



# Newsletter

## Man-of-Honor Society

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### **Man of Honor Celebrates 12 Years of Dedication To Local Vets 10, 11 and 12 June 2016 At The Eagles Club**

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

Tom Fust chaired the 2016 MOH Raffle with Co-Chairman Dan Rigney at his side. On Thursday, the day before the raffle begins, things were falling into place. Ric and Rosie Carr were getting the food area and the kids entertainment all ready to go, while I was directing traffic getting the bar area ready for a busy 3 day event. Jeff Morgan, Tom Fust and Dan Rigney were at the helm hauling equipment to the Eagles Club getting things ready. Huge tents are in place to keep everyone dry and the place is looking good. There was a great group of volunteers doing the back breaking duties and rest assured it would not be done without their help and for that we say "Many Thanks."

Friday begins. The burgers and brats were on the grill and the bar is open for the folks to enjoy the beverage of their choice. (There would be many stories and many problems solved here by the end of the 3 day event). All of the prizes to be given away are here for all to see and the raffle is ready to begin. Friday afternoon is naturally a slow time as many people are working. When 5 o'clock came around things got busy. I had the "Boonie Brothers" tending bar for the night. (Boonie Brothers are those Vets who spent a tour in a combat zone) and of course all had to wear Boonie caps. Then came 6 p.m. and "HYDE" moved on to the stage. There are few words to describe this wonderful group of talented musicians. They promote the MOH wherever they go and are strong believers in our cause. We consider them family and part of our society. They "Rocked the House" and of course their lead singer Alexis was a beautiful as ever and great to listen to. Thank you HYDE for a great evening.

Saturday the place was booming. We started at noon with the troops forming up for the raising of our flag and officially opening the 3 day event. Sara DeWitt once again did a beautiful job singing our National Anthem. Kids were playing games and Ric was making sure they enjoyed themselves as they jumped in the "Bouncy House" and getting their faces painted. Rosie once again had the grills going and folks were lining up for lunch. John Fust Jr. (The Barker) had microphone in hand and side raffles all set to go. Vicki (Vixter) Harness, the MOH photographer was all over the place snapping pictures. She also ran the 50/50 raffle and the lottery tree which was a total success. Peggy Wold had her crew (Gerri Knippel and Bev Bain) taking care of all the raffle baskets. They all put in a few very long days. The baskets were very well taken care of and handled with a lot of care. Back to the "Barker". What can we say about the job he did getting all the items sold. Great job and some throat lozenges are probably in order. Bar management always made sure he did not lose his voice because he was dry. We were surprised when a special guest arrived to entertain everyone. Tim Miller, Manager of the Eagles, sent Steve

Anderson out to strum his guitar and sing for all of us. Everyone thought he was great and we thank you Steve. Mid afternoon came and the 64 Bikers (plus riders) that were in the Honor Run rolled in and it was a sight to see. Mary Mary Mulder was in charge of the ride and it turned out to be the best ride in MOH history. Many of the bikers spent the day at the raffle, having lunch and enjoying the beverage of their choice. Thanks to all who participated in the run. Dustin Lenzo then took the stage and introduced his special guest "Soldier Hard" who spoke about veterans suicide prevention. He

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then gathered the troops and he and Dustin led everyone in a "Spartan Pledge". "Soldier Hard" then did what he does best "Rapping" about military vets and suicide as well. Kudo's to Dustin for all it took to make this happen. Saturday night the people at the bar had their hands full trying to make sure everyone was served quickly. The White House Players started the evening off and the place was jammed. They put on quite a performance. The lead singer of the group, Shelby, was awesome. The crowd was very pleased with the group. The music was super and the people in the band were special. Around 9:30 p.m. White House took a break and everyone gathered in front of the Eagles for the evening ceremony and fireworks. President Jeff Morgan welcomed everyone and we were off. Unfortunately our national anthem singer had to cancel at the last minute and there we were. A young lady, Tianna Farris, came forward and volunteered to do the singing for us. She did a beautiful job and we thank her so very much. The crowd all cheered and gave her a nice round of applause. John Fust Jr. introduced the MOH Officers and turned the program over to myself and Mark Lyon. I read the names of all the MOH Veterans we lost this past year and Mark rang the chime after each name was given. I then read a quote from General Douglas Mac Arthur which touched many of the veterans. Taps was brilliantly played by John Greenwood, then a 21 gun salute with the fireworks and then the evening fireworks began. Scott Zoromski and his assistant once again did an outstanding job with the fireworks. After that it was back to the music and dancing.

