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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023

THANK YOU!

A huge, heartfelt thank you for all the community support and generous donations to lift spirits and enrich our members' lives during the holiday season!

THANK YOU!

Non-monetary donors to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King from October through December.

OCTOBER

Amherst Junction Women's' Club
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center
Larry Freedlund
Annette Konitz
Bethel Church of Brandon
Ger Burk- Sew Happy Stitchers
Mari Brady, Ranger Rosary Inc.

NOVEMBER

Ross Olson & Jeff Rick
Lynette Lusk
Lizzy-St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish-gift bags
Our Lady Queen of Heaven School
Carol Brawn-catheter bags & boot covers
Beth Hall
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Kaukauna Elks #962
Mr. & Mrs. James Larson
Daughters of the American Revolution
Mr. & Mrs. William Raasch
ALA Unit 332
VFW Aux. & VFW Post 8216
DAV Aux. Waupaca
Nancy Heinrich
Longfellow Elementary School
CESA 6
Mrs. Zietlow's 1st grade Class, Weyauwega Elementary
Sunny Day Childcare
Milwaukee Harley Retirees Club
Boy's & Girls Brigade, Neenah
Hortonville Elementary School
ALA Unit 189
ALA Unit 166
Girl Scout Troop #7359
St. Mary School, Neenah
Resource One International

DECEMBER

3rd & 4th grade classes of Pardeeville Elementary School
Christy Klieforth
Woodland Elementary School
VFW 2723 Shawano
Angel Card Project, Waterford, MI
Girl Scouts #6615 & 615
West Side Elementary Schools
American Legion Post 370
Cassie D., Fair Grove, MO
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Pine Tree Quilters
VFW Post 9336
Marilyn Rudser
Karren Olaveson
The Huntington National Bank
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 481
Judy Flashing
Amherst Junction Women's Club
Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
Wisconsin Elks Association, Menasha
St. Bronislava Catholic Parish
Claire Olig
The Angel Card Project
Susan Maxwell
Portage County RSVP Volunteers
Ladwig-Zinkgraf American Legion Aux. Post 243
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American Legion Post 452
Oshkosh Defense, LLC
Westfield VFW
Westfield American Legion
Westfield Grade Schools
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Joanne Johnson
Girl Scout Troop #2019, New London
Pantry Restaurant, New London
Fox Lake Public Library
St. John's Episcopal Church, WI Rapids

Ms. Ruth Elmer
Elks Lodge #693, WI Rapids
St. Rose Catholic Church, Clintonville
St. Mary's Catholic Church Bear Creek
VFW Post 3319, Kaukauna
St. Joseph's Parish, Kellnersville
The American Legion Aux. Unit 263
Plymouth Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
VFW Post 659, Manitowoc
Marvin Kliment
Human Inc. and 4th HOOAH WI
St. Mary's and St. Michael Parishes, Valders
Menasha Corp. Neenah Corrugate Plant
Melissa Price
Bowler Elementary School
Vesper American Legion Auxiliary Unit 520
Montello School District
Kathy Norlin
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Patriot Riders of American WI Chapter One
Squadron 75 Sons of the American Legion Post 75
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Tomahawk VFW Aux. Post 2687
American Legion Aux. Unit 55, WI Rapids
Milton Senior Living
Valerie LaRue
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Weyauwega-Fremont High School
Camo Cooperative/Desert Veterans Fox Valley
American Legion Post 250, Adams Friendship
Rosholt Club Scouts Pack #200
Greenville Middle School, 7th graders
Girl Scout Troop #2552
Hope Boivin & Friends
Auburndale High School, Student Council
Holy Cross School, Green Bay
Clothing Across America
American Legion Post 477
American Legion Post 10

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2022 TO JANUARY 19, 2023

David Bartolazzi
Allen Biever
Harold Brusky
Paul Campbell
Patricia Cooley
Lee Cotton
Richard Gollomski
Marie Hess
Diane Huff
Ned Hughes
Janet Janusz
Glenn Joanis
Joan Kalrath
Thomas Krueger
Christopher Laffin
Thomas Lee
William Lind
William Pero
David Rehfeldt
Glenn Remington
David Salan
Nathanael Simonson
David Tank
Gary Taylor
John Zembruski

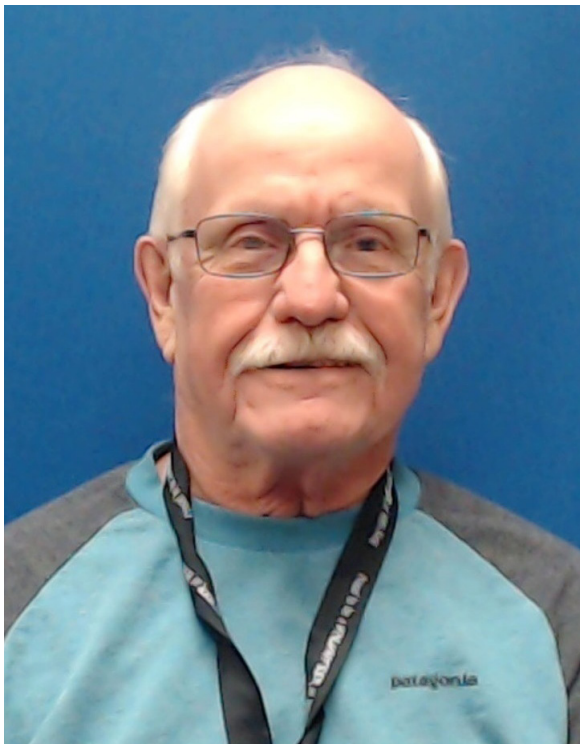
GET TO KNOW OUR VOLUNTEERS

Hello, my name is Mary Miceli-Wink. Being new to the area, I'm a rather new volunteer with ThedaCare Hospice visiting the Wisconsin Veterans Home. I live just a few miles down the road from King so being close to the Veterans Home comes in handy. I also volunteer for hospice in Florida where we live six months out of the year. I have been married to my husband Rick for 35 years and we have two beautiful daughters, Claire and Grace who both live in Appleton.

