



Newsletter

Man-Of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute from the President



A person that you see at almost every Man of Honor function is our own Sissa Hommerding. I believe when they came up with the word "Volunteer", they had Sissa in mind. She has been involved in way too many of our functions to mention. When the MOH sponsored the American Veterans Traveling Tribute last year, Sissa was one of the people that the Chairman of the Committee relied upon as she took on a major role on the committee. Her

endless hours of hard work were obvious to all, as the Traveling Wall was an absolute success. SISSA HOMMERDING - The Man of Honor is very proud to have you as an outstanding Associate Member and you are without a doubt: A Man of Honor. We salute you.

Harley Raffle



As you all know on June 8th the Man-of-Honor held our Harley Raffle at the Eagles Club. It seems no matter what date we pick the weather will not cooperate 100%, either start rain and cold then turn dry and warm or dry and warm and stays warm and dry.



We started with the National Anthem with Sara De Witt and ended with Taps with Nathan Reedy. A special thanks to both.

The food and beer tents were busy all day. I want to give a special thanks to John Fust Jr. for the great job he did with the side raffles, paddle wheel, and the 50/50 raffles. It's impossible to report all the winners of the baskets and other raffles. The raffle committee did say they did very well. Thanks to all who donated their time.

Amy Pflugshaupt, Channel 7, once again drew the winning tickets. Thanks so much for helping us out. The ticket winners were:

Harley - Dave Bain
1st - Camper - Reggie Allar
2nd - \$1,500 - Dave Dellemann
3rd - \$1,000 - Robin Nowitzke
4th - \$500 - Mark Fitzke
5th - \$300 - Larry Jacob
6th - \$75 - Carli Nienow
7th - \$75 - Heing Porysiak

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

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



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

It's been a very busy time for the MOH. Two days after May 11th membership meeting, a very good turnout of MOH people came to C.W.A. to greet our Never forgotten Honor Flight Veterans to their Welcome Home Celebration. The airport was packed front to back. If you haven't been there to witness a return flight.... Well, you got to see it to believe it. Just ask anyone from the last flight. Those in attendance: Myself and the 1st Lady, Ron Jones, Tom Joss, Howard Iwen, Roger Cook, Jack Horak, Joe Nikolia, Mark Lyon, and Bryan Thacker. Thanks to all.

Let's see, the next large event was the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25th. People and vehicles started to "form up" at Marathon Park around 9 a.m., parade step-off was at 10:45 a.m.. The route was the same, east on Stewart Avenue, right on River Drive to the VFW. From the parade to the Opening Address to the Raising of the Colors, to closing statements. Never forgetting our Fallen Veterans who

gave there lives Defending our Freedoms. Man of Honor had a large turn out, to many to name. Thank you very much. We had the MOH van and trailer with all the Branch Flags. Lots of people walking, handing out small flags to parade watchers. Like I said, there were lots of folks, people in the van, people riding in the trailer, and people riding in cars. It was a good time, again thank you to all who came out!!

Were not done yet. Just 2 days later, Man of Honor was invited to Restlawn Cemetery for their Memorial Day Celebration in honor of our lost, or in Memory of Veterans. We again were asked to perform the 13 Folds of the Flag. I read the folding steps, while Bill Hommerding (Air Force), Mark Lyon (Marine), Rachele Huldermann (Army), and Greg Davis (Navy) did the flag folding. Got to say, they did an outstanding job. I didn't keep count, but they mentioned the MOH names 3 times. I thought that was nice of them to do that before all those people. All in all, I'd say there were 2 dozen plus members in formation with the Branch Flags, Old Glory, POW/MIA, and MOH Flags. THANK YOU!! I am very proud of the Top Quality Men & Women this Society has been blessed with.

I know there is something else, What is it??? OH Yeah....It's the Man of Honor Spring Raffle held June 8th, or as it has gotten

to be called "The Harley Raffle". That day, the long event was held on the property of the Eagles Club. With much gratitude, I and the MOH thank you! After many hours of planning, many hours of doing, and many miles in his own truck, to get all the loose ends together, then many hours of putting it all away, how does one show appreciation to Tom Fust and his committee for their truly hard work setting such a feat in motion??? Permits, tents, beer, food, electricity, port-a-potties, raffle prizes, ice, the Harley, the camper, the list is endless! Yet, it all happens with out a glitch (yeah right). The MOH members and especially the people who volunteer time and time again are the reason this and other events are such a success, raffle after raffle, year after year. Here we go...So if you feel kind of left out, or maybe you are new to our Great Society and want to get started and be part of something big, the next opportunity is right around the corner. It's the Fall Raffle.

Applications will be accepted shortly. Remember, there are no dues in this membership. You are asked when joining only to volunteer your time and share your experience. Many hands make for light work. Enough preaching. Back on track. The best way for me is to just say Thank You!!!