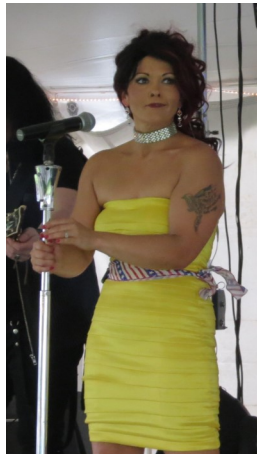
Sunday came early and once again we were ready to roll. \$Bill Fenhaus, (\$Bill is a name I gave him when he became treasurer) had the start up money for the food and bar area ready to go as he did every morning and he anticipated another long and busy day as people would want to buy tickets at the last minute before the evening drawing. Rosie had the chicken on and people began to line up for an early lunch. The Polish Connection got things rolling and the place was packed. Again, another fantastic performance by the Polish Connection. They too are very strong supporters of the MOH as they promote our raffle wherever they go. People were doing the polka and having a great time. They played until 5 p.m. and then we got ready to do the big drawing. Jeff Morgan opened things up and introduced Steve Resnick, General Manager of Sunrise Broadcasting, our special guest who draws all the winning tickets. Before the drawing started I took the microphone to comment on one of our members who was in attendance and is there each year despite the fact that he is unable to walk and is confined to a wheelchair. I introduced Retired U.S. Army Airborne Archie A. Drake (father of Courtney Heck). All of the officers left the stage and personally greeted Archie and paid respect to this fine gentleman and proud veteran. The drawing began and all the winners announced. Some people had smiles on their faces and a few were disappointed because their name was not drawn but they know it is all for a good cause and proud to be part of this annual raffle. Next were taps, played by members of the Polish Connection. During taps I brought Archie Drake and Navy Veteran Steve Williams to the front of the formation and they were very proud to be there. Archie Drake was presented the flag after the ceremony. After taps once again the bar became a popular place and a little after 8 p.m. the raffle came to a close.

A few very special thanks once again this year to Jaydan Hanson and Brea Cheyka who worked so very hard in the food area. To Scott Knippel (my son) who drove up from Kearney, Missouri to work for his dad in the bar area, we say thank you. Then there is Courtney Drake Heck. She was there helping to set up, she worked in the food area and also tended bar. A special thank you to Courtney from all the MOH members for all you did. You are priceless. Once again we thank Tim Miller and Bill Henrichs who represent the Eagles and do a great job of it. To list all of the people that made this possible is impossible to do. From setting up to tearing down it takes so many hours and so many great volunteers and to those people we are grateful. You know who you are and please pat yourself on the back for a job very well done. To everyone involved in this great 2016 MOH Raffle. THANK YOU!

<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Name</u>
Grand Prize:	2016 Chrysler 200	Theresa Carpenter
1st Place:	2016 Harley Forty Eight	Barb Buska
2nd Place:	2016 Sportsman Camper 15' 10" Classic	Kevin Krueger
3rd Place:	2016 Polaris Sportsman 4-wheeler w/trailer	Dale Uekert
4th Place:	2016 Toro 42" Zero Turn Riding Lawn Mower	Cory Poulin
5th Place:	\$750 Cash	Tracy Wunsch
6th Place:	\$750 Cash	Robert Wanta
7th Place:	\$500 Cash	John Heck
8th Place:	\$500 Cash	Darlene Wiesneski
9th Place:	\$250 Cash	Amanda Handrahan
10th Place:	\$250 Cash	Corey Lese
11th Place:	\$150 Cash	Saloons 'N Spoons
12th Place:	\$150 Cash	Charlie Baumann
13th Place:	\$100 Cash	Brenda Miller
14th Place:	\$100 Cash	Lonna Distasio
15th Place:	\$100 Cash	Wayne Lenzner
16th Place:	\$100 Cash	Orval Quamme
17th Place:	\$100 Cash	Daylin Black
18th Place:	\$100 Cash	Dennis Dahlke
19th Place:	\$100 Cash	Diane Bush
20th Place:	\$100 Cash	Eric Reeder

















**Letter  
from the  
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**Jeff Morgan  
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired**

Hello everyone! The end of our May 14th membership meeting was the start of a very busy rest of the month of May. On the 16th of May was the second Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA. Some members gathered at the airport to welcome home our vets. It gives me the warm fuzzies when I talk to those veterans asking them how their day went for them, shake their hand and thank them for their service. I'll say it again, if you haven't been there to welcome our veterans home, you are really missing out on a wonderful experience. Bring the family. Who knows when you might see an old friend. We have a MOH member that travels from Minocqua. Thanks to all who came.



Memorial Day Parade. Saturday the 28th it rained steady right up to the 10:45 a.m. step off time. But before the lead-off group went through Marathon Park main gate, just like that it stopped raining. The parade went on with out a hitch down Stewart Avenue on to River Drive stopping at the VFW for a brief ceremony. It

was really great to see so many white hats and families with kids brave the weather and be part of the parade. Thank you!



