

Newsletter Man-of-Honor Society

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2017 Man of Honor Golf Tournament

Written by Bernie Knippel, Chairman

The weather was fantastic and everyone was on time and ready to roll. First order of business was to



crown our new Queen for the Tournament, Connie Masterson. She made a great Queen and many were happy with the way she "Poured" into her duties.



The best photographer in the business, our own Vixter Harness, escorted our Queen from hole to hole.

The newsletter will be published every two months.

Submit any articles in writing to: ricrosiecarr@charter.net or Rosie Carr 715-571-9620 After donning two players with MOH doo-rags to make sure we had their attention, we were off.



(L to R: John S. Fust and Ric Carr)

Some played some great golf and others just enjoyed the day. Flight winners were as follows:



A Team - Floyd Moore



B Team - Callon Street Pub

(Con't on page 3)

Letter from the Prez....



Jeff Morgan 🏉 🕒 SFC E7, ARNG, Retired

Hello Everyone!

OK, who took summer? Where did summer go?? I can't believe summer is winding down so quickly.

July had a few events that MOH had the privilege of participating in. On the 14th the MOH was asked by the Marathon County Sheriffs Department to do a flag raising at Greenwood Hills Golf Course to kick off their fund raiser. That story is in this Newsletter.

The MOH Golf Tournament was held on the 15th. Fun was had by all. I heard the steaks were fantastic. Thanks to Bernie Knippel who set that up, as well as the players, the cooks, and bartenders. A lot of hard work goes into an outing such as this. Thanks again!

This past winter our very own Donna Gosse took on a very huge responsibility. It all payed off from the 19th to the 22nd. She was instrumental in helping Wausau Homes, who sponsored the AVTT Vietnam Traveling Wall in bringing it back to Wausau. I don't have a list of MOH volunteers but a Big Thank You to all who assisted in "set-up" thru some of the ceremonies to the last day" takedown". I don't know if there will

be a article in the Newsletter but there will be some pictures. Again, thanks.

On to August. Fair Week. MOH was again asked to do our flags Friday night on stage during the National Anthem. The featured entertainment was Ted Nugent. A very good turn-out of MOH people. We had our van full plus 3 privately owned vehicle's. Thanks to all who participated.

Can't forget Fill-A- Backpack. That too has become an annual event. Thanks Bernie, Bill Henrichs, Brian Thompson, and crew who take care of this project!

The 21st was the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Golf Outing at Greenwood Hills. For the donation the MOH makes to the NFHF we are invited to be involved, makes for a fun day. Mark your calendars, September 11th is the next Honor Flight!

September 9th is our membership meeting. Among the regular business we will have the nominations for the Offices of Vice President and Treasurer. The Elections will be held at the November 11th meeting.

THANK YOU all who give their time, talent and experience. Be it in the spot-lite or behind the screen, your hard work is greatly appreciated!! Hope to see you at the meeting, until then, get out there and enjoy what summer has left to offer.

God bless you and the United States Integrity-Honor-Concern

Nominations for Vice President & Treasurer

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

During the September meeting we will be accepting nominations for Vice President, currently held by Dan Rigney, and Treasurer, currently held by Bill Fenhaus. Duties will start 1 Jan 18 for two years. We would ask that if you plan to nominate someone that you make sure they will accept the job and in fact are interested. Elections will take place at the November 2017 meeting. Once again be sure those you nominate will accept the position and have the time to do the job that is required. Those of us in office spend quite a bit of time in the jobs we have and if anyone is interested we would be glad to discuss any details on what the job consists of and the amount of time spent doing the day to day business. We will see you all at the meeting on 9 Sep 17 at 2 p.m.

President:

Jeff Morgan Cell: 715-203-3211

Vice-President:

Dan Rigney Cell: 715-212-1348

Secretary:

Bernie Knippel Cell: 715-803-8039

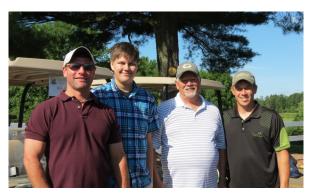
Treasury:

Bill Fenhaus Cell: 715-807-1261

Sergeant-at-Arms:

John Fust Jr. Cell: 715-581-6574

(Golf con't from page 1)



C Team - T. Hickman



D Team - Larry Andreski



Long putt on #5 went to Gary Marquardt. Long





Drive on #4 went to Joanne Hubert and Tom Fust.

