

WDVA Secretary's Column

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Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs



Vietnam – Forty Years Later (Part 1)

The Vietnam Veterans War Memorial on the National Mall in Washington D.C. is one of the lasting testaments we have to our public memory of the Vietnam War. Its polished granite slabs, each representing a year of conflict, descend below the surface of the mall. The walls grow taller and quieter as the lists of soldiers killed each year expands.

The memorial, funded by veterans themselves years after the war was over, tells no story and makes no statement – except to make personal the cost of war and the scale of our losses. The mirror-like walls also quietly reflect the faces of those who visit, including those who supported the war, those who opposed it, and those learning about it for the first time.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the end of the War in Vietnam, one of America's most frustrating and poorly understood military conflicts. (More than half all Americans today have no memory of Vietnam.)

Over the summer, I'll be revisiting the history and the stories of Vietnam. I'll revisit some of the battles, some of the Wisconsin stories, and some of the lessons of Vietnam.

My purpose is simple: America should never forget the lessons of its wars. Nor should we take for granted the dividends of security we see every day in the form of a strong economy, extraordinary personal freedoms and a unified will as a nation to work toward a better future.

As Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the lesson from the Vietnam War I want Wisconsin to remember most is the need to honor our veterans as they return from service, despite the national debate over how our forces are used.

Memories are short, and history books are thinly read. The reality is that Vietnam is not unique in many ways. All military conflicts are politically divisive. America engaged in World War I only after huge political protests. America didn't declare war in World War II until after Hitler had taken over most of Europe and Japan had captured most of the Asian Pacific including China, the Philippines, and almost all the island nations between Hawaii and continental Asia.

Yet Vietnam was unique. More than any war in our collective memory, Vietnam still burns hot with many of us. The 20-year-war saw social upheaval that pitted family members against each other; dominated political debate; disrupted universities, created riots and, in some cases even pitted our government against some of its own citizens.

Nearly 3 million Americans served during the Vietnam era, including 209,000 from Wisconsin. More than 300,000 were wounded, some injured forever. Of the 58,000 men and women's names engraved on the walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 1,229 are from Wisconsin.

What is poorly remembered is that those who fought and survived returned to a nation that in many cases turned its back on them. Returning veterans were not treated as heroes, or even as patriotic citizens. They were seen as part of a war people didn't like. Many soldiers went so far as to remove their uniforms on their flights home to avoid harassment and ridicule.

Our young men and women served honorably in Vietnam. Soldiers don't make foreign policy, they serve America. Soldiers don't swear allegiance to the president or to a political party, they pledge to serve and uphold America and the Constitution.

That's why, this summer, I want our state to remember our young men and women who served in Vietnam – and to remind us all that we still have veterans returning from many outposts around the world.

Vietnam taught us that we should never forget that these young men and women should be treated with honor. This summer, as we reflect on the 40th anniversary of the end of the War in Vietnam, I want to help us remember to do just that.

This is the first in a series of columns about Vietnam that will be published this year.



Spelling Bee at the Marden Center

1st place: Jackie King
Winners up: Bob Bayerl, Virginia Lockery, Richard Schuh

Attention Courier subscribers!

During the months of July,
August, and September the
Courier will be condensed due
to the editor being on maternity
leave. We apologize for any
inconvenience.





The **American Legion Riders District 8** donated military emblems for the Marden Center.



The Salvation Army from Appleton, WI dropped off Easter bunnies for the members.



Chris & June Stanton donated 12 large boxes of Girl Scout cookies.



Don McGowan and Roger Dorman from **DAV Chapter 60** donated over 500 blankets.



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Vietnam Veterans Day Program













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Pictures taken by King volunteer Doug Watson.

On behalf of the members, we sincerely *Thank Everyone* for their generous donations.



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Member Mentor Volunteers are NEEDED!

The number of admissions at WVH has increased in the last several months leading to an awareness that more volunteers are needed in all of the buildings to serve as member mentors. Member mentors are the friendly "neighbors" who greet new admissions and help the new member become acquainted with other members and staff at WVH. The member mentor also provides inside information about what life is like here at King. Members can give tips on how to navigate around campus, who to see with questions and basic information and guidelines which are important for new members to know.

Do you like people? Do you like to welcome others? If you do, contact your unit social worker to learn how you can become a member mentor.





April Anniversaries

- 15 Frederick and Betty Justus
- 19 Joseph and Carlene Osterling

May Anniversaries

- 17 Gary and Cora Schwersinske
- 26 Donald and Virginia Bures



VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEETING TIMES

VFW POST 1464

Meets first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Chapter #53 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the New London Community Center. Call (715) 823-5335 for meeting room.

AMVETS POST 1887

Meets last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 161

Meets second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. POST meets in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room. AUXILIARY meets in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

OPERATION DUSTOFF-VIETNAM VETERANS Meets second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room. Please call (715) 258-5586 ext. 3311 with any questions.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Meets third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

WAUPACA CVSO

Jesse Cuff will be in the Marden Social Security Office on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m to noon. For any questions, please call (715) 258-6477 or email him at jesse.cuff@co.waupaca.wi.us.

