

# The **CO** **RIER**

October 2020

**T**o celebrate and get into the spirit of the fall weather, members in Ainsworth Hall created beautiful art projects using fall color leaves.





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**T**oday I am writing to you with a very serious request: I implore you to not let your guard down when it comes to protecting yourselves against COVID-19. As you've probably heard, the number of COVID-19 cases in our state continues to rise, and COVID-19 activity in Waupaca, specifically, remains high.

We need to keep up our safe practices to help keep one another healthy. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that can have terrible consequences for many people. It can also be sneaky, as some will not experience symptoms and others get very, very ill. Therefore, no matter how healthy you feel, it is so important to continue to stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when out and maintain at least six feet from others, and wash your hands frequently. These are the only known ways we can prevent its spread.

As we experienced in our Veterans Homes over the past few months, viruses can spread quickly in small communities. By protecting ourselves, we also protect the people around us and keep our entire community safe, including those who work in our Veterans Homes. Right now, the only way for the virus to make its way on campus is through our staff. Our staff, while going above and beyond to take every possible precaution against contracting and transmitting COVID-19, must venture into public in their daily lives – buying groceries for their families, pumping gas, seeing their own physicians, and more. By protecting yourselves from the virus, you protect them, and in turn you protect the veterans they care for every day. We all must do our part.

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**WDVA Secretary's column**

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Finally, in addition to COVID safety measures, please also make the effort to get a flu shot. By protecting yourself from the flu, you help to ease the burden on our hospitals and other care centers, and lessen the potential of contracting a dangerous double-whammy of flu and COVID-19, together. Please protect yourselves. The men and women who reside in our veterans homes have served us, let us do what we can to return the favor by doing our part.

As a brief side note, I wanted to share with you that WDVA has some exciting plans in store to virtually honor the men and women who have served our county. Please join us for Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at [www.WisVetsVeteransDay.com](http://www.WisVetsVeteransDay.com).

**Upcoming Major Events**

**Semi-Annual Commemoration Service**  
Sat., November 7  
**Cancelled**

**Veterans Day Program**  
Wed., November 11  
**Cancelled**

*For more events, please visit [www.WisVets.com](http://www.WisVets.com)*



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On this page, you'll see photos and posts of some great things that happen here at King.

# Getting *to know our* Team *Meet* Chuck Taylor



**H**i! I'm Chuck Taylor. I retired from the U.S. Navy in March of 1986. Shortly after, I joined AMVETS Post 13 of Redgranite, it being the only veterans organization in town and because the post's auxiliary sent me a Christmas card every year while I was on active duty, regardless of where we were stationed.

In 1987, I learned that the Veterans Home at King was celebrating its centennial year. AMVETS was donating fifty flags for the Avenue of Flags. Rupe Stripe, John Schmidt and I made fifty poles and attached the flags for the celebration. Besides the AMVETS, I am a life member of the VFW and the Fleet Reserve Association located in Flour Bluff, TX and the DAV Chapter 51.

I was a bus driver for the school district of Wild Rose. Between routes, I would volunteer at King. In the late 80's I became an LTE bus driver for King and created the bus driver's schedule for recreational transportation. On the maiden trip of the King Koach, I drove to Century Theatre in Stevens Point in a heavy rain with my wife Lynda who is also a volunteer at King. Highway 10 was under construction, so I took Highway 66 into Stevens Point. Just west of Rosholt, a loud scraping sound was heard. The wheelchair lift had drifted down causing the skirt to drag. The problem was fixed the next day by a cleat being welded on the lift to stop the drifting.

I was elected AMVETS National Commander in 1999. I served as National Saddest for the fun and honor group of AMVETS, Sad Sacks. I was a member of the Lions Clubs International for 17 years where I served as club president, zone and region chairman. I am the International President's Leadership Medal recipient and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

My wife and I have been 'snowbirds' migrating to our winter home in Zapata, TX for 14 years now. I miss ice fishing and plowing snow with my pick-up, not the cold. We like traveling with our 5th wheel travel trailer. Hunting, fishing, and boating are favorite things to do when I'm not volunteering at King.

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



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**Joan Grawvunder**  
*WVH-King Member*

## Memories and Things - Daughters

**A**n ongoing summary of my ten children: This month you will be able to learn of all my daughters after hearing about all my sons last month. Hopefully, you will find them interesting at least a little, I hope.

