



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Special Salute from the President and the Officers

*Written by Bernie Knippel,
Secretary*



With the Annual MOH Raffle just ahead of us it is extremely important that everyone knows who the “Woppatoolie Boss” is. Meet Mr. Todd Wold, one of our finest (among finest) Associate members. Todd makes this “Woppatoolie” drink out of fruits and very selective other ingredients, and it is a great seller at our raffle bar each year. He has been an outstanding member of our society for quite some time. He has worked on our annual golf tournament in the past and assists his charming wife Peggy with the

lunches she caters for our meetings, always insuring the troops get fed, should she not be available. He is a very active member of our raffle committee and you can count on him to get things done with very few problems because of his “Keep it Simple and Get ‘er Done” attitude toward accomplishing any job he undertakes. Todd is a very “Happy go Lucky” gentleman and always has a smile on his face. It is always a pleasure to work with him on any project and if things get a little dull at a gathering, you can count on Todd to liven the place up. He is always dependable (and at times even punctual) and loyal to the mission and goals we strive to achieve. A very special salute to you TODD WOLD for you are “A TRUE MAN OF HONOR”.

King’s Camper Palooza March 3-6, 2016

Written by Ric Carr, Chairman

King’s Camper Palooza was held March 3rd to March 6th. About 30 members volunteered to help out during the four day event. As in other years, we sold raffle tickets, hats and can coolers.

I think the event went well. We sold 25 raffle tickets, 9 hats, 21 can coolers plus \$35.00 in dona-

tions for a total of \$1,394.00.



(L to R: Ric Carr, Bill Fenhaus, Jim Bittner and Jeff Dahl)

As in other years, the first day is the slowest for tickets sales. The best out of the four day event is Friday and Saturday.



(L to R: Robert Paul, Clarence Treu and John S. Fust)

I would like to thank all those that volunteered and helped during the Camper Palooza.

The newsletter will be published approximately every two months.

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

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

**Letter
from the
Prez**



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

Hello everybody! I believe spring is here to stay. Lawn & garden work is starting, camping trailers are being opened to "air out", cottages (summer homes) are getting ready for summer. The opening of fishing will have happened, golf courses are open, and leagues are starting. Every weekend is being filled with the many different activities that can only happen during "nice weather". Man of Honor has certainly been very busy even before the snow was gone, planning and forming committees for our big raffle, collecting items of all sorts to help fill the needs of the basket raffle, paddle wheel, booze wagon, kids games, etc. The good news is it doesn't get smaller, it seems to keep growing. Here comes the pitch....The raffle chairpersons, all the committee leaders, each area that makes our only funds raising event successful NEED your help! VOLUNTEER! Your help, helps. Thank you!

I've got some good news and some sad news. The good news, Jim Light Jr. came to us asking if Man of Honor would make his dad a member and brought his DD214 with him. James E. Light, is 92 years young and living at Renaissance. He was an officer and a Glider Pilot in

WWII. You can read the rest of the story written by Secretary Bernie Knippel.

On the 18th of April, the first of the years Never Forgotten Honor Flight left for D.C. returning to a large crowd at CWA. Thanks to the folks who came out to welcome home those veterans. More on that elsewhere in the newsletter.

The other note worthy event that happened back in March, just after our membership meeting, was the MOH Pool Tournament. I believe the Tourney Chairman, Jim Fust, may have an article for us. I would like to thank the Eagles Club and their employees who always go the extra mile for us, allowing us to move the furniture around and have a great time at this fun event. Thanks again.

Sad news. Another Man of Honor member has passed, MSG Jerry A. Leder. His family asked the MOH to present the "Final Salute" Saturday, April 16th at Peterson-Kraemer Funeral Home. You can read this story in our newsletters' Rest In Peace column. Our condolences to the family and friends. I want to thank everyone who came to say so long to Jerry. A large Man of Honor turn out, too many to list. The family was very grateful that we were there for them. I'm grateful as well, thank you!

