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Dorothy Swanson keeps herself busy by putting together challenging puzzles.





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As the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, I have the great privilege of representing 345,000 veterans across this state of Wisconsin, as well as ensuring that we always remember and honor those who have gone on before us. This month, we make a special effort to recognize the United States service members, the men and women of our military who served our country, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is truly a privilege to have the oldest of the three Wisconsin veterans cemeteries as our neighbor at the Veterans Home at King. As an honorable resting place for over a century for those who served in our nation's military, the cemetery is full of history.

The first burial at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery was held on June 17, 1888, laying to rest Sgt. I.L. Baker, a Civil War veteran. Sgt. Baker's grave is on the far east side of the old cemetery. You may wonder, "As the first veteran laid to rest, why was Sgt. Baker taken all the way to the east side of the cemetery?" It's because when the old cemetery was designed, it was laid out with each regiment of the Wisconsin militia assigned a section so that members of each regiment could be buried near each other.

The men and women buried there have left behind quite a legacy.

There is Midian Quaintance, buried in section OC3 of the cemetery. For more than 100 years, his name was misspelled on his headstone. After one of his descendants noticed the error, cemetery staff replaced the headstone, and while conducting research, it was discovered that Mr. Quaintance was a survivor of Andersonville Prison, a Confederate prisoner-of-war camp in Georgia.

And Theodore Goldin lays at rest in this cemetery. In addition to being a Medal of Honor recipient and survivor of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Goldin was an orphan who became a successful lawyer and influential Wisconsin politician.

WDVA Secretary's column

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It is the final resting place of members of one of the most famous units on either side of the Civil War, the legendary "Iron Brigade," which included the 2nd, 6th and 7th Wisconsin Infantry Regiments.

It is even home to one of our state's K9 heroes. Brownie, an Army K9 who served during World War II, is the only dog to ever be buried at a Wisconsin state veterans cemetery. He started the war as a family pet and returned to be a family pet after his discharge.

While we are unable to gather in person at our state cemeteries this Memorial Day, as we have done for so many years in the past, a small group of volunteers, working in shifts to maintain social distancing, have continued our tradition of placing flags at the graves of the fallen service members. The flags will remain there from sundown on May 22 through Memorial Day.

We will also remember our heroes through our virtual Memorial Day tribute. Our ceremonies are certainly different this year, but the meaning behind them remains the same. We still honor and express our sincerest gratitude to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen who died in defense of our nation and our values.

Upcoming Major Events

Memorial Day Programs
Cancelled

American Legion and
ALA King Day
Cancelled

Disabled American
Veterans and DAVA
King Day
Cancelled

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please visit
www.WisVets.com*



Members in Ainsworth Hall keep themselves busy by making beautiful paintings.



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Getting *to know our* Team *Meet* Judy Borg



Hello, my name is Judy Borg and I started volunteering at King by helping with weekend bingos back in the 1990's with our VFW Auxiliary from Appleton. Since retiring seven years ago, I have been the King Deputy for the VFW Auxiliary on the state level. I have worked the VFWA treat cart, birthday bingos, bingos in the buildings, King Days, spring galas/proms, and many other events held at King. I joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1981 and have served on all levels of the organization. Most recently I served as the VFWA State of Wisconsin President from 2015 to 2016. Having been born on November 11th (Veterans Day), I guess I was destined to work with veterans.

My husband, Mike, is a Vietnam Veteran and was the VFW State Commander – we had the honor of being the second married Commander/President on the State level. We both have been very active in the Military Order of the Cootie, serving as Grand Commander and Grand President in 2011-12.

My husband and I have been married for over 52 years and we have a son, Sean, daughter, Bonnie, and her husband, Jon. Our kids are the joy of our life along with our two grandchildren, Beckett and Marleigh.

I worked as an Executive Administrative Assistant my whole career and enjoyed the field very much. Most of my time was spent in an accounting firm and in their IT/PC computer areas.

My hobbies earlier in life have been replaced with volunteering on all levels of the VFW Auxiliary and Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary which comes with meetings and activities. I also volunteered in leadership positions in Scouts with my children, and in my church.

I enjoy volunteering at King very much. I have over 1,390 hours. But due to recent health issues, I have not been able to do as much as I used to do, but I will keep giving as much as I can.

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



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King, WI

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Members in Ainsworth Hall are busy with activities while maintaining social distancing.

In Memory of

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

Duane Beyer
James Funck
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Members and staff of Ainsworth Hall created this red, white and blue heart shaped window decor in honor of **Nurses Week**.



