

Newsletter

Man-Of-Honor Society

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A Special Salute from the President!



You know there is a special event taking place when you see our own Wayne "The Beans Man" Allen with his apron on, getting ready to do some "Cookin". Wayne, an Associate Member, has done a tremendous amount of work for the MOH over the years and he is at his finest when is behind the grill. Wayne has also been there when we are setting up and tearing down the tents when we hold our raffles. He is a very devoted and caring man when it comes to the MOH Society. He is always ready, willing and able

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to help where needed. I want to thank Wayne for all he has done and continues to do for the Society. WAYNE ALLEN - Thank You - and it goes without saying,



you are a true Man of Honor. We Salute You.

Jeff Morgan, President

MOH Fall Raffle

Again this year we started with Harley Raffle and before we knew it, it was time for the Fall Raffle.

We started Thursday setting up the tents. Friday the beer trailer and food trailer arrived, the electrical was hooked, the bar was put together, some tables and chairs were set up. Saturday morning we got there early and put the finishing touches on the food tent, raffle tent, and beer tent. All went well.



At 12:00 noon Alicia Reedy sang the National Anthem and the party began.

Unlike last year, the weather started out with clear sunny skies and turned cloudy and rainy later in the day.

During the course of the afternoon we had our gun and basket raffles along with many paddle wheel prizes, and 50/50 raffles.

At 5:00 p.m. the raffle tickets were drawn by our guest of



honor, Retired Major Dave Prokop. Followed by the playing of the Taps by Nathan Reedy.

(See Fall Raffle pg 3,col 1)

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

Letter from the Prez....



Jeff Morgan SFC ARNG , Retired

WOW, where did the summer go? It was a very busy one for sure. Harley Raffle, Golf outing, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Flag raising for the 4th, the Fair, and the Fall Raffle. I'm certain that some events slipped my mind. But the one that sticks out the most, is all the hard work that went on this summer at the clubhouse, blacktopping, rain gutters, and etc. The one job and it looks like that won't be completed before the snow flies is the removal of the rock garden in front of the building. (Damn it)! I can't say for sure, I don't think Rome was "BUILT" in a summer either. We'll GET-ER -DONE next spring!! The work inside the clubhouse was non stop, painting, washing, staining, and all the other things you can think of. Lots of elbow grease and spit & polish. Once again, the PRIDE of MOH membership outshines most everything in our universe. I'm very PROUD of the people in this organization, and yet quite humbled by it all!! Again, I'm sure I forgot a few things. The one thing I won't forget is to say THANK YOU

to all who took part in the activities, no matter how small or large. You are always there and willing to help any way you can. THANK YOU!!!

Moving on, and not to give away too much info, that's why we have meetings. We got 2 TVs at the clubhouse! Our intent is to bring members together socially, watch the Packers, have some munchies, maybe throw back a few cold ones, laugh with (not at) our cheerleaders, just have a good time with friends.

Other news, as you read this, the last Never Forgotten Honor Flight of this year will have come and gone. Thanks to all who showed up for that. I may be mistaken, but I think our own Jack Horak was on that flight.

At the membership meeting on the 9th of November at 2:00 p.m. we'll talk about the Christmas Party and upcoming Raffle Projects, along with LOTS & LOTS more info. So, if you haven't been to a meeting in awhile . . . the heat is on and the lights are burning. Stop in and see what you've been missing, or come and add your 2 cents worth. See you there!

UPDATE: The rock from the rock garden is gone! A big thank you guys goes out to Keith Cota. He ran the trac-

tor. Tom Fust and Greg
Tonkin aka. Guido, they were
Labor Supervisors. Well
done.... Good job!! Thursday
a group of us will be setting the
paver stone edging, top soil
and sod. Now we can work on
the new flag pole.

I have to say a HUGE thank you to Randy Rasmussen! I'm not sure, but I think he's got 3 days worth of hard work getting our fine adult beverage cooler back in tip top shape. Raz, thank you. Anything else comes up it will have to keep until the meeting.

THANK YOU ALL for what you do!!

