



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Special Salute from the President and the MOH Officers

Written by Bernie Knippel



Connie Masterson. Now here is a lady who not only believes in what we stand for and do, she also spends a great deal of her time working for us to achieve any goal we set out to do. She was an invaluable asset at our past raffle lending a hand where ever she was needed. She spent a great deal of time working in our kitchen area and did what was necessary to complete the job at hand.

Before Connie became an associate member she volunteered her time not only working in our clubhouse but also helping with the outside area as well. She is very active in our club functions and in fact won first place (along with the author of this article as

her partner) in our first ever Cribbage Tournament. She is a very well respected lady and is positive about anything that she is asked to do. She was a large part of the total success we recently had at our MOH Packer Party.

Connie Masterson you are without a doubt everything the MOH could expect from an associate member and we are very honored that you are part of us. You set the example for all our members in all you do and it is always a pleasure to work with you. For all you have accomplished and for all you continue to do, we salute you. You are truly 'A MAN OF HONOR'.

2016 Nominees for MOH Offices

Written by Bernie Knippel

The following will be on the November 12th election ballot for the office indicated. Term of office will be from January 2017 to December 2018.



**President - Jeff Morgan
Unopposed**



**Secretary - Bernie Knippel
Unopposed**



Sgt at Arms - John Fust Jr.



Sgt at Arms - Brian Thompson

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**Letter
from the
Prez**

**Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG,
Retired**



Hello everyone! I hope your summer was all you expected and this Autumn's work is all but done. I must say this fall season has been very nice. A good streak of warm weather to help get things done around the house and/or the cottage.

September 12th was the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. A very sad turnout of Man of Honor people to welcome home our veterans!!

October 10th was the last of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight for this year. On this flight John Sapp, Elgart (Junior) Bauman and John Krukowski were Man of Honor distinguished flyers. There were seven Man of Honor members to welcome these veterans home.

The following Sunday, October 16th the Man of Honor officers hosted a Packer Game at the clubhouse. All members were invited to a free meal and of course cheer on the green and gold. Bernie has full details in the newsletter.

The Friday before our membership meeting, November 11th is Veterans Day. It sure would be nice to see a very large turnout at the VFW. We will meet you there by 10:30 a.m. If you can,

be in our uniform. If all you have is the white cap, join us. It's a short but straight to the point program. Afterwards, a luncheon is served. See you there!

Of course, November 12th is the membership meeting and also election day for the offices of President, Secretary and Sergeant at Arms. I strongly urge you to come to your meeting not just vote in this election, but we have a lot of information to go over. A few examples: Ham Give Away, New Member Orientation, Wreaths laying at King and the Christmas Party among many other issues. This should be the meeting to be at, so finish up your outdoor work and I'll see you at your meeting.

Thank you all for what you do!
God bless you and the United States.

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Ham Give Away

Jeff Morgan, President

Man of Honor members can receive a ham, which includes associate members. However, because of the rumbling and grumbling because a veteran who stood in line didn't "get" a ham, it has been decided the Friday before the Ham Give Away, Man of Honor members can pick up their ham from 4-6 p.m. at the clubhouse only. There will be no members receiving hams on Saturday morning unless you stand in line like all other Veterans.

Elections in November

Jeff Morgan, President

When you arrive at the clubhouse, check in with Gerri Knippel and PLEASE double check your contact information for accuracy. Please let Gerri know if anything has changed so it can be corrected. She will at that time give, voting members only, a ballot. At the 50/50 table, Don Masterson and Bill (mouse) Kucil will be manning the ballot box. Make your choices and drop the ballot in the box provided.

Rosie Carr will also have a Christmas Party reservation table set up for anyone who would like to pay in advance for the Christmas Party.

Rosie will also have a new procedure for the birthday drawings which is going in effect at the next meeting. There will be a box for November birthdays and December birthdays. Print your name and birthday on a ticket, which is provided, and place it in the appropriate box. If you don't put your name on the ticket, your out of luck!

President:

Jeff Morgan Cell: 715-203-3211

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Dan Rigney Cell: 715-212-1348

Secretary:

Bernie Knippel Cell: 715-803-8039

Treasury:

Bill Fenhaus Cell: 715-551-1856

Sergeant-at-Arms:

John Fust Sr. Cell: 715-370-5007

Supporting the Man of Honor

The need and expectations of all associate and regular members in the MOH is changing as we continue to grow. The officers put in countless hours each month to insure the daily task of running the organization continues to remain at the high level of standards we currently have. They have no problem doing that.

