



# Newsletter

## Man-Of-Honor Society

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### MOH 5th Annual Christmas Party

December 1st was the 5th Man of Honor Christmas Party and they get better each year. It's full of fun, food, and dancing.

The evening started with cocktails and dinner. The food and service was great. The program started with Jim Fust handing out the Awards. One Special Award



was given to Keith Cota who is stepping down after his many

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years as Treasurer of the Man-of-Honor. Another Special Award was given to BRB Auto Body for their exceptional work on the MOH van. Last Award was the



President's Award to Jeff Morgan chairman of the committee for the Traveling Tribute. If it would have been possible to give one to all the committee members, it would have been done. They did an outstanding job.



Again this year Jim Fust presented the Board Members with a Fedora hat. Like other years John Fust Sr. get the best hat of them

all. Well, when you have a small one you get a small hat.

Bernie Knippel presented an award to Jim Fust, President, for the outstanding work he has done. For more information see the article "Spotlight On One of Our Own" in this newsletter.



Another surprise, I presented Special Award to Jim Fust who is stepping down from the position of President. Jim was the founder and served as president of the MOH all but one year since the beginning.

Bernie Knippel was presented with the Senior of the Year Award from the Prez. He was

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

**Letter  
from the  
Prez.....**



**Jeff Morgan  
SFC E7, Army National  
Guard**

Just a few short notes since our last meeting. Our Christmas Party at the VFW was great, excellent food, good music, and lots of laughs. Thank you Dan Hommerding for the safe ride home with the MOH van. Hope all made it home OK!!

The following weekend was MOH Turkey Give Away, that also was held at the VFW shelter parking lot. Many helping hands. Thank you for the big turn out. Later that afternoon I was invited back to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the 428th Engineer Company, as you remember part of that Army Reserve Unit brought some military vehicles for display when MOH set up for AVTT last June. I'll share it with you at our next meeting.

As you are reading this... It means our Christmas Holiday is over, I really hope everybody could get out and enjoy your family and friends. The next big Hoopla is New Years (be careful), then our January membership meeting Saturday the 12th at 2:00 p.m. 1425 Townline Road. Please, make an effort to be at the meetings.

In closing, whether you believe in a higher power or not. . . Please say a little something for our fighting men and women and our Homeless Vets. Now in the words of the man I call a friend, thank you Jim Fust.

May God bless you and the United States of America.

*Jeff Morgan, President*

### **Veterans Day 2012**

Man of Honor had a presence at the Flag Raising at the VFW on River Drive in Wausau. Due to inclement weather the ceremony was moved to the VFW from the courthouse. In attendance were Bill Hommerding, Teddy Williams, Kevin Zahuronas, Shannon Consolver, John Fust Jr. Wendy Schneider, Lee Smith, Rachelle Hulderman and Tom Fust. The members met at the Clubhouse and rode together to the VFW in the MOH van, driven by Tom Fust. There they proudly posted colors. Unfortunately our president, James Fust, developed a severe case of the flu and was unable to attend.

Guest of Honor was Former US Senator Walter Chilsen WWII veteran. Mayor Jim Tipple presented a proclamation and our own member Shirley Bickford was the Chaplain for the occasion. Lunch was served afterwards for all in attendance. Also there were representatives from other Veteran groups from the area.

*Bill Hommerding.*

### **Turkey Give Away**



The Man-of-Honor gave away 500 turkeys on December 8th of 2012. It took about 3 hours to get rid of 500 turkeys. People were lined up at 7:30 a.m. to receive their bird. The give away started at 9 a.m. sharp.



We had a lot of members and Associate members on hand to help out, and everything went smoothly. There were 12 turkeys that went to the Salvation Army. They

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were very pleased with the Man-of-Honor for such a generous gift. We had coverage from the Daily Herald as well



as News Line 9. We have plans for next years give away , and will proceed with new leads on getting the turkeys for next year. Thanks to the VFW for having us during this event. There were a few pre-Christmas beverages had by many after the give away. Ric Carr, Jim Fust, Bernie Knippel were among them. Thanks to all who helped out and to Treu's for hooking us up with the birds. We made a lot of Veterans and their families happy for the holidays.

*Written by: Keith Cota*

### **Drop-off Box for Veterans Home at Kings**

Some of our fellow veterans at the Veterans Home at King are in need of personal items they cannot afford to buy.

