



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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2021 Annual Raffle

Written by Dan Rigney, Raffle Co-Chair

Oh, What a year!!

THANK YOU to all the people with their effort and teamwork to make this a record year.

Putting aside Covid and Politics we drove on with our annual fundraiser to ensure we can help our fellow Veterans in need. Planning for this year started before we even finished the 2020 raffle weekend but kicked into gear around January, getting the big raffle prizes picked out and ordered so we could get the tickets printed. It was unbelievable how quickly the tickets were signed out to be sold and even more amazing how quickly they sold, faster than any of us have ever seen before.

The ticket part done, and we began planning for the big three-day event, ordering tents, food, beer, bands, ice, and so many other things to get coordinated. A big shout out to that committee, you know who you are, another amazing job in putting the event together. Another big shout out to all the donations collected and received this year, thanks to all who talked to the local businesses or folks to get the many donations for baskets and side raffles.

The days before June 11th were spent loading trailers, wrapping baskets, and confirming all the things needed to be successful. The big tents went up and we start unloading and setting up to open Friday at noon.

Then, it was here, the big opening, scrambling for some last-minute things...there is always something that comes up, but it gets solved. The Friday crowd was unbelievable. I believe it had to be a record number for attendance. People came, enjoyed some

great food or a beverage and catching up with old friends, listening to some great music by the Drovers and trying to win the raffles, 50/50, Cat Scratch Fever lottery tree, and the Cold Cash Cooler raffle - have to give another thanks to Burks, Wausau Coin, and Marathon Tavern League for making that happen for us.

Saturday was another great day. The ride kicked off from Hutches with over 200 bikes, with raffles and 50/50 going on there, while the tents opened up behind Eagles serving food and drinks while people tried to win on paddles, baskets, 50/50, lottery tree and more. I hear it is pretty amazing watching the bikes roll in and know that many more people join the already large crowd. Another great day getting started. The evening we were rocking with Knock Point and having an awesome time.

At dusk we were treated to a very well done ceremony with a tribute to our fallen members followed by an amazing fireworks display. That ceremony and the fireworks always remind me of who we are and why we do what we do for our brothers and sisters in arms that have served our country proudly and for those that gave all.

Sunday Sunday, Sunday!! Highlighted with our traditional \$5.00 chicken dinner and polka music. Those two things do draw a nice crowd. Continuing on with

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**Letter
from the
Prez**



*Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG, Retired*

Hello everyone.

THANK YOU ALL for what you do. There are so many people, businesses and vendors that just want to help the Man of Honor succeed and the list gets longer each year. There are so many people who go above what is a normal contribution, so many members who give of themselves to help. Working hard, setting things up, loading supplies, building, moving picnic tables, setting the stage, hooking up electronics, making signs, paying bills as they come in, and working to safeguard the area. Making baskets, selling paddles, tending bar, working in the kitchen, Mary and Dave setting up and running the Honor Ride, Jill Geoffroy and Dave Kallaway announcing the winners of the tickets, Scott Zoromski fireworks, and Eagles Club. A special thanks to our raffle chairman Tom Fust. And then, tear it all down, clean it, haul it back to the clubhouse, and put it away.

How can I and the other Officers, and the committee heads ever start to say THANK YOU. As I write this article I know some areas will be missed and for that, I apologize. You are all dedicated and what you do makes all the difference in our efforts to help the Veterans of Marathon County.

I will never tire of saying THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU DO!!

God Bless You and
the United States

Integrity - Honor - Concern

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paddles, 50/50 drawings, Cold Cash, lottery tree, gun raffles, baskets and more. The kitchen always had a line and the bar always had people looking for a tasty beverage. Finished things off drawing the winners for those big raffle prizes, and thanks to Jill Geoffroy and Dave Kallaway for keeping the crowd entertained and helping draw the winners, great job done by that pair. The kitchen and bar kept things going for several hours after the drawing, so much great camaraderie going on as the pressure lifts while winding down.

Of course the work wasn't done quite yet, we had a good turnout on Monday to help with the tear down, packing and getting all our stuff back to the clubhouse.

I will apologize right here and now as I am sure there is something I missed.