WI BASE OF SUBMARINE VETERANS

Meets the last Saturday of every month in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Please call (715) 630-0279 with any questions.



MARDEN MEMORIAL CENTER THEATER

Movies scheduled for MAY are:

Friday, May 1st at 1:30pm Catch Me If You Can PG-13, 141 min

Monday, May 4th at 1:30pm **About a Boy** PG-13, 102 min

Tuesday, May 5th at 1:30pm **Home Of the Giants**

PG-13, 101 min

Wednesday, May 6th at 1:30pm **Mail Order Bride** PG-13, 88 min

Thursday, May 7th at 1:30pm

Something's Gotta Give

PG-13, 128 min

Friday, May 8th at 1:30pm

To Catch A Thief

Not Rated, 106 min

Monday, May 11th at 1:30pm

Mamma Mia

PG-13, 109 min

Tuesday, May 12th at 1:30pm **Maid in Manhattan** PG-13, 98 min

Wednesday, May 13th at 1:30pm Ice Princess Rated G, 99 min

Thursday, May 14th at 1:30pm **Jersey Girl** PG-13, 102 min

Friday, May 15th at 1:30pm In Her Shoes PG-13, 130 min

Monday, May 18th at 1:30pm

What's the Worst That Could Happen?

PG-13, 93 min

Tuesday, May 19th at 1:30pm **The Natural** Rated PG, 105 min

Wednesday, May 20th at 1:30pm

Mr. Popper's PenguinsRated PG, 98 min

Thursday, May 21st at 1:30pm

The Hammer PG-13, 109 min

Friday, May 22nd at 1:30pm **Honor Flight** Rated PG, 99 min

Monday, May 25th
No Movie!
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26th at 1:30pm **We're No Angels** Not Rated, 105 min

Wednesday, May 27th at 1:30pm **A Walk In The Clouds** PG-13, 135 min

Thursday, May 28th at 1:30pm **Spider-Man** PG-13, 128 min

Friday, May 29th at 1:30pm **Return of the Outlaws** PG-13, 96 min Menus are subject to change. Please speak to dining room staff or your dietitian to request alternate choices which are indicated on the menu in parentheses.

Lunch Menus for APRIL 19 - MAY 16, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Roast Pork with Spiced Apple Ring (Roast Beef) Mashed Sweet Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Wax Beans (Spinach) Strawberry-Rhubarb Fruit Cup	Kielbasa (Baked Cod) American Fries (Whipped Potatoes) Diced Carrots (Diced Rutabagas) Butterscotch Pie	Lasagna (Turkey Tetrazzini) Steamed Zucchini (Diced Carrots) Warm Breadstick Vanilla Cheesecake	BBQ Riblet (Chicken Filet) Hashbrowns (Whipped Potatoes) Creamy Coleslaw (Pea Salad) Sweet Potato Pie	Salisbury Steak (Turkey Loaf) Whipped Potatoes With Gravy Whole Kernel Corn (Green Beans) Banana Cake	(Meatloaf) Baked Potato	25 Breaded Chicken Patty with Supreme Sauce (Salisbury Steak) Steamed Red Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Mixed Vegetables (Squash) Poppy Seed Cake with Icing
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Veal Piccata with Lemon Sauce (Macaroni and Cheese Noodles Romanov (Whipped Potatoes) Diced Beets (Diced Carrots) Blushing Pear	Chop Suey (Baked Cod) over Steamed Rice (Whipped Potatoes)	Baked Chicken (Meatloaf) With Cranberry Sauce Country Dumpling with Chicken Gravy (Whipped Potatoes) Squash (Asparagus) Frozen Strawberry	New England Style Boiled Dinner: Ham (Pork Roast) (Turkey Loaf) Boiled Potatoes with Carrots (Whipped Potatoes) Cabbage Wedge (Wax Beans) Potato Roll Oatmeal Cake	Meatloaf with Tomato Sauce (Chicken Fillet with Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Whole Kernel Corn (Asparagus) Date Cake	Potato Pancakes with Syrup (Whipped Potatoes) Bacon Strips (Scrambled Eggs) Applesauce Pumpkin Square	Chicken Pot Pie (Hamburger with a Bun) Tossed Salad (Waldorf Salad) With Thousand Island Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Chocolate Sundae
3 BBQ Pork Ribs (Meatloaf) French Fries (Potato Salad) Pea Salad (Carrot Salad) Banana Cream Pie	Smoked Beef Au Jus (Turkey Tetrazzini) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Cucumbers Vinaigrette (Tossed Salad with French Dressing) Potato Roll Iced Apple Bar	CINCO de MAYO Taco Salad (Cottage Cheese with Tomato) w/ Ranch Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Shredded Fiesta Blend Cheese Fritos® Corn Chips Cornbread Warm Cinnamon & Sugar Doughnut	Pork Chop with Apples, Onions, and Bacon (Meatloaf) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Pickled Beets (2 Bean Salad) Warm Dinner Roll Double Chocolate Pudding	7 Sliced Turkey with Cranberry Sauce (Pork Roast) Sage Dressing with Gravy (Whipped Potatoes) Peas, Mushrooms and Onions (Asparagus) Spice Cake	Broiled Tilapia with Tartar Sauce (Hot Sliced Turkey) Garlic Mashed Potatoes Fresh Spinach Salad (Pea Salad) With Bacon Vinai- grette Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Warm Rye Bread Raspberry Sherbet	Chicken Dijon (Tater Tot Hot Dish) Vegetable Fried Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Braised Red Cabbage (Peas) Pistachio Torte
MOTHERS' DAY Beef Pot Roast [Macaroni and Cheese Whipped Potatoes with Gravy Carrots, Celery and Onions (Wax Beans) Chocolate Angel Food Cake with Raspberry Cream	(Whipped Potatoes) Broccoli Cuts (Diced Carrots)	Chopped Steak w/ Sauteed Onions (Macaroni and Cheese) Creamed Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Braised Brussels Sprouts (Green Beans) Orange Sherbet	13 Breaded Pork Cutlet with Mushroom Gravy (Scrambled Eggs) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy) Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce (Spinach) Apple Pie	(Tater Tot Hot Dish) Wild Rice Blend (Whipped Potatoes) Vegetable Stir Fry	Poor Man's Lobster (Chicken Breast in Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato With Butter (Whipped Potatoes) Creamy Coleslaw (Pea Salad) Onion Rye Bread Raspberry Vanilla Cake	16 Savory Meatballs (Turkey Loaf) Whipped Potatoes Creamed Corn (Diced Beets) M&M Cookie



