



Newsletter

Man-Of-Honor Society

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MOH Annual Golf Outing

The MOH Golf Tournament was held on July 7, 2012 at Pine Valley Golf Course. Prize money was divided into 3 flights using the "Bernified" system. Everyone seemed pleased with the system which allowed some of those who do not play very often an equal chance to share in the winnings.

Flight Winners were:



A Flight - Team : Tom Parker, Brian Ruether, Mike Koenig, and Stu Meyer.

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B Flight Team: Bill Hommerding, Tilly Jessen, Bernie Knippel, and Bill Jansen.



C Flight - Team: Jill Kehoe, Ron Bargender, Jeff Dahl, and Jackie McEachen.

Flag events for the longest putt on hole #2 was Todd Clendenning, long putt on hole #5 was Cliff Clendenning, long drive on hole #4 was Larry P., closest to the pin on Hole #6 (off a beer can) was Mark Lyon, and closest to the pin on hole #9 was Bernie Knippel.

An noteworthy gesture by many who won money was that 70% of all the winnings were given back to the MOH Society. The steak

dinner that followed at Whiskey River was nothing short of "Great". Many thanks to Todd and Peggy Wold, their staff and to the volunteers who helped handing out door prizes at Whiskey River. The Tournament was a great success and thanks to all who participated. A special thanks to those who helped organize the event. Co-Chair: Todd Wold, Mark Lyon, and Teddy Williams. Hope to see everyone again next year.

Bernie Knippel, Chairman



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

Letter from the Prez.....



Jim W. Fust, SMSGT USAF (Retired)

Well, summer is almost over. It's been a very active summer at that. With everything going on we really did keep busy. I will recap or highlight a few of the activities accomplished by us. A very important milestone came to us a very pleasant surprise. We found a home. The Fourth of July Committee, formerly the Wausau Area Jaycees offered us a place to "hang our Hat". We now call home 1425 Townline Road, here in Wausau. It really feels good to have a permanent place. Between the July 4th Committee and us we have come up with some ideas. I will pass them along at the next meeting. We also did very well at our Spring Raffle. Thanks to the entire membership for helping to sell the tickets, and to all the volunteers who worked the day at the event. Soon after the raffle was over we shifted into high gear and presented to the community the American Veterans Traveling Tribute, (AVTT). Those members who were on Jeff Morgan's committee (and Jeff Morgan himself) did an abso-

lute outstanding job. We received many favorable comments from several people on how well the entire event was presented. After the AVTT, we took a short breather and had our golf outing. It was truly a great time. These are but a few of the things we have done. However, we aren't done yet. Our Fall Raffle is fast approaching. It is going to be held at the Eagles Club as was our Spring raffle, October 6th is the date. Tickets are \$20.00 a piece, or as our VP says 5 for \$100.00. We need to sell these tickets. Not very many people have picked them up to sell yet. 1,500 were printed, but only 640 have been picked up. There will be tickets at the meeting for anyone to get and sell them. Please do your part and help sell these tickets.

Two major events are still yet to come this year. First and foremost we will be taking nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt-at-Arms at the next meeting September 8th. In accordance with our by-laws these positions will be for a 2 year term. Voting will be done at our November 10th meeting, and the newly elected officers take over on January 1, 2013. I will NOT be running for president this time. I feel it is time for "new blood". We are growing very fast, and are well known in the community and I believe that different ideas or a

new perspective is in order. If you want to run or know someone who does please nominate him or her. Also, Keith Cota, our first and only Treasurer the MOH has ever known, will also be stepping down. He says that he wants to sit at the other side of the head table for a change. He also said he may even miss a meeting just see how it feels. (Keith has never missed a meeting yet) So, look for someone that will be a good replacement for Keith. Ric Carr has indicated to me that he will run for Vice-President again. Bernie Knippel says he also will run for office. John H. Fust the present Sgt-of-Arms does not have a choice. He will be running again. This is a very important meeting. Please attend. The other major event and final event for this year is our Christmas party. It's a big social event for us. We will be selecting a committee at this meeting as well.

As a final note; This is your Society; the best organization within the County that support our military veterans, active duty members, reserve and guard unit members and their families. Be proud of the Society, you built it.

May God Bless you and the United States of America.

