



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Ham Giveaway 2022

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

Let me say that after last year's giveaway the wheels were turning for this year's give away. Thanks go out to LT Dan (AKA) VP Rigney and Mr. Dave Leopold from Merrill Distributing. VP Dan got the call to order the hams. Dave Leopold went to work to find Man of Honor the best prices at that time.

Fast forward to December 9th. Tom Fust and Ken Kohnhorst picked up our order and that Friday the doors to the clubhouse were opened for our own veterans to receive a ham. The turnout was as expected. The help at the clubhouse was really great. I can't say how many volunteers came to pitch in but it was like a fine-tuned watch the way it happened. All the hams were unloaded from the truck, boxes broken down, and hams placed in plastic bags from County Market. Thank you Mary.



(L/R: Gerri Knippel & Cortney Heck)

All hams were placed on Man of Honor tables ready for pick-up. After Man of Honor Veterans and Associate members chose their hams, the bagged hams were packaged back into their boxes and loaded back on for Saturday's giveaway. Tables and other assorted things that would be needed for Saturday were also loaded on the truck.

Now Saturday morning, before Tom could get the truck down to Marathon Park cars were already lining up to get their ham. SGT at Arms John Fust Jr.

had a team ready to check ID's. The traffic was backing up to 3rd and 1st Avenue. Our official start time is set for 9 a.m. So to avoid a bad situation the gates were opened at 8:27 a.m. By 10:05 Man of Honor was out of hams and 25 turkeys. The turkeys were donated by Lamb's Fresh Foods in Rib Mountain. Thank you to you folks.



People of the Man of Honor Society, I can't thank you enough for your help, willingness, and enthusiasm to once again make this such a great event for our veterans throughout the county. There are so many people who need to be recognized that make this happen. I can't name all of you. You all know who you are and should be very proud of what we can make happen. There is, however, a special thank you that goes out to Steve Hutchinson, owner of S&H Enterprises and also Hutches Bar. He let us use one of his trucks for the giveaway.

(More pictures on Page 3, see Ham Giveaway)

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Letter from the Prez



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

Hello everyone.

As I start to write this part of your newsletter, it's the 1st day of Winter. How appropriate, our first taste of below "O" temps and a load of snow. At least the days are getting longer.

After our November membership meeting the Man of Honor business has slowed way down. Not much to report.

I do hope your Thanksgiving was everything you expected. And also, as you read this our Christmas and New Years celebrations have come and gone. Again I hope yours was filled with family and friends and good health.

On to December. Our annual Ham Give Away was again held at Marathon Parks midway. From set-up to teardown everything went as smooth as glass. There were a lot of volunteers on hand to help do whatever it took to git-r-done. A great time to enjoy the company of friends or hand off a ham to someone you know. Wish them a Merry Christmas or thank them for their service as they pass thru the line. Thank you, everyone, you

made the Ham Giveaway a complete success.

The following weekend a few of us went to King, WI to participate in Wreaths Across America. Pictures & articles in this NL.

This past year we all have accomplished a great deal. I believe it's just a fraction of what's ahead of us for the new year. Thank you everybody for the support you've given to the Man of Honor. From the Officers to the Funds Committee, all the committee leaders, all of you that picked up a rag to wash this or a brush to paint that, to those who worked in the dirt, laid blacktop, walked in parades this list goes on and on, THANK YOU.

From my heart to all of you and your families, I wish for you a new year filled with Hope, Peace, and Love of Family and friends. Keep warm thoughts, the 1st day of Spring is only 100 days or so away.

God Bless you and the United States.

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Awards & Christmas Banquet

Written by Rosie Carr

Banquet is January 28, 2023 at Dales Weston Lanes at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. The deadline for paying for the Banquet is January 15th or you may bring it to the meeting on January 14th.

We are still looking for lots of prizes to put under the Christmas Tree which we will wrap for Santa and Mrs. Santa. They will hand out the prizes to the winners after the Awards program.

We also need plenty of bottles of wine or booze for the ring toss.

Please bring it to the meeting in January or you may bring it to my home at 223449 Carnation Avenue in Rib Mountain.

For the members who don't like to play any of the games, we are having a DJ with Lonie G.

Thanks for all your help to make this Banquet a success.

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Wreaths Across America

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



December 17th Tom Fust, Ken Kohnhorst, Brian Thompson, and Laurel Schalavin hopped in the Man of Honor Van to go to the Veterans Cemetery at



King. Cathie and I took our own truck.

