

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.

Meet the Members of King

Branch of Service	Primary Conflict
Army: 329	WWII: 134
Army Air Corp: 9	Korea: 134
National Guard: 2	Vietnam: 222
Navy: 118	Peace-Time: 87
Marine Corps: 65	Desert Storm/Gulf War: 5
Marine Corps Reserve: 1	Berlin Crisis: 3
Coast Guard: 5	Lebanon: 3
Air Force: 89	Operation Enduring Freedom: 1
Merchant Marines: 0	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

August 1 Sherri Boehlke Shawn Dietzen	August 11 Arthur E. Hill, Jr.	August 20 Cheryl Mason Nicole Pamperin
August 3 Ervin Stuckart	August 12 Ethan Achten	August 21 Sharon Thompson
August 4 Becky Kedrowski	August 13 Jeannine Conradt	August 22 LuAnn Weldon Lindsay Collom
August 6 Larry Diesburg	August 14 Ernie Lasanske	August 24 Debbie Herbst
August 7 Ronald Miller	August 15 Andy Ewing	August 25 Irv Miller
August 9 Gene Rozmarynowski	August 16 Linda Freitag	August 27 Jan Hanke
August 10 Dale McFarlin	August 17 John Kehoss	August 28 Robert Schoen
Mary L. Tilton	August 19 Elizabeth Wilber	Carole Miller
Breanna Woiak	Charles Posnanski	
	Jerome Schroeder	

Volunteer Handbook

www.WISVETS.COM
Click on Veterans Home
Click on King
Click on Volunteer

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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



NOW! Log Your Volunteer Hours Electronically

Volunteer Information Center

Your Logo Here

Welcome. The Volunteer Information Center is where volunteers check-in and out. If you are ready to check-in or out, enter your PIN to get started.

If you are interested in volunteering, or you have trouble checking-in or out, please contact Linda in Volunteer Services (ext. 302).

Enter your volunteer PIN number
Enter your volunteer ID number using the keypad buttons, and then touch the Continue button.

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4	5	6	Cancel
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If you would like to learn more about what this will look like, please feel free to explore the volunteer tutorial offered on the volgistics website by visiting:

www.volgistics.com/ex/help.dli?ACT=11&TOPIC=1147
<https://www.volgistics.com/Videos/HT1147.htm>
www.volgistics.com/ex/help.dli?ACT=11&TOPIC=1184

For several months the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King has been trialing a volunteer management and information technology software system called Volgistics. This system not only tracks volunteer hours, but offers hundreds of other options to bring us closer and communicate more effectively as a volunteer family. Little by little we will be expanding the options Volgistics has to offer to you as the Volunteer.

Coming In August

Volunteers will be provided the option and training to learn how to log their own volunteer hours using a computer. For those of you who do not like computers, you will still be able to use the current system of filling out the volunteer report by hand.

Computer will be located in the Volunteer Office.

United States Coast Guard Celebrates 326 Years

Since 1790, the Coast Guard has safeguarded our nation's maritime interests and environment around the world. Coast Guard presence and impact is local, regional, national and international.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King salutes seven Coast Guard veterans and all those who served in the United States Coast Guard. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Purple Heart Day

August 7th is National Purple Heart Recognition Day; a day on which our nation is called to recognize any member of an Armed Force who has been wounded or killed, or who has died or may have died after being wounded. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Home at King will have the honor of recognizing 20 veterans who are recipients of one of the most respected medals awarded: the Badge of Military Merit, better known as the Purple Heart. As stipulated by General and Commander in Chief George Washington, "Let it be known that he who wears the purple heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered."



Volunteering on the Home Front



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: Jerome Schroeder, Carl Anderson, Susan O'Neill, Richard Lesniak, Diane Collins, Lori Kelln, Jeff Welch, Verona Morgan.

Registered volunteers: Sue Hilderman, Don Hilderman, Kay Zelienska, Chris Sprede, 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.*

King Volunteer Statistics: Volunteer records:506; Archived volunteer records: 57; Cumulative hours of service:(as of date needed) 398,770

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer of the Month:

Meet Christine Spreda

"I would like to nominate Christine (Chris) Spreda. She is in Stordock Hall religiously. She always has a smile and a good rapport with the members. She is reliable, and we can always count on her for help in Stordock Hall when we need her. She is very much appreciated in our building and throughout camp. She puts in long volunteer days to assist staff and members in the Ainsworth Hall Namaste room, and then spends time at Stordock hall. She is a priceless volunteer,"

Danny, Senior Activity Therapist, Stordock Hall.

Chris has been a volunteer with the WI Veterans Home at King since Jan. 2015. Chris is a wonderful and valuable addition to the King family, bringing 40 plus years of experience serving in the medical field. It is evident Chris has spent most of her life caring people of all ages and walks of life. She is always positive and smiling, shows enthusiasm and compassion in giving back to the members and staff of King.

From the Members and Staff of King, thank you Christine for your sharing your skills and talents with us and for the dedication and kindness you give to all of us at the WI Veterans Home - King!

"One accomplishment that I am proud of is that I received my 400 hour pin at this year's Volunteer Banquet."

"One of the things I love, is volunteering in the Namaste Room on Tuesday mornings. The members in the Namaste Room might not communicate with words, but I can see the peace and contentment on their faces."

"I would love to encourage new volunteers to come to King and experience the personal rewards that come with sharing your skills with the veterans here on camp." *Chris Spreda*

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 furry 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 Taz



A Note From Taz: Our Memorable Furry Friend

As one of the comfort dogs at King for the past several years, I would like to say "Thank you" to all of you Veterans for giving up your home lives with your families, pets and friends to go serve our country! We have our freedom today only because of YOU!

