



# Newsletter

## Man-of-Honor Society

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### 2018 MOH GOLF OUTING

*Written by Bernie Knippel, USAF Ret, E-8 First Sergeant*



This was my 8th year as Chairman of the Golf Outing and I could not have asked for more. Everything went right. Great food, Great golf, Great refreshments and above all, Great people. The sun was shining (as ordered) and all but 1 person was set to go at 9:15 (I picked him up few minutes later and got him with his team) at Trapp River Golf Course.

I started out by making a few comments about some of the rules and you could tell they were really interested in hearing about rules, as not one person asked a question. (NOT even Rick Sisterman). A brief



ceremony as Billy (Mouse) Kucil named our photographer Vixter "The Orange Blossom Special" as he gave her an orange Fedora and an orange lei. I crowned Janet (Wheezy) Modrzejewski our official 2018 MOH Golf Queen and we were off. One team called Team USA made up of Angel, Sean, Jackie and Lisa all wore uniforms that represented all



branches of the service. Nice job ladies. The Vixter and Wheezy had a special cart with refreshments that traveled the course and made everyone happy. Actually at the end of the day they seemed quite happy as well.

Some very good golfing by a lot of people. The flight winners are as follows:

#### A Flight



*(Top L/R: Mike Brown, Norm Knauf,  
Bottom L/R: Tony Oliva, and Floyd Moore)*

*(Con't on Page 3, Col. 1, see Golf Outing)*

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every two months.*

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## Letter from the Prez . . . .



Jeff Morgan  
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired

Hello Everyone!

Since the July meeting, it has been a slow and quiet couple of weeks, that is until July 28th. That's when some Man Of Honor folks and other people invaded the Trapp River Golf Course for the annual Man Of Honor Golf Outing. What a great time for all. Secretary Bernie Knippel, who again was the Golf Tournament Chairman, will have the complete story and pictures in this newsletter.

The last day of July was the first day of the Wisconsin Valley Fair. The Fair Board Chairwomen asked if Man Of Honor would participate in a parade along with other Veterans Organizations. Sgt at Arms John S. Fust will have the story about the Friday Night Flag Detail. Be sure to look for both.

Secretary Bernie Knippel acting Chairman, Bill Hendrichs the right-hand man took care of another annual event that Man Of Honor members enjoy doing... " Fill a Backpack, Fill a need". Bill, thank you for getting a team together to make this happen. And a big thank you to all of you who care enough to get the job done. Bill Hendrichs will have a line or two to tell us how it all went. Thanks again to those involved.

This September 8th membership

meeting you will be asked to nominate someone for the Man of Honor Officer of President, Secretary, and Sgt at Arms. As it's been said in the past, talk to that person and make sure HE or SHE is willing to put in the " time and energy" required to do that job to the standards past Officers set.

As I have often said, jokingly, in some past newsletters that things are slow and quiet, well the other end of the cycle is coming around. Busy times ahead between now and the first of the new year. Just a few examples of upcoming events, Honor Flights (September 17th and October 15th), Our elections of Officers, Wreaths Across America at King, Ham Give Away, Awards and Christmas Banquet, New Member Orientation, and Homeless Veterans X-mas at King. I may have missed one or two.

This meeting and the November 10th meeting are the two you should try not to miss. Thank you all for what you do.

God Bless You and the United States

### **Integrity - Honor - Concern**

### **Nominations for President, Secretary, and Sgt at Arms**

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

Nominations for President, Secretary, and Sgt at Arms will be taken at the 8 September 2018 meeting. The new terms for these offices will start 1 January 2019 for two years. Be sure if you nominate someone

for an office that you have spoken to that individual and they are ready to accept the nomination.

### **MOH Item's For Sale**

Anyone interested in purchasing one or more of the following items, they are now available at the Clubhouse. You already have the MOH white hats so if you would like to purchase the uniform which consists of the MOH white shirts, and fleece jackets they are available. To purchase see one of the Officers or Larry Andreski at 715-574-9357 or Gerri Knippel at 715-359-6178 or Donna Gosse at 715-297-0510.

