

The **CO** **RIER**

DECEMBER 2017

Deer Camp
See page 3





Shannon Hardel
Interim Commandant
Wisconsin Veterans Home
at King

Hello Everyone! December is here and holiday planning is well underway. December is another great month to celebrate family, friends, togetherness, good food and rich traditions. Many families put up their Christmas trees in early December (or even sooner) in celebration of the holidays. I researched Christmas tree facts and learned that Wisconsin is a top Christmas tree producer in the nation along with Oregon, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Washington. There are more than 36 million Christmas trees produced every year. Did you know President Franklin Pierce was the first president to welcome a Christmas tree in the White House? There are many different types of Christmas trees including Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Noble Fir, Fraser Fir, Virginia Pine, Balsam Fir and White Pine, among others. The information about Christmas trees is endless! My favorite part of the Christmas tree is the wonderful aroma of fresh pine (I don't much like the cleanup of needles though!). I hope everyone has a joyous and blessed holiday season. We should be so thankful for all of our blessings. Let us remember those in need as well.

During this holiday time of the year, as we are all busy with celebrations, get-togethers, gift exchanges, etc., let us remember those who gave so much for us; our veterans and their loved ones. Let us keep in mind our coworkers, neighbors and friends. Let us think about ways in which we can help others in need. Everyone has something to give; from food or other necessary provisions to encouragement and kind words. Consider volunteering your time or baking something for an elderly person in your community, sending a card to someone suffering an illness. There are so many ways to give, they cannot all be listed on one page. The difference you can make in another person's life with a small gesture can have a lasting effect; it can change the course of that person's life. Sometimes we don't know the full effect of a kind gesture and that's okay. Kindness and giving has a positive effect on all of us when we give to others too.

May you all have a wonderful December and I will see you next year,
Shannon

Deer Camp

Deer Camp took place in Ainsworth Hall. Members and staff shared pictures and hunting stories with each other. Thank you Scott Wedemayer for donating the orange caps and antlers (used as table decor). This was a very nice event put on by Ainsworth Hall staff. The members had a great time. Lots of laughter and good food.



**Wisconsin Department
of Veterans Affairs**
Secretary
Daniel J. Zimmerman

**Wisconsin Veterans
Home at King**
Interim Commandant
Shannon Hardel

Medical Director
Alan Strobusch

*Ainsworth Hall
Executive Director*
Douglas Wamack

*MacArthur Hall
Executive Director*
Gregory Reichenbach

*Olson Hall
Executive Director*
Sandra Schoen

*Stordock Hall
Executive Director*
Tammy Servatius

Marden Administrator
Shelley Jandt

Admission Director
Hillary Larson

King's Men of King celebrated Marine Corps Birthday

Dennis Beattie, District Vice Commander, performed the ceremonial cutting of the cake. The first piece was served to the oldest Detachment member, Edward Sukowatey and the second piece to John Mundt, the youngest. Dennis has been performing this for the Detachment for several years.



Pardon Our Construction

Construction is currently underway at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (CWVMC) and will last approximately one year. Burial scheduling and burial operation will continue as usual, however there may be some restrictions to various portions of the cemetery. Families and visitors may continue to visit the cemetery gravesites as usual during weekends and holidays. During weekdays, families and visitors are asked to please coordinate with the cemetery administration office for updates and access to certain portions of the cemetery. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this construction phase. Please direct any inquiries on construction access to the cemetery administration office at: 715- 258-5000.

Described as a small rural cemetery with over 7,000 interments, the CWVMC's location offers stunning views of the King campus and adjacent Chain O' Lakes countryside while serving Wisconsin northeastern counties. Conducting on average 185 interments annually, the cemetery inter full casket and cremation urns only. In recent years CWVMC has made noticeable improvements, yet still, the site lacked various burial options and conveniences available to the department's new state cemeteries at Southern and Northern Wisconsin. A Master Plan study which began in 2015 and was completed in 2016 helped guide implementation of remaining state land to be developed as part of future cemetery expansion and development. While tying the new to the historic parts of the cemetery and by filling needs for additional burial options and improvement of overall amenities, this project will address those deficiencies.

Recently, there have been many inquiries about construction activities at the cemetery. The last project at the CWVMC occurred in

1989 before many new standards and grant opportunities were available. The cemetery has no columbarium's so all cremains are buried in ground. In addition, current in-ground spaces are expected to be depleted by end of 2018. The CWVMC does not have a dedicated maintenance and storage garage, administration offices, visitors' information area with electronic kiosk, or onsite restrooms, thereby making funeral arrangements and visiting public's ability to find gravesite locations difficult, especially after hours. As part of Phase 1, this joint project between the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and Federal Veterans Administrations State Grants program (USDA) will develop approximately 8.8 acres used for construction of a public information building and offices, a cemetery maintenance garage, 504 new cremation gravesites, new cemetery entrance, road improvements and 880 columbarium cremation niches. The current project is expect to be substantially completed by October 2018. Phase 1b will start sometime in 2019-20 as part of the master plan to create a flag plaza assembly area for patriotic and special events, new committal shelter, pre-set liners burial gardens, and additional road improvements to meet the anticipated 10-year needs.

Eligibility:

Wisconsin veterans who meet service and residency requirements are eligible for burial in one of the state cemeteries operated by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. There are no residency requirements for a veteran who dies on active duty or person who is a member of the Veterans Home at King, Union Grove or Chippewa Falls. Spouses and dependent children of veterans who are eligible for burial may also be interred in our state veterans' cemeteries. Veterans and family members, if unsure of their eligibility, should contact the cemeteries for a determination.