Happy birthday to the lovely **Harriet Main!**

Welcome

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.

Walter J. Burton, a Vietnam War Navy veteran, joined us on April 2, 2020 from Wisconsin Rapids. He is living at OH.

Steven G. Rodencal, a Vietnam War Navy veteran, joined us on April 6, 2020 from Green Lake. He is living at OH.

John F. Farrell, a Korean War Army veteran, joined us on April 9, 2020 from New Berlin. He is living at MH.

Paul T. Smith, a Peacetime Era Navy veteran, joined us on April 14, 2020 from Dunn. He is living at AH.

Dwight H. Himstedt, a Vietnam War Air Force veteran, joined us on April 15, 2020. He is living at MH.

Ronald J. Wucki, a Vietnam War Army veteran, joined us on April 21, 2020 from Port Edwards. He is living at OH.

Elberta R. Jarosinski, a Vietnam War Army veteran's spouse, joined us on April 23, 2020 from Menasha. She is living at MH.

Roger M. Tradewell, a Peacetime Era Air Force veteran, joined us on April 24, 2020 from Milwaukee. He is living at AH.

Donald R. Stangl, a Peacetime Era Army veteran, joined us on April 27, 2020 from Marshfield. He is living at SH.

Dorothy M. Lee, a WW II Marine Corps veteran's spouse, joined us on April 28, 2020 from Wausau. She is living at OH.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The Veterans Café is providing delivery service to members. Call extension 2364 for orders and instructions.

Daily Hours: 9:30am - 2pm

The snack cart will be in your building Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2pm to 3pm



DELIVERY
at your service



Sister Martha Mafurutu
Catholic Chaplain

The Rosary is a Powerful Prayer at All Times

A Rosary is a form of prayer Christians use along with beads. It is believed that the practice of praying the Rosary among believers started in the 11th and 12th century. During this period of time people used to use stones, so that they did not forget to count during prayer.

The devotion of the Rosary is one of the most unique structures of popular Christian spirituality of all times. This will lead us to the question, what is the purpose of praying the Rosary? We start with the sign of the cross, Apostles Creed, Our Father, say three Hail Mary's, for faith, hope, and charity, then, "Glory be", that is "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen." The Our Father and the Hail Marys is repeated during the prayer. The announcer will start the mystery of the Rosary. Praying the Rosary help us to keep in memory the events of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are twenty mysteries, and they are divided into five meditations.

The Joyful Mysteries, focuses on the birth events of our Lord Jesus Christ, and these are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays.

The Luminous Mysteries events are based on the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. These are recited on Thursdays and were instituted in 2002 by St. Pope John Paul II.

The Sorrowful Mysteries narrate to Jesus' suffering and death. These are recited on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Glorious Mysteries remind believers of our Lord's resurrection. Christians pray on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The power of the Rosary is beyond explanation. One can pray the Rosary anytime, when taking a walk, when talking to people, or listening to conversations. Many spiritual battles have been won because of this symbolic act. Many hearts of believers have been touched and many discouraged believers have

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May Birthdays

Ainsworth Hall

- 2 Anna Capizzi
- 3 Gerald Strachota
- 4 Roger Tradewell
Roselind Flanagan
- 6 Erle Barber
Curtis Krause
- 8 Donald Hunt
Roberta Gryniewski
- 12 Stanley Cychosz
- 14 Robert Brown
Roger Roberts
- 18 Richard Gerlach
- 20 Ronald Mitchell
- 22 Stella Wagner
- 23 Edmund Connolly Jr.
- 25 Constance Morgan

MacArthur Hall

- 5 Jeffrey Stolz
- 7 Harold Pagel
- 8 Steven Fischer
- 10 David Miller
- 12 Dennis Kinney
- 14 John Dinse
- 17 William Jones
- 23 Ceylon Gruenstern
- 28 William Mykel
- 31 Toby Goecks

Olson Hall

- 5 Richard Swanson
- 6 Gerald Tourdot
Michael Kloehn
- 10 Roy Aaberg
- 13 Carol Remington
- 14 Mark Marineau
- 17 Joan Kalrath
Suzanne Karl
- 19 Vernilla Taylor
- 23 Billy Goodrich
- 24 Doris Ostrowski
- 27 Murray Stegath
Steven Rodencal
- 28 Deloss Besch