Wayne Schwanke
Lutheran Chaplain

Giving Freely!

What do churches, charitable groups, schools, hospitals, veterans service organizations, many community fire departments and the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King have in common? They are all blessed by the self-giving service of volunteers. The word "volunteer" first came into use around 1600 AD and referred to the giving of one's free will or "volition." According to modern English dictionaries, a volunteer is "a person who enters into, or offers themselves for any service, of his or her own free will, especially when done without pay." While there may be many reasons that motivate people to become volunteers, the desire to *give freely* is at the heart of every volunteer.

The members at WVH-King know all about volunteering. Many of our veterans volunteered for duty when their country needed them. Upon returning home, they volunteered in veterans' service organizations and in their communities and many continue to volunteer here at King. That type of service is how Tennessee received its favorite nickname: The Volunteer State. During the War of 1812, Governor Willie Blount called for men to serve and more than 3,000 volunteer soldiers joined the Tennessee militia, proudly proclaiming their readiness to preserve the honor and dignity of their country. Many historians believe that had these Tennessee volunteers not participated in the fighting, the war might have had a different outcome. Volunteers made a difference then, and they still do today.

Every year the Wisconsin Veterans Home honors it volunteers at a banquet, held this year on April 15th. Our other chaplains and I have had the joy and privilege of attending and participating in these events. I am

always astonished to see the sheer number of people from all walks of life, of all ages and from so many different communities offering their time, ability and energy to make a real difference in the lives of our members, their families and for the staff here at King. Every day, I see volunteers on our grounds helping in just about every aspect of WVH life. This year we honored our 377 registered volunteers, from age 15 to 92, who *gave freely* over 41,000 hours of themselves and their service to make King the great Veterans Home that it is. Volunteers have made a difference in the past and they still do today.

I believe there is no higher calling and no greater joy than for someone to *give freely* of themselves in the service of helping others and making a difference in another person's life, whether it is only for a few hours or over the course of many years. In fact, I believe, to volunteer is to follow in the very footsteps and work of God.

Christians have just again celebrated Good Friday and Easter. These historic events mark God's *giving freely* of His love, mercy and grace to our imperfect, sin-filled world, where selfishness and lack of help toward others is all too often the norm rather than the exception. The Good News is that God, the Father, chose to send a Savior to rescue us from sin and death. Jesus, the Son, "volunteered" for that service. Jesus willingly came into our world and *freely gave* Himself despite the cost of suffering and death on a cross. Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,

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Giving Freely!

