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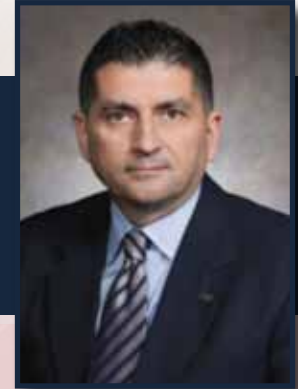


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WDVA Secretary's Column

John A. Scocos
*Secretary of the
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Thunder Rolls: Testing American Military Might

As American servicemen began to come under fire in the jungles of South Vietnam, President Lyndon B. Johnson sought a way to send a message to the leadership in Hanoi that he meant business.

That message came from the skies.

Operation Rolling Thunder, which began in 1965 in response to an attack on U.S. soldiers by the Viet Cong, was designed to last eight weeks—enough bombing to show the North Vietnamese what “could be,” but not enough to do serious damage.

It didn't work. North Vietnamese attacks increased. And so did the bombing. “Rolling Thunder” became the largest air campaign in the history of warfare.

It is instructive to mark the 40th anniversary of the War in Vietnam by reflecting on the unrecognized sacrifices our military service members made to carry out U.S. foreign policy in the jungles and skies of Vietnam.

“Rolling Thunder” attempted to end a difficult war quickly by demonstrating to the enemy America's technological and military superiority. In doing so, however, it also demonstrated the limits of technology – and the problems that politics can wreak on military operations. “Rolling Thunder” also refutes the critique that American forces simply didn't do the job they were assigned to do. It isn't so.

The U.S. airmen did their job. As North Vietnam increased its attacks, “Rolling Thunder” stretched from an eight-week operation to a three-year campaign during which millions of tons of explosives were dropped on targets from B-52 bombers that flew so high they were impossible to hear and nearly impossible to see.

From 1965 to 1973, the U.S. bombers and fighter-bombers dropped 3 million tons of high explosives on North Vietnamese and Viet Cong targets, more than all the bombs dropped by all combatants in World War II.

But U.S. airmen were in essence handcuffed. In many cases, Vietnam's jungles concealed identifiable targets. Even more difficult for our airmen, bombers were restricted from attacking targets that might be manned by Soviet or Chinese advisers. The White House did not want to push China or the Soviet

Union into direct conflict with the U.S., as had happened only a decade earlier in Korea.

As a result, targets 25 miles from the Chinese border, 10 miles from Hanoi, and four miles from Haiphong, the major Vietnamese port, were all off limits—despite the fact that almost the entire North Vietnamese war infrastructure was in those zones.

To make matters worse, bombers were restricted from bombing Vietnamese airfields and surface to air (SAM) sites because it was correctly assumed that Soviet technicians helped service the missiles and MiG fighter aircraft they provided to North Vietnam.

A greater war was to be averted at all costs, and generally the cost was the loss of American aircraft and a loss of airmen.

Rolling Thunder became a difficult challenge. Bomber crews were called to conduct raids against an enemy that was difficult to see and identify – all while being attacked by missiles against which there was no defense.

The United States lost enormous numbers of aircraft. But on a human scale, it was even more costly as North Vietnamese prison camps filled with downed pilots and navigators who had parachuted from their stricken aircraft.

Men like Sen. John McCain, Captain Lance Sijan, one of Wisconsin's six Medal of Honor recipients, and Colonel Don Heiliger, a former member of the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs, became prisoners behind enemy lines – and had to wait for years until the end of the war in the most grueling circumstances that included torture, hunger, disease, infestation and extreme isolation.

Yet despite their sacrifices, airmen were often not honored when they returned home. In fact, they were held partly to blame for a war the public had grown weary of supporting.

Our veterans deserve better.

This is the ninth in a series of 15 columns about the Vietnam War that will be published.

Scott Walker, Governor

John A. Scocos, Secretary



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December 11, 2015

Members and Staff of King,

The holiday season is upon us and we wish you and your loved ones the very best as we end this year and prepare for the next!

Looking ahead to 2016, we are excited about several changes and improvements being made at King. One of these changes is how the King Café operates. We have heard from many members regarding the need for more variety. This space will remain a café for everyone to enjoy, and improved by bringing in a new Micro-Vendor which will serve the same type of foods as before, but offering more choices. Volunteers will be available to assist and serve the members in the café.

Additionally, many users of this area have asked for the ability to use credit or debit cards. The new café will have the ability to accept credit/debit card payments, providing members, staff and guests the ease and convenience of using this form of payment. We look forward to hosting a grand opening celebration in early 2016.

