



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute from the President



Deborah (Deb) Zahurones has been an Associate Member of the Man of Honor Society for the past 2 1/2 years. She was selected to act as one of the Public Relations Officers to the MOH Society, a job she takes very seriously. The majority of the news coverage we receive is the result of her excellent relationship with the media and her untiring efforts

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to get them to cover as many of our events as possible. She also volunteers her services to be on several of our annual committees and she does so with a can-do attitude. Recently at one of the Green Bay Packer games watched at the clubhouse, Deb not only showed everyone that she was a true Packer fan, but she proved to everyone in attendance that she had "Excellent Cheer-leading Skills". Nice job Deb!!! For all you do for the Man of Honor Society Deb, we want to give you a very special "Thank You". There is no question that you are a TRUE MAN OF HONOR. We salute you.

Veterans Day



On Veterans Day 2013, members of the MOH Society attended a Veterans Day Ceremony at the VFW Club in Wausau. President Morgan proudly displayed the

U.S. Flag and Tom Fust brilliantly displayed the MOH flag along the VFW Color Guard. Other members were seated to listen to the guest speaker who by chance was Dave Prokop, a member of the Wausau Police Department, (Dave was also our Honored Guest at the fall raffle). Once again Dave did a super job honoring our veterans. The VFW did a very nice job with the ceremony and lunch was served after for those who were interested.

Bernie Knippel, Secretary

Christmas Party

December 14th the Man of Honor Christmas party was held at the VFW on River Drive. Dinner was at 5:00 p.m., the invocation was given by Vice President Ric Carr.

After dinner President Jeff Morgan, with the assistance of Secretary Bernie Knippel, presented the year's awards.

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

Letter from the Prez



***Jeff Morgan
SFC ARNG , Retired***

.As I start to write this short article, it's the shortest Day-light day of the year. Cold and still snowing. The house is quiet, the furnace is running, it should be perfect for scribbling something for the newsletter, but I can't put two thoughts together! I know if I have a fine adult beverage, that will help me reflect on some of the events of the past year. It's been remarkable in so many ways. The Officers and I have worked very, very well together. I let them know of my short comings and delegate.

The Man of Honor Society has been very busy this past year. Our two main raffles, parades, Golf outing and Pool Tournament. We have gotten many photographs of these for our scrapbooks. Experienced stories that will stay in peoples minds for a long time. Laughed at some of the goofy stuff that has happened. On a more serious side, we have helped a lot of Vets who truly needed a helping hand. For that you should all be very proud. I am very proud of each of you. A lot of hard work got

done! I believe it's a fraction of what's in store for us with the NEW YEAR just around the corner. You may have recognized a few changes to our organization already. As we are looking forward to the New Year and our 10th Anniversary! Man of Honor's 10 year Anniversary celebration has to be the biggest and the best yet. We need to be more recognizable which will make us stronger in our community. More hard work. I am sure we will do what ever it takes to complete the mission.

Finally as you read this, Christmas and the New Years celebrations will have come and gone. I still want to say THANKS EVERYBODY for supporting myself and your officers! The Funds Committee, all committee members, all of you that have picked up a rag to wash this or a brush to paint that, those who played in the dirt, helped lay blacktop, walked in parades, raised flags...this list goes on and on! Thank you for my great 1st year!

From my heart to all of you and your families. I wish for you a Merry Christmas and a new year filled with hope, peace, and love of family and friends! Thank you, may God bless all.

*Jeff Morgan, President
SFC ARNG, Retired*

Need a Will?

The Wausau Chapter of Paralegal Association's plan of action in making the Wills for Heroes a reality in our area. This is a national program originally designed for first responders, EMTS & Firefighters. Wausau will be the first Chapter to ADD VETERANS.

This organization will put on informational clinics and provide one on one support to develop a Will for a veteran (FREE OF CHARGE with NO STRINGS ATTACHED) If you are interested in this program, please contact Vusa Bentley, Paralegal, 715-573-8519.

Flag Retirement

Because of the amount of flags turned in at the Clubhouse and The Jim we will be having two retirement ceremonies. One in the spring and one in the Fall. Dates will be determined later.



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Ric Carr Cell: 715-212-1348

Secretary:

Bernie Knippel 715-359-6178

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Sergeant-at-Arms:

John Fust Sr. 715-842-7185

(Christmas Party)



An Award for Support was presented to the Eagles Club, Bill Henrichs excepted the award for the Eagles.



Joe and Barb Buska received the Associated Members Award for Support.



John and Charlie Sapp were given the Excellence Award for all the work they have done and will continue to do for the

Man of Honor Clubhouse.



