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**JUNE 2016** 

# Memoríal Day

A volunteer pauses while placing flags in the cemetery to say a few words followed by a salute.

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#### **State News**

# WDVA Secretary's Column

#### John A. Scocos

Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs



#### "The end: America withdraws, the South collapses"

Most Americans associate the United States' "defeat" in Vietnam with humiliating images of swarming masses of refugees atop the American embassy roof in Saigon clamoring for evacuation by helicopters.

Or, they recall the television images of thousands of Vietnamese pounding on the U.S. embassy gates to avoid capture by advancing North Vietnamese Army troops--only to watch NVA tanks break through as they swarmed the embassy.

But those images, in fact, had little to do with the American military or our soldiers who fought the war. This year, as we reflect on the 40th anniversary of the war in Vietnam, it is important we pierce the cloud of history that shrouds the end of that war in 1975. The war for U.S. soldiers, who performed with remarkable effectiveness and efficiency, ended two years earlier, when President Nixon in 1973 pulled out the last American battalions. The masses of refugees being evacuated in 1975 were not Americans or U.S. soldiers. Almost all were Vietnamese and the choppers evacuating them were private helicopters.

Historians also debate the idea that the United States was "defeated" in Vietnam. The United States certainly did not defeat and capture North Vietnam (which was never intended). Nor did the U.S. military force a stalemate to halt the war as in Korea, with a divided North and South.

But wars are fought for foreign policy reasons. In the end, some historians note, the dominos of Communism actually stopped falling after Vietnam. After horrendous expenditures of money in Indochina, the Soviet Union and China seemingly lost the revolutionary and financial zeal it took to continue promoting the advance of world Communism via the path of armed insurrection.

Today, with the exception of Vietnam, Indochina aligns itself with the democratic governments of the area and with Western nations. And, with

the exception of only a few countries around the world, such as North Korea and Cuba, Communism as an ideology is on the wane.

For the United States, ending the war in Vietnam was a slow, bitterly debated process. Candidate Richard Nixon promised to conclude the war during his campaign for president in 1968. When all the votes were counted for Nixon, Hubert Humphrey and anti-war activist Eugene McCarthy, it was overwhelmingly clear that America wanted out of Vietnam. Politically, Nixon had little choice but to honor his promise.

The next year, Nixon started withdrawing troops. But the reduction of American forces took time. He first secretly expanded the war into Laos and Cambodia and stepped up bombing attacks while, at the same time, negotiating for peace in Paris. By January 1973, the "Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" was signed. And by the end of March, the last U.S. troops left for home.

The war hardly ended, however. As many as 300,000 regular North Vietnamese Army troops still occupied huge swathes of South Vietnamese countryside (which the North denied). Within days of the declaration of peace, skirmishes began to erupt around the countryside and, in the spring of 1975, the North Vietnamese Army attacked in force. Through massive financial American support, the South Vietnamese Army had become one of the world's largest and most advanced militaries. In fact, some experts predicted a stalemate in Vietnam.

But under relentless attack by mechanized NVA forces, the South Vietnamese troops disintegrated. Cities closest to North Vietnam fell quickly including Hue and Da Nang. Within weeks of the major invasion, most of Vietnam was under the control of the NVA and the South Vietnamese Army had been reduced to an ineffective group. As the North Vietnamese Army swarmed down the coastline, more than 140,000 American civilians and Vietnamese allies were airlifted out of the country.

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In the United States, however, the political acrimony about the war lingered. Questions and criticisms about the cost of the war were launched not only toward those who planned the war, but also toward those who served their country to fight it. Our soldiers did not deserve those criticisms.

The war in Vietnam, which the North had fought for nearly 30 years,

No matter what the war, no matter who the enemy, and no matter what the reasons, our troops deserve our respect. "Mission: Welcome Home" is our way to help fight for those who fought for us.

This is the last in a series of 15 columns about the Vietnam War.

### Memorial Day | 5.30.16 Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

A King member visits her husband's grave.

Thank you to all who helped plant flags at the cemetery.



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Sons of the American Revolution.



Lynda Taylor-AMVETS Aux, Rose Williams-DAV Aux., and Linda Gresbach, Dav Aux.



Waterside ceremony at Rainbow Lake was led by the Woman's Relief Corps.



Featured Speaker Brigadier General Vincent Barker.



Speaker Mike Gallagher, U.S. Marine Corps.

Flyover performed by Darrel Massman.



#### **Donations**

#### WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

# On behalf of the members, we sincerely Thank Everyone for their generous donations.

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VFW Post 3153 from Chilton, WI donated toiletries, clothing, gift cards and \$2000 toward activities.

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Miranda Busch and Nellie **DeBaker from Ernest Haucke** American Legion Auxiliary Unit 236 from Algoma, WI donated 32 hhandmade tie blankets.

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#### Donations

Bob Clark Jr. Stevens Point, WI

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**Figi's Inc** donated 3 boxes full of King's wish list items.

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Marine Corps League Oshkosh, WI

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Portage Co. Dressed to Work Amherst, WI

Powers 24 hour Towing Service Hillside, IL



Portage RSVP "Silver Threads" from Stevens Point donated 12 hand-made quilts and pillow cases.