My firstborn daughter is also my firstborn child. She is a great animal lover. When she purchased the farm she is living on, it had no animals and that bothered her so much that she began adding animals that she would enjoy. She's been so good at her collecting that she has added horses, sheep, goats, peacocks, turkeys, chickens, ducks, guinea hens, cats, German shepherds, and a grand pyrenes who is amazing at caring for his critters and she even added a little boy! Oh gee, I almost forgot the donkey!

My second daughter is also very special. She was always our caretaker of the family. Now she is retired from her job and works part time at odd jobs. And she is still the caretaker for her own family. Her favorite job is probably caring for her grandchildren-all five of them! So far, she has made over 400 masks for folks during this quarantine!

My third daughter is definitely the middle child in this group of girls. She seems to be the one girl that is talented enough to handle almost anything that needs doing! I know she has bailed me out so many times with various projects that I happen to be working on at the time. And she LOVES babies!! She loves babies so much if she hears or sees one, she grabs them and carries them around like a special treasure, which they are to all of us!

My fourth daughter is a CNA. She loves caring for the folks in the nursing home where she works. She has three terrific sons that are growing up much too fast! Sadly, she lost her first husband to heart problems and one of her sons who only lived for nine hours after he was born. But now her sons are thriving, and she is marrying a special young man in November.

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## *In Memory of*

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

Gene E. Cottrell

William H. Rahn

James C. Jolly

Fred G. Muschinske

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### **Sunday Virtual Ecumenical Services**

#### **Channel 4-1**

Times: 8:00, 10:00 A.M.;  
1:30, 3:00 and  
7:00 P.M.

#### **Catholic Mass on Channel 20 EWTN**

Times: 7:00, 11:00 A.M.;  
6:00 P.M.

# 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.*

### **Edward L. Thrall**

A Korean War Marine Corps Veteran joined us on September 2, 2020 from Boulder. He is living at MH.

### **Phillip I. Hickock**

A Korean War Army Veteran joined us on September 2, 2020 from Ferryville. He is living at OH.

### **Barton J. Thorvalson**

A Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on September 10, 2020 from Elkhorn. He is living at MH.

### **Albert W. Hipp**

A Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on September 14, 2020 from Milwaukee. He is living at OH.



**Sister Martha Mafurutu**  
Catholic Chaplain

## The Dark Cave of the Coronavirus

**1Kings 19: 11-13** Then the Lord said: *“Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will pass by. There was a strong and violent wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; after the wind, an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, after the earthquake, fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; after the fire, a light silent sound. (tender whisper) When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, “Why are you here, Elijah?”*

Elijah fled to Horeb to save his life and spent a night in a dark cave. Can we imagine we are in the 21st century spending days and nights in the dark cave of the coronavirus pandemic?

The coronavirus comes upon us in the daytime, and at noon we feel, as if we are in the darkness of the night. Life is hard and people are living in a situation of loss and grief. The grief we feel with loss can be like the grief we feel with death. Because of Covid-19, people have lost part of their everyday lives as they stay at home and limit in-person socializing. This is the dark cave of the coronavirus. At least 203,000 or more people have died in the United States alone from the coronavirus and more than 7 million are suffering from the virus. Our country is experiencing the dark cave of the coronavirus.

Jesus Christ is the light. He will save us from clutches of the darkness of the coronavirus, so we are not a people without hope.

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## October Birthdays

1	John G Zemruski	MH	14	Melvin R Weber	OH	26	Glenn E Joanis	OH
2	Russell J Blank	OH		Timothy G Whiteagle	OH		Michael S Dennis	OH
	Randall L Olson	OH	15	Nathan L Simonson	MH	27	Gladys L Otterson	AH
3	Richard J Golomski	AH	16	Gerald L Totzke	AH		Don A Miller	AH
4	Joan M Fox	AH	18	Stephen R Wimmer	AH	29	David O Copas	AH
5	Frank F Gerke	MH	20	Gary R Dodge	OH	30	Guy E Dancker	OH
	John T Caviezel	MH	21	Joan H Grawvunder	AH			
7	Boleslaw Pawicz	AH	22	Norma H Hansen	OH			
8	Richard J Meyer	OH		Virginia M Schmale	AH			
9	Elizabeth R Hoffman	AH		Richard L Woodford	OH			
12	Larry E Davis	OH	24	Donald J Johnson	OH			
	Christopher M Laffin	AH	25	Ronald C Kuehl	OH			

