

# WDVA Secretary's Column

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# U.S. troops combined with technology produced a new, lethal force

Of all the "myths" circulating today about the war in Vietnam 40 years ago, probably the biggest - and most repeated -- is that our soldiers were ill-prepared and didn't fight very well.

It's not true. In fact, it's so far from the truth that on this 40th anniversary of the end of the conflict, it is imperative for Wisconsinites to remember -- whether we agree or disagree over that war — that our soldiers in Vietnam fought well and fought hard for their country.

Training, tactics and technology transformed our young soldiers into an extremely lethal fighting force. At the same time, new battlefield medical technology saved thousands of lives of wounded soldiers who, in past wars, would have died.

It was a brutal war. One in ten U.S. soldiers were wounded and 58,000 never came home, including 1,239 from Wisconsin. However, by some estimates, the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong may have lost as many as 2 million soldiers.

The disparity seems unreal even today. But it's no mystery.

Tactically, the United States employed a strategy called "search and destroy." Patrols maneuvered from firebases established throughout the Vietnamese countryside searching for enemy troops and supply caches. When contact was made, our soldiers would call in artillery and air support, and if needed, more infantry could quickly be airlifted via helicopters to surround and annihilate the enemy force.

In a restricted war without actual "fronts" between armies" search and destroy" was a way to isolate pockets of Viet Cong guerillas and NVA regulars and take the attack to them using superior firepower and mobility.

Technologically, the backbone of the U.S. tactical mission became the helicopter. It was the reason U.S. forces could attack - and attack constantly. In World War II, the average U.S. soldier in the South Pacific saw roughly 40 days of combat a year. In Vietnam, the average U.S. soldier saw battle 240

days a year as helicopters quickly transported soldiers to the fight. A symbol of U.S. presence in Vietnam, the versatile Bell Huey UH-1 "Huey," nearly 5,000 of which were deployed in Vietnam, transported troops (nearly 13 soldiers at a time), launched strikes into the jungle with mounted missile launchers and machine guns, and served as airborne command centers.

It could also carry up to six stretchers. MEDEVAC helicopters flew nearly 500,000 missions to airlift nearly 900,000 patients (about half of them Americans), getting them to field hospitals - on average - within less than an hour of being wounded. Thanks to the helicopter and new modern field hospitals, less than one percent of all U.S. soldiers died after being wounded.

On January 8, 1968, Huey door gunner Gary Wetzel of South Milwaukee, Wis. and his helicopter and unit were trapped in a landing zone by intense and deadly fire. Despite having lost his left arm and sustaining severe wounds to his right arm, chest, and leg, he eliminated the automatic weapons emplacement that had been inflicting heavy casualties on his unit and preventing American forces from moving against the strong enemy force attacking them, and aided his fellow crewmen in moving to safety. Specialist Fourth Class Wetzel was among six Wisconsin men to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroism during the Vietnam War.

On the other side of Search and Destroy, American advances in airpower and artillery allowed the Allied Forces a decisive edge in firepower.

The AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter served as air cavalry, engaging enemy forces and quickly moving out of the area. Among their crews was Wisconsinite Ray Boland, who served as a Cobra pilot during his second tour in Vietnam and later went on to become Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

The F-4 Phantom fighter, the cutting edge of American air power at the time, carried missiles and rockets and, later, a cannon for dogfights with Soviet MiGs. The workhorse of the U.S. Air Force, the F-4 also carried out recon, bombing, and air superiority missions.

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More fearsome, the B-52 Strato Fortress, which carries up to 81,000 pounds of bombs and is still in use today, could fly at speeds of 660 miles per hour -- and when refueled in the air, could stay up almost indefinitely. The B-52 pounded the Vietnamese countryside, ripping craters into the jungles and mountains, some of which are still visible today.

It was in this that Americans also saw some of the limits of technology. The Viet Cong, for example, employed relatively simple mines and booby traps to exact an awful toll on U.S. troops, equipment, and morale. The Viet Cong and NVA regulars also used new hand-held anti-tank and anti-aircraft technology to counter America's overwhelming technological superiority.

Tactics and technology aside, wars are still fought by soldiers, not machines. Our young men risked their lives in a brutal overseas campaign to serve this country only to be shunned when they came home.

It is my wish that this never happens again. That's why my department has created a new program in Wisconsin, "Mission: Welcome Home." No matter what tactics our troops use, or what they use to fight with, they are our troops and deserved to be treated as heroes.

This is the twelfth in a series of 15 columns which will be published about the Vietnam War.





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# 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 that 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 back to their room, they are able to do that as well.

If you would like to volunteer and become involved, please call Vicki Ponedel at 715-256-5010.



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# **April Anniversaries**

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- 27 Kenneth and Beverly Rindt



# 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 Tuesdays 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.

# The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King honors the legacy of veterans and their spouses by providing a final salute: Code Red White and Blue/Code Amazing Grace.

The Mission of Code Red White and Blue / Code Amazing Grace a is cooperative effort between members, staff, family members and volunteers to honor our fallen veterans and dependents of veterans at the Wisconsin Veterans Home – King.

