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Gene Strutzenberg and 82nd Historian Rick Holle at Madison Military Museum.



John Hankas, FSSF, awards. Would he have known Art Duebner???

## Fondie P.O. will be named after Maggie June 14!

On June 14, the Fond du Lac Post Office will be named after Maggie!

This will be the greatest honor for Maggie, the 504, Wisconsin's 82nd Troopers and all Airborne. Be there!!

In addition to the ceremony at the P.O., Fondie Legion Post Commander, Ed Barnes, USMC, plans a dinner, program, displays, re-enactors, drinks and Maggie will sign books. The Badger Chapter will be there. Join us!!



Dave Kemp, Eau Claire, Badger Sgt. @ Arms, 82nd then 173rd in Vietnam talks bombs and bullets with Maggie at our 2014 All Airborne Memorial in Stevens Point. Maggie backs RVN Vets and points up the timeless Airborne Brotherhood everywhere he goes. The 82nd's most decorated, lead-from-the-front officer, Maggie holds the DSC, two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts and a host of Airborne Infantry awards. He is an Honorary member of the Badger Chapter. Now 99, Maggie returned to Holland in April for a memorial for his 504 Brothers! (Laney pic).

### First Special Service Force, Hankas & Duebner

The FSSF was broken up after the Champagne

Campaigne and members were reassigned to the 82nd, 101st and Norway. The Germans had 300000troops in Norway! John Hankas, Hastings, went there. John, is at left receiving awards from a Norwegian Ambassador . Art was from Medford. We watched the Congressional ceremony last year when the members of the 1st Special Service Force received the Congressional Gold Medal. Art made his Last Jump years ago but John was there. The Medal was accepted by a

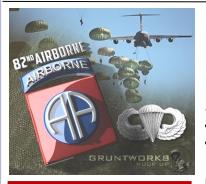


Canadian and American. The American was Gene Guiterrez, Weslaco, TX, a Ranger who we know from Marine Military Academy Parades in Harlingen, TX. They have the original Iwo Jim Monument there. Small world! I checked the FSSF roster. Art is there as is George Schickling from Prescott and a whole lot more from WI. George was KIA either with the FSSF or 82nd. If you can help me with any info at all on Wisconsin FSSF Troopers I'd appreciate it! - Tom Laney, tlaney1776@gmail.com. Art's in Doc Stolp's book, pg. 24 Next Meeting 1:30PM May 14 Marshfield Library 211 E. 2nd St. Marshfield, WI

See minutes inside for details. There is a ton of Badger Airborne stuff going on that you'd love to be into!

WE NEED **YOU**!!

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## **Chairman's Report**

**Empowerment:** The process that allows one to gain the knowledge, skill-sets and attitude needed to cope with the changing world and the circumstances in which one lives.

Interesting, sounds like the process we all have been through when facing various challenges in personal growth, raising children, and serving our country, not only as a veteran, but also as a paratrooper.

My article today to all of you is of a subject that has crossed my mind recently as different forces pull and tear on the fabric of our great nation, as a veteran, I remember my experiences in the service and have

drawn a few points of interest and thought I would share them with you all. My experiences in the service are not unlike many as a group of individuals from all races and creeds come together to establish an unstoppable force, where teamwork and professionalism unite for mission accomplishment, great or small. No one person gets things done, however it takes a combined effort of all to successfully carry out the Commander's intent, and get the job done. Racism, bigotry, negative attitude, and entitlement may be pre-

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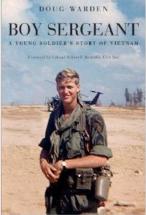
great things. One of the greatest lessons I learned in my young life is that people all generally have the same needs. And that despite cultural differences, most people have to put their pants on one leg at a time.

We as paratroopers, know this, but we have mastered it. These team efforts have been a way of life for us and we have accomplished greater than the average bear because of our acceptance of this fact and our implementation of empowerment. Now is the time to teach, advocate, foster, and empower those around us. We have a great opportunity to preserve our nation's awesome legacy forward, to sustain the rights and freedoms of all individuals, through education of our experiences and mo-

tivation from within. We need to remind those that may need it the "can do" attitude is one that wins, and that process ensures success. People, both veterans and civilians may struggle in life, but we as ones who have been tested above and beyond as paratroopers have the ability to make a difference in their lives.

Through this process, we can help secure our division of people, through this act of leadership, we can empower those struggling to never quit, accept the challenge and drive on, and accomplish the mission, whatever it may be.

