

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities will be announced using a combination of the below methods.



A: Through email announcement (please ensure we have your email address) **B:** Through the Monthly Newsletter – *The Volunteer*. **C:** Posted on the Information/Volunteer Recruitment board, located in the Marden Center, near the Volunteer Services Office

Recording Volunteer Hours!

Please clearly print your **First** and **Last** name of the volunteer hours report.

An additional option to record volunteer hours coming soon!

The Volunteer Office will be setting up a computer for you volunteers to electronically log your volunteer hours using our automated volunteer tracking software, VOLGISTICS. Currently, I enter the hours from your slips into this program. If you do not like computers, no worries, you can continue to use the paper version.



*Happy Birthday
from the Staff of King
May your day
be wonderful and
richly blessed!*

July 1

Joseph Benny

July 2

Loretta Bess

Misty Dunaj

July 3

Ron Worthey

July 7

Matthew Rust

July 8

Carl Meilinger

July 9

Christie Puetz

July 11

Billy Haase

July 12

Sherry Harvey

July 16

Alisha Christensen

July 19

Gene Sorensen

July 19

Michelle Faust Kosester

July 20

Mark Goebel

July 22

Joyce Kielman

July 23

Ron Biese

July 25

Billy Haase

July 26

Ann Mathwig

Don McGowan

July 27

Keith McDowell

Kurt Carlson

July 28

Judy Bargmann

July 29

James Wiese

July 30

Shirley Williams



Volunteering on the Home Front



Meet Some of the Friendly Faces of The Marden Memorial Center

*Welcome to the
Wisconsin Veterans
Home in King
(WVHK) and our
Volunteer Family!*

We are glad that you have chosen to volunteer at the Wisconsin Veterans Home-King. Volunteers are a valued addition to the King team, and we appreciate your willingness to donate your time and talents with us! Our staff pledges to do all that we can to ensure that you have a fun and rewarding volunteer experience!

Meeting, responding to and caring for the unique needs of the ever changing Veteran in their time of need is the task before each one of us, staff and volunteer alike. We know that each of you will gain a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from your endeavors, whether you are working directly with the members of King or in an administrative assignment.



Back row: Shelley Jandt, Marden Center Administrator; Patrick Kennedy Alley 5 Bar Manager; King member Jim Partridge, Marden Center Senior Intern; Bob Shear, Member IT Specialist. Front row: Mary Grace Biesek, Marketing Specialist; Amber Nikolai, Agency Liaison and Volunteer and Event Coordinator; Nicholas Peskie, Donation Specialist.

Your commitment, dedication and loyalty helps make it possible for WVHK to go above and beyond in providing excellent care to those who bore the battle. It is our hope and desire that

all staff of WVHK will help you to feel welcome and accept you as a member of the healthcare team as you assist in rendering service and care to our members.

Welcome New Volunteers

A special thank you goes out to the Registered Volunteers and members of King who were so gracious to help out and attend my very first new volunteer orientation on June 20th and 21st! It is wonderful to have members and registered volunteers who want to come to the aid of new volunteers. Networking and camaraderie at its finest!

New volunteers: Laura Yonke, Bill Mecozzi, Sean Dietzen, ChaNelle Baines, Hunter Smith, Wayne Bydynkowski, Faith Edgren, Donald Rogers and his two dogs Bodie and Tally, Lisa Lebeouf, Chloe Lebeouf, Chris Kail, Elizabeth Wilbur, Ed Christman, Carl Anderson.

Registered volunteers: Sue Hilderman, Don Hilderman, Kay Zelenka, Chris Spreda, Joan Laabs, Kay Grosskoph, Ron Reynolds, Linda Gresbach.

VOLUNTEER CREED

Author Unknown

*I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good, therefore that I can do
Or any kindness I can show
To any fellow creature, Let me do it now.
Let me not defer nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer of the Month:

Meet Cathy Tratz

AKA: Betsy Ross

Cathy Tratz has been a volunteer at King for almost 7 years and received her 5,000 hour bar in April at the Volunteer Banquet. Cathy has been a member of AMVETS Ladies



Auxiliary for the past 35 years. She loves to crochet and has made numerous patriotic Afghans for Hospice Veterans and many winter hats for veterans and children.