Another change you may have noticed is the relocation of the computer lab. To provide better access and improved support to members using the computers, we have moved three computers into the library area of the Marden Center. Additionally, each of the nursing buildings now has computers placed conveniently in their common areas. This change provides members with limited mobility the same enjoyment and use of public computers which was previously available only to those who could get to the Marden Center.

And finally, as a continuation of our practice of honoring past staff of the Veterans Home at King, we will be recognizing past Commandant Bill Crowley for his dedication and service to members and staff on December 17th. In 2016, the department will hold additional ceremonies to honor other past commandants of King through special street naming ceremonies.

All of you have served our nation with honor and distinction and it is our privilege to now serve you. We hope this past year has been a gratifying one for you. As always, we look forward to making great updates to our services and facilities so that we do our part to ensure your enjoyment in future years.

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, we wish you a happy holiday season and a wonderful 2016!

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Scocos".

John A. Scocos, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Knight".

Jim Knight, Commandant



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Member Council end of the year party!

Commandant Jim Knight presented each member with a certificate.



The Neenah Ambassadors concert provided some wonderful “Big Band” music and \$150 in Home Exchange coupons were handed out as door prizes while cake, ice cream and coffee were served. This event was **sponsored by the Masonic Service Association and the Masons of the State of Wisconsin.** Thank you Tom Dowman for all of your hard work in bringing this wonderful event to King.



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



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"Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footprint."

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HELP WANTED!

Welcome Salute Volunteers are NEEDED!

The Welcome Salute is a new program you may have heard about which initiated a few months ago at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. It is a program that offers an opportunity for new members to get to know each other, existing members, volunteers, and to get to know a little bit more about the large campus.

When first coming to King it is fair to say one's impression maybe that it is a big place with a lot of people to meet, places to go, and things to become familiar with. The Welcome Salute was started to assist with making the move to King an easier transition with a more welcoming environment.

So what is the Welcome Salute all about? Within a couple of weeks, after a new member is admitted to the Veterans Home at King, he/she will receive an invitation from a member or volunteer to join us at the next program. The program take place every other Thursday in the Marden Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On the morning of the Welcome Salute a member or volunteer will come directly to the new member's room to personally escort them to the Library, so there are no worries for the new member to try to find the location on their own. Coffee and snacks are provided while we go around the room making introductions. Each member is presented with a ribbon honoring their service specific to the branch in which they served. From the library's meet and greet the new members are taken on a personalized tour by a volunteer of the campus. The new member is able to direct where they want to go and what they want to see. Once the tour is completed, the volunteer escorts the new member back to their room. If the new member would prefer not to have a tour and go directly back to their room, they are able to do that as well.

If you would like to volunteer and be involved, please call Vicki Ponedel at 715-256-5010.



Anniversary

December Anniversaries

- 10 James and Pearl O'Donahue
- 21 Beverly and Ellis Bloedorn



Marden Bingo was sponsored by the Cooties.

Girl Scouts from Almond were a great help in handing out quarters and door prizes.



VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEETING TIMES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 161

Meets second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. POST meets in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room. AUXILIARY meets in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

AMVETS POST 1887

Meets last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Chapter #53 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the New London Community Center. Call (715) 823-5335 for meeting room.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Meets third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room.

OPERATION DUSTOFF-VIETNAM VETERANS

Meets second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Marden Memorial Center Multi-Purpose room. Please call (715) 258-5586 ext. 3311 with any questions.

WAUPACA CVSO

Jesse Cuff will be in the Marden Social Security Office on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m to noon. For any questions, please call (715) 258-6477 or email him at jesse.cuff@co.waupaca.wi.us.

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Meets the last Saturday of every month in the Marden Memorial Center meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Please call (715) 630-0279 with any questions.

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Adrian Benson passed around goodie bags and cards to members put together by the **Girls Track team**.



Members of **The Volunteer Center of East Central Wisconsin** of Appleton donated 50 handmade blankets and delivered them to some of the members.



The **Patriot Guard** dropped off various supplies for members.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: When making a donation, please provide the full name, phone number and complete address (including zip code) of the person or group to be acknowledged.

Menus are subject to change. Please speak to dining room staff or your dietitian to request alternate choices which are indicated on the menu in parentheses.

