



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Special Salute from the Officers of the MOH Society



Cathie Morgan has been an Associate member of the Man of Honor Society for over 3 years. During that time she has been very active within the society. She was on the committee that brought the American Traveling Tribute to Wausau in 2012 and spent a great amount of time making this huge task a total success. She participates in many of our parades and holiday functions and was a key factor making our food stand such a success at our recent

MOH raffle. She is totally dedicated to the society and it is important to her that she attends all of our meetings. Cathie is another member with "Great Cheerleading Skills" and proves it by her moves at our Sunday Packer Parties. It is indeed a pleasure to have her in the Man of Honor Society and we can definitely assure you, "CATHIE MORGAN", you are a true member of the Man of Honor Society, and we salute you.

Veterans Day



Once again Man of Honor members gathered at the VFW to observe and celebrate Veterans Day, November 11th. Although, the actual ceremony is as they say "short and sweet" it is well attended by many organizations. Man of Honor members on Flag duty were Ric Carr proudly holding Ole Glory and myself with our MOH flag. Other members present were Clarence Treu, John H. Fust, Rosie Carr, Bill Hendrichs,



Ted Williams and Dan Rigney (Photographer).

The public is also invited and encouraged to participate. Usually, the dining room at the VFW is full. This year the crowd was a bit smaller because of a early snow storm that came the day before and the morning of Veterans Day. After the ceremony everyone is invited to stay for a lite luncheon provided by the members of the City of Wausau Veterans Committee and served by VFW personal.

Jeff Morgan, President

Achievement!

The achievement of one goal should be the starting point of another.

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manofhonor.org**

Letter from the Pres



Jeff Morgan **SFC ARNG , Retired**

A while ago Ray McSherry, MOH member and the President of the American Legion Riders, came up with an idea to place the Five Service Branch Flags in the veterans housing units at King. He came to me asking if we could make it happen. With help from Tom Westermeyer, MOH member, it became a reality. We asked Tom to make 4 sets of signs which had the 5 service flag insignias plus the Man of Honor, American Legion Riders, Viet Nam Vets and Disabled American Veterans signs to let people know who is involved in the project.

On Thursday the 13th of November we all met at the Veterans Home at King to dedicate these signs to the different housing units. At the time we met the Director, Mrs. Amber Nikolai. She



took us to each unit to present the military branch signs. I didn't write down the names of the units, but as the first sign came into view, the OOHS's and AAH's



started. All were surprised and very excited at how beautiful they looked and also the craftsmanship that went into each piece. Thank you Tom, well done! We asked for resident vets who would represent their branch of service and have their picture taken. This one fella was so happy to see us all that he got his hover round right up among us to hold his sign



(watch your toes). This man is 90 years old, a veteran of WWII, a Marine and very proud of it. It was a small token of appreciation for the sacrifices these and all the men and women who have fought for this country have made. It was a nice addition to each home, not to mention the



stories that will be told as well for many years to come.

Now to introduce the main players: Tom Westermeyer, master craftsman, Ray McSherry and his lovely wife Evelyn, Jim Keiper represented the American Legion



Riders, District 8, Keith McDowell represented the Disabled American Veterans, Ray McSherry pulled extra duty as their VP represented the Viet Nam Veterans. I, Ric and Rosie Carr, and Bernie Knippel took care of the Man of Honor duties. I certainly can't forget our tour guide and hostess, Mrs. Amber Nikolai. Thank you for your work at King and your hospitality.

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God Bless You and
The United States

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Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

The spotlight for the newsletter is proud to present Wallace (Wally) Gwidt. Wally was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin and graduated from High School in 1957. He and his wife Lila have 3 children, Wanda, Gwen and Terry. Wally worked for Kolby/Crestline for 29 years and retired in 2000.

Wally entered the U.S. Army in July 1957 and was discharged in July 1960 as a Specialist 4. He went to boot camp at Fort Gordon, Georgia and then to advanced training for small arms and small artillery at Aberdeen, Maryland. From there he was transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado and from there to Germany. While in Germany Wally was selected (at the early age of 19) to spend 5 months in Iran training some of their army personnel to use small arms and small artillery. He was also in Germany during the Berlin Crisis and helped set up gun replacement sites that bordered East and West Germany. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Infantry Rifleman's Badge.

