



# Newsletter

## Man-of-Honor Society

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### Awards Presentation

*Written by Jeff Morgan, President*

Normally we have an award presentation at our Annual Award & Christmas Banquet. This year our Christmas and Award Banquet Celebration was cancelled because of the "19 Bugs". So in keeping with tradition, we held our very important awards part of our celebration at the January 9th meeting. All the people receiving an award were there. These were the members who won this year. Drum roll, please... Donna Vetterkind, Vern Vetterkind, Deb Zahurones, Kevin Zahurones, Seazon Hanson, Rosie Carr, and Laurel Schalavin. Congratulations to this years winners. Well deserved for the hard work they put in.



Keeping with tradition we were also treated to Secretary Bernie's monologue. We call him the Golden Pen because he writes a lot which he defiantly does. He writes the monologue because he is really creative when it comes to writing. He had the

whole clubhouse laughing over some of the dumb stuff people did this past year. No one was spared, not even the officers. We probably caught the bulk of it all. All in good fun. Bernie wrote it out as a poem. Good job. It was enjoyed by all.

### 2020 Excellence Awards

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*

Those pictured have received the 2020 Excellence Awards at our last meeting. They all devote a great deal of time to the Man of Honor and do great work.



*Kevin Zahurones*



*Deb Zahurones*



*Vern Vetterkind*



*Donna Vetterkind*



*Laurel Schalavin*



*Rosie Carr*



*Seazon Hanson*

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every two months.*

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## Letter from the Prez . . . .



*Jeff Morgan  
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired*

Hello everyone.

That sure was a cold snap. But we all knew it was coming, we had to pay for the mild winter we were enjoying. Just think the day after our membership meeting daylight savings time begins. Then the next weekend is the first day of spring. I, for one, can't wait for the warmer weather.

The 20th of January the officers met at the clubhouse and started to stuff the brown envelopes with tickets for our Annual Raffle. They became available for sign-out on February 3rd and each Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. now until "LAST CALL" in early June.

If you got yours already or will be picking yours up in the near future, GET-EM-SOLD, turn in the monies and ticket stubs ASAP. Don't lock them in the center console of your vehicle and forget you put them there.

February 6th, Deb Zahurones Associate member, set up and held a Cribbage Tournament at your clubhouse. A really fun day with friends. Thanks, Deb. Nice job!!

Thanks to those who brought food and snacks. Lots of food. Thanks for the bartenders & the folks that helped with the clean-up. It's really appreciated.

I don't know who came out the champions but I am sure Deb will have a story in this newsletter.

In March, Man of Honor has been holding a Pool Tournament at the Eagles Club. Last years tournament was cancelled because of the Covid-19. This years plans are to have an in-house, scaled-back version. Plans are in the works. There will be more information at the membership meeting. We will see you then. Stay safe & healthy.

Thank you all for what you do to make the winter seem to pass quicker with such fun events and also the work you do in helping our veterans.

God Bless you all and the United States.

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## Cribbage Tournament

*Written by Deb Zahurones, Associate Member*



The Cribbage Tournament held on Feb 6th turned out great. 14 teams signed up, with 6 hours of playing time! It was a long afternoon filled with meeting people, some ribbing, laughter and good sportsmanship. Way to go players! Several that attended brought great food to pass along.

Winners: Third place went to Tara Fust and Greg Brezovar, second place went to Jenny and Dan Brezovar and first place went to Debbie Zahurones and Julie Schepp. 100% payout and some fun prizes were awarded.

Thanks to everyone that stopped in during the tournament and for those that played.

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John Fust Jr. Cell: 715-581-6574

## Donations to the Man of Honor Society

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*



Pam Nyman, representing Greenheck, presents a check for \$1,801.00 to Jeff Morgan, President of the Man of Honor Society at our last meeting. It was a pleasure to have Pam at the meeting and we also appreciate the donation very much.

Dawn Sapp, representing the Community Christian Dinner, sent a check for \$1,000.00 to the Man of Honor Society. Nice of Community Christian Dinner organization to think about us and we also appreciate what they did very much.

## Never Forgotten Honor Flight

*Written by: Jim Campbell*

The National Honor Flight network has postponed all Honor Flights through 30 June 2021.

The National Honor Flight Board of Directors made this decision based upon many factors including, but not limited to the following:

1. Status of the vaccine rollover and timing between first and second doses of the current vaccines, as well as considerations regarding availability of vaccine to younger population/guardians/volunteers.
2. Group gathering restrictions in the D.C. area continue to be in force, with no established end

date at this time.

3. The National Park Service is not currently issuing group gathering permits and there is no indication when NPS will resume permitting for group gatherings.

## Funds Request Update

*Written by Ron Jones, Funds Manager*

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for January and February 2021.