Therefore, a drop-off box has been put in our Clubhouse and anyone who would care to donate some of the items listed below would surely help these folks. Ron Worthey of the MOH will personally see that any items dropped off will be delivered to King. We have a meeting on January 12, 2013

and that would be a great time to start helping these people out. Any questions can be directed to Ron Worthey or myself. The drop-off box will remain at the clubhouse for anyone who would like to donate at any of our future meetings.

Items needed:

*Clothing:*

Socks (No Black)

T-Shirts - Plain Colors -

L, 1X, 2X, 3X

Underwear - Briefs or Boxers

L, 1X, 2X, 3X

*Food:* (No Chocolate Candy)

Canned Foods

Cereal

Chips (Individual Packets)

Coffee

Creamer

Meats (Canned, Fresh or Frozen)

Oatmeal (Individual Packets)

Popcorn (Individual Packets)

Soda (Regular and Diet)

Sugar and Sugar-Free Sweetener

Tea

*Snacks* (Individual packs-

Regular and Sugar Free: Applesauce, Fruit, Jello, Pudding)

*Personal:*

Combs

Disposable Razors

Laundry Detergent

Pillows

Shampoo

Shaving Cream

Shower Soap (Liquid)

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

*Gerri Knippel, Chairman*

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named Senior of the Year during the Wausau parade.

Next the table center pieces were given away. Everyone had a ticket and the numbers were drawn, if you were lucky you won.

All of a sudden I heard Ho! Ho! Ho! Bells jingling and there he was, Santa (John Fink) with his helpers Elizabeth Reedy and Hailey Raymond. Everyone had to sit on Santa's lap to tell him if they were good or bad before they received their gift.

When Santa finished, the music by the "Three Klicks" started. People danced, had drinks, and totally enjoyed themselves.

We were fortunate to have Dan Hommerding drive the MOH van and take people home after the party. Thank you.

If you were unable to attend this year, the next Christmas Party is planned for December 14, 2013 at the VFW. See you there!

*Ric Carr VP, Chairman*



## Spotlight On One of Our Own!

On 17 September 2012 I wrote a letter to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, James A. Roy at the Pentagon requesting he consider writing a personal letter to SMSgt James W. Fust, USAF (Retired) for all that he has accomplished, not only as the founder of the Man-of-Honor Society, but for his many years as our President. CMSAF Roy is the highest enlisted man in the United States Air Force. On 1 December 2012, with mission accomplished, I was honored to present Jim with the following letter at our annual Christmas Party.



Office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1670

9 November 2012

Senior Master Sergeant (Retired) Jim Fust  
5402 Hewitt Ave  
Schofield WI 54476

*J.M.*  
Dear Mr. Fust

On behalf of the men and women of our United States Air Force, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your service as president of the Marathon County Man of Honor Society-Wausau.

The Man of Honor Society's mission to unite all United States military veterans and active duty personnel, as well as to show honor and respect for their service is a noble and important one. The organization's impressive accomplishments exemplify selfless dedication to our Nation's heroes.

Paula and I thank you for your service and wish you and your family the very best.

Sincerely,

*J.A. Roy*  
JAMES A. ROY

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force



*Written by: Bernie Knippel SMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Secretary, MOH Society*

## WAUSAU FEEDS THE WORLD.



On Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> a group of Man of Honor members along with their friends and family volunteered at Packaging Tape Inc. in Wausau to assist a group called "Feed My Starving Children". This event in Wausau was called Wausau Feeds the World and it feels like we did just that!! The day was set up for 3 two hour shifts and on our shift we packed 199 boxes of food. Each box had 36 bags of food and each bag is meant to feed 6 people. So from 9-11 a.m. we managed to feed forty two thousand nine hundred eighty four people. (42,984) It looked as though there were 160 + volunteers for each shift so we really felt that we accomplished a lot. In total for the day they had 480 volunteers who packed over 108 thousand meals and at the same time we collected many non-perishable food items for the local Wausau food pantry. This one event on that one day will contribute to saving the lives of over 200 children! In attendance were: Larry and Renea Andreski, Tom Joss, Deb and Dylon Okzresik, Travis Wraggs, Cassi Bricco, Mary Jo

Falkowski, Bill and Sissa Hommerding, Irene Jones, Donna Gosse, Jayden Hansen, Diane Nehls, George Wiedeman, Meranda Pelot and Kelly Rosenau. All of us did agree that this production is worth participating in again should PTI decide to do it next year. And what a wonderful job they



did organizing everything and making it fun for all ages. Afterwards, some of us went to Whiskey River for lunch and then headed home to get ready for the Man of Honor Christmas Party.