There is a grand tradition is honoring their fallen veterans as we recognize and appreciate your service to our great country. In an effort to mirror the tradition of honoring our fallen, the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King has adopted Code Red White and Blue / Code Amazing Grace. When a veteran who lives at King passes away, a Code Red White and Blue announcement will be announced notifying members, family members, staff and volunteers a veteran has passed. The veteran will be draped with an American Flag and escorted by other members of King, staff members of King, family members and volunteers to render a final salute.

When a dependent of a veteran passes away Code Amazing Grace will be announced and he or she will be draped with a dignity blanket and escorted by other members of King, staff members, family members and volunteers to render a final goodbye. This is our way of honoring their service and recognizing their legacy here at the King Veterans Home.

If you are interested in being a part of the Code Red White and Blue / Code Amazing Grace final salute team, please see your Social Worker or Activity Therapist for further details.

It is our honor to serve you!

Just wanted to say that I think this is a wonderful moment for survivors as well as giving some peace to current veterans. It does them good to know people care and one day they too will have this glorious sentoff. As a veteran I believe this is an opportunity to give other veterans and spouses more of the respect they deserve.

~ Glenna Peters

I think it is very respectful to give these veterans the sendoff they deserve Thanks for doing it.

~ Connie Peterson UC OH Float

I participated in my first code red white and blue yesterday. I thought it was amazing! It was a beautiful and emotional moment. Looking around the room I could see it meant a lot to the veterans and staff.

~ Erin Mckay RN

I have been a member of King for 5 years. I am a Korean War veteran. I have been involved in many of the Code Red, White and Blue ceremonies since it began on July 4th, 2015. I have witnessed many times the great respect shown by both staff and members during this ceremony and it is a great honor for me to give my fallen comrades a final salute.

~ James Jolly, King member

Although I am new here and haven't been able to see many sendoffs, the couple that I have seen were very emotional, but not in a way that can easily be put into words. The members who participate in the code Red, White, and Blue, are inspiring because of how serious they take it and the effort they put in to being there, at any hour of the night, they wake up to be there and do their duty. It makes you really appreciate what the members have done for this country, and I want to stress the importance of remaining quiet and respectful while the sendoff is happening, and remaining quiet until the van pulls away.

~ Emily Kirmse

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 March 27 - April 23, 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EASTER SUNDAY Easter Ham with Pineapple Ring (Pork Roast) Mashed Potatoes With Ham gravy Green Bean Casserole (Asparagus) Marble Rye Bread Boston Cream Pie	Sweet and Sour Meatballs (Baked Cod) over Steamed Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Sugar Snap Peas (Asparagus) Fortune Cookie Tapioca Pudding	Baked Chicken (Meatloaf) with Cranberry Sauce Country Dumpling with Chicken Gravy (Whipped Potatoes) Squash (Asparagus) Frozen Strawberry Yogurt	30 Veal Piccata with Lemon Sauce (Macaroni and Cheese) Noodles Romanoff (Whipped Potatoes) Harvard Beets (Diced Carrots) Blushing Pear	Meatloaf with Tomato Sauce (Chicken Fillet with Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) California Blend Vegetables (Asparagus) Date Cake	Potato Pancakes with Syrup (Whipped Potatoes) Bacon Strips (Scrambled Eggs) Applesauce Pumpkin Square	Chicken Pot Pie (Hamburger with a Bun) Tossed Salad (Waldorf Salad) With Thousand Island Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Chocolate Sundae
3 BBQ Pork Ribs (Meatloaf) French Fries (Potato Salad) Pea Salad (Carrot Salad) Banana Cream Pie	Smoked Beef Au Jus (Turkey Tetrazzini) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Cucumbers Vinai- grette (Tossed Salad with French Dressing) Potato Roll Iced Apple Bar	Talian Meat Sauce (Turkey Loaf Over Mostaccioli (Whipped Potatoes) Tossed Salad (Carrot Salad) with Ranch Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Warm Garlic Roll Chocolate Ice Cream	Rosemary Garlic Pork Chop (Meatloaf) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Pickled Beets (2 Bean Salad) Warm Dinner Roll Double Chocolate Pudding	7 Sliced Turkey with 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) Warm Rye Bread Raspberry Sherbet	9 Chicken Dijon (Tater Tot Hot Dish) Vegetable Fried Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Braised Red Cabbage (Peas) Pistachio Torte
10 Beef Pot Roast (Macaroni and Cheese) Whipped Potatoes with Gravy Carrots, Celery and Onions (Wax Beans) Coconut Cream Pie	Garlic-Parmesan Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Broccoli Cuts (Diced Carrots) Cheesecake Brownie	Shrimp Scampi (Grilled Ribeye) Twice Baked Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Green Beans Amandine (Diced Rutabagas) Tropical Trifle	Breaded Pork Cutlet with Mushroom Gravy (Scrambled Eggs) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes w/ gravy) Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce (Spinach) Apple Pie	(Tater Tot Hot Dish) Wild Rice Blend (Whipped Potatoes) Vegetable Stir Fry (Asparagus) Fresh Orange Wedges	Poor Man's Lobster (Chicken Breast in Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato With Butter (Whipped Potatoes) Creamy Coleslaw (Pea Salad) Onion Rye Bread Peanut Butter Pie	16 Savory Meatballs (Turkey Loaf) Whipped Potatoes Creamed Corn (Diced Beets) German Chocolate Cake
17 Oven Fried Chicken With Cranberry Sauce Garnish (Beef Roast) French Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Green Beans (Diced Beets) Pineapple Upside- Down Cake	18 Stuffed Pepper (Baked Haddock/ Whipped Potatoes) Shredded Cheddar Cheese Whole Kernel Corn (Diced Carrots) Butterscotch Pudding	Hamburger with a Bun (Cod Patty) Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles (2 Bean Salad) French Fries (Potato Salad) Vanilla Ice Cream	Chicken Pot Pie (Chili with Crackers)	21 Veal Parmesan American Fries (Macaroni and Cheese) Sliced Carrots (Diced Rutabagas) Warm Garlic Roll Éclair Dessert	Baked Potato With Butter (Whipped Potatoes) Cauliflower Salad	Country Style Pork Ribs (Meatloaf) Boiled Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Sauerkraut (Wax Beans) Black Forest Mousse