Cathy retired from Harnischfeger Corporation in Milwaukee in 2005. She was the Employee and Community Program Coordinator. She now lives in Oshkosh with her husband Jim. Her and Jim both volunteer weekly pouring ceramic molds. They also held King Packer Backer parties (usually 13 day games) for the residents. Cathy was

instrumental in purchasing a 65" TV for members to watch the Packers' games. They serve snacks and hand out eight Packer related door prizes during the game. They also work at the open house, Mini-Golf, New Year's Party, King Weekend, picnics, visit with members one on one, and many others programs they are asked to help with.

Cathy is very patriotic and does The Flag Speaks and Flag Folding Program for veterans, schools, scout groups, nursing homes, etc. She does this as Betsy Ross and has crocheted a replica of the first flag Betsy made, which she shows during her program. Betsy was at King on Flag Day and did her program and handed out flags in all four buildings. Members enjoyed the program and many said they learned new things about our flag. There were many smiles and some tears.

Her favorite memory at King is watching the excitement of the members when the Packers score a touchdown. Cathy believes in giving back to the community and especially the veterans. Her sons jokingly tell her, "Mom you do more for your veterans than you do for us!" and they are right.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH- Each month we will spotlight a volunteer. What volunteers do, and give back, is amazing and we want to recognize you.

Guideline for Volunteer of the Month submissions: Things you can talk about, but please limit it to 250 words:

✓Volunteer and/or organization. ✓How long you have volunteered at King. ✓Something about yourself and /or the organization. For example: your passion, hobbies, your profession. ✓How you got involved with the Veterans Home here at King. ✓Why you like coming to King. ✓What are your favorite memories or experiences. ✓Please send a favorite picture of you volunteering. Submit to Volunteer Service Coordinator by the 15th of the month. Email VolunteerServices@dva.wisconsin.gov or drop off at Marden volunteer office. If multiple submissions are received, names will be placed in a hat and the "Volunteer of the Month" will be drawn. Those not chosen will be eligible for the next month's drawing.

PET OF THE MONTH -Each month we will feature one of our fury friends who brings joy to the members and staff of King. **Guideline for Pet of the Month submissions:** ✓Pet's name. ✓Pet's age. ✓Pet's breed. ✓Pet's family. ✓How long pet has volunteer. ✓If the pet could talk – what would the pet say about volunteering at King? (examples: favorite thing to do, favorite building, favorite member, etc.) ✓Please send a favorite picture of your pet volunteering at King. ✓If multiple submissions are received, names will be placed in a hat and the "Pet of the Month" will be drawn. Those not chosen will be eligible for the next month's drawing. Submit to Volunteer Service Coordinator by the 15th of the month. Please no more than 250 Words. Email VolunteerServices@dva.wisconsin.gov or drop off at Marden Volunteer Office

Pet of the Month:

Meet Ike

Hi, my given name is Eisenhower, but all my freinds call me Ike. When I was adopted from a dog rescue, Doug, my new owner, felt I needed a patriotic name if we were going to visit the residents here at the Veterans Home.



I've been coming down here about two and a half years now and have made lots of friends. I feel so good when I hear my name called and someone wants to pet me, and better yet, gives me a treat!

Residents often ask me how old I am, but being a rescue dog, I don't really know. Doug thinks I am somewhere between three and four.

I am a blue-tick/

beagle, and because of my breed, hunting is my passion. So you'll always see me with my nose on the ground smelling for squirrels or perhaps sniffing out previous dog visitors. Sometimes I get a little stubborn--anyone who has every owned a beagle will understand this. Just to let everyone know who's boss, I'll lay down on the floor and refuse to move. The girls who see this antic think it's really hilarious and start laughing. Doug, on the other hand, fails to recognize the humor in my performance.

It's absolutely amazing how us dogs can help residents have a better day. Just last week we were walking down one of the halls at Olson, stopping at the door of one of the veterans we know. Upon knocking we were invited in, and as soon as this fellow saw who we were, he rolled out of bed and immediately started petting and talking to me. When we got ready to leave, he told us that he had really been depressed and our arrival had made his day a whole lot better. Bow, Wow!