*Sissa Hommerding.*

**Rest  
In  
Peace**



**Jay J Wunsch,**  
55, Wausau  
died unexpectedly Thursday,  
November 16,  
2012 peacefully  
at his home.

Jay served his country in the US Air Force for over 19 years. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Packer and Brewer fan.

Jay was a member of the MOH since July of 2011.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 19, 2012 at Peterson/Kraimer Funeral Home, 1302 Sixth Street Wausau.

Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jay's family.



**William Woller,**  
53, of Rib Mountain, passed away at his home unexpectedly on Friday, November 16, 2012. He

is the brother of Ginny Edwards an Associate Member of the MOH.

He was well known as an auto body specialist and for his dedication to his 1967 Chevrolet Camaro RS.

Funeral services were held on 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2012, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Rib Mountain. Visitation was at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 and again Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with Ginny and her family.

Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather, openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

## Coming Events:

**January 12, 2013** - Meeting at the Clubhouse 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**March 9, 2013** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**May 11, 2013** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

## New Members

We now have 476 members in the Man-of-Honor Society. The newest members are:

*Connie K. Allman, US Army  
Lamont Bonham, USMC  
Brian Brown, USAF  
Patrick A. David, US Army  
Wallace Gwidt, US Army  
Doug Hagen, USAF  
Michael Horsman, US Army  
Mark Lambert, US Navy*



*Please don't forget to check in with Sissa Hommerding prior to the meeting. .*

## Happy

### Birthday



### January

- 3 - *Michael Horsman, US Army*
- 4 - *Theodore Bronson, US Army*
- 6 - *James Gauerke, Jr., US Army*
- 9 - *Don Cook, US Navy*
- 10 - *Jim Gilge, US Army*
- 11 - *Mark Lambert, US Navy*
- 12 - *Casey Conner, Army NG  
Roger Priebe, US Army*
- 14 - *Erika Koch, US Army  
James Leitermann, USMC*
- 15 - *John H. Fust Sr., US Army  
Wayne Krueger, USAF*
- 16 - *Roman Songer, USMC  
Wes Hoffman, US Navy*
- 17 - *Don Dorgan, US Army  
Rachelle Hulderman, US Army  
Steve Williams, US Navy*
- 19 - *Tim Miller, US Navy*
- 20 - *Dale Cherney, US Army*
- 23 - *Steven Nelson, USMC*
- 25 - *Rodney Rothmeyer, US Army*
- 26 - *Mark Lyon, USMC*
- 27 - *Donna Bonin, Associate Member*
- 28 - *Gary Hackbarth, Army National Guard*
- 29 - *Keith Strey, US Navy*
- 30 - *Jake Edwards, USMC  
Tammy Behnke, Associate Member  
Alan Krueger, US Army Airborne*
- 31 - *Bill Wolfe, US Army*

## February

- 1 - *Bruce Borman, USMC  
Greg Crisman, US Army  
Archie Drake, US Army*
- 2 - *Nelly Stotler, US Navy*
- 4 - *Charles Smith, US Army*
- 5 - *Henry Blarek, US Army  
Richard Stepan, USMC*
- 8 - *Dennis Hardt, US Army  
Bob Peterson, US Army*
- 9 - *Benjamin Brandt, US Navy*
- 10 - *Sean Guckenberger, US Army*
- 12 - *Bob Genrich, US Navy*
- 13 - *David Bain, US Naval Reserve  
Craig Chapmann, US Army*
- 14 - *Aaron Felch, US Army*
- 15 - *Brian Brown, USAF*
- 16 - *Kevin Reissmann, USMC  
Michael Weidman, US Army*
- 18 - *Richard Knoeck, USMC*
- 20 - *Keith Brod, US Army  
Joey Vanouse, US Navy*
- 21 - *Louis Bebout, USAF  
Zachery Petri, USAF*
- 23 - *John Chase, US Army  
Dick Schoultz, US Army*
- 25 - *Jack Sliwicki, US Army  
Gus Strehlo, US Army*
- 26 - *Eddie Dehnel, US Army  
George Lemmer, US Army*
- 27 - *Harold Hofstetter, US Army*
- 28 - *Brian Sell, US Army*

The winners of the \$25.00 birthday drawing for November was Dee Dennis, Associate Member and for December was Joe Buska, Associate Member.