GOD BLESS YOU AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

Jeff Morgan, President SFC ARNG, Retired

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(Fall Raffle from pg 1, col 3)

Congratulations to the winners of the Man of Honor Fall Raffle

ATV - Mike Knutson

1st - Mary Siluis - Ice Auger/ & Ice Shanty

2nd - Todd Wold - Snow Blower

3rd - Dennis Gronski - Rifle

4th - Barbara Hinsdill - Shot

5th - Ray Bender - \$600.00

6th - Greg Lamansky - \$400.00

7th - Deb Okrzesik - \$200.00

8th - Travis & Alan Weisenbeck - \$100.00

9th - Doug Locke - \$50.00

10th - Duke Treu - \$50.00

11th - Eugene Heindl - \$50.00

12th - Larry Hagelin - \$50.00

13th - Natt Zuleger - \$50.00

14th - Bob Paul - \$50.00



(Deb Okrzesik)

Music and beverages went on until 9:00 p.m. The music was



provided by Barry & Ken Wanta.

I want to thank everyone who donated to the MOH Fall Raffle, there are too many to list, without their donations we would not been as successful.



(Julie Myer, Dawn Sapp, Rosie Carr - Food Tent)



We sold 1174 of 1200 tickets when we include the raffles, 50/50, food and the bar we



came out ahead of expenses. At our next meeting, Julie will give the final total,

I would like to thank the members and Associate members who gave up their weekend to make this a successful event. Even Sunday for clean up at

the Eagles Club and help take everything back to the Clubhouse.

Again thank you very much!

Ric Carr, Vice President Co-Chairman

Never Forgotten Honor Flight

21st of October was the last Never Forgotten Honor Flight of the year. I believe this trip had 92 veterans on board. I heard two from WWII and two or three Vietnam Vets, the rest were Korean Veterans. It never ceases to amaze me, the surprised look some have while others have the look of bewilderment. And some look just plain pooped out. Kind of like some of us after a long day.

Many thanks to those who came to the airport that night. The 1st Lady and myself, Brian Whittecar, Bill Hommerding, Mark Lyon, and Bryan Thacker. Hey, I was right about Jack Horak being on that flight, way to go Jack.

Jeff Morgan, President

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

Truck Caught Fire



Scott Wanta, an Associate Member of the MOH was unfortunate when his truck he was driving caught on fire leaving him with several severe burns and total loss of his vehicle recently. Although the MOH could not aid in direct funds to help Scott, several ideas came up. Bernie Knippel suggested we take any bar tips from the Fall Raffle bar sales and donate them to Scott. 50/50 Queen, Vicki Harness and Bernie also came up with the idea to do a 50/50 raffle just prior to the grand prize drawing because of the big crowd that would be there, with half the money going to Scott. Both ideas paid off well. A total of \$631.00 was presented to Scott on 4 Oct 13, by the MOH Officers. All the best Scott.

MOH Getting Together! Go Pack Go!!!



(M. Lyon, B. Knippel, R. Carr)

Packer Sundays, a new get together at the Clubhouse. For



(Mark Lyon, bartender)

the last two Sundays some of the members and families enjoyed the fellowship and the games. On October 13th the Pack beat the Ravens and on October 20th we sent the Browns home losers.

During the games Rosie Carr passes out her Pom Pom's and this helps to keep a little excitement in the party.

We ask the people to bring a



(Ric Carr)

dish to pass and end up with plenty of food. You have to be there to see and enjoy the fun.

The next game we are going to get together is on November 10th, Packers v/s Eagles at Noon. People can start to arrive at 11:00 a.m. This game we are going to have a Chili cook off.

If you don't want to bring a Chili, a dish to pass is fine.

The rest of the games we will be getting together are as follows: 11/24 Viking's at Noon, 12/15 Cowboys at 3:25 p.m., 12/22 Steelers at 3:25 p.m., and 12/29 Bears at Noon. The arrival time for each game is 11:30 a.m. so you can watch the games all afternoon. This for the afternoon games only.

Some pictures from the Packer Party!



(Bob Genrich & Joanne)



(Gary Bauer & Julie Mahr)



(Gerri Knippel & Connie Masterson)



(Packer Fans)



(Watching the game)



(Don Cook & Mark Lyon)



(Bernie Knippel & Cathie Morgan)

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Is this our Prez?



And our Secretary?

We'll see you at the Clubhouse for the Packer game!

Fun, Fun, & more Fun!

Funds Committee Distribution List

The following is a list of donations given to Veterans in Marathon County by the Man of Honor Society. This list is from the September 14th meeting to present. The plan is to publish a list in each newsletter.

Requests paid since last meeting.

