



# Newsletter

## Man-of-Honor Society

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### 2017 Man Of Honor Ham Giveaway

*Written by Bernie Knippel USAF Retired E-8 First Sergeant*



The 2017 Ham giveaway once again was a great success. Despite the cold weather the veterans were lined up from the front of the old VFW building all the way out to River Drive in Wausau. Many MOH members came to help and they unloaded the refrigeration trailer and then handed out the hams. While the vets stood in line for 9 a.m. to roll around John Fust and I checked for proper paperwork required to receive a ham and stamped their hands so when they got to the front of the line all they had to do was show the stamp. When the clock struck 9, President Jeff Morgan said “GO” and we were off and running. The unofficial word is that after 12 minutes we had given out over 600 hams. This of course is a new record time. A special shout-out goes to Kim Follen, Store Manager at Aldi’s for the great job she

did making sure everything was ordered and arrived on time for this special event. To all the members



who help make this event happen we say “Thank You” and hope the new year will be very special for all of you.

### Awards & Christmas Banquet of 2017

*Written by Ric Carr, Chairman*

As we all know the Man of Honor Awards and Christmas Banquet was held December 9th at Mountain Edge in Rib Mountain. I want to thank Mike and Connie Decker, the owners, for a great job. The whole program was a great success, food, program and the music.

The guests started arriving about 4 p.m. I took everyone’s picture as they arrived but not without some objections, right John H. Fust? After checking in the guests, they picked a table, socialized, and waited for dinner.

*(See Awards & Christmas Banquet on page 3, column 1)*

*The newsletter will be published  
every two months.*

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

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

**Jeff Morgan  
SFC E7, ARNG,  
Retired**



Hello everyone!

Our Christmas and New Years celebrations are over for another year. I truly hope that your Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years celebrations were the best ever!

Just a few things to write about this past November. First on the list, Veterans Day. Because of the closing of the VFW property in Wausau Veterans Day Ceremony was held at the former American Legion Golf Course which is now known as Tribute Golf Course. I'll have a short note on Veterans Day somewhere in this newsletter.

Second, November 14th the club called R.C. Flyers donated \$100.00 to Man of Honor! \$Bill, John S. Fust Sgt at Arms and I met at Wausau Airport to receive that check. Thank You " Doc " and Flyers for your generous donation.

Then on the 22nd I got a phone call from ALDI's... Your Hams are in!! Staying in close contact with Frank Kowalski of Blue Eagle Trucking a pickup time and date was finalized. Thank You Frank Kowalski of Blue Eagle Trucking. More on the Ham Giveaway in this newsletter. That wraps up November, on to December.

December 9th. as you know was the MOH Ham Giveaway. Secretary and Co-chair of this committee Bernie Knippel graciously offered to write the article on the Ham Giveaway. Thanks Bernie.

Also on the 9th. was your Awards & Christmas Banquet. Chair and Co-chair Ric & Rosie will do that article. Thank You for the great effort in putting that together. We certainly can't forget their helpers. You all did a great job. Thank You!

The following Saturday the 16th a group of us met at the clubhouse. We were on our way to Waupaca County. The agenda for the day was to be part of the Wreath Laying at the Veterans Cemetery at King.

The other order of business was Christmas with the Homeless Veterans of King. Thanks to all who made the trip. I'll have articles on the Wreaths Across America and the Veterans Christmas at King in this newsletter.

In closing...Here's a little food for thought. As of 1 January 2018 their are only 70 days to Daylight Saving time (spring ahead) and just 79 days to the 1st day of Spring !!! Until then there's a lot to plan for, of course the January meeting, and the annual New Member Orientation. All members and spouses are invited. We have the Raffle Prize Committee meeting for the June Raffle, and also tickets and posters need printing.

In March, MOH sponsors our famous Pool Tournament at the

Eagles Club. It's going to get real busy real quick. Get involved and join a committee. I hope you all had a very special Christmas with family and best wishes for this New Year!! THANK YOU all for being the men & women of honor!

God Bless You and  
the United States

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## **Election Results**

*Written By Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

We had a great turn out at the November 2017 meeting when votes were cast for the Vice President and the Treasure positions. Dan Rigney (incumbent) defeated Ric Carr for the Vice President position and \$Bill Fenhaus ran unopposed to remain treasurer. The new term of office will be from January 2018 until December 2019.