# **Chaplain's Column**

# WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING



# Rich Engle Protestant Chaplain

# "He is Alive!"

As I am writing this month's Chaplain Column, I realize that this article's printing will come to you **during** the lenten season and **before** the celebration of three of history's most significant events, the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Most will say that we can certainly celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but to celebrate His death and burial? Why do we call the day that we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross, "Good Friday?" Let's go on the journey of the Easter season and you be the one to answer this question.

John 11: 17-26: On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. "Jesus said to her," I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (NIV)

#### What a question for us today from Jesus, "Do you believe this?"

Jesus had these "Words of Comfort," to share with his good friend Martha, on his way to raise Lazarus from the dead. Martha and Mary were experiencing great pain and grief in the death and burial of their brother, Lazarus.

We too have experienced the death and burial of a loved one. We have felt the pain and grief that comes with the loss of a loved one.

#### How can this possibly be a time of celebration?

When Jesus heard Lazarus' need for help, he said: "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." (John 11:4 NIV)

Jesus had in mind, the "bigger picture." He knew that Lazarus would experience a resurrection from the tomb. Jesus also knew that Lazarus' physical death and burial would need to take place before Lazarus' resurrection would be available.

Jesus knows our need as well...Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV)

Jesus came to this earth for reason, so eloquently spoken by John the Baptist in John 1:29...The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (NIV)

Have you spent time reflecting this lenten and Easter season about the suffering that Jesus did on your behalf...about the shedding of His blood to cover your sins, His death on the cross for you, about His burial, and about His powerful resurrection from the dead...gaining victory over death...over the grave...for you?

Could this be the very reason we call the day of Jesus' death and burial, "Good Friday?" Could this be cause for celebration over the death and burial of a loved one, that is in Christ?

Over the past months, I have had to say, "so long" to a number of our members at the Veterans Home at King, who have passed on into eternity.

#### How about you? Who have you had to say, "so long" to?

I have been reflecting about Jesus' resurrection power and the significance it holds for me...for our deceased members...for you.

I have been reflecting on the words that Jesus spoke...the powerful truth and promise that he spoke to Martha over 2000 years ago. The certainty that Jesus truly is...the resurrection and the life...powerfully displayed in His own resurrection.

But before Jesus experienced His own Resurrection, **He had a message to give...a miracle to perform**...in the resurrection of His good friend, Lazarus.

Jesus' love motivated His message which needed to be expressed to Martha, Mary, and all of the Jewish folks who had come to grieve with the sisters. Jesus' message: that He is the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he dies; whoever lives and believes in me will never die...a statement with a question to follow for Martha," Do you believe this?"

So many years later, Jesus still asks this same question to me...to you; "Do you believe this?

Jesus wanted to know **IF** Martha believed what He said, about Himself. . . Jesus today desires to know **IF** you believe what He said, about Himself.

Martha's response... John 11:27: "Yes, Lord," she told Him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into the world." (NIV)

Martha was claiming Jesus to be the One...the Messiah who was prophesied about so many years before, and that Jesus was the fulfillment of the One the Jewish people were waiting for...that God Himself was now with His people, incarnate...in the flesh...and for good reason!

# WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

After Jesus' emotional encounter (Jesus wept) with Mary and the Jews who followed Mary, **Jesus had a miracle to perform**...friends to serve, with the desire that all who hear and see what Jesus was going to say and do, would believe in Him.

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me. When He said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11: 41-43 NIV)

#### And Lazarus did come out of the tomb...Oh, what a day!

Yes, many of the Jews who witnessed Lazarus' resurrection believed and put their faith in Jesus.