The 2013 President's Award was presented to Tom Fust. Tom spends endless hours making sure the Harley and Fall Raffles go off without a hitch.

Thanks to all of you, Tom Fust, John Sapp, Charlie Sapp, Joe Buska, Barb Buska, Bill Hendrichs, and Tim Miller.

I'm sure all of you that attended, noticed the beautiful center pieces made by Rosie Carr and Gerri Knippel, after the awards a number was drawn by the First Lady, Cathie Morgan. One winner at each table was able to take the center pieces home.



The entertainment, by the Naturals, started at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 11:00 p.m. Like last year they did an excellent job.

Dan Hommerding drove our MOH Van for people who

needed a ride to or from the Christmas Party. Thanks Dan!

Early in the planning stages of the Christmas Party Rosie Carr suggested instead of exchanging gifts that the people attending bring a gift or cash donation for the Vets at King if they wanted. The amount of gifts and cash was overwhelming. The cash was used to buy the items the veterans needed and was not donated. The shoppers were Gerri Knippel, Peggy Wold, and Vicki Harness who got to do what they loved best. Oh! Bernie Knippel went along as a chaperone. The gifts were delivered to the veterans on Tuesday December 17, 2013 by Jeff Morgan, Bernie & Gerri Knippel, Mark Lyon, Ron Worthey, John H. Fust, Bill Hommerding, Ted Williams, and Don Goretski.

Thanks to all the committee members for all the help to make it a success. Committee members were:

Ric & Rosie Carr
Jesse Fink
Vicki Harness
Ron Jones
Gerri Knippel
Aaron Masterson
Don Masterson
Jeff & Cathie Morgan
Ted Williams
Peggy Wold
Kevin & Deb Zahurones

Thanks again!

Hope to see everyone at the next Christmas Party. Thank you.

Ric Carr, Vice President

Wreaths Across America



Jeff and Cathie Morgan, Bernie Knippel, Mark Lyon and Bill Hommerding represented the Man of Honor Society at the Veterans Cemetery at King during the Wreath Across America ceremony held on 14 December 2013. Over 1300 wreaths were placed on the graves of those who served our country. Bernie Knippel had the honor of placing the wreath representing the USAF during the ceremony. It was a day to be remembered by all who attended and a privilege for the MOH representatives.



Christmas Veterans Home at King



On 17 December 2013, the Man of Honor Society of Marathon County (Veterans helping Veterans) made a trip to the Veterans Home at King. There are 27 Homeless Veterans living there and we decided to make their Christmas a little more special. Rather than exchanging gifts at our recently held Christmas party, the members were asked to make donations or bring a gift for the people at King. Great idea and huge success. Over \$1,200 worth of personal items, snacks, bedding and clothing were their gifts. MOH President Morgan and 8 members spent their day talking



with the people and sharing some experiences and a few laughs with them as well. We left there with a standing ovation from the King Veterans and we were honored to meet them

and thank them for the sacrifices they made serving our country.

Donations to King

Thanks to all who so generously donated items and cash to be given to the homeless Vets at King. The back of the van was absolutely full with a huge variety of items from pop, snacks, clothing, blankets and items too numerous to mention. Peggy Wold, Vicki Harness, Bernie Knippel and myself did the shopping with the cash donations that we received. On Tuesday, December 17th nine MOH members delivered the items to King. It made us all feel great and we received many words of thanks and a round of applause. We know that it was all greatly appreciated. We were able to pass out MOH t-shirts to about 15 of the residents and they liked that.

We also received a big food donation from the 120th Field Artillery Brigade of central Wisconsin. They did a food drive (fundraiser) and then went through the MOH to donate the food to King. Ron Worthey picked everything up in Stevens Point and delivered it.

So again many thanks for all the donations for a very nice Christmas for the guys at King.

Gerri Knippel

Funds Committee Distribution List

The following is a list of donations given to Veterans in Marathon County by the Man of Honor Society. This list is from the November 9, 2013 meeting to present. The plan is to publish a list in each newsletter.

Requests paid since last meeting.

- WPS - utilities \$473.09
- ALRA - 50 wreaths for Kings \$750.00
- Mattress Firm - Bed \$750.00
- Landlord - Rent \$1,184.00
- Veteran - Gas, food, personal items \$300.00
- Hatley VFW - baskets for troops \$500.00
- Landlord - rent \$150.00
- WW Mini Storage - storage fee \$200.00
- Hanger Lounge - 11/11 dinner-half \$195.09
- VFW 388 - deployment party for troops \$300.00
- Wal-Mart - cold weather clothes \$59.30
- France Sales & Service - furnace \$712.00
- Nite Inn - shelter \$504.00
- Veteran - food & clothes \$246.00
- Total \$6,323.84

New Member Verification

Effective January 1, 2014 individuals who have applied for membership in the MOH Society and have not attended a meeting to pick up their certificate and coin will be dropped from the MOH active roster. If you fall into this category and want to be a member of the Society, you will need to call 715-212-1348 and advise them of your status. People who have requested membership must bring a copy of their DD Form 214 or military I.D. to the first meeting they attend and have one of the Officers verifying their status. You cannot become a member without verification of Military Service.