continued on page 9

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



Monetary

Waupaca Lions Club
Waupaca, WI

Patricia VandeHey
Deerbrook, WI

VFW Post 8514
Osseo, WI

King Recreation Committee - MOPH
King, WI

VFW Auxiliary Post 10818
New Richmond, WI

VVA 224
De Pere, WI

Henry & Lorinda Veleker
Waupaca, WI

DuWayne & Susan Jacobson
Marshfield, WI
In memory of Arnie Mickelson

AMVETS Post 7
Oshkosh, WI

**Kingsbury Inc. Oshkosh Division
c/o Mechelle Knispel**
Oshkosh, WI

Gary & Gayle Ritzer
Shell Lak, WI

Betty A. Hanson
Stone Lake, WI

American Legion Auxiliary
Portage, WI

DAV Dept. of WI
De Pere, WI

**ELKS Ladies of Oshkosh
Lodge 292**
Oshkosh, WI

Gift Shop Sale

Disabled American Veterans
De Pere, WI

American Legion Post 146
Beaver Dam, WI

ALRA District 8
Stratford, WI

**Good Shepherd Post 1329
Catholic War Veterans**
Fond du Lac, WI

AMVETS Post 63
Oconto, WI

Joyce Plowman
Waupaca, WI

American Legion Post 283
Suring, WI

Rosemarie Witzcak
Athelstane, WI

Arlene Dreyfus
Sayner, WI

AMVETS
Sturgeon Bay, WI

**Marine Corps League
King's Men of King**
King, WI

VFW Post 5158
Hartland, WI

H.O.O.A.H. Inc.
Crestview, FL

James Squires
Green Bay, WI

American Legion Post 6
Stevens Point, WI

William Laux Jr. Memorial Trust

VFW Post 6709
Waupun, WI

**R. F. Kessler Jr. & Sharon L.
Kessler**
Shell Lake, WI

**WI ELKS National Veterans
Services**
Fond du Lac, WI

Fran Knack
King, WI

AMVETS Post 3929
Wausau, WI

**Ladies Auxiliary Polish Legion of
American Veterans Post 186**
Green Bay, WI

Oran J. Braatz
Fond Du Lac, WI

Non-Monetary
**4th Grade Religious Education
Class - Mr. Steve Kaiser & Sister
Lucy Brault**
Fond Du Lac, WI

American Legion Post 294
Hartland, WI

Hope Boivin
Oshkosh, WI

Donald Bangert
Waupaca, WI

**The Victor & Christine Anthony
Revocable Trust**
Waupaca, WI

**Waupaca Rotary Breakfast
Al Foote**
Waupaca, WI

Pete and Sandy Laude
Waupaca, WI
In memory of Gary Rades

ALA Post 263 - M. Knuettel
New London, WI

AMVETS - King Account
Sturgeon Bay, WI

VFW Post 9677
Green Bay, WI

Ruth Grimm
Summit Lake, WI

VFW Dept. of WI
Monona, WI

DAVA Dept. of WI
Stevens Point, WI

Gerald & Patricia Bahrke
Spooner, WI

continued on page 6

Donations

continued from page 5



**H.O.O.A.H. Inc donated
\$6,000 toward the Marden
General Fund.**

ALA Unit 520

Vesper, WI

**American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 152**

Mensha, WI

American Legion Post 307

Wild Rose, WI

American Legion Post 351

Montello, WI

Andrea Jenson**Waupaca Rotary Breakfast**
Waupaca, WI**Heroes - Fire - Military - Police**

Hortonville, WI

*In memory of Dick Hanson & Jerry Olk***Arlie Schneider & Friends**

Fremont, WI

Auburndale School District

Auburndale, WI

Barb Augustine

Mokena, IL

Barbara Miller/herzog

Greenleaf, WI

Bernie & Gerri Knippel

Weston, WI

Betty Ingwell

Madison, WI

**Peace Lutheran Church
Womens Group**

Arbor Vitae, WI

Bill Yakich

Waupaca, WI

DUV

Bonduel, WI

Broadway Vision Center

Waupaca, WI

Brett Grahms**Waupaca Rotary Breakfast**
Waupaca, WI**AMVETS Post 51**

Avon Lake, OH

Chain School Students

Waupaca, WI

VFW 1037

Almond, WI

Cheryl Poehlman

Kaukauna, WI

*In memory of Dave Poehlman***Clay Lamberton Elementary
School - First Grade Students**

Berlin, WI

Cobb Family & Rieben Family

Austell, GA

*In memory of George Cobb &
Roy Rieben***VFW Aux 2653**

Antigo, WI

VFW 3153

Chilton, WI

Shawano Republican Women

Shawano, WI

Merrill Distributing Inc.

Merrill, WI

David & Lisa Drumel

Sussex, WI

Dawn Hoeye

Marshfield, WI

*In memory of Tim Podratz***Debbie Simono**

Wautoma, WI

Denny Totzke

DeForest, WI

*In memory of Barry Wopinski***Diane & Jim Larson**

Waupaca, WI

Diane Knoll

Neenah, WI

Diane Lashley

Neshkoro, WI

Don & Donna Jorgenson

Waupaca, WI

Don Weyenberg

Berlin, WI

WINGS Group

Iola, WI

**Door County Senior Resource
and AMVETS 51**

Sturgeon Bay, WI

Door County Coffee

Sturgeon Bay, WI

Eagle River Elementary School

Eagle River, WI

Elderon VFW Post Aux 8068

Elderon, WI

Esther Bethke

Ripon, WI

Evelyn Vatland

Wautoma, WI

**Fairview Elementary
School 4K - 4th Grade**

Plymouth, WI

Fox West YMCA

Greenville, WI

Fred Ellis

Plover, WI

Fremont ALA

Fremont, WI

Waupaca Rotary Breakfast

Waupaca, WI

American Legion Post 14

Iola, WI

Gerald & Murnell Olsen

Scandinavia, WI

Girl Scout Troop #8116

Fond du Lac, WI

Grow With Us Day Care

Black Creek, WI

VFW Auxiliary

Horicon, WI

Hope MacIntyre

Waupaca, WI

*In memory Robert C. MacIntyre***Horizon School****Mrs. Kasperek's 2nd Grade Class**
Appleton, WI**Ida Frizzell**

Amherst, WI

continued on page 9

In Memory of

"Our country is in mourning, a Veteran died today."

**Richard Osby
David O. Roberts
Leonard F. Pampel
Delbert D. Ekenstedt
Herbert A. Paul
Robert M. Hanson**

**Francis A. Beidle
Susan L. Kluetzman
Franklin E. Christopherson
Elaine B. Moe
James W. Strack
Bernard A. Zaja**

**Mary E. Stockton
Gustav R. Finkbeiner
Allen M. Kerby**

**VETERANS SERVICE
ORGANIZATION MEETING
TIMES**



WWW.PACKERS.COM

2017 Schedule

Sun., Dec. 17	@ Carolina	noon
Sat., Dec. 23	Minnesota	7:30pm
Sun., Dec. 31	@ Detroit	noon

*Start time and broadcast may shift due to NFL flexible scheduling.

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.

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.

