



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Wooded Warriors in Action

Written by Anthony Kopchinski



The first week of February had three Purple Heart Veterans for four days of Woodturning instructions by very qualified area turners. They made a lot of



special pieces which included: plates, French Rolling Pins, snowmen, deer calls, turkey calls, a cremation urn, flower pots, chalice and many varied bowls. This is a special bonding time for these trauma inflicted hero's to share their problems and solutions.

Channel 7 did a great interview which will be aired 2 Mondays from now. They will promote this airing on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the viewing. I thank the Man of Honor for funding the five night, two room event for these deserving hero's.

The newsletter will be published every two months.

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MOH Cribbage Tournament

Written by Deb Zahurones

On January 22, the Man of Honor Clubhouse was able to host another Cribbage Tournament. There were new faces that joined in for a twelve team round robin tournament.

The day proved to be a lot of fun with traveling "skunk bracelets", some fun ribbing and most importantly, camaraderie of MOH members, associate members and guests.



Winners were:

1st Place



Don & Wendy Jagoditsh

(See Cribbage Page 3, Column 1)

Letter from the Prez

Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG, Re-
tired



Hello everyone.

The promise of spring is near and hopefully the worst of winter is behind us. The day after our March meeting we spring ahead setting the clocks forward 1 hour. Just 7 days after that is the first day of spring.

The newly elected and appointed officers are acclimating very nicely to their positions. This will be their second meeting and they are conducting business very well. Thanks for all your efforts.

Speaking of efforts... the raffle ticket frenzy continues to run ramped. Your clubhouse is open every Wednesday from 1600 - 1800 hrs (4-6 p.m.) and Saturday from 1000 - 1200 hrs (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Stop in and sign out a pack of 5 tickets. Buy 3 for yourself and you only have 2 left for co-workers or the neighbors, easy-peasy!! All joking aside when a pack is sold PLEASE turn in the stubs and money AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. That is how the big prizes get paid for. So sell them and get them turned back in.

Please don't forget about the basket raffle items, booze wagon, and paddle raffles. Just about anything from A to Z can be put together to make up baskets. The sky is the limit.

Man of Honor has had a couple of noteworthy events since our last membership meeting.

1st: Deb Zahurones set the plans and ran a very successful Cribbage Tournament. A story and pictures are in this Newsletter.

2nd: Tony Kopchinski has a woodturning workshop where he invites WWIA Wounded Warriors in Action who are Purple Heart recipients to attend his seminar and get a chance at some first-class training and experience the art of woodturning. Story and pictures in this Newsletter.

Thank you both for what you do.

Mark your calendars for March 19th Man of Honor in-house Pool Tournament. More info at the March meeting.

I have seen it with my own eyes... Never Forgotten Honor Flight is flying this spring. As of now the 1st flight is May 2nd and the next flight is June 6th. NO word yet on any fall flights.

As the daylight increases each day, so do my thoughts of all I would like to do as warmer weather comes our way. Hey, it's only March. We got a long way to go before any camping, golfing, biking can happen so until then I'll see you at the clubhouse for tickets and your membership meetings. Thank you all for all you do.

God Bless you and the United States.

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(Cribbage, Con't from page 1, Column 2)

2nd Place



*Dennis Zahurones &
Josh Behm*

3rd Place



*Kevin Zahurones &
Tim Schilling*

Congrats to all!

Thanks to MOH for the ham sandwiches and everyone that brought dishes and goodies to share during a day of fun. Mouse was super at keeping beverages flowing and sharing his jokes. He was a one of a kind guy that will be missed by so many.



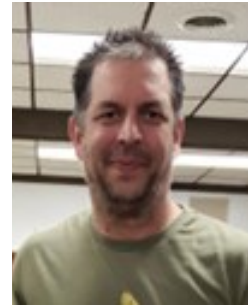
Also thanks to all that made the date changes to play, and shared comments of having a great time. Everyone's participation added to the success of this tournament.

For those that have asked, or would like to join a future tournament, I am looking at a late fall tournament. Thank you everyone!



Refreshment Center Manager

Written by Bernie Knippel, Vice President



Meet Jeff (Slim) Schilling our new Refreshment Center Manager. Jeff has been a MOH member since March 2017 and has been very actively involved in the organization, especially helping in different areas of the raffle. I think Jeff will do a great job in his new position and he is looking forward to the challenge.