June Birthdays

Ainsworth Hall

- 2 James Otterson
- 4 Otto Tiedemann
James Holeman
- 5 June Stecker
- 8 Kurtis Kading
- 9 Phyllis Buschmann
- 21 Minnie Ahlm
- 24 LaVerne Langer
Robert Ashburn

MacArthur Hall

- 7 William Kenne
- 29 Kenneth O'Malley

Olson Hall

- 5 George Conner
- 6 Ernest Boggs
- 7 Philip Vaughn
- 9 David Johnson
- 11 Eugene Uhlers
Larry Stiebs
- 13 Roger Knapp
- 14 Melfred Wethal
David Christie
- 15 Edna McPherson
William Kaczmaryn
- 18 Donald Ziegler
James Seibert
- 20 Robert Carlson
- 21 Daniel Bailey
- 22 Marilyn Feldmann
- 23 William Godfrey
- 26 William McDermott
- 28 Thomas Krueger
- 29 William Meier
- 30 David Winslow



Joan Grawvunder
WVH-King Member

Memories and Things

Friends were dining with us the last night at our fancy hotel in The Bahamas. It was very pleasant dining with friends. It would be the last time we would see them for quite awhile. While dining the guys got the brilliant idea that we should all go swimming in the pool.

That was not a good idea in my opinion 'cause I had never learned to swim. Sadly, I was outvoted and off we went to the pool. Everyone was in a jolly mood except me. I was scared silly. The other three immediately swam to the deep side of the pool but I covered at the entrance. Hoping, I think, to disappear so they wouldn't keep tormenting me to join them. It was a long way to go in deeper water.

The group kept tormenting me to join them but I firmly resisted. Still they continued saying for me to give it a try. Finally, I decided to give it a try since they convinced me that I could do it. So, I took off splashing and kicking like I knew what I was doing. After awhile my body was so tired that I couldn't keep going. I put my feet down thinking I had finally arrived at our group. Horrors! Help! My feet didn't touch anything! Now what do I do!? I kept flailing and trying but getting nowhere. Still the guys were laughing and I was probably drowning. Ed's wife finally convinced them that I was really in trouble. Ed looked and

decided she was right and took off over to me. He gingerly grabbed me to haul me over to the group. I was grateful for the rescue but disgusted for the indifference. However, the rest enjoyed our time at the pool and eventually we went back to the hotel.

The trip home was very interesting. We finally landed at the airport but the snowstorm was so bad that the planes weren't flying anymore and we had to rent cars to go the rest of the way home. Four of us from our Bahamas group took off for home in the blizzard. Our first couple reached home and left us to get home in the wild weather. Then we would need to return the car back to the airport thru the impossible weather.

When we got home everybody was excited to have us home safely. We celebrated our safe return by exchanging our gifts for the kids and receiving lots of wonderful hugs from them. Bob's mom had come up to stay with the children and was feeling bad because of the weather. She reached in her purse and pulled out a bottle of whiskey to cure her cold or nerves, not sure which. That gave us all a big chuckle 'cause we had never seen Grandma do that before. But she said it always helps so we apologized and stopped laughing but it was quite

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been uplifted because of this prayer. The Rosary is a powerful act that develops our relationship with our heavenly Father. **Florida State University, in 1978:** Remember the story of Ted Bundy, the killer, who confessed to **Monsignor Kerr in 1994** before his execution? I preached about the power of praying the Rosary and mentioned about Ted Bundy the killer, whose grandmother taught her granddaughter to pray the Rosary before going to bed. Many believers were touched by the story and we created a situation of praying the decade of the Rosary nearly every Sunday before church service. Church members also requested the Hail Mary prayer for the football game, if a particular team is playing. At present a group of veterans and a lady from St. Mary Magdalene pray the Rosary in the Ainsworth Hall Chapel every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

The philosophy of Rosary to me it is weapon of prayer; it helps me to be vigilant. The Rosary is a friend and a gentle reminder all the time, who is God to me. The Rosary gives me strengths in suffering, in confusion all the time. In my belief, the Rosary is a powerful type of prayer. To those who know this prayer, let us ask the Lord to intervene especially during this time of Coronavirus, also remembering those who died and the sick from the coronavirus.

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SAVE
THE DATE

FAMILY
PICNIC DAY
Saturday, August 29
10am-2:30pm

This event is replacing our Open House event traditionally held in May. Family Picnic Day will feature our magnificent facility set along our shoreline, food, entertainment by the Charlie Justmann Band, and activities to entertain all ages. Activities will include the annual car show, bouncy house, Fox Valley Hog motorcycle run, face painting, games, family photo booth, bake sale, and more!