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 December 10 - January 6, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 Roast Pork with Spiced Apple Ring (Meatloaf) Baked Sweet Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Wax Beans (Spinach) Strawberry-Rhubarb Fruit Cup	11 Braised Beef Tips and Peppers (Macaroni and Cheese) Garlic Mashed Red Potatoes Tossed Salad (Pickled Beets) With French Dressing (Diet Ranch Dressing) Warm Garlic Roll Ranger Cookie	12 Lasagna with Tomato Sauce (Turkey Tetrizzini) Steamed Zucchini (Diced Carrots) Warm Breadstick Vanilla Cheesecake	13 Memphis Style Pork Ribs (Chicken Filet) Cheesy Hashbrowns (Whipped Potatoes) Southern Hot Slaw (Wax Beans) Sweet Potato Pie	14 Open Faced Hot Beef Sandwich (Open Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich) Whipped Potato With Beef Gravy Tossed Salad with French-Bleu Cheese Dressing (Ranch Dressing/Pea Salad) Vanilla Ice Cream	15 Grilled Haddock with Tartar Sauce (Meatloaf) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Roasted Brussels Sprouts (Asparagus) Rye Bread Raspberry Jell-O with Peaches	16 Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce (Salisbury Steak) Steamed Red Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Mixed Vegetables (Squash) Poppy Seed Cake with Icing
17 Veal Piccata with Lemon Sauce (Macaroni and Cheese) Noodles Romanoff (Whipped Potatoes) Harvard Beets (Diced Carrots) Blushing Pear	18 Teriyaki Meatballs (Baked Haddock) over Steamed Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Sugar Snap Peas (Asparagus) Fortune Cookie Tapioca Pudding	19 Baked Chicken (Meatloaf) With Cranberry Sauce Country Dumpling with Chicken Gravy (Whipped Potatoes) Fresh Baked Squash (Wax Beans) Frozen Strawberry Yogurt	20 New England Style Boiled Dinner: Ham (Pork Roast) (Meat Loaf) Boiled Potatoes with Carrots (Whipped Potatoes) Steamed Cabbage (Wax Beans) Potato Roll Orange Jell-o Poke Cake	21 Meatloaf with Tomato Sauce (Chicken Fillet with Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) California Blend Vegetables (Asparagus) Date Cake	22 Potato Pancakes with Syrup (Whipped Potatoes) Bacon Strips (Scrambled Eggs) Applesauce Pumpkin Square	23 Chicken Pot Pie (Hamburger with a Bun) Tossed Salad (Waldorf Salad) With Thousand Island Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Chocolate Sundae
24 BBQ Pork Ribs (Meatloaf) Waffle Fries (Hash browns/Potato Salad) Pea Salad (Carrot Salad) Banana Cream Pie	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Holiday Ham with Rum Raisin Sauce (Beef Roast) Twice Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Green Bean Casserole (Diced Beets) Potato Roll Peanut Butter and Chocolate Cheesecake	26 Italian Meat Sauce (Turkey Loaf) Over Spaghetti (Whipped Potatoes) Tossed Salad (Carrot Salad) With Ranch Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Warm Garlic Toast Chocolate Ice Cream	27 Pork Chop with Bacon, Apple and Onions (Meatloaf) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Pickled Beets (2 Bean Salad) Warm Dinner Roll Double Chocolate Pudding	28 Turkey ala King with Whipped Potatoes and a Buttermilk Biscuit (Pork Roast/Whipped Potatoes/Gravy) Tossed Salad with Russian Dressing (Waldorf Salad) Spice Cake	29 Lemon Pepper Tilapia w/ Tartar Sauce (Turkey Loaf) Garlic Whipped Potatoes Fresh Spinach Salad (Pea Salad) With Bacon Vinaigrette Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Rye Bread Raspberry Sherbet	30 Chicken Dijon (Tater Tot Hot Dish) Vegetable Fried Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Braised Red Cabbage (Peas) Carrot Cake with Icing
31 Beef Pot Roast (Baked Haddock) Whipped Potatoes with Gravy Carrots, Celery and Onions (Wax Beans) Coconut Cream Pie	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Grilled Ribeye with Sautéed Mushrooms (Chicken in Wine Sauce) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Tossed Salad with French-Bleu Cheese Dressing (Waldorf Salad/Diet Ranch Dressing) Chocolate Brownie with Icing	2 Chopped Steak w/ Sautéed Onions (Turkey Tetrizzini) Creamed Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Braised Brussels Sprouts (Green Beans) Orange Sherbet	3 Breaded Pork Cutlet with Mushroom Gravy (Scrambled Eggs) Roasted Red Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes w/gravy) Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce (Spinach) Apple Pie	4 Teriyaki Chicken (Tater Tot Hot Dish) Wild Rice Blend (Whipped Potatoes) Vegetable Stir Fry (Asparagus) Fresh Orange Wedges	5 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	6 Savory Meatballs (Turkey Loaf) Whipped Potatoes Creamed Corn (Diced Beets) Pistachio Torte

Pardon Our Construction

continued from page 4

Pre-Registration

Since 1998, veterans have been able to establish in advance their eligibility for burial at one of the three state cemeteries. There is no cost or obligation to pre-register. By taking a few minutes to complete a pre-registration form, veterans and their family members can plan their interment and gain peace of mind. Pre-registration is intended to establish eligibility in advance and simplifies the process for the veteran's next-of-kin at the time of death. Spouses, widows, widowers and dependent children of eligible veterans may also be eligible for interment at one of the cemeteries. A separate pre-registration is not necessary for dependents; however, families are encouraged to check with their cemetery on eligibility requirements.

Military Funeral Honors Program

Military Funeral Honors – provides and coordinates the appropriate final tribute to eligible Wisconsin veterans. The program is designed to complement and augment existing federal and local programs which provide ceremonies to honor a deceased veteran at the time of burial. Programs ensure coordination between agencies, (veteran service organizations, Guard and Reserve units); are conducted with dignity, respect; and meet the necessary military standards.

Our focus is developing strategies needed for all cemetery operations to ensure that we contribute toward achievement of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs mission and vision well into the future. Assistance from the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) provides benefits assistance through the State Cemetery Grants program for the establishment, expansion and improvement of state cemeteries. NCA also furnishes headstones, markers, and Presidential Memorial Certificates to the next-of-kin through our state cemeteries.

Cemetery Contact Information

Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

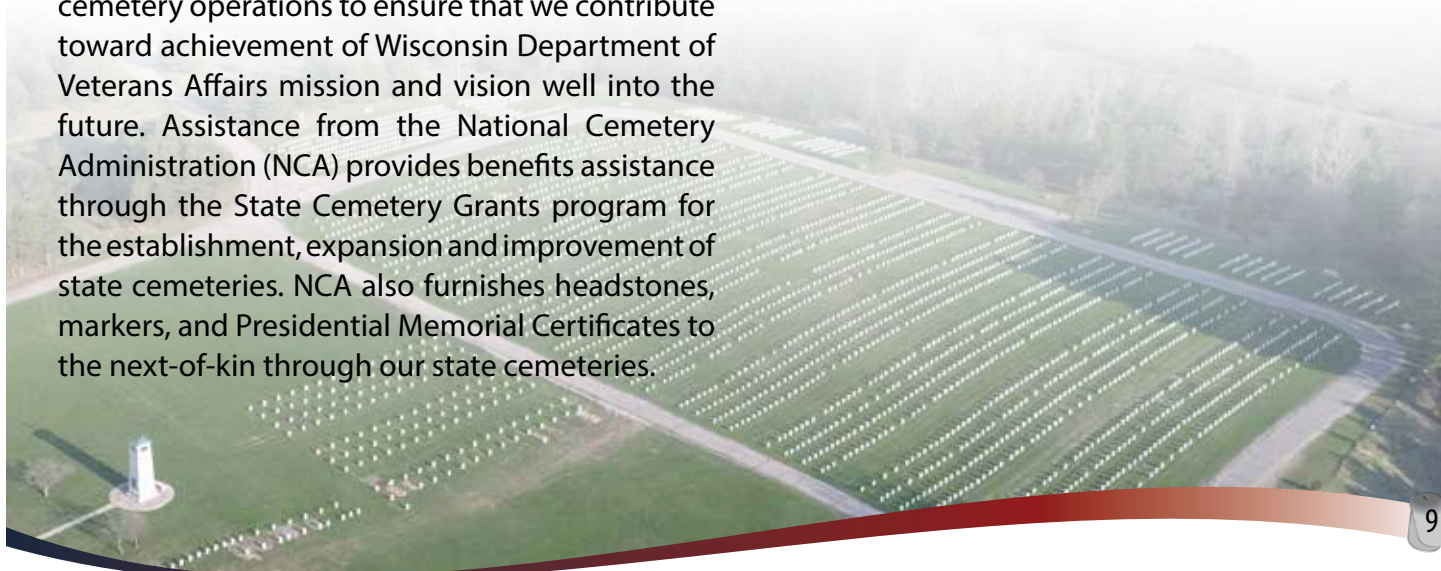
N4063 Veterans Way
Spoooner, WI 54801
Office Hours: Friday 7:30a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Phone: (715)-635-5360
Fax: (715) 635-5363
Email: nwvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov

Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

N2665 Highway QQ
King, WI 54946
Office Hours: Friday 7:30a.m. -4:00p.m.
Phone: (715)-256-5000
Fax: (715) 256-3513
Email: cwvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring St.
Union Grove, WI 53182
Office Hours: Friday 7:45a.m. -4:30 p.m.
Phone: (262)-878-5660
Toll free: (888) 823-3789
Fax: (262) 878-5664
Email: swvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov





Rick Engstrom
WVH-King Member

Snow

A single flake falls to the ground.
Who knows where the rest are bound.
They are all individuals as flakes.
Yet you can even make cakes.

When they stick together.
They can be as light as a feather.
Or they can be heavy as iron.
It may even cause you to sound a siren.

When they are heavy and wet.
You will hurt and that is a bet.
They will be hard to move.
You will have to get in their groove.

You will wonder where to go.
While they are putting on their show.
The coffee sounds so good.
Or putting on some more firewood.

But in the end you will learn.
That the snowflake will make you yearn.
Of summer days and sunlight.
Of the heat.

Upcoming Major Events

Wreaths Across America
Sat., December 16

Education Seminar
Wed., January 31

Volunteer Banquet
Wed., April 18

Semi-Annual Commemoration Service
Sat., May 12

For more listing of events, please visit www.WisVets.com



Come Visit the Gift Shop!

Christmas is just around the corner. Come on down to the Gift Shop and look at what's

for sale. We have many handmade items such as gloves, hats and scarves made by volunteers and members. There are beautifully hand painted ceramics, paintings, and wood items made by members. We also have military hats, decor, lanyards, t-shirts and much more.



New Hours:

Monday - Friday
7:30am - 3pm

Saturday and Sunday
8am - 2pm



Dee Ann Woods
Protestant Chaplain

We never know what news story we are going to hear on the nightly news that makes us catch our breath and ask, "Really?" And then our country is once again in a state of heightened security as the officials determine the actual level of risk we are experiencing. We can choose to cower in fear, or we can boldly continue going on with our normal lives. The words of the Christmas story, right from the second chapter of Luke, seem to be most relevant. "Fear not! For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people." I know it was an angel speaking of the miraculous birth of Jesus to shepherds who had been astounded by some unbelievable events. After all, who can say what the Glory of God shining all around might look like, but it was startling enough to cause fear and trembling.

We have some things in common with those shepherds. The events in America in the past several years have certainly caused many of us to be afraid. From the Texas church and Las Vegas concert shootings, to the Boston Marathon bombing and the Halloween day car terrorist; unexpected tragedies can happen. Many are wondering when the threats will go away, when will the fear leave us. And some of us, have more personal crises in our lives than the vague threat of possible terrorist attacks. Here in Waupaca there

are those who are struggling to put food on the table. Some are emotionally wounded by broken relationships. Some have health concerns which threaten not just their lifestyle, but their very lives. And yet in the middle of all this, we wait to hear the word of God for each one of us. That word is "Fear not! For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people."

The good tidings of great joy is that God sent us, all of us, a Savior. This Messiah is our way of being connected directly with God, even when we know deep in our hearts that we are not good enough, pure enough, or kind enough to be in a relationship with God. We are God's Beloved and because of that God sent Jesus to us and for us. Jesus came to teach us to love, and then demonstrated that love by dying for our sins. Jesus assures us of our place in God's heart. And I think that really is the Good News this holiday season.

DON'T FORGET TO WASH



m DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
651-201-5414, www.health.state.mn.us

Don't forget to scrub between your fingers, under your nails, and the top of your hands.

Riddle

What has an eye but can not see?

Riddle from last month:

What room do ghosts avoid?

Answer to last month's riddle: **The living room.**

VITAL STATISTICS

Male Census	478	Female Census	132
Air Force	82	Afghanistan	1
Army	296	Berlin	2
Army Air Corps	4	Berlin Crisis	2
Coast Guard	6	Korea	117
Marine Corps	64	Lebanon	3
Navy	104	Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm	6
		Operation Enduring Freedom	2
		Peacetime	99
		Vietnam	219
		WWII	86

Religious Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home

Catholic Services

SUNDAY	8:00AM	STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL
	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	MACARTHUR HALL CHAPEL
	9:00 AM	STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL
	10:15 AM	AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL
TUESDAY	10:15 AM	OLSON HALL CHAPEL

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

Protestant Services

SUNDAY	7:30 AM	AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL
	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

Chaplain Dee Ann Woods | ext. 2374 | Office Stordock Hall, 012

Bible Studies

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

*****AINSWORTH HALL 1 & 2 SERVICE - MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM*****

Donations

continued from page 6

J. Nahmens
Friendship, WI

Jackie King
King, WI

James Thiel
Appleton, WI

**Jamie Kersten, Lilah Eick, Lori,
Chenoa & Cienna Keating**
Little Chute, WI

Janet Iwanski
Stevens Point, WI

DAVA Unit 55 & DAVA Juniors
Stevens Point, WI

**Jefferson Elementary School
Mrs. Kern's Students**
Oshkosh, WI

SAR
Waupaca, WI

Joel Sullivan
Waupaca Rotary Breakfast
Waupaca, WI

**Joell Oberstadt & The Bauer
Family**
Fremont, WI
In memory of Paulette Bauer

**John Muir Middle School
Perry de Jong**
Wausau, WI

VFW / Midway Surgery Center
Appleton, WI

Julie Morrow
Waupaca Rotary Breakfast
Stevens Point, WI

Julie Patzke
Waupaca, WI

**Justin Herman Taylor Funeral
Home and AL161**
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

American Legion Aux Unit 189
Watertown, WI

Kaukauna Elks
Kaukauna, WI

AMVETS Post 51
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Kevin & Mary Cox
Kaukauna, WI