It was nice to see a great deal of members there to cast their votes for these two very important positions.

### *President:*

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### *Vice-President:*

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### *Secretary:*

Bernie Knippel Cell: 715-803-8039

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### *Sergeant-at-Arms:*

John Fust Jr. Cell: 715-581-6574



*(Awards & Christmas Banquet from  
page 1, Column 2)*

Before dinner a prayer was given by our Chaplain Elgart Baumann.



After we ate, we handed out a Christmas gift for each table.

At 6:00 p.m. the Awards program began. Dan Rigney announced Bernie Knippel who read the Special Awards for those who have supported the Man of Honor in a noteworthy manner and Jeff Morgan presented them to each individual. The



members were Don Goretski, Bill Kucil, Paul Missett, and Connie Masterson. Great job!

Dan Rigney read about the Excellence Awards for those who represented the Man of Honor above and beyond in a first class manner and Jeff Morgan



presented it to Mary Mulder, and Bill Hendrichs. Well deserved!

Jeff Morgan discussed the President's Award for someone who has outstandingly contributed to the mission of the Society during the year and present-



ed it to John S. Fust. Job well done!

Jeff Morgan turned it over to Bernie Knippel and he



did his monologue. As always, there was lots of humor and a standing ovation.

After the monologue, Jeff Morgan and Dan Rigney drew 3 names from the list of members that were present for a \$50 cash prize. Something new this year. The winners were:



Don Goretski

*(See Awards & Christmas Banquet page 4)*

*(Awards & Christmas Banquet cont'd from page 3)*



Bill (Mouse) Kucil



Steven Pavlow

We were very glad to have the band "Archives" to entertain us. I was really surprised to see all the people dancing, it was really great. We will have to see if Mike Decker, from Mountain Edge, can enlarge the dance floor for next year. We had pizza's served at 10:00 p.m. A great time was had by all.

I want to thank the committee members and head coordinator Rosie Carr and her helpers Cathie Morgan, Connie Masterson, Gerri Knippel, Sharon Schauer, and Ted Williams. What a great job they did! Cathie Morgan and Sharon Schauer helped Rosie Carr with folding the napkins to resemble Christmas trees. A great time they had. Set up and tear down was done by Connie Masterson and Rosie Carr. Gerri Knippel worked with the Homeless Veterans at King to receive the list of things they need. Ted Williams and Sharon Schauer did the receiving table at the Awards and Christmas Banquet. Thanks for all the good work.

We have lots of pictures and will have them on display at our meeting on January 13th.

## Donation to Veterans at King

*Written by Gerri Knippel, Christmas Committee*

Thanks to all who donated to the King Veterans at our Christmas Party. Special thanks again to Joe and Barb Buska (Next Stop Lounge) for their donation which put us over the top and allowed us to buy 27 gift cards for the veterans. They always appreciate it and we know it added a little something extra for their Christmas.

## Veterans Day November 11, 2017

*Written by Jeff Morgan, President*



Veterans Day Ceremony was held this year at Bunkers Lounge & Restaurant at the Tribute Golf Course, formerly known as the American Legion Golf Course. The ceremony was again, as they say "short and sweet". With all the Military Organizations in attendance the place was packed! Standing room only if you got there late. From my advantage point I saw the many White Caps and Shirts of the Man of Honor Society. Eighteen or twenty members were there. Thank You for caring.



After the ceremony all were invited to stay for a lite luncheon ??? Baked Chicken, wiped potatoes,



gravy, vegetables, WOW! The lite luncheon was provided by the members of the City of Wausau Veterans Committee and served by the Bunkers restaurant personal with help from the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.



## Wreaths Across America and Veterans Christmas at King December 16, 2017

*Written by Jeff Morgan, President*



December 16th was the day for some of Man of Honor members to travel to King, WI. It was a day that had two important events we needed to be part of.

First was the laying of Wreaths at the Veterans Grave Stones. We had 8 people in our van, plus 4 other vehicles that made the trip. At 10:00 a.m. was the starting time for laying the Wreaths. Besides the 15 Man of Honor people and the hundred plus other people that came out to lay wreaths, the 6200 wreaths (about 1000 wreaths short this year) took around 45 minutes.