Jim Fust, President

**INTEGRITY - HONOR -
CONCERN**

MOH Presents Colors at the Wausau Fair



Once again The Man-of-Honor Society was asked to present the colors at the Wisconsin Valley Fair. So on August 3rd all the officers, Jim Fust, Ric Carr, Bernie Knippel, Keith Cota plus Larry Seidl, Ted Williams and John Fust went to Marathon Park. Just before Rodney Atkins performed we were introduced and invited on stage to present the colors as our National Anthem was sung. We were very well received by the full to capacity



audience. Again, the Man-of-Honor did well. We are get

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Sergeant Of Arms:

John Fust Sr. 715-842-7185

ting well known throughout the community.

Jim Fust, President

MOH Participated at the Athens Fair Parade



The MOH was asked to participate in the Athens Fair Parade on August 19, 2012.

When we pulled into town the sign read population 1,105. Well, there had to be better than 20,000 people lining the streets to see the parade.

The MOH did not lead off but we were about number 5, all total there were over 80 units in the parade. The parade had to move quickly because of the number of units our members had to run to the MOH Van to get more flags to hand out. The MOH looked great and did a great job!

Thank you to those that participated.

Ric Carr, Vice President

MOH Membership List Update

The MOH currently has many people who have applied for membership in the Society in 2009, 2010, and 2011 who have never attended a meeting,

yet we continue to have them on our membership roster. Since they never picked their Member Certificate up we have to assume they are not interested in joining. These people will be discontinued as members if they do not contact us prior to our next meeting, September 8, 2012. If you would like to become a member in the future, you are welcome to sign up and we will reinstate your membership.

These people are:

Appleyard, George - US Army

Augustine, Brian - US Army

Babl, Amy - US Army

Baehman, Gerald - US Army

Balk, DuWayne - US Army

Baltz, Bobbi Jo Maria - US Army Reserve

Barttelt, David J. - US Navy

Blanchard, Matthew - USMC

Blarek, Henry - US Army

Block, Brian R. - US Army

Brod, Keith - US Army

Brose, Gregory - US Navy

Brown, Eric - US Army

Butalla, Alan A. - USAF

Christensen, Alan - US Army

Cisewski, Donald - US Army

Cram, Michael A. - US Navy

Crochiere, Orville Jr. - US Army

Demers, David - Nat'l Guard

Draheim, Jason - USMC

Durkee, Scott - US Army

Felch, Aaron - US Army

Guckenberger, Sean - US Army

Gusman, Alex - USMC

Hackbarth, Gary - Army Nat'l Guard

<i>Hagenbucher, Sandra A.</i> - US Army	<i>Robinson, Patrick H.</i> - Army National Guard
<i>Hoffman, Greg</i> - US Army	<i>Robl, Matthew W.</i> - US Army
<i>Hotchkiss, Larry J.</i> - US Army	<i>Ruppert, Mark</i> - USMC
<i>Hounsell, Jonathon</i> - US Navy	<i>Sampey, DK</i> - US Army
<i>Huber, Scott</i> - US Army	<i>Schaefer, Jeffrey S.</i> - US Navy
<i>Huebner, Les</i> - Army National Guard	<i>Schepp, Dan</i> - US Army
<i>Jacobsen, Ted</i> - US Army	<i>Schroeder, Ken</i> - USAF
<i>Jankowsky, Deana</i> - Army Reserve	<i>Sebourn, Anastasia</i> - Army National Guard
<i>Jones, Justin</i> - US Navy	<i>Songer, Roman</i> - USMC
<i>Kaetterhenry, Mark</i> - USAF	<i>Spatz, Zachary D.</i> - Army National Guard
<i>Kelley, Kyle L.</i> - US Army	<i>Stange, Tony</i> - US Army
<i>Kernosky, Mary Jane</i> - USAF	<i>Stepan, Richard</i> - USMC
<i>Kloth, Penny</i> - US Navy	<i>Stepp, Nathaniel L.</i> - US Navy
<i>Koch, Erika</i> - US Army	<i>Summers, Alex</i> - US Army
<i>Kraft, Patrick</i> - USMC	<i>Thomsen, Angela</i> - National Guard
<i>Lamon, Charles</i> - USMC	<i>Thompson, Mike</i> - USAF National Guard
<i>Louze, Earl</i> - US Army	<i>Tonkin, Brad</i> - Army National Guard
<i>Machtan, Mitchell R.</i> - US Army	<i>Vanouse, Joey R.</i> - US Navy
<i>McGivern, Tom</i> - US Army	<i>Venske, Victor</i> - US Army
<i>Mueller, David A.</i> - National Guard	<i>Welch, Wayne</i> - US Army
<i>Mueller, Wayne</i> - US Army	<i>Wesenberg, Brian E.</i> - US Army
<i>Nall, Audrey</i> - US Army	<i>Withers, Joshua K.</i> - USMC
<i>Narlock, Andrew</i> - Army National Guard	<i>Wogernese, William</i> - Army National Guard
<i>Oelke, Donald</i> - National Guard	<i>Woyak, Larry</i> - USMC
<i>Otto, Justin</i> - US Army	<i>Wunsch, Jay</i> - USAF
<i>Pettersen, Travis</i> - US Army	
<i>Pocock, Richard</i> - US Navy	
<i>Rath, John</i> - US Navy	
<i>Rasmusson, John</i> - US Army	
<i>Redkettle, Joseph</i> - US Army	
<i>Reissmann, Kevin</i> - USMC	
<i>Rice, Patrick F.</i> - USAF/Army Reserve National Guard	
<i>Roberts, Richard L.</i> - US Army	
<i>Robinson, Gerald G.</i> - US Army	