AL Post 384
Kewaskum, WI



**The Patriot Guard Riders donated clothing, powerchairs,
items for the KX and a CastleX jacket.**

Kurt Beidle
Wausau, WI

Lincoln Elementary School
Wausau, WI

**Longfellow Elementary School
1st Grade Students and
Teachers**
Clintonville, WI

Lori Erdmann
Appleton, WI

Lyle Wolff
Kronenwetter, WI

M.J. Gegan Elementary School
Menasha, WI

Marie T. Jones
Waupaca, WI

Marie Van Kleek
St. Paul, MN

**Marilyn Meinen
Hancock, WI**

Mary Grace
Appleton, WI

Mary Maloney
Manitowoc, WI

Master Gallery Food
Plymouth, WI

DAV
Shawano, WI

MCL
Mike Bird
Oshkosh, WI

Mrs. Robert Donahue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Eagle River Elementary School
Eagle River, WI

Nancy Mueller
Clintonville, WI
In memory of Daroll Mueller

**Wisconsin Society Daughters of
the American Revolution**
Green Lake, WI

**Mt. Horeb Intermediate Center
Mrs. Kleppe's Class**
Mt. Horeb, WI

**Nelsonville Evangelical
Lutheran Church**
Amherst Junction, WI

Nichole Gessert
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**Newman Catholic Elementary
School**
Wausau, WI

Nicolet Terrace Residents
De Pere, WI

Nina Kennedy
Waupaca, WI

American Legion
Fond du Lac, WI

Parkview Elementary School
Plymouth, WI

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst, WI

Pat Gipp
Shawano, WI
In memory of Larry Gipp

Pat Keller
Plover, WI

Phil Bodenheimer
Waupaca, WI



MARDEN MEMORIAL CENTER THEATER

Movies scheduled for JANUARY are:

Monday, January 1
New Year's Day
No Movie

Tuesday, January 2
Operation Crossbow
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 54 Min.

Wednesday, January 3
Eight Below
Rated PG
2 Hr.

Thursday, January 4
Brigham Young
Not Rated
1 Hr. 52 Min.

Friday, January 5
The Bourne Ultimatum
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 56 Min.

Monday, January 8
The Upside of Anger
Rated R
1 Hr. 57 Min.

Tuesday, January 9
Walk the Line
Rated PG-13
2 Hr. 15 Min.

Wednesday, January 10
Zathura
Rated PG
1 Hr. 41 Min.

Thursday, January 11
The Big Sleep
Not Rated
1 Hr. 56 Min.

Friday, January 12
Gridiron Gang
Rated PG-13
2 Hr. 5 Min.

Monday, January 15
Up in the Air
Rated R
1 Hr. 49 Min.

Tuesday, January 16
Relative Strangers
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 26 Min.

Wednesday, January 17
100 Rifles
Rated PG
1 Hr. 49 Min.

Thursday, January 18
The Purple Plain
Not Rated
1 Hr. 42 Min.

Friday, January 19
It Runs in the Family
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 49 Min.

Monday, January 22
The General's Daughter
Rated R
1 Hr. 56 Min.

Tuesday, January 23
Scrooged
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 40 Min.

Wednesday, January 24
Dancing at Lughnasa
Rated PG
1 Hr. 35 Min.

Thursday, January 25
That Darn Cat!
Rated G
1 Hr. 56 Min.

Friday, January 26
Vantage Point
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 30 Min.

Monday, January 29
Road to Perdition
Rated R
1 Hr. 57 Min.

Tuesday, January 30
The Long Ride Home
Rated PG-13
1 Hr. 27 Min.

Wednesday, January 31
You've Got Mail
Rated PG
2 Hr.



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.

Donald C. Leary

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on November 6, 2017 from Mineral Point. He is living at MH.

Angeline D. Ebert

an Army Veteran's spouse joined us on November 13, 2017 from Shawano. She is living at AH.

Eugene B. Petersdorff

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on November 15, 2017 from Greendale. He is living at SH.

Beatrice E. Petersdorff

a Korean War Army Veteran's spouse joined us on November 15, 2017 from Greendale. She is living at SH.

Joseph P. Mathe

a Peacetime Era Marine Corps Veteran joined us on November 16, 2017 from Oshkosh. He is living at OH.

Ronald A. Fulton

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on November 22, 2017 from Beloit. He is living at MH.

Toby E. Goecks

a Vietnam War Marine Corps Veteran joined us on November 27, 2017 from Baraboo. He is living at MH.

Dennis H. Monahan

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on November 29, 2017 from St. Francis. He is living at AH.

Guy D. Wade

a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on November 29, 2017 from Adams. He is living at SH.

Edwin F. Karr

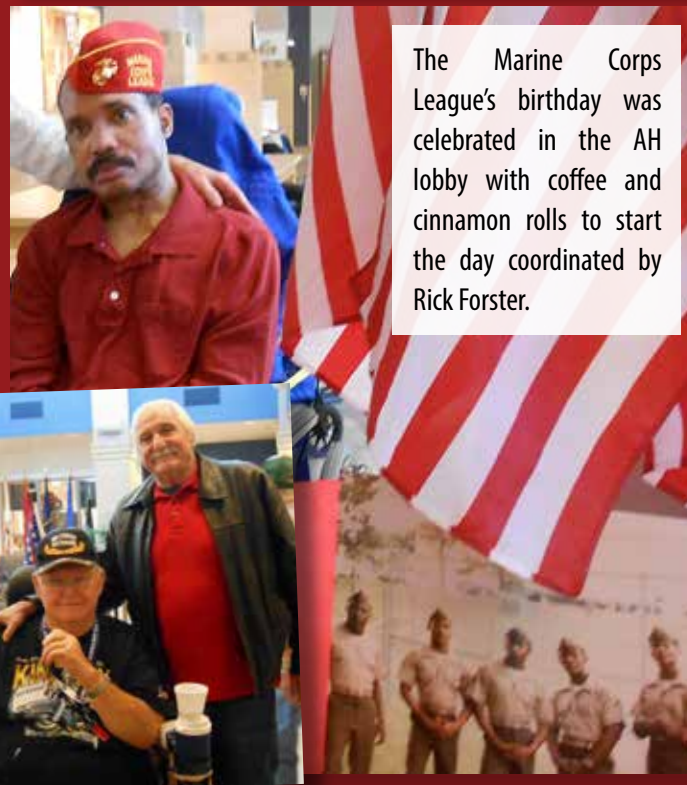
a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on November 30, 2017 from Green Bay. He is living at AH.