Memories and Things

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funny to see a lady who is an absolute nondrinker pull a bottle of alcohol out of her purse. It really was a happy homecoming though. Our family was happy and safe and we were very happy to be home safely in spite of the terrible wild weather. God was good and we rejoiced!

The two boys discovered they had a golden opportunity that doesn't happen very often. Since the snow was now over the roof the boys decided to take a ride off the roof and down the side of the house. They climbed onto the roof, got the sleds in place, flopped down and took off. They were pretty thrilled and pretty proud. Since it probably was a once-in-a-lifetime event we allowed it. Seeing the happiness on their faces I was glad that we had allowed them the opportunity to do something really special.

To celebrate such a special day, we made some good hot cocoa and homemade cookies. Normally it would be johnny cake but today was cookies. The kids liked them much better. It was truly a wonderful celebration for a very special day.

In the morning we still had the problem of returning the rental car back to the airport. It was a real problem because we had to take two cars back up to the airport which was probably two hours away. It was still a real blizzard and I was suffering with the "back-door-trots". Our daughter had just earned her driver's license and had never done anything like this.

It was an impossible situation but one that could not be ignored until a better time. So, Candy and Bob took off covered with prayers. My poor daughter was scared and Bob was completely nervous but off they went. As usual, if there is a tough job to be accomplished it seems that girl can do it! Thank you, Lord!! They got to the airport safely and back home, mission accomplished.

So that was the end of our "international" vacation. It was wonderful but it really was nice to get home! I hope that your Easter was a very special one! Are the kids learning that it isn't about candy and bunnies? Please remember that Jesus loved us enough to die for us so that we can join Him in Heaven someday.

Many Blessings.....

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

Strangers in Death by J.D. Robb

In 2060 New York, some murders still get more attention than others, especially those in which the victim is a prominent businessman, found in his Park Avenue apartment, tied to the bed—and strangled with cords of black velvet. Fortunately, homicide cop Lieutenant Eve Dallas's billionaire husband, Roarke, happens to own the prime real estate where Thomas Anders's sporting-goods firm is headquartered, giving her some help with access. Before long, she's knocking on doors—and barging through them—to look for the answers she needs.

But some things don't add up—and everyone's alibi checks out, from the wife who was off in the tropics to the nephew who stood to inherit millions. Was this a crime of passion—or a carefully planned execution? It's up to Dallas to solve this sensational case in which those who seem to be intimates sometimes guard secrets from each other—and strangers may be connected in unexpected, and deadly, ways.

Deadly Fate by Heather Graham

When Clara Avery, an entertainer working on the Fate, an Alaskan cruise ship, goes to nearby Bear Island, she comes across a scene of bloody mayhem. She also comes across Thor Erikson, who will soon be a member of the FBI's elite paranormal unit, the Krewe of Hunters.

Thor's been sent from the Alaska field office to investigate several grotesque killings, with the dead posed to resemble the victims of notorious murderers. The prime suspect is a serial killer Thor once put behind bars. The man escaped from prison in the Midwest, and all the evidence says he was headed to Alaska. ...

Thor and Clara share an unusual skill: the ability to communicate with the dead. Their growing love

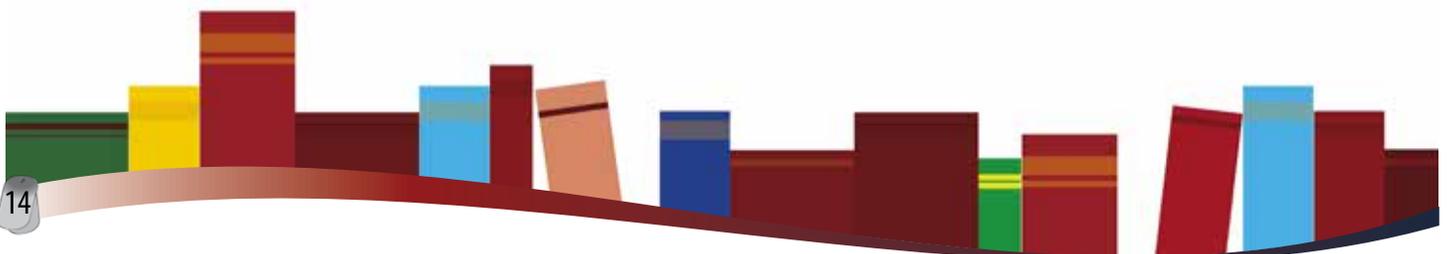
— and their contact with the ghosts of the victims — brings them together to solve the case...and prevent a deadly fate of their own.