Unfortunately, the MOH only has around 35 members out of 388 who do the majority of work. Many hours are spent each month to maintain the clubhouse, taking care of our van, working with the city, cutting grass, plowing snow and on and on. Assistance at the raffle this past year was not very good. Associate members were brought on board because they wanted to help, however, many do very little if anything to help with our fund raising activities or other functions such as our parades, etc. Before I go any further, I want to compliment all of those members who work so very hard to keep things going, and you all know who you are. To continue as associate members we are asking for your help when the time comes.

The regular membership participation in all of our activities, with the exception of our meetings, is pathetic at best. It appears that joining the MOH and receiving your coin is the thing to do. One can brag that he or she is a member of this great organization, but they have to know the truth inside that they really do nothing to help our needy vets. Some of our members that received assistance from us, we have never seen when we have something going on and need help. Certainly their choice. Coming by for 20 minutes giving out hams to vets and for them to say thank you to you makes you feel good inside, but where were you when only a few worked so hard to raise the thousands of dollars it took to buy the hams? Think about it. Pretty sad.

The new year is just around the corner and I am asking that each and everyone of you lend a hand at the raffle and get involved in our other functions as well. The Man of Honor has grown and we are well respected in the community. Your help is needed to continue our commitment to our veterans in need. Thank you.

Jeff Morgan, President

I would like everyone to please read the following as a reminder of who we are.

A Reminder Of Who We Are

We are Man of Honor.

We are all Veterans who have served our country in whatever way we were called upon to do.

From the mountains of Afghanistan, the deserts of Iraq, the freezing hills in Korea, the jungles in Vietnam or wherever you were assigned.

We are Clerks, Cooks, Cops, Truck Drivers, Bomb Loaders, First Sergeants, Medics, Pilots and Naval Personnel at Sea. Regardless of what job we had, or the rank we were, it was a job that had to be done and we did what it took to get the mission accomplished.

The Hero's in the Man of Honor are all of us. It took and takes each and every person who has served active service, guard, or reserve to defend our nation, regardless of rank or position.

It is important to remember our creed that reminds us to respect and honor each other. We do, and have done many wonderful things for veterans in need and their families.

It takes all of us to achieve our goal. We are all equal and we are all proud members of a great outfit. It takes us all to achieve our goals and respecting each other has allowed us to become who we are today.

Remember our Creed: "You have served so others may live. You are a true American Man of Honor. The people of the United States are grateful."

The Man of Honor needs each and every one of us. With continued support from all of us we can continue to help the veterans and families in need.

Want to see a truly amazing person? Look into the mirror the next time we reach out and help a vet. It's a great feeling and you will see a true hero.

Written by Bernie Knippel, MOH - 2010

Spotlight On One Of Our Own!

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

The MOH is very proud to introduce Brian Thompson as our spotlight for the October/November MOH newsletter. Brian was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin and he graduated from Wausau West High School in 1985. He is married to his wife Kelly, one of the nicest ladies you would ever want to meet. Brian is the proud father of a daughter, Leah. He is currently employed at Oldcastle Glass where he has worked for many years.

Brian enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1985. After boot camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey he was transferred to Germany where he worked as a 44 Bravo (Welder). When his tour was complete he was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas and was discharged from the Army in 1989 as an E-4. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Marksmanship Medal for the M-16.

Brian has become very involved in the MOH. He is a very out spoken individual with a passion to help those veterans in need. He has worked at many of our events to help raise funds for veterans in need. He did a fantastic job as a “Barker” at our annual pool tournament raffling off some beautiful baskets that had been donated. His efforts at the event helped greatly to make it a total success. He helped organize the Harley Ride at our annual raffle and that also was a success. He joined the MOH to help where he could and that is exactly what he has done. He has many ideas and he is a pleasure to work with.

The MOH Society is indeed fortunate to have Brian in our organization. He has brought great credit to the U.S. Army and to his family as well. We thank you Brian for your service to our country and wish you all the best in everything you do. For all you have done and continue to do, we salute you.



