



# Newsletter

## Man-Of-Honor Society

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### MOH Pool Tourney



Man of Honor Society Annual pool tournament was held on March 17th at Eagle's Club and went off without a hitch. The weather was unusually warm and so were all the participants.

Thirty four teams started slightly after noon and finished up about 8:00 p.m. The skill of the players was very professional except for numerous sightings of a real leprechaun.



(Ted Williams)

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



In first place was Todd Wold and Mark Ostrowski winning \$300.



2nd place was Andy Schroeder and Rick Nutter winning \$250, 3rd place was Jim Light and Chad Wiesenberger winning \$175 and 4th place was Tracy Seehafer and Chad Foose winning \$125.

Man-of-Honor Society would like to thank all the volunteers for their service in organizing this event.

Whiskey River Bar and Grill held a bake sale to raise money for the Travelling Tribute. Thanks to all

the people who pitched in with their time and baked goods. We were able to finish up the sale at the tournament and raised \$283.50. Also \$120.00 dollars was donated by anonymous people for the wall at the pool tournament plus Steve Williams donated \$300.00 and Larry Andre-ski donated \$75.00 from his 50/50 raffle winnings. Steve Williams and Kathy also donated \$150.00 from food sales of the Corned Beef and Cabbage for St Patty's Day. Raffle items raised \$835.00, Pool Tournament raised \$170.00 and Todd donated \$75.00 of his winning to the Man-of-Honor Society. Thanks everyone again for their generosity.

A total of \$2113.50 was raised at this event. We would call that a total success.

*Todd Wold, Chairman*

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## Message from the

### President .....



### **Jim W. Fust, SMSGT USAF (Retired)**

Well, May is here. About a month from now the Spring Raffle, or as it has become known "The Man-of-Honor Harley Raffle" will be here. Ticket sales have been going fairly well. I don't have a good estimate as to where we are, but indicators are that they are doing ok. Normally the last 2-3 weeks sales pick up and by the time the drawing is held they will be gone. To all the members who have been selling tickets and to those that are soliciting gifts: THANK YOU! Without your help we could not help those that are in need. You are doing an awesome job.

Shortly after the Harley Raffle is done, the American Veteran Travelling Tribute will be here. An awful lot of hard work has gone into this Man-of-Honor project. Jeff Morgan and Bill Hommerding, co-chairs, and their committee are simply doing an outstanding job. Sissa Hommerding, Dee Dennis, Cathie Morgan, Nelly, Lumpy, Ted Williams, Mark Lyons, Tom Fust, Deb Zahurones, to name

just a few have been putting in a lot of time to make this huge event a success. I will personally recognize these and the others when this is done with. I am very proud of what this committee has done thus far. Contributions are starting to come in a little bit more now. If you get a donation from anyone, please be sure to let one of the committee members know who gave the donation and how much. We will be listing all donations in the hand out at the event and in the Wausau Daily Herald when this is over with. We cannot forget anyone who has donated.

It has been brought to my attention that some members do not like the way we vote on things at the meetings. Well, let me say this: The Man-of-Honor Society was founded to make things easier for those that need help. To do this we made things as simple as possible. That is: an item is brought up at the meeting, or in some cases before the meeting and is presented to the membership at the meeting, There is a discussion on the subject where everyone, including Associate members can be part of. After discussion, a motion is made as to what the MOH should do. Should it be tabled until the next meeting, or a vote is made that same day after a second to the motion is made. If we decide to vote we do. Associate members cannot vote. The majority rules as to whether it passes or not. It is that simple, period.

I hope to see a large turnout at the next meeting. It will be at 1425 Townline Road, in Wausau. That is the current Jaycee's building. By the time you read this it will also be the Man-of-Honor building as well! We will have signed the papers making it a reality. Thanks to all who have supported this effort. See you at the meeting on Saturday, May 12, at 1400 hrs.

May God Bless you and the United States of America.