Once there we met with many different Veterans organizations and other people who were there to help lay a wreath with reverence on the Headstone of a Veteran or a family member. The six of us made the



trek uphill and found Bernie's place of interment and placed a wreath on his stone.

The ceremony started at 11 a.m. and just like clock-work the cool breeze started. The guest speakers thankfully kept their speeches short.

This year Tom Fust had the honor to lay the Marine Corp Wreath,



Cathie Morgan had the honor to lay the POW/MIA Wreath.



Well done and congratulations to you both!

I say this every year about each Never Forgotten Honor Flight and Wreaths Across America... If you have never been to one or both of these Man of Honor functions you are missing out on something very special!!

This winter when you're looking at the same four walls, bored out of your mind, take a short ride to the Veterans Cemetery at King. Look at all those wreaths covering the markers, look at the names and dates.

It is breathtaking.

Donation from Daniel Flores Horseshoe Partners Tournament

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director



Elizabeth Felkner helped to organize the 9th Annual Daniel Flores Horseshoe Tournament in September of 2022 in Mosinee. They were able to raise \$1,600 and were pleased that they gifted it to the Man of Honor Society with a check. Elizabeth Felkner and Kent presented to the Man of Honor at the last meeting. Thank you so much for your donation. It will be used for veterans in need.

Update Never Forgotten Honor Flight

Written by Jim Campbell

The following information has been updated on both our website and Facebook pages fyi.

TO SIMPLIFY THE VETERAN'S QUALIFICATION FOR THE NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT, & FOLLOW SUIT WITH OTHER WISCONSIN HONOR FLIGHT HUBS; THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE 12/14/2022:

If you served Honorably on ACTIVE DUTY, in the RESERVES, NATIONAL GUARD OR INACTIVE CLASS 3 RESERVES (IRR) anywhere at any time, in any branch during any of the following conflicts: WWII, Korean War, or Vietnam between Dec. 7, 1941, and May 7,

1975, you are eligible.

Funds Request 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 2022.

Funeral: Marshall Swanson	\$500.00
TOTAL PAID THIS PERIOD	\$500.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2022	\$27,854.23
TOTAL REQUESTS PAID 2021	\$39,884.77

Scholarship Program

Written by Ron Jones, Chairman

We are about to welcome 2023 and it is time to get applications for this years scholarship program to me.

Any son/daughter, grandchildren or greatgrandchildren of our members are qualified to receive one of our scholarships. They must be graduating this spring from high school and be continuing their education to be qualified to receive one.

Applications are available at the clubhouse, or online on our website.

Please return them to me at:

Ron Jones

7205 Feith Ave

Schofield, WI 54476

Spotlight of One of Our Own

Written by Don Masterson

For this issue of the Man of Honor newsletter, I would proudly like to introduce Don Jagoditsh (pronounced Jagadish) as our member in someone you should know.

Don was raised in Appleton and graduated from Appleton West in 1985. Don had joined the reserves and did a split training, before his senior year started, he did his basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After graduating Don went to Fort Lee, VA. for his military occupational specialty. As was the time, the job market was tough so Don decided to go active duty and went back to Fort Lee for more training and became a 76V10, Material and Storage Handler. He spent the next two years at Fort Lee and in 1988, he was assigned to the 20th support group, at Camp Carroll, in Waegwan, South Korea. What a time to be there, the 1988 summer Olympics were in Seoul, and Don was able to take in quite a few venues. As he said to me and I agree, when the chant “USA, USA” is heard, your pride comes boiling out and it's tough to hold back the tears.