Marathon Electric Raises Funds For Man of Honor Society

Written by Bernie Knippel



(L to R: Michelle Berger, Ted Gruhn, MOH President Jeff Morgan and Secretary Bernie Knippel)

On 6 September 2016 the Man of Honor Society (MOH) graciously accepts a check for \$550 from Michelle Berger, organizer of a golfing event for Marathon Electric, one of the Regal brands. The golfing event each year raises funds to support local charities. The MOH Society is a group of local veterans who raise funds to help local veterans and their families in need. In Michelle Berger's words, "The MOH are a great group of people doing a wonderful service for our veterans and we are happy to donate to such a worthy cause". Other organizers for the event were Ted Gruhn and Kendall Gullo (not in picture). The MOH was honored to accept the check and appreciates the thoughts of Regal personnel concerning our veterans.

A Special Gift To The Man of Honor Society

Written by Bernie Knippel



(L to R: Secretary Bernie Knippel, VFW Merrill Don Kozlowski, and President Jeff Morgan)

Don Kozlowski, Post Commander of the MAR-LIN VFW 10203 presents a check for \$4700.00 to President of the MOH Society Jeff Morgan while Secretary Bernie Knippel looks on. Steve Sabatke coordinated the entire event with VFW Merrill Post 1638 and the 1st Annual Fallen Fluckers Golf Tournament was held on 8 October 2016 as a fund raising event. The proceeds from this event were donated to the MOH Society for all the work they do helping veterans and their families in need. The MOH graciously accepted the donation from Post Commander Kozlowski and extends their deepest gratitude to all involved in this very special event. Rest assured that some of our local veterans will benefit from this very special gift.

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 September 10, 2016 to present.

Funds report for this period:

Auto Repair - \$1,124
Food/Gas - \$700
Funeral - \$200
House Payment - \$2,000

House Payment - \$1,000

Rent - \$730

Rent - \$700

Rent - \$550

Utilities - \$915

Utilities - \$557

VFW Hatley - \$500

Total paid this period - \$8,976

Total year to date - \$40,287

Updated By-Laws

The copy of the updated By-Laws are included in the newsletter which are:

Membership - Membership is open to all U.S. Military Veterans, Active Duty Personnel and those serving in the Reserves or National Guard. Membership application will be accompanied by a DD Form 214 which must indicate honorable discharge. Military retirees and active duty personnel need only to produce current I.D. card. Requests that do not indicate honorable discharge will be reviewed by the Officers to determine eligibility.

MAN OF HONOR PACKER PARTY

Written by Bernie Knippel



The Packer party was a total success. There was one exception – Dallas won 30-16. A great time was had by all (about 40 people made it there). The food was great. We had ribs on a stick along with Lee's original chicken and all the trimmings. Our guests of honor were Mark and Barb Lyon. Mark has done a super job running our refreshment center for the past several years so we gave him a break for this party. Everyone there signed a football and it was presented to them. It was especially nice as they had no idea that this was going to happen. Tom Wroblewski from the band HYDE joined us for the afternoon and we had a



great time with him. We had pools going all during the game and some got lucky and some not so fortunate. Overall it was an exciting day and enjoyed by all. Too many people to thank for all the hard work that went into the party, but they know who they are. We thank everyone for coming and making it a very special day.



Put Up Your Dukes

Written by Bernie Knippel



Or



The two Sergeant At Arms nominees square off at the Dallas/Green Bay Packer Party. Of course all was in jest. Brian Thompson and John Fust are good friends and regardless of who wins the Sgt At Arms position, they support one another 100%. Everyone at the party enjoyed the gesture and a good time was had by all.

Happy Birthday



November

- 1 - Joshua K. Withers, USMC
- 3 - Michael Skains, USMC/
USCG
- 4 - David Barttelt, US Navy
- 6 - DK Sampey, US Army
- 7 - Les Luebner, Army NG
- 7 - Patrick Krafty, USMC
- 8 - Marcia Hoard, Associate
- 9 - Douglass Myer, US Navy
- 10 - John Heck Jr., Army

Reserve

- 10 - Scott Kreager, US Army
- 10 - Al Morasch, US Army
- 11 - Rick Sisterman, USAF
- 12 - Andy Schoeder, US Navy
- 13 - Kenneth Henkelman,
USMC
- 13 - Eugene Klinger, US Navy
- 13 - Jim Linden, US Navy
- 17 - Leroy Albright, US Army
- 20 - Mike Thompson, Air NG
- 21 - Brent Leach, Army NG
- 23 - Audrey Narlock-Thayer,
US Army
- 24 - Rob Bluhm, US Army
- 26 - Dale Millard, USMC
- 27 - Alice Yonker, US Army
- 29 - Christina Dryden, USAF
- 29 - Clarence Treu, USAF