I worked as an AODA (Alcohol and Drug Abuse) counselor and social worker for 35 years. Now being retired, I enjoy photography, writing, biking, kayaking, rug hooking, wood carving, including bowl turning.

My father was a World War II veteran, and in his honor, I wanted to volunteer at King. I am happy to be of service to veterans, and I believe my father would be proud of me as well.

Happy New Year! My name is Gary Hopfensperger and I've been volunteering for over 3 ½ years down in the KX and helping MacArthur Hall with their shopping trips. I only live about 15 miles from King, so it doesn't take me too long to get there. I have been married to my wife Barbara for 47 years and our daughter Sarah & her husband live in Portland, OR, and our son Chris is single and lives in Weyauwega.



My past jobs started when I was in High School, working in a grocery store, then 4 years in the Navy, a Medic in Vietnam at a field hospital for 1 ½ years, then on a submarine tender at Charleston, SC. After that, I spent 42 years working in the paper mill till retiring in 2007. I am now a member of the American Legion.

My hobbies were bowling, repairing, and refinishing furniture for my wife's craft store. Now, I spend my time riding my bike, kayaking, going for walks and working back in my woods cutting & splitting firewood from the trees that get blown over.

I've volunteered outside of King when our kids were young, helping with coaching baseball, and volunteering with church.

The reason I came to King to volunteer, my neighbor Bill Fahrenkrug volunteers and told me how much he enjoyed it, so being a veteran myself, I gave it a try. I enjoy talking and helping our veterans.

MOSES HALL

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS
& MUSIC SINGALONG

The time has arrived—we are moved from Olson Hall to Moses Hall! With all the excitement from the move we worked on getting our rooms set up and put extra time into getting all set for Christmas. We decorated, made gingerbread houses, had special music, a sing-along, and a very special visit from the Grinch. The lady veterans had a special meal of meatloaf and all the fixings.

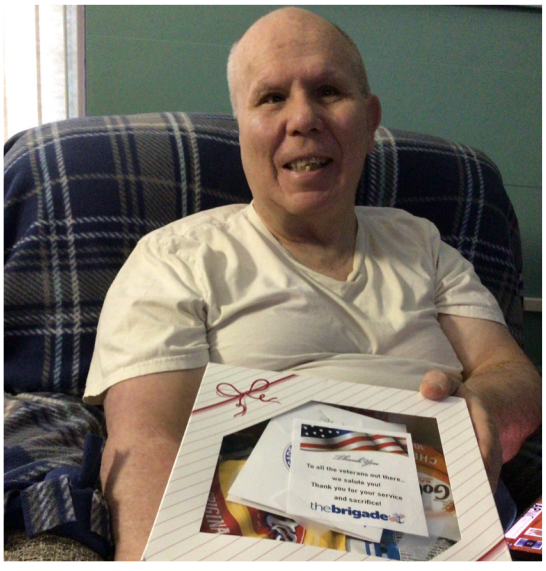
MOSES HALL

MAKING SALT DOUGH ORNAMENTS
& HOLIDAY PARTY CELEBRATION

We made salt dough ornaments to decorate our trees. Finally, we had an awesome Christmas party in the great room complete with music, food, and a photo area. It's been a very busy time for us all, but we thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas and New Year's celebrations with our friends and family here in Moses Hall!

MOSES HALL

MADRIGAL SINGERS, A VISIT FROM THE GRINCH,
& DONATED GIFTS TO VETERANS



AINSWORTH HALL

HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKING AND DECORATING

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

MOSES HALL

Martin Apps
Douglas Frank
Donald Gernetzke
Gary Mader
Laverne Pink
John Prochnow
Richard Schuh II
Donald Simonson
John Weaver
Daniel Wenzel

AINSWORTH HALL

Donald Allen
Victor Baumel
Kenneth Berger
Liliana Biever
Jane Buck
Fred Hessen
Joseph Kogelmann
Edward Menal
Aubrey Milbach
Steve Morack
Bruce Pelzek
Larry Petersen
Robert Poppy
David Ruff
Verna Summerville
Joyce Vitek
Brian Wrosch

Can Quitting Smoking Improve My Heart Health?

If you smoke cigarettes, the **sooner you can quit, the better.**

Quitting smoking benefits your heart and cardiovascular system now and in the future:

Twenty minutes after you quit smoking, your heart rate drops.

12 hours after quitting smoking, the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal.

Within four years of quitting, your risk of stroke drops to that of lifetime nonsmokers.

If you smoke cigarettes and are concerned about your heart and cardiovascular health, consult with your health care provider about ways to quit to help protect your heart. You can also find resources to help you on your journey to living a smoke-free life at *Smokefree.gov*.

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