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All Four Facilities at Wisconsin Veterans Home at King Now Ranked 5-Stars *First Time this Milestone Reached*

MADISON - Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary John A. Scocos announced today that according to the October 2016 Nursing Home Compare Five-Star Ratings of Nursing Homes Provider Rating Report by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), each of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King's four facilities is now rated 5-stars out of 5-stars, the first time this milestone has been reached at the Home.

"Our mission is to provide the safest and best quality care to our nation's heroes and the latest reports by CMS indicate that our efforts are paying off," Secretary Scocos said. "While we did receive some citations during our latest inspection, we take those citations seriously and as always we are putting corrective action plans in place immediately so that we may make improvements."

CMS implemented the Five-Star Quality Rating System on Nursing Home Compare in December 2008, assigning each individual nursing home a rating based on: quality of care delivered; direct care staffing levels; and the results of annual healthcare inspections conducted by each state's department of health. The facilities at King have individually been rated at 5-stars at varying times, but this is the first instance where all four facilities were rated 5-stars all at the same time.

Wisconsin Veterans Homes undergo regular rigorous inspection by both State and Federal entities who review a set of 187 healthcare standards and 82 life safety standards. State Department of Health Services and US Department of Veterans Affairs annual inspections of the Wisconsin Veterans Homes take several days to complete by teams of professionals whose job it is to understand the many regulations that affect the care that individuals receive at 24-hour skilled nursing care facilities.

Only 15 percent of homes in the country receive a 5-star rating.

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