Black Elk: The Life of an American Visionary by Joe Jackson

A definitive biographical account of a figure whose dramatic life converged with some of the most momentous events in the history of the American West. Born in an era of rising violence, Black Elk killed his first man at Little Big Horn, witnessed the death of his second cousin Crazy Horse, and traveled to Europe with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Upon his return, he was swept up in the traditionalist Ghost Dance movement and shaken by the massacre at Wounded Knee. But Black Elk was not a warrior and instead choose the path of a healer and holy man, motivated by a powerful prophetic vision that haunted and inspired him, even after he converted to Catholicism in his later years.

Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith

MGB officer Leo is a man who never questions the Party Line. He arrests whomever he is told to arrest. He dismisses the horrific death of a young boy because he is told to, because he believes the Party stance that there can be no murder in Communist Russia. Leo is the perfect soldier of the regime. But suddenly his confidence that everything he does serves a great good is shaken. He is forced to watch a man he knows to be innocent be brutally tortured. And then he is told to arrest his own wife. Leo understands how the State works: Trust and check, but check particularly on those we trust. Exiled from his home, with only his wife remaining at his side, Leo must find and stop a criminal that the State won't admit even exists.



Celebrating Earth Day! Members enjoyed planting vegetable and flower seeds to put out in the courtyard later this summer.



Soaking up the Sun. Getting fresh air and feeling the sun on your face sure feels great!



Arts and Crafts. Showing off their May baskets.



Enjoying painting the woodworking from Steve.



Unit Ecumenical Church Services



Due to the new guidance given related to Covid-19, Sunday services will be altered. Chaplains will rotate buildings each week.

Ainsworth Hall

AH3 – 9am
AH4 – 10am

MacArthur Hall

MH2E – 8am
MH 2W - 8:45am
MH3E – 9:30am
MH 3W - 10:15am

Olson Hall

OH2 – 8am
OH3 – 8am
OH4 – 9am
OH5 – 10am

Subject to change based on unit restrictions.

Riddle

I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Riddle from last month:
What goes up but never comes down?

Answer to last month's riddle: **Your age**

VITAL STATISTICS

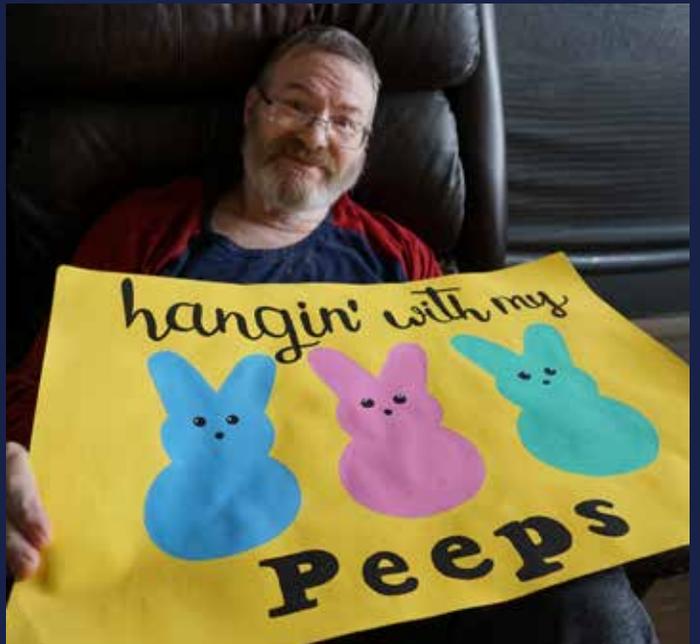
Male Census	389	Female Census	90
Air Force	70	Afghanistan	1
Army	264	Berlin	3
Army Air Corps	1	Berlin Crisis	1
Coast Guard	5	Korea	76
Marine Corps	49	Lebanon	2
Navy	80	Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm	5
		Operation Enduring Freedom	2
Women Veterans	13	Peacetime	92
		Vietnam	219
		WWII	39

Dilly Bars! Thank you Larry Cavanaugh, Jack Algiers, and Lisa Liepert for sponsoring a Dilly Bar treat from Dairy Queen for your friends to enjoy.

Members planted seeds in honor of **Earth Day**.



We have all been spending a lot of time **“Hangin’ with our Peeps”** and social distancing while doing our groups. We also have been letting everyone know how thankful we are for them by decorating our windows as we are “all in this together”.





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

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