From the day of our meeting, there are 28 days to the MOH raffle. Let me say that again, from

the 14th of May to the 10th of June, starting day of the raffle, we have 28 days to gather items for the basket raffle, prizes for the kids games, paddle wheel, booze wagon, etc. And now the most important part, RAFFLE TICKETS. Sell those tickets! If you've been hearing....Oh, I got time to get one! Guess what? They go fast. If you haven't gotten yours to sell yet, your running out of time. Days are longer, sun is warm, get out there and sell. Thank you one and all for all the hard work you do, sharing your concerns and ideas. Keep up the great deeds we all do, and our Man of Honor Society will continue to shine not only in Marathon County, but through out the state and beyond. See you at the meeting 14th of May at 2 p.m. Thanks everyone for what you do in helping the vets who need a helping hand.

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United States.

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Never Forgotten Honor Flight April 18, 2016



Written by Jeff Morgan, President

The 1st of the years Never Forgotten Honor Flight has been a success. Veterans from Eagle River to Stevens Point, Crandon to Marshfield, Chippewa Falls to Land-O-Lakes assembled at Highland Community Church in Wausau for their preflight



dinner and to meet the guardians who will accompany them on their visit to D.C. to see the memorials built in their honor. Among the approximately 94 veterans on this flight, six Man of Honor members were also on this trip of a life time. Those members were: Richard Carr, John Deppe Sr., John Domino, Dennis Holzem, Donald Londerville and Wiley Sparks III. Memories to last a life time, I'm sure. We also had Sissa Hommerding, Associate member, as a guardian for Dennis Holzem.

Man of Honor was asked to help out with the luggage as the veterans who needed to stay in town spent the night at the Fairfield Inn. Thanks go out to Eddie Dehnel and to Tom Beese. And a thank you goes to the MOH people who came to CWA to welcome home our area veterans. Next flight is scheduled for 16th of May, two days after our membership meeting.

A Dream Comes True

Written by Bernie Knippel



(L to R: Jeff Morgan, Bernie Knippel, Bill Fenhous, Ron Jones, Paul Missett, Don Goretski, Dan Rigney and front center is James E. Light)

James E. Light, a U. S. Army Air Corps Glider Pilot (Officer) in WWII, proudly joins the Man of Honor Society on 26 March at 92 years of age. The MOH made his dream come true and went to Rennes to make this happen for him. Secretary Bernie Knippel explained to other on looking Veterans and family members why they were there and read a brief summary that he put together of Lights military service and President Jeff Morgan did the MOH honors by presenting him with our MOH coin, certificate and USAF military cap. It was a wonderful day for Jim Light, his family and for the MOH to make it happen.

MOH Pool Tournament

Written by Jim Fust, Committee Chairman

As the sun was starting to rise on March 19th, 2016 great anticipation was starting as well. This was the day that 56 people were waiting almost a year for: The 2016 Man of Honor Pool Tournament.

The games were held at The Eagles Club again this year. As usual, the staff at the Eagles was absolutely great! It's always such a pleasure to work with these people. Bill Hendrichs busted his butt to get things set up and ready for the onslaught of some of the finest 8-ball shooters this side of Lake Wausau. Thank you very much!

Since this was a MOH sponsored event, the committee comprised of: myself (Jim Fust), Andy Schoeder, Ted Williams and Todd Wold (along with the approval from the officers) decided to make this year's tournament a fund raiser as well. So therefore, half of the entry fee, \$560.00 went back into the MOH coffers. We also had 50-50 raffles, paddle wheel raffles, and other prize giveaways. Bev Bain made up 11 beautiful baskets to raffle. She did not spare any expense in making these baskets. A huge amount of her time went into making them. People who won one were very impressed with the artistry. Thank you very, very much Bev! Other donations that went for prizes were donated by Jim Light,

Shawn Thake, The Jim, and Whiskey River (Todd and Peggy Wold). Corned beef and cabbage (it was St. Patrick's Day weekend) was made and donated by Sheila Love. After all was raffled and prize giveaways were done, an additional \$1107.00 was made. Making the total amount of \$1667.00 given to the MOH! A special thank you to Brian Thompson for doing all the raffle stuff. His help was instrumental in making the raffles a success. Thank you.

