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## MARDEN CENTER

This is the activity center of the campus and houses a library and computer center w/high-speed internet on the upper level. The main level includes a gift shop, activity and volunteer administrative offices, meeting room, and a multi-purpose room which is used for various functions held throughout the year. The main floor also has a US Post Office and a museum. The lower level houses a 60-seat theater, a coffee shop, woodworking and ceramics shops, a bowling alley, a small beer bar and a social/game room. As you leave the Marden, turn left and find the historical marker. This is where your walking tour begins.

1. **GRAND ARMY HOME HISTORICAL MARKER** – This marker was erected in 1988 by the Wisconsin Historical Society and gives a brief and early history of the Wisconsin Veterans Home.
2. **BANDSTAND** – In 1954, a bandstand was erected in Quadrangle Park with the help of a generous donation by the Martha M. Orth Chapter of Service Star Legion from Milwaukee. The original bandstand was replaced in 1987 and a time capsule was buried here as part of the Home's centennial celebrations.
3. **COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS** – This beautiful Queen Anne-style home is the Commandant's residence. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places.
4. **THE COTTAGE DISTRICT** – We have 14 cottages which were enjoyed by independent living members over the years. The local branch of the Woman's Relief Corps constructed several of the early cottages. Now, all of the cottages are vacant and have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
5. **KINGFISHER TRAIL** – If you get a chance, stroll down the path on your right to see the docks where we keep our two pontoon boats. You will also see the Kingfisher Bait and Tackle shop which was converted from the old ice house.
6. **VETERANS LIVING MEMORIAL** – Erected in 2009, this monument was designed by member representatives serving on the WVH-King Member Council (an advisory group of elected residents) to honor veterans from all branches of the military service.
7. **FOUNTAIN** – This fountain was originally erected in 1894 by the Sons of Union Veterans. The Estate of Alice Miller replaced it in 1999 and added lights.
8. **MINI GOLF** – With funding provided by the AMVETS and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the mini golf course was installed in 1999. Maintenance continues to be provided by those two service organizations.
9. **GAZEBO** – Gazebos were added to the park in 1987. The families of our members may reserve the gazebos for gatherings with their loved ones.
10. **DOUGHBOY STATUE** – This statue honoring World War I veterans was dedicated in 1983. Funds for this memorial were provided by the veterans themselves.
11. **WALKING PATH** – The walking path was installed during the re-landscaping of Quadrangle Park in preparation for the Home's 1987 centennial celebration.
12. **MAIN CHAPEL** – Constructed in 1890, this building is on the Wisconsin Register of Historic Places. There is also a chapel in each of the four resident halls.
13. **MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT** – This monument was dedicated on November 16, 2012 to honor Wisconsin's recipients of the nation's highest military honor. The 62 Wisconsin Medal of Honor recipients' names are engraved on the monument. This is one way to memorialize your loved one(s) by donating toward an engraved brick.

## STONE WALL

The stone wall was designed and erected by the members of the Grand Army Home (now the Wisconsin Veterans Home). It was constructed from 1936–1938 and was funded by the Woman's Relief Corps as part of the general improvement to the Home's grounds. The wall was maintained by members of the Home with funding provided by the Woman's Relief Corps until roughly 1979. In 1989, the State of Wisconsin provided funding for a full restoration of the wall and a concrete cap was added to protect the wall from future water damage and to prolong its life.

## RAINBOW LAKE

Your tour has now concluded. Grab a seat along the lakeshore and enjoy our beautiful lake. This is the deepest lake of the 22 Chain O'Lakes. The Chain Skiers water ski club holds several performances a year on our lakefront for the enjoyment of our members and the surrounding community.