Randlin Homes \$300.00 for rent St. Paul's Church \$200.00 for boxes for troops Troop 435 \$200.00 for popcorn for troops

The Border

A customs officer at the Mexican border noticed a man coming across one day on a bicycle with two small sacks tied to the handlebars. He naturally got suspicious and asked him to open the sacks, but when he did he found nothing but sand.

This went on every day for the next month. Each time he'd stop the bicycle and open the sacks, and he'd find only sand.

A few years later, he ran into the biker in a restaurant in Tijuana. After some small talk he said, "Come on, I know you were smuggling something all that time. I won't tell. I'm just curious. What was it?"

The other man said, "Bicycles."

Help Yourself

A pastor went over to an elderly member's house to see how she was doing. Seated on the sofa and very hungry, he spotted on the coffee table a bowl of almonds. A little timid, he asked, "Do you mind if I have one?" The women was quite reluctant but said, "No, go ahead."

An hour later, he was in disbelief that he had finished off the whole bowl!

"Oh I'm sorry about all the almonds!" he said as he stood to leave.

"Oh, don't worry about it. All I can do is suck the chocolate off since I lost all of my teeth.

Spotlight Of One Of Our Own!

I am always honored to highlight one of our members in the "Spotlight" section of our newsletter.

Julie Mahr was born and raised in Custer, Wisconsin and graduated from SPASH High School in 1986. She attended college and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2004 from Lakeland College and later went on to receive her Master's Degree. She and her husband Greg have one daughter, a charming young lady, Samantha. Julie is currently employed at Sulzer Machine and Mfg Co. where she holds the position of Accounting Manager.

Julie entered the Army Reserve in 1988, went to Boot Camp at Ft. Dix, New Jersey and later to AIT at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana where she became a Finance Specialist. She spent 6 months at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO in 1991 when her unit was activated and was eventually discharged in 1994 as a Spec 4. She has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

Julie has been a member of the MOH for the past three years, and in November 2012 she was elected to her current position as our Treasurer. Her performance as our Treasurer has been nothing less than superb. The fact that we were new to the non-profit status (501C) it took a great deal of time to insure we continued to do everything the IRS required of us in order to maintain our status. With a great deal of coordinating with our Accountant and hard work on her

part, we continue to enjoy the non-profit status. She has handled all of our assets in a superior manner and her record keeping of our accounts is outstanding. Her efforts at our raffles are tireless. She is very devoted to her job and the results are obvious.

I would like to commend Julie for all she does for the MOH Society. She has brought honor to the U.S. Army and to her family as well. Her dedication to her position and to the MOH is above reproach. Julie - A very special thank you for all you

have done and continue to

Jeff Morgan, President SFC E7, Army NG, Retired

Written by Bernie Knippel SMSGT, USAF, Retired





Happy Birthday



November

- 1 Gregory Martin, Associate
- 1 Joshua Withers, USMC
- 2 Glen Pupp, USAR
- 3 Michael Skains, USMC/ USCG
- 4 David Barttelt, USNA
- 6 DK Sampey, USAR
- 7 Tony Bichu, USAF
- 7 Les Huebner, ARNG
- 7 Patrick Krafty, USMC
- 8 Richard Roberts, USAR
- 9 John Rasmusson, USAR
- 10 John Heck, AR Reserve
- 10 John Heck, AK Reserve
- 11 Dee Dennis, Associate
- 12 Andy Schoeder, USNA
- 13 Kenneth Henkelman, USMC
- 13 Eugene Klinger, USNA
- 13 Jim Linden, USNA
- 17 Leroy Albright, USAR
- 17 Kevin Josiger, USNA
- 18 David L. Schmidt, USAF
- 20 Mike Thompson, Air NG
- 21 Brent Leach, ARNG
- 23 Audrey Narlock/Thayer USAR
- 24 Mark Kaetterhenry, USAF
- 25 Roger Hanneman, USMC
- 26 Dale Millard, USMC
- 28 Mathew Beil, USAR
- 29 Clarence Treu, USAF
- 30 David Demers, NG