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





Closest to the pin on #7 went to April Hommerding and Jim Fust. Well done to all.

Then it was on to the clubhouse. Gerri Knippel





once again had sandwiches and snacks ready to munch on and Lucy Cota, the MOH Official refreshment hostess, was ready with the beverage of



choice. Al Morasch and Billy (Mouse) Kucil handled the grill and the steaks were ready to go. Hats off to these two for all their hard (and very hot) work. A tip of the hat to Bob Burton who also grilled a few of the steaks for us. The rib-eye steaks were provided by Sam's Club and they were fantastic. Peggy Wold provided the potatoes and all the trimmings and a great job by Peggy once again. Mark Lyon and I passed out a small special gift for all the golfers and then the prize money was distributed (Using the Bernified system of course). A special "Thank You" to all who donated the gifts that were passed out. It was very nice to hear from

many of the golfers that the tournament was nothing less then first class from front to finish. Thank you for those very kind words.

Trapp River was once again absolutely first class in everything they did to make this a special tournament. Hats off to Paul and Steve and all those who worked so very hard behind the bar and on the course as well. Everything was ready for us to get started as planned and you could not ask for better hosts.



Overall everything went very well and we are very glad that everyone enjoyed the day and the fellowship. Mark and I feel that the MOH Annual Golf Tournament is the finest run tournament in the state of Wisconsin, AND IF IT'S

NOT WE ARE GOING TO SAY IT IS ANYWAY.













"Paws Enforcing Laws" Golf Outing

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

As mentioned in your last newsletter about the Memorial Day Service at Restlawn, in the audience that day was a Marathon County Sheriff's Department Officer, off duty. Part of his duties also include working as a K-9 Handler. Which brings me to the rest of the story.

He saw us, MOH, perform the Missing Man Table Ceremony on Memorial Day at Restlawn Cemetery. Must have made a good impression cause he called to ask if we, MOH, would like to do a flag raising ceremony to start off their 2nd annual fund raising event "Paws Enforcing Laws" Golf outing at Greenwood Hills on July the 14th.

There were 6 of us who traveled up the hill from our clubhouse to Greenwood Hills Golf Course. We met with Officer Cory Gladden. He said he has someone to sing the National Anthem as we post the colors. The young lady, Ella Weiland, is the daughter of Detective Sergeant Jason Weiland, as we all know, who was called to his Final Duty Station this last Spring. Boy could she sing! What a voice for such a young lady. Great Job and thank you!

Thank you also to \$Bill Fenhaus, Tom Fust, John Fust Sr., The 1st Lady and Brain Heier who helped during the flag raising.

Man Of Honor Presents the Colors



Written by Bernie Knippel, Flag Detail Chairman

On 4 August 2017, members of the MOH Society opened the show at the fair for the legendary Ted Nugent by presenting the colors to the several thousand people who were in attendance. MOH Members received a standing ovation as they crossed the stage. MOH "Photo Bug" Vicky (Vixter) Harness was there doing what she does best.



Members are left to right: Bernie Knippel, Jeff Morgan, Dan Rigney, Brian Thompson, Tom Fust, John Fust, Bill Hendrichs and Jim Fust. Well done.

MOH Receives \$1000.00 Donation

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary



(L to R: Jim Fust, Bill Fenhaus, Jeff Morgan, Stanley Nowak, Dan Rigney, Cathie Morgan and Bernie Knippel)

The Man of Honor Society graciously accepts a \$1000.00 donation from Stanley Nowak. Stanley represented the Little Lakes Memories Inc., an organization that gives disabled veterans and challenged individuals a hunting and outdoor experience of a lifetime. The MOH was honored to receive such a donation from a fellow 501(c)(3) run organization, and a hearty "Thank You" goes out to all who participated in the fund raising event.

Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

Written by James Bittner, SFC Army National Guard

The Man of Honor Society recognizes Brian John Heier as our Spotlight recipient for August - September 2017.

Brian was born on August 31, 1963 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He was raised in the city of Medford, Wisconsin along with his sister, Jackie and brother, Kurt.