Thanks to my fellow veterans:

I remember the day I found out I got into West Point. My mom actually showed up in the hallway of my high school and waited for me to get out of class. She was bawling her eyes out and apologizing

that she had opened up my admission letter. She wasn't crying because it had been her dream for me to go there. She was crying because she knew how hard I'd worked to get in, how much I wanted to attend, and how much I wanted to be an infantry officer. I was going to get that opportunity. That same day two of my teachers took me aside and essentially told me the following: "David, you're a smart guy. You don't have to join the military. You should go to college, instead."

I could easily write a theme defending West Point and the military as I did that day, explaining that USMA is an elite institution, that separate from that it is actually statistically much harder to enlist in the military than it is to get admitted to college, that serving the nation is a challenge that all able-bodied men should at least consider for a host of reasons, but I won't.

What I will say is that when a 16 year-old kid is being told that attending West Point is going to be bad for his future then there is a dangerous disconnect in America, and entirely too many Americans have no idea what kind of burdens our military is bearing.

In World War II, 11.2% of the nation served in four (4) years.

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Spotlight On One of Our Own!

I could not write an article on one of our own that could compare to the one in the Daily Herald on Tuesday, July 3rd, about Ron Jones, following are excerpts from the article.

Ron Jones was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wausau High School in 1965. The G.I. Bill paid for his education in real estate and Ron had been in real estate for 38 years. He married his then-girlfriend, Bonnie Jones, and they have a son and a daughter.

Ron got notice in 1966 that he was drafted in the US Army. He was 20 when he shipped out in January 1967 to Fort Jackson, S.C., where he befriended Dick Balthazor of Elderon. They spent the majority of the next six months training before they left for Vietnam in June 1967. Balthazor was wounded in August 1967. A helicopter was called in, and he was being carried across a clearing toward the helicopter when a bomb exploded, killing everyone on the chopper and his friend, Dick Balthazor.

Jones was an assistant machine gunner, carrying up to 300 rounds of ammunition strapped to his chest. He was "promoted" to operating the weapon when his gunner was killed. Jones later received an actual promotion to sergeant and became a point man, leading squads into the jungle. The point man often was the first one picked off by snipers or the victim of booby traps and land-mines.

Ron led an 11-man squad on June 28, 1967, as part of a larger attack on an enemy force in a village. In just minutes, five men in his squad were dead and Ron was injured. He laid on the ground, pinned by enemy fire for 10 hours before he was rescued. Had the NVA sniper not missed his target - Jones' forehead - Jones would have been dead. Instead, his teeth were blasted out and his face was covered with shrapnel wounds. He returned to fighting just days later.

In April 1968, Ron collapsed after suffering from heat exhaustion and was sent to Japan where he was hospitalized for several months. He was later sent to Fort Riley, Kansas and was discharged in December 1968.

Ron has a Purple Heart and shrapnel in his gums to remind him of the war every day. He was in the middle of the action and a leader among the soldiers.

I am extremely proud to "Spotlight" Ron Jones. He has brought honor, not only to himself, but to his family and the US Army. Thank you, Ron, for all you do for the Man-of-Honor Society and thank you for your service to our Country.

