

UNION GROVE NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT UNION GROVE



2ND FLOOR GOOD OLE' BOYS CLUB

Our Members really enjoy the camaraderie and brews during our weekly Happy Hours. As the weather permits, we really enjoy gathering on our pub patio!

DONATIONS

We received \$2,546.78 in monetary donations during August to assist with our annual Member and Family Picnic, activity programming, campus events, catered meals, and for general purposes.

In addition 13 non-monetary donations were provided including pub supplies, bingo snack items, clothing protectors, thank you cards for our Members, essential oil diffusers, essential oils, ice cream toppings, Kleenex, quarters for bingo, board games, and birthday cupcakes.

**VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED OVER 96 HOURS OF SERVICE IN AUGUST.
THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS,
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU!**



WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AT UNION GROVE

James Wagner was born in Milwaukee and grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He likes to stay active and has been joining a variety of activities offered here at the Veterans Home. Jim enjoys watching Wisconsin sports teams, listening to oldies and rock n' roll, reading, spending time outside when it's nice, and much more. He served in the United States Army. Please welcome Jim to the Veterans Home!

Please welcome **Dwayne Prymek** to the Veterans Home. Dwayne served in the United States Army and where he was a mechanic fixing trucks, tanks, and other equipment. His hobbies have included fishing and carpentry. He enjoys old time country music and especially the sounds of Willie Nelson. Dwayne cheers on the Brewers and Packers.

WELCOME OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Anton Nickolai will be providing Catholic Communion distribution and **Robert Swager** will be assisting with Friday Happy Hours. Thank you, volunteers!

MANY WAYS TO SPEND TIME VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR MEMBERS THIS FALL:

- Provide one to one visits for Members on our Memory unit
- Provide one to one visits on Boland Hall second floor
- Take Members for wheelchair walks outside, weather permitting
- Provide a movie night on Boland Hall second floor
- Maintain organization of the Boland Hall library
- Escort Members to Happy Hour on Fridays at 2:00pm
- Escort Members to bingo on Tuesdays at 11:00pm
- Pass Member monthly activity calendars in Boland Hall
- Water plants and weed during gardening season
- Assist Members with computers and technology

IF YOU'RE A VISITOR OR VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CHECK-IN AT THE KIOSK BEFORE MOVING ABOUT THE BUILDING. VOLUNTEERS MUST BE TESTED FOR COVID BEFORE VISITING MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT TERRI PRESSER AT 262-878-6725 IF YOU'RE UNSURE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OR PROCESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

OCTOBER EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER. PLEASE REFER TO EACH FLOOR'S MONTHLY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF ALL OUR WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES.

Monday, Oct. 2nd - **Ice Cream Social** - 1:30PM - Pub

Monday, Oct. 2nd - **Maddy and Copper Pet Visits** - 5:30PM

Tuesday, Oct. 10th - **Vietnam Veterans of America Sponsored Bingo** - 2:00 PM - MPR

Friday, Oct. 13th - **Navy Recognition Event and Special Meal/Movie** - Noon

Monday, Oct. 16th - **Ice Cream Social** - 1:30PM - Pub

Monday, Oct. 16th - **Maddy and Copper Pet Visits** - 5:30PM

Thursday, Oct. 19th - **Walmart Outing** - 1:30PM

Tuesday, Oct. 24th - **Navy Ship 40 Sponsored Bingo** - 11:00AM - MPR

Friday, Oct 27th - **Happy Hour with Entertainment by Wild Hearts** - 2:00PM - Pub

Monday, Oct. 30th - **Maddy and Copper Pet Visits** - 5:30PM

Tuesday, Oct. 31st - **Halloween Costume Party - Entertainment by Tichigan Two** - MPR



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Francisco Contreras – October 4th

Gary Abendroth – October 7th

James Ankney – October 10th

Robert Pettit – October 11th

Timothy Williams – October 11th

Philip Albers – October 11th

Dorothy Waltenberger – October 28th
102nd BIRTHDAY!

BOLAND HALL ACTIVITIES

As we wrap up summer on **1 East**, we've been using watercolor to paint seascapes, bees, sunflowers, and cattails. Our traveling flower garden is in full bloom showing off Impatiens, Zinnias, Aloe Vera & Dianthus. The best thing about this garden, **NO WEEDING!** The new golf cart has been a huge hit! We've toured Hickory Grove, the waterfall garden, and the cemetery. We've even seen a fisher on the grounds. They are good sized woodland animals that are very evasive, and sightings are rare. Along with the fisher, we've seen black squirrels, sandhill cranes and bald eagles. We will be going for our "Explorer's Badges" soon!! Sept. 15th was POW/MIA Remembrance Day. We featured a silent informational walk through Mauer Hall ending at the MIA/POW chair and table setting. We never want to forget those who have yet to return home. On September 27th, the Racine Bells Baseball presentation will take place in the MPR followed by a viewing of A League of Their Own and tailgate party on Sept. 29th.