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| Auto/Food for family   | \$1,229.24 |
| Auto Repair            | \$1,000.00 |
| Donation Hatley VFW    | \$300.00   |
| Funeral - Elwyn Parlin | \$500.00   |

Total Request paid this period \$3,029.24

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|-----------------|------------|
| Total Paid 2021 | \$3,029.24 |
| Total Paid 2020 | \$5,171.97 |

## Scholarship Program 2021

*Written by: Ron Jones, Scholarship Program*

It's that time of year again for our annual scholarship program.

If you have a graduating high school senior that is going on to continue their education, please fill out an application and return to me ASAP, as the high schools want information by April. The applications are available on our website. You can drop it off at our clubhouse or email me at: [ron@coldwellbankeraction.com](mailto:ron@coldwellbankeraction.com)

Please remember to include their acceptance letter from the school they will be attending.

This is only available to seniors graduating this school year. Any school qualifies for a scholarship.



## A Spotlight On One Of Our Own

*Written by Don Masterson*

The Spotlight for this addition proudly shines on Joseph “Joe” Nikolai. Joe was born and raised in Wausau and graduated from the then Wausau Senior High in 1968.

Upon graduation, Joe joined the National Guard and went to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, where he did both phases of his training and became a qualified truck driver. Joe was eager for advancement and went back to training for both M1 Tank Mechanic and Armor Crewman military occupations. Joe attended grade-enhancing schools and took extra courses so he could do just that. Joe spent over twenty-five years with the Wisconsin Army National Guard attaining the rank of E-8 First Sergeant. During his enlistment, Joe spent over six years on Active Guard and Reserve status, (AGR) in recruiting and also as the units’ Training NCO. The 632d Armor unit was activated by the Governor for the student riots at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1969, the Noviciate takeover at Gresham in 1975, and again for the strike by state employees at Lincoln Hills School for Boys in Erma, in 1977 Joe was also part of the re-forging program that went to Germany in the late 80s.

Joe married his Highschool Sweetheart, Jane, in 1969 and they are still married and have been for the past fifty-one years. They have two children, a daughter and a son with four grandchildren. Joe has spent most of his adult life in the construction business, a trade he learned from his father. This lifestyle has fit Joe perfectly as he was able to juggle two careers. Scheduling schooling around jobs, afforded him the time to take the schooling and courses needed for his continuous advancement in the Guard.

Joe has been an outstanding member of the MOH since 2011. He has never missed a raffle, he is there for the set-ups, working through the raffle assisting \$Bill and others, and finishing up by helping with the take-down and put-away. He is present for most of our functions, whatever time will allow. But his special skills of course are his carpentry skills and they are being utilized on the cupboard shelving and the install of the new window in the kitchen as this article is being written.

Joe, you are a true Man of Honor starting with your devotion



to the National Guard, serving your Country, State, and Community when there was a need, working within our organization to make things nicer for our membership and assisting in the raising of funds for our in-need Veterans. Joe, you bring great Honor to yourself, your family and our membership.

We the members of the Man of Honor Society salute you and say “Tanks”.



## Happy Birthday



### March

- 1 - John Krukowski, US Army
- 1 - Rod Ostrowski, US Army
- 3 - Ricky Godbolt, US Army
- 3 - Tom Gordon, USAF
- 5 - Barbara Dern, Associate
- 6 - Michael Koenig, Army NG
- 7 - Barb Buska, Associate
- 7 - Arthur Kroeplin, US Army
- 7 - Jeremy Schmitt, USMC
- 7 - Marshall Swanson, US Navy
- 8 - Earl McCloy, US Navy
- 8 - Richard Pellicane, US Army
- 8 - Warren Ryan, US Army
- 10 - Antone King, US Army
- 10 - Wayne Radtke, Army NG
- 11 - Martin Glenn, US Army
- 12 - Joe Dina, US Navy
- 13 - Gary Bauer, US Army
- 14 - Terry Cota, US Army
- 14 - Shawn Ziebell, US Navy
- 16 - Gerald Gwidt, US Army
- 16 - Chad Hoerter, US Army
- 17 - Colin Cook, US Navy
- 17 - Peter Geueke, US Navy
- 17 - Gerri Knippel, Associate
- 18 - John Pellegrino, US Navy
- 19 - Guy Skidmore, USMC
- 21 - Steven Pavlow, US Army
- 23 - Jeff Schilling, Associate
- 24 - LeRoy Schill, US Army
- 25 - Brian Heise, US Army
- 26 - Jeremy Wilson, USMC
- 27 - James Fust, USAF
- 28 - Robert Miller, US Army
- 31 - Russ Michalski, US Navy
- 31 - Ken Wilcox, US Army