As I write this newsletter, it's too early for any numbers as to where we stand. I'm positive we did very well, after the give and take has been completed. Our accountant will give a full report at the July 13th meeting.

Thank you all for what you do!

God Bless you and the United States of America.

*Jeff Morgan, President
SFC Army National Guard,
Retired*

(Cont'd Harley Raffle from page 1)

8th - \$75 - Connie A.
9th - \$75 - Pam G.
10th - \$75 - Mike from Brick-
ners
11th- Kent Busig
12th - \$50 - Linda Esker
13th - \$50 - Olivia Waube
14th - \$50 - Vixter Harness
& Chris Biedel

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5th - \$50 - Tracy Groshek
16th - \$50 - Leonard Lang
17th - \$50 - John Cleveland
18th - \$50 - Mark Wormuth
19th - \$50 - Dawn Sapp
20th - \$50 - Dick Baers

The music was by KT Country and they played to the crowd and they seemed to enjoy it.

Unlike most of the Man-of-Honor events this one ended early. The band shut down at 9:00 p.m. The tent emptied of patrons and so did the Eagles Club. The only person left in the Eagles Club was the bartender. I know that sounds impossible but it happened.

Tom, Rosie, and I would like to thank all those who spent many hours of their own time to make this event a success.

Ric Carr, Co-Chair for Tom Fust, Chairman



the Eagles Club on June 30th. The show started at 6 p.m. and lasted a little over one hour.

The Man-of-Honor was mentioned several times stating who we are and what we do. Collections were made during intermission and at the end of the show, The Water Walkers, presented a check to the Man-of-Honor for \$100.00.



(Chad Esker, President of Water Walker, Jeff Morgan - President of MOH, and Janelle Gokey Show Director)

Thank you so much. It means a lot to the veterans.

The Man-of-Honor was represented by President Jeff Morgan and 1st lady Cathie, Vice President Ric Carr, PR Director Rosie Carr, Tom Fust, Jim Campbell, Sissa Hommerding, Bill Hendrichs, and Steve Williams. Thanks to all for representing us at the Water Ski Show.



Water Ski Show

For the second year in a row, the Man-of-Honor Society was invited to the Central Wisconsin Water Ski Show Team at DC Everest Park by

Spotlight Of One Of Our Own!

Don Masterson was born and raised in Waupaca, Wisconsin, where he attended and graduated from High School in 1966. He and his gracious wife, Connie, have one son, Aaron, and 3 grandchildren. Aaron is also a MOH member who is currently an E-6 in the National Guard, and has served 2 tours in Iraq. Don is currently employed at the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development where he assists Veterans in finding employment and helping them in their personal needs as well. Don is the obvious man for this position as he will leave no stone unturned in his effort to help Veterans. He is passionate about his position and personally cares for each individual he deals with.

Don enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and was discharged in 1970 as an E-5, Sergeant. He did basic training in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, had advanced training as a Medic at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and from there he was sent to Vietnam, assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry Division (Air Mobile). On 10 May 1968 Don was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for heroism while engaged in enemy ground combat. He was also awarded a second Bronze Star for Meritorious Service from 1968-1969. His other decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Don currently serves on the MOH Funds Committee, a position for which he volunteered. Don, along with other committee members act on all funds requests and insures we are in compliance with directives, and an actual need is there. He is always active in the sales of our Raffle Tickets and is always there to lend a hand when the Raffles begin. Don is a very vocal gentleman when it comes to helping the "Troops", a true indication of his concern to help his fellow veterans.

The MOH Society is truly honored to spotlight Don Masterson, a true Hero. He is devoted to our Society. He brings great honor to his family, himself and the United States Army. Don, we are grateful to you for all the sacrifices you made for your country and for all you continue to do.

Jeff Morgan, President
SFC ANG, Retired

Written by:
Bernie Knippel, Secretary
SMSgt, USAF, Retired



A COMMON SOLDIER

By: A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and
paunchy and his hair was falling fast,

And he sat around the Legion,
telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he had fought in
and the deeds that he had done,

In his exploits with his buddies;
they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his
neighbors, his tales became a joke,

All his Legion buddies listened,
for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no
longer for old Bill has passed away,

And the world's a little poorer,
for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by
many, just his children and his wife,

For he lived an ordinary and
quite uneventful life.

Held a job and raised a family,
quietly going his own way,

And the world won't note his
passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this
earth, their bodies lie in state,

While thousands note their
passing and proclaim that they
were great.

Papers tell their whole life stories,
from the time that they
were young,

But the passing of a soldier
goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to
the welfare of our land

A guy who breaks his promises
and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who, in
times of war and strife,

Goes off to serve his Country
and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the
style in which he lives

Are sometimes disproportionate
to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier,
who offered up his all,

Is paid off with a medal and
perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it
was so long ago,

That the old Bills of our Country
went to battle, but we know

It was not the politicians, with
their compromise and ploys,

Who won for us the freedom
that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in

danger, with your enemies at
hand,

Would you want a politician
with his ever-shifting stand?

