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## **WDVA Secretary to Join Habitat for Humanity for Veterans Build on National Day of Service and Remembrance Day**

LAKE DELTON — Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary-designee Mary Kolar will join Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area its guest for Veterans Build Day on the National Day of Service and Remembrance, Wednesday, Sept. 11.

“I can think of no better way to mark 9/11 than working alongside fellow veterans in service to someone who needs our help,” Secretary Kolar said. “Veterans have a commitment to service. Habitat’s Veterans Build is an opportunity for us to come together in service to our community.”

The public event will include a special ceremony of remembrance starting at 9 a.m. on Sept. 11 at the build site, 234 West Lake Ave. in Lake Delton. Honored guests and speakers at the event include Lake Delton Fire Department Chief Darren Jorgenson, representatives of VFW Post 1707 in Portage, and other dignitaries from the surrounding community.

“In every moment of crisis, both national and personal, we depend on the brave men and women who serve as first responders and who protect our freedoms,” Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area Executive Director Morgan Pfaff said. “Service to our communities is at the heart of what makes our nation great, and we are honored to bring these exceptional people together for a day of unity and fellowship.”

Following the formal ceremony, veterans and volunteers are invited to join Secretary Kolar as the group works at the Habitat build site. When complete, the home will be formally presented to a disabled member of the community.

September 11 was designed by Habitat to be a special Veterans Build Day because the organization is committed to creating opportunities to engage veterans in their community, as well as advocating on their behalf.

“I thank Habitat for Humanity for all it does in assisting veterans in need and providing opportunities for the veterans’ community to help people have good, safe homes in which to live,” Kolar added.

To volunteer at the event and for more information, visit [HFHWisconsinRiver.org](http://HFHWisconsinRiver.org), or call (608) 448-2888.

Founded in 1986, Habitat for Humanity Wisconsin River Area has built more than 70 homes in the Wisconsin River area community. Habitat for Humanity’s Veterans Build helps provide volunteer, homeownership and employment opportunities to veterans, service members and their families.