*Jim Fust, President*

### **Hot Spot For Lunch**

MOH had a fund raiser for The Wall. They used the facilities at County Market on 18th Avenue and sold brats and burgers from 11 am to 6 pm on May 3rd. They had a very successful day. On May 10th and 31st we are going to do the same. So if you like to donate your time, call Teddy Williams at 715-845-2604. Don't forget to stop in for lunch or dinner and tell all of your friends to do the same. Remember the proceeds go to the Travelling Tribute!

#### *President::*

Jim Fust      Cell: 715- 212-3743

#### *Vice-President:*

Ric Carr      Cell: 715-212-1348

#### *Secretary:*

Bernie Knippel      715-359-6178

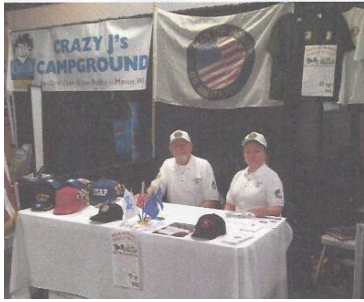
#### *Treasury:*

Keith Cota      Cell: 715-212-1303

#### *Sergeant Of Arms:*

John Fust Sr.      715-842-7185

## Kings Camper Palooza



Kings Camper 2012 Palooza was held March 1 thru March 4th. In March the MOH kicked off the Harley Raffle Tickets sales at Kings. Along with the tickets we also sold hats and shirts. Most of the members scheduled for the event showed and worked very hard.

Again this year along with ticket sales, we signed up four new members. This in my book makes it a success. Thanks again to all of those who helped.

*Ric Carr, Chairman*

## WWII Veterans Return From Washington DC



On Monday, April 23rd, The Man-of-Honor Society was present at Central Wisconsin Airport for the return of our WWII Veterans return flight from Washington DC. Present

was Bryan Thacker, Ted Williams, Mark Lyon, and Cathie Morgan. As you can see in the pictures, our veterans were



very thrilled by this event and it was our greatest gratification to be there representing the Man-of-Honor Society.

There are 2 more flights scheduled this year and it would be great if we can get a stronger response on this as our WWII



Veterans will not be with us much longer. We owe it to the "Worlds Greatest Generation" to be there and welcome them home, they have earned this!! The next flight are September 24th and October 22nd, let's be there for them!!

*Bryan Thacker, US Marine*



## Step Forward

The Man-of-Honor Society has grown in membership and with that, volunteers. Our numbers are only part of our commitment, sometimes it takes even more. The AVTT/Wall Committee has been working hard for the fundraising needed to cover the cost of bringing it to Wausau, however, there are several great causes that area businesses have been donating to, which of course leads to less funds for the AVTT. As a committee we are asking the Man-of-Honor members and Associate Members to Step Forward and offer a personal donation of \$10.00 and show our strength to the community and our commitment to making the AVTT a success. Some members have already Stepped Forward, Thank you. If everyone were to do the same, potentially we could raise over \$4,000 in just membership commitment. Our budget goal as a whole is \$20,000.00. Your tax deductible check can be made to Man-of-Honor Society, AVTT in the subject line. Thank you for Stepping Forward.

*Debbie Zahurones, PRO  
The AVTT/Wall Committee*

*Please don't forget to check in  
with Sissa Hommerding prior to  
the meeting. .*



## Spotlight On One of Our Own!

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

Jeff Morgan was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wausau High School in 1972. He retired after 30 years of service with the Wausau Department of Public Works. He currently works on a seasonal basis as Grounds Keeper at the American Legion Golf Course. He is married to his charming wife Cathie, an Associate Member of the MOH Society, and they have 3 adult children, Josh Sarah and Ben.

Jeff joined the Wisconsin National Guard in 1972 and retired from there in 1994 as a Sergeant First Class. He attained this rank in 1980, an achievement seldom accomplished in such a short period of time. He went to Boot Camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey from June until August 1972 and was trained as a Truck Driver, MOS 64C. On Operation Reforger he spent time in Belgium, Germany and the Azores. When he retired he was assigned to Delta Company I-632 Army Battalion in Wisconsin where he had performed duty as a Truck Master and Ammunition Sergeant. His military decorations include the Army Overseas Medal, Civil Defense Ribbon, the Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Jeff has been an outstanding member of the Man-of-Honor Society for the past 18 months. His dedication to the organization is obvious to all who know him. He has been very active as the Harley Raffle Assistant and currently is the Chairman of the Wall Committee, a job that has taken an enormous amount of his time. The results of his efforts have been nothing less than outstanding. Jeff enjoys hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding and is an avid golfer.