Gordon Waube

a Korean War Navy Veteran joined us on November 30, 2017 from Lincoln. He is living at SH.

Presenting the History of the Flag

The Marine Corps League from Fond du Lac presented a History of the Flag program on Veterans Day, 2017. The group brings many flags from the past 200 years to show and explain. The MCL also explained how to fold the flag correctly.



The Marine Corps League's birthday was celebrated in the AH lobby with coffee and cinnamon rolls to start the day coordinated by Rick Forster.

Thank You!

The American Legion Auxiliary from Fremont donated many items including beautiful knitted scarves which the Members loved, especially this one given to Phyllis Buschmann.



Members Learn How to Knit

Volunteers from the monthly knitting group come the first and third Mondays. They recently came to AH4 and helped many members learn to knit or helped them with their projects.



December Birthdays

1	Betty L Conte	AH	19	Lyall T Collins	MH	26	William E Wilson	SH
	Robert R Hoerning	MH		Alice M Hansen	MH	27	Robert C Ohap	OH
	Michael R Clapper	MH	20	Gary H Ostrander	OH		Louise J Landsverk	AH
3	James V McCormick	OH	21	Robert H Kohls	SH	28	John H Schroder	AH
	Patrick F Abresch	SH		Dennis L Anderson	OH		Richard J Rajchel	OH
	Angela L Hahn	SH	22	Clarence E Buss	MH		Douglas C Logan	MH
4	Richard A Reining	MH		Eugene T Paalman	MH	29	George H Anderson	AH
8	Harry R Hohnberger	SH		Thomas F Walker	AH			
10	Terry L Jackson	SH	24	Raymond J Lombardi	SH			
16	Harold B Brusky	SH	25	Howard E Koslosky	SH			
	Paul W Hendrich	MH		Grace C Vander	AH			
17	Phillip B Olson	MH		Bloomen				
	Wendy S Olson	OH		William J Schertzl	MH			
18	Wayne K Baldwin	AH		Terence A Monteith	AH			
				Richard N Kaquatosh	OH			

January Birthdays

2	Doris L Brege	OH	11	Gary L Mader	MH	24	Herbert M Frank	AH
	Matthew Norfleet	AH		Richard D Haag	SH		Delphine A Diermeier	AH
	Douglas R Frank	OH	12	James E Seim	MH		Thomas R Lee	SH
3	Marlene J Klug	AH		Donald L Allen	AH	25	Robbie L Tesch	OH
4	William G Kalrath	OH		John C Weaver	MH	27	Harold R Wood	SH
	Bernard E Iskowitsch	MH	13	Donald R Bauer	SH	28	Edward Menal	AH
	James A Olm	AH	14	Georg P Stojcevic	OH	30	Ann E Mather	AH
5	David R Michalowski	M	16	David W Tank	SH		Eileen G Antonakis	AH
	Garry P Van De Voort	SH	17	Ralph C Reda	SH		Arthur R Monteferrante	AH
	Daryll E Thorman	SH	18	Jeanne A Groskopf	AH	31	Robert F Klapper	AH
6	Marian J Kiesow	O		Martin L Apps	SH		Ricky L Engstrom	OH
	Marvin L Spengler	AH	19	Michael P Dempsey	AH			
	James K Overman	AH	20	David A Ruff	AH			
	Peter J Purtee	OH		Larry J Zastrow	SH			
7	John B Winchell	AH		Pepper R Johnson	MH			
	Charles E Lawson	OH	21	Edward Ludwig	AH			
10	Joyce Amato	AH		Ramona M Raught	SH			
	Robert L Schroeder	SH		Terance A St Pierre	OH			
	Brian G Wrosch	OH	23	Harold I Brown	AH			
	Richard P Schuh	OH		Larry C Petersen	OH			

Tap Dancers helped with the Marine Birthday celebration!

Olson Hall had a group of dancers come and tap dance for the members to help celebrate the Marines' birthday. They had an outfit for every occasion. Afterwards, this led to many different conversations about the different types of things which members have done in the past, including, Cordelia "Corky" Cychosz even saying that she played the violin her entire life.



One lucky member received a quilt!

A volunteer decided to donate a wonderful quilt to member, George Karpinski. George stated he plans on using it every day and was very thankful to the volunteer for donating such a nice quilt.



Birthday Party

Olson Hall celebrated the birthdays of November with some music and dancing, even staff decided to get into the music. This led to many conversations with old friends and new.



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

If Not for You by *Debbie Macomber*

Beth Prudhomme decides to move to Portland, and finds employment as a high school music teacher. Things heat up when her friend Nichole introduces her to Sam, a tattooed mechanic who is Beth's parents' worst nightmare. Sam, at first, has no interest in a prissy music teacher, and Beth doesn't want to upset her folks. But things change after Beth is hurt in a car accident.

A Killing in the Valley by *J. F. Freedman*

Attorney Luke Garrison and private investigator Kate Blanchard are called upon to defend a privileged Anglo boy who has been put on trial for murdering a young Latina high school senior. The murdered girl's body was found on the land of one of Santa Barbara's oldest families.

Kate's daughter Sophia was a classmate of the murdered girl, and does some investigating of her own! This is an interesting drama with a wide-ranging cast of southern Californians from both sides of the class divide.

Hunting Shadows by *Charles Todd*

Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire is the setting for a big society wedding in August of 1920. Just as the bride arrives, one of the guests is shot! Police have no luck in finding clues for this murder. When a second shooting occurs in a nearby village, they call in Scotland Yard. Initially, a witness to the second shooting comes forth, but her description of the killer is absolutely horrific. After being badgered by the police, she recants her story.

Inspector Ian Rutledge comes up empty in trying to find a connection between the two deaths. One victim was an Army officer, the other a solicitor standing for Parliament. Had their paths ever crossed? What links these two murders?

Bittersweet by *Colleen McCullough*

You will enjoy this novel about the two sets of Latimer twins. The 4 sisters are very close, but each has her own dream for herself. The girls live in New South Wales at the beginning of the twentieth century, and find that life holds limited prospects for them. Then they decide to enroll in a training program for nurses – a new option for women of their time. Follow the girls as they make decisions about love, career, and what they value most.

"Set against the background of a young and largely untamed nation, this is a warm, compelling, and dramatic novel about the bonds of sisterhood, the unpredictable nature of romance, and the pivotal decisions we make in life."

Vicious Circle by *C. J. Box*

Game warden Joe Pickett must face the fact that his past has come back to haunt him. Dallas Cates is out of prison and is coming to settle old scores. Joe's friend Nate is by his side, but that might be enough this time.