Wally has been a member of the MOH Society for the past several years. He has been very active at our parades, flag raising ceremonies and our Christmas food giveaways to Veterans. He is extremely honored to be a member of our Society and this is his way to show his respect for all others who have served and need assistance. Wally is one of our senior members, and a finer gentleman would be hard to find.

The Man of Honor Society is very fortunate to have Wally in our organization. He served his country with pride and he brings great honor to his family and the U.S. Army. Continue to walk tall Wally, and thank you for your service to our country.

*Jeff Morgan, President
SFC ARNG, Retired*

*Written by:
Bernie Knippel, Secretary
U.S. Air Force, Retired*



Christmas Party



This years Christmas Party was another MOH successful event. It was held on December 13th at the Best Western in Rib Mountain.

When it was time to start the program, wouldn't you know it, the microphone wouldn't work. But then Jim Wood, member of the band, saved the day with one of his microphones for us to use.

After some drinks and a good meal the poinsettias were given out. I drew the number 3. The numbers were located under the saucers and people who were lucky enough to have the number 3 received a poinsettia. Jeff Morgan started the program with a thank you for everyone who attended. Next Ron Jones,



chairman of the Funds Committee, received the Special Award for "Excellent support of the

MOH". Next I also received the Special Award for "Excellent



support of the MOH". Then came the President's Award



which was given to Bernie Knippel who has "Outstanding contributed to the mission of the Society during the year".

Bernie Knippel surprised everyone with his monologue.



Quote from BernieSaw Jim Campbell in front of the Daily Herald last Sunday and he was crying. I asked what was wrong and he said he couldn't understand why for the first week in



over a year his picture wasn't in the paper.

Quote from Bernie about John S.



Fust Man that was a slick move I made getting rid of that damn Secretary job a few years back.

Quote from Bernie about President Morgan Doo rags for everybody.

Bernie had fun talking about members who came to the Christmas party. Although it was all in fun, everyone seemed to enjoy it, even Jim Campbell!

There was a lot of dancing to the music by the "Naturals" and celebrating for the rest of the evening.

Some of the members rented rooms for the evening. One couple was Ted and Patti Williams. Some of us stopped by for a night cap or two on the

way to our rooms.

I hope everyone had as much fun as Rosie and I.

Ric Carr, Chairman

Donations from the Christmas Party



On December 18th, Jeff Morgan, Ric Carr, Bernie Knippel, John H. Fust, Bill Fenhaus, Vickie Harness and myself all went to the Veterans Home at King to deliver all of the donations from our Christmas party. Everyone was very generous with their donations, the van was full, and the guys there really appreciated everything. We handed out hat packages made by Char Fust, snacks, and Walmart gift cards. They were thrilled to get them. The rest of the items go to a storage area where they can go to pick out what they need. So many, many thanks to all who donated and also to Joe and Barb Buska, Next Stop Lounge, and Bob & Dianne Fitzke who gave some "extra" cash which enabled us to purchase the gift cards. It was a great trip and we left feeling good that we had helped them out. Again thanks to everyone who made Christmas a little better for the 27 guys. I received an email later in the day from



the site manager, Denise, thanking us again and saying that the guys really enjoyed the visit.

Gerri Knippel

Wreaths Across America

On 13 December 2014 members of the Man of Honor Society traveled to King for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. They, and all the other people in attendance laid over 3500 wreaths by veterans grave stones. It was difficult to keep a dry eye while doing this. Jim Campbell, a Man of Honor member was the emcee for the event and did a great job. It is a great day to remember.



MOH members from left to right are: Ron Jones, Jeff Morgan, Bernie Knippel, John H. Fust, Mark Lyon, and Dan Rigney.

Written by Bernie Knippel

Photos by Vixter Harness

*Check in at the front desk
prior to the meeting.*

Ideas for the 2015 Raffle

There will be a suggestion box at the next MOH meeting asking your opinion on what the main prizes should be for our next raffle. Example, new motorcycle, new car, new 4 wheeler, cash prizes, etc. Drop off your suggestions and please sign your name to them in case we want to talk to you. The raffle committee will review all suggestions.

Nominated for Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2014

President Jeff Morgan was nominated for the Small Business Person of the Year for 2014. His nomination was based on his position as President of the MOH Society and all that he has accomplished during 2014.

Funds Committee Update

The Funds Committee had several requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society from November 8, 2014 to present.