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Aux Unit 401 and Rascals & Rockers Cambria, WI

Rob & Nicole Vernon Arlington, VA

**Ruth Rolstad** Weyauwega, WI

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In Memory of/Help Wanted

WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING



### **HELP WANTED!** Welcome Salute Volunteers are NEEDED!

The Welcome Salute is a program you may have heard about which started a few months ago at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. It is a program which offers new members an opportunity to get to know each other, current members, volunteers, and to learn a little bit more about the King campus.

When first coming to King, it is fair to say, one's impression may be that it is a big place with a lot of people to meet, places to go, and things to become familiar with. The Welcome Salute was initiated to assist with making the move to King an easier transition with a more welcoming environment.

So what is the Welcome Salute all about? Within a couple of weeks of being admitted to the Veterans Home at King, new members will receive an invitation from a current member or volunteer to attend the next program. The program takes place every other Thursday in the Marden Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On the morning of the Welcome Salute, a member or volunteer will come directly to the new member's room to personally escort them to the Library, so there are no worries for the new member to try to find the location on their own. Coffee and snacks are provided while we go around the room making introductions. Each member is presented with a ribbon honoring their service specific to the branch in which they served. From the Library's meet and greet the new members are taken on a personalized tour of the campus by a volunteer. The new member is able to direct where they want to go and what they want to see. Once the tour is completed, the volunteer escorts the new member back to their room. If the new member would prefer to skip the tour and go directly to their room, they are able to do that as well.

If you would like to volunteer and become involved, please call Amber Nikolai at 715.258.4247.



#### **Anniversaries/VSO Meeting Times**



#### **June Anniversaries**

- Russell and Minnie Ahlm
- 16 Garth and Constance Morgan
- 19 Lewis and Alice Hansen

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26 Hugo and Joyce Johnson

#### July Anniversaries

- 2 Elmer and Nancy Martens
- 29 Victor and Ruth Gutt
- 31 Elmer and Ruth Prodell



# VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEETING TIMES

#### **AMERICAN LEGION POST 161**

Meets second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. POST meets in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room. AUXILIARY meets in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

#### AMVETS POST 1887

Meets last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

#### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Chapter #53 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the New London Community Center. Call (715) 823-5335 for meeting room.

#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Meets third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

OPERATION DUSTOFF-VIETNAM VETERANS Meets second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room. Please call (715) 258-5586 ext. 3311 with any questions.

#### WAUPACA CVSO

Jesse Cuff will be in the Marden Social Security Office on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m to noon. For any questions, please call (715) 258-6477 or email him at jesse.cuff@co.waupaca.wi.us.

#### WI BASE OF SUBMARINE VETERANS

Meets the last Saturday of every month in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Please call (715) 630-0279 with any questions.

# Updates at the Marden Center

There are many improvements being made at the Marden Center. We'd like to take the time to update you further:

**The King Exchange (KX):** The opening of the KX was well received and we are noticing more member traffic coming through this area. There have been a lot of positive comments on how great the space looks.

**Veterans Café:** We have made some updates and continue to plan further updates to the Marden Center Veterans Café as well as for the Social Room and Alley 5.

- New cabinetry and a diner style counter along the window should be installed in July 2016. These items are currently on order and we look forward to their arrival.
- New tables, chairs, and flooring for the Veterans Café will be ordered very soon. The King Recreation group, Member Council, and Member Coffee Shop improvement committee have provided input on the desired style of furniture and flooring. The new flooring and furniture will eventually expand to Alley 5 and the social room.
- Artwork: The American Legion Auxiliary has graciously sponsored a beautiful new Branch of Service display built by our very own carpenter. It is prominently displayed in the Veterans Café and members have made very positive comments on this new piece of art. Other patriotic artwork will be added once the cabinets and counter are installed. We will also be mounting member focused artwork on the wall.
- Product updates:
  - A new coffee machine has been installed with many more options and members are pleased with this upgrade.
  - A custom designed cabinet is being made for the Checkout kiosk which will lower it 4 inches, making it more accessible for those in wheelchairs.
  - The dedicated King staff who work in the coffee shop assisting members have noted they are becoming more comfortable with system. Members have commented on how happy they are not having to carry cash in this area and are enjoying the increased product selection.

It has taken some getting used to, but members who use the Veterans Café and Alley 5 area seem pleased with both spaces. In the past several member



council meetings, we have had members express their satisfaction with the Veterans Café. Our team will continue to strive to ensure that both the Veterans Café and Alley 5 meet the members' needs both with products and environmentally.

**Expanded Hours for Alley 5:** Previous hours were 12:30 - 4 PM daily. In May, hours were expanded to 11 AM - 5 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM. We continue to serve members and their guests pizza and hot dogs in the bar. This offers King members the best of both worlds.

**Reveille:** We have initiated a new morning activity called Reveille. For those VSO groups who were and wish to continue sponsoring free morning coffee and donuts for the members, this option is still available. Otherwise, members are still able to purchase fresh donuts. We understand the importance of this feature to members and the VSO groups, and found a way to keep it going.