I am extremely proud to “Spotlight” Jeff Morgan. He is always a “Gentleman” first and “Get it done” is always his goal. He brings great honor to his family, himself and the United States Army. A more dedicated member of the Man-of-Honor Society would be difficult to find. Thank you Jeff, for all you have done and continue to do, and a special thank you to your devoted service to our Country.

*Jim W. Fust, President  
MSGT USAF Retired*

Written by: Bernie Knippel  
MSGT USAF Retired



## A Special Thanks

A well deserved "Thank You" to all of the MOH Associate Members. These people make up 10% of the Society and many times represent 40% of our Committees and they volunteer for numerous projects that we have each year. Our Harley Raffle, Fall Raffle, our Sporting Events and Annual Christmas Party are highly represented by Associate Members. A special Thank You to Wayne Allen, Tammy Behnke, Rosie Carr, Dee Dennis, Don Goretski, Vicki Harness, Bill Hendrichs, Sissa Hommerding, Sheila Love, Greg Martin, Cathie Morgan, Debbie Okrze-sik, Angela Petroski, Peggy and Todd Wold, and Deborah Zahurones. These people continue to volunteer their time and effort and make our programs as successful as they are. I speak for all of the elected officers when I say "Thank you for all you do." The time and effort you give to the Man of Honor Society is noteworthy and appreciated by all.

*Bernie Knippel, Secretary  
MOH Society*

## M&I Community Day

Donating gently used mobile phones is simple and FREE!



Every phone donated assists Cell Phones for Soldiers in its mission to provide free communication tools to service men and women. Donated cell phones are sold to recycling partner, ReCellular. The money received from recycling cell phones is used to purchase calling cards and other communication tools for the U.S. military.

Please bring Donations to the May 12th meetings. Sissa Hommerding will be collecting them and delivering them to M&I Bank.

For every donated phone valued at just \$5, Cell Phones for Soldiers is able to provide two and a half hours of free talk time to deployed troops.

Thanks, appreciate it!

## Memorial Day Service



Please Join Us at Restlawn Memorial Park on May 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. for our Memorial Day Service.

The American Legion and Restlawn Memorial Park invite you to Remember and Honor those who have served and continue to serve our Country.

Refreshments will be served by

the Randlin Homes with all proceeds going to their cause.

Speakers include Jim Fust, Shirley Bickford, words by Betty Wimmer and the Stasney Family Story.

Bag Pipes will be played along with a 21 Gun Salute and Echo Taps.

There will also be a raffle for a complimentary flag to be flown each Memorial Day and Veteran's Day in honor or in memory of a veteran in Restlawn's Avenue of Flags.

## In Remembrance



**Marsha A. Kruzan,**  
63, Wausau,  
died Friday,  
March 23,  
2012.

She was born July 3, 1948 in Ashland, daughter of the late Helge and Delores (Polencheck) Toldness. Marsha was the mother of Dennis Kruzan, MOH Member.

Celebration of Marsha's life was held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at the home of Richard and Cathy Toldness in Merrill.

Are sincere prayers are with Dennis and his family.



**Frank E. Shafranski, Jr.**, 34 of Wausau, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Monday, March 26, 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Miranda Shafranski of Wausau; son Bryce, age 15, and daughter Braylee, age 8. He is the son-in-law of Tim Miller, MOH member.

A private family service was held.

Our prayers are with Tim and his family.

**William Gottschalk**, 71, Rothschild, died unexpectedly on Monday, April 2, 2012 at Ministry St. Claire's Hospital, Weston.

He was born August 10, 1940, in Kenosha to Lucille Gottschalk, Edgar, and the late Benjamin Gottschalk.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, and three sons, Steven, Robert and Michael.

A memorial Service was scheduled Wednesday at 11 a.m., April 11, 2012, at Beste Funeral Home in Mosinee. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery in Mosinee.