Requests paid:

Auto repair: \$601.43

Food: \$200.00

Insurance: \$135.00

Rent: \$525.00

Rent: \$710.00

Total paid this period:

\$2,171.43

The total requests paid for the year is \$19,456.35.

Bean Bag Tournament

Bunkers Bar & Grill (formally the American Legion) held their 1st annual Bean Bag Tournament on November 30th. They had around 13 two person teams. The air filled with Bean Bags at the 11:00 am sharp starting. Stephanie Smith of Bunkers set up and organized the competition. Dan (Boone) Maas who is the General Manager of Bunkers and the Tribute Golf Course played as well.

About now your asking yourself...What does this have to do with the Man of Honor? OK, I'll tell you. Out of the goodness of their hearts Steph and Boone were thinking of us, the MOH. \$10.00 out of each entry fee was donated to Man of Honor. Thank you Bunkers! Myself, Mark Lyon, Bernie Knippel, Dan Rigney, and Bill Hommerding were there in a support only status. Maybe next year we can plan to have a few teams of our own and show them how it is done. If your looking for a different spot for Friday Fish Fry or just a quick beer and a burger, give them a try. I highly recommend Bunkers.

Jeff Morgan, President

2014 Ham Giveaway

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th of December at the VFW Club, there was a line about 3 blocks long to receive the hams we were donating to veterans. In less than 40 minutes the 600 hams were



given out. There were young and old, some with canes and some with walkers. MOH volunteers did a great job taking care of those who needed help getting the 10-12 pound hams to their vehicles. Things were well or-



ganized and went exactly as planned. Thanks to all who helped make this event a great one.



Bernie Knippel, Secretary

Comments on the Ham Giveaway

- Much appreciation for the thanks but I was one of hundreds of men & women that received a ham from the MOH Society that day. Pretty emotional seeing that many vets together both young and old. It is just one

example of what makes this city and country great.

- I also received a 10 pound ham from the Man of Honor. They must have given away hundreds of these hams. There were vets from all walks of life there and well into their 80's. Young men, old men, men with canes, men with walkers, heck we parked all over the place and not once did I hear any veteran complain of the cold and the wait, what a day! It was an awesome display of giving thanks. I wish to thank each member for their help and donations. I was thanked for my service so many times by members of the MOH that I reached a point where I got a lump in my throat.

- Thank you! For serving our Country, so proudly.
- Thank you for your service Sir.
- Hopefully those hundreds of vets were thanked as well! They have made, and make a huge difference in millions of people's life's.
- I went to the MOH event Saturday morning. Nicely done. I took my camera & strung together my images & thoughts. Feel free to share times with the veterans in your life. Thx

You Tube video Man of Honor Ham Give Away Wausau 2014

Rest In Peace



**Erwin Webster
Lembke, Jr., 65,** died November 4,
2014.

Erwin is survived
by his wife, Carol

Saal and four children, Korin
Saal (Man of Honor Member),
Lora Lembke, Kevin Saal, and
Kurtis Saal. He loved and cared
about everyone and loved life
and the outdoors.

We are so sorry for your loss.
Our thoughts are with you and
your family.



**Angela Mary
Brezovar, 70,** died Sunday, No-
vember 23, 2014 at
Colonial Manor
Medical and Rehab

Center, Wausau.

Angela was born in Dublin, Ire-
land and immigrated to the US in
1960, marrying Edward Bruce
Brezovar in Winter Haven, CA
on July 26, 1966. The couple
moved from Westminster, CA to
Wisconsin in 1978 and became
Naturalized Citizens on April 29,
1993. Sadly, Edward died on
October 17, 1991 after celebrat-
ing 25 years together.

Angela is survived by her three
sons, Wayne, Daniel, and Greg

Brezovar, MOH member.

Angela was a strong women who
loved having fun. She enjoyed
dancing, music, and being the
life of the party. She enjoyed
playing cards, reading (especially
Irish writer, Maeve Binchy),
traveling and spending time with
friends, family and her grandchil-
dren.

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

Mary Joy Akey, 93, passed
peacefully to eternal rest Satur-
day, November 29, 2014.

She is survived by sons Henry,
Dennis Evenson and daughter
Mary Joy (Don, MOH member).