**Programming:** We are initiating more specialty programming / sales during the summer months both on the patio and in the park. The VFW has recently donated portable Tiki bar so we can hold fun activities for members in the park and on the patio. We also received a donation from the American Legion which will allow us to sell ice cream from a cart attached to a bicycle. We are initiating an "Ice Cream" bike on our campus which will make the rounds selling ice cream to members and staff as a fun, special treat in the summer.

**Construction Updates:** Both the lower and main level bathrooms are currently out of operation and under construction for the next 4 - 5 weeks. These bathrooms are being upgraded to meet the ADA requirements. The library level bathrooms are still open (they will be under construction next). The all camp bingo events have been moved into the member buildings while construction is happening and porta potties have been placed outside of the Marden Center. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

Marden MPR flooring will also be replaced. We've had issues with the tile lifting due to humidity. This project has been in the works for some time and is coming to fruition this summer. We will keep you posted.

**Volunteerism:** We are excited to announce Amber Nikolai as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Amber is our Agency Liaison and will be taking on the added duties and responsibilities of the Volunteer Coordinator position. Amber is already making updates to our Volunteer program in an effort to build on this very important program at King. Some of the changes we look forward to seeing for our volunteers are a New Volunteer Orientation program, networking opportunities, training opportunities, and to show our appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, we are now offering free coffee and bottled water. Volunteers give our members and our Home so much and this is just a very small token of our appreciation.

We want to thank you for your patience during all of these transitions. As always, please stop in and speak to Shelley Jandt if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Menus are subject to change. Please speak to dining room staff or your dietitian to request alternate choices which are indicated on the menu in parentheses.

Lunch Menus for June 19 - July 16, 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20	21		23	24	25
AMERICAN LEGION KING DAY Grilled Chicken (Bratwurst with a Bun) Potato Salad (Pasta Salad) Baked Beans (Green Beans) Sugar Cookie	Sweet & Sour Meatballs (Baked Haddock) over Steamed Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Pea Pods (Diced Carrots) Fortune Cookie Tapioca Pudding	Veal Piccata with Lemon Sauce (Macaroni and Cheese) Noodles Romanoff (Whipped Potatoes) Harvard Beets (Diced Carrots) Frozen Strawberry Yogurt	Baked Ham (Pork Roast)(Turkey Loaf) Pasta Salad (Potato Salad) Whole Kernel Corn (Wax Beans) Potato Roll Orange Jell-O Poke Cake	Meatloaf with Tomato Sauce (Chicken Fillet with Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) California Blend Vegetables (Asparagus) Date Cake	Fruit Plate with Assorted Cheese Cubes (Fruit Plate w/ Hard Boiled Eggs) (Tuna Salad on White with Fruit) Assorted Crackers Warm Peanut Butter Cookie	Chicken Pot Pie (Hamburger with a Bun) Tossed Salad (Waldorf Salad) With Thousand Island Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Chocolate Sundae
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
DAV KING DAY Bratwurst on a Bun (Hamburger on a Bun) Potato Salad (Pasta Salad) Baked Beans (Green Beans) Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae	Smoked Beef Au Juss (Turkey Tetrazzini) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Cucumbers Vinaigrette (Tossed Salad w/ French Dressing) Potato Roll Iced Apple Bar	Italian Meat Sauce (Turkey Loaf) Over Mostaccioli (Whipped Potatoes) Tossed Salad (Carrot Salad) With Ranch Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Warm Garlic Roll Chocolate Ice Cream	Double Chocolate	Cranberry Sauce (Pork Roast) Sage Dressing with Gravy (Whipped Potatoes) Peas, Mushrooms, and Onions (Asparagus) Spice Cake	Broiled Tilapia with Tartar Sauce (Hot Sliced Turkey) Garlic Mashed Potatoes Fresh Spinach Salad (Pea Salad) With Bacon Vinai- grette Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Rye Bread Raspberry Shebet	Cabbage (Peas) Carrot Cake
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Beef Pot Roast (Macaroni and Cheese) Whipped Potatoes with Gravy Carrots, Celery, and Onions (Wax Beans) Coconut Cream Pie	INDEPENDENCE DAY Smoked Ribs and Chicken (Baked Haddock) Garlic Parmesan Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Broccoli Coleslaw (Carrot Salad) Watermelon Cubes	Chopped Steak w/ Sautéed Onions (Turkey Tetrazzini) Creamed Potatoes) Braised Brussels Sprouts (Green Beans) Orange Sherbet	Pork Cutlet with Mushroom Gravy (Scrambled Eggs) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy) Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce (Spinach) Apple Pie	Teriyaki Chicken (Tater Tot Hot Dish) Wild Rice Blend (Whipped Potatoes) Vegetable Stir Fry (Asparagus) Fresh Orange Wedges	Poor Man's Lobster with Drawn Butter (Chicken Breast in Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato With Butter (Whipped Potatoes) Creamy Coleslaw (Pea Salad) Onion Rye Bread Peanut Butter Pie	Savory Meatballs (Turkey Loaf) Whipped Potatoes Creamed Corn (Diced Beets) Pistachio Torte
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Oven Fried Chicken With Cranberry Sauce (Beef Roast) French Baked Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Green Beans (Diced Beets) Pineapple Upside-	Stuffed Pepper (Baked Haddock/ Whipped Potatoes) Whole Kernel Corn (Diced Carrots) Butterscotch Pudding	Country Style Pork Ribs (Meatloaf) Boiled Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Sauerkraut (Wax Beans) Vanilla Ice Cream	(Waldorf Salad)	(Diced Rutabagas) <b>Warm Garlic Roll</b> Éclair Dessert	Baked Haddock with Tartar Sauce (Scrambled Eggs) Baked Potato With Butter (Whipped Potatoes) Cauliflower Salad (Cucumber Salad) Rye Bread Fruity Rainbow Cake	Hot Dog on a Bun (Hamburger Patty with a Bun) Baked Beans (Green Beans) Italian Pasta Salad (Potato Salad) M&M Cookie