This miracle also began the journey of Jesus' fulfillment of why He came for sinful man...to be the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29 NIV).

Within days, the Pharisees and Chief Priests were meeting together to scheme a plan to kill Jesus...to rid society of this One who claimed; "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him" (John 14: 6-7 NIV)...claiming to be God Himself.

In the eyes and ears of the religious leaders, Jesus was...the great blasphemer.

I have heard it said; "that God will use even the works of sinful man to accomplish His purposes".

Within weeks of Lazarus' resurrection, Jesus was hailed as the King of Israel and then within days, Jesus prayed in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane to His Father. Jesus was then betrayed and arrested, abandoned by His Disciples, denied by Peter, questioned, ridiculed, and unjustly put on "trial" by the religious elite. Then being beaten without mercy, a crown of thorns placed onto his head, spit upon, mocked by the soldiers, and sentenced to death by way of the Cross.

#### The journey of the Cross continues...the reason that Jesus came is becoming reality.

The carrying by Jesus and Simon the Cyrenian, that heavy cross to Golgotha, to Jesus' lying down...willingly on that cross, to the pounding of the nails into the precious hands and feet of Jesus...to the raising of the cross as it is dropped in place for Jesus to be crucified and to suffer on.

And suffer... "The Kings of the Jews" did.

Jesus fulfilled, the prophesy spoken, by the Prophet Isaiah; "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5 NIV).

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father into your hands, I commit my spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last. (Luke 24:44-46 NIV)

# It is now finished....the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world has been slain.

Praise God that history does not end here...Luke 24:1-8....On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how he told you, while He was with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful man, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."(NIV)

Then they remembered His words.....For God so loved the world (you) that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3:16-17 NIV)

Lord bless you with the experiential knowledge of His love for you, as you personally reflect on the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May you have a most Blessed Easter Season!

Jesus is Alive!



# **Recognizing Medal of Honor Day**

The United States Congress has designated March 25th of each year as National Medal of Honor Day, a day dedicated to those who have received our nation's highest honor for combat bravery. To honor Wisconsin's recipients of the highest military honor, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Home at King have established a Medal of Honor memorial which is located on the grounds of the Veterans Home at King. The Medal of Honor monument at King memorializes the 63 Wisconsinites who are recipients of the most distinguished military award.

For more information regarding the 63 WI Medal of Honor recipients, please visit www.wisvets-museum.com.

The most recent WI Medal of Honor recipient to be added to the list of WI Medal of Honor recipients is Civil War First Lieutenant named Alonzo H. Cushing. For more information on Lt. Cushing visit the following website, http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/biographies/alonzo-hcushing-/Alonzo-H-Cushing.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/.

# Religious Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home

# Catholic Services

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL

10:00 AM

OLSON HALL CHAPEL

11:00 AM

MACARTHUR HALL

Sr. Martha Mafurutu • ext. 2381 • Office Olson Hall, room 136

# Lutheran Services

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:15 AM

MACARTHUR HALL CHAPEL

STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL

AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL

OLSON HALL CHAPEL

Chaplain Wayne Schwanke • ext. 2465 • Office Ainsworth Hall, room P07

# **Protestant Services**

SUNDAY
7:30 AM
8:30 AM
OLSON HALL CHAPEL
9:30 AM
MACARTHUR HALL CHAPEL
10:30 AM
STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL

Chaplain Rich Engle • ext. 2531 • Office Ainsworth Hall, room P07

# Bible Studies

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

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>AINSWORTH HALL 1 & 2 SERVICE - MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM\*\*\*



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.

# Bernard G. Mertens,

a WW II Army Veteran joined us on February 1, 2016 from Thorp. He is living at MH 360B.

## Mary Ann Mertens,

a WW II Army Veteran's spouse joined us on February 1, 2016 from Thorp. She is living at MH 313.

#### David A. Heimerl,

a Korean War Coast Guard Veteran joined us on February 1, 2016 from Wausau. He is living at OH 479B.

# Larry C. Petersen,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on February 2, 2016 from Havre, Montana. He is living at OH 376B.

# Edward Ludwig Jr.,

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on February 4, 2016 from Milwaukee. He is living at AH 123.

#### Paulette M. Bauer,

a Vietnam Army Veteran's spouse joined us on February 5, 2016 from Brooksville, Florida. She is living at MH 337.

#### Wayne K. Baldwin,

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on February 5, 2016 from Fall River. He is living at AH 433A.

# John W. Mack,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on February 9, 2016 from Waupaca. He is living at SH 508.

# Bernard E. Thompson,

a WW II Navy Veteran joined us on February 12, 2016 from Platteville. He is living at AH 208.

#### Jerome A. Michels,

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on February 15, 2016 from Green Bay. He is living at OH 446B.

# Richard Osby,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on February 17, 2016 from Waupaca. He is living at AH 409B.

## Marjorie Tonnsen,

a WW II Marine Corps Veteran's spouse joined us on February 19, 2016 from Stevens Point. She is living at OH 309.