Fleece Jackets	\$25.00
White Shirts	\$15.00
White Replacement Hats	\$10.00
T-Shirts	\$10.00
Sweatshirts	\$20.00
Wool "Beanie" Caps	\$5.00
Car Flags	\$10.00
Garden Flags	\$20.00
Hitch Covers	\$10.00
Koozie Cups	\$1.00

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*(Golf Outing con't from page 1, col. 3)*

### B Flight



*L/R: Dan Toivonen, John Krukowski, Perry Esker, and Colton Esker)*

### C Flight



*L/R: Mouse Kucil, Mini Mouse Kucil, Rod Woeller, and Jim Woeller)*

### D Flight



*(L/R: Cowboy "Don", Todd Wold, Roy Fitzke, and Ben Fitzke)*

Under the BERNIFIED system hole number 8 was drawn so hole 8,9,1,2,3, and 4 were used. Floyd Moore's team was 3 under and alone at the top. Hole events went to: Long drive men – Jim Light, Long drive women – April Hommerding, Long Putt – Jack Rochon, Closest to the Pin men - Rob Gouek and Closest to the Pin women – Marsha Hickman.

A huge round of applause to Paul, the golf pro at Trapp River who helped me set this whole thing up. Paul, it is always a pleasure to deal with you. Also a bit of thanks to Andy (new part owner in the course) for being on hand and always being the gentleman

than he is and answering any questions we may have had. The bartenders were also ready to go early and both of them did a super job taking care of the troops. Everyone was well taken care and thanks to all of them for that.

On to the Clubhouse for a great steak dinner. Gerri Knippel, Connie Masterson and Char Goretski did a great job getting things ready for the "mob" that was on their way. Everything was done to perfection and it could not have been a success without these 3. Thank you ladies.



Steaks on the grill being prepared by Al Morasch, Bob Barton and Danny Hommerding. The boys were right on and all the steaks were perfect. Peggy Wold catered all the sandwiches and extras to go along with the steak (baked potato, coleslaw, etc) and as always it was the best. The Mouse, Connie Allman, Gerri Knippel and I handed out all the small gifts we managed to get for all 84 golfers. A little something goes a long way.



Lucy Cota once again did a great job serving everyone from the refreshment center and obviously did another great job as when things were over all seemed quite "happy". We had some very nice compliments as to how things were run. It appears all of the hard work paid off. Glad everyone had a good time. Once again, in my opinion we have the best run golf tournament in the state and if anyone disagrees with me I will say so anyway. A great day.





## Pictures from Golf Tournament



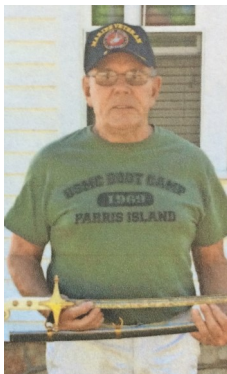
## **Wausau Trio Returns Stolen USMC Sword to Rightful Owner**

*Written by Bernie Knippel, USAF Ret E-8 First Sergeant*

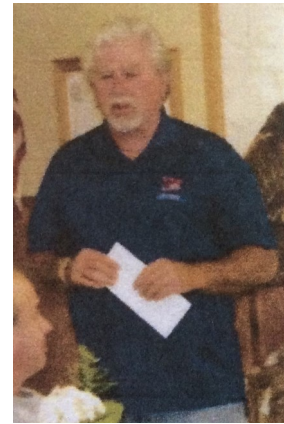


Retired Marine Colonel Kenneth Russom shipped his marine corps sword to Quantico Virginia in 1965 for his first assignment after graduating from Officer Candidate School. The sword never made it and he was forced to buy a new one. Life goes on.

A Wausau woman, Dee Hanz, had gotten a marine sword from an Uncle who had passed away about 15 years ago. After going through her possessions to sell or give away unwanted items she came across the sword. She contacted a friend and he said it should go back to the owner who has his name engraved on the



sword. She turned to Paul Missett, a Marine Corps Veteran and member of the Man of Honor Society (MOH) and he knew he somehow had to get the sword back to the owner. He turned to Jim Campbell a retired Lt Col from the Marine Corps, co-founder of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight and also a member of the MOH Society, for assistance. Jim Campbell to the rescue. He traced down the owner of the sword



and it was returned to him. Ken Russom was in awe when he saw his sword after 53 years.