Never Forgotten Honor Flight

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

Never Forgotten Honor Flights are resuming as planned, but they will have to be flown with National Honor Flight Network's & CDC CoVid19 protocols in place. Which among the masking requirements include that all people on the flight to be vaccinated.

Mission #39, May 2, 2022, Man of Honor has 5 members going on this flight. They are Walter Fredrick US Army, Peter Geueke US Navy, Roger Kohn USMC, Wayne Radtke US Army and Michael Schmitt US Army.

Mission #40, June 6, 2022, Man of Honor has 2 members which are Alan Butalla USAF and John Schranz USMC.

If you want to help give these veterans the "Welcome Home" they never received we suggest you show up at Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee between 9-9:30 p.m for their return between 10-11 p.m.

Let's welcome them home.

A Spotlight On One Of Our Own

Written by Don Masterson

In this issue of our newsletter the man in the spotlight is Ken “the Treasurer” Kohnhorst.

Ken was born and raised in Wausau and attended Wausau West.

He joined the Navy in 1971 and trained at the Great Lakes Naval Station for both his basic and DMOS producing schools. After training, for the next two plus years he served aboard the USS Denver. The Denver is a LPD-9 (landing platform dock) that supplies men and material, tanks included, where it was needed. Imagine that a boat with a hole in it that doesn't sink, what will they think of next. Ken spent most of “72” working night operations, outfitting Cobra helicopters on board the Denver, while in North Vietnamese waters. During his Navy service he received the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, and Combat Action Ribbon. Ken separated in 1975.

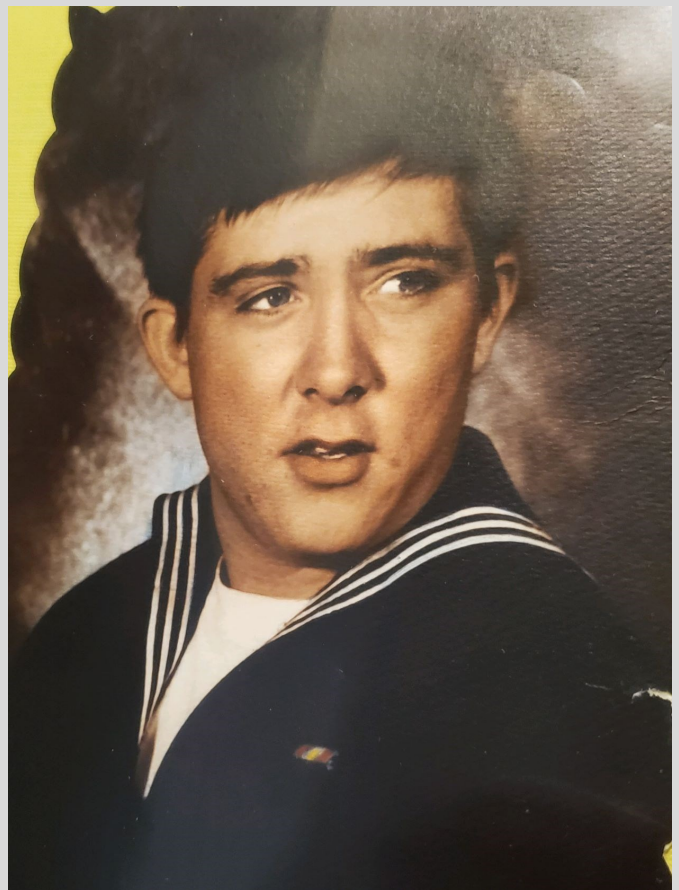
Ken spent the next forty years as an over the road truck driver and when Fore Way Express shut their doors, Ken and family moved to Tomah. He started driving for USF Holland and did so for the next nineteen years until his retirement in 2016. At which time he and his family moved back to Wausau.

Ken and his lovely wife Peggy (associate member) have been married for the past thirty six years and have two children, a daughter Jessica, a son Josh and four enjoyable grandchildren.

Ken’s other interests are the VFW (life long) member, the American Legion (fifteen year) member and the Rib Mountain Riders. The Rib Mountain Riders, of which Ken has been their Treasurer for the past fifteen years, promotes Motorcycle racing of all sorts. The club uses their proceeds to help support the Never Forgotten Honor Flights, the Lions Club, and Special Olympics, just to name a few. He joined the Man of Honor in 2018, and has been working hard ever since.

Ken brings great honor to himself, his country and especially to his family. His experience will enhance the leadership and continuity of our great So-

cietly. Ken, the Man of Honor Society salutes you for all the great things you have done, and are proud that you bring this same energy to the office of the Treasurer.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Request Committee

It is that time of year again to get scholarship applications in to me for all 2022 high school graduates that are furthering their education.