#### **Chaplain's Column**



Sister Martha Mafurutu Catholic Chaplain

#### **Blessings We've Received and are Receiving**

It is true that our sincere sense of gratitude comes through grace. It is the awareness we have not earned, nor do we deserve all we have been given. We often take for granted that which we receive on a regular basis. How often do we take life, homes, talents, and our daily food for granted?

#### A gentle reminder from Melody Beattie who states that, "Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

We give thanks to God in many different ways. Even in our struggles from the loss of our beloved ones, the denial will turn into acceptance. Sometimes we hear people say, "The will of God should be done on me." We can say it is a turning point for someone suffering to have faith in God he believe is in control of his life. He calms the storm in the sea, can He not calm my situation too? Matthew 8: 23- 27 Thanking and praising God opens the channels to which He comes into our midst.

It is not by sheer luck that we are still alive today after having gone through all the battles and war zones of life in defense of humanity and human dignity. This was prescribed and expected of us by God. Many of our peers perished and others became handicapped in the process of establishing peace and tranquility in many parts of the world. But here we are today. We are alive and healthy, not because we were well trained and competent combatants, but by God's grace we walked through the shadows of death and received divine protection unto this very day. Why? Because God had a purpose for us....that is, to be the living testimony of His grace; to be witnesses of His grace through the sharing of our hard and dangerous experiences of war and how we managed to escape: He wants us to express our gratitude to Him by being evangelists telling the world how great He is for having enabled us to safe pass through the shadows of death.

When God is doing all this good for us, He obviously expects us to thank Him. Of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus in the Bible, only one came back and thanked the Lord. Jesus even asked the grateful leper where the others had gone. By asking this question, Jesus was sending a message that when God does something good for us we should thank Him. The other nine lepers probably did not return because they thought they had a right to be treated and healed by Jesus and so they did not see the need to thank Him. We often find ourselves in this situation where we receive blessings or grace from God, and we think we have the right to receive them and don't see the need to thank God through prayer and acts of mercy to others.

# "What shall I return to the LORD for all His goodness to me." Psalm 116: 12

As I was meditating on the Veterans Home at King, I could not help giving thanks to God for the beautiful Home. In 2014, in Waupaca, Wisconsin, I came across several people at gas stations, church parishes, shops, and restaurants. All these people are telling me they worked at King forty years, thirty years, twenty years.

#### **Blessings We Received And Are Receiving**

Some say all their children are working at King. Some say I got married while working at King. A number of staff obtained professional jobs through working at the Veterans Home at King. These are blessings we should not take for granted.

All that we have and achieved is from above; let us take time to thank and praise God for this. I had an opportunity to talk to two RN staff here at King. I have their permission to share these stories. Cindy Rendall RN who grew up on a farm, came to King and worked as a LTE dietitian in July 1994. She was hired in June 1995 as the dietitian for Olson Hall. From October 2005-2006 Cindy advanced in her education and completed her RN training. In February 2007 she started her career as a RN at King. Since November 2007 she has been working as a RN in Olson Hall. I could write about many more here at King who have a story to tell. Let us join in and thank God for His blessings. Different struggles in life; you and I have gone through. It could be physically and spiritually difficult situations; it was or was not easy going. However, if we take time to reflect on our lives, we often discover that for which we are most grateful was a gift which we struggled to receive. All that came to us in the form of hardship has in hindsight revealed itself as a gift from above. This is why, according to Meister Eckhart, each day's struggles and trials should be met with a heartfelt "Thank You!"

"What shall I return to the LORD for all His goodness to me" Psalm 116: 12. Let each one of us take time to express our gratitude to the loving God in whatever form each one prefers. AMEN

Memorial Day: One Veteran's Perspective

Every May, thoughts turn to Memorial Day as our nation marks this special day to honor the veterans of our great land. The special observance is held in every community large and small across the United States. It is a time to remember and reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice so many veterans made to protect our country, and to those veterans who also served and followed their comrades later.

It is our fervent hope that these brave men and women, who served so gallantly along with those who made the ultimate sacrifice, may somehow become aware of our unending gratitude for their service. May our ceremonies reveal our sincere intent to comfort and console grieving families for the loss of loved ones in more recent conflicts. As a veteran of WWII, I can only hope that world leaders will finally realize the human carnage they have caused over centuries of wars that never ended in a prolonged peace, but simply fostered another conflict. The human sacrifice is intolerable and it is time to find a sensible, intelligent and humane course to world peace. By doing so, we would truly honor the memory of our fallen heroes.