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and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45 NIV) The cross of Jesus stands forever as the symbol of God's self-giving service to us, and the forgiveness which Jesus accomplished by His death on that cross is *freely given* to everyone who puts their trust in Him as Savior. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 NIV)

With His sacrificial service complete, Jesus rose from death. His resurrection life and empty tomb are a declaration of a victory over death and the grave that He *freely gives* to us. They are a quarantee that we have new life now and eternal life in Him. The selfishness of sin and the finality of death are destroyed. St. Paul reminds and reassures us, "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like His." (Romans 6:3-5 NIV) Jesus, who "volunteered" to give up His life for the world made a

difference in the past, still does today and will for all eternity in our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

That is precisely why St. Paul encourages us, "In your relationships with one another, have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5-8 NIV) Jesus' death and resurrection not only accomplish our salvation, they give us a new way of seeing others, and they motivate and empower us to volunteer, to give freely of ourselves in sacrificial service. God provides us with the gifts, abilities and time to use for others. If your gift is ... serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:7-8 NIV) Jesus told his disciples, "Freely you have received, freely give." (Matthew 10:8 NIV) That is what volunteers have done in the past and still do today.

I praise God for all of our WVH-King volunteers who follow the mindset of Jesus. I thank all of our volunteers for their loving and faithful service. By *giving freely* of yourselves you are a great blessing to us all!

Legends on the Lake I and II

Ainsworth Hall Memory Care Units

Philosophy of care

The staff of the Legends on the Lake are focused on providing personal, customized care. The mission of our memory care units is to enhance the quality of life for members with memory related issues while providing specialized care in a home-like and safe atmosphere. We understand the special emotional and physical needs of veterans who suffer from dementia, Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairments.

We employ a comprehensive approach based on personality, history, likes and dislikes of each member. By taking the time to learn about each member, we are able to incorporate aspects of family, work, hobbies, military service, and interests into their day. By focusing on pleasant times and experiences from their past, we can help them to maintain the highest possible level of functioning. By proposing choices, we help them to preserve their dignity and independence. By forming warm and sincere relationships, we can help them to feel at home and cared for.

As a family member or guardian, YOU are an important part of the inter-disciplinary team that coordinates care. Your history with your loved one and ongoing support is key in providing exceptional care.

For more information on our Memory Care Units please call our Admissions Department at 715-258-5586 Ext. 2270.

Religious Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home

Catholic Services

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL

10:00 AM

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11:00 AM

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SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:15 AM

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10:30 AM
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Bible Studies

MONDAY	10:30 AM	OLSON HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
THURSDAY	10:15 AM	AINSWORTH HALL 3rd FLOOR SOLARIUM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM 1:30 PM	MACARTHUR HALL DINING ROOM STORDOCK HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

^{***}AINSWORTH HALL 1 & 2 SERVICE - MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM***



We would like to welcome the following new members to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King:

Due to the Federal HIPAA Privacy Act only those members who have releases on file are listed.

Reginald A. Newton,

a Vietnam War Navy Veteran, joined us on March 2, 2015 from Columbus. He is living at SH 316A.

Orville E. Weaver,

a Korean War Army Veteran, joined us on March 5, 2015 from Hayward. He is living at OH 219A.

Vernon F. Jakusz,

a Korean War Air Force Veteran, joined us on March 5, 2015 from Traverse City, MI. He is living at OH 479B.

Rodney M. Johnson,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran, joined us on March 6, 2015 from Waupaca. He is living at OH 276.

Richard R. Bouton,

a Peacetime Era Marine Corps Veteran, joined us on March 10, 2015 from Portland, OR. He is living at OH 479A.

George R. Crowley,

a Peacetime Era Army Veteran, joined us on March 13, 2015 from Sauk City. He is living at AH 328A.

Barbara Johns,

a Korean War Army Veteran's spouse, joined us on March 17, 2015 from Amherst Junction. She is living at AH 459A.

William J. Joyce,

a Vietnam War Marine Corps Veteran, joined us on March 19, 2015 from Friendship. He is living at SH 579B.

Robert F. Lange,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran, joined us on March 19, 2015 from Poynette. He is living at OH 376B.

Richard L. Hommen,

a Peacetime Era Army Veteran, joined us on March 19, 2015 from Cambridge. He is living at OH 249B.

Kenneth L. Utecht,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran, joined us on March 20, 2015 from Mosinee. He is living at SH 579A.

Arthur I. Schroeder,

a WW II Army Veteran, joined us on March 27, 2015 from Appleton. He is living at OH 416A.

Michael S. Welzien,

a Peacetime Era Army Veteran, joined us on March 27, 2015 from Walworth. He is living at OH 276A.

2015 winners.

Joe- Cool fell into Rainbow Lake, 4/2 at 10:25am

Winners

Members

- 1- Al Freezy guessed 4/2 at 11:15am
- 2- Gene Paalman guessed 4/2 at 12:00pm
- 2- Jack Algiers guessed 4/2 at 12:00pm

Staff

- 1- Tabitha Klatt SH 5 CNA guessed 4/2 at 1:00pm
- 2- Flo MH-3 guessed 4/1 at 10:30pm
- 3- Donna Gutche AH CNA guessed 4/1 at 3:20pm

(Prizes will be distributed sometime this week)

GREEN COUPON BOOKS EXPIRING SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015 Attention King members!