I was the yellow Labrador named Taz, my Dad and Mom are Brian and Sharon Ball from Waupun, and I am now in heaven waiting at Rainbow Bridge for them to join me someday again. You might have seen me in my sidecar of the motorcycle, which is my ride-of-choice, or meandering around the King facility. My Mom's band, The Kingdom Riders, has played for you in Marden Hall and outside in the park. That was really fun cuz I just wandered around letting you pet me and helping you all eat your ice-cream treats! I got a few "brain-freezes" but it was all good!!

Dad and Mom are now raising my grandson, Duxter, who is only 11 months old, so he needs more training yet before he can come to King, but someday when he learns his manners, he'll come for a visit.

Take care my friends!

Taz

CAMPUS EVENTS IN AUGUST

Volunteers Welcome to Escort Members
Contact Amber if Interested
715.258.4247
amber.nikolai@dva.wisconsin.gov

August 4 - Coast Guard Birthday

August 7 - Purple Heart Day. Pay tribute to the men and women who shed their blood for our country

August 10 - Fish Boil and entertainment in the park, 4 to 6 pm.

August 14 - Kimberly Community Band in the Park, 1:30 pm to 3 pm.

August 20 - Veterans of Foreign Wars King Day, Food and entertainment in the park, 10 am to 3 pm.

August 21 - Military Order of the Purple Heart King Day Recognizing all Purple Heart recipients who gave of their blood for our country. Military Order of the Purple Heart will honor King Purple Heart recipients and host bingo in Marden Center at 1:30 p.m.

August 23 - Concert in the Park (Band Dekorra), 6 pm to 7 pm.

August 28 - Concert in the Park, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

All building activity calendars can be viewed online at www.wisvets.com

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION-AUGUST

New Volunteer Orientation now provides some wonderful educational opportunities teaching you how to respond to the unique of veterans and those diagnosed with dementia. Watch the film, Go in Peace, featuring Deborah Grassman. In this film you will learn how to recognize the veteran (the soldier in the person, forever changed by military experience, understand the symptoms of PTSD, and much more. Learn more about how to care for and respond to the unique needs of veterans by visiting www.opuspeace.org.

What is a Vigil Volunteer and How You Can Become One

Heartland Hospice is offering training on what a Vigil Volunteer is and how to provide companionship and supportive presence to members, in their last days and hours of living, who would otherwise be alone. The most valuable gift is a loving presence.

Heartland Hospice will also be providing a training on bereavement teach-

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).

Registered volunteers are welcome to attend if they wish to do so.

New volunteer orientation will be offered every other Tuesday in the Marden movie theatre.

Tuesday, August 2, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesday, August 16, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesday, August 30, 10 am to 12:30 pm

ing people ways to communicate with individuals who are experiencing grief and loss.

Both presentations (Vigil & Bereavement) will be approximately one and half hour long and will be given by our Heartland Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Amanda. The training will also go over how you can become a Vigil Volunteer.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

King Fisher (King Fishing Station)

- Marden Activity Staff: Terri Heschke, Steve Koran
715-258-5586 Ext. 3311
- Dates: Tuesdays 8:00 to 11:00 and 1:00 to 4:00, Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00
- Duties: Issuing fishing equipment to members, prepping fishing equipment for AM fishing trip, maintaining King Fisher.

King KX Helper (King Commissary)

- Phone number: 715-258-5586 Ext: 2352
- Supervisor: Jeane Grys Commissary KX Lead
 - Dates: Tuesdays 8:30 to 11:00 or 12:30 to 3:00, Wednesdays 12:30 to 3:00, Thursdays 8:30 to 11:00, Fridays 12:30 to 2:30.
 - Duties: Sorting clothing / assisting members with locating clothing items and filling clothing requests that come in from staff.

Ainsworth Has a Few One to One Requests:

- Phone number: 715-258-5586 Ext: 2513
- Supervisor Michelle Guyant
 - Male member who enjoys one to one interaction, being outside, fishing.
 - Female member who enjoys having her nails painted.
 - Any day you can visit is helpful between 9 am and 7 pm.

New Member Welcome Salute

- Supervisor: Admission Director, Hillary Larson, 715.256.5021
- Help greet members who are new to King; Tour them around the facility; Give them a gift bag; Enjoy coffee, snacks and camaraderie.
- Welcome Salute is every other Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m.

Olson Hall Smoke Assistant

- Supervisor: (Unit RN / OH Executive Director)
 - Dates Needed: 7 days a week.
Morning: 10:00 to 1:00, Afternoon: 3:00 to 7:00
 - Duties: Escort and sit with members who are supervised smokers in the Olson Hall designated smoke area.
 - With the nice weather the members who are supervised want to be outside longer and have someone to talk to and staff are not able to accommodate this need.
 - Must be ok with smoke and personable.
- ### Shopping Trips to Walmart in Plover
- Supervisor: Marden Activities, Terri Heschke, 715.258.5586, Ext: 3311
 - Looking for two or three volunteers to meet King bus at Walmart in Plover.
 - Trip is USUALLY scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month.
 - Veterans Home two buses will arrive in front of Walmart approximately 1:45 pm to 2:00 pm.
 - Members will shop till 3:00 pm; load the bus and leave approximately 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm.
 - Volunteers will assist with either pushing members in wheelchairs, or walk along with other members to assist with shopping.
 - Volunteers need not assist members with any bathroom needs.
 - It's helpful for the volunteers to bring the members outside to the bus when it's time to load. Or if the bus is in front of store, the members can load early as long as the bus driver/staff will be on the bus.

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