work done to it (several of these people were mid 50's). Outside we hauled tons of old rock away, hauled and planted sod given to us by the American Legion golf course and erected a stone wall in front of the building made up of 40-50 pound blocks of concrete. A flag pole that was old and rusted was given to us by Wausau East High School was completely

refurbished and a concrete holding block was poured for the flag pole to fit in. Based on the accomplishments over the past 4-5 years I guess one would have to say we definitely have come a long way from our days at Trails End, even with some "Old Dogs" at the helm.

Funds Committee Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman

The Funds Committee had eleven requests that were paid for by the Man of Honor Society from January 9, 2016 to present.

Requests paid:

Funeral - \$200
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LP Gas - \$750
Rent - \$750
Rent - \$750
Rent - \$750
Rent - \$750
Rent - \$750
Scooter - \$742

Total paid this period - \$6042.00
Total year to date - \$6042.00

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Just a reminder, the MOH raffle will be here before you know it. This is the one event a year the Man of Honor has to raise money so we can help the veterans and their families in need. So let's do what we can to make the job easy for Ron Jones and the Funds Committee.

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Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

The Man of Honor proudly introduces Paul Missett who has been selected to be our "Spotlight" for Feb and Mar 2016. Paul was born and raised in Boston, Mass. He received his High School GED diploma shortly after joining the USMC. He and his wife Sue are very proud of their 3 daughters, Susan, Christine and Lisa. Paul worked for Federal Mogul for 20 years prior to their closing.

Paul entered the USMC in June 1969 and was discharged in 1975 as a Sgt E-5. He did Boot Camp at Paris Island S.C. performed duty at Camp Lejeune, Quantico Va., and Goose Creek S.C. Naval Weapons Station where he was assigned duty providing security while transporting nuclear weapons. His MOS was 3041, machine operator. His military awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Marine Reserve Ribbon, Security and MP Ribbon Pistol Marksman Badge and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.

Paul joined the MOH in 2012. He is a very serious member and his attitude toward helping veterans is beyond reproach. He is very active in helping with the raffle set up, selling of raffle tickets, participating in parades and is always there to help. He has a pleasing personality and working with him brings out the best in all people. He is truly dedicated to helping veterans in need. Some of the projects he has helped with for example are snow removal, installing furnaces, hot water heaters and all around plumbing needs that people may have. He does all this free of charge because he has a heart of gold and cares for those vets in need. Commendable. He very proudly puts on his USMC Dress Blues and is off teaching flag etiquette to school children, grades 3-5. Students learn how to raise and lower the flag (which they do daily) and the proper way to fold it. He teaches respect which is admirable. The year ends with a graduation ceremony where each of the students receive a certificate of completion. Above and Beyond.



There can be no doubt in anyone's mind concerning Paul Missetts dedication to his country. He served the United States Marine Corps with pride and he honors his family by all he continues to do. The Man of Honor Salutes you Paul Missett for your dedication to our future service members and we thank you for your service to our country. Semper Paratus.



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 ricosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620.

Charles Gwidt, 79, from Redgranite, WI passed away on December 31, 2015. Charles is the brother of Gerald and Wallace Gwidt members of the MOH. Prayers and thoughts are with you.



John Sisterman, 74, of Warrenton, VA, passed away on January 9, 2016. John is the brother of Richard Sisterman, MOH member. We are sorry for your loss.



Virginia Hommerding, 88, Wausau, passed away on January 18, 2016. Virginia was the mother-in-law of Sissa Hommerding, Associate member.



Our thoughts are with you and your family.

John Rasmussen, 67, from Schofield, WI, passed away on January 19, 2016. John was a MOH member, US Army. You have our deepest sympathy.



Clarabel "Judy" Reamer, 75, from Milwaukee, WI, passed away on February 5, 2016. Clara-

abel was the mother of Theodore Bronson, MOH member. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Wallace Sloan, 82 from Wausau, WI, passed away on February 13, 2016. Wally was a MOH member, US Army. We are so sorry for your loss.



Man of Honor Society Membership Application



Application to be filled out and turned into one of our members. Please bring a copy of your DD Form 214 or Military ID card with you when you attend your first meeting and show it to one of our officers. At this time you will become a member of the MOH and receive your certificate and coin. Our meeting place is at our Club House 1425 Town Line Road in Wausau, WI 54402. Phone: 715-212-1348. We meet on the 2nd Saturday every other month at 2:00 p.m. (January, March, May, July, September and November).

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Today's Date _____

Name _____

Rank _____

Branch _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Birthday _____

Coming Events:

March 12, 2016 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March 19, 2016 - 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

April 18, 2016 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 8:30 p.m. in uniform.

May 14, 2016 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

May 16, 2016 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 8:30 p.m. in uniform.

May 28, 2016 - Memorial Day Parade. Set up will be at 9:45 a.m. with a start time at 10:45 a.m. at Marathon Park.

May 30, 2016 - Restlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Service. Time will be announced when available.

***Happy
Birthday***



March

- 1 - John Krukowski, US Army
- 3 - Rickey Godbolt, US Army
- 3 - Tom Gordon, USAF
- 6 - Michael Koenig, Army NG

- 7 - Barb Buska, Associate
- 8 - Earl McCloy, US Navy
- 8 - Warren Ryan, 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 - Gerri Knippel, Associate
- 18 - John Pellegrino, US Navy
- 19 - Guy Skidmore, USMC
- 24 - LeRoy Schill, US Army
- 25 - Brian Heise, US Army
- 25 - Dan Kasten, Associate
- 26 - Jeremy Wilson, USMC
- 27 - James Fust, USAF
- 30 - Jack Horak, US Army
- 31 - Ken Wilcox, US Army

April

- 2 - Shawn Thake, US Army
- 3 - Beverly Bain, Associate
- 3 - Michael Fehrman, US Navy
- 3 - Gerald Merideth, USAF
- 5 - John Londerville, NG
- 6 - Audrey Nall, US Army
- 6 - Phil Thompson, USAF
- 8 - Don Goretski, Associate
- 11 - Nancy Brown, Navy Reserve
- 11 - Mary Kernosky, USAF
- 11 - Mark Mugavero, US Army/Army NG
- 12 - Roger Cook, USAF/Army
- 14 - Richard Carr, 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 Love, Associate

- 17 - Tom Rottscheit, USMC
- 18 - Robert Fandre, USAF
- 18 - Ron Jones, US Army
- 21 - Donald Krueger, US Navy
- 23 - Michael Bartz, USAF
- 24 - Christopher Lang, 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 winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for January was Tim Miller, US Navy and for February was Nellie Stotler, US Navy.

New Members

We have seven new members in our society which brings it to a total of 375. Let's welcome the following:

Joe Dina, US Navy
Dan Toivonen, US Army
Denis Lang, USAF
Brian Housley, USAF
Douglass Myer, US Navy
Alice Yonker, US Army
Tim Sanders, 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.