## Mark R. Marineau,

a Vietnam War Navy Veteran joined us on February 24, 2016 from Marinette. He is living at SH 216B.

## Patrick J. Thompson,

a Vietnam War Marine Corps and Air Force Veteran joined us on February 24, 2016 from Waupaca. He is living at MH 216B.

#### Lawrence D. Foulk,

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on February 25, 2016 from Baraboo. He is living at SH 276B.

#### James W. Strack,

a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran joined us on February 26, 2016 from Milwaukee. He is living at OH 279A.

# VITAL STATISTICS

Male Census	553	Air Force	88
Female Census	150	Army	319
		Army Air Corps	9
Under Age 50	3	Coast Guard	5
Age 50 to Under 60	21	Marine Corps	58
Age 60 to Under 65	28	MC Reserve	3
Age 65 or Over	651	Merchant Marine	1
		National Guard	2
		Navy	107

# WVH-King Honor Guard toured the Veterans Museum, Capitol and Central Office in Madison.





At the Capitol with Senator Luther Olson.



Deputy Secretary Kathy Marschman presented the Honor Guard with certificates of recognition.



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

Marden In-House Meal (Ambrosia Beef Roast: 40 mbrs)	\$ 450	ALA
Super Bowl Tailgate Party (\$100 per building)	\$ 600	DAV
"CARAVAN" Family Band- (2/27/16)	\$ 250	DAVA
Entertainment (all bldgs)	\$ 400	May Luchsinger
Catered Meals (\$300 each building)	\$1200	OH(\$300)-VFW
		MH(\$300)-AMVETS
		SH(\$450)-MOPH
		AH(\$300)- ALA



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

# **MARCH Birthdays**

1	Jerry Owen Thomas Neumann	OH552 SH480
2	Allen Jacobsen	0H253
3	Sally Beuer-Tajovsky	SH442
J	Lawrence Shallue	0H320
4	Florence Domokos	AH104
4		0H525
	Jerome Kolberg David Heimerl	0H479B
5	Sheldon Klutz	SH405
)	Ramon Skodinski	
		0H539 MH212
	Raymond Altman	
	Jeffrey Rataichek	SHS222
,	David Salan	MH363
6	Wesley Barraud	0H419B
_	Carl Mapps	MH255
7	Donald Nelson	SH241
	Marilyn Heleniak	AH131
	Patrick Pludeman	SH485
	Thomas Holterman	MH381
8	Richard Radlinger	0H506
	David Bird	0H219A
	Edward Lein	SH479B
9	Charles Turner	0H263
10	Leland Trinrud	MH359
	William Brouillet	SH541
	Cecelia Smith	0H431
	George Crowley	AH317
	David Coss	SH511

11	Thomas Welnetz	SH441
	Kenneth Davidson	AH126
12	Eldon Treichler	OH380
13	James Szutkowski	SH579B
	Robert McQuitty	OH211
	Edward Michalik	AH109
14	Harold Brunner	0H446A
	John Meinen	AH235
	Richard Osby	AH409B
15	Joseph Smith	AH157
	John Wiedow	SH252
16	Victor Gutt	0H535
	Shirley Cross	AH342
17	Maurice Haynes	AH309B
	Patrick Spreda	0H342
18	Donald Hoefs	MH361
19	James Kempf	0H435
20	Eleanore Mikich	SH505
	Phyllis Roberts	AH202B
	Donald Dutcher	0H423
21	Gladys Pleshek	OH579A
	Walter Anderson	AH122
	Roger Rasmussen	0H372
	John Krizsan	SH425
	Wendell Lepic	OH512
	Royce Blankinship	0H429
	Bert Stewart	0H471
22	David Nottleson	SH569

22	Adam Paterson	AH258
	Thomas Courtney	AH162
23	Virginia Siburt	<b>AH232B</b>
	Ray Duval	0H369
	Michael Waite	0H555
24	Darlene Schimdt	SH453
	Wendell Phillips	SH555
25	Charles Hall	AH205
26	Raymond Raeder	AH328A
	Michael Greenwood	AH453
27	James Bedor	0H241
	Jacqueline Conquest	MH337
	Jerome Plantikow	AH338
28	Harold Nelsen	AH328B
	Jacob Lodzinski	OH438
	Wallace Morton	0H466
	Richard Forster	AH407
29	Elaine Kemp	MH378
	Geraldine Falk	MH331
30	Russel Schinke	MH322
31	Hope Vierck	MH383

# **APRIL Birthdays**

1	David Roberts	AH202A
	Bernard Thompson	AH208
2	Jac <mark>k Algiers</mark>	MH328
. 1	Michael Rosio	MH280
4	Gerturde Hohensee	MH227
	Nancy Martens	AH136
5	Beverly Steffens	AH233B
	Gary Schwersinske	AH359A
6	Lydia Walter	AH332B
7	Richard Bouton	0H523
8	William Glanville	AH341
9	Marvin Lemke	OH546B
	Dorothy Stanosek	OH363
10	Frank Parzatka	AH435
11	Raymond Sanders	0H227
	Rudolph Rinka	AH132
	Walter Peterson	AH234
	Glendon Collins	SH422
12	Alice Bechard	AH241