A big thank you goes to Andy, Ted and Todd, the committee members that I mentioned above. If it weren't for these guys the tournament would not have happened. A phenomenal job was done by them, especially Andy, who made up the "leader" boards and pretty much ran the tournament.



ment. Special thanks go to our secretary, Bernie. Bernie volunteered to help Andy update the "leader board" and assign tables to players and other "stuff" as needed. He stayed all day and did not whimper about it at all! Seriously though, Thanks for your help Bernie.

Now for the Winners list. The top 3 teams placed in the money.



First place went to a father and son team of Nate and Joe Maday;



second place went to last year's winners Tom Ahles and Cory Schiera;



third place went to Todd Rhineschmidt and Jim Light. Congratulations!

Thanks again to all participants, those that donated prizes, The Eagles Club, all the volunteers and of course the committee members. See ya next year!!

Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

The spotlight for April and May 2016 recognizes Billy “Mouse” Kucil. Billy was born in Chicago, Illinois and later moved to Mosinee, Wisconsin where he graduated from High School in 1970. He then attended College at the University of Wisconsin at Superior where he graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts and Public Administration. He is the very proud father of daughter Alycia and son Michael. After college he had several jobs in sales and finished his career as a sales representative for Kraft Food and retired from there in 2008 after 20 years.

Billy was drafted into the Army in June 1972 and was discharged in June 1974. He did Boot Camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and from there was transferred to Fort Gordon, Georgia where he attended Military Police School. He was then transferred to Germany where he spent time as a Desk Sergeant and finished his time in service as a Military Police Investigator and was discharged as an E-5. His military decoration is the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Billy joined the MOH Society in 2013. He constantly volunteers his services and is always available when a job needs to be done. He is a very polite gentleman and an absolute pleasure to work with. He is very active in our raffles each year where he has performed duties as our official driver for those who need assistance and has worked a few shifts as a bartender. The “Mouse” is very dedicated when it comes to helping our veterans in need and is always there when you need him.

Billy served the United States Army in a very professional manner, always with dignity and pride. He has brought honor to his family as well as the U.S. Army. The MOH is fortunate to have men like him in our organization and we thank you, Billy Kucil, for your service to our country and we salute you.



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.

Junior H. "Sam" Gosse, 82,



passed away at Mt View Care Center on March 4, 2016.

Sam was the father of Tim Gosse, Man of Honor Member and Tim's wife Donna Gosse, Associate member.

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

Marvin L. Lemmer, 65, died

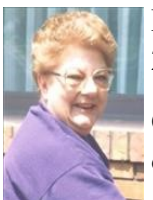


March 24, 2016 at his home.

Marvin is the brother of George Lemmer, MOH member.

Our prayers and sympathy are with you.

Carol E. Housley, 77, of



Rosholt, died April 6, 2016.

Carol was the mother of Brian Housley,

MOH member, and grandmother of Jason Housley, MOH member.

Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Jerry A. Leder, 64, Eland,



passed away on April 9, 2016 at his home.

Jerry was a MOH member, US Army, since March 14, 2015.

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

A Final Salute

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

Fifteen members of the Man of Honor Society attended the funeral services for fallen member Jerry A. Leder, retired MSGT, United States Army. MOH members met with many of the Leder family and they were very proud that Jerry received such a fine tribute. A final 21 gun salute followed the services and the Leder family was presented with a United States flag from MOH President Jeff Morgan. The Man of Honor Society was honored to be part of the services. May you forever rest in peace Jerry Leder.

Message of God

Author Kathryn Poland

Oh, Little Butterfly,
Message of God,
When I see you in the sky
I cannot help but nod.
You bring me respite
From grief and despair
Every time I see you
Sailing through the air.
You renew my faith

In all God's wondrous plan,
And I know it's all in FAITH,
Not in what I understand.