Man of Honor will again be offering \$300 scholarships to any graduating senior that will be attending college or trade school this next fall.

This is available to any Man of Honor member's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as associate members.

Remember, the recipient must be graduating this spring and is only available to this years graduates.

Applications are available at the clubhouse or on our website.

Funds Request Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Request Committee

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for January and February 2022.

1. Donation - WWIA (woodturners)	\$750.00
2. Funeral - Henry Dehnel	\$500.00
3. Funeral - Richard Knoeck's wife	\$500.00
4. Funeral - Billy "Mouse" Kucil	\$500.00
5. Rent	\$550.00
6. Rent	\$1,000.00
7. Utilities	\$519.17
 TOTAL PAID	 \$4,319.17
TOTAL PAID YTD 2022	\$4,319.17
TOTAL PAID YTD 2021	\$3,029.24

His name was Billy Kucil, alias "Mouse"

Written by his friend, Don Masterson



The man nicknamed "Mouse" loved his children, and Sherrill his girlfriend above all things. He was an MP in the Military, and graduated from the University Wisconsin Superior. He was a salesman for a major food brand, delivered beer, and loved all sports, his favorite being Hockey. He was deeply involved in the

Man of Honor Society as well as his Fraternity from school. Bill was a cancer survivor, and volunteered his time to get other survivors back in physical shape, through classes at the YMCA.

He used the f-bomb a lot, was rough around the edges at times, and always had an "I'm gonna tell you something," for his original way of looking at things. He was excitable, and that's an understatement. His jokes or "mouseisms" would leave you rolling in the aisles or groaning from pain. As he was fond of telling me he grew up on the south side of Chicago and just to egg him on, I would say, I grew up on the south side of Waupaca, what's the big deal?

What was that mysterious likable quality that he had that people instantly recognized? I am sure it wasn't his sense of humor or the fact he had watched Animal House the Movie, over one hundred times. Nor was it the fact his thoughts, though original, may have seemed a bit off the bubble. It was his compassion, his caring, and love for his fellow man. Billy had the biggest of hearts, and people would recognize instantly that he was totally, genuine, and sincere. He would go out of his way to be of help. And the proverbial shirt off his back, I believe he would have done that had the chance arisen.

I used the word original a few times in my eulogy, and that's because of what Mouse was. A truly original individual, a one of a kind so to speak, and he will be missed.

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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Sheila Mary Knoeck, 75,



passed away at Aspirus Wausau Hospital on December 22, 2021.

Sheila was the wife of Richard Knoeck, member of the Man of Honor.

We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Our prayers are with the Knoeck family.

Fumie M. Purdy, 90, Wausau,



died December 31, 2021, at home under the care of her family and Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services.

Fumie was the mother of Janet Modrzejewski, Associate Member of the Man of Honor.

You have our sincere condolences

on the loss of your mother. Our prayers go out to the Modrzejewski family.

Susan Irene Wold, 83, of Wes-



ton, passed away January 1, 2022, peacefully at her home.

Susan is the mother of Todd (Peggy)

Wold. Both are Associate Members of the Man of Honor.

We are so sorry to hear about your mother. Our thought and prayers are with the Wold family.

Kathleen A. Gartmann, 84,



passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 7, 2022, under the care of Aspirus Wausau Hospital Comfort Care

staff.

Kathleen was the mother of Susan Gartmann, Associate Member of the Man of Honor.

We are so sorry for your loss of your mother. Our prayers are with the Gartmann family.

William (Mouse) Thomas

Kucil Jr., 69, Rothschild, passed



away on February 15, 2022 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, after a brief illness with septic pneumonia.

Mouse was a member of the Man

of Honor Society and also the manager of the Refreshment Center.

Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kucil family and anyone who knew him.

Come With Me

Author Unknown

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come with me".

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same
Since you went away.

When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on".

Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday".