Effective Sunday, May 31, 2015 the GREEN COUPON BOOKS WILL EXPIRE. Beginning June 1, 2015 the King Coffee Shop, Alley 5 Bar, Gift shop and taxi will no longer accept green colored coupon books. We encourage you to use your GREEN colored coupon books at our Annual Open House taking place on Sunday, May 17th or in the Coffee Shop, Bar and Gift shop prior to Monday, June 1, 2015.

We are currently issuing coupons that are the color YELLOW. You WILL be able to use the YELLOW colored coupon books now and after Monday, June 1, 2015.

We will have a new procedure for purchasing food IN THE PARK at our Open House this year. We will have two ticket booths where you will be able to use your coupon books (YELLOW or GREEN colored coupons) or money to purchase food tickets. There will be three food stands and one ice cream stand where you will need tickets to purchase food. You will be able to use your coupon books and cash in the Marden Center Coffee Shop, Bar, and Gift shop.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask our staff in the Marden Center or Finance Department.

March activities sponsored by the King Recreation Committe, Inc.

Fish Bait (Marden Activities)	\$ 400	МОРН
All Camp: In-House Meal- (Pizza)	\$ 300	DAV Aux
All Camp: In-House Meal- (Chicken)	\$ 300	AMVETS Aux
Entertainment and/or Special Party(all blo	dgs) \$ 875	ALA
Catered Meals-all buildings (\$300 ea bldg	\$ 1200	DAV



Thank you for your support and making a difference in the lives of King's veterans and their families.

APRIL Birthdays

1	James Mylett	MH265
2	Jack Algiers	MH332B
	Michael Rosio	MH280
4	Gertrude Hohensee	MH227
	Nancy Martens	AH136
5	Gary Schwersinske	AH352A
6	John Williams	MH332A
	Dwight Dickinson	0H541
	Ronald Bowman	AH328B
7	Richard Borley	SH249B
	Michael Vaughan	MH230
8	William Glanville	AH341
9	Richard Brown	0H342
	Marvin Lemke	0H546A
	Dorothy Stanosek	0H363
10	Frank Parzatka	AH435
11	Raymond Sanders	0H227
	Walter Peterson	AH163
	Glendon Collins	SH422

12	George Tomesek	MH257B
	Alice Bechard	AH202B
	John Hanson	0H306
	Larry Rand	AH236
	Bruce Barth	SH429
13	Richard Larson	SH523
15	Calvin Delikowski	OH283
16	Robert Reigel	SH265
	George Mitchell	SH582
	Arlene Post	AH326
	Harriet Main	AH325
17	Charles Ehaney	AH108
	Eva Grabski	SH376A
18	Doris Lange	AH308
19	Ernest Walters	SH232
20	Ruth Gravelle	AH429B
	Bobby Fleener	SH319A
21	Virginia Scheuerman	SH519A
	Charles Kellogg	SH580

22	James Jolly	MH283
23	Donald Bures	AH203
	Frederick Stocks	MH374B
24	Arthur Schuh	SH416A
25	Eugene Vezina	0H265
	Russell Mueller	SH238
26	Marcus Roskom	MH279
27	Dorice Feltheim	MH219
	Paul Zimmerman	SH419B
	Jeanette Jensen	SH455
	Christopher Kramer	AH331
28	James Anderson	AH439
	Darlene Hoefs	AH164
	Larry Anderson	SH338
29	Frederick Gabardy	OH568
30	Lulu Turner	AH459B
	Melvin Leffel	SH520
	Elmer Martens	AH358
	Oramae Sterletske	AH440

MAY Birthdays

1	Roge <mark>r Frambs</mark>	0H546A
2	Anna Capizzi	AH416
3	Gera <mark>ld Strachota</mark>	AH458
5	Richard Swanso	0H469
-	Jam <mark>es Espeseth</mark>	AH339
	Daniel Walsh	OH509
6	Michael Kloehn	SH542
7	Myrtle Bowman	0H331
	Edward Janovetz	AH165
9	Pearl O'Donahue	OH349B
	Evelyn Schroeder	SH432
	Harold Pagel	SH316B
8	Donald Hunt	AH438
9	George Jantz	MH316A
9	Gary Rades	SH565
10	Norman Pankratz	SH479A
	Roy Aaberg	SH408
11	Morres Decot	SH285
	John Utnehmer	MH364
14	John Dinse	SH320
15	Clyde Olson	0H280
	Virginia Lockery	AH424

16	Elsworth Hameister	SH250
	Robert Rigsby	SH242
17	David Bzdusek	AH444
	Suzanne Karl	SH512
18	Erna Bruce	AH324
	Bruce Brant	SH262
19	Jane Bickford	AH219
20	Patricia Duffy	SH503
	Barbara Johns	AH459A
	Ronald Mitchell	AH406
	Donald Tautges	OH485
	William Joyce	SH279B
23	Elmer Dalrymple	AH123
	Donald Pederson	AH305
	Edmund Connolly	AH166
	Billy Goodrich	0H371
24	Doris Ostrowski	OH346B
	Ellis Bloedorn	0H309
25	Raymond Schommer	AH442
	Constance Morgan	AH359B
	Raymond McClone	MH231
26	Garth Morgan	AH359A
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27	Elizabeth Montgomery	SH365
	Frank Wingert	SH482
	James Rodd	0H511
28	Deloss Besch	0H552
29	Robert Wilcox	SH249A
	Donald Harder	MH338
30	Betty Kainz	SH562



Members at Ainsworth Hall had a blast playing shuffleboard.