Raffle Volunteers

Bartenders and Food Area

Written By Bernie Knippel, Raffle Bar Manager

Bartenders are needed for Friday afternoon, and all day Saturday and Sunday. Shifts will be approximately 2 hours long. Mark Lyon will have a sign-up sheet at the 14 May meeting.

Friday night bartenders will be the "Boonie Brothers" (those who spent a tour in a combat zone). Boonie caps are required while working the shifts on Friday night. I will have the sign-up sheet for this night. Shifts will be 1-2 hours depending on how many volunteers we have, starting at 5 p.m. You can sign up by calling me at 715-359-6178 or contact me before or after the 14 May meeting.

Cook's for the grill or fryer, food servers and clean up are needed all 3 days. Kids games for Saturday at 1 to 4 p.m. only. Rosie Carr will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting or call 715-571-9620 or contact Rosie at e-mail ricosiecarr@charter.net. Family members are welcome to volunteer as well as members (Family members were a great help last year).

As always, volunteers are the key to success at the raffle. So volunteer a few hours of your time and help us get the job done once again.

Happy

Birthday



May

- 1 - Paul Missett, USMC
- 4 - Gary Albrecht, US Navy
- 4 - Ed Fecteau, USMC
- 5 - Lyle Bricko, US Army
- 6 - Michael Blank, US Army
- 6 - Bill Buttke, USMC
- 6 - Joe Hanke, USMC
- 7 - Jeremy Argiro, US Army
- 7 - Terry Schmidt, US Navy
- 8 - Brett Dintelman, US Army
- 9 - Jeffrey Dahl, USMC
- 9 - Howard Woods, US Army
- 12 - Dennis Holzem, US Army
- 13 - Jamie Brendemuehl, USMC
- 14 - Ben Chrusniak, USMC
- 14 - Bill Henrichs, Associate
- 15 - Jose Benitez, USAF
- 15 - Connie Masterson, Associate
- 19 - James Gauerke Sr., US Army
- 21 - Wayne Allen, Associate
- 21 - Ray Mc Sherry, US Navy
- 22 - Jack Pettit, USAF
- 22 - William Spain, Associate
- 23 - Janet Modrzejewski, Associate
- 24 - Lamont Bonham, USMC
- 24 - Cliff Goldade, USMC
- 25 - Charles Sanders, USMC
- 25 - Peggy Wold, Associate
- 26 - Greg Davis, US Navy
- 26 - John Huber, US Army
- 28 - Kurt Lis, USMC
- 28 - Dennis Ostrowski, Army Reserve
- 28 - Wendy Schneider, Associate
- 31 - Rosie Carr, Associate

June

- ?? - Jeff Soukup, US Army
- 2 - Ken Amundsen, US Navy
- 4 - Mike Reynolds, US Army
- 5 - Troy Buska, US Army
- 5 - Travis Floyd, US Army
- 6 - Roger Howard, Associate
- 6 - Julie Myer, US Navy
- 6 - Deborah Zahurones, Associate
- 8 - Gert Krukowski, Associate
- 8 - Kathy LaMere, US Navy
- 8 - Michael Stahnke, US Army
- 9 - Dave Becker, US Army
- 9 - Scott Gress, USAF
- 9 - Robert Fitzke, US Navy
- 10 - Chuang Chen, USMC
- 10 - Jim Campbell, USMC
- 10 - Elmer Engel, US Army
- 11 - John Sapp, US Army
- 12 - Stanley Zyduck, US Army
- 13 - Jesse Fink, US Army
- 14 - Jim Neitzke, US Army
- 15 - John S. Fust, US Army
- 15 - Susan Gartmann, Associate
- 16 - Guy Mockler, US Navy
- 16 - Jerry Petrowski, Army Reserve
- 16 - Edward Raasch, USAF
- 16 - James Thompson, USAF
- 17 - Julie Mahr, Army Reserve
- 19 - Orville Crochiere Jr., US Army
- 20 - Richard Clendenen, Army Reserve
- 22 - Mike Clark, Associate
- 24 - Wallace Gwidt, US Army
- 25 - Larry Vinson, US Navy
- 25 - Richard Zygarlicki, US Navy
- 28 - Ken Schauer, US Army
- 29 - Elgart Baumann, US Army
- 29 - Ron Carpenter, US Army
- 29 - Dale Richmond, US Army
- 29 - Aneila Rigney, Associate