Brian graduated from Medford High School in May 1982. While still in high school he had a strong desire to serve his country in the military. Only two months after graduation he enlisted in the NAVY in July 1982. He completed Boot Camp at Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois. His Advanced Individual Training continued at Great Lakes with training as a Corpsman. Two months into that training, his goal to serve on the grand Navy ships inspired him to put in for a transfer. That request was granted and he was re-assigned to Concord, California where he served as a Corpsman on the USS Kiska AE 35.

Other training included Pilot Rescue, Damage Control Locker Personnel and Explosive Fork Truck School. His Fork Truck Training resulted into a full time job for 3.5 years moving ammunition to and from ships' storage. He also held a part time position with the Naval Construction Battalion, better known as the SEABEES, from 1990-1993.

Brian separated from the NAVY at rank of E4 on 30 JUN 1986 at NAS Alameda, CA.

A proud highlight of his career was being selected for a team of just 10 sailors, to tie down the royal Queen Elizabeth II Ship in San Francisco, CA. He and the other selected sailors were required to pass four different inspections to be considered for this trusted duty.

A fun event of his career was participating in Operation Pollywog. This tradition takes place when, for the very first time, a sailor crosses the Equator. The USS Kiska crossed the equator with Brian aboard at latitude 000.00 and longitude 105* 34 min 40 sec East. After crossing 'the line' the sailors are promoted to Shellback and receive a plaque signed by Davy Jones!

Brian's military decorations include the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Bronze Star.

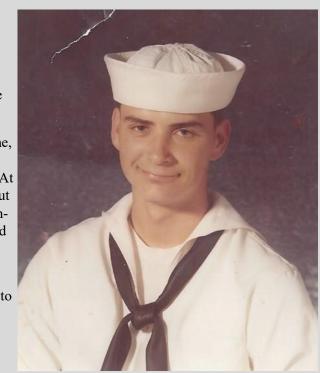
Brian is married to his lovely wife, Lisa for 30 years. They have three children – Justin and Kendra, both in Wausau. Derek (Myranda) and their two children, Riley & Kayden, Fort Riley, Kansas. Derek is following his fathers' military path and is serving in the US Army.

Brain has worked the last 24 years as a Material Handler at Wausau Supply Company, Wausau.

Brian enjoys playing the sport of Horseshoes in the summer and league Bowling in the winter. But his true passion with any spare time is Ice Fishing!

Brian joined the Man of Honor in September 2016. In a short time, he has shown his dedication and support to our Man of Honor functions. He has a willingness to help when and where needed. At our June Raffle, you could find Brian working security throughout the three days. He also had a helping hand at 'tear down' on Monday. In July, Brian represented the Man of Honor and participated in the 4th of July celebration at Marathon Park. He proudly held the NAVY flag during the opening and closing ceremonies

Brian is an obvious asset to the Man of Honor. We look forward to his continued dedication and involvement in our Society. He has brought great honor to the US NAVY, his family and the United States of America. Brian Heier, we salute you!



AVTT Vietnam Traveling Wall

Written by Dan Rigney, Vice President

The AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall arrived at Wausau Homes on July 19, 2017 via escort by American Legion Riders District 8, Souls of Honor and local veterans. The Mosinee High School Band was there to greet everyone playing various patriotic songs. Jay Schuette from Wausau Homes welcomed everyone. Ron Worthey from Souls of Honor was quest speaker.

The wall was set up by local veterans on July 20, 2017 with opening ceremonies at 1:00 pm emceed



by Jeff Morgan, President of Man of Honor Society. VVA Chapter 479 raised colors with the National Anthem sung by the Merrill High School Choir. Elgart Bauman of Man of Honor Society did the Invocation. American Legion Post 10 did a 21



gun salute with echo taps. Man of Honor Society did the 13 folds of the American Flag and presented the flag to local veteran, John Sahr. Guest speakers were John Willman of VVA Chapter 479 and State Senator Jerry Petrowski.

That evening the Wausau Concert Band performed. Jonathan Lanctin played the National Anthem. John Greenwood and Dale Osterbrink played echo taps followed by an awesome fireworks display.

Friday was a tribute to our local Police Officers and Fire Fighters. Kronenwetter police and fire department raised colors while Jonathan Lanctin played the National Anthem. A wreath was laid for our fallen police officers and firefighters. Guest speaker was Kronenwetter Police Chief Terry McHugh.