James W. Fust, President

Written by: Ric Carr, Vice President



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During the Vietnam era, 4.3% served in twelve (12) years. Since 2001, only 0.45% of our population has served in the Global War on Terror. These are unbelievable statistics. Overtime, fewer and fewer people have shouldered more and more of the burden and it is only getting worse. Our troops were sent to war in Iraq by a Congress consisting of 10% veterans with only one person having a child in the military. Taxes did not increase to pay for the war. War bonds were not sold. Gas was not regulated. In fact, the average citizen was asked to sacrifice nothing, and has sacrificed nothing unless they have chosen to opt out of the goodness of their hearts. The only people who have sacrificed are the veterans and their families. The volunteers. The people who swore an oath to defend this nation. You stand there, deployment after deployment and fight on. You've lost relationships, spent years of your lives in extreme conditions, years apart from kids you'll never get back, and beaten your body in a way that even professional athletes don't understand. Then you come home to a nation that doesn't understand. They don't understand suffering.

They don't understand sacrifice. They don't understand why we fight for them. They don't understand that bad people exist. They look at you like you're a machine - like something is wrong with you. You are the misguided one - not them. When you get out, you sit in the college classrooms with political science teachers that discount your opinions on Iraq and Afghanistan because YOU WERE THERE and can't understand the macro issues they gathered from books, because of your bias. You watch TV shows where every vet has PTSD and the violent strain at that. Your Congress is debating your benefits, your retirement, and your pay, while they ask you to do more. But the amazing thing about you is that you all know this. You know your country will never pay back what you've given up. You know that the populace at large will never truly understand or appreciate what you have done for them. Hell, you know that in some circles, you will be thought as less than normal for having worn the uniform. Just that decision alone makes you part of an elite group. "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few." - Winston Churchill- Thank you to the 11.2% and 4.3% who

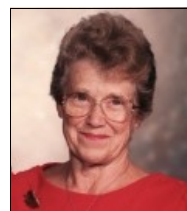
have served and thanks to the 0.45% who continue to serve our Nation.

*General David Petraeus
West Point Class 1974*

Rest In Peace



Irma Bauer, age 92, of the Town of Lanark passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at her residence under the care of hospice.



She was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 28, 1920. On April 11, 1940, she married George J. Bauer in Tazewell, West Virginia and he preceded her in death on October 6, 1995.

Irma is the mother of Gary Bauer, US Army, Man-of-Honor Society.

A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, May 12th at 11 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in the Town of Buena Vista with Father Paul Vanden Hogan, officiating. Burial followed at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in the Town of Lanark. Memorial visitation was held on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of mass at the church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary and his family.

Rodney (Lefty) Buska,
69, of Rothschild, passed away
July 18, 2012.

Rodney was born June 22,
1943 to John and Clara Buska.
He served his country in the
Marines in the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his special
companion Cheryl "Teger"
Berst, the mother of Terri
Beck, US Navy member of the
Man-of-Honor Society. Lefty
is the father of Troy Buska,
US Army also a member of
the Man-of-Honor Society.

Memorial Service has held on
Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at
12:30 p.m. at John J. Buettgen
Funeral Home, Schofield.
Visitation was held at 10:00
a.m. until the time of service.

We are so sorry for your loss.
Our thought's are with Troy,
Terri and their families.

**Happy
Birthday**



September

- 2 - *Guy Hartl*, US Army
Terrance L. Schilling, US Army
- 8 - *Richard Jehn*, US Army
Joseph Lontcoski, US Navy
- 9 - *Teri Fritsch*, US Army
Joe Grall, US Coast Guard
- 11 - *Donald Oelke*, National Guard
- 12 - *Tom Mc Givern*, US Army
- 13 - *Alan A. Butalla*, USAF
Ben Krause, USAF

- Russell Kelnhofer*, USAF
- 19 - *Sean Dean*, US Army
- 20 - *Mark Arnett*, US Army
Mike Russ, USMC
- 21 - *James Wilson*, US Army
- 22 - *William Cybula*, US Army
Hank Dehnel, USAF
- 23 - *Russell L. Allen*, US Army
Justin Jones, US Navy Submarines
Brian A. Thompson, US Army
- 24 - *Gerald Robinson*, US Army
Craig Tonkin, US Army
- 25 - *Thomas Beson*, USMC
- 26 - *Gary L. Berzill*, US Army
- 27 - *Gary Luebbe*, USMC
Brad Tonkin, Army Nat'l Guard
- 29 - *Robert W. Glimm*, USAF
Robert J. Paul, US Army
Cheryl Reynolds, US Army
Angela Thomsen, National Guard
- 30 - *Frank Bohman*, US Army