December

- 6 Roger Hicks, USAR
- 8 Randy Rasmussen, USMC
- 9 Larry Hotchkiss, USAR
- 9 Steve Yonker, USMC
- 10 Derrick Lane, USAR
- 10 Gordon Steinke, USAR
- 11 Walter Fredrick, USAR
- 15 Ted Jacobsen, USAR
- 16 Dennis Bell, USAR
- 18 Tom Joss, USAR
- 19 Don Masterson, USCG
- 19 Matthew Blanchard, USMC
- 19 Joe McGrath, USAF
- 22 Mitcell Machtan, USAR
- 23 Loren Kurth, USCG
- 24 Korin Saal, ARNG
- 25 David Schave, USMC
- 27 Elwyn Parlin, NG
- 27 Julie Schwake, Associate
- 27 James Wadzinski, ??
- 28 Jerold Gutknecht, USAR
- 28 Mark Ladwig, USAR
- 29 Jeff Krueger, USAF
- 29 Jesse Milanowski, USAR
- 31 Joe Buska, Associate
- 31 Alan Christensen, USAR

The winners of \$25.00 for the birthday drawing for September was Gerard Winchell, US Army and for October was Rob Peck, US Army.

Happy Birthday, again!!

New Members

We now have 513 members in the Man-of-Honor Society. We would like to welcome eight new members: Ron Carpenter, US Army Mike Clark, Associate Mark Ladwig, US Army Alan M. Kowalski, USAR Reserve

Mary Mary, Associate Natalie Rought, USAR Micky Rought, USNA/USAR David A. Schoepke, US Army

You can pick up your certificate and coins at the November 9, 2013 meeting.

We are looking forward to working with you on some of are committees and clubhouse maintenance.

Stock Reduction

In an effort to reduce our stock on sweat shirts, T-shirts, Jackets, etc., our haberdashery boss, Larry Andreski, and I decided it was time to have a sale. Ran it by the Prez and he concurred. Therefore we have reduced the cost of almost everything in stock. Some are 40-50 per cent off. Jackets are now \$15, T-shirts are \$5.00, and on and on. Larry will be available at our November 9th meeting so if you have been interested in any of these items, now is the time to buy.

Bernie Knippel, Secretary



Coming Events:

November 9, 2013 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

November 11, 2013 - Veterans Day at the VFW 388
River Drive in Wausau. The service starts at 10:40 a.m. and will finish about 11:00 a.m.
The weather will determine if it will be indoors or outdoors.
Lunch will follow and everyone is invited.

<u>December 7, 2013</u> - We're having a Turkey Give Away to say thanks at the VFW 388 River Drive in Wausau at 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. You must provide military ID, DD Form 214, or Man of Honor coin to receive a turkey.

December 14, 2013 -

"Wreaths Across America" At 7:45 a.m. we are leaving the Clubhouse in the MOH Van for Waupaca to participate in "Wreaths Across America" to place Christmas wreaths on the graves of the veterans at Kings which starts at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to participate, is welcome.

December 14, 2013 -

Christmas Party at VFW 388 River Drive Wausau, WI 54403. Reservation and money, \$15.00 each, may be paid at the November 9th meet- A memorial service was held ing. A memorial service was held on November 2nd at the Van

<u>January 11, 2014</u> - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road in Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

Rest In Peace





Harold "Ike"
W. Hofstetter
passed away on
Friday, October
18th at Ministry
St. Clare's Hospi-

tal in Weston, with his family by his side.

In 1953, Ike met his future bride, Carolyn, while roller skating. Ike and Carolyn were engaged shortly after and Ike left for Korea, as part of the US Army. He was honorably discharged in 1957, and shortly after returning home, the couple was united in marriage. Ike taught history for a year and then changed careers and began working as an engineer at John Deere, where is worked until retirement.

He is very proud of his service in the Army, during the Korean War. He was a member of the Man of Honor Society and the VFW. Most recently, he participated in the Honor Flight in May 2012.

A Memorial visitation was held on Friday, October 25th at Helke Funeral Home, Wausau. A memorial service was held on November 2nd at the Van Hoe Funeral Home in East Moline, IL with interment at the Hampton Cemetery, Hampton, IL.

May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.

We've known lots of pleasure, At times endured pain. We've lived in the sunshine, And walked in the rain.

But now we're separated, And for a time apart. But I am not alone, You're forever in my heart.

Death always seems so sudden, And it is always sure. But what is often forgotten, It is not without a cure.

There may be times you miss me.

I sort of hope you do. But smile when you think of me.

For I'll be waiting for you.

Now there's many things for you to do,

And lots of ways to grow. So get busy, be happy, and live your life,

Miss me, but let me go.

- Unknown -

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