All The Way, Bret VanBlaircom, Chairman







# Secretary's Report

CAPTURING VETERAN EXPERIENCES The Wisconsin Military Museum initiated a pro-



Badger Chapter member Capt. Harv Johnson, Alaska, was a fixed wing pilot in RVN. Has lots of stories about that including a serious crash. gram, some time ago, to collect the oral histories of individual veterans and housing them at their museum. Many of our chapter veterans who served in WW II are preparing to make their final jump and we have not captured their experiences during that service to their country. This is a sad state of affairs and we need to make the effort to contact and capture these experiences both for posterity and to provide future generation's specific and direct experience that is from the best source. the service members involved. We know that each of our members has shared information with the chapter that they wish to keep private and have not given permission for us to share. This presents somewhat of a "catch 22" in that the mu-

seum staff don't know who are members are therefore they can't contact individuals in an attempt to capture their experiences. Consequently, we, the chapter leadership, are asking your permission to share only contact information, e.g., name, address, telephone number and email if available. This would allow the museum staff to discuss the process with you, secure the appropriate releases and give you the opportunity to assess their credentials. We feel this is a priority that should be considered by all of our members



Capt. James L. Williams led H BLT 2/4 during the initial assault on Dong Huan on 30 April 1968. He was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade. *Courtesy J. L. O'Neill*.

Now COL (Ret) Williams, San Diego, USMC Force Recon, is another Badger Chapter Member with great RVN stories. Holds two Silver Stars and Purple Hearts. A True "Magnificent Bastard" Combat Hero, he's almost Packers (from Winona,MN) Working on a story on him.

and give the museum this opportunity to expand the oral histories data they already have on hand. Please let me know if you have strong objections to sharing this contact information and/or what assurances you need to eliminate the objections. I would like to complete conversations with the museum by Independence Day 2016.

Thank you for considering this project and rest assured we will abide by your wishes.

Gil Holcomb, Secretary, Badger State All Airborne

# **Vice-Chair's Report**

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** I would like to share with you the decision on bidding for a National Convention that the exec. committee made at our meeting on Sat, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Marshfield.

The bottom line is that we do not feel that we have enough support to plan and run a National convention at this time so we will NOT be putting a bid in for the 2018convention.

We did vote on and approve that we WILL continue planning and put in a bid for the <u>2019</u> convention. Looking at the work that needed to be done by the BSC we needed 7-9 committed members to head committees with additional members to serve as co-chairs. It was our opinion that once it came to convention time we would have enough volunteers to step up to assist but the planning and organizing is too much to ask of 4-5 people.

Members of the executive committee that will be at the convention this year will be meeting with Bill Eberle and the Kentucky Chapter convention chairman to make sure we have the correct and complete information to bid and run a successful National Convention.

The Fox Cities Convention Bureau and the Paper

Valley Hotel support this far has been outstanding and we will continue to work with them in the future to develop the final bid. The bid is due to National by the end of April, two years prior to the convention. It should be our goal to have our bid completed and sent in by 1 Jan, 2017. This gives us time to work with National to get the convention.

I look forward to any and all members to get back to me with the commitment that



they would be willing to act as a chair or just help with the convention. To rehearse this we are going to looking for members to step up to support the Hi Ground event June  $19^{\rm th}-25^{\rm th}$  this year. Bret will have more info in this newsletter.

See you all on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Marshfield. Airborne Jim Yenchesky, Vice Chairman

## Mail Call:



Herb speaking at the 2024 325/82nd Memorial in England with son Don.

#### Hi Tom,

Thanks for your well-wishes. Herb is beginning to require more care than the assisted living staff can provide, so we enlisted hospice to provide support for him a couple days per week. This will allow him to stay in his private apartment at the assisted living facility rather than move into a nursing home. Dad's legs are weak and he is barely able to take a few steps with his walker, so he is mostly pushed around in a wheelchair, and he is also having some cognitive difficulties. But considering he is 96, is doing as well as can be expected. My sister Liz and I continue to visit with him many times each week, and we and the staff are taking could care of him. He is a very sensitive and decent man, and I'm constantly reminded of how lucky I've been to have him as my father. I'll tell him you said hello and wish him well. ATW, Don Huebschen

#### Tom.....

at the 70th Anniv of Normandy...the C-47 club had their own ceremony at LaFiere Bridge....Ray Fary spoke and pointed out the location of a 57 mm antitank gun....also the 7 members who manned it ,all KIA... then Duane Pinkston ,medic 505 PIR showed us the Leroux house...only 20 meters from the bridge] ..here under the 3 ft crawl space , he treated over 100 paratroopers...he repeatedly help drag men from the bridge, then under the crawl space to give them aid....

