

SEPTEMBER 2015



VOLUNTEER Newsletter

AMVETS King Day: September 11 and 12 – Saturday, September 12, the AMVETS will host a mini golf contest in the park starting at 8:30 a.m. and a Casino event in Ainsworth Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please join them in helping members to enjoy the atmosphere of Las Vegas right here at King as they play poker, blackjack and other card games while they win “money” and purchase items afterward with their winnings. This is a fun day for members.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: We are in the draft stages of our 2016 Calendar of Events. If you or your organization will be sponsoring an activity for 2016, now is the time to schedule that event. The early bird gets the worm as they say. We already have a few folks who have scheduled their 2016 bingo parties and trips, so please be sure to contact Vicki soon so you can get the date you want and start organizing your volunteers for the event.

REMINDER

As we enter the cold and flu season, be sure to follow all of our infection control procedures. Handwashing is very important to protect yourself and the members.

November 10 – Our annual Military Ball will be held in the Ainsworth Hall Multipurpose Room / dining room at 6:00 p.m. The Charlie Justmann band is scheduled to perform. We will need assistance to get members to and from this event.

November 11 - Please join us for the Veterans Day program which will be held in the Ainsworth Hall Multipurpose Room / dining room. Speaker is yet to be announced.

December 7 – The Pearl Harbor Day program will be held in the Ainsworth Hall Multipurpose Room / dining room beginning at 9:30 a.m. Speaker to be announced.

VETERAN CENTRIC TRAINING

In conjunction with Heartland Hospice, we are proud to have Deborah Grassman coming to King on September 8-9 to provide training for our staff. Deborah is recognized as one of the nation’s leading experts in caring for veterans nearing end-of-life. She is the author of two books: “Peace at Last” and “The Hero Within.” Please check out her website for more information: <http://www.opuspeace.org/>

Limited seating is available for the various training sessions and King staff will be given the first opportunity to sign up. As the training dates get closer and anticipated attendance is determined, Vicki will send a note out to volunteers for sign up. Deborah is also hosting a community event at the Green Bay Distillery on Friday, September 11 which is open to the public. Recordings of Deborah’s training sessions on September 8-9 will be offered to all volunteers, families and staff who are unable to attend the live sessions.

We are seeking 10 volunteers for each of the Fallen Comrades Ceremonies (a service for our veterans who have been carrying unmourned grief, often for years). The Fallen Comrade Ceremony gives veterans permission to mourn their losses. In the process, recognition of the burden they have endured is acknowledged. These ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, September 9 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Marden Multipurpose Room. If you are interested in assisting the members at one of these ceremonies, please let Vicki know.

MUSEUM EXPANSION PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

The WVH-King Museum is set to undergo an expansion project. Renovations are tentatively scheduled to start in September 2015. This project is coordinated through the DVA Museum in Madison.

LIBRARY CHANGES

You may have noticed some changes in the library. We are in the process of moving a computer into each of the buildings for easier member access as well as computers into the main section of the library. There have been no changes made to services offered; we are just moving the computers, movies and audiobooks.

CAMPUS MAKEOVER

Member and Public Relations Director Amber Nikolai, has been working on plans for a campwide makeover to incorporate more patriotism. We are looking at procuring static signage, wayfinding signs, patriotic branch of service emblems, and historical markers. We also want to update the main entrance and purchase new banners for Highway QQ as well as campus light poles. More information to come on the various phases of this project.

KING CALENDARS

The 2016 King calendars are currently in production. Please look for them shortly in the gift shop. They make a great gift for family members.

HOLIDAY CHEER FUND

With so many holidays just around the corner, we want to remind you about the Holiday Cheer fund. This fund pays for lots of Holiday goodies and makes sure that no member is forgotten during special times of the year. Checks should be earmarked "Holiday Cheer," made payable to "Wisconsin Veterans Home" and mailed to:

Holiday Cheer
Wisconsin Veterans Home
N2665 County Rd. QQ
King, WI 54946

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Ethan Achten	Aug 12
Jeannine Conradt	Aug. 13
Art Hill	Aug. 11
Ernie Lasanske	Aug. 13
Carole Miller	Aug. 28
Ron Miller	Aug. 7
Chuck Posnanski	Aug. 19
Ervin Stuckart	Aug. 3
Sharon Thompson	Aug. 21
Breanna Woiak	Aug. 10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Sherri Boehlke	Aug 1
Any Ewing	Aug. 13
John Kehoss	Aug. 16
Cheryl Mason	Aug. 20
Irv Miller	Aug. 24
Don Pinkalla	Aug. 31
Gene Rozmarynowski	Aug. 7
Cindy Teske	Aug. 9
LuAnn Weldon	Aug. 21

REMINDER

It was brought to our attention that not all volunteers are aware of what to do when an emergency situation occurs. First, if a member has fallen/slipped, you as a volunteer should never pick them up or move them. Our emergency number is "2222." Call that number and explain your situation and our emergency staff will respond. This number is also used for any emergency situation at King, (i.e., fire, weather situation, etc.).

A FINAL THOUGHT: *Real generosity is doing something for someone who will never find out. ~ Frank A Clark*