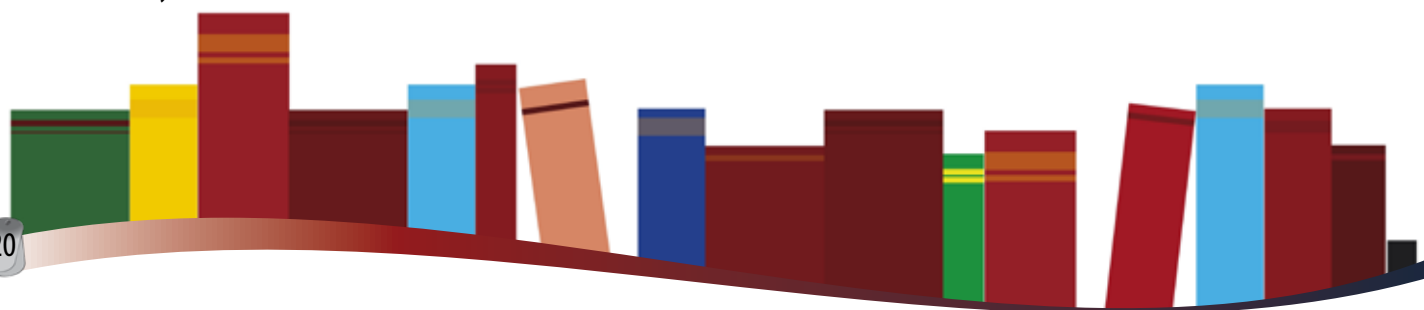
Dead and Breakfast by *Kate Kingsbury*

The thought of opening a B and B (Bed and Breakfast) appeals to Melanie West, so she joins her grandmother in purchasing a purportedly haunted mansion to start such a business. Then, during renovations, they discover a REAL skeleton in a closet! The police believe the body is the wife of the previous owner. Melanie and her grandmother Liza continue preparations for their grand opening, but also do a little amateur investigating on their own. Soon, a friendly ghost in their walls starts playing tricks. Then a new body is found – and the victim looks very much like Melanie. Is someone trying to scare them off?

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by *David Wroblewski*

Edgar Sawtelle was born mute and can speak only in sign. He lives in northern Wisconsin with his parents and they raise and train dogs. It is an idyllic life until Edgar's uncle, Claude, returns to the farm. Turmoil ensues, followed by the sudden death of Edgar's father. Then Claude begins to win the affection of Edgar's mother.

Edgar strongly suspects his uncle had something to do with his father's death, but when he tries to prove it – well, things do not go well. Forced to flee into the wilderness surrounding the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three young dogs who follow him. Will he return home to face his father's murderer?



Thank You for your generous donations toward the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Martenson & Eisele, Inc.
Menasha, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Timothy & Jane Zuck
Appleton, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Travis & Tara Thurber
Neenah, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Kristin Stahl
Menasha, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Todd & Leela Peebles
Appleton, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Margaret Strohmeyer
Neenah, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Verhalen, Inc.
Green Bay, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Michael & Sarah Ray
Appleton, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Timothy & Sharin Malogne
Appleton, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

Robert & Kathleen Clausing
Neenah, WI
In memory of Gerald Bayer

November activities sponsored by the King Recreation Committee, Inc.

Activity	Cost	Sponsored by
Music Man Musical (11/4/17-15 Tickets-Wautoma HS)	\$ 60	Wisconsin State Elks
Sister Act Musical (11/12/17-15 Tickets- Waupaca HS)	\$ 60	Wisconsin State Elks
Packer Hall of Fame (All Camp Trip-15 Tickets)	\$ 180	Wisconsin State Elks
Marden In-House Meal (camp wide)	\$ 450	MOPH
Entertainment (\$100 per building)	\$ 400	May Luchsinger
Monthly Bday Entertainment (all buildings)	\$ 250	May Luchsinger
Food for Monthly Bdays Parties (all buildings)	\$ 350	May Luchsinger
Tailgate Parties (\$150 per building)	\$ 600	DAV
Veterans Day Ball/Event (camp wide)	\$1000	MOPH
Annual Member Council Luncheon	\$ 250	AMVETS
Catered Meals- \$300 per building	\$1200	VFW-(OH) ALA-(SH, MH, AH)



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

A Trip to Rib Mountain!

Members traveled to Rib Mountain to enjoy the fall colors. Members were able to get off the bus and walk around and enjoy all the wonderful views. Ramona Raught, Bill Ortin, Oscar Sanchez, Elmer Wold, David Koenig, and Jose DeSantos all asked if they could visit Rib Mountain again and thanked everyone for bringing them to such a gorgeous place to enjoy the fall colors.



Smokey Express Christmas Show

Members from Stordock Hall went to Amherst to watch the Smokey Express Christmas show. The Shulfer Family and Community members put on a multifaceted Christmas program reminiscing from the past 25 years the show has been in existence. Thank you to the ALA for sponsoring this trip for us! "What a great show, we Love the music. What a performance," are just some of the responses from members, Evelyn Tautges, Shelia Claussen, Ralph Reda, Ron Jensen, Oscar Sanchez, Bob and LaVerne Langer, and Greg Hannon. What a great show and they are definitely ending on a great note!



*continued from page 14***Donations**

Plover-Whiting Elementary Students - K6
Plover, WI

Plymouth DAR - Regent Donna Morgan
Two Rivers, WI

Portage County Republican Party
Stevens Point, WI

Wausau Skeet & Trap Club
Merrill, WI

American Legion Outagamie County Council
Kimberly, WI

Renee Smith
Scandinavia, WI

River View School
Kaukauna, WI

Riverside Elementary School Podeweltz 4th Grade Students
Ringle, WI

American Tribute Ride
Antigo, WI

AMVETS Post 726 West Bend
Campbellsport, WI

Ron Siegel
Wisconsin Rapids, WI
In memory of Fred Siegel

Souls of Honor
Wausau, WI

Rosendale-Brandon School District - Mrs. Moore's 2nd Grade Students
Rosendale, WI

New Hope Christian School
Neenah, WI
In memory of all veterans

Shannon Maretti
Green Bay, WI

VFW Auxiliary Post 6498
Sussex, WI

Shawano Community High School
Shawano, WI

SOAR Fox Cities
Appleton, WI

SPASH Key Club
Stevens Point, WI

Spooner Faith Lutheran Church
Spooner, WI

St. Francis Xavier Elementary School - McDonald Street Campus
Appleton, WI

St. John's Quilting Group
Summit Lake, WI

St. Mary's School
Greenville, WI

St. Matthew's Ladies Aid
Deerbrook, WI

St. Paul's Christian Church
Elkhart Lake, WI

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Cascade, WI

St. Rose & St. Mary's Parishes and Human Concerns Committee
Clintonville, WI

St. William Catholic School
Janesville, WI

Steven P. Zube
Waupaca, WI
In memory of Calvin J. Zube

Sue & Russ Bouck
Amherst Junction, WI

Sue Burby
Custer, WI
In memory of Robert Babbe

Sue Clussman
Stevens Point, WI

WRC
Waupaca, WI

Sylvia Zimmer - Cards for Vets / Milwaukee Harley Retirees Club / Shady Lane Girl Scouts
Menominee Falls, WI