Marines helping Marines is what both Campbell and Missett are all about. As Man of Honor members they also contribute greatly to assist Veterans and their families in need, which is the MOH goal. To Dee Hanz who made this all happen, a great deal of thanks from everyone involved. To Lt Col Jim Campbell and Sgt Paul Missett, the Man of Honor is very proud of what you did, and we Salute you.

## **United Way Fill A Backpack Fill A Need, August 18, 2018**

*Written by Bill Henrichs*

Yet another short warm (ok, hot) summer is coming to an end.

Once again the give away was held at the former J.C. Penney Store in the Wausau Mall. The event was headed up by a new chairperson this year but things still went well.

New this year DC Everest Schools had picked up their own supplies and will be given out at the schools in the DC Everest District. Even with Everest District removed, there was a large turn out of families in need of school supplies.

A big thank you to all of the Man of Honor members that helped out, Donna Gosse, Sissa Hommerding, Julie Myer, Jerry Fritz, Marshall Swanson, Eddie Dehnel, Dennis Holzem, and Brian Thompson.



## Memorial at Rib Mountain Municipal Center

*Written by Bill Fenhaus, Treasurer*



In September of 2017 the Man of Honor received a request from Taylor Halverson, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Project. His plan was to enhance an existing Memorial at the Rib Mountain Town Hall. The request was for adding a concrete path, lighted flag pole, and medallions for each branch of service, as well as one for POW/MIA, affixed to a concrete pad.

The membership approved the request, although it did not meet our mission, but was decided that sometimes emotional support is also needed. The hope is that veterans viewing the memorial will/can reflect on their sacrifice or that of their loved ones.

These pictures show the completed project.



In talking with a representative from Rib Mountain recently the plan is to add a memorial bench, at the left end of the concrete, in the near future as additional funds become available.

## 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 2018.

Auto Repairs	\$1,230.40
Auto Repairs	\$400.00
Donation Honor Flight	\$1,160.00
Rent	\$310.00
Rent	\$1,150.00
Rent	\$800.00
Rent	\$603.00
Rent	\$1,000.00
Rent	\$550.00
Rent	\$1,100.00
Rent	\$1,000.00
Rent	\$601.50
Utilities	\$356.00
Utilities	\$140.00
Utilities	\$1,270.00
Utilities	\$600.00
Total this period	\$12,270.90
Total year to date 2018	\$43,807.60
Total year to date 2017	\$28,137.24

As you can see, requests are up 50% over last year. We have paid 54 requests which is an average of \$801.25 per request paid so far this year.

## Fair - Friday Night Flag Detail

*Written by John S. Fust, Sgt at Arms*



On 3 August 18 we were again asked by the Wisconsin Valley Fair to present our Nations colors for one of the grandstand entertainers. And of course we could not miss out on this opportunity. Volunteers were asked for at the previous member meeting. We got a great response. We had enough members and associate members to carry all of the flags and myself "Barked" out commands from behind the ranks.



The entertainer was Trace Adkins. He is a very Patriotic man as you can tell from his vast song titles, Arlington, Seller Fi, Still a Soldier and many more. He was gracious enough to take a couple of minutes and chat with us and made sure that he shook everybody's hand with a hardy "Thank you for your service". He is one class act.

Thanks to all of the members for helping out.

Jeff and Cathie Morgan  
Bill Hendricks  
John Fust Sr.  
Tom Fust  
Brian Thompson  
Jeff Schilling  
Dan Rigney

Al Krueger  
Kyle Ewert  
Guido  
Joel

## Parade-Start of the Wisconsin Valley Fair

*Written by Jeff Morgan, President*

A week or so before the start of the Wisconsin Valley Fair, Chairwomen Mary called to see if Man of Honor would be interested in joining other veterans groups in doing a parade down the Mid-Way to help kick off the start of the Valley Fair. Of course, we'll be there.

American Legion, VFW, Am Vets, among other groups were ready to go. Wausau's finest, our Police Departments Color Guard lead the procession. In addition, there was a High School Marching Band and farm equipment mixed in. Senator Jerry Petrowski, Man of Honor member, and Pat Schneider, State Representative, were just ahead of us. As we made our way through the Mid-Way, fairgoers stood for our flag and gave a resounding applause for all who were in the parade.