William was an Associate

Member of the Man-of-Honor Society.

Our deepest sympathy for William's family.



**Victor Ven-ske**, 87, of Wausau passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at

St Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield. He was born February 9, 1925.

He served in the US Army during WWII and was a member of MOH.

Survivors include his wife, Aileen of Wausau and a son Jim.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Helke Funeral Home, Wausau. Entombment was at Restlawn Memorial Park. Visitation was Monday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Our thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow.

### **American Veterans Traveling Tribute**



As you all know we have quite a big project going on for Man-of-Honor. The committee

started meeting and working on this in October of last year. We have accomplished a lot but there is still more work to be done. The last couple of meetings we have been working on the agenda for all four days and it is for the most part complete, however our schedule of events is not carved in stone just yet. We will start Wednesday, June 20th, by meeting the truck carrying The Wall at Cedar Creek and it will then be escorted into town with motorcycles, fire trucks and other official vehicles. This should take place at about 3 p.m. We will then have a short ceremony at the VFW to welcome them to Wausau.

On Thursday morning we will need volunteers starting at 7 a.m. to assemble The Wall and set everything up so we are ready to open to the public at around noon on that day. We will need to staff this event from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except for Sunday. Sunday the Wall will continue its journey to its next location by mid afternoon. Also we will have security there 24 hours a day. We will have different events going on every day including but not limited to flag raising, the singing the National Anthem and many other things. We are in the final stages of arranging a flyover by the US Air Force.



We will have people there with access to a database which will be able to locate names on The Wall for people, and then we will provide them a nice sheet of paper so they can etch the name of their Fallen Hero right off The Wall. We will also have live music on the grounds every day and a non-denominational church service on Sunday morning. The Red Cross will have a blood drive every day as well inside the VFW. This is just a portion of all the things we have planned there are just too many to re-cite here.

What we need from you , our members, is your time. We need you to step up and volunteer for this event as much as you possibly can. You can work a 4 hour, 8 hour, or 12 hour shift any one of those days. I am setting up a schedule in 4 hour increments starting at noon on Thursday and you can call 715-848-0501 if you would like to volunteer.

Also our fundraising is not going as well as we expected. So if you know or are a member of an organization you think would be willing to help we can furnish you with the same information we have used in other efforts. Or maybe your employer would like to help. This is the event that will put the name Man-of-Honor on the map for the peo-

ple of Wausau and I know that if we put our efforts together as an organization we will make it the absolute best it can be.

Thank you.

*Sissa Hommerding, AVTT/Wall Committee*

## Happy Birthday



## May

- 4 - Gary Albrecht, US Navy
- Ed Facticeau, USMC
- 5- Lyle Bricko, US Army
- 6 - Michael Blank, US Army
- 7 - Terry Schmidt, US Navy
- 8 - Brett Dintelman, US Army
- 9 - Howard Woods, US Army
- 14 - Ben Chrusniak, USMC
- Bill Henrichs, Assoc. Mbr
- 15 - Jose Benitez, USAF
- 16 - Penny Kloth, US Navy
- 9 - James L. Gauerke Sr., US Army
- 21 - Wayne Allen, Assoc. Mbr
- Ray Mc Sherry, US Navy
- 22 - Jack M. Pettit, USAF
- William Spain, Assoc. Mbr
- 23 - Janet Modrzejewski , Associate Member
- 24 - Cliff Goldade, USMC
- 25 - Matthew L. Blank, Associate Member
- Charles Sanders, USMC
- Peggy Wold, Assoc, Mbr
- 28 - Kurt Lis, USMC
- Dennis Ostrowski, Army Reserve
- Jeffery Schaefer, US Navy

