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Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to host Veterans Day Ceremony at King

(MADISON) -- Ceremonies to commemorate Veterans Day will be held in Madison and statewide, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announced. Veterans Day events will be featured at the state veterans' cemeteries, including the **Wisconsin Veterans Home at King**. This year's theme is "*Continuing the Legacy*" -- the legacy of those who have served in the past to those serving today, at home and abroad.

Locally, there will be a ceremony at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11**, on Veterans Day, at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, King (WVH-King), at the Marden Memorial Center. The Home is located at N2665 County Road QQ, just off of State Highway 22 and one mile west. Veterans and the public are invited to attend.

Kathy Marschman, chair of the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs, will be the keynote speaker. She will speak about the importance of remembering Veterans Day and continuing the mission of serving veterans. Marschman is a Personnel Administration Officer of the Wisconsin Army National Guard and also serves as a legislative aide to Rep. Jerry Petrowski (R-86). She has worked for the Wisconsin State Legislature since 1995 as clerk and research assistant for the Assembly Highway Safety Committee.

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be **Rich Calcut**, Public Information Officer of the WVH-King.

Bill Crowley, Commandant of the Home, will provide the welcome. A military salute will be presented by the Wisconsin Veterans Home Honor Guard, and Taps will be sounded and the national anthem will be rendered by members of the Waupaca Senior High School Band. Chaplain Tracy Hamelink of the WVH-King will deliver the invocation and benediction. At 11:00 a.m., a siren will sound for one minute to honor those who served.

Operated by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King was established in 1887 to serve veterans and their families in central and northern Wisconsin.

In addition to the Armistice/Veterans Day ceremony at King, the WDVA will also host Veterans Day ceremonies in **Madison, Spooner, and Union Grove**.

Ceremonies in Madison will begin at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. with **Governor Jim Doyle** speaking at an event hosted by the Madison Veterans Council at the State Capitol Rotunda.

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Then, immediately afterwards, the public is invited across the street to **the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs** building, 30 W. Mifflin Street, where lunch will be provided **at 11:15 a.m.**, on the second floor Wisconsin Veterans Museum Education Center. The first 150 people to attend will receive a free lunch. Department Veterans Day activities will proceed as follows:

- From 11:45 a.m. until noon there will be a video pre-screening of World War II stories and the department Secretary will address the gathering.
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. -- lecturer Patty Loew will talk about Native American Veterans, or guests can take self-guided tours through the museum.
- From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be a special Veterans Day Reception with refreshments, in the Board Room. Booths will feature six wartime eras, a display by the Wisconsin Veterans Museum (WVM) and information about the "*I Owe You*" program. A veterans' interactive panel comprised of guest experts will talk briefly about veterans issues, just after 1 p.m.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison will feature an ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Veterans Day Ceremony in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Historical Society, **at 3:30 p.m. at the Memorial Union**. Then, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a 75th Anniversary Reception of the UW-Madison Veterans Memorial Union.

The WDVA will also be hosting Veterans Day ceremonies at: the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery **at Spooner, at 1:00 p.m.** and at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near **Union Grove, at 3:00 p.m. -- Governor Doyle is scheduled to speak at 3:10 p.m.**

For further information about these and other WDVA or WVM events, go to <http://dva.state.wi.us> or call 1-800-947-8387 (WIS-VETS).