At 11:00 a.m. the Ceremony started. Jim Campbell was again this years emcee and did another great job! There were several speakers, each kept

what they needed to say short.



Our very own SMSGT, Retired Jim Fust proudly laid the Air Force Wreath. Thank You Jim, good job!

The other half of the story is right after the wreath ceremony. The Man of Honor people went back to their cars and together crossed the highway to visit the Homeless Veterans at King. Before leaving that morning the Van was loaded with bags of potatoes, hams, cash cards and assorted gifts. Tim & Donna Gosse packed their SUV with boxes full of loaves of bread and buns. Tom Fust got the bread & potatoes donated. Thanks Tom!

Upon our arrival two carts carried our gifts which were to be distributed later. There was just a small



number of resident veterans gathered in their Day room, maybe 10 or 12 out of 27. Being a Saturday most were out & about, busy with whatever they needed to get done.

After wishing each other Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we parted ways and left for home.

## New Man of Honor Member



*(L to R back row: Dennis Bell, Don Master-son, Ric Carr, Bill Fenhaus, Bernie Knippel, Cortney Heck, Billy Kucil, Rosie Carr, and Roger Kohn. L to R front row: Jeff Morgan, Gregory Falkowski, and Paul Missett)*

Greg Falkowski was a very proud man on Thursday, November 2nd, as the Man of Honor Society (MOH) took the necessary steps to make him a member of the society. Greg, who is currently in PRIDE TLC rehab facility was quite moved when the Officers of the MOH came to him at the facility to make him a member. The MOH is an organized veterans group who help veterans and their families in need. Paul Missett and Bernie Knippel made the arrangements (which included Greg's wife Cheryl) and had 30 or more friends and family at the affair to witness his new membership. Greg, a USAF Veteran was presented his MOH certificate, MOH coin and a white USAF cap by President Jeff Morgan. Jeff and Bernie discussed details of the organization while all the guests were enjoying sandwiches, cake and beverages provided by Brainard Funeral Home, where Greg and Cheryl were employed. The MOH welcomes Greg to the finest Veterans organization in Wisconsin.

*Written by Paul Missett and Bernie Knippel*

## Operation Packaging Care from Rocket Industrial

*Written by Wes Hoffman, MOH Member*

Rocket Industrial has sent almost 200 pounds of donated items to the deployed troops of the 147th Air Wing based out of Madison, WI through its Operation Packaging Care donation drive. The purpose of the drive is to provide service members some much needed supplies during the holiday season and to let them know we greatly appreciate their service.

Thousands of area families are separated during the holidays from a family member serving our military overseas and we hope to bring a little bit of holiday cheer to these service members. They are looking forward to continuing this drive annually and providing care packages to a different group every holiday season.

Donation bins were set up at Rocket Industrial's headquarters along with local Shopko locations in the Wausau area. Materials requested were various sanitary and hygiene items, hard candy, jerky, granola bars, among other useful goods. Items were boxed and shipped with support from Intertape Polymer Group and Great Northern Corporation. Local area students, DC Everest Idea School, also wrote letters thanking military members for their service.

Rocket Industrial, a distributor of packing supplies and equipment, places community involvement and support at the heart of its core values. The company regularly participates in community events and partners with various charitable organizations.

**Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!**

## Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

*Written by Bernie Knippel USAF Retired E-8 First Sergeant*

The Man of Honor Society is proud to present Jamie Brendemuehl as our spotlight for the Dec 17 – Jan 18 period.

Jamie was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin and graduated from Wausau West High School in 1994. After graduation Jamie felt the thing to do was to serve his country in the military. He joined the Marine Corps in 1994 and went to San Diego for Boot Camp. After boot camp he was sent to Camp Pendleton where his duties were as a 2531, a Field Artillery Operator. In 1996 he was transferred to Japan (Okinawa). While there he was assigned duty on the USS Belwood and had the distinct opportunity to deploy to Russia for a few days where he had the opportunity to go ashore and visit with a few of the locals. He then was transferred to Camp Pendleton and was discharged in 1998 as a Corporal.