12	Bruce Barth	SH429
15	Roy Hoffman	AH125
	Calvin Delikowski	OH283
16	Robert Reigel	SH265
	George Mitchell	SH582
	Arlene Post	AH326
	Harriet Main	AH325
17	Eva Grabski	SH376A
18	Doris Lange	AH308
	Mark Clark	AH442
	James VanHout	OH376A
19	Ernest Walters	SH232
	Kenneth Utecht	SH220
20	Richard Hemminger	0H541
	Ruth Gravelle	AH422
	Bobby Fleener	SH363
21	Charles Kellogg	SH580
22	James Jolly	MH283
23	Donald Bures	AH203

26	Marcus Roskom	MH279
27	Dorice Feltheim	MH230
	Paul Zimmerman	SH420
28	James Anderson	AH439
	Darlene Hoefs	AH164
29	Frederick Gabardy	OH568
30	Lulu Tuner	AH459B
	Melvin Leffel	SH520
	Elmer Martens	AH358
	Oramae Sterletske	AH440



# February Mardi Gras party at Ainsworth Hall.





Ginny Rinka and Alice Bechard enjoying the Mardi Gras masks.



Socializing at the Memory Café





# Happy retirement Randy! We wish you all the best!



# The members at Ainsworth Hall enjoyed having potato pancakes.





# National Music Therapy Month!

Thank you to all of you who support Music Therapy by sending referrals, having members up and ready, escorting members, taking care of the music therapy office, sending the kazoos through the dishwasher, etc.; and by making us feel welcome in the buildings and on the units.

There are five music therapists on staff at WVH-King:

Shelley Jandt, MT-BC,
Administrator of Marden Center

Michele Guyant, Activity Therapist-Senior for
Legends on the Lake

Carmen Riebel, MT-BC, Activity Therapist-Senior for OH and Music Therapist for OH Amy Formella, MT-BC, Activity Therapist-Senior for AH 3 & 4 Jeanne Trombla, RMT, WMTR, Music Therapist-Senior for AH, SH, & MH

"Music is a wonderful thing."
~ King member

# Camaraderie at is's finest!

Two marines who served during the Korean War in the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir united after 66 years. Robert "Spanky" Schreiber, member of WVH-Union Grove and James Jolly, member of WVH-King. They shared scrapbook pictures and Jim gave Spanky a copy of the book "Korea Reborn."

When Spanky's unit landed with us at Wonsan, I had already been in Korea since the Inchon invasion on September 15, 1950. I was a machine gunner with Colonel Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller's 2nd battalion, 1st reg. My MOS was 0331. After we landed at Wonsan, my company was sent into the hills to chase a bunch of guerillas around. While we were doing that, Spanky's unit headed up the mountains to a little town called Yudam-ni at the north end of the Chosin. My company came up last and set up a perimeter at Koto-ri, the birth place of the "Koto-ri Star." When we got there, the temps dropped to 200 below zero. We had no cold weather gear until late in the two-months campaign. For me, it was like trying to live, eat and sleep in a giant refrigeration unit. I received some minor frostbite but couldn't be taken off line because there was no place to go. Our division was spread out over 30 miles; we spent a terrible 7 weeks up there fighting almost every day and night. About the first of December, we were ordered to consolidate the division at Koto-ri

because we were already at 75% casualties. On December 9th we were going to try our breakout. On December 8th at 10pm, in 40 o below temps with skies so dark you couldn't see anything, God gave us His star and His hand leading us 78 miles to the sea and rescue by the US Navy.





# March is National Social Services Month at WVH-King!



Pictured left-right: **Row 1:** Brian Ellie (AH RC), Denise Karch (MH RC), Denise Sanchez (MH2 SW), Randy Fox (AH4 SW), Mary Jo Wanty (OH RC), Kerry Nett (OH2 SW), Denise Knudsen (AH1 SW). **Row 2:** Becky Edgren (SH3 SW), Nicole Bodenheimer (AH3 SW), Jen Shaw (SH2 SW), Penny Cain (OH4 SW), Mike Phelan (SH5 SW), Michael Izzo (LCSW), Dan Hofer (SH RC), Christine Boehnlein (AH2 SW), Jamie Petersen-Johnson (MH3 SW). **Missing from photo:** Ann Libbin (SH4 SW), Matt Young (OH3 SW) and Courtney Lese (OH5 SW).

As March is National Social Services Month, we would like to shine the spotlight on our very own Wisconsin Veterans Home at King's Bureau of Social Services! The 2016 National Social Work Month Theme is "Forging Solutions out of Challenges." We have a wonderful group of dedicated social workers and resident counselors employed at WVH-King, all contributing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the interdisciplinary teams at each of our four skilled nursing halls.

We are thankful to have such great teams here at King - both the Bureau of Social Services team and also each of our building and unit interdisciplinary teams! Each staff member on the interdisciplinary team has a different role to play in order to meet the ever-changing needs of our member population to ensure they have the things they need to feel comfortable in their homes here at the Veterans Home.