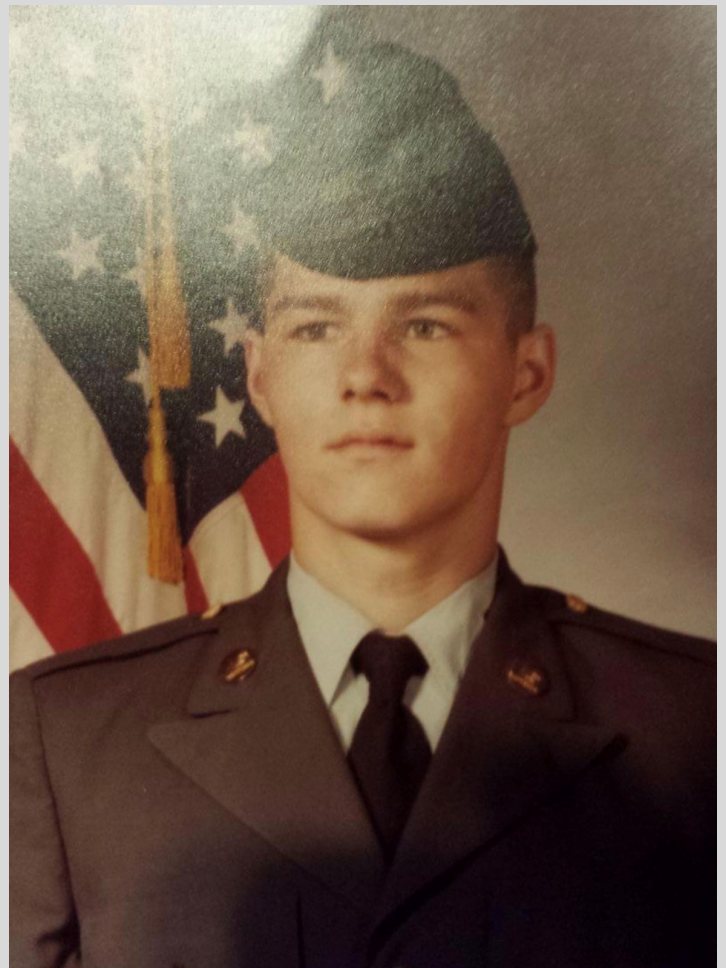
After separation Don enrolled in the Police Science course, at the Tech in Appleton. He was about to fulfill his life-long dream of becoming a Police Officer, like his father. On his way for a visit with his dad, a week before classes started, he was struck by a car while on his motorcycle. This accident broke his neck and caused him to have twelve surgeries on his ankle before he could walk again. As you figured, this precluded Don from becoming a policeman. At present Don is an over the road driver, and has been for the past twelve years working for Wausau Supply. As our interview was concluding, he was getting ready to leave out at 2100 for Ohio.

Don was married to his adorable wife Wendy in 2017, she brought two sons to their family. Jake and John. Don has two daughters Dallas and Madie can you say mini Brady Bunch. But the real star of the family is, three month old Granddaughter, Thea. Besides family, Don's other interests are brewing, and distilling. Now hold your applause as we have a three time winning state brewer in our midst, Mr. Don Jagoditsh. He has also picked up some hardware in the form of twelve separate medals for his brewing skills. His distilling prowess under the name of Phat Kat Distilling will be on display at the Christmas party, this coming January. Come and try a sample.

Don joined the Man of Honor only two years ago and was instantly recognized for the hard worker he is. He spent the entire weekend helping in the kitchen at his first raffle and has participated in takedowns, bartending, and raffle sales on Friday night, along with providing distillery products and assisting with our last two Christmas parties.



Don for being a member for such a little time, you have made a big impact on our Society. Your devotion to your family, your Country and to the Man of Honor Society of Marathon County, as members we salute you and say jobs well done.



Happy Birthday



January

3 - Michael Horsman, US Army
3 - Jason Housley, US Army
4 - Theodore Bronson, US Army
6 - James L. Gauerke, US Army
6 - Joe Don Prejean, USAF
7 - Cecil Wold, US Navy
9 - Mark Fitzke, Associate
10 - Jim Gilge, US Army
10 - Wes Latimer, US Navy
11 - Andrew Kutchenriter,
US Army
11 - Mark Lambert, US Navy
12 - Casey Conner, Army NG
12 - Nick Kuehn, US Army
12 - Jeffrey L. Norton, US Navy
12 - Roger Priebe, US Army
12 - Charles Schwake, US Army
15 - John H Fust Sr., 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
18 - Brian K. Williams, USMC
19 - Tim Miller, US Navy
20 - Dale F. Cherney, US Army
20 - Wayne Mueller, US Army
23 - Keith Mathews, US Navy
23 - Steven Nelson, USMC
24 - Ryan Mathwich, Associate
25 - Ronald W. Keen, USMC
25 - Mike O'Rourke, US Army
25 - Rodney Rothmeyer, US Army
26 - Mark Lyon, USMC
26 - Gary Kowalski, US Army
26 - Stephen W. Ratzlaff,
US Navy
27 - Ronald Rothenberger, USMC
27 - Phil Whitman, USMC

27 - Darvick David Xiong,
US Army
28 - Barry E. Diehl, US Army
29 - Keith Strey, US Navy
30 - Shawn Collier, USAF
30 - Jake Edwards, USMC
30 - Alan Krueger, US Army
Airborne
31 - Bill Wolfe, US Army