Lunch Menus for December 13 - January 9, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>13</p> <p>Oven Fried Chicken With Cranberry Sauce Garnish (Beef Roast) French Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Diced Beets (Green Beans) Pineapple Upside-Down Cake</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Stuffed Pepper (Baked Cod/Whipped Potatoes) Whole Kernel Corn (Diced Carrots) Butterscotch Pudding</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Build Your Own: Hamburger with a Bun (Grilled Chicken Breast) Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles (2 Bean Salad) French Fries (Potato Salad) Vanilla Ice Cream</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chicken Pot Pie (Chili with Crackers) Broccoli Coleslaw (Pickled Beets) Gingerbread Cake with Lemon Whipped Topping</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Veal Parmesan American Fries (Macaroni and Cheese) Sliced Carrots (Diced Rutabagas) Warm Garlic Roll Éclair Dessert</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Baked Cod with Tartar Sauce (Scrambled Eggs) Baked Potato With Butter (Whipped Potatoes) Cauliflower Salad (Cucumber Salad) Rye Bread Egg Nog Cake</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pork Ribs with Sweet & Sour Sauce (Meatloaf) Boiled Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Sauerkraut (Wax Beans) Black Forest Mousse</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Baked Chicken With Cranberry Sauce Garnish (Roast Pork) Whipped Potatoes with Gravy Whole Kernel Corn (Diced Carrots) Peach Pie</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Italian Meatballs over Spaghetti (Macaroni and Cheese) Tossed Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Warm Breadstick Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Hamloaf with Mustard Sauce (Baked Cod) Au Gratin Potatoes (Whipped Potatoes) Peas and Carrots (Green Bean) Potato Roll Blueberry Fruit Parfait</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sweet and Sour Pork over Steamed Rice (Macaroni and Cheese) Pea Pods (Asparagus) Fortune Cookie Angel Food Cake with Strawberry Topping</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Grilled Reuben Sandwich (Turkey Tetrazzini) French Fries (Whipped Potatoes) Creamy Coleslaw (Two Bean Salad) Pickle Spear Butterscotch Sundae Ice Cream</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY Holiday Ham With Rum-Raisin Sauce (Hot Sliced Turkey) Twice Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Green Bean Casserole (Diced Carrots) Potato Roll Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake with Chocolate Sauce</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Butterflied Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce (Scrambled Eggs) Cheesy Hashbrowns (Whipped Potatoes) Tossed Salad with Thousand Island Dressing (Pea Salad) Rye Bread Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Roast Pork with Spiced Apple Ring (Roast Beef) Baked Sweet Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Wax Beans (Spinach) Strawberry-Rhubarb Fruit Cup</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Braised Beef Tips and Peppers (Macaroni and Cheese) Garlic Mashed Red Potatoes Tossed Salad with French Dressing (Diet Ranch Dressing) Warm Garlic Roll Ranger Cookie</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lasagna (Turkey Tetrazzini) Steamed Zucchini (Diced Carrots) Warm Breadstick Vanilla Cheesecake</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Salisbury Steak (Turkey Loaf) Whipped Potato With Gravy Whole Kernel Corn (Green Beans) Banana Cake</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE Memphis Style Pork Ribs (Chicken Filet) Cheesy Hashbrowns (Whipped Potatoes) Southern Hot Slaw (Wax Beans) Sweet Potato Pie</p>	<p>1</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY Grilled Ribeye with Sautéed Mushrooms (Broiled Tilapia) Onion Rings (Whipped Potatoes) Winter Blend Vegetables With Cheese Sauce (Asparagus) Onion Rye Bread Grasshopper Pie</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce (Salisbury Steak) Steamed Red Potato (Whipped Potatoes) Mixed Vegetables (Squash) Poppy Seed Cake with Icing</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Veal Piccata with Lemon Sauce (Macaroni and Cheese) Noodles Romanov (Whipped Potatoes) Harvard Beets (Diced Carrots) Blushing Pear</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sweet and Sour Meatballs (Baked Cod) over Steamed Rice (Whipped Potatoes) Sugar Snap Peas (Asparagus) Fortune Cookie Tapioca Pudding</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Baked Chicken (Meatloaf) With Cranberry Sauce Country Dumpling with Chicken Gravy (Whipped Potatoes) Fresh Baked Squash (Asparagus) Frozen Strawberry Yogurt</p>	<p>6</p> <p>New England Style Boiled Dinner: Ham (Pork Roast) (Turkey Loaf) Boiled Potatoes with Carrots (Whipped Potatoes) Steamed Cabbage (Wax Beans) Potato Roll Raspberry Jell-o Poke Cake</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Meatloaf with Tomato Sauce (Chicken Fillet with Supreme Sauce) Baked Potato (Whipped Potatoes) California Blend Vegetables (Asparagus) Oatmeal Cake</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Potato Pancakes with Syrup (Whipped Potatoes) Bacon Strips (Scrambled Eggs) Applesauce Pumpkin Square</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chicken Pot Pie (Hamburger with a Bun) Tossed Salad (Waldorf Salad) With Thousand Island Dressing (Diet French Dressing) Chocolate Sundae</p>



Wayne Schwanke
Lutheran Chaplain

An Amazing Birth Announcement!