- 30 - Larry Andreski, Associate
- 30 - Ernest Clark Sr., USAF

The birthday winners who attended the last meeting for \$25 for March was Gerri Knippel, Associate Member and for April was Ron Jones, US Army. Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have eight new members in our society which brings it to a total of 383. Let's welcome the following:

Jamie Brendemuehl, USMC
Jason Housley, US Army
James E. Light, US Army Air Corps.

Henry Meverden, US Army
Jeremy Otto, US Army
Edward Raasch, USAF
Sue A. Rasmussen, US Army
Tom Traska, US Navy

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.

2016 Honor Ride

June 11th, 2016 with registration at 9:30 a.m. Registration at the Jim's Corner Pub 1244 S. 9th Avenue Wausau, WI 54401. \$15 for single rider, \$25 with passenger. 70 mile ride takes off at 11:00 a.m. Rain or shine! Includes Ride T-Shirt and a free drink at MOH raffle. Small brunch at Whiskey River. 50/50 drawings throughout the day. Contact: Mary at 715-297-4105

Coming Events:

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 11:00 a.m. Set up time 10:30 a.m. Place: Veterans Field of Honor - on east side of Troy Street, just north of Evergreen Road (Chapel Mausoleum if it rains).

June 10, 11, 12, 2016 - Man of Honor Raffle at the Eagles Club 1703 South 3rd Avenue in Wausau, WI 54401. The three day big event of the year with live bands (Friday - Hyde, Saturday - Whitehouse Players and Sunday - Polish Connection) with plenty of food and beverages. Honor Run and children's games will be held on Saturday only. Paddle wheel, baskets, booze wagon, side raffles and lots more will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Basket raffle will be drawn each day at 5:00 p.m. The drawings for the smaller prizes will be on Sunday starting at 5:00 p.m. and the big ticket winners will be drawn at 6:00 p.m. Starts at noon on Fri-

day until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. See you there!

July 9, 2016 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

July 16, 2016 - Golf Tournament at Tribute Golf Course. Show up at 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. tea off time.

Chairman: Bernie Knippel 715-803-8039

Tickets

Written by Bill Fenhaus, Treasurer

As of April 28th, 467 tickets have been turned in. With only 44 days remaining we need 45 tickets turned in every day between now and June 12 to reach our goal of 2500. Let's not wait until the last day like last year. I am sure you, like me, like a warm comfortable feeling of a job well done. If you have packets sold, turn them in.

Clubhouse is open Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hope to see you.

Funds Committee Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid for by the Man of Honor Society from March 12, 2016 to present.

Funds report for this period:

Cell phone: \$306

Funeral: \$200

Funeral: \$200

Funeral: \$200

Rent: \$336

Rent: \$650

Rent: \$675

Rent: \$445

Total paid this period - \$3012

Total year to date - \$9054

We are paying just over \$2,263 per month so far this year, on pace to exceed \$27,156 just in requests.

Great job by all!

Updated By Laws

The By Laws have been updated once again on March 22, 2016. The item that has been changed is under the Assistance Requests. It now reads, "Emergency requests over \$750.00 and up to \$2,000.00 will be sent to the funds committee for action and then to the officers for a final vote on the requests. To be approved there must be a majority of the officers and committee members (80%) voting in favor of the requests. All other requests over \$750.00 must be voted upon by the membership at the next scheduled meeting.

A copy of the By-Laws are included in the newsletter.

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