Or would you prefer a soldier,
who has sworn to defend

His home, his kin and Country
and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier
and his ranks are growing thin,

But his presence should remind us
we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,
then we find the soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles
that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
while he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least let's give him
homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
in a paper that would say,

Our Country is in mourning,
for a soldier died today.



Rest In Peace



Lillian M. Czechowicz,



78, Wausau, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

On August 20, 1988, she married Stanley Czechowicz Sr. in Wausau. He preceded her in death on August 1, 2008.

Lillian was the mother of Bev Bain, wife of Dave Bain, MOH, and also the step-mother of Rosie Carr, Associate Member.

For many years, Lillian worked for the 29 Super Grocery Store in the bakery department, until her retirement. Among her favorite pastimes, she enjoyed baking, gardening, flowers and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and Milwaukee Brewers fan.

Lillian will be missed by many. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Gudrum Agusta Steinthors-



dottir passed away on May 7, 2013 after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Reykjavik Iceland on February 5, 1956. She married her husband, Hafsteinn Kristinsson, of 37 years on October 27th 1975 and

they lived in Njardvik for most of their marriage. Together they raised 4 children, Steinthor Gretar, Dagny Helga, Jon Haukur and Sunna Bjorg. Her children and later her grandchildren and great grandson were her absolute pride and joy. Gudrun will also be lovingly remembered by her father Steinthor Thorvaldsson, brother Petur Steinthol

frisson and sister Sissa Hommerding, Associate Member of the MOH, and the rest of her family and friends. She was laid to rest in Iceland on May 10th 2013.

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



Stanley

Lyon, 69, Wausau died Sunday, June 23, 2013 at Colonial

Manor Medical and Rehabilitation Center, Wausau.

Stanley married Janet Lemmer on May 13, 1967 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Rothschild. She preceded him in death on October 31, 2007.

For many years Stanley had been employed with Wisconsin Bearing in Wausau, later transferring to Rhineland. Prior to his retirement he was employed part time with Rhineland Stucco and Stone. He enjoyed woodworking, and fashioning projects with wood, playing horseshoes and darts. Stanley was a huge

Brewer, Badger and Packer fan.

Stanley proudly served his country in the US Marines from 1961 to 1965,

Stanley was the brother of Mark Lyon, MOH member.

We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

Please Don't Cry by Joe Green

Please don't cry
I'm not really gone
When you look out the window
I'll be standing on the lawn

Please don't cry
I'll see you again
Don't be sad
Keep up your chin

Please don't cry
I'm not really dead
When you cry yourself to sleep
I'll be by your bed

Please don't cry
Just because we had to part
As long as you remember me
I'll live in your heart

Please don't cry
I'm not gone forever
I'll be a cool and gentle breeze
In hot summer weather

Please don't cry
Don't run and hide
When you need a shoulder to lean on
I'll be by your side

Please don't cry
When you're sad and weak
I'll be there
To kiss you on the cheek

Please don't cry
This is just a goodbye

Happy

Birthday



July

- 1 - Brandon Taylor, US Army
- 3 - Greg Hoffman, US Army
Charles Lamon, USMC
Larry Seidl, US Navy
Ron Worthey, US Army
- 5 - Robert Prott, USMC
- 8 - Mike Bruess, USAF
- 9 - Kurt Gray, USMC
- 11 - Amy Babl, US Army
- 15 - Jenni Steiner, US Army
- 16 - Randy Hoppe, US Army
- 17 - Richard Kloppenburg, US Navy
Joseph Redkettle, US Army
Nathaniel Stepp, US Navy
- 18 - Butch Russ, USMC
- 20 - Deana Jankowsky, Army Reserve
Jerome Zdanovec, USAF
- 21 - Bryan Thacker, USMC
- 23 - Richard Pocock, US Navy
- 24 - Jonathon Hounsell, US Navy
Andrew Narlock, Army NG
- 25 - Anastasia, Sebourn, Army NG
Scott Stroik, US Army
- 26 - Joe Nikolai, Army NG
Patrick Rice, USAF & ARNG
- 27 - Duck Mallard, US Army
Mike O'Shaughnessy, USAF
George Webb, USMC
- 28 - Shirley Bickford, USAF
Shirley Gesick, USAF
- 29 - Robert Burton, Air NG
Kevin Krueger, US Army
Michal Strom, USAF
- 30 - Gerald Baehman, US Army
Eric Brown, US Army