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# **Religious Services** at the Wisconsin Veterans Home

# **Catholic Services**

UNDAY	8:00 AM
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	10:00 AM
	11:00 AM

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	9:00 AM	STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL
	10:15 AM	AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL
TUESDAY	10:15 AM	OLSON HALL CHAPEL

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MONDAY	10:00 AM	OLSON HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
THURSDAY	10:15 AM	AINSWORTH HALL 3rd FLOOR SOLARIUM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM 1:30 PM	MACARTHUR HALL DINING ROOM STORDOCK HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King:

Due to the Federal HIPAA Privacy Act only those members who have releases on file are listed.

#### Thomas G. Hetzel

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on May 3, 2016 from Kenosha. He is living at SH 516B.

#### Walter H. Tollers

a Korean War Air Force Veteran joined us on May 3, 2016 from Waupun. He is living at AH 207.

#### **Clarence D. Kovalski**

a Korean War Air Force Veteran joined us on May 4, 2016 from Wautoma. He is living at AH 123.

#### William R. Longstaff

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on May 6, 2016 from Greenfield. He is living at OH 579A.

#### Marilyn A. Longstaff

a Korean War Army Veteran's spouse joined us on May 6, 2016 from Greenfield. She is living at OH 579B.

#### **Richard P. Bishop**

a WW II Navy Veteran joined us on May 12, 2016 from Plover. He is living at OH 276A.

#### Joyce J. Bishop

a WW II Navy Veteran's spouse joined us on May 12, 2016 from Plover. She is living at OH 276B.

#### Mildred H. McKeehan

a Peacetime Era Marine Corps Veteran joined us on May 13, 2016 from Rochester, MN. She is living at SH 538.

#### Roy R. Zemlock

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on May 16, 2016 from Neenah. He is living at SH 316B.



Wanna listen to music that will bring back memories? WAUP runs a Big Band program on Sunday mornings from 6 to 10am.

Anton J. Novak a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on May 19, 2016 from Deerbrook. He is living at MH 260B.

**Michael S. Humphrey** a Vietnam War Navy Veteran joined us on May 19, 2016 from Wausau. He is living at SH 519B.

#### **James D. Chartier**

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on May 23, 2016 from Merrill. He is living at SH 516A.

#### Larry J. Stemper

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on May 23, 2016 from Adams. He is living at OH 419B.

#### Norman C. Toso

a Korean and Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on May 26, 2016 from Janesville. He is living at MH 374A.

#### Steven A. Borre

a Vietnam War Coast Guard Veteran joined us on May 31, 2016 from Milwaukee. He is living at SH 519A.

#### Welcome

#### **Home News**



#### Members Donated Cross

Members **Don and Darlene Hoefs** donated a handmade cross crafted by our Woodshop staff, Karl Branske. This was the last project the WVH woodshop produced and it will now hang on the wall of the MacArthur Hall Chapel.

#### Announcing ALLEY 5 EXPANDED HOURS!

Monday – Saturday 11 AM – 5 PM 6 – 8 PM

> Sunday 11 AM — 5PM



# Fun times at the King Fisher!

Volunteer Bob Schoen and his boys had a blast fishing with members.



Please respect the privacy of each of our individual Members.

Respectfully we ask that you do not take any photographs of any Member unless they or a staff member has authorized you to do so.

If you are uncertain, please ask a member of our staff and they will be happy to assist you.

# May activities sponsored by the King Recreation Committee, Inc.

Activity	Cost	Sponsored by
Fish Fry - (Harbor Bar)	\$300.00	AMVETS
Entertainment Parties	\$400.00	ALA- \$100 per month per Building
Catered Meals	\$1,200.00	OH(\$300)-VFW; MH(\$300)- AL;
		SH (\$300)-DAVA; AH (\$300)- AL
Timber Rattler Game (1 of 2)	\$200.00	DAV
Entertainment for buidlings	\$400.00	May L. Luchsinger
Open House Entertainment	\$1,260.00	May L. Luchsinger
Memorial Day Park Events	\$500.00	DAV



Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of King veterans and their families.

1	Ruth Gutt	0H533
	Robert Meyer	AH316
2	Robert Chubeck	0H465
3	Hugo Johnson	SH576A
	William Eddy	AH144
	Dennis Olsen	SH227
4	Otto Tiedemann	SH283
	Corrine Radloff	AH327
	James Holeman	AH457
5	Gerald Bussian	AH108
	George Conner	SH266
6	Ernest Boggs	0H242
	Darvey Guidry	AH329B
	Thomas Martin	0H238
7	Russell Wolden	0H222
8	Kurtis Kading	AH426
9	David Johnson	SH522
10	Charles Condon	SH276A
	Robert Green	MH276

2	James Bruckner	AH135
3	Kenneth Halverson	0H576B
4	Mary Lund	SH433
	Roy Gray	SH311
5	Mildred McKeehan	SH538
6	Allan Boutwell	SH579B
	James Lunde	0H483
	Gary White	0H402
7	Chester Strosin	SH369
	Barbara Hoerman	OH583
8	William Bristol	AH304
9	Kermit Peterson	SH352
10	Myron Hollman	SH255
	William Neddo	0H323
11	Donald Von Rase	MH236
12	Henry Polzin	MH262
•	Jamil Roggow	AH354
14	Thomas Muller	SH468
	Fred Johns	SH208
	Carol Stuckart	AH219
	Lavern Phelps	SH219A
	Florian Maslonka	OH519A
15	Leonard Bruce	AH239
	Henry Kriha	AH130