## November Birthdays

2	Richard D Hubatch	AH	12	Rose A Bemowski	AH	28	Karl M Walker	OH
	Robert D Rentmeester	OH		Dean A Loewenhagen	MH		James M Tucker	OH
4	Samuel J Beach	OH	13	Thomas F O'Neil	MH		John E McLernon	MH
	Robert W Chudy	MH	14	Carl L Newby	AH	29	Larry D Cavanaugh	MH
5	Maryann Kelley	OH	15	Raymond D Resler	OH			
	Frank X Ernst	MH		Barbara J McCrory	MH			
6	Byron M Robinson	MH	16	Leoanard J King	MH			
7	Lois Y Moore	AH	18	Daniel A Ness	MH			
	Kay W Plamann	MH	24	Roseann J Ohap	OH			
8	Tommy D King	OH	26	Elmer C Otto	AH			
				John M Krupka	OH			

## Memories and Things - Daughters

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My fifth daughter is the baby of the bunch and always refused to believe that she was adopted like the other kids. Instead of being interested in learning of her life before our house she would often ask, "Mama, what did I do when I was in your tummy?" I wished I could have answered her question as real but instead I had to break her heart with the truth. She grew up too fast and is now living in California and is director of six schools or more now.

There is so much more I could write about each one of my precious children. They are so much more than just the little bit I've written about each one! My kids are all so special, loving, kind, quick to help others and love their mama. (Thank you, Lord!)

Since we are all quarantined for now, several of my children call me every day. Some mail packages to me. And some call every week. It's so good to hear from each one. The Lord has blessed me so beautifully- and I am grateful!

Right now, we are being abundantly blessed with great grandchildren and it is wonderful! And each one of our new babies is as special as all the others. (Especially Titus, who truly seems to love his Grandma Jo!) He argues with his mama that I am HIS Grandma Jo-nobody else's. I love it!!!

## The Dark Cave of the Coronavirus

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The coronavirus is marshaled against us and pushes us in the deepest darkness of the cave. The dark cave is as thawing ice. During this time, people are experiencing a variety of losses, including financial security, loss of control, loss of events, (weddings, graduations, parties, etc.) and loss of connection to others. These losses are impacting many people emotionally, mentally, and physically.

Our days are not swifter than a weaver's shuttle and they will not come to an end without hope. Jesus is the "Light" that dispels darkness of the cave. He says, *"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted in the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."* (Psalm 46:10). *"If you are walking in darkness without a ray of light, trust in the Lord and rely on your God."* (Isaiah 50:10.)

Jesus is exalted in the pit of the coronavirus. He is our Constant Hope and should remain so, forever and ever. He is our refuge and provider. "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want," so says Psalm 23.

**Ainsworth Hall 4 Family Parade!** Thank you to the families who showed up on this special day!



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

### **The Cast by Danielle Steele**

Kait Whittier has built her magazine column into a hugely respected read followed by fans across the country. She loves her work and adores her grown children, treasuring the time they spend together. But after two marriages, she prefers to avoid the complications and uncertainties of a new love.

Then, after a chance meeting with Zack Winter, a television producer visiting Manhattan from Los Angeles, everything changes. Inspired by the true story of her own indomitable grandmother, Kait creates the storyline for a TV series. And when she shares her work with Zack, he is impressed and decides to make this his next big-budget project.

Within weeks, Kait is plunged into a colorful world of actors and industry pros who will bring her vision to life. A cool, competent director. An eccentric young screenwriter. A world-famous actress coping with private tragedy. A reclusive grande dame from Hollywood's Golden Age. A sizzling starlet whose ego outstrips her abilities. L.A.'s latest "bad boy" actor, whose affairs are setting the city on fire. An unknown ingénue with outsized talent. And a rugged, legendary leading man. As secrets are shared, the cast becomes a second family for Kait. But in the midst of this charmed year, she is suddenly forced to confront the greatest challenge a mother could ever know.

### **Rise the Dark by Michael Koryta**

Rise the dark. These were the last words written in Lauren Novak's notebook before she was murdered in a strange Florida village. They've never meant anything to the police or to her husband, investigator Markus Novak. Now the man he believes killed her is out of prison, and draws Markus to the place he's avoided for so long: the lonely road where his wife was shot to death beneath the cypress trees and Spanish moss in a town called Cassadaga.