" Pinky" would receive the " Silver Star"....this winter he passed away, and I sent his wife a photo of he and I in front of the Airborne Museum in Ste Mere Eglise.....I wished you could have been with us...

#### Tom,

As you maybe know, I'm a native of Grand-Halleux and Mr. Megellas is one of the last heroes who liberated my village. I desperately wish to meet with him or even get a written message from him. I know he is 99 years 'young' and I do not want to bore him. My dream would be, in the meanwhile, to get an autographed copy of his book...I already bought one copy via e-bay but it would be great to get an autographed copy from Mr. Megellas. Tom, I know we've never met, but could you maybe help me in this dream? I would refund you and I would send the money to you or to my close friend, Judy Durkee or her son Russel.

Warm regards,

Eddy Lamberty

C-47 Club, Belgium

Ed. Note: Hoping Eddy will join us June14!

## Last Jumps

### **Clifford W. McGinnis**

Posted: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:21 am

Clifford W. McGinnis, 84, of Fort Atkinson, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2016.

He was born on March 12, 1932, in Milwaukee, son of the late Clifford A. and Beatrice (Strange) McGinnis.

Clifford served in the United States Army 82nd Airborne.

He was a mail carrier, and he owned and operated Cliff's Heating Service until retiring in 1992.

Clifford married Joan Gottschalk on June 21, 1952.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson, and a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 39 and of the 105th Cavalry Freedom Stables.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Joan McGinnis of Fort Atkinson; daughters, Kathleen Kramer of Muskego, Sharon (Rick Grams) McGinnis of Milwaukee and Dawn (Steve) Armin of Hebron; sons, Michael McGinnis of Milwaukee and Patrick (Kelly) McGinnis of East Troy; grandchildren, Luke McGinnis, Samantha McGinnis, Katie (Patrick) Rock and Angela McGinnis; sister, Elizabeth Guinness of Chicago; former daughter-in-law, Lori Hakola; best buddy, Bill Zielke of Fort Atkinson; and his special pets, Muffin and Patches.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Todd Kramer.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 17, at 11 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson with the Rev. Russ Frees officiating.



Badger Chapter Member Justin Connaher, the finest All American Photographer in the land, will be coming from Alaska to Maggie's Big Day, June14! We'll also have the 504 Color Guard and a host of Paratroopers! Be there!

Family will be meeting in the Garden of Eternal Life at 3 p.m. for military honors crypt side at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield.

#### Leon H. Genz

Leon H. Genz, age 86, passed away at his home in Wednes-

day, July 29, 2015 with his family by his side. He was born on November 25, 1928 in Oshkosh, the son of the late Herbert and Mabel (Beattie) Genz. Leon proudly served his country from



1948 until 1952 as a Corporal in the Army's 307th Engineering Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. Leon was united in marriage to Carol Cramer on February 3, 1996 in Oshkosh. Leon was a member of the AM Vets Post 7 and also enjoyed building RC airplanes, fishing, golfing and bowling. He always treasured spending time with his grandchildren.

Leon is survived by his wife, Carol, one son, William (Holly Magrady) Genz, three step-sons, Mark (Becky) Fabisch, Tom (Brenda) Fabisch and Jerome (Kelli) Fabisch; two step-daughters, Cheryl (Alan Mundt) Fabisch and Linda (Mark) Brueske; 14 grandchildren: Alicia, Brandon, Brittany, Sean, Megan, Kayla, Adam, Carly, Loralei, Hannah, Tate, Mike, Susan and Ryan; further survived by other relatives and dear friends. Leon is preceded in death by three sisters, Betty, Joyce and Arlene.

Funeral Service was held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 12:00 noon, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive.

**Rick Holle** 

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 2, 2016 "LEST WE FORGET" MILITARY MUSEUM MARSHFIELD WISCONSIN LIBRARY

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: \_1335

2. OPENING PRAYER: ASSIGNED TO: Bret VanBlaircom

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ASSIGNED TO: GII

4. ATTENDANCE: Bret VanBlaircom; Jim Yenchesky; Frank Morris; Jim Morris; Gil Holcomb; Marge Morris; Sandy Morris

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT: MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: MADE BY: Frank Morris SECOND BY: Jim Yenchesky RESULT: Carried

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT MADE BY: Frank Morris SECOND BY: Bret VanBlaircom RESULT: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (None)

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Bret has in mind an organization similar to a military unit and will be providing an organization chart for our use.

9. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- General Member Meeting/Executive Committee Meeting, Marshfield, WI., 1330, May 14, 2016.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

7.

A. RAFFLE STATUS UPDATE. Materials mailed out.

B. BUDGET – Does not indicate it will be paid.

C. HIGH GROUND-COORDINATION WITH ONGOING EVENTS. May 19-25, 2016, plans to set up a station to recruit for Chapter. Bret will talk with Saxton to see if he is available, Gil will talk with James Holcomb on his availability.

D. HIGH GROUND-COORDINATION ON PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE. Scheduled to speak with the High Ground Board of Directors. Already has a similar display that we can use as example.

E. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NATIONAL. Approved, to be mailed next week.

F. FOND DU LAC POST OFFICE EVENT/DEDICATION. Still no date established but desires to be in attendance supporting James.

12. UPDATE ON COINS. Coins late should be received next week.

13. HOSTING OR CO-HOSTING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN WISCONSIN, UPDATE & ASSIGNMENTS. Motion was made by Jim Yenchesky, seconded by Jim Morris to pass on 2018 and put in for 2019, motion carried. Wanted to see how mem-

bers support events such as the High Ground before committing to the larger convention. Jim has the SOP and previous convention AAR, which identifies the priorities. We need to solicit additional support from the 505<sup>th</sup> Assoc., 325<sup>th</sup> Assoc., and the Southern Chapter to support convention activities. 14. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. SPECIAL MEETING EVENTS, I.E., HIGH GROUND; WI MILITARY MUSE-UM (MADISON); ASHLEY WAR MEMORIAL; MARSHFIELD MILITARY MUSEUM; INTER-NAL DATES FOR MEMBERS; TRUAX AIR BASE EOD SHOP; MILWAUKEE MUSEUM-ZOO-MILITARY MUSEUMS, ETC; AREA PICNICS. High Ground will be our first event, a weeklong event. Also looking at having a recruiting booth at the VFW and American Legion annual conventions.

B. OTHER EVENTS SPONSOR FOR FUND RAISING; INDOOR PISTOL COM-PETITION; FUN JUMPS; GUN RAFFLE, ETC., FT MCCOY RETIREE DAYS. No decisions, will continue to consider.

C. SPECIAL DEDICATION OF THE DISPLAY AT THE MARSHFIELD MILI-TARY MUSEUM-DONATED A COPY OF DOC'S BOOK FOR DISPLAY AND OTHER ITEMS DONATED BY THE FAMILIES. The ceremony will be conducted at the May 14 meeting. Tom Laney is to contact Sara Connor and Gil spoke with Shirley during our meeting. Mike was unavailable. Gil will coordinate the activities with Mike and Shirley. Plan on having refreshments after the event as well as a site dedication. Need to clarify any restrictions on use of facility with city librarian.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1505 Motion was MADE BY: Jim Morris, SECOND BY: Frank Morris, RESULT: Carried.

Gil Holcomb: Received a note from Tom Roesler. He has been bedridden for over a year and unable to pay his dues. He wants to maintain his active status but is unable to afford the dues. He is paid through 2015 but his dues are currently late and pending. I would like to propose we establish a process by which we can subsidize individuals in these kinds of situations. This would involve the Chapter paying national \$17 to renew his active status and the Chapter eating their \$8 portion of the dues. Each situation would require unanimous approval by the Executive Committee and approval would be on the individual merits. If you approve the process, let me know via email. If you're ok with that I present Tom as our first candidate for the subsidy. Let me know if you approve, also via email. Passed by Executive Committee.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 12, 2016 MINUTES

The meeting was held at Bunkers (Post 10 American Legion), Wausau, Wisconsin. The meeting was dedicated to Jerome Morrow who made his last jump on February 22, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 1403 hours. Opening prayer was given by Jim Yenchesky and the pledge of allegiance led by the Chairman. Attendees were: Bret VanBlaircom; Jim Yenchesky; Gil Holcomb; Frank Morris; Lenny Shier; Dave Kemp; Jim Morris; Marge Morris; and Sandy Morris.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a presentation related to the suicide crisis experienced by our military veterans. Frightening statistics: 22 per day; 107,800 since September 11<sup>th</sup>; 16 times the number of casualties in both "sand boxes". The Chairman will be pursuing legislative and societal issues to involve the Chapter and its members in seeking solutions and providing assistance to service members and their families to impact the numbers. Motion was made by Bret Van Blaircom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gil Holcomb to use funds from the KIA Fund to add a name plate for Trooper Marine to the Walt Pakulski All Airborne Memorial. Motion passed.