Two days later Man of Honor found ourselves at Restlawn Cemetery Veterans Field of Honor. Another great turnout of members. We had the US Flag, branch service flags and the rest of MOH flags as well. And there were people to man a second rank. This year we were asked to demonstrate and explain the 13 folds of our US Flag. Thank you for giving your time and talents to make that entire weekend special.

But now you may be thinking enough all ready. But it's just getting started with "Last Call for Tickets". The clubhouse was open Wednesday, June 1st, and again Saturday, June the 4th, and as it seemed to be all along ticket activities were slow, which had a few of us chewing our fingernails cause now there's only 5 days to the raffle opener. PLEASE next year don't wait!!! Get your tickets to sell, SELL them and get the stubs and money turned in. Most do a excellent job of that, Thank You. Like I said there's 5 days to go. Tents need to go up, food and beverages have to be bought, stage and bar needs building, all sorts of stuff and supplies have to be loaded to move from the club-

house to the Eagles Club. From whatever time on Wednesday when the tents go up until noon Friday countless duties need to be accomplished. It's a lot of work. Many, many thank you's to all who helped. From set-up to cooks, bartenders, different raffle tenders, people selling 10 liners, tear down and then clean up and put it away. I can't possibly mention all BIG or small jobs that has to happen to make Man of Honor Raffle successful or the people who make this a reality with out forgetting someone. You all know who you are and how hard you worked at the job at hand and for that I say THANK YOU!!! Feel very proud the next time a request for assistance comes through. You can say "I helped raise some of that money to help that veteran".

THANK YOU ALL for what you (we) do!! I'm sure by the July meeting their will be a final tally. Enjoy and have a safe fun filled summer. See ya at the July 9th meeting. God bless all of you and the United States of America.

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## The Man of Honor Society presents \$2,000 to Duane Hofstetter

*Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary*



*(Officers at the presentation were left to right: Bill Fenhaus, Jeff Morgan, Duane Hofstetter and Kay, John Fust Sr. and Bernie Knippel)*

The Man of Honor Society presents \$2,000 to Duane Hofstetter. Duane and his mother Kay were very unfortunate when a fire destroyed the home they were living in and sad to say, they lost everything they owned. Duane has been a member of the Society for the past 4 years and his late father, Ike, was also a member prior to his passing. The Man of Honor was honored to help the family on their road to recovery.

## Flag Retirement at Scout Camp

*Written by Ric Carr, chairman*

The Flag Retirement Ceremony was held on May 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Camp Phillips Scout Camp with Cub Pack 435 and Scout Troop 435. Taps was played by Scout Jesse Frolik and America the Beautiful was led by Alicia Reedy and she also sang the National Anthem. Thanks Jesse & Alicia for a great job!

The Retirement Ceremony was led by myself and assisted by President Jeff Morgan. We opened the ceremony with a sort history of the U. S. Flag, given by John Zamzow, Scout Leader. Thanks John for a job well done.

After I read the reading of "I am Old Glory", everyone was asked to place the hand over their heart and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The cutting of the Ceremonial Flag began. All the cutting was done by the scouts, each of them participated. After the Ceremonial Flag was done the boys lined up and took turns retiring the balance of the flags.

At the completion of the ceremony President Jeff Morgan said the benediction. After the benediction, the scouts retired their colors and the Flag Retirement was over.

When the ashes are cooled down, the next day, the ashes should be buried followed with the "Pledge of Allegiance". Then the Flag Ceremony is complete.





## 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.**

### Richard "Dick" A. Baker,



91, Wausau, died Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Dick was a MOH member since 2/13/2010.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with Richard's family.

### Magdalene (Maggie)



**Schroeder,** 94, passed away on May 21, 2016 at the Aspirus Hospice House in Wausau.

Maggie was the mother of John Krukowski, MOH member.

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Sorry for the loss of your mother.

### Brian R. Burt, 59, Mosinee,



died Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at Aspirus Wausau hospital due to complications from Leukemia.

Brian was one of the longest members of the Man of Honor Society and a former Vice President in 2004-2005.

Our deepest sympathy are with Brian's family.

### Richard V. Jehn, 70, of



Wausau passed away peacefully at home after a good fight with cancer.

Richard was a MOH member since 5/14/2011.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with Richard's family.

### Funds Committee Update

*Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman*

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid for by the Man of Honor Society from May 14, 2016 to present.

