



Brownie

On the day before Memorial Day in 1943, Orin Kendley, ten years old at the time, enlisted his police dog, Brownie, to serve in the army. Brownie spent more than a year as a sentry in the Pacific before he was mustered out of the army on October 10, 1944. He was faithful and courageous, evidenced by the fact that he emerges from the service minus an eye.

Brownie was honorably discharged and returned home to his master. At the time, Orin Kendley's mother worked as a waitress serving the veterans at the Home. Brownie routinely followed her to work. In this way, he became a sort of mascot to the old veterans. The dog never had to worry about his next meal, as his many friends kept him well-fed. He also became a popular dog in the Waupaca community. He marched in a 1948 Memorial Day parade with the Waupaca unit of the national guard.

In 1949, Brownie suffered a tragic death; he was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Old Highway 22 in front of the Home. He was seven and a half years old. As a result of his wartime service and his popularity at the Home, he was honored with a burial plot at the Wisconsin Veterans Home Memorial Cemetery. Commandant Gilman Stordock received special permission to have the dog buried there. Brownie is believed to be the only dog to be buried there. A tombstone, paid for by the G.A.R., was placed above his grave. Brownie's triangular plot can be found about halfway up the hill in the cemetery where two roads meet.



Updated Announcement

All WVH Events are cancelled for August & September

We understand the uncertainty that the spread of Coronavirus creates for each of us, especially for those who are most susceptible in our Veterans Home. Currently, we continue to remain closed to our volunteers and visitors under directions of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The cases within Waupaca County have continued to rise and we must remain cautious. Please know by helping our facility maintain these precautions we are preventing the transmission of COVID-19, together we can flatten the curve.

Once our campus is open back up to volunteers, I will be sending a group email out announcing so. If you do not receive emails, I will personally call you with the news. If there are any volunteers with a new email account since March, please email me your new contact info and I will update your file so you can start receiving emails from the Volunteer Office. Thank you for your patience and remember, "We will get through this together".

Terry Heschke, Volunteer Coordinator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Happy Birthday from the Staff of King
May your day be wonderful and richly blessed!*

August 3 Ervin Stuckart	August 11 Arthur E. Hill, Jr.	August 17 Elizabeth Wilber
August 7 Sally Christie	August 13 Barbara Zinda	August 19 Charles Posnanski
August 8 Ronald Miller	August 15 Jeannine Conrard	August 20 Paul Busse
August 9 Daniel Wierichs	August 17 Rhonda Abbott	August 21 Sharon Thompson
August 9 Renee Jaeger	August 17 Mary Tilton	August 28 Holly Bacon Carole Miller

If you have a birthday this month and your name isn't listed, please contact the volunteer office: 715.258.4247 volunteerservices@dva.

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AH 3/4 Activity Staff: Ext. 2514 or 2540	
SH Activity Staff: Ext 2266, 2245 or 2374	
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Getting to Know our Team...



Hello, my name is Larry Cavanaugh and I am a member here at King since April 2015. I live at MacArthur Hall and my hometown is Rockford Illinois and am one of 5 kids, 2 sisters

Larry Cavanaugh

and 2 brothers. I am an Army Veteran with entry date of 1976, and was

stationed at Fort Hood Texas.

I have several hobbies here at King, fishing is my number one love – whenever I can get out in the boat, I will be more than willing to go. My largest fish I have caught on these lakes was back in the summer of 2018, 18" Bass. I also enjoy painting ceramics and wood craft items which I have sold many of my items at the gift shop and have submitted several pieces for the annual Celebration of the Arts event in February, Open House Art Show and for the Waupaca County Fair art show which I have received several ribbons and cash prizes for my works of art. I also enjoy taking bus trips whenever possible especially for baseball games, meal outings and Iola Car Shows.

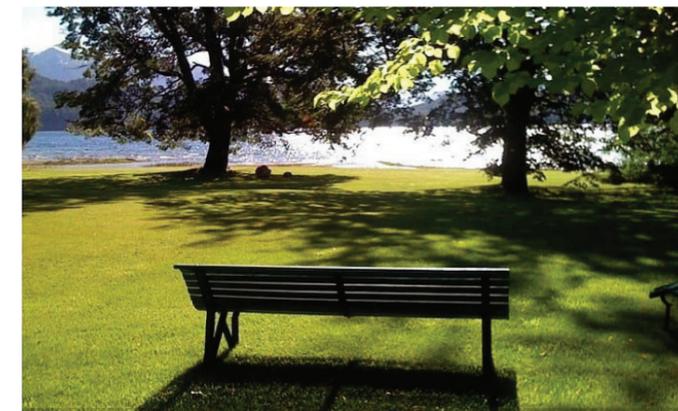
The reason I became a volunteer, I wanted to continue my work therapy job of "folding cloth coverings" so members have them for each mealtime. So, I figured someone needs to fold these items why not keep up my routine and take 1 ½ hours out of my day to do my part. Save some time for the laundry staff. The Wisconsin Veterans Home is my new home now and I enjoy living here, everyone takes really good care of me.

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Author Unknown

*I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good, therefore that I can do
Or any kindness I can show
To any fellow creature, Let me do it now.
Let me not defer nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.*



Try to take some time to fish or even sit along a shoreline before the winter weather rolls in and let your body feel relax and welcome the freedom of being stress free even for an hour or two.

Message from your Volunteer Coordinator

With August right around the corner and as the summer continues with the sun shining, our members have not slowed down with their love of fishing. We are living in a stressful world especially now. Fishing is like freedom from all that stress. Nothing more stress relieving than enjoying time outdoors catching fish on your boat fitted with the best motor around or standing along a shoreline fishing. Spending your time casting for Bass or bobber fishing on the many lakes' releases stress like no other.

Fishing requires lots of focus and awareness. This takes one's mind off internal conflict and stress, similar to meditation. As a result, it helps to reduce anxiety, fight off depression, and promote relaxation. Studies have shown that fishing lowers one's cortisol levels (otherwise known as the stress hormone).

Fishing promotes a healthier way of life. Fishing is a recreation where and even the worst day, when you catch no fish at all, is better than the time spent at home doing chores or watching TV. Many people comment that the pleasure of fishing lies in the activity itself, not in how many fish they catch.

Fishing is such a great, low-impact activity that it is widely used as a rehabilitation therapy by psychologist, counselors, and physical therapists...Although it may not feel like it while you are out on the water, spending a few hours at the river or lake could be a great workout. The sound of the water lapping at the shore or a fish jumping is quite wonderful. It all contributes to muscles relaxing that have been so tight for so long you forgot what it was like to have them loose.

Our center spread for this month feature photos of members over the past couple months sharing their catch of the day. Notice no matter how big their fish was, they still had a smile.

Terry Heschke, Volunteer Coordinator



It's Fishing Time!

Even though we are unable to have volunteers assisting with our activities at this time, our members wanted to share their fishing pictures with everyone. Special "Thank You" to our King Rec Committee and Mercury Marine for the donation of our brand-new boat motor!