Turkey Give Away



Man of Honor's Annual Turkey Give Away, despite the bitter cold weather was again a complete success. The Birds arrived just a few days after Thanksgiving. Mark Lyon set us up with a refer trailer through a friend of his. When the delivery truck showed up at the VFW parking lot we were ready and waiting for him. There was about a half dozen of us to move the cases of turkey from his truck to the refer trailer. It all went smoothly. Except it was very cold!! The

temperature stayed so cold, the time before the Give Away, the refer never had to run. The turkeys stayed frozen.

Friday, December 6th, a bunch of us met at the VFW parking lot shelter to hang side curtains on the shelter to help keep the wind and cold out. (Did I mention how cold it was??) A couple of us also hand sanded the parking lot, it was very icy and treacherous.

Saturday, December 7th, the big day is finally here. Before 8 a.m. MOH volunteers had most of the turkeys unloaded, moved into the shelter, broken down out of the boxes, stacked, and ready to hand out. There had to be close to 40 people on hand wanting to help any way they could. Got to say THANKS to all who braved the cold temps and came out to help! Veterans were also there very early, milling around, waiting for us to get started. As I said earlier the parking lot was a mess, and it was very cold, so the decision to start a bit early was made. Instead of 9 a.m. we got going about 8:30 a.m. or so. It took just over an hour and a half to hand out 500 turkeys. Thank You all for making this work so smoothly. There's talk already about next year's event. More on that when the season gets closer.



Spotlight Of One Of Our Own!

Mark Lyon was born in Wausau and raised in Rothschild, Wisconsin. He graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1967. He and his gracious wife Barbara have 4 daughters, Traci, Tricia, Vicki, and Amy. He worked for Weyerhaeuser for 15 years and then drove truck for another 15 years before he retired.

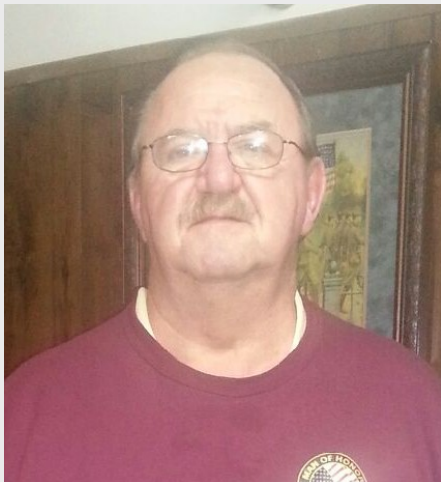
Mark joined the United States Marine Corps in June of 1967. After Boot Camp in San Diego, California he went to ITR at Camp Pendleton, California for infantry training. He served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was discharged in August 1969 as a Lance Corporal. In 1972 Mark joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard where he served until 1992, retiring as a Sergeant First Class Platoon Sergeant. Among his awards are the Army Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Mark's contribution to the MOH Society has been outstanding. He is always there when there is work to be done and can always be relied upon to be wherever he is needed. He participates in our parades, Flag Raising Ceremonies and has devoted many hours assisting in our annual raffles. Mark is also a member of the Funds Committee. He has spent countless hours of his time doing what was needed to put our clubhouse in the excellent condition it is now in. He is the newly appointed Bar Manager at the Club and his efforts have made this a great place for all to enjoy.

Mark is to be commended for all he has done for the Man of Honor Society. He brings great honor to his family, the United States Army and to the United States Marine Corps. A very special "Thank You" Mark for your service to our country. We salute you. Semper Fi.