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# **JUNE Birthdays**

10	Kathleen Huhta	SH476A
11	Harold Kennison	MH353
	Larry Stiebs	SH535
12	Bruce Wildman	0H531
14	David Christie	SH383
	Charles Jones	AH222
17	Theresa Demmert	SH327
	John Miller	0H285
18	Gilbert Guolee	MH380
19	Gustav Finkbeiner	SH436
21	Minnie Ahlm	AH333A
	James Vaux	SH483
	Marilyn Feldmann	SH536
23	<b>Richard Westenberger</b>	AH127
	Colin Young	MH309
	William Godfrey	0H206
24	Elmer Feltz	SH309
	La Verne Langer	SH446B
	Robert Ashburn	AH225

# **JULY Birthdays**

15	Charles Davis	AH403
	Theodore Shelbrack	OH269
	Ronald Galloway	0H341
	Bruce Kloehn	0H472
	Gary Wilson	SH438
16	Robert Bascue	SH569
17	Arnold Mickelson	MH320
	Gerald Polster	MH366
	Michael Starrine	0H371
18	John Smith	OH382
	August Bemke	AH121
19	Thomas Smith	OH362
20	Erwin Beach	AH320
	Edwin Gabor	SH525
	Beverly Gerner	0H205
21	Albert Ebben	OH420
	John Cejka	0H225
	Beverly Bloedorn	OH311
23	Kenneth Rindt	MH257B
	Joyce Kielman	AH441
	Richard Hilliard	MH274A
	Delore Deau	OH582
	Alvin Tesch	SH362

#### James Reynolds 25 MH374A 26 La Von Repp SH403 Alan Freezy SH382 Frank Mettler 27 0H282 28 Edna Hanamann OH319A 29 Marian Wienandt SH312 MH278 Kenneth O'Malley **Robert Kohlmann** 0H209

22	Joanne Evanicki	SH335
23	Donald Truesdale	OH463
	James Nyquist	AH112
	Oscar Cutting	AH429B
24	Joseph Tibbitts	SH506
	Daniel Haufe	OH508
25	Carole Moloney	0H346A
	Raymon <mark>d Kaquatosh</mark>	MH235
	Thomas <mark>Vincent</mark>	SH305
27	Harold H <mark>oelzer</mark>	MH275
	Gerald Ge <mark>rdin</mark>	MH212
	Cora Schwe <mark>rsinske</mark>	AH359B
28	Florence Landon	AH336
	Barton Swindall	AH206
	James Liebergen	MH374B
29	Norman Frauenfelder	MH266
	William Johnson	MH282
30	Vera Neidy	MH220
	Betty Martin	AH423
	Wayne Karnes	SH262
	Joseph Koller	0H342
31	James Bleck	MH324

#### **Ainsworth Hall**

#### WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

#### Outdoor tugger rides have begun.





Patiently waiting for the tugger.

#### Celebrating Mother's Day!





Wood crafting class.

Some of the members at Ainsworth Hall had the opportunity to go see a **Waupaca High School baseball game.** 





#### Donations

Robert & Armilla Jankowski New London, WI

American Legion Post 317 Auxiliary Wild Rose, WI

Sam Schroeder Stevens Point, WI

**Sharon Riske** Manawa, WI

Sherry VanOuse Mosinee, WI DAR - Jean Nicolet Chapter / Pilgrim Congregational Church Green Bay, WI

**Steve Labus** Oshkosh, WI

WRC-Sue Waid Waupaca, WI

Taffy Morgan Amherst, WI

WE NEED YOUR HELP: When making a donation, please provide the full name, phone number and complete address (including zip code) of the person or group to be acknowledged.

*Arms* Written by member Ricky Engstrom

> Put your arms around me. Hold me just like this. Cover me with your love. So much I can't resist.

Give me reasons to believe. That our love will ascend. Let your heart heal. With a love that just won't end.

> Free me from my worry. Take away my doubt. Leave the past behind. And seek our future out.

Go beyond your limits. And let love be a part of us. I offer no gimmicks. Just my arms like such. Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish Amherst Junction, WI

Tonya Boutwell Ogdensburg, WI

American Legion Post 161 Nekoosa, WI

Vern Keenlance Estate Wild Rose, WI

VFW Aux. Merrill Merrill, WI

VFW Post 1707 Portage, WI

Wendy Mathison Redgranite, WI

Wendy Mitch Plover, WI

Wilhelm Kriehn Plover, Wl



The Fox Valley Wisconsin HOG Chapter donated \$4064.00 to put towards the Home Exchange fund.

# The **Waupaca 6th Grade Band** performed for members in the park.



#### **Home News**

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#### **MacArthur Hall**

#### WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

#### King Annual Open House was a HIT!

Despite the very cool temperature, frigid wind, and partly cloudy skies, the 2016 Wisconsin Veterans Home at King annual Open House, which took place on Sunday, May 15th remained a hit. Members of King, their families and friends, WVH-King staff and their families, community members from inside and outside the area of all age groups, volunteers, numerous veteran and community service organizations bundled up to enjoy the various Open House activities ranging from the 200+ entry Old Car Show, Military Vintage Car display, Jump Houses, rides on the Chief Waupaca paddle boat, tours of all kinds, entertainment in the park by the 11-piece Justmann Band, and the Vietnam educational display, just to name a few.