Don't ever forget, none of this could be done without the amazing group of people that volunteer their time to support the Man of Honor cause. From visiting businesses for donations to coordinating the port-a-potties, it takes a lot of effort

from a lot of people to make this so successful.

One final note, please remember to thank those businesses and people that donated to our great cause. That support from our local community is the other half of our success.

From our Chair Tommy and all the Man of Honor Officers,
THANK YOU!!

**Pics from the 3 day event.
What a great weekend!**



Tom Fust, Raffle Chairman

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Winners/Man of Honor Raffle 2021



1st: Jeep - Jeremiah Baumann



3rd: 4-Wheeler w/trailer - Shannon Consolver



2nd: Harley - Eugene Leptier



4th: Lawn Mover - Dale Zinda

- 5th: \$500 - Ryan Emenecker
- 6th: \$500 - Chris Berger
- 7th: \$300 - Amy Schultz
- 8th: \$300 - Mary Sapp
- 9th: \$300 - Mike Durkee
- 10th: \$300 - Carol Malushak
- 11th: \$200 - Jamie Zelisch
- 12th: \$200 - Larry Peterson
- 13th: \$200 - Shelley Busko
- 14th: \$200 - Dan Arndt
- 15th: \$200 - Ron Uekert
- 16th: \$150 - Todd Hintz
- 17th: \$150 - Cheryl Trask
- 18th: \$150 - Samantha Lange
- 19th: \$150 - Jasmine T. Dorman
- 20th: \$150 - Cary Waite
- 21st: \$100 - Cory Miller
- 22nd: \$100 - Carry Boehn
- 23rd: \$100 - Jim Steffen
- 24th: \$100 - Tim Hahn
- 25th: \$100 - Barry Bleuer Sr.

A strong showing of Man of Honor people came to partake in the parade this year. Rosie Carr drove her convertible, Joe and Jane Nikolai brought their Model "A", Man of Honor Van and two trucks that each pulled a trailer for those who preferred to ride. A score of people walking along handing out stick flags to parade watchers on the boulevard.

Step-off was at 11:00 a.m. The route was east along Stewart Avenue to River Drive and ended at the former VFW property. All were treated to brief speeches. The raising of Ole Glory, Laying of Wreaths, a 21 Gun Salute and ending with Taps.

What a Great Day!!!



Cold Cash Raffle



- \$1,000 w/remote cooler – Dale Filipak
- \$500 w/remote cooler – Jamie Ostrowsk
- \$250 w/remote cooler – Ron Jones



Memorial Day Parade May 29, 2021

Written by Jeff Morgan, President

Just a beautiful day to gather for the parade.

Veterans groups from around the area, Police and Fire, Sheriff Department all joined together at Trinity Church and School parking lot. There were no school bands this year, I guess because of COVID.



May 31, 2021 Restlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Service

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



It was another beautiful day, warm with a slight breeze and lots of sunshine. Not bad weather at all for a late spring day, Memorial Day weekend. While some Amer-

icans north of the Mason Dickson Line are scrambling to get summer going, service men and women and the families of fallen loved ones know what this weekend is all about. Remembering!!! The Man of Honors part in this ceremony was to tell of the history of our branch of service flags, and the POW and MIA flags.

We had over 30 members in attendance, most in our ranks, some in the audience who were more comfortable sitting rather than standing that long. Thanks to all flag barriers and all who came.

After the program Bunkers at Tribute Golf Course put on a lunch for all.







Funds Request Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Manager

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

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| Auto repair | \$736.00 |
| Auto repairs | \$1,288.03 |
| Food Donation | \$200.00 |
| Funeral Falkowski | \$500.00 |
| Funeral Cota | \$500.00 |
| Honor Flight Donation | \$1,740.00 |
| Memorial Day Luncheon | \$400.00 |
| Rent | \$1,500.00 |
| Scholarships | \$2,000.00 |

Total Request paid this period \$8,864.03

Total Paid 2021 \$14,524.03

Total Paid 2020 \$15,716.72

Scholarship Report

Written by Ron Jones



We had an additional 3 recipients this year.

Exander Rains, Monona Grove High, attending UW La Crosse. Grandson of Rodney Rothmeyer.

Kyle Land, Newman HS, attending UW Platteville, Grandson of Denis Lang.