Ted Dickrell
Rudolph, WI

The Readers Loft
Green Bay, WI

American Legion Auxiliary 362 & Juniors
Catawba, WI

Tom & Laurie Vinje
Menasha, WI

Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish/Peace Lutheran Church/ Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church
Amherst Junction, WI

Town of Maine Stampers
Shiocton, WI

Trinity Church
Arkdale, WI

Trisha Ebersson
Waupaca Rotary Breakfast
Waupaca, WI

Vicki Dill
Waupaca, WI

Waupaca Truck Stop
Waupaca, WI

Wild Rose Elementary School 3rd Grade Students
Wild Rose, WI

Womens Aux to Post 1318
Madison, WI

Woodland Lutheran Church
Nekoosa, WI

Wrightstown Middle School 5th Grade Students
Wrightstown, WI

Xavier Elementary School
Appleton, WI



The **Resource One International** donated clothing, items for the KX, and many items from the Wish List.

Veterans Day Ball

The Annual Veterans Day Ball was sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart and MOPH Auxiliary. Staff, members and volunteers had a great time dancing and singing to music performed by the Charlie Justmann Band. They also enjoyed indulging on appetizers. The members look forward to this great event every year and year after year they are not disappointed.



Thank you to Dar Shuff, MOPH Auxiliary and King Rec. Committee member and Lee Shuff, MOPH and King Rec. Committe member for sponsoring this wonderful event.

Pictures submitted by King volunteer Doug Watson.



Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes

What You Need to Know About Antibiotics in a Nursing Home

What are antibiotics?

Antibiotics are drugs used to treat infections caused by bacteria. They do not work for illnesses caused by viruses, like flu and most cases of bronchitis.



When are antibiotics necessary?

There are times when antibiotics are urgently needed; for example, to treat sepsis (e.g., when bacteria cause a severe infection of the bloodstream), pneumonia caused by bacteria, and meningitis caused by bacteria. Using antibiotics when they are not necessary increases the risk they will not work when needed most.



Can taking antibiotics be harmful?

Antibiotics, like any medications, can have minor side effects like upset stomach or a rash, as well as serious allergic reactions or dangerous interactions with other medications a person is taking. In particular, antibiotics put people at risk for a deadly type of diarrhea caused by *C. difficile*. Frequent or excessive use of antibiotics leads to developing bacteria that are resistant to those antibiotics. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria are harder to kill, and can cause untreatable infections. A person also can carry resistant bacteria without feeling sick (this is called “colonization”), but if that bacteria causes an infection, it can require more complex treatments and transfer to the hospital.



What is antibiotic stewardship?

Antibiotic stewardship refers to a set of commitments and actions designed to make sure patients receive the right dose, of the right antibiotic, for the right amount of time; and only when truly necessary. Improving antibiotic use will ensure these life-saving medications are effective and available when we need them.



Why is improving antibiotic prescribing practices important for nursing homes?

Nursing home residents have a higher risk of colonization with bacteria for many reasons. The presence of invasive devices such as urinary-catheters and feeding tubes, wounds, and conditions that affect the bladder (e.g., diabetes or stroke) can all lead to colonization. Difficulties in separating colonization of bacteria from true illness in frail or older adults can lead to the overuse of antibiotics, which in turn drives antibiotic resistance.



continued on next page

continued on page 26

CS263097-A



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

What can my nursing home do to improve antibiotic stewardship?

Nursing homes can implement the following:

- ▶ **Leadership commitment:** Demonstrate support and commitment to safe and appropriate antibiotic use.
- ▶ **Accountability:** Identify leaders who are responsible for promoting and overseeing antibiotic stewardship activities at the nursing home.
- ▶ **Drug expertise:** Establish access to individuals with experience or training in improving antibiotic use.
- ▶ **Action:** Take at least one new action to improve the way antibiotics are used in the facility.
- ▶ **Tracking:** Measure how antibiotics are used and the complications (e.g., *C. difficile* infections) from antibiotics in the facility.
- ▶ **Reporting:** Share information with healthcare providers and staff about how antibiotics are used in the facility.
- ▶ **Education:** Provide resources to healthcare providers, nursing staff, residents and families to learn about antibiotic resistance and opportunities for improving antibiotic use.



What can I do to improve use of antibiotics and prevent the spread of germs?

- ▶ Get smart about antibiotics by reviewing the information [here](#) and ask the right questions about any antibiotic prescription.
- ▶ Be informed about how your nursing home stops the spread of germs among residents and works to improve antibiotic prescribing practices.
- ▶ Protect yourself by getting vaccines for flu and pneumonia and encourage others around you to do the same.
- ▶ Avoid visiting when you feel ill to protect residents from germs which may be spread in the community.
- ▶ Insist nursing home staff and visitors always clean their hands before touching or caring for your wound or catheter.
- ▶ Know what else you can do to prevent the spread of germs (e.g., cover your cough).





The **Wisconsin Veterans Home at King** is a long term and rehabilitative care facility serving veterans and their eligible dependents. We offer excellent medical and nursing care to enhance quality of life. Our highly trained and dedicated staff strive to meet the unique needs of veterans by providing compassionate

care built on the foundation of integrity, honor and respect. We also welcome qualified non-Wisconsin residents. Discover everything King can offer you. Call us at 715.256.5027 for a tour.

State of Wisconsin
Scott Walker
Governor

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
Daniel J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
Shannon Hardel
Interim Commandant

Courier Staff
Mary Grace Biesek
Marketing Specialist



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs



@WisVets



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

For more information on WVH-King please call (715) 258.5586 or 1.888.458.5586 or visit www.WisVets.com

Subscription Information

Submissions for The Courier are due the 1st of the month

"The Courier" can be mailed directly to your home for an annual rate of only \$5.00. Subscribers are notified when the renewal is due.

A subscription to "The Courier" can also be a great gift for a friend or relative. To Subscribe, please complete the form below.



To ensure that you will not miss any issues of "**The Courier**" and to help us hold down our mailing costs, please notify us promptly of any changes in your address. New or renewing subscribers should include a check payable to "Wisconsin Veterans Home at King" in the amount of \$5.00 to cover the 12 month subscription.

Mail this form to:
Courier Subscriptions
Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
N2665 County Road QQ
King, WI 54946-0600

Subscriber Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

If you would like to receive your Courier electronically in color, contact marygrace.biesek@dva.wisconsin.gov and your email will be added to an electronic mailing list. Please write "Electronic Courier" in the subject line. You can also go on www.WisVets.com and sign up for GovDelivery to get your Courier electronically.



Veterans Home - King



N2665 County Road QQ • King, WI 54946-0600