### April

- 1 - Roger Grebe, US Army
- 2 - Shawn Thake, US Army
- 3 - Beverly Bain, Associate
- 3 - Michael Fehrman, US Navy
- 3 - James Garrity, US Coast Guard
- 3 - Gerald Merideth, USAF
- 3 - Nick Stamm, Army NG
- 3 - Dave St Clair, US Army
- 5 - John Londerville, NG
- 6 - Audrey Nall, US Army
- 6 - Phil Thompson, USAF
- 8 - Don Goretski, Associate
- 11 - Nancy Brown, Navy Reserve
- 11 - Mary Jane Kernosky, USAF
- 11 - Mark Mugavero, US Army/Army NG
- 11 - Bradley Nerad, USMC
- 12 - Roger Cook, USAF/Army
- 12 - Jesse Drake, Associate
- 13 - Peter Wolff, US Army
- 14 - Bud Hilmann, US Army
- 14 - Dennis Kruzan, US Navy
- 14 - Angela Petroski, Associate
- 14 - Fredrick Steinagel, US Army
- 14 - Janice Skidmore, USMC
- 15 - Anthony Kraus, USMC
- 15 - David Schoepke, US Army
- 16 - John Domino, USAF/Army NG
- 16 - Sheila Fust, Associate
- 17 - Tom Rottscheit, USMC
- 18 - Steven Bushar, US Navy
- 18 - Robert Fandre, USAF
- 18 - Ron Jones, US Army
- 19 - Kenny Rupe, USAF
- 20 - Rick Falkowski, US Army
- 21 - Donald Krueger, US Navy
- 22 - Robert Babb, US Navy/US Army
- 23 - Michael Bartz, USAF

- 23 - Lenny Nievinski, US Army
- 24 - Delwin Hoffman, US Army
- 24 - Christopher Lang, US Navy
- 24 - Jim Zielsdorf, US Navy
- 25 - John Deppe, US Army
- 25 - Landelin Koppa, US Army
- 27 - Greg Foye, USAF
- 28 - Mark Schleinz, USAF
- 29 - Bryan Whittecar, US Army
- 30 - Sissa Hommerding, Associate
- 30 - Billy Kucil, US Army

The birthday winners who attended the meeting on January 9th received \$25.00 each. For January was Wes Latimer, US Navy and February was Mary Mulder, Associate.

There were 4-50/50 ticket winners each received \$85.00. They were John Sapp US Army, Mary Mulder Associate, Tom Fust USMC and John S. Fust US Army.

Thanks for attending.

### New Members

We have 1 new member in our society which brings it to a total of 504. Let's welcome him:

*Shawn Corazalla, US Army*

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.

Flag Retirement drop off box at the "Clubhouse" and "The Jim".

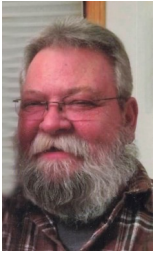
## Rest In Peace



*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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**Elwyn R. Parlin**, 72, of Rib Mountain, passed away on November 30, 2020, in Wausau.



Elwyn was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Parlin family.

**Thomas K. Beese**, 72, of Wausau, passed away unexpectedly on February 27, 2021, while wintering in Florida.



Tom was a member of the Man of Honor Society.

We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Beese family.

## Coming Events:

**March 13, 2021** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

**March 14, 2021** - Day Light Savings Time.

**March 17, 2021** - St. Patrick's Day.

**March 20, 2021** - Spring begins.

**March 20, 2021** - Man of Honor Pool Tournament.

Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, the Man of Honor Pool Tournament has changed. The tournament will be held at the clubhouse and will consist of no more than 16 teams instead of the normal 32. The 2 person teams will consist of at least one member of the Man of Honor. However, in case there is not enough Man of Honor members to sign up, then it will be open to the general public with the exception that the previous tournament champion will have priority.

Start time 1200 hour. Cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per 2 person team. Half of the proceeds will go to the Man of Honor. Sign-up deadline is March 6, 2021. Call Jim Fust at 715-212-3743 (leave a message if no answer) for more info and to sign up.

Any updates will be posted on the website [manofhonor.org](http://manofhonor.org)

Chairman: Jim Fust 715-212-3743

**April 4, 2021** - Easter Sunday

**May 8, 2021** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

**May 29, 2021** - Memorial Day Parade. Setup will be at 9:45 a.m. with a start time at 10:45 a.m. at Marathon Park.

Uniform: White shirt, white hat, black pants, and black shoes.

If you don't have the uniform, white hats are fine. Bring your family and friends to join in the parade.

**May 31, 2021** - Restlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Service. Time: 11:00 a.m. Setup time 10:30 a.m. Place: Veterans Field of Honor, on east side of Troy Street, just north of Evergreen Road (Chapel Mausoleum if it rains).

Uniform: White shirt, white hat, black pants, and black shoes.

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