Tyler Land, Mosinee High School, attending UW Stevens Point, son of Tom Joss.

Congratulations to these fine students.

Man of Honor Appreciation Day

Written by Bernie Knippel, Secretary

The 2021 Man of Honor Raffle is history. Not only was the raffle a success, it was our best year ever. This could only have been accomplished by our people working damn hard and giving up their time to make it happen. For all of those involved in the raffle, we thank you.

Appreciation Day was also a success with 50-60 people there for a nice meal and some beverage-



es. John Jr grilled a ton of burgers and brats while I handled the ribs. 9 racks of baby backs were BBQed and they were gone as fast as we could get them off the grill. That is a lot of ribs. Tom Fust's grandson Austin was always close by giving John and I advice on how things should be grilled. He had a great time. Jeff (Slim) Schilling handled the bar extremely well while Manager Mouse looked on. Some of the families brought side dishes and Gerri Knippel and Connie Masterson took care of organizing everything. Everyone appeared to have a great meal with some delicious sweets afterward. Lt Dan gave several words of wisdom to everyone and \$Bill filled everyone in on the finance end of the raffle. President Morgan was unable to be there because of an out of town commitment but passed on his thanks to everyone.

The entire day was filled with sunshine (and a lot of B.S.) and the Appreciation Day was a great event. It was certainly a well deserved day for some, very well deserving people. Once again, job well done.

Stolen Valor Heroes and Patriots. Or are they?

Written by Bernie Knippel, SMSgt USAF Retired

“Stolen Valor” is a term used by people who make false claims about military awards or badges they were not awarded or military service they did not perform. Many others who have served an honorable but a peaceful stint in the military choose to “Spike Up” an otherwise unremarkable career. There are also others who are decorated for their service who choose to add a little more “Juice” to their already impressive resume. Basically these people are lying to the public (and themselves) about what they did in the service. Many claim to have been in combat, served in a combat zone or claim to have served in a position that is totally untrue. This is very offensive to many veterans. There are so many that have done jobs way above and beyond the call of duty and they deserve the respect they have earned. Men and women who have served honorably should be proud to be called a veteran and they served when and where they were needed. Those who choose to “Doctor Up” what they did in the military should be ashamed. Most veterans know when others are not telling the truth and they only make fools of themselves. Stolen Valor is a very selfish, ugly thing to do. You should always be proud that you served this great county of ours and above all, always be proud of what you did and who you are.

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

**Happy
Birthday**



July

- 2 - Dale Evert, US Navy
- 3 - Seazon Hanson, Associate
- 3 - Larry Seidl, US Navy
- 4 - Russell Dean, Army NG
- 5 - Joe Hoppa, USAF
- 6 - Scott Pavlow, USAF
- 9 - Kurt Gray, USMC
- 10 - Shawn Corazalla, US Army
- 12 - Catherine Sowinski, US Navy
- 12 - Scott Wanta, Associate
- 13 - Charles Shipway, USAF
- 15 - Cindy Hendrichs, Associate
- 16 - Randy S. Hoppe, US Army
- 16 - Michael Lazaroff, USMC
- 16 - James P. Mc Fann, US Army
- 16 - Joel Szablewski, US Army
- 17 - Richard Kloppenburg,
US Navy
- 17 - Charles A. Perez, US Army
- 17 - Nathaniel L. Stepp, US Navy
- 18 - Austin Harris, Army NG
- 18 - Howard Iwen, US Army
- 18 - Butch Russ, USMC
- 21 - Richard T. Hubert, USAF
- 21 - Michael Neidigh, US Navy
- 21 - Bryan Thacker, USMC
- 24 - Sue Fenhaus, Associate
- 24 - Allen Hotchkiss, US Army
- 25 - Denise Boehm, Associate
- 25 - Anastasia Sebourn, Army NG
- 25 - Jason Yonker, US Army
- 26 - Joe Nikolai, Army NG
- 27 - George Webb, USMC
- 28 - Shirley A. Bickford, USAF
- 29 - Robert J. Burton, USAF
- 29 - Donald Hildebrandt,
US Army
- 29 - Kevin Krueger, US Army
- 31 - Ray Bender, US Army