December

- 8 - Tom Knetter, USMC
- 8 - Randy Rasmussen, USMC
- 9 - Larry Hotchkiss, US Army
- 9 - Steve Yonker, USMC
- 10 - Derrick Laine, US Army
- 10 - Gordon Steinke, US Army
- 11 - Walter Fredrick, US Army
- 15 - Ted Jacobsen, US Army
- 15 - Dennis Wolfe, US Army

- 16 - Dennis Bell, US Army
- 17 - Tim Sanders, US Army
- 18 - Don Masterson, US Army
- 19 - Tom Joss, USCG
- 23 - Loren Kurth, USCG
- 24 - Korin Conner, Army NG
- 25 - David Schave, USMC
- 27 - Elwyn Parlin, WI NG
- 27 - James Wadzinski
- 28 - Jerold Gutknecht, US
Army
- 29 - Jeff Krueger, USAF
- 30 - Thomas Beese, US Army
- 31 - Joe Buska, Associate
- 31 - Alan Christensen, US
Army

The birthday winners who attended the last meeting for \$25 for September was Wiley Sparks, US Army SF and for October was Tim Gosse, US Army. Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have six new members in our society which brings it to a total of 394. Let's welcome the following:

Christina Dryden, USAF
Martin Glenn, US Army
Roger Grebe, US Army
Brian Heier, US Navy
Allen Hotchkiss, US Army
Bradley Nerad, USMC

We are always looking for new members to help on our many functions, such as: Raffle, selling raffle tickets, parades, committees, building maintenance, and much more.

Time Change!

Daylight savings time ends.

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour November 6th!

New Member Orientation

Saturday, 19th of November, at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse, I'll conduct New Member Orientation. Any one can join in. If you couldn't get to the last one, here's your chance to find out what makes our society run.

Informal, come as you are. You may bring a guest and must be 21 or over.

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 or 715-571-9620.

There are no obituaries in this newsletter at this time.

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

Coming Events:

November 11, 2016 - Veterans Day being held at the VFW 388 River Drive Wausau, WI 54403. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards a luncheon is being served.

November 12, 2016 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m. Election of officers for President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms.

December 3, 2016 - Ham Give Away at 9:00 a.m. at the VFW 388 River Drive Wausau, WI 54403. The setup time will be between 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. to get the hams unloaded and barricades set up.

December 10, 2016 - Christmas party will be held at the Hoffman House 2901 Hummingbird Road Rib Mountain, WI 54401 from 4:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Cocktails: 4:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Program: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per person plus 1 drink ticket of your choice

Music: Archives 7-11 p.m.

Pizza: Approximately 9:30 p.m.

Donation to Homeless Veterans at

King: This is **NOT** a requirement. See invitation for details.

Reservation and money due by December 3, 2016. Money will **NOT** be accepted at the Christmas Party.

We are also reserving a block of rooms under the Man of Honor for those who would like to stay

over night. The rooms are \$70 for Saturday night which includes the veterans discount. Cheaper than a DWI! Reservations can be made now until the deadline of November 10th. There are 5 pool side rooms and 7 regular rooms on the first floor left. Please, get your rooms reserved by **November 10th**.

Contact: Quality Inn at 715-842-1616

December 17, 2016 -

Wreaths Across America at King, WI. The wreath laying is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., program is at 11:00 a.m. If you plan on attending, the MOH bus is leaving the clubhouse between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. Jeff Morgan will be discussing it more at the meeting.

Scholarship Program

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chair

I am extremely excited to announce the new MOH Scholarship Program which was approved by membership at our last MOH meeting in September.

The program is designed to give a little help to children and grandchildren of MOH members that are continuing their education after high school graduation.

The program is structured so that all qualified high school graduates will receive a scholarship.

We have budgeted \$2000 annually for the program.

Here are the qualifications:

1. Open to children and grandchildren of MOH members.

MOH member must have been a member of MOH as of 12/31 of the prior year to qualify.

2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and have been accepted to an accredited college, technical school or trade school.

3. MOH will fund up to \$2000 per year for program.

4. Scholarship awards will not exceed \$200 per applicant.

5. All qualified applicants will receive a scholarship, not to exceed \$200 (up to 10 students would receive \$200, if over 10 applications, the \$2000 will be divided equally amongst all applicants).

6. Program will begin with 2017 graduates.

7. Applications must be received by funds committee no later than April 15 of the application year.

8. The funds committee will administer this program.

9. Only one scholarship will be awarded to any applicant and must be the year they graduate from high school.

Scholarships

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