

KING VOLUNTEER

Helping Those Who Helped Keep Our Country Free

March 2021

Happy
Birthday
to you!

- 1 Duane Miskulin
- 4 Debbie Manthey
- 6 Alice Bentley
- 7 Gordon Harmon
- 8 Willis Pope
- 11 Kay Buck
- 15 Tom Neilitz
- 19 Elaine Nelson
- 20 Mary Berg
Iris Otto
- 23 Brandon Welch
- 26 Bill Kettenhofen
- 28 Necia Kesler
Noritha Voigt
- 29 Will (Twiggy) Johnson
James Schneider
Lynda Taylor
Nellie De Baker
- 30 Leonard Blank Jr.
Margery Metzger

319 Active Volunteers



from your
Volunteer Coordinator

As March approaches, Covid-19 precautionary measures started up almost a year ago. Who remembers thinking it would only last for a month or two? I know I did, then it was three months. September came and went with restrictions still in place. And before we knew it, the holiday season was one we had never experienced before. Now, with the vaccine on its way, our journey is getting closer to the end – at least we hope so.

During this pandemic, many of you have learned how to communicate with your families, friends, and members by computer programs such as Zoom, Skype, Google Meeting, to name a few. Several volunteers have sewed and donated many face masks like over 1,200 from just one volunteer alone. Many participated in our winter holiday parades here on camp, which our members loved even in the cold weather. I know many of our volunteers have sent letters and cards to our members, which they have enjoyed receiving very much. Those little efforts small as they may seem to you is huge to our members.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for thinking of our members during this pandemic. We have made it this far; I know we can get to the end together. I am sure there will be a rainbow with a pot of gold waiting for us at the end of this journey and with that said, I want to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day! May your pockets be heavy, and your heart be light. May good luck pursue you each morning and night!

Vaccine Updates for King community: As I mentioned in the last month's newsletter, our Wisconsin Veterans Homes are receiving vaccinations through the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care program that has been in the news lately. Our staff have exceeded the national average rate of caregivers in long-term care who have been vaccinated. With members

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getting to know **Our Team**

Greetings, my name is **Eugene Meier**. I am a member of the King Home, having moved in November 2018. I started to volunteer in 2019 with over 40 hours before the pandemic. I joined the library department due to my interest in Genealogy/ Family Research. I am available to help members who want to research their family history as well as provide help to the library staff.

I served in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1991, retiring after Desert Storm. I am a member of the DAV and Fleet Reserve Association for over 18 years. I have held several positions in the Wisconsin Rapids DAV Chapter for several years before moving to King.

I am also a member representative for Ainsworth Hall on the Members Council, and I am hoping to get back to volunteering as soon as possible once we are free to interact again.



updates for **King Community**

I would like to announce that the Wisconsin Veterans Home has a new Medical Director, Dr. Russ Butkiewicz. Dr. Butkiewicz has been with Waupaca ThedaCare Clinic and caring for members in Ainsworth as their physician for the past thirty years. As Dr. Butkiewicz takes over his new position, our past Medical Director Dr. Strobusch will continue with his retirement and volunteering. Thank you Dr. Strobusch for your continued support and we wish you well.

**The Wisconsin
Veterans Home
at King will be
SMOKE FREE
June 30, 2025**





from the **WVH-King Commandant**

We are happy to say that we have begun limited day-trips to the Marden building, one building per day. For example, a schedule may look like: Ainsworth Hall on Monday, clean area on Tuesday, MacArthur Hall on Wednesday, clean area on Thursday, and Olson Hall on Friday. This system will allow for no cross exposure of members from other buildings.

Our goal is to slowly open the campus within to our Members through activities at the Marden. We are starting slowly with bowling and KX shopping. Shopping will be one Member at a time by appointment for a safe experience. Next month we will start with a soft opening of the café by delivery of orders to the buildings. Our café is very small and to achieve social distancing and accommodate all Members it would be difficult; thus, we have worked out a delivery system of "take-out" orders.

Slowly we hope to achieve a new "normal" for our Members with safety in mind. We all have been through some considerable changes at King, and out in the Community. Together we will continue to find ways through our challenges.

Tammy Servatius
Commandant

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

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and employees getting their second dose recently and again in early March, we are hopeful that we can begin to turn the corner with regard to this virus.

To those not on campus, I'd also like to encourage you to learn more about how you can be vaccinated in your community. The Wisconsin Department of Health services has a weekly newsletter that you can sign up for that includes updates on vaccine eligibility, the number of vaccinations administered in Wisconsin, as well as links to where Wisconsinites can find more detailed information and resources.

Whether you decided to receive the vaccine or not, we all will still need to be vigilant in protecting ourselves and others against the virus for the near future. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help stop this pandemic, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others.

Together, we will get through this pandemic.

Terry Heschke

In Memoriam *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal...*

John Zouski, age 78, passed away Monday evening, February 15, 2021 surrounded by family after a 2-year battle with cancer. John served in the Navy on the destroyer the USS Higbee. John had been a volunteer for 20+ years at the WVH-King and donated over 2,300 hours of his time. John enjoyed assisting with Thursdays Ramp Bowling League during the fall/winter months and fishing on Thursday mornings during the summer, sponsored and assisted many catered meals and bingos. He enjoyed participating in veteran's group including the VFW, the American Legion, and the Cooties along with being on the King Recreation Committee for many years. Outside of volunteering here at King, John was very active with his community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family.



At the age of 95, **Dorothy Bartz**, a longtime volunteer, passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Dorothy was known for her sewing and alterations for members at King along with volunteering with the DAV Auxiliary. Dorothy started volunteering at the WVH-King back in 1990 and she had over 14,900 hours before retiring along with her husband, Fred, a couple of years ago. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Contact Information

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Donations	25020	Ainsworth Hall 3 and 4 Activity	22514 or 22540
King Exchange (KX)	22352	MacArthur Hall Activity	22630 or 22375
Library	22717 or 22366	Olson Hall Activity	22249, 21707 or 22410
Maren Activity	23311	Emergency Services	2222
Veterans Cafe	22364 or 22365	Non-Emergency Services	2220
Terry Heschke	24247		