This past year my wife and I received a number of birth announcements from family and friends. The announcements usually include the child's name, date of birth, length and weight, and a picture. The parents send out these announcements because they are proud and excited to share the good news of their child's birth.

Often members at WVH-King are equally as excited to share the news with me that they have become a new grandparent, great-grandparent or even great-great-grandparent. Some are becoming a grandparent for the first time, while others have so many grandchildren and great-grandchildren they have difficulty finding a place in their room for all the pictures! Either way, the members are excited to share the joyful news and I'm always happy to hear it.

This month we are once again privileged to receive the greatest birth announcement the world has ever known. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Long before the birth of His Son, God already made "pre-announcements" informing us the birth was imminent so we wouldn't miss the grand event of His Son's coming into our world. *The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us) – Isaiah 7:14. You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days – Micah 5:2. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6.* Throughout history, God

prepared a nation, a place and a family for the birth of His Son, and God reminded the world that this Child was on His way, promising that this Son would bring salvation and life.

Finally God's promises were fulfilled. St. Paul tells us, *When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons – Galatians 4:4-5.* There is no doubt that God was excited to share the news of this birth and did so in amazing fashion. On the evening of Jesus' birth, the angel of the Lord announced to the shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem, *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" – Luke 2:10-11.* Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God. What a scene that must have been as all heaven broke forth in song, *"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" – Luke 2:14.* God was excited to announce the birth of His Son and He did so with angels and songs!

God the Father certainly rejoiced in the birth of Jesus and wants us to share in His joy. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year when people celebrate in so many different ways. In our decorations, the exchange of gifts and sending of cards, holiday parties and family gatherings, may we take time to rejoice with God in the birth of His Son. It is not only the love of this Father for His Son that we celebrate at Christmas, but God's love

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An Amazing Birth Announcement!

for us, His other sons and daughters, that should amaze and exhilarate us. We rejoice because, *God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life* – John 3:16.

What a wonderful privilege it is for me to share in the joy of our members when they tell me about a new birth in their family. Congratulations to the many

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grandmothers and grandfathers; great-grandmothers and great-grandfathers among us! This Christmas let us all enjoy the blessing of the family God has given us. Let us also rejoice in the birth of God's Son, Jesus, a blessing He intended for all. Merry Christmas!



Coat Giveaway

"Hi, my name is Joey Wright. I'm a 4th grader at Carl Traeger. I play the violin and belong to a group called K-Kids. With K-Kids, we volunteer at many community programs like soup kitchens, homeless shelters and humane societies. My mom and dad say they are super proud of a lot of my ideas to help. Over the summer my cousin, Sydnee Wright, and I had a lemonade sale and raffle to raise money for veterans at King. We wanted to do this because helping people is important. It made me feel good knowing I was able to give something to someone else and maybe brighten their day. The veterans have given so much for their country, they deserve something in return. I'm making plans for another fundraiser soon - maybe a hot chocolate and apple cider sale. I hope to show other kids in my class how rewarding it is to help the veterans who fought hard and sacrificed for all of us. My grandpa, Russ Hoeft, was a Vietnam Veteran in the Navy and he lived very close to King. He passed away almost 2 years ago. Helping others also makes me feel closer to him because that is how he lived his life."



Religious Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home

Catholic Services

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL
	9:00 AM	AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL
	10:00 AM	OLSON HALL CHAPEL
	11:00 AM	MACARTHUR HALL

Sr. Martha Mafurutu • ext. 2381 • Office Olson Hall, room 136

Lutheran Services

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	MACARTHUR HALL CHAPEL
	9:00 AM	STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL
	10:15 AM	AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL
TUESDAY	10:15 AM	OLSON HALL CHAPEL

Chaplain Wayne Schwanke • ext. 2465 • Office Ainsworth Hall, room P07

Protestant Services

SUNDAY	7:30 AM	AINSWORTH HALL CHAPEL
	8:30 AM	OLSON HALL CHAPEL
	9:30 AM	MACARTHUR HALL CHAPEL
	10:30 AM	STORDOCK HALL CHAPEL

Chaplain Rich Engle • ext. 2531 • Office Ainsworth Hall, room P07

Bible Studies

MONDAY	10:30 AM	OLSON HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
THURSDAY	10:15 AM	AINSWORTH HALL 3rd FLOOR SOLARIUM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	MACARTHUR HALL DINING ROOM
	1:30 PM	STORDOCK HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

AINSWORTH HALL 1 & 2 SERVICE - MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM



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.