Funds report for this period:

Emergency Auto Repairs	\$1,162
Emergency Fire Assistance	\$2,000
Funeral	\$200
Funeral	\$200
Funeral	\$200
Funeral	\$200
Gas/food	\$300
Handicapped Bike	\$2,795
Honor Flight	\$1,000

Loan help/license	\$782
Rent	\$520
Rent	\$350
Rent	\$750
Rent/utilities	\$750

Total paid this period - \$11,209

Total year to date - \$20,263

### Overlooked!!

Opps! In our scurry to load and yes account for everything, we still over looked a item that was to be raffled off at our raffle. So, this meeting only, at our July 9th meeting we will be selling raffle tickets at \$5.00 apiece for a Savage 22 cal. long rifle semi automatic. Tickets can be purchased before and during the meeting. Winner will be announced at the end of our meeting. Another reason to come to your meeting. Good luck!

P.S. Winner can pick up the rifle at Chase Outdoors 21 Brown Blvd Rothschild. Phone number is 715-298-5118 or website [www.chase-outdoors.com](http://www.chase-outdoors.com).

### Sympathy Verse

by Oliver Hall

I have no fear of death, but I shall welcome a helping hand to see me through. For it is said that just as everyone has a guardian angel, so to each one comes somebody to help us over the stile.

Once I am over, I know a door will open on a new loveliness and freshness of colour, form and light which is far more beautiful than anything I have ever seen or imagined.

## Happy Birthday



### July

- 3 - Larry Seidl, US Navy
- 3 - Ron Worthey, US Army
- 9 - Kurt Gray, USMC
- 12 - Scott Wanta, Associate
- 16 - Randy Hoppe, US Army
- 17 - Richard Kloppenburg, US Navy
- 17 - Nathaniel Stepp, US Navy
- 18 - Austin Harris, Army NG
- 18 - Howard Iwen, US Army
- 18 - Butch Russ, USMC
- 20 - Jerome Zdanovec, USAF
- 21 - Bryan Thacker, USMC
- 24 - Sue Fenhaus, Associate
- 25 - Anastasia Sebourn, Army NG
- 26 - Joe Nikolai, Army NG
- 27 - Duck Mallard, US Army
- 27 - George Webb, USMC
- 28 - Shirley Bickford, USAF
- 29 - Robert Burton, USAF
- 29 - Kevin Krueger, US Army
- 31 - Ray Bender, USAF
- 31 - Don Genrich, Army NG
- 31 - Henry Meverden, US Army

### August

- 1 - Rick Beck, USMC
- 3 - Les Kucksdorf, USAF
- 4 - Tyra Chlebowski, USAF
- 6 - Gary Olson, US Army
- 7 - Thomas Buhs, US Navy
- 7 - James Landowsky, US Navy
- 8 - Sue Rasmussen, US Army
- 10 - Traska, US Navy
- 11 - Dan Brezovar, US Army

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

- 11 - Greg Brezovar, US Army
- 11 - Jeff Morgan, Army NG
- 11 - Rodney Rein, US Army
- 11 - Roger Zynda, US Army
- 12 - Tom Fust, USMC
- 13 - Vernon Vetterkind, US Army
- 14 - William Fenhaus, NG
- 15 - Jacob Petterson, US Army
- 15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
- 16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
- 17 - Roger Kohn, USMC
- 20 - Jeff Dehnel, US Army
- 20 - Jeffery Oelke, US Army
- 20 - Kevin Zahurones, Army NG
- 21 - Ron Detert, US Navy
- 22 - Daniel Paul, USAF
- 22 - Charlie Sapp, US Army
- 23 - Jason Rumbaugh, US Army
- 24 - Bernie Knippel, USAF
- 24 - Arleigh Utecht, US Army
- 25 - Cathie Morgan, Associate
- 25 - Jack Treu, USMC
- 26 - Edward Benzing, US Navy
- 27 - Vicki Harness, Associate
- 27 - Kraut Kersemeier, USAF
- 29 - Robert Hood, USMC

The birthday winners who attended the last meeting for \$25 for May was Lyle Bricko, US Army and for June was Mike Stahnke, US Army. Thanks for attending.

### New Members

We have three new members in our society which brings it to a total of 385. Let's welcome the following:

Alan Christensen, US Army  
Arleigh Utecht, US Army  
Phil Whiteman, USMC

We are always looking for new members to help on our many functions, such as: Raffle, selling raffle tickets, parades, commit-

tees, building maintenance, and much more.

### Coming Events:

**July 9, 2016** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

**July 16, 2016** - Golf Tournament at Trapp River Golf Course. Show up at 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. tee off time.

Guests are invited to attend the steak dinner at the clubhouse. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Chef Teddy Williams will cook and he is always at this finest.

Chairman: Bernie Knippel 715-803-8039

**September 10, 2016** - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

Nomination for officers will be held on the September 10th meeting. We will be looking for nomination for President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms. This will be a two year term. Don't wait till the day of nomination, put your thinking caps on now.

There will be more to follow in the next newsletter.

**November 12, 2016** - 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.