One of the many highlights of the day was when the WVH-King Honor Guard took center stage to perform a flag folding ceremony. The Honor Guard proudly described the purpose for each color of the flag, and the significance and demonstration of each of the 13 folds. Following the Honor Guard's presentation, our very own member choir, the King Singers, directed by King Staff Jeanne Trombla and Amy Formella, sang 6 old time favorites for the Open House crowd. What a great day to showcase and share with various stakeholders the mission of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.



#### King Annual Open House is a HIT! (continued from page 20)





What do you break before you use it?

Answer from last month's riddle: An anchor

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# VITAL STATISTICS

Vietnam

WWII

Male Census Female Census

Under Age 50 Age 50 to Under 60 Age 60 to Under 65 Age 65 or Over

534	Berlin
149	Berlin Crisis
	Korea
3	Lebanon
22	Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm
29	Operation Enduring Freedom
669	Other
	Peacetime

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#### **Olson Hall**

Rootbeer float party with the WLC kids.



Olson Hall members had some visitors.



Dale McFarlin



Doris Ostrowski



**Barbara Weiss** showed off her vintage clothing and jewelry collection for members to see.











**Frank Beidle** 



#### MARDEN MEMORIAL CENTER THEATER

# Movies scheduled for JULY are:

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Friday, July 1st at 1:30pm **Return of Sabata** PG 1hr 46min Tuesday, July 5th at 1:30pm **The Long Shot** PG13 1hr 34min Wednesday, July 6th at 1:30pm **How to Lose a Guy in 10 days** PG13 1hr 55min Thursday, July 7th at 1:30pm

The Horse Whisperer PG13 2hr 49min

> Friday, July 8th at 1:30pm **G.I. Jane** R 2hr 5min

Monday, July 11th at 1:30pm Legends of the Fall R 2hr 5min

Tuesday, July 12th at 1:30pm **About Schmidt** R 2hr 4min Wednesday, July 13th at 1:30pm **Six Days and Seven Nights** PG13 1hr 43min Thursday, July 14th at 1:30pm **Payback** R 1hr 42min

> Friday, July 15th at 1:30pm **The Pelican Brief** PG13 2hr 21min

Monday, July 18th at 1:30pm **Nurse Betty** R 1hr 50min

Tuesday, July 19th at 1:30pm **Sahara** PG13 2hr 3min

Wednesday, July 20th at 1:30pm **Noah** PG 13 2hr 13min

Thursday, July 21st at 1:30pm **Master and Commander** PG13 2hr 18min

Friday, July 22nd at 1:30pm **On Golden Pond** PG 1hr 45min Monday, July 25th at 1:30pm **Mr. Hollands Opus** PG 2hr 23min Tuesday, July 26th at 1:30pm **Captain Phillips** PG 2hr 23min Wednesday, July 27th at 1:30pm **Cast Awav** PG 13 2hr 23min Thursday, July 28th at 1:30pm **A Beautiful Mind** PG 13 2hr 16min

Friday, July 29th at 1:30pm **As Good as it Gets** PG 13 2hr 19min

#### **Stordock Hall**

#### WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

SH Intergenerational group from the Waupaca Learning Center playing bingo with their buddies.









**Eleanore Mikich** celebrated her 100th Birthday with family and peers on SH5. Cake, ice cream and a bouquet of flowers was sponsored by the King Recreation Committee and 100 yellow roses by her family.





Last SH Intergenerational group in May with their **WLC buddies**.



Dennis Kinney and his puzzle.

## The Library has added several books to its permanent collection. Following are some of those books.

#### The 34th Degree by Thomas Greanias

Sam Deker is trying to build a new life in Los Angeles after his dishonorable discharge from the armed forces. While in service, Sam had been subjected to an unusual lightwave-induced torture which he barely survived. He now believes that torture has changed him.

Enter the folks from the Pentagon. They believe the changes in Sam make him a good candidate to possibly endure their top secret neurosimulation program ("The 34th Degree"). They plan to use sliced brain tissues of a legendary 1943 Nazi SS General to "send" Sam back to 1943. Their hope is that Sam can discover what the Nazi SS did with a certain ancient biblical text. Inside that text was encoded the supernatural alchemy for the ultimate weapon. Of course, Sam has to locate the ancient text before the "new SS" gets hold of it! The future of the world rests on Sam Deker's shoulders.

#### Bel-Air Dead by Stuart Woods

#### (A Stone Barrington Novel)

Stone is asked by a beautiful Bel-Air widow (one of the wealthiest women in America) to help her divest her interest in Hollywood's world-famous Centurion Studios. Since this will result in the dissolution of the studios, Stone finds out that not everyone is in favor of such a move. You will be entertained by this "complex and high-stakes game, the kind only the truly rich can play....and survive."