Happy Birthday



March

- 1 - John S. Krukowski, US Army
- 1 - Rod Ostrowski, US Army
- 3 - Ricky Godbolt, US Army
- 3 - Tom Gordon, USAF
- 5 - Barbara M. Dern, Associate
- 6 - Michael Koenig, Army NG
- 7 - Barb Buska, Associate
- 7 - Arthur H. Kroeplin, US Army
- 7 - Jeremy Schmitt, USMC
- 7 - Marshall Swanson, US Navy
- 8 - Earl McCloy, US Navy
- 8 - Richard Pellicane, US Army
- 8 - Warren J. Ryan, US Army
- 10 - Antone J. King, US Army
- 10 - Wayne M. Radtke, Army NG
- 11 - Martin Glenn, US Army
- 12 - Joe Dina, US Navy
- 13 - Gary Bauer, US Army
- 13 - Elmer Romang, USMC
- 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 M. 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 V. Wilson, USMC
- 27 - James Fust, USAF
- 28 - Robert G. Miller, US Army
- 31 - Russ Michalski, US Navy
- 31 - Ken Wilcox, US Army

April

- 1 - Roger W. Grebe, US Army
- 2 - Shawn Thake, US Army
- 3 - Beverly Bain, Associate
- 3 - Michael Fehrman, US Navy
- 3 - James Garrity, USCG
- 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
- 8 - Philip Rentmeester, USAF
- 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/US 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 H. Steinagel, US
Army
- 14 - Janice Skidmore, USMC
- 15 - Anthony Kraus, USMC
- 15 - David A. Schoepke, US
Army
- 16 - John A. Domino, USAF/
Army NG
- 16 - Sheila Fust, Associate
- 17 - Tom E. Rottscheit, USMC
- 18 - Steven Bushar, US Navy
- 18 - Robert J. Fandre, USAF
- 18 - Ron Jones, US Army
- 19 - Kenny Rupe, USAF
- 20 - Rick Falkowski, US Army
- 21 - Donald Krueger, US Navy
- 22 - Robert F. Babb, US Navy/US
Army
- 23 - Michael A. Bartz, USAF

- 23 - Lenny Nievinski, US Army
- 24 - Delwin H. Hoffman, US
Army
- 24 - Christopher Lang, US Navy
- 24 - Jim Zielsdorf, US Navy
- 25 - John R. Deppe, US Army
- 25 - Landelin Koppa, US Army
- 28 - Mark A. Schleinz, USAF
- 29 - Bryan Whittecar, US Army
- 30 - Sissa Hommerding, Associate

Birthday winners who attended the meeting on January 8th received \$25.00 each. For January was Mark Lyon USMC and February was Bob Peterson US Army.

There were 4-50/50 ticket winners each received \$80.00. They were Ron Jones US Army, Steve Nelson USMC, Al Maszk USAF and Ronald Keen USMC.

Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 5 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 526. Let's welcome them:

James Brouchoud, US Army
Mark Fitzke, Associate
Christina Grubbs, US Army
Anthony Hiebl, US Army
Robert W. Reuter, 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.

Flag Retirement drop off box in the "Clubhouse or in the mailbox" and "The Jim".

Coming events:

March 12, 2022 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

March 13, 2022 - Day light savings time. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

March 19, 2022 - Pool Tournament at 12 noon at the Clubhouse.

Cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per 2 person team. It will be limited to the first 20 paid teams. The Tournament will be open to the public.

Contact: More info contact Jim Fust at 715-496-3518 or Pool Tournament sign up sheet at the Jim's Corner Pub.

March 17, 2022 - St Patrick's Day

March 20, 2022 - Spring begins.

April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday

April 23, 2022 - Highway Clean Up

Contact: John S. Fust at 715-581-6574.

May 2, 2022 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight at CWA at 9:00 or 9:30 p.m.

May 14, 2021 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 1:00 p.m.

Mailing Newsletters

Written by Bernie Knippel, Vice President

The newsletter can be read or a copy of it made from our website manofhonor.org In an effort to keep our mailing costs down we are requesting that if you want a copy mailed to you, you must request it in writing to Rosie Carr, our PR Director. This will go into effect for the newsletter for the May 2022 issue. We realize that some of you have done this in the past however, it is once again required. No letter, no newsletter.

MOH Membership Application



Application to be filled out and turned into one of our members. Please bring a copy of your DD Form 214 or Military ID card with you when you attend your first meeting and show it to one of our officers. At this time you will become a member of the MOH and receive your certificate and coin. Our meeting place is at our Clubhouse 1425 Town Line Road in Wausau, WI 54402. We meet on the 2nd Saturday every other month at 1:00 p.m. (January, March, May, July, September, and November).

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Today's Date _____

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Address _____

City, State Zip _____

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E-Mail _____

Birthday _____

ATTENTION

If you have a change of your mailing address, phone, or e-mail address, please contact Rosie Carr at ricosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620 or Gerri Knippel at any of the meetings.

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