Eldon B. Andersen,

a WW II, Korean and Vietnam War Army Veteran, joined us on November 2, 2015 from Marshfield. He is living at MH 332B.

Robert L. Blaszynski,

a Vietnam War Army Veteran, joined us on November 3, 2015 from Milwaukee. He is living at SH 379B.

Daniel P. Haufe,

a Korean War Navy Veteran, joined us on November 6, 2015 from Neenah. He is living at OH 576A.

Loren D. Abraham,

a Vietnam War Navy Veteran, joined us on November 6, 2015 from Fitchburg. He is living at OH 249B.

Doris M. Levenhagen,

a WW II Navy Veteran's spouse, joined us on November 10, 2015 from Wild Rose. She is living at AH 233B.

William M. Conery,

a WW II Navy Veteran, joined us on November 10, 2015 from Appleton. He is living at OH 276A.

Harold R. Wood,

a WW II Navy Veteran, joined us on November 10, 2015 from Black Earth. He is living at SH 319A.

Dennis L. Kroll,

a Berlin Crisis National Guard Veteran, joined us on November 12, 2015 from Waupaca. He is living at MH 316B.

Larry J. Fiegen,

a Vietnam War Marine Corps Veteran, joined us on November 16, 2015 from Wisconsin Rapids. He is living at AH 428B.

Robert L. Bascue,

a Vietnam War Navy Veteran, joined us on November 19, 2015 from Appleton. He is living at SH 549A.

Harry E. VandenPlas,

a Korean War Marine Corps Veteran, joined us on November 20, 2015 from Green Bay. He is living at AH 259A.

David R. Bird Sr.,

a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran, joined us on November 20, 2015 from Janesville. He is living at OH 219A.

Robert A. Johnson,

a WW II Army Veteran, joined us on November 25, 2015 from Madison. He is living at OH 419A.

Angela L. Hahn,

an Operation Enduring Freedom Army Veteran joined us on November 30, 2015 from Berlin. She is living at SH 333.

William C. Repenn,

a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on September 15, 2015 from Antigo. He is living at SH 516B.

WVH-King Members Visit Schools

Some of the members from the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King were invited on November 13 to share their military experience with the students at Madison and Roosevelt Middle Schools in Appleton. This was the second year that Kimberly-Clark Corporation's SALUTE Team organized this event to help students gain a true appreciation for the meaning of Veterans Day.

SALUTE is a group of Kimberly-Clark employees whose mission is to strengthen K-C and the communities in which they operate by harnessing the unique experiences of veterans and the power of passionate supporters of veteran causes. The veterans Day event supported this mission. King Veterans Home, employees from Graphic Packaging and Miller Electric were critical partners in bringing veterans together to share their experiences from Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East with the students.

The students prepared for the veterans visit by decorating their school with Welcome signs hearing patriotic themes. Student guides welcomed the veterans and lead them to their classrooms. The classes listened intently to real life stories which brought history out of the text books and into their classrooms where students could ask their own questions. The students were greatly appreciative of the time taken to share the day with them and for the sacrifice and service the veterans have given.

This event could not provide the same depth of learning for the students without the contribution of the King Veterans Home. The diversity of experiences shared by the King residents, staff and volunteers helped the middle schoolers to see that service has spanned the generations and many expressed their interest in being next in line to share in the pride of serving their country.



October activities sponsored by the King Recreation Committee, Inc.

Marden In-House Meal:(Culvers Burgers &Fries)	\$ 300	DAV
Marden In-House Meal:(Pizza Hut Pizza)	\$ 300	VFW
Catered Meals (\$300 each building)	\$1200	MOPH
Entertainment (all bldgs.)	\$ 400	May Luchsinger
Member Council Annual Luncheon	\$ 250	American Legion
10" Sliding Compound Miter Saw	\$ 505	WI State Elks #57
(order from Grainger or MSC: DeWalt \$505)		Veterans Service



Thank you for your support and making a difference in the lives of King's veterans and their families.

DECEMBER Birthdays

1	Michael Clapper	MH329A
3	Alvin Fritz	AH105
	James McCormick	OH425
	Patrick Abresch	SH238
	Angela Hahn	SH333
4	Donald Erpenbach	OH353
	Stephen Ramage	OH563
5	Murray Johnson	MH261
6	Richard Lyman	SH205
7	Robert Herriot	AH330
8	Jay Townsend	SH380
	Douglas Davis	SH466
9	Matthew Mical	OH522
	George Boatwright	MH242
	Norman Sontag	AH228B
10	William Baumann	AH421
	Terry Jackson	SH435
11	Stephen Schlafer	OH255
12	Thomas Staniforth	AH259A
13	Donald Pazdernik	AH228A
	Francis Beidle	OH439