February

1 - Bruce A. Borman, USMC
1 - James R. Brouchoud, US Army
1 - Sheila Stafford, USAF
2 - Carrie Stotler, US Navy
4 - Charles Smith, US Army
5 - Henry Blarek Jr., US Army
5 - Mary Mulder, Associate
6 - Donald J. Gille, USMC
6 - Leon R. Lemma, US Navy
6 - Richard Stroik, Army NG
7 - Joshua Genrich, USMC
7 - Dennis Kwasny, US Navy
7 - Dan Rigney, Army NG
8 - Dennis Hardt, US Army
8 - Bob Peterson, US Army
9 - Benjamin Brandt, US Navy
9 - Timothy G. Hunt, US Navy
10 - Ted Blus, USMC
10 - Tom Fasula, US Army
11 - Travis Sullivan, US Army
12 - Scott Hafner, USMC
12 - Bob Genrich, US Navy
13 - David Bain, US Naval
Reserve
13 - Craig Chapman, US Army
14 - Brenda Guenther, Associate
14 - Gerald L. Juedes, USAF
14 - Tim Wood, USMC
17 - Lyle Beck, USAF
18 - Richard Knoeck, USMC
19 - Duane Gauger, US Army
19 - Harley Meyer, Associate
19 - Jay Petrowski, US Army
20 - Perry LaFortune, US Army
20 - Joey R. Vanouse, US Navy
21 - Zachery Petri, USAF
22 - Jeani Maszk, Associate

23 - John Chase, US Army
23 - Dick Schoultz, US Army
24 - Donna Vetterkind, Associate
25 - Earl R. Heil, USAF
25 - Quincy J. Kasper, US Army
26 - Eddie Dehnel, US Army
26 - George B. Lemmer, US Army
28 - James G. Ascher, US Army
28 - Jarrod Zilisch, Associate

Birthday winners who attended the meeting on November 10th received \$25.00 each. For November John Heck Jr. US Army and December was Al Christensen US Army. John and Al gave the money back to the Man of Honor.

There were 4-50/50 ticket winners each received \$115.00. They were Lyle Bricko US Army, Ken Kohnhorst US Navy, Ray Mc Sherry US Navy, and Al Hotchkiss US Army.

Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 9 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 538. Let's welcome them:

Carl R. Beletsky, USAF
Kenneth Berndt, US Army/WI NG
Brenda Guenther, Associate
Bob Heinrich, US Army
Erick Jensen, USAF
Rhonda Mc Clure, USAF
Terrance A. Marsh, US Army
Harley Meyer, Associate
Dennis G. Thomas, US Army

We are always looking for new members to help with our many functions, such as: raffle, selling raffle tickets, parades, committees, building maintenance, and much more.

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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715-571-9620

Dakota Ray, 25, passed away on November 15, 2022 at his grandparents home in Sophia, NC.

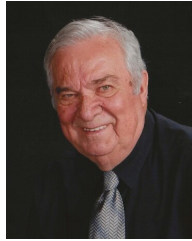


Dakota is the son of Connie Allman member of the Man of Honor and grandson of Bernie and Gerri Knippel.

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

Flag Retirement drop off box in the "Clubhouse or in the mailbox" and "The Jim".

Marshall Swanson, 83 of Mosinee, passed away July 28, 2022 at his home.



Marshall was a member of the Man of Honor

Society.

We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with the Swanson family.

Coming events:

January 14, 2023 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

January 28, 2023 - Awards & Christmas Banquet at Dale's Weston Lanes.

Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Cash raffle: From 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Buffet: 6:00 p.m.

Awards Program: 7:00 p.m.

Presents under the Christmas Tree handed out by Santa and Mrs. Santa after the Awards Program.

Live Music by DJ Lonie G from 8-11 p.m. & a few fun games.

Cost: \$25.00 per person.

Reservation and money due by January 15, 2023 or at the Janu-

ary 14th meeting. Make checks payable to Man of Honor Society.

Contact: Rosie Carr 715-571-9620 or ricosiecarr@charter.net.

March 11, 2023 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

March 18, 2023 - Pool Tournament at 12 noon at the Clubhouse.

Cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per 2 person team. It will be limited to the first 20 paid teams. This will be strictly enforced. Teams must have at least one person a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Contact: Jim Fust at 715-496-3518.

ATTENTION

If you have a change of your mailing address, phone, or e-mail address, please contact Rosie Carr at ricosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620 or Gerri Knippel at any of the meetings.

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