Dietitian, Maggie, provides discussion and samples of healthy foods for members while including humor.



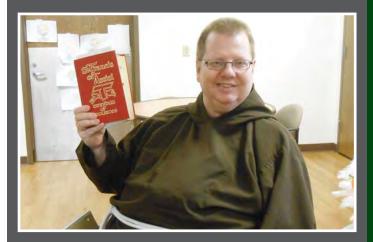
Valentine's Day Craft







David Heffron gave a talk to members about St. Francis and the Penitential Life.



MacArthur Hall Volleyball team



Arby's catered meal sponsored by the DAV



Jack Algiers

Leprechaun visits by Virgil Miller



George Jantz



Fred Muschinske & Murray Johnson



Ervin & Carol Stuckart



MH birthday party volunteers

Retired employee **Dean Johnson** gave a presentation about dog sled racing for Olson Hall members.





Third graders from the **Waupaca Learning Center** played bingo with their Olson Hall partners.





Victor Gutt treated members on his floor to cake and ice cream in honor of his 91st birthday.





Pat Spreda dresses for St. Patrick's Day.



Olson Hall members enjoying a chicken dinner.





Medal of Honor Monument

Become a part of America's Military Heritage.

To honor Wisconsin's recipients of the nation's highest military honor, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has established a Medal of Honor memorial at the Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin. There will now be an opportunity to memorialize Wisconsin's bravest and your loved ones by donating toward an engraved brick.

A platform brick is a lasting way to remember a veteran and loved ones. It's also a great way for businesses to show their support for our nation's veterans. A brick donation also provides long-term support for the monument and contributes to the continued beautification of the grounds at one of the nation's oldest veterans' homes.

Donations to the Medal of Honor Memorial Brick Program are tax exempt, subject to applicable laws and the receipt of goods or services in conjunction with your donation.

Make your check payable to the Medal of Honor Memorial Brick Program, and return it to Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, Stordock Hall Accounting Department, N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI 54946-0600. For more information, please call (715) 258-5586 ext. 3512. Bricks will be ready for viewing on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. All submissions are due either on April 30th or October 15th. *Thank you* for supporting our nation's heroes.



Stordock Hall members were treated to lunch sponsored by the DAV and catered by Ambrosia's. Members were served baked fish, potatoes, vegetable, bread and pumpkin pie.



Members were treated to lunch by the \overline{SH} Activities Dept. catered by King's Table. On the menu was swiss steak, vegetable, potatoes and mini éclairs for dessert.





Member Tony Miller demonstrates his boxing skills with his trainer and free standing boxing bag. Tony was a boxer in the Army. Today, he and his trainer work on his ROM, posture and balance.

Birthdays at Stordock Hall



Bea Dries (center) celebrated her 92nd birthday with a party on the unit (SH5) with cake and ice cream. Happy Birthday Bea!



Sheldon Klutz celebrated his 91st birthday with a party on the unit (SH4) with carrot cake and ice cream. Happy Birthday Sheldon!



Eleanore Mikich celebrated her 99th birthday with family and a party on the unit (SH5) with cake and ice gream. Happy Birthday Eleanore!