In Red Lodge, Montana, a senseless act of vandalism shuts the lights off in the town where Sabrina Baldwin is still trying to adjust to a new home and mourning the loss of her brother, who was a high voltage linesman just like her husband, Jay. As the spring's final snowstorm calls Jay deeper into the mountains, chasing the destruction on the electrical grid, Sabrina is abducted by Garland Webb, the man Markus Novak believes killed his wife. Drawing them all together is a messianic villain who understands that you can never outpace your past. You can only rise against the future.

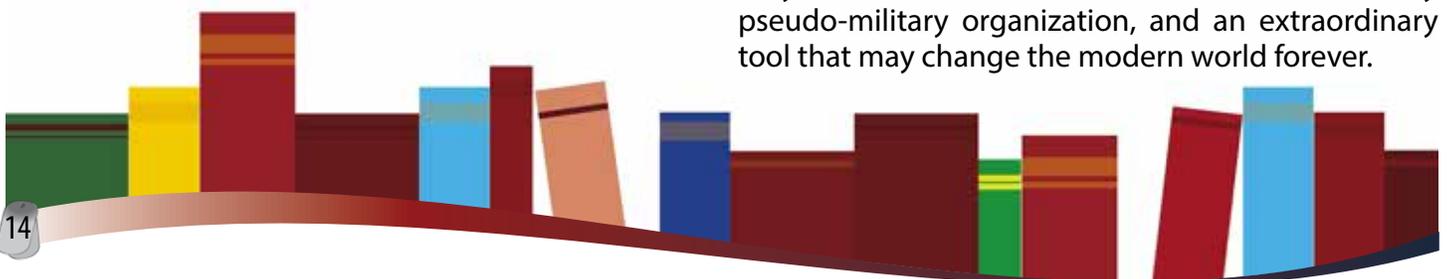
### **Burning Bright by Nick Petrie**

War veteran Peter Ash sought peace and quiet among the towering redwoods of northern California, but the trip isn't quite the balm he'd hoped for. The dense forest and close fog cause his claustrophobia to buzz and spark, and then he stumbles upon a grizzly, long thought to have vanished from this part of the country. In a fight of man against bear, Peter doesn't favor his odds, so he makes a strategic retreat up a nearby sapling.

There, he finds something strange: a climbing rope, affixed to a distant branch above. It leads to another, and another, up through the giant tree canopy, and ending at a hanging platform. On the platform is a woman on the run. From below them come the sounds of men and gunshots.

Just days ago, investigative journalist June Cassidy escaped a kidnapping by the men who are still on her trail. She suspects they're after something belonging to her mother, a prominent software designer who recently died in an accident. June needs time to figure out what is going on and help from someone with Peter's particular set of skills.

Only one step ahead of their pursuers, Peter and June must race to unravel this peculiar mystery. What they find leads them to an eccentric recluse, a shadowy pseudo-military organization, and an extraordinary tool that may change the modern world forever.



The **Family Parade** went really well last month for the members of Ainsworth Hall. There were many smiles and excitement!



**Steve Wimmer** picking vegetables from the raised garden beds.



**Jane Buck**, along with other members, painted a fall picture while they were in their rooms.



**Don Hunt** enjoys his cup of coffee every morning.





★ THANK YOU ★  
*veterans*

NOVEMBER 11TH

Riddle

**What gets wet while drying?**

Riddle from last month:  
**Why is Europe like a frying pan?**

Answer to last month's riddle: **Because it has Greece at the bottom.**

VITAL STATISTICS

Male Census	360	Female Census	79
Air Force	64	Afghanistan	1
Army	255	Berlin	3
Army Air Corps	1	Berlin Crisis	1
Coast Guard	5	Korea	71
Marine Corps	44	Lebanon	2
Navy	69	Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm	4
Women Veterans	12	Operation Enduring Freedom	2
		Peacetime	84
		Vietnam	210
		WWII	33

**Thank you David!** Member, David Heffron sponsored ice cream sundaes and pizza from Little Caesars!

**Happy Birthday, Air Force!** Thanks to the **May Luchsinger** fund, members enjoyed Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen while they celebrated Air Force's Birthday.



# Ainsworth Hall 2 Family Parade! Everyone sure loved their one of a kind signs.





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