WVH-King's Bureau of Social Services is comprised of fourteen social workers assigned to each of our fourteen nursing units, four building resident counselors and one licensed clinical social worker who provides counseling and support groups to members across camp. Collectively, they have over 177 years total experience working for WVH-King's Bureau of Social Services.

Our staff member with the most time in service with the bureau, Social Worker Randy Fox, will be retired earlier this month after 37 years of service to our veterans and their dependents. We wish him all of the best in his retirement! He will be greatly missed!

Presentation on Harry S. Truman by Tim Mutterer.



Husbands surprised their spouses with a bouquet of flowers for Valentine's Day.







Valentine's Day catered breakfast sponsored by ALA. Members enjoyed french toast with strawberry filling, bacon, fresh fruit, chocolate muffin, juice and coffee.







**Mike Rosio** won this Packer jacket at an activity in the Marden Center.

MacArthur Hall members enjoy pet visits from **Barney**.











# AMVETS and Auxiliary KING DAY











# Third graders made valentines with members in February.









Danny Darren entertained members at a Sadie Hawkins Party in honor of Leap Day.



Valentine's Day Party



Pat Keller entertained the Red Hat Ladies at a Valentine's Day Party.



Monica, Carmen, and Shelly dressed as hillbilly girls..

The activities calendar for all the buildings are on our website at www. Wis Vets.com.



# MARDEN MEMORIAL CENTER THEATER

# Movies scheduled for APRIL are:

Friday, April 1st at 1:30pm **Legends of the Fall** 2 hr 15 min R

Monday, April 4th at 1:30pm **Truman Show** 1 hr 42 min PG

Tuesday, April 5th at 1:30pm

Hellgates of the Navy 1 hr 21 min NR

Wednesday, April 6th at 1:30pm **High Plains Drifter** 

1 hr 46 min R

Thursday, April 7th at 1:30pm

**RAY** 2 hr 33 min PG-13

Friday, April 8th at 1:30pm **Backdraft** 2 hr 15 min R

Monday, April 11th at 1:30pm **Horrible Bosses** 1 h 33 min R

Tuesday, April 12th at 1:30pm **The Alamo** 2 hr 13 min PG-13 Wednesday, April 13th at 1:30pm **Gladiator** 2 hr 35 min R

Thursday, April 14th at 1:30pm **The Hangover** 2 hr 35 min R

Friday, April 15th at 1:30pm **Dirty Dancing** 2 hr 10 min PG-13

Monday, April 18th at 1:30pm **All Quiet on the Western Front** 2 hr12 min NR

> Tuesday, April 19th at 1:30pm **Patton** 2 hr 15 min PG

Wednesday, April 20th at 1:30pm **The A Team** 

1 hr 59 min PG-13

Thursday, April 21st at 1:30pm

Driving Miss Daisy
1 hr 39 min PG

Friday, April 22nd at 1:30pm **Back to the Future** 1 hr 56 min PG Monday, April 25th at 1:30pm **High Noon** 1 hr 39 min NR

Tuesday, April 26th at 1:30pm **School of Rock** 1 hr 39 min PG-13

Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30pm **Bye Bye Birdie** 1 hr 48 min G

Thursday, April 28th at 1:30pm **Dead Poets Society** 2 hr 9 min PG

> Friday, April 29th at 1:30pm Inside Man 2 hr 9 min R

# WLC Intergenerational Reading Buddies











Stordock Hall members were treated to pizza and ice cream at a Superbowl Tailgate party sponsored by the DAV.



Quilt of Valor - To Honor To Comfort
presented to Dennis Olsen and
Richard Rohlf. Presented by The
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, Clintonville.





The quilts are handmade by Eileen Ebelt

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

## Remains of Innocence by J. A. Jance

Two disturbing cases leave Sheriff Joanna Brady and her staff scrambling for answers. A developmentally disabled man is found dead at the bottom of a hole in a limestone cavern in Arizona's Cochise County. In the cavern, along with his body, they discover the remains of mutilated animals. Joanna wonders if this man she always knew to be kind and sweet had developed a mental illness that turned him into some kind of animal killer — or had he been a victim as well?

The other case that has Joanna scratching her head — began out in Massachusetts. Liza Machett, while cleaning out her dying mother's dilapidated house, discovered stashes of money in every corner! Liza felt the money would come in handy, but at her mother's funeral, a stranger approached her and told her she was in danger. Then her mother's house was burned down, Liza's apartment broken into, and her landlady murdered. Liza's search for answers ends up leading her to Cochise County where she turns to Sheriff Brady for help.

## Signal by Patrick Lee

Fans of author Patrick Lee will be happy to find another mystery involving Sam Dryden. The ex-Special Forces operative now finds himself in the middle of something really strange. FBI agent Marnie Calvert recruits Sam's help after she uncovers a horrific crime in the Mojave Desert. A generations-long conspiracy is finally coming to fruition; it involves technology that allows this enemy to affect events before they even happen! The planned evil will result in the death of millions. How can Sam defeat this foe — when they can seize on his mistakes before he even makes them?!