13	Charles Gensmer	OH406
16	Gerald Kauth	SH439
	Paul Hendrich	MH214
17	Phillip Olson	MH372
	Wendy Olson	OH571
18	Erling Landsverk	AH456
19	Lyll Collins	MH260A
20	Carol Roerdink	MH218
	Gary Ostrander	OH433
21	Dennis Anderson	OH246A
22	Eugene Paalman	MH319
23	Richard Bretl	AH209B
24	Clyde Hoffer	MH224
	Raymond Lombardi	SH268
	Marlin Knoepke	OH333
25	Howard Koslosky	SH211
	Grace Vander Bloomen	AH252B
	Raymond Kirby	AH304
	Terence Monteith	AH133

26	William Wilson	SH419B
27	Lawrence VanPay	AH409B
	Louise Landsverk	AH455
28	John Schroder	AH437
29	Louis Kapellen	MH332A
30	Buddy McClaine	OH550
	Fred Beaudry	AH106
31	Dean Sproul	SH303

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

JANUARY Birthdays

2	Matthew Norfleet	AH148
	Douglas Frank	OH576B
3	Mary Lou Chaussee	AH218
	Robert Park	MH272
5	Garry Van De Voort	SH246A
	Daryll Thorman	SH236
6	Marian Kiesow	OH202
	James Moldenhauer	AH129
	Rodney Reinders	OH455
7	John Winchell	AH223
	Charles Lawson	OH503
	John Hansen	AH436
	Darwyn Olson	OH323
9	Afred Dahlin	AH428A
10	Joyce Amato	AH334
	Robert Schroeder	SH465
	Brian Wrosch	OH566
	Richard Schuh	SH533
11	Gary Mader	MH237
12	Donald Allen	AH243
	John Weaver	MH375
13	Donald Bauer	SH368
14	George Stojcevic	OH308

15	Lester Cline	AH258
	Loren Abraham	OH249B
16	LeRoy Kapelka	MH258
	David Tank	SH253
17	Ralph Reda	SH482
18	Martin Apps	SH566
19	Michael Dempsy	AH163
20	Orville Lind	OH468
	Wallace Szymanski	MH377A
	Gordon Evans	AH434
	David Ruff	AH306
	Pepper Johnson	MH358
21	Ramona Raught	SH342
	Clark Winn	MH317
	Terrance St Pierre	OH383
23	Harold Brown	AH302A
24	Herbert Frank	AH344
	Delphine Diermeier	AH402A
	Duwayne Guillaume	OH529
	Thomas Lee	SH246B
25	Eldon Andersen	MH332B
26	Sylvester Grabski	SH376B
27	Harold Wood	SH319A

27	Fred Sterling	SH362
28	Richard Rohlf	OH511
	Edward Menal	AH217
29	Phyllis Perk	AH309A
30	Ann Mather	AH227
	Eileen Antonakis	AH146
	Franklin Christopherson	OH436
	Ralph Isackson	SH463
31	Robert Klapper	AH432B

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Ainsworth Hall

Staff and members on Legends of the Lake celebrated **Rudy and Virginia Rinka's 70th Anniversary**



The **Stepin' Sisters** presented members with a great dance performance as well as comedy routine.



LPN Tracy giving a presentation about her recent bear hunt.



WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

Celebrating the Marine Corps birthday.



DEER CAMP

AH held a deer camp with special help from **DON Brenda Wedemeyer** and **ED Molly Gutt**.





Honor Your Veterans and Our Nation's Flag



Veterans Day

The Veterans Day program was held on November 11 featuring keynote speaker Navy veteran and State Representative Kevin Petersen. King Building/Grounds Superintendent, Norm Haskins, Air Force Veteran and Dentist, James LeBouef, Army Veteran also delivered a message explaining what it's like to work at King and what Veterans Day means to them. Amber Nikolai and the Honor Guard presented a flag folding ceremony explaining what the flag symbolizes and the meaning of each fold.





Treat bags from **The American Legion Auxiliary** and Ken O'Malley



Richard and Delores Hilliard celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Waupaca Learning Center Students made turkeys with the members.



Bingo with **WINGS** and Gary Mader.



Richard Boedecker and family heading to the Packer Game.



Jackie King sponsored a Thanksgiving catered meal from Ambrosia's.



Medal of Honor Monument

Become a part of America's Military Heritage.

To honor Wisconsin recipients of the nation's highest military honor, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has established a Medal of Honor memorial at the Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin. There will now be an opportunity to memorialize Wisconsin's bravest and your loved ones by donating toward an engraved brick.