October

- 1 - *Rebeca Argior*, US Army
Terri Beck, US Navy
Learin Smith, US Navy
- 3 - *James Palmer*, USMC
- 4 - *James Bittner*, Army Nat'l Guard
- 5 - *Dale Carr*, US Army
Gregory Mouzon, US Navy
- 6 - *Douglas Fisher*, Associate Member
James R. Miller, Army Nat'l Guard
Clifford T. Nest, US Army
- 7 - *Keith Cota*, US Army

- 9 - *Earl Louze*, US Army
- 10 - *Ralph Mc Nutt*, US Army
Robert M. Piotrowski, US Navy
Pat Snyder, Associate Member
- 11 - *David Derby*, US Navy
Don Londerville, US Army
- 12 - *Joshua La Fave*, US Army
Amy Miller, US Army
- 14 - *Kim Brandt*, US Army/
Nat'l Guard
- 15 - *Joe Klefschmer*, National Guard
- 17 - *Timothy Gosse*, US Army
- 18 - *Todd Wold*, Assoc. Mbr
- 19 - *Allen Bench*, USAF
- 21 - *William Wogernese*, Army National Guard
- 23 - *Teresa R. Fristed*, US Army
- 24 - *David A. Mueller*, National Guard
- 27 - *Paul R. Kern*, Army National Guard
Rob Peck, US Army
- 28 - *Floyd J. Moore*, US Navy
- 29 - *Dan Bernardy*, US Army
Mark Ruppert, USMC
- 30 - *Richard A. Baker*, US Army
Brian R. Block, US Army
Robin Schmid, US Army

The winner of the \$25.00 drawing for the month of May was William (Duke) Spain, Associate Member; June was John S. Fust, Jr., US Army; July was Shirley A. Bickford, US Air Force; and August was Cathie Morgan, Associate Member.

Coming Events:

September 8, 2012 - Meeting at Man-of-Honor 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

October 6, 2012 - Fall Raffle at Eagle's Club at 1703 South 3rd Avenue from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 a.m.

BEVERAGES - FOOD - FUN - MUSIC - RAFFLES

The **Grand Prize** this year is a "Red" 2012 Arctic Cat 425 4-wheeler w/winch & 5x10 trailer.

1st: Jiffy Propane 10" Ice Auger & Shanty

2nd: Ruger American 30-06 Rifle

3rd: Remington 887 12 ga. Shotgun

4th: Sno-Tek 24 Arien's Snow Blower

5th: \$700.00 Cash

6th: \$500.00 Cash

7th: \$200.00 Cash

8th: \$100.00 Cash

9th thru 14th: \$50.00 Cash Each

The tickets can be picked up at "The Jim" or at our meeting on September 8th at the Club House.

We will need help in the bar, food, and raffle areas. Your participation would be very helpful. We will be passing a sign up sheet for these areas at the meeting.

Any questions contact Tom Fust, chairman, at 715-302-1428 or Ric Carr, co-chairman, 715-212-1348.

November 10, 2012 -

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

December 8, 2012 - Christmas Party. Details will follow.

January 12, 2013 -

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

New Members

We now have 459 members in the Man-of-Honor Society.

The newest members are:

Dan Bernardy, US Army

Benjamin Brandt - US Navy

Barb Buska, Associate Member

Joe Buska, Associate Member

Kyle Ewert - US Army

Dennis E. Holzem, US Army

Howard R Iwen, US Army

James C. Leitermann, USMC

Jason Oja, US Army

Guy Skidmore, USMC

Jack Treu, USMC

who retired straight away, his full annual benefits PLUS \$10,000.00 for every inch measured in a straight line along the retiring general's body between two points he chose.

The first general accepted. He asked the pension man to measure from the top of his head to the tip of his toes. 6 feet. He walked out with a check of 720,000.00.

The second general asked them to measure from the tip of his outstretched hands to his toes. 8 feet. He walked out with a check for \$960,000.00

Meantime, the first general had tipped off the third. When he was asked where to measure, he told the pension man, "From the tip of my penis to the tip of my balls." The pension man said that would be fine but he'd better get the Medical Officer to do the measuring.

The Medical Officer attended and asked the general to drop 'em. He did. The Medical Officer placed the tape on the tip of the general's penis and began to work back.

"My God!" he said, "Where are your balls?"

"The general replied," in Vietnam."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

The pentagon recently found it had too many generals and offered early retirement bonus. They promised any general

Please don't forget to check in with Gerri Knippel prior to the meeting. .