1 West has been busy staying active with balloon bat, table ball, Musercize, and putting. We enjoyed thanking our First Responders on Patriot Day and were very happy with the great turn out of our community men and women visiting us that day. Musicfest is a highlight this month and we are excited to hear the sounds of piano, vocals, accordion, guitar, and so much more. Lets hope the

weather works in our favor! We continue to spend time cheering on our favorite Baseball teams and at the end the month we are having a cookout and viewing of A League of Their Own. After all of this, we sometimes look forward to a little down time, listening to our iPods or watching movies in our lounge while we thinking about the fall leaves, pumpkins, and festivities coming in October.

2nd Floor has really been enjoying our new golf cart. We just love cruising the grounds and at the same time learning about the History of Southern Center. One of our last water balloon launching sessions occurred in September. Watch our calendars, in October we will have a rotten apple launching to close out the season. In giving honor to Patriot Day, 9/11, the Members have decided to conduct a 1st Responders Gratitude event. Veterans had given 1st Responders, puzzles, homemade items, grab and go snacks, and small tokens of appreciation to over 25 responders. It was a great event giving tribute to those who put their lives on the line for us every day. We hope to make this an annual event at the Veterans Home. We have been extra busy adding new programs to our calendars, Heritage and History Programs, Movies and Meals, and our favorite Music Fest! We sure know how to celebrate fall. Busy like bees on 2nd floor, stop by and see what we are up to!

IN MEMORIAM REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Paul Balge

Served in the Navy during the Vietnam War

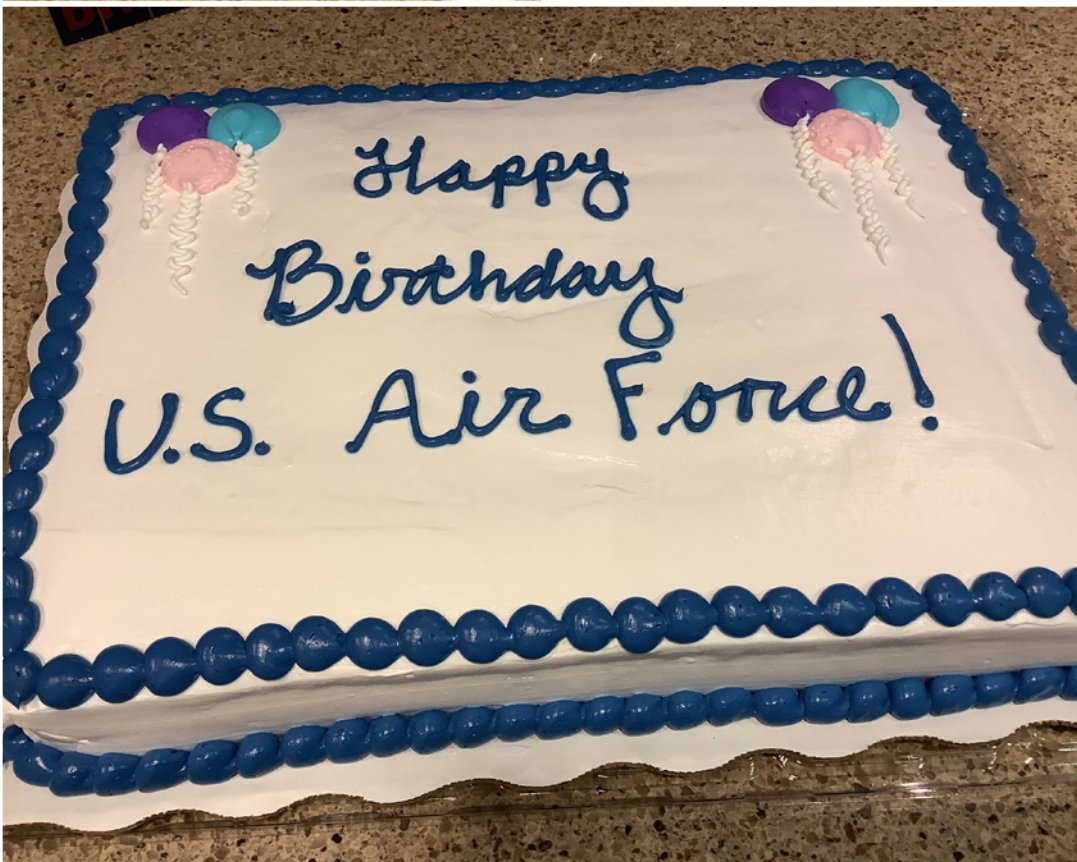
Dwayne Prymek

Served in the Army

FIRST RESPONDERS VISIT



AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY



BALLOONS & RACINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM



POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



WHERE WILL YOUR WINGS TAKE YOU?