31 - Frank Guemmer, USAF

August

- 1 - Rick Beck, USMC
- 4 - Tyra Chlebowski, USAF
Bill Hommerding, USAF
- 6 - Justin Onson, Army NG
Gary Olson, US Army
- 7 - Thomas Buhs, US Navy
James Landowsky, US Navy
- 9 - Donald Meade, US Army
- 10 - Scott Bolles, USAF
- 11 - Jeff Morgan, Army NG
Roger Zynda, US Army
- 12 - Tom Fust, USMC
- 14 - William Fenhaus, NG
- 15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
- 16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
Richard Vaughn, US Army
- 17 - Kent Wesner, US Army
- 20 - Jeff Dehnel, US Army
Ginny Edwards, Associate
Kevin Zahurones, Army NG
- 21 - Gregory Brose, US Navy
- 22 - Charlie Sapp, US Army
- 24 - Bernie Knippel, USAF
- 25 - Cathie Morgan, Associate
Jack Treu, USMC
- 26 - Edward Benzing, US Navy
Jay Wunsch, USAF
- 27 - Vicki Harness, Associate
Kraut Kersemeier, USAF
- 29 - Robert Hood, USMC
Travis Petterson, US Army
- 30 - Cory Heckendorf, US Army
- 31 - Jerome Metz, US Army

The winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for May was Jack Pettit, USAF and for June was Larry Andreski, Associate. Happy Birthday!!!

*The sweetest sound of all
is praise.*



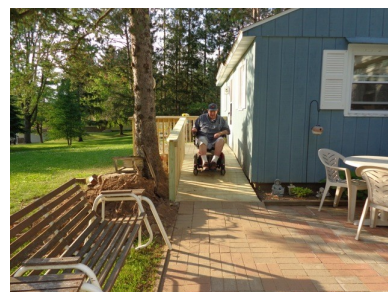
Thank you!

If you come to the MOH meetings, you will hear reports on the good we do. This time Mary and Vic were nice enough to send a thank you with pictures. Job well done!

Following is the thank you letter we received from Mary Johnson. Brings tears to your eyes.

Hi Ron,

We want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the Men of Honor that came and made the ramp for my dad this last week. It turned out great! And as you can see my dad is really happy he can get out on his own and is making good use of it already. You don't know what this means to us and so very much appreciated by all! Thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Coming Events:

July 13, 2013 - Meeting at the Club House on 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

July 20, 2013 - MOH

Members Bikers Run. For all members and Associates of the Man-of-Honor along with their friends and family. The sign up sheet will be at "The Jim" prior to the ride or you may sign up the day of the ride. If any questions, contact Shannon Consolver 715-218-8902.



July 20, 2013 - Golf Tournament will be held at the Tribute Golf Course (formerly known as the American Legion). Arrive at 9:15 a.m. and T-Time at 10:00 a.m. Pay for your team if not already done so, receive cart assignments, etc. at the Tribute Golf Course. Cost is \$50.00 per person, 4 person scramble, 9 holes with a cart., hole prizes and cash back prizes (teams will be flighted using the "Bernified" system). We are limited to 15 teams so the first 15 signed up will go. Sign up sheet is at the Jim. Anyone



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

can play, not just MOH members. If fact, we welcome new faces.

Buffet catered by Peggy Wold, world famous Ham and Chicken at our clubhouse with a bar with some history at 1425 Town Line Road in Wausau after the golf. Guests cost is \$9.00 for the meal. A beverage cart will be on the course. No fund raisers, just fun and golf. The "JIM" will have a bus for those who need it. Contact: Jim Fust, 715-212-3743. Rules will be provided when you get cart assignments.

We are also looking for anyone who would like to donate any items that we could hand out as door prizes after the tournament. If you can, please bring any items you wish to donate to the next meeting on 13 July 2013. We should have a fun day of golf and any contributions would make it even nicer. Still looking for golfers so if you are interested let us know.

Any questions, call Bernie Knippel at 715-359-6178, Jim Fust at 715-212-3743, Mark Lyons at 715-359-5175, Todd Wold at 715-581-6150,, Ted Williams at 715-845-2604, or Donnie Goretski at 715-848-0176.

July 28, 2013 - Flag Retirement at Ric & Rosie Carr 6803 Carnation Avenue Wau-

sau, WI 54401 at 1:00 p.m.

September 14, 2013 -

Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

September 28, 2013 -

The Fall Raffle at the Eagles Club Details will follow. Sign up for Committee members at the July 13th meeting.

November 9, 2013 -

Meeting at the Club House on 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

New Members

We now have 496 members in the Man-of-Honor Society. The newest members are:

*Mitch Bottomley, US Navy
Kenneth Henkelman, USMC
Quincy Kasper, US Army
Aaron Mielke, US Army
Justin Rebane Onson, Army NG
Scott Stroik, US Army
Brandon Taylor, US Army
Kent Wesner, US Army*