Saturday American Legion Post 10 raised colors with a 21 gun salute. The National Anthem sung by Barb Oelke. A POW/MIA wreath was placed and the names of the POW/MIA from Wisconsin being stated. There was a performance by Adventures in The Spirit Creative Ministry from Tomahawk, WI. The day ended with a candlelight vigil lead by Dave Zien, with taps played by Jonathan Lanctin.

Sunday, John Fust Jr, Man of Honor Society, emceed for the day. Man of Honor Society raised colors at noon with the National Anthem sung by Olivia Mathis. At 2:00 p.m. closing ceremonies started with speaker Denny Denzin. John Fust Jr, did closing remarks with thank you's to all. Man of Honor Society proceeded with retrieval of colors. VFW Burns Post 388 did a 21 gun salute. Echo taps were played followed by a balloon release.

Local veterans proceeded to dismantle the wall.







Fill A Backpack

Written by Brian Thompson



(L to R: Sissa Hommerding, Larry Vinson, Brian Thompson, and Dennis Holzem. Bill Henrichs left before the picture was taken).

On Saturday, August 19th, the Man of Honor once again assisted the United Way with Fill A Backpack Fill A Need. This year it was done at the Wausau Center Mall. There were a few new challenges but nothing the Man of Honor couldn't handle.

Good job all! See you next year.

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 stepchildren) and siblings. Contact: Rosie Carrricrosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620.

We have no obituaries that we are aware of at this time.

Funds Committee Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for July and August 2017.

| Food | \$400.00 |
|----------------|------------|
| Furnace Repair | \$2,000.00 |
| Handicap Ramp | \$475.00 |
| Honor Flight | \$1,000.00 |
| Rent | \$455.00 |
| Rent | \$739.00 |
| Rent | \$225.00 |
| Rent | \$600.00 |
| Rent | \$600.00 |
| Rent | \$900.00 |
| Rent | \$600.00 |
| Rent | \$750.00 |
| Utilities | \$296.00 |
| Utilities | \$922.10 |

Total paid this period \$9,962.10

Total year to date - \$28,137.24 Total for 2016 \$31,311.00

Happy **Birthday**



September

- 2 Guy Hartl, US Army
- 2 Jonathan Phelps, US Army
- 2 Terrance Schilling, US Army
- 4 Thomas Westermeyer, Associate
- 5 Ted Williams, US Army
- 7 Donna Gosse, Associate
- 11 Donald Oelke, NG
- 13 Alan Butalla, USAF
- 13 Russell Keinhofer, USAF
- 13 Dan Toivonen, US Army
- 14 Jesse Grieb, US Army
- 19 Mitch Bottomley, US Navy
- 19 Sean Dean, US Army
- 19 Richard Partridge, US Navy
- 20 Mark Arnett, US Army
- 20 Mike Russ, USMC
- 21 Lani Rethaber, USMC
- 21 James Wilson, US Army
- 22 William Cybula, US Army
- 22 Hank Dehnel, USAF
- 23 Russell Allen, US Army
- 23 David Nowak, Army NG
- 23 Brian Thompson, US Army
- 24 Charleen Goretski, Associate
- 24 Craig Tonkin, US Army
- 25 Thomas Beson, USMC
- 25 Doug Hagen, USAF
- 26 Connie Allman, US Army
- 26 Patrick David, US Army
- 26 Lyle Jaegler, US Army
- 27 Gary Luebbe, USMC
- 27 Brad Tonkin, Army NG
- 29 Denis Lang, USAF
- 29 Robert Paul, US Army
- 29 Cheryl Reynolds, US

Army

30 - Frank Bohman, US Army

October

- ?? Laurin Jorstad, USAF
- 1 Rebeca Argiro, US Army
- 1 James Cherek, US Navy
- 1 Leorin Smith, US Navy
- 1 James Webb, US Navy
- 3 James Palmer, USMC
- 4 James Bittner, Army NG
- 5 Dale Carr, US Army
- 5 Guy Guyette, US Army
- 5 Gregory Mouzon, US Navy
- 6 James Miller, Army NG
- 6 Clifford Nest, US Army
- 7 Keith Cota, US Army
- 13 Gerard Winchell, US Army 7 Daryl Elmer, US Army
 - 9 Anthony Kopchinski, US Army
 - 9 Aaron Masterson, US Army
 - 10 Ralph McNutt, US Army
 - 10 Lawrence Peterson, Army NG
 - 11 Don Londerville, US Army
 - 12 Joshua LaFave, US Army
 - 12 Amy Miller, US Army
 - 14 Kim Brandt, US Army/NG
 - 15 Joe Klefschmer, NG
 - 17 Timothy Gosse, US Army
 - 18 Todd Wold, Associate
 - 19 Jerry Engevik, US Army
 - 21 Cortney Heck, Associate
 - 24 Jeremy Otto, US Army
 - 25 Randy Schulz, Army NG
 - 26 Tim Hickman, USMC
 - 27 Brian Housley, USAF
 - 27 Paul Kern, Army NG
 - 27 Rob Peck, US Army
 - 28 James Searles, Army NG
 - 30 Robin Schmid, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the July 8th meeting for July was Allen Hotchkiss, US Army and for August was Vern