A platform brick is a lasting way to remember a veteran and loved ones. It's also a great way for businesses to show their support for our nation's veterans. A brick donation also provides long-term support for the monument and contributes to the continued beautification of the grounds at one of the nation's oldest veterans' homes.

Donations to the Medal of Honor Memorial Brick Program are tax exempt, subject to applicable laws and the receipt of goods or services in conjunction with your donation.

Make your check payable to the **Medal of Honor Memorial Brick Program**, and send it to **Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, Marden Center, Attn: Nick Peskie, N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI 54946-0600**. For more information, please call (715) 256-5020. Bricks will be installed by Memorial Day and Veterans Day. All submissions are due by April 30th or October 15th. *Thank you* for supporting our nation's heroes.

\$250
8"x8"

\$500
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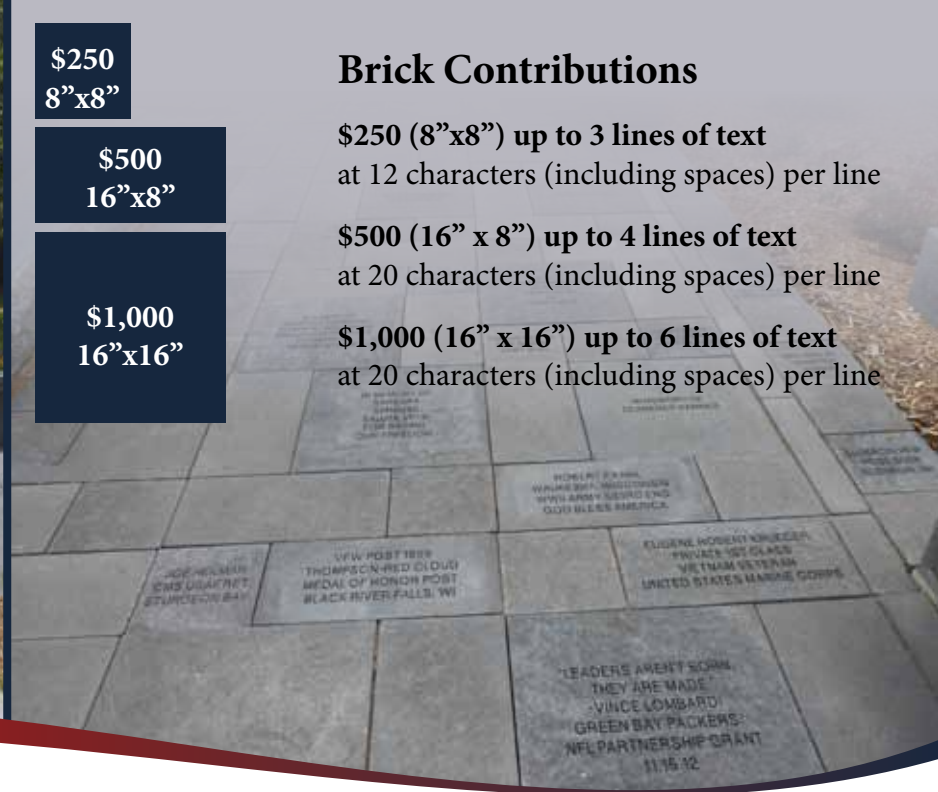
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16"x16"

Brick Contributions

\$250 (8"x8") up to 3 lines of text
at 12 characters (including spaces) per line

\$500 (16" x 8") up to 4 lines of text
at 20 characters (including spaces) per line

\$1,000 (16" x 16") up to 6 lines of text
at 20 characters (including spaces) per line



Members made turkeys with third graders from the **Waupaca Learning Center.**



Waupaca High School students interviewed veterans at Olson Hall.



Edna Hanamann



Fred Deau

Red Hat Ladies



Betty Justus and Marian Kiesow



Michael Welzien



Myrtle Bowman and Marge Hammes



Willard Alswager

The calendar for all the buildings are on our website at www.WisVets.com.



MARDEN MEMORIAL CENTER THEATER

Movies scheduled for JANUARY are:

Monday, January 4th
at 1:30pm

Star Wars – The New Hope

PG 2 hr 3 min

Tuesday, January 5th
at 1:30pm

Star Wars – Empire Strikes Back

PG 2 hr 3 min

Wednesday, January 6th
at 1:30pm

Star Wars – Return of the Jedi

PG 2 hr 3 min

Thursday, January 7th
at 1:30pm

Batman Begins

PG-13 2 hr 30 min

Friday, January 8th
at 1:30pm

Dark Knight

PG-13 2 hr 30 min

Monday, January 11th
at 1:30pm

Man from Snowy River

PG 1 hr 24 min

Tuesday, January 12th
at 1:30pm

McLintock (John Wayne)