His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Jamie became a member of the MOH in March 2016. Since then he has been extremely active in all of our activities. He participates in our parades and he works behind our bar during the annual raffle. He is always lending a hand when we are setting up for the raffle and is one of the last to leave afterward. He makes himself available during the entire 3 day event and will help wherever there is work to be done. He is one of the finest MOH members we are privileged to have. He is a gentleman at all times and it is a sincere privilege to work with him.

It is an absolute honor to have Jamie in the MOH Society. He gave 6 years of his life to the United States Marine Corps and



served them with devotion and dedication of the highest standards. He honors his family as well as the USMC and we thank him for his service to our country. Semper Paratus.





## 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. Contact: Rosie Carr [ricosiecarr@charter.net](mailto:ricosiecarr@charter.net) or 715-571-9620.**

**LaVerne Myer**, 83, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2017.



La Verne is the father in law of Julie Myer, Man of Honor member.

ber.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Myer family.

**James E. Light**, 93, passed away on November 5, 2017.



James was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our hearts go out to the Light family in your time of sorrow.

**Jeffrey Soukup**, 66, of Schofield, passed away on De-

cember 4, 2007.

Jeffrey was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our sincere condolences to the Soukup family.

**Carol Saal**, 61, died December 19, 2017.



Carol was the mother of Korin Jen Conner member of the Man of Honor Society.

You have our sincere condolences on the loss of your mother.

### **2018 Scholarship Program is alive and well!**

*Ron Jones, Scholarship Chair*

Man of Honor is once again offering our scholarship program to children and grandchildren of our veteran members.

A \$200 award will be given to any graduating high school senior that is going on to continue their education at an approved college, trade school or other approved continuing education facility.

Application forms and requirements are available on our website on the 'application' tab.

Please submit to me **ONLY** after you have their acceptance letter from their college or trade school. This will streamline approval for the students.

You can call me with questions or email me.

Contact info is also on website

Let's have another successful year of helping our graduating students!

### **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 November and December 2017.

Final report for 2017:

Auto Repairs	\$750
Auto Repairs	\$275
Auto Repairs	\$750
Boy Scouts	\$750
Funeral	\$600
House Payment	\$750
House Payment	\$824.74
Rent	\$540
Wreaths Across America	\$750

Total this period      \$5,989.74

Total Paid 2017      \$55,200

This total includes individual requests, donations, scholarships, ham giveaway, and etc.

Total paid 2016      \$43,506

A big THANK YOU to our request for funds committee,

Don Masterson  
Andy Schoeder  
Keith Cota  
Charlie Sapp

### **New Member Orientation**

*Written by Jeff Morgan, President*

January 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. we

*(See Orientation page 9, col 1)*



*(Orientation Cont'd from page 8, col 3)*

will have a informal but very informative orientation meeting at the Clubhouse for new members and Associate members. All Man of Honor members and spouse are welcome. Must be 21 years of age.

We will cover everything from raffle funds raising to our general everyday policies. This will give our newest members a better understanding of how the Man Of Honor's "business wheels" keep turning.

We will see you on Thursday 18th of January.

**Happy**

**Birthday**



### January

- 3 - Michael Horsman, US Army
- 3 - Jason Housley, US Army
- 4 - Theodore Bronson, US Army
- 6 - James L. Gauerke Jr., US Army
- 6 - Joe Don Prejean, USAF
- 10 - Jim Gilge, US Army
- 11 - Mark Lambert, US Navy
- 12 - Casey Conner, US 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, US Navy
- 16 - Roger Schmidt, USMC

- 17 - Lucy Cota, Associate
- 17 - Don Dorgan, US Army
- 17 - Rachelle Hulderman, US Army
- 17 - Steve Williams, US Navy
- 19 - Tim Miller, US Navy
- 20 - Dale Cherney, US Army
- 20 - Wayne Mueller, US Army
- 23 - Steven Nelson, USMC
- 24 - Ryan Mathwich, Associate
- 25 - Mike O'Rourke, US Army
- 26 - Mark Lyon, USMC
- 26 - Gary Kowalski, US Army
- 27 - Donna Bonin, Associate
- 27 - Ronald Rothenberger, USMC
- 27 - Phil Whitman, USMC
- 27 - Darvick David Xiong, US Army
- 29 - Keith Strey, US Navy
- 30 - Jake Edwards, USMC
- 30 - Alan Krueger, US Army/Airborne
- 31 - Bill Wolfe, US Army