August

- 31 - Don Genrich, Army NG
- 31 - Henry Meverden, US Army
- 1 - Rick Beck, USMC
- 1 - Jeffrey Yunk, US Army
- 2 - Roger Wunsch, US Navy
- 3 - Les Kucksdorf, USAF
- 4 - Tyra L. Chlebowski, USAF
- 5 - Jerry Toftum, Army Reserve
Finance
- 6 - Gary Olson, US Army
- 7 - Thomas R. Buhs, US Navy
- 7 - James Landowsky, US Navy
- 8 - Sue Rasmussen, US Army
- 10 - Tom Traska, US Navy
- 11 - Dan Brezovar, US Army
- 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, Army NG
- 15 - Patricia Cota, US Army
- 15 - Thomas Oliva, USMC
- 15 - Jacob Petterson, US Army
- 15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
- 16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
- 17 - Lynda Fust, Associate
- 17 - Roger Kohn, USMC
- 17 - Kent Wesner, US Army
- 18 - Clarence Guralski, USAF
- 18 - Felix Lucero, USCG
- 19 - Lloyd Borgh, US Army
- 19 - Jim Whitehead, US Army
- 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 - Edward S. Marek, USAF
- 24 - Arleigh Utecht, US Army
- 25 - Cathie Morgan, Associate
- 25 - Jack Treu, USMC
- 26 - Edward Benzing, US Navy
- 26 - David Campbell, US Army
- 26 - Elaine Hanson, US Army
- 27 - Vicki Harness, Associate
- 27 - Kraut Kersemeier, USAF
- 29 - Robert Hood, USMC
- 29 - Don Kozlowski, USAF
- 31 - Brian Heier, US Navy

Birthday winners who attended the meeting on May 8th received \$25.00 each. For May was Connie Masterson Associate Member and June was Larry Rothmeyer US Army.

There were 4-50/50 ticket winners each received \$84.00. They were Julie Myer US Navy, Steve Nelson USMC, Tim Gosse US Army, and Al Stober US Army.

Jim Neitzke (River Valley Express) donated 5 Man of Honor Raffle tickets to the mothers for Mother's Day. The winners were: Lucy Cota Associate Member, Donna Gosse Associate Member, Sissa Hommerding Associate Member, Cher Latimer US Navy and Peg Kohnhorst Associate Member.

Ted Williams (Teddy's Silverware Creations) donated 3 flowers also for Mother's Day. The winners were: Laurel Schalavin US Army, Rosie Carr Associate Member and Mary Mulder Associate Member.

Thank you Jim and Teddy. It was such a surprise. We really appreciate it.

New Members

We have 4 new member in our society which brings it to a total of 512. Let's welcome them:

Jeffrey L. Norton, US Navy
Stephen W. Ratzlaff, US Navy
Rodney Rothmeyer, US Army
Jeffrey Yunk, 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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Gregory L. Falkowski, 72, of



Weston passed away on May 15, 2021.

Gregory was a member of the Man

of Honor Society. Gregory was the brother of Ric Falkowski also a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Peace, prayers, and blessings go out to the Falkowski family.

Linda May Kozey, 52, of Wausau died unexpectedly at her home on May 31, 2021.



Linda was the daughter of Clarence Treu a member of the Man of Honor Society.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Treu family.

Keith Cota, 62, passed away on June 22, 2021.



Keith was a long-time member of the Man of Honor Society.

Keith was the brother of Terry Cota member of the Man of Honor.

Keith will be deeply missed by many. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Cota family.



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

Coming events:

July 10, 2021 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

July 24, 2021 - Man of Honor Golf Tournament at Trapp River Golf Course with dinner at our clubhouse after.

Showtime 8:00 a.m., tee time at 8:30 a.m. Cost will be \$62.50 per person or \$250 per team.

When paying pay for the entire team. No checks please. Deadline to pay for your team is July 10th, our next scheduled meeting.

Contact: Mouse at 715-574-1337 or Bernie at 715-803-8039.

August 5-8, 2021 - Wisconsin Valley Fair.

September & October - Never Forgotten Honor Flight. The September flight is still cancelled but October flight is being determined.

September 6, 2021 - Labor Day

September 11, 2021 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

Nomination for 2 positions, Vice-President Dan Rigney and Treasurer Bill Fenhaus.