

- Plan a craft project to do with the members – bring the supplies and do the project
- Visit with members outside
- Play games with members (checkers / dice bingo) – small groups
- Bring a simple game and teach our members
- Have members help with a homework project (for younger children)
- Read to our members
- Bring children in their Halloween costumes
- Host a bingo at the Marden Center (20 students)
- Host a bingo in the park
- Decorate Christmas cookies with members (we can provide supplies)
- Help with card writing / wrapping presents
- Make cards for the members; hand them out, and spend time visiting as they do so
- Children teach our members songs – we teach them a song
- Parachute play together
- Play a rousing game of balloon volleyball or dodgeball
- Help maintain our beautiful courtyard within the Special Care Unit
- Assist members in ipad / computer use in the Marden Center Library
- Assist in library programming

Please call us with any questions you may have at 715.258.5586

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Children and School Group Visits



WISCONSIN Veterans HOME
at KING

Welcome! We trust your visit to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King will be a wonderful and historic learning opportunity for your students/children. We are confident your visit will instill a better sense of what it means to be a veteran and help them develop a greater appreciation for all veterans for having served their country.

We can accommodate groups of 15-20 students per building (total of 80 students). It is much easier to work with smaller groups. Large groups will be broken down into smaller ones and several chaperones are needed and appreciated for each group. Parking is available (for buses) as well as areas for eating lunch.

Historical tours of various time lengths offered are:

- 30 minutes – Tour of the Marden Memorial Center which is located on the lakes. This tour will show some of the great amenities provided to the members including a bowling alley, movie theater and coffee shop.
- 60 minutes – Tour of the Wisconsin Veterans Home grounds (weather dependent). This tour will take your group through the museum and throughout the grounds focusing on the highlights of our facility.
- 90 minutes – Tour of the Marden Memorial Center and the Wisconsin Veterans Home grounds.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King has been in existence for over 125 years and started as a home for civil war veterans.

Following is a list of activities your students/children can do with the members who reside here. This is a sample list and if you have other ideas, please ask to discuss them. We hope your students can come prepared to be involved in their visits. The members love spending quality time with today's youth. They especially enjoy student performances, whether it's vocal recitals, rehearsal for an upcoming play, band concert, solo and ensemble, forensic competition, etc.

- Tie into a history lesson – interview members and write a paper on it
- Perform music / songs / talent show
- Have band or choir students come here to practice for solo and ensemble
- Have forensic students come here to practice their speech
- Give the ladies manicures
- Make holiday or seasonal decorations and then distribute
- Play cribbage or card games with members (small groups)
- Play Wii games with members (small groups)
- Staff assisted: Take members to the Marden Center to play pool
- Staff assisted: Take members through the Museum
- Staff assisted: Take members to the Commissary to shop
- Staff assisted: Take members to the Marden Center library
- Staff assisted: Take members to the Marden Coffee Shop
- Staff assisted: Take members to the Gift Shop
- Staff assisted: Take members bowling (4 to 10 students)
- Help with grounds work – keep our grounds looking beautiful for our veterans
- Bring gifts made in class and distribute to members

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