The Chairman also congratulated Lenny Shier in being appointed the State VAVS Chairperson for the VAVS Program in the Department of Wisconsin of the DAV.

A motion was made by Frank Morris, seconded by Gil Holcomb to accept the prior meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Frank Morris, seconded by Jim Yenchesky to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Motion Passed.

Frank and Marge Morris reported on the status of the preparations for the Annual Golf Outing, which will be at The Tribute Golf Course, on June 4, 2016. It behooves all members to seek "golf hole" sponsors and golf teams to participate in the event. (Note: any reference to "Wounded Warrior" will be eliminated from the golf outing advertisements, replaced by "Paratrooper Rehabilitation Program" or something like that ) The membership will receive an information sheet with their raffle tickets, which will be mailed by March 21<sup>st</sup>. Marge is managing the raffle again this year with the drawing taking place at the meeting in November at King.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the next Executive Committee meeting will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Marshfield Library (Museum) at 1400 hours. Subsequently an Executive Committee and general membership meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> also at the Marshfield Library (Museum). We will also man a "recruiting" tent at the High Ground during the events on July 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>. Jim will talk with the Neillsville National Guard unit to see if they can assist with tentage.

Gil Holcomb will be working with the Plover VFW to determine their interest in picking up more of the Walt memorial, Stevens Point, activities while the Chapter continues to provide maintenance and physical support. He will also prepare a dedication ceremony for our new home at the Marshfield Library Museum with invitations to local media and city representatives. He will be working with the Schwarm family to enliven the Battle of the Bulge memorial ceremony conducted in Wausau in December 2016.

Gil Holcomb has contacted the Wisconsin Military Museum (Madison, WI) concerning any oral or written histories they have captured from Chapter members. They have histories from Phillip Kallas, Terry Musser, Robert Phillips, and Eugene Strutzenberg. We will be working with the museum to contact Chapter members to give them the opportunity to memorialize their experiences through the oral history project. We will include information in the next newsletter and will also have direct mailings to inform members of the process and build on our existing histories.

Gil brought in several samples of jackets to replace the existing Chapter jackets. The samples are from the local company, Webco, and are within the price range wanted. Overall the selection was for the battleship gray jacket. The Chapter logo patch would go on the left breast with the national association logo on the back of the jacket. He will get a jacket set up so we can share it with the membership.

An update on the reorder of coins, they should be in by the end of March.

The following individuals were approved for honorary membership in the Chapter:

a. Sara Witter Connor (Motion by Lenny Shier/2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Morris/ approved)

b. Shirley Mook (Motion by Lenny Shier/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenchesky/approved)

c. Mike Freirer (Motion by Lenny Shier/2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Kemp/ approved)

Gil will work on the appropriate ceremony for presentation.

A motion was made by Frank Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenchesky, to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the King Veterans Cemetery, motion passed.

The Executive Committee approved Jim's continued efforts to bid on the 2018 National 82<sup>nd</sup> Association Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin. We will continue efforts to involve the Southern Chapter in assisting with the convention. Jim has completed the applications and will submit the bid by the end of April. It is important that the membership assist in order to have a successful convention. More to come.

More information will be obtained and provided relating to the Market Garden Memorial drawing.

The Chapter definitely wants to participate in the dedication of the post office for James Megellas as soon as the legislation has passed and a date has been established.

A motion was made by Frank Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Shier to investigate the cost of acquiring and maintain a web site for our Chapter and report back to the Executive Committee by the next Executive Committee meeting. Motion Passed.

Bret received approval to use interns to assist with converting historical documents to electronic format and identify software that will allow easy access through the WWWeb.

Motion was made by Bret Van Blaircom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Shier, to adjourn the meeting at 1630. Motion Passed.

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## **BADGER ALL AIRBORNE NEWS**

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## Honor Maggie, Remember all the Airborne!



Bernard Cheney, 551st then H504; Bill Hannigan, H504, one of Maggie's Squad Leaders; and Maggie visiting the many, many Brothers who never made it home from the ETO. Now 99, Maggie continues to travel and memorialize his friends and combat comrades and advise another generation to GO AIRBORNE!

Cheneaux, 1945. Maggie, left, with then 1LT Ed Sims and a few of the H504 killers—said to be a "bloodthirsty pack of jackals" by Ike's aide.

COL Ed Sims spent the last 16 years of his life fighting the DOA for proper recognition of Maggie's Herresbach Valor—which was the Medal Of Honor. That fight is ongoing.