Mary Joy enjoyed deer hunting,
fishing and boating with her fam-
ily. She was a lifelong seam-
stress and crocheted for all of the
family. She was active in the Dr.
Kate Museum and Woodruff
Centennial Celebration. She was
a supporter of Weber's Wildlife
Center in Sayner. Mary Joy took
many winter trips with her fam-
ily. She loved cheering on the
Packers.

Mary Joy was a strong, loving
person, who cared deeply for her
family and friends. She will be
missed by all who knew her.

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

Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal.
Love leaves a memory
No one can steal.

Irish Tombstone

Happy

Birthday



January

- 3 - Michael Horsman, US Army
- 4 - Theodore Bronson, US
Army
- 6 - James Gauerke Jr., US Army
- 6 - Joe Don Prejean, USAF
- 9 - Don Cook, US Navy
- 10 - Jim Gilge, US Army
- 11 - Mark Lambert, US Navy
- 12 - Casey Conner, Army NG
- 12 - Nick Kuehn, US Army
- 12 - Roger Priebe, US Army
- 12 - Charles Schwake, US
Army
- 14 - Erika Koch, US Army
- 15 - John H. Fust, US Army
- 15 - Wayne Krueger, USAF
- 16 - Wes Hoffman, USAF
- 17 - Don Dorgan, US Army
- 17 - Rachelle Hulderman, US
Army
- 19 - Tim Miller, US Navy
- 20 - Dale Cherney, US Army
- 23 - Steven Nelson, USMC
- 25 - Mike O'Rourke, US Army
- 26 - Mark Lyon, USMC
- 27 - Donna Bonin, Associate
- 29 - Keith Strey, US Navy
- 30 - Jake Edwards, USMC
- 30 - Tammy Behnke, Associate
- 30 - Alan Krueger, US Army
Airborne

31 - Bill Wolfe, US Army

February

- 1 - Greg Crisman, US Army
- 1 - Archie Drake, US Army
- 2 - Carrie Stotler, US Navy
- 4 - Charles Smith, US Army
- 5 - Mary Mulder, Associate
- 7 - Dan Rigney, Army NG
- 8 - Dennis Hardt, US Army
- 8 - Bob Peterson, US Army
- 9 - Benjamin Brandt, US Navy
- 12 - Bob Genrich, US Navy
- 13 - David Bain, US Navy Reserve
- 13 - Craig Chapman, US Army
- 14 - Tim Wood, USMC
- 17 - Lyle Beck, USAF
- 18 - Richard Knoeck, USMC
- 20 - Joey Vanouse, US Navy
- 23 - John Chase, US Army
- 23 - Dick Schoultz, US Army
- 25 - Jack Sliwicki, US Army
- 26 - Eddie Dehnel, US Army
- 26 - George Lemmer, US Army

The winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for November was Jim Linden, US Navy, donated it back to the MOH and for December was Joe Buska, Associate member, donated it to the homeless at King.

New Members

We have five new members in our society which brings it to a total of 371. Let's welcome the

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

following:

Robert Burton, USAF
Elmer Daryl, US Army
John Huber, US Army
Jason Rumbaugh, US Army
Mark Schleinz, USAF

We are always looking for members to help on our many functions, such as: raffle, parades, building maintenance, and much more.

Coming Events:

January 10, 2015 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

February 15, 2015 - Man of Honor Cribbage Tournament at the Clubhouse for members and guests. Dan Rigney will chair the tournament.

Tentative date based on confirmation of players. More to follow at the meeting.

March 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2015 - King's Camper/Camper Palooza at 5507 Lilac Avenue in Wausau.

Thursday - Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The MOH will have a food wagon again this year and will be serving hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs.

We will be passing around a sign up sheet for cooks, servers, and working the booth at our meeting January 10th. We need

your help so PLEASE sign up.

Free admission & parking.

March 14, 2015 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March ???, 2015 - Pool Tournament. Jim Fust, chairman, will have the date, place, limit on the number of teams, cost, etc. at the meeting.

April 27, 2015 - Return of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA. Meet at the airport in uniform, white shirt, white hat, black slacks, black shoes at 8:30 p.m.

May 9, 2015 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

May 11, 2015 - Return of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA. Meet at the airport in uniform, white shirt, white hat, black slacks, black shoes at 8:30 p.m.

"Boonie Brothers" Celebrate Packer Victory