#### The Lightning Stones by Jack Du Brul

Philip Mercer hops an elevator and heads two thousand feet deep – into the earth of Leister Deep Mine in Minnesota. Philip is a geologist and wants to catch up with his friend and mentor, Abraham Jacobs. Jacobs is in the deepest section of the mine, leading a research team that is studying climate change. But, after hearing automatic gunfire in the massive chambers, Philip finds his friend and the entire research team have been brutally attacked.

Immediately, Philip gets to work searching for clues to the secret project on which his friend had been working. His search, which keeps him just one step ahead of a highly trained team of assassins, leads to a showdown in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan and to a remote island in the Pacific. It turns out everyone is scrambling to find a cache of rare crystals called lightning stones. Rumor has it that the stones were aboard Amelia Earhart's plane when it vanished in 1937, and the stones are part of a scientific discovery that could irrevocably alter the planet!

#### The Last Kind Words Saloon by Larry McMurtry

This is an intriguing novel in which writer Larry McMurtry tells the story of the last of the American frontier. His story follows the travails of 2 legends: Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp.

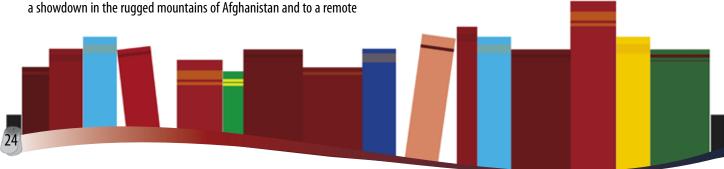
You will enjoy this page-turner as you follow Doc and Wyatt while they live out the last days of a way of life that is passing into history. "With the buffalo herds gone, the Comanche defeated, and vast swaths of the Great Plains being enclosed by cattle ranches, the 2 friends live on, even as the storied West that forged their myths disappears."

#### Strong Darkness by Jon Land

Fifth generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong finds herself investigating a high-tech company that was recently awarded the contract to build the United States' 5G network. The Chinese company's founder is Li Zhen, and his hidden goal is total domination of the U.S. Caitlin and her boyfriend search for a way to stop Zhen in his tracks, but end up fending off forces of the Chinese underworld. Then they discover the shocking existence of an international human trafficking network that preys on children. Things begin to look bleak...

#### The Last Lie by Stephen White

Detective Sam Purdy and a deputy D.A. join forces to try to solve bizarre happenings that occurred at an affluent couple's house party. Suffice it to say the situation deteriorates when a national celebrity is accused of rape, then a crucial witness is murdered. You won't be able to put this one down!



#### **Home News**





#### What is the Memory Café?

The Memory Café provides a fun and comfortable environment where veterans and their dependents with early stage memory loss, along with their care partners, can relax, engage, socialize and enjoy the company of others who are on the same journey.

#### The Details

- 2nd Thursday of each month
- 9:30-11 a.m. in the Ainsworth Hall multi-purpose room (immediately to your left when you enter the main door)

#### **Questions?**

Chris Boehnlein, SW - 715-256-5003 Michele Guyant, AT - 715-258-5586, ext. 2513 Denise Knudsen, SW - 715-258-5586, ext. 3526

#### The Experience

- Laughter
- Friendships
- Engaging activities
- Refreshments
- Built on member preferences

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Funding for the Legends on the Lake Memory Café is currently provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

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#### **Home News**

#### Armed Forced Day breakfast at Schueller's Great Exspectitations sponsored by AMVETS and AMVETS Aux.



# WDVA Educational Assistance Program for LPN Professional Development

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, in conjunction with FVTC School of Nursing, Appleton, offers a Practical Nursing degree opportunity to WVH-King CNAs.

The Practical Nursing stipend program was created out of a grant to encourage Veterans Home caregiver staff, interested in becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, the opportunity to complete a nursing degree with the backing of our facility. The stipend program began the Fall 2002. There have been approximately 70 graduates of the PN stipend program and many graduates remain employed at WVH-King as LPNs or RNs.

The Practical Nurse stipend program accepts up to 8 students per year into the two semester

FVTC Practical Nursing program. The students begin their first semester January through May which focuses on nursing fundamentals, nursing skills, pharmacology and introduction to clinical practice. School is not in session during the summer months, and students are able to return to their regular CNA position and hours. Second semester begins late August until graduation which is mid-December. Second semester is somewhat more intense with coursework focusing on alterations in health, health promotion across the lifespan in an acute care setting and clinical management for the practical nurse. Clinical placement is at the Veterans Home at King or Theda Care- Waupaca. Former students have mentioned how very beneficial clinical experiences at the Veterans Home at King was to their success after graduation. Students are exposed to many nursing skills and a varied member population while completing their clinical coursework.

More information is available through the WVH-King Staff Development Department for anyone interested in the LPN Development Program.

### Upcoming Major Events

American Legion & Aux. King Day Sun., June 19

DAV and DAV Aux. King Day Sun., June 26

> **UAW King Run** Sat., July 2

Member Council Independence Day Celebration Mon., July 4

Korean War Truce Wed., July 27

Coast Guard Birthday Thurs., August 4

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Aux. King Day Sat., August 20

> MOPH and MOPH Auxiliary King Day Sun., August 21

AMVETS and AMVETS Auxiliary King Day September 9-11

> **Patriot Day** Sun., September 11

For more events, please visit www.WisVets.com

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