# **God's Treasury of Virtues**

(An Inspirational Collection of Stories, Quotes, Hymns, Scriptures and Poems) This is a wonderful compilation of inspirational reading materials: stories, quotes, hymns, scriptures and poems. Each chapter addresses one of the nine "fruits of the spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The offerings here are drawn from a pleasing diversity of both contemporary and classic Christian sources.

# **The Neptune Strategy** by John J. Gobbell

If WWII thrillers are your passion, this book is for you. Commander Todd Ingram finds himself treading water overnight after Japanese dive bombers attack his destroyer. During the attack, he is hurtled overboard. He is happy to see the ship steam away from danger, but he is left behind. The next day, hope returns to Ingram when he sees a submarine surface not far from him. Then comes the horror of realizing that it is a Japanese sub, and he is taken prisoner.

The good news is — a secret U.S. Naval Signal Intelligence Service station in Australia intercepts a message from the U-boat commander to his superiors in Tokyo — stating they have Ingram, an American prisoner. The bad news is — will Ingram survive the dodging of depth charges and Allied ships as they head toward France. Follow this thriller from the Philippine Sea to the Nazi U-boat pens in France.

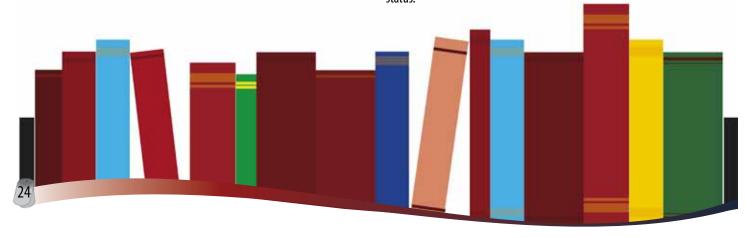
#### Kill Fee by Owen Laukkanen

Here is a fast-paced mystery involving Minnesota state investigator Kirk Stevens and his colleague FBI special agent Carla Windermere. The 2 witness the assassination of a billionaire in downtown St. Paul. The killer gets away, but not before they see the look of death in his strange eyes. Their investigation will take them down blind alleys and into old cold cases, and finally to a high tech "murder for hire" social media website!

# **Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates** by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801, a time when the new nation was deeply in debt and needed to grow its economy quickly. But her merchant ships were routinely captured by pirates from North Africa's Barbary Coast, and our American sailors held as slaves with huge ransom demands.

Jefferson had tried for the past fifteen years to work with the Barbary states (Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco). Negotiations were unfruitful because the Muslim countries believed their religion justified the plunder and enslavement of non-Muslims. So President Jefferson made the decision to send warships and Marines to blockade Tripoli. This launched the Barbary Wars and began America's journey toward future superpower status.



# Legends on the Lake Memory Café Relax | Engage | Laugh







# 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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Erling Landsverk
WVH-King Member

# **Confusing But Amusing**

February in Wisconsin has long been known for its peculiar weather patterns, but this one takes the cake! We held our breath when it looked like it was going to be sunny on Groundhog Day. Instead, it started out cloudy with a light rain and was a fairly warm day. We knew right then Spring was about to "spring" an upset; the next day we had an old fashioned snowfall with up to 9 inches after which the temperatures fell below zero. The next Sunday, the temperature rose to nearly 50 degrees. Next, we had rain, more snow, and then it really got cold. The poor groundhog threw up his paws and went back to bed, and it was only the 14th of February. Well, that is just the beginning. Our youngest son was born on February 2nd (Groundhog Day). My wife, Joann, and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary on February 3rd. Lent began on the 10th of February. Presidents' Day was in February and, of course, the Super Bowl game was held on the 7th of February.

The politicians tired of the constant broadcasting of sports, just like the rest of us, also chose February for their debut. The first, of course, was the Iowa caucus and we soon learned the extent of their enthusiasm.

A total of 12 Republican hopefuls, including Donald Trump, and three candidates on the Democratic side, all wanted to be President of the United States. Debates were as thick as mayflies along the Fox River and Lake Michigan. No doubt, the amount of candidates will have been reduced by the time you read this. One thing I don't understand is why our learned forefathers didn't place the extra day (February 29th) at the end of June or September? The weather is much nicer then and it would have helped reduce the questionable calendar of February.

Happy 65th Anniversary JoAnn & Erling!



# **Upcoming Major Events**

Celebration of the Arts Wed., February 10

**Medal of Honor Day** Fri., March 25

Vietnam Veterans Day
Tue., March 29

**USO Prom Night** Tue., April 12

**Volunteer Banquet** Wed., April 20

Work Therapy Week April 25-29

National Military Appreciation Month May

**Semi-Annual Commemoration Service**Sat., May 7

National Nursing Home Week May 8-14

> Open House Sun., May 15

For more events, please visit www.WisVets.com

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