*Jeff Morgan, President
SFC E7, Army NG, Retired*

*Written by Bernie Knippel, USAF
SMSGT First Sergeant Retired*



**Happy
Birthday**



January

3 - Michael Horsman, USAR
4 - Theodore Bronson, USAR
4 - Philip Ries, USAF
5 - Aaron Mielke, USAR
6 - James L. Gauerke, USAR
9 - Don Cook, USNA
10 - Jim Gilge, USAR
11 - Mark Lambert, USNA
12 - Casey Conner, ARNG
12 - Nick Kuehn, USAR
12 - Roger Preibe, USAR
12 - Charles Schwake, US
14 - Erika, Koch, USAR
14 - James Leitermann,
USMC
15 - John H. Fust, USAR
15 - Wayne Krueger, USAF
16 - Wes Hoffman, USNA
16 - Micky Rought, USNA/
USAF
16 - Roman Songer, USMC
17 - Don Dorgan, USAR
17 - Rachelle, Hulderman,
USAR
17 - Steve Williams, USNA
19 - Tim Miller, USNA
20 - Dale Cherney, USAR
23 - Steven Nelson, USMC
25 - Rodney Rothmeyer,
USAR
26 - Mark Lyon, USMC
27 - Donna Bonin, Associate
28 - Gary Hackbarth, ARNG
29 - Keith Strey, USNA
30 - Jake Edwards, USMC

30 - Tammy Behnke, Associ-
ate
30 - Alan Krueger, USAR
Airborne
31 - Bill Wolfe, USAR

February

1 - Bruce A. Borman, USMC
1 - Greg Crisman, USAR
1 - Archie Drake, USAR
2 - Nelly Stotler, USNA
4 - Charles Smith, USAR
5 - Henry Blarek, USAR
5 - Mary Mulder, Associate
5 - Richard Stepan, USMC
7 - Dan Rigney, ARNG
8 - Dennis Hardt, USAR
8 - Bob Peterson, USAR
9 - Benjamin Brandt, USNA
10 - Sean Guckenberger, USAR
12 - Bob Genrich, USNA
13 - David Bain, USNA
Reserve
13 - Craig Chapman, USAR
14 - Aaron Felch, USAR
15 - Brian Brown, USAF
16 - Kevin Reissmann,
USMC
16 - Michael Weidman,
USAR
17 - Lyle Beck, USAF
18 - Richard Knoeck, USMC
20 - Keith Brod, USAR
20 - Joey Vanouse, USNA
21 - Louis Bebout, USAF
21 - Zachery Petri, USAF
23 - John Chase, USAR
23 - Dick Schoultz, USAR
25 - Quincy Kasper, USAR
25 - Jack Sliwicki, USAR

25 - Gus Strehlo, USAR
26 - Eddie Dehnel, USAR
26 - George Lemmer, USAR
28 - Alan Kowalski, USAR
Reserve
28 - Brian Sell, USAR

The winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for November was Jim Linden, US Navy and for December was Joe McGrath, US Air Force.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome one new member:

Connie Masterson, Associate Member

You can pick up your certificate and challenge coin at the January 11, 2014 meeting.

We are looking forward to working with you on some of our committees and clubhouse maintenance.

The little boy I was baby-sitting showed me his family's photo album. He pointed out a nice picture of his whole family, and I complimented him on how handsome he looked. He shook his head and said, "My mom doesn't like it at all. She said she wants to have it blown up."

Coming Events:

January 11, 2014 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road in Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March 8, 2014 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road in Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

March 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2014 - King's Camper Palooza in Rib Mountain. The Man of Honor will have a food trailer and a raffle booth set up to sell hats and raffle tickets. Contact: Ric Carr 715-212-1348 for more information. We will need lots of help.

May 10, 2014 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road in Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.

Author Unknown

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Rest In Peace



Jordan Peterson, 22, Markesan, WI died unexpectedly November 17, 2013.



Jordan is survived by his father Bob Peterson, MOH member, Wausau, his mother Jamie Peterson of Markesan, WI and 5 brothers, Jesse, Justin, Jacob, Jeremy, and Chad.

Memorial service was held on November 22, 2013 at Highland Community Church.

May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Michael R. Bruess, 66, Kronenwetter, WI died on November 18, 2013 after a long battle with cancer.



He joined the US Air Force and served for four years as an air mechanic. Mike was a member of the Man of Honor Society. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Penny Holbrook, on January 9, 1968.

Mike worked as a maintenance welder for Weyerhaeuser Paper Mill, retiring after 40 years on the job. He was a life-long billiards player and a member of the BCA Pool League at Mickey's. He loved spending time at his cottage and was an avid fisherman, earning him the nickname of "Musky Mike".

Our prayers and thoughts are with his family and friends.

Thomas Lanigan, 60, passed away peacefully, November 24, 2013, at the U.W. Hospital in Madison.

Tom was in the Navy and later worked in construction. He was a member of the Man of Honor Society. He loved to make his fabulous German Potato Salad for our Man of Honor raffles.

Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching packer games, and pontooning with friends on the Wisconsin River.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom's family and friends.

*Check in at the front desk
with Sissa Hommerding
prior to the meeting.*