## PACKER PARTY

*Written by Billy (Mouse) Kucil, Refreshment Center Manager*

We plan to have a few Packer Parties once again this year. The first one will be on 16 September when the Packers play the Vikings. Clubhouse will open at 1100 hours and the game will start at 1200 hours. Once again, because of your generous donations the refreshment center will foot the bill for the food that day. It will not be necessary to bring anything unless you want to bring a snack. We may have pizza, ribs, chicken, chili or sloppy joes. Surprise time. Regardless, come and join us. Guests are invited (must be 21) to attend as well. There will be packer pools available and as always it should be a good time. Hope to see you there.

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



**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.**

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**Mary Lou Millard**, 80, passed away on July 7, 2018.

Mary is the wife of Duck Millard, MOH member.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Millard family.

### **Winners of the Green Bay Packer tickets**

*Written by John S. Fust, Sgt at Arms*



We have again been given 2 sets of 4 tickets each for preseason Packer Football games. The tickets are indoor seats and parking permit is also included.

After notifying the members by e-mail, they were to respond if they were interested by the end of the day on August 4th.

The names drawn were for August 9 went to Larry Peterson and for August 16 went to Bryan Thacker.

**Congratulation!!**

Pictures from Bryan Thacker one of the Packer ticket winner from August 16th. Great job!



*(Bryan Thacker and wife Sharon Thacker)*



*(Bryan Thacker buddy L/R Mark Berna, wife Tina Berna and Sharon Thacker)*



*(L/R: Mark Berna and Bryan Thacker)*

I don't know about everyone else but by the look on the faces of Bryan and Sharon Thacker and Mark & Tina Berna, they had a great time!



## 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 Kelnhofer, USAF
- 13 - Dan Toivonen, US Army
- 13 - Gerard Winchell, US Army
- 14 - Jesse Grieb, US Army
- 16 - James Lake, NG
- 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 - Henry 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
- 30 - William Opichka, US Army  
Airborne

### October

- ? - Laurin Jorstad, USAF
- 1 - Rebeca Argiro, US Army
- 1 - James Cherek, US Navy
- 1 - Paul Gwidt, US Army
- 1 - Leorin Smith, US Navy
- 1 - James Webb, US Navy
- 2 - Lloyd Uttecht, US Army
- 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
- 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
- 11 - Dennis Mays Jr., 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
- 17 - Laurel Schalavin, 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 14th meeting received \$25 for July was Cindy Henrichs, Associate Member and for August

was Cathy Morgan, Associate Member.

Their were 3 members who won the \$169.00 50/50 drawings. They were Jim Neitzke, US Army, Told Wold, Associate member, and Laurel Schalavin, US Army.

Thanks for attending.

### New Members

We have 6 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 459. Let's welcome the following:

Jim Engelson, US Army  
Kyle Ewert, US Army  
Kenneth Kohnhorst, US Navy  
Rod Ostrowski, US Army  
Larry Rothmeyer, US Army  
Dennis Zahurones, WI Army NG

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.

### Address Changes

*Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director*

In the past few weeks some of us have our streets renamed and no longer have fire numbers, for example T7858 Hwy "W" and now is 238846 County Road "W" or any other changes that have been made.

If you have any changes in your address, please reply to me with that change before the next membership meeting. 715-571-9620, e-mail [ricosiecarr@charter.net](mailto:ricosiecarr@charter.net) Thanks.

## Coming Events:

**September 8, 2018** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**September 17, 2018** - Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #33 at CWA. Meet at the airport at 9:00 p.m. in uniform White Caps, and White Shirt. If you only have the White Caps, come anyway!

Let's honor the hero's when they come home!

**October 15, 2018** - Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #34 at CWA. Meet at the airport at 9:00 p.m. in uniform White Caps, and White Shirt. If you only have the White Caps, come anyway!

Let's honor the hero's when they come home!

**November 10, 2018** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**November 11, 2018** - Veterans Day.

**December 8, 2018** - Ham Give Away, Time and place will be announced at a later date.

**December 8, 2018** - Awards & Christmas Banquet at Mountain Edge, formerly the Hoffman House) 2901 Hummingbird Road, Rib Mountain at 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. (midnight).

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

Invitation and further details in the next newsletter.

Contact: Rosie Carr at 715-571-9620.

**December 15, 2018** - Wreaths Across America at King, WI.

Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Contact: Jeff Morgan, President at 715-203-3211.

**???? Christmas at King** - Will be announced at a later date. Weather permitting.

## 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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