Activities at the Marden and All camp activities

May 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Town Bus Waupaca	
					8:15am AH Ramp Bowling	1:30pm
					1:30pm Movie	MMC/MPR
					2pm VAP Bowling	Bingo AMVETS 51
Trip Moose Lunch & Bingo	Ramp Bowling	5Trip-AL L&B Wausau Town Bus Waupaca 8:15am OH Ramp Bowling	10am Ultimate Trivia-Social Rm	7 10am Spelling Bee- Social Rm 1:30pm Movie	8 Trip Harbor Fish Town Bus Waupaca 8:15am Valley New School Project Fair-each	
1:30pm MMC/MPR Bingo ALA 263	1pm Workshop -Woodshop 1:30pm Movie	1:30pm Movie 2pm VAP Bowling VFW Mtg MR & MPR 6:30pm	DJ Bob Dessort 1:30pm-Alley 5 POPCORN	1:30pm MMC/MPR Bingo <i>ALA Nekoosa</i>	building 8:15am AH Ramp Bowling 1:30pm Movie 2pm VAP Bowling	1:30pm MMC/MPR Bingo Cooties
10	11 1pm MH Ramp Bowling		13 10am Food Advisory Social Rm	14	15 Town Bus Waupaca	16
Inspirational	1pm Workshop -Woodshop	Ramp Bowling 1:30pm Movie 1:30pm Poker Party- Social Rm 2pm VAP Bowling	10am Ultimate Trivia-Coffee Shop 1:30pm Movie	10am Book Club- Social Rm	8:15am AH Ramp Bowling 1:30pm Movie	1:30pm MMC/MPR Bingo MCL Winnebago
Movie-1:30pm Marden	1:30pm Movie	AL & Aux. MR & MPR 6pm	2pm Operation Dustoff	1:30pm Movie	2pm VAP Bowling	Unit
17	18	19 Town Bus Waupaca	20	21	22	23
OPEN HOUSE	1pm Workshop -Woodshop 1:30pm Movie	8:15am OH Ramp Bowling	10am Ultimate Trivia-Social Rm 1:30pm Movie 1:30pm SH Ramp Bowling DJ Bob Dessort 1:30pm-Alley 5 POPCORN	1:30pm Marine Gathering-MPR Marine Corps League Meeting MPR 2:30pm 1:30pm Movie	8:15am AH Ramp Bowling 10:30am Freedom MS Band Concert-Park 1:30pm Movie 2pm VAP Bowling	1:30pm MMC/MPR Bingo DAV & DAV Aux.
24	25	26 Town Bus Waupaca	27	28	29	30
31 1:30pm Concert-Park	Memorial Day	8:15am OH Ramp Bowling 1:30pm Movie 1:30pm Poker Party	9:30am Lux-Casco Band Concert- Park 10am Ultimate Trivia-Social Rm 1-2pm MPR Member	10:30am Parkside School Band Concert-Park		1:30pm Kingdom Riders Band
Spons. by Masons		2pm VAP Bowling AMVETS MR 6pm	0 1116	1:30pm Movie	1:30pm Movie 2pm VAP Bowling	Concert- Park



Marden Bingo sponsored by Waupaca Secret Service



Catered Pizza from the "Filling Station" at the Marden MPR $sponsored\ by\ DAVA$



Stordock Hall members and SH ATA Susie O'Neill had a breadmaking day and tasting session. The bread was made on the unit where all could smell the bread baking. Taste testers were available to try out the fresh warm bread.







The Library has added several books to its permanent collection. Following are some of those books.

The Day of the Panzer by Jeff Danby

In the Day of the Panzer, the minute-by minute confusion, fear, thrill and desperation of World War II combat is placed under a microscope, as if the reader himself were a participant. In this small but singular battle, the courage of the U.S. troops in their liberation of France is given full due. The Story of American Heroism and sacrifice in Southern France.

Soldiering On in a Dying War by William J. Shkurti

By the autumn of 1971 a war weary American public had endured a steady stream of bad news about the conduct of its soldiers in Vietnam.

It included reports of fragging, massacres, cover-ups, mutinies, increased racial tensions, and soaring drug abuse.

Then six soldiers at Fire Support Base Pace, a besieged U.S. artillery outpost near the Cambodian border, balked at an order to conduct a nighttime ambush control. Four days later, twenty soldiers from a second unit objected to patrolling even in daylight. The sensations these events triggered in the media, along with calls for an investigation, reinforced for the American public the image of a dysfunctional military on the edge of collapse. For a time Pace became the face of all that was wrong with American troops during the withdrawal from Vietnam.

The author suggests a context for better understanding the challenges that may lie ahead in the drawdown of troops from Irag and Afghanistan.

The Lost Girls of Rome by Donato Carrisi

Sandra Vega, a forensic analyst with the Roman police department, mourns deeply for a marriage that ended too soon. A few months earlier, in the dead of night, her husband, an up-and-coming journalist chasing the lead in an explosive story, plunged to his death at the top of a high-rise construction site. The police ruled it an accident. Sandra is convinced it was anything but.

The Accident by Chris Pavone

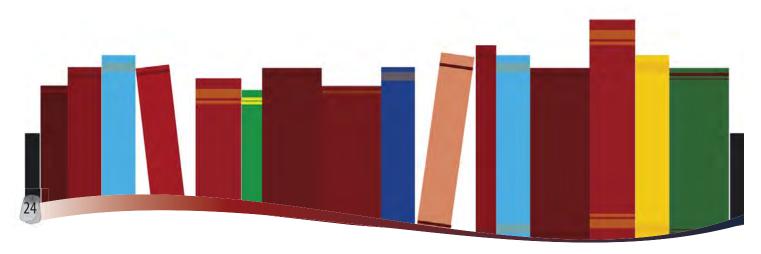
As dawn approaches in New York, literary agent Isabel Reed is turning the final pages of a mysterious, anonymous manuscript, racing through the explosive revelations about powerful people, as well as long-hidden secrets about her own past. In Copenhagen, veteran CIA operative Hayden Gray, determined that his sweeping story be buried, is suddenly staring down the barrel of a gun. And in Zurich, the author himself is hiding in a shadowy expat life, trying to atone for a lifetime's worth of lies and betrayals while always looking over his shoulder.