One of the areas I really enjoy visiting is the Physical Therapy unit at MacArthur Hall. However, sneaking into PT is absolutely impossible. As soon as the gals spot me walking into the room, they immediately shout out, "Ike's here!"

It's just great being a celebrity! Paw prints anyone?

CAMPUS EVENTS IN JULY

Volunteers Welcomed and Needed

July 2 – King Motorcycle Poker Run, festivities kick off at noon in the main park

July 4 – Member Council 4th of July Celebration festivities kick off at 9:30 in the park

July 5 – Mosinee Community Band Patriotic Concert in the Park, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

July 7 – 484th Army Band Performance in the Park, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

July 23 – American Tribute Motorcycle Ride, 4:30 pm to 6 pm

July 26 – Ice Cream and music in the Park 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 28 – Vietnam Commemoration all campus event. Vietnam Educational displays / commemoration program. All Vietnam veterans are invited and encouraged to attend. Events begin at 9:00 am with a formal program at 1:30 pm on the main band stand July 29 Waupaca Community Band concert in the park, starting at 6:45 pm

New volunteer orientation now provides educational opportunities regarding Veteran Centered Education (PTSD/TBI/Military Culture) to include dementia and alzheimer's overviews.

You will meet some of these King members, and watch a 30 minute film titled, "Go In Peace, The Care Giver's Role in Healing the Soul Wounds of Veterans", featuring Deborah Grassman, former VA Nurse Practitioner who cared for more than 10,000 dying veterans. www.opuspeace.org.

Registered volunteers are also welcome to join the orientation as well.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about current activity updates, including volunteer orientation dates and times, opportunities available, and campus events for the month, please check our website for this

wisvets.com

information. Activity calendars for all the halls can also be viewed.

The volunteer handbook is presently

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

New Volunteer Orientation Times
If the below dates and times do not work for you, or if you have a pet that requires a one to one orientation, please call me at (715) 258-4247 to arrange an appointment.

New volunteer orientation will take place in the movie theater at the Marden Memorial Center.

Monday, July 11, 9:30 am to Noon
Tuesday, July 12, 10 am to 12:30 pm
Monday, July 18, 9:30 am to Noon
Tuesday, July 19, 10 am to 12:30 pm
Monday, July 25, 9:30 to Noon
Tuesday, July 26, 10 am to 12:30 p

being up dated and a viewable edition will be on the site when it is completed.

IMPORTANT: New volunteers can also register online.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
N2665 County Rd QQ
King, WI 54946-0600
Fire or Other Emergencies
715) 258-5586 EXT: 2222

Olson Hall One to One Request:

Phone number: 715-258-5586 Ext: 2449

- a. Supervisor: Carmen Riebel
- b. Dates: Any day of the week
- c. Member does not do well in group settings. Member does better one to one. Likes to be outdoors, go for walks, and go fishing.

Crafting Class Assistance

- a. Supervisor: Karl Branske
- b. Duties: Help bring crafting cart from MacArthur Hall to where the class will be held. Assist with setup, help with projects, help clean up, etc.
- c. Dates: July 1, 12:30 to 3:30; July 11, 12:30 -3:30; July 18, 8:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 3:30; July 29, 12:30 to 3:30

Ainsworth Hall One to One Request:

Phone number: 715-258-5586 Ext: 2513

- a. Supervisor: Michelle Guyant
- b. Male member who enjoys one to one interaction, being outside, fishing.
- c. Female member who enjoys having her nails painted
- d. Any day you can visit is helpful between 9 am and 7 pm.

Ainsworth Hall One to One Request:

Phone number: 715-258-5586 Ext: 2513

- a. Supervisor Michele Guyant
- b. Dates: Any day of the week. 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
- c. Duties: Visits with male member on and off the unit. Going for outdoor walks, taking member to the Marden movie theater, playing pool. Member enjoys talking baseball.

For updates visit our website at: wisvets.com