*Wendy Schneider, Associate Member*

- 31 - Rosie Carr, Assoc. Mbr
- Debby Okrzesik, Assoc. Member

## June

- 2 - Ken Amundsen, US Navy
- Ken Schroeder, USAF
- 4 - Alex Summers, US Army
- 5 - Troy Buska, US Army
- Travis Floyd, US Army
- Michael Mouzon, US Army
- 6 - Julie Myer, US Navy
- Deborah Zahurones, Associate Member
- 8 - Kathy LaMere, US Navy
- 9 - Dave Becker, US Army
- Scott Gress, USAF
- Robert Fitzke, US Navy
- 10 - Jim Campbell, USMC
- Elmer Engel, US Army
- Larry Woyak, USMC
- 11 - Zachery Spatz, Army NG
- 12 - Stanley Zyduck, US Army
- 13 - Jesse Fink, US Army
- Duane Hofstetter, USAF
- 14 - Jim Neitzke, US Army
- 15 - John S. Fust, US Army
- 16 - Justin Otto, US Army
- Jerry Petrowski, Army Reserve
- James Thompson, USAF
- 17 - Julie Mahr, Army Reserve
- 24 - Ken Schauer, US Army
- 28 - Shane Fendos, US Army
- 29 - Dale Richmond, US Army

The lucky winners of the \$25.00 drawings for March was LeRoy Schill, US Army and for April was Richard Carr, US Army.

## Coming Events:

**May 12, 2012** - Meeting at Man-of-Honor 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**June 9, 2012** - Harley Raffle at 12:00 p.m. until midnight at the Eagles Club.

*Tom Fust - Chairman*  
715-302-1428

**June 20-24, 2012** - American Veterans Traveling Tribute is being held at the VFW, 388 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

## **July 1, 2012**

The Central Wisconsin Water Ski Show Team has invited the members of the MOH to their Ski Show at DC Everest Park by the Eagles Club in Wausau. The show will be on Sunday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. Rain date is July 8th.

The Central Wisconsin Water Ski Team would like to share the profits from the show with the MOH. They would appreciate our attendance as they would like to honor us on that day, as well as present us with a check at the end of the show.

Let's show our support to them by having a big turn out. Come early and bring friends!

**July 7, 2012** - MOH Golf

Tournament - 10 a.m. Pine Valley Golf Course 9 Holes - Front 9.

Steak Dinner to follow at Whiskey River - Guests are invited - Cost is \$13.00. Peggy and Todd will be at their finest (as always).

Teams will be flighted and prize money will be equal in each flight. We will use the "BERNIFIED" system of flighting to give all golfers a chance to win something. We will draw 5 blind holes after all scores are turned in and teams will be flighted accordingly.

Women will hit from the Red T's, 62 and older will hit from the Senior T's and all others will hit from the back T's.

There will be hole prizes awarded and door prizes given out.

Teams may sign up at The Jim, Whiskey River or Contact Bernie Knippel, Jim Fust, Teddy Williams, Todd Wold or Mark Lyon.

Should be a great day with great people. Having a good time is the name of the game.

*Bernie Knippel - Chairman*  
715-359-6178

**July 14, 2012** - Meeting at Man-of-Honor 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.



## New Members

We now have 398 members in the Man-of-Honor Society. The newest members are:

*Gary Bauer, US Army*  
*Matthew L. Blank, US Army*  
*Theodore Bronson, US Army*  
*Dale Carr, US Army*  
*Roger Cook, US Air Force/Army*  
*Don Dahlvig, US Army*  
*Dee Dennis, Associate Member*  
*Jesse J. Fink, US Army*  
*Teri Fritsch, US Army*  
*Jesse Grieb, US Army*  
*Ed Gunderson, US Army*  
*Cory Heckendorf, US Army*  
*Duane Hofstetter, US Air Force*  
*Barbara Jastinski, Associate Member*  
*Tom Joss, US Coast Guard*  
*Dan Kasten, Associate Member*  
*Ben Krause, US Army*  
*George B. Lemmer, US Army*  
*Ray Mc Sherry, US Navy*  
*Janet Modrzejewski, Associate Member*  
*Gary Olson, US Army*  
*Ann Rigsby, US Army*  
*Ken Schauer, US Army*  
*Wendy Schneider, Associate Member*  
*Janice Skidmore, US Marine*  
*Shawn Thake, US Army*  
*Carla Waube, Associate Member*  
*Richard A. Zygarlicki, US Navy*