Shotgun Lovesongs by Nikolas Butler

It's a place like hundreds of others, nothing special, really. But for four friends-all born and raised in this small to Wisconsin town-it is home.

And now they are men coming into their own and struggling to do so.

Now all four are brought together for a wedding. There will be stresses between the friends, but also hope among the friends. Learn the true meaning of adult friendship.





Erling Landsverk

MARCH AND OTHER HAPPENINGS

We are all aware that March is a month with a reputation that none of the other eleven have. It's not earth shaking, but it never ceases to vex folks who are waiting for the magic of spring.

It is a capricious month as far as weather goes, never failing to fool the weather experts and old tried and true reputations. March of 2015 was no exception. By the time St. Patrick's Day was fast approaching, everyone thought it could be possible to have an early spring. Then it happened. Temperatures began to sag into the 20s and teens at night and much cooler days followed by about 3 inches of snow one morning. That brought us back to reality, and of course we all accepted the disappointment, blaming March for its failure to please those waiting for warmer weather.

The Activity staff were at hand to provide plenty of diversion and keep boredom from setting in. All the in house activities were open for members, bowling, movies, bingo, pool playing and our newly restored Shuffle Board. The flu bug also played a part by keeping 3rd and 4th floor members of Ainsworth Hall alternating periods of restriction. Most of the members at Ainsworth Hall remained on their unit or wore masks when venturing down to the lobby. Some members ignored the pleas of the staff and went about our Hall as usual with no regard for the possibility of spreading the virus. C'mon guys! Better to follow rules and prevent further cases of the flu. Treat fellow members with respect.

On March 28th, the entire campus observed Vietnam Veterans Day at Ainsworth Hall. For those who attended, it was obvious that much thought and work had gone into the Tribute to Vietnam Veterans. It was a beautiful and moving ceremony performed by veterans for Vietnam Veterans at King and across our great state. Commandant Jim Knight opened the program with a welcoming address and introduced Amber Nikolai as the Master of Ceremonies. Amber is a veteran and Public Relations Director and gave a short address honoring our Vietnam veterans. The Honor Guard presented the colors and everyone present repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Sister Martha Mafurutu, followed by the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful by the King Singers. Amber Nikolai then introduced Andrew Lorge, who sang a tribute to his father, a Vietnam veteran. The tribute entitled "I Was a Veteran," summed up the feeling of abandonment the Vietnam veterans suffered when they returned. Featured speakers were, Scott Katzka, from the Mobil Vet center; Richard Lindbeck, a Vietnam Veteran and President of the Vietnam Veterans of America; John Scocos, Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and Vietnam veterans reading poems they've written. At the close of the program, a member, Rick Forrester drew attention to comrades who died in combat and noted the white roses displayed were appropriate for the occasion.

2015 OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 17, 2015 | 10am - 3pm

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ENTERTAINMENT by the Charlie Justmann Band - 10am - 3pm King Singers - 12pm

FREE RIDES

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GIFT & CRAFT SHOP

Beautiful handmade items by members of the Veterans Home.

BAKE SALE, FOOD STANDS, COFFEE SHOP, ALLEY 5 BAR

OLD CAR SHOW

VINTAGE MILITARY & VEHICLE DISPLAY

MINI GOLF, FACE PAINTING, CHILDREN'S INFLATABLE, DIZZY D. CLOWN, 4H. Lots of games for kids.

TOURS

Bus, Admissions, Dementia Unit in Ainsworth Hall and Medical Bureau.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, WAUPACA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ALZHEIMER'S ASSN. WDVA OUTREACH, AND MANY MORE ORGANIZATIONS. Learn about burial benefits.

ON-GROUNDS ENCAMPMENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS AND SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION. The main chapel will be open and will feature a historical overview of King and its founding organizations.

HEALTH CARE SCREENINGS AND NUMEROUS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH ADRC, MOBILE VET, THEDA CARE, CVSO AND MORE IN THE MARDEN CENTER. Advanced Care Directives, Guardianship, "Consider the Conversation" viewing, PTSD discussions, palliative care services, medicare briefing, healthy lifestyles and much more.

MEET AND GREET THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS IN THE MAIN HALLS

TICKET BOOTH. For food and boat rides.



Upcoming Major
Events at the
Wisconsin Veterans Home at King

Sunday, May 17th **Open House**

Monday, May 25th **Memorial Day Program**

Sunday, June 21st American Legion & ALA King Day

Sunday, June 28th
DAV & DAVA
King Day

Saturday, July 4th
Member Council
Independence Day
Celebration

Upcoming Holidays/Patriotic Events in *May*

- 1 May Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 8 V.E. Day WWII
- 10 Mother's Day
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 25 Memorial Day

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