### February

- 1 - Archie Drake, US Army
- 1 - Sheila Stafford, USAF
- 2 - Carrie Stotler, US Navy
- 4 - Charles Smith, US Army
- 5 - Mary Mulder, Associate
- 7 - Dan Rigney, US Army NG
- 8 - Dennis Hardt, US Army
- 8 - Bob Peterson, US Army
- 9 - Benjamin Brandt, US Navy
- 12 - Scott Hafner, USMC
- 12 - Bob Genrich, US Navy
- 13 - David Bain, US Naval Reserve
- 13 - Craig Chapman, US Army
- 14 - Tim Wood, USMC
- 17 - Lyle Beck, USAF
- 18 - Richard Knoeck, USMC
- 19 - Jay Petrowski, US Army
- 20 - Perry LaFortune, US Army

- 20 - Joey Vanouse, US Navy
- 23 - John Chase, US Army
- 23 - Dick Schoultz, US Army
- 23 - John Sukup, US Navy
- 25 - Earl Heil, USAF
- 25 - Quincy Kasper, US Army
- 25 - Jack Sliwicki, US Army
- 26 - Eddie Dehnel, US Army
- 26 - George Lemmer, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the November 11th meeting for \$25 for November was Rick Sisterman, USAF and for December was Don Masterson, US Army. The three \$185.00 ticket winner was Peggy Wold, Associate Member, Connie Allman, US Army, and John S. Fust, US Army. The woodturning plate was won by Roger Priebe, US Army. Thanks for attending.

### New Members

We have 9 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 433. Let's welcome the following:

Gregory Falkowski, USAF  
Donald Gille, USMC  
Paul Gwidt, US Army  
Richard Pellicane, US Army  
Laurel Schalavin, US Army  
Jeremy Schmitt, USMC  
Charles Shipway, USAF  
Nick Stamm, US Army NG  
Richard Stroik, US 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.

## River Wolves Junior Hockey Team & Chuck-A-Puck Donate to the MOH

*Written by Bill Kucil*



Billy (Mouse) Kucil, a member of the Man of Honor Society of Marathon County, and his son Michael who works with the new Wausau River Wolves Junior Hockey Team got together for a fund raiser this past week. The two organizations were able to team up and have all proceeds from the River Wolves and Chuck-A-Puck event donated directly to the MOH Society. The MOH Society donated miniature U.S. Flags to the audience and the flags were waiving with pride each time the River Wolves scored. It was a great evening and the two organizations look forward to working together in the future.

### A letter from a Marine

A letter was sent to Grant Elementary School. The Marine in the picture is no other than Paul Missett. You are truly a Man of Honor. Great job!

Dear Principal Nyman,

It has been a long time since I

have been this proud. Today I witnessed students, teachers, and



a Marine standing near the base of the flag pole at Grant Elementary School. It appeared that the Marine was teaching the students how to properly handle and present our nation's colors. I imagine he was also teaching them about some of the things the flag symbolizes. Every student was paying attention to what was being said, and they all looked like it was important to them.

As a 34 year old Marine, that has been to combat 3 times, I was overwhelmed with joy and I couldn't hide my PRIDE. After watching for a short time, I snapped a picture, and then with goosebumps on my skin and a tear in my eye I continued on my way.

Please let your students and faculty know that they made my day and tell them thank you on my behalf.

Thank you,  
Randy Dunkel  
Conservation Warden, Marathon County

## Coming Events:

**January 13, 2018** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**January 18, 2018** - New Member Orientation at 1:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. All members and spouse are welcome. Must be 21 years of age.

**February 14, 2018** - Valentine's Day

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

**March 17, 2018** - Pool Tournament at the Eagles Club in Wausau at 12:00 noon kick off with 16 teams max. Cost: \$20 each or \$40 per team. Sign up: Jim Corner Pub 1244 S. 9th Avenue Wausau, WI 54401. Any updates will be posted on the website, [manofhonor.org](http://manofhonor.org)

Chairman: Jim Fust 715-212-3743.

**April 1, 2018** - Easter Sunday

**April 14, 2018** - Wills for Veterans at the Clubhouse. More info will follow at the March 10th meeting and newsletter.

Contact: Ric & Rosie Carr, 715-571-9620

**May 12, 2018** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

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