Vetterkind, US Army. The winner for the 50/50 drawing of \$180 each went to Al Morasch and Aneila Rigney. Al donated \$100 to the MOH and Aneila donated \$100 to the refreshment. center for the members. Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 4 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 424. Let's welcome the following:

Cindy Hendrichs, Associate Joe Hoppa, USAF Ryan Mathwitz, Associate Jonathon Phelps, 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.

Packer Games

Man of Honor once again thinking about having several 2017 Packer games at the Clubhouse. Dates and times will be announced. Normally we would bring a dish to pass and all members are invited to attend and may bring 2 guests if they would like (must be 21 years of age). We normally have several "Pools" during the game and when the Packers score there is also a special beverage, normally made by one of our attendees.

Anyway, we will keep you posted and hope you join us when the times comes.

Coming Events:

September 9, 2017 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m. Nomination of Vice President and Treasurer.

September 11, 2017 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #29 with 10 WWII, 46 Korea and 30 Vietnam era at CWA. Arrive at 8:30 p.m.

Uniform: White Shirt and White Hat

A Highway Clean Up on Cty N from Q to Forestville, Road which is near the clubhouse. Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. Weather permitting.

Any questions contact John S. Fust at 715-581-6574.

October 7, 2017 - Flag Retirement at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Clubhouse accompanied by the Girl Scouts.

Contact: Ric Carr 715-571-9226.

October 9, 2017 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #30 with 3 Korea and 101 Vietnam era at CWA. Arrive at 8:30 p.m.

Uniform: White Shirt and White Hat.

November 11, 2017 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

November 11, 2017 - Veterans Day. Time and place will be

determined at a later date.

<u>December 9, 2017</u> - Ham Give-Away. Set up at 8:00 a.m. Start at 9:00 a.m. Place will be determined at a later date.

Contact: Bernie Knippel at 715-803-8039

December 9, 2017 - Awards & Christmas Banquet at Mountain Edge (formally the Hoffman House) 2901 Hummingbird Road Rib Mountain at 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. (midnight).

Cocktails: 4:00 p.m

Drinks: \$3.00 per drink, domestic beer, rail to include Old Fashions, and wine all night in the Tamarack Room. Soda's are free.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Awards Program: 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 plus 1 free drink

ticket per person

Music: Archives 7-11 p.m.

Pizza: 10:00 p.m.

Special Gifts: During the Awards Program and after 10:00 p.m.

Donation to Homeless Veterans at King: This is **NOT** a requirement.

Block of rooms at the Quality

Inn: 15 rooms, 7 pool side and 8 regular rooms at \$70 includes discount for veterans and no tax. All rooms are under Man of Honor. Have rooms reserved by no later than **November 24, 2017**. Contact Quality Inn at 715-842-1616 for reservations.

Further details will be in the November newsletter.

Contact: Rosie Carr at 715-571-9620

December 16, 2017 -

Wreaths Across America at King, WI. The wreath laying is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., program is at 11:00 a.m. If you plan on attending, the MOH van is leaving the clubhouse between 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Contact: Jeff Morgan at 715-203 -3211.

Roster Up-Date

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

Reminder, if you have any changes to the roster, like your name, address, phone number or e-mail, please make them with Gerri Knippel when you check in.

We are still getting newsletter's returned with no change of address and also e-mail's. If you want a newsletter, please check to see if we have the correct address and/or e-mail.

We also need your correct phone numbers if the phone number has changed, so we can contact you if we need to.

If you don't attend a meeting, contact me via e-mail at <u>ricrosiecarr@charter.net</u> or 715-571-9620.

Thanks.

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