PG 2 hr 13 min

Wednesday, January 13th
at 1:30pm

Tombstone

R 2hr 10 min

Thursday, January 14th
at 1:30pm

Gun Fury

PG 2hr 13 min

Friday, January 15th
at 1:30pm

Comancheros

PG 1 hr 27 min

Tuesday, January 19th
at 1:30pm

The Quiet Man

PG 2 hr 2 min

Wednesday, January 20th
at 1:30pm

Friday Night Lights

PG-13 2 hr 30 min

Thursday, January 21st
at 1:30pm

Couples Retreat

PG-13 2 hr 26 min

Friday, January 22nd
at 1:30pm

Jailhouse Rock

PG 1 hr 36 min

Monday, January 25th
at 1:30pm

Meet the Parents

PG-13 2 hr 28 min

Tuesday, January 26th
at 1:30pm

Meet the Fockers

PG-13 2 hr 30 min

Wednesday, January 27th
at 1:30pm

SWAT

PG-13 2 hr 30 min

Thursday, January 28th
at 1:30pm

Bells of St. Marys

PG 2 hr 6 min

Friday, January 29th
at 1:30pm

Curly Top

G 1 hr 14 min

Riddle

Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?

Answer from last month's riddle:
Stapler

SH2 celebrated Thanksgiving with the annual **Thanksgiving day breakfast-sponsored by SH Activities.**

Menu featured made to order eggs, sausage, bacon and fresh toast. The SH2 fellas really enjoyed this special treat.



Members met in November with the **Waupaca Learning Center children** celebrating Thanksgiving. Each child made their buddy a turkey.



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

The Last Man by Vince Flynn

Joe Rickman, head of CIA in Afghanistan, has been kidnapped and his four bodyguards executed. Irene Kennedy, director of the CIA has dispatched Mitch Rapp to Afghanistan to find Rickman. Rapp isn't the only one looking for Rickman; the FBI is too. With CIA operations in crisis, Rapp must be as ruthless and deceitful as his enemies if he has any hope of finding Rickman and completing his mission.

The Secret Speech by Tom Rob Smith

Soviet Union, 1956. Stalin is dead and a violent regime is beginning to leave behind a society where the police are the criminals and the criminals are innocent. A secret speech composed by Stalin's successor, Khrushchev, is distributed to the entire nation. Its message: Stalin was a tyrant. Its promise: The Soviet Union will change.

14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson

Detective Lindsay Boxer can safely say that her life has never been better with a beautiful baby daughter and a devoted husband. Lindsay is attending a Women's Murder Club when she is called away to a gruesome crime scene where a woman has been murdered in broad daylight.

As Lindsay investigates, shocking video footage of another crime surfaces – so horrific that it shakes the city to its core. Wearing SFPD jackets their faces obscured by masks, the cold –blooded criminals on the tape could be anyone. With shocking twists and riveting suspense, 14th Deadly Sin proves yet again that when it comes to suspense fiction, in the words of Jeffrey Deaver, 'nobody does it better' than James Patterson.

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
a sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United State soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?

Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play,
and grown ups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
because of the soldiers, like the one laying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,

"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice.

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my Country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep

I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still
and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,

this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.

"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night.

~ Anonymous



Erling Landsverk
WVH-King Member

Activities Are Successful at King!

The past year has proven to be one of ceaseless energy, fun, and hard work. Certain individuals have made special efforts to bring about an awareness of the need for participation. Their efforts have proven successful and have brought about greater interest from members and staff alike. We really need to place a lot of credit for this to the activity department. There have also been many suggestions and assistance coming from some of the members.

However, it is the hard work of King staff which has moved things along. They have managed to obtain more entertainment and engaged participation from our local schools to keep everybody humming. The new Red, White and Blue program, complete with a flag folding ceremony, contributes dignity to a solemn, but inspirational program and serves as a tribute to our fellow veteran members

Earlier in the year, Rick Forster, a veteran member suggested that we restart the shuffleboard game. It went over big. Thanks Rick! It was a beautiful summer and fall, and I regret I missed a lot of it due to an illness. However, I was able to get to various functions, even though it may have been for a short time. At the same time my computer crashed big time and I was unable to write anything. I have now jerry-rigged an old computer and I hope it hangs together until my new computer arrives. I really missed writing those articles and I thank all of you that mentioned they missed them also.

This summer and fall were filled with a myriad of activities, both in the park, in various halls and on short trips to enjoy a meal out. The weather for the most part has been ideal and to date is continuing. It was great to see Chuck Davis at the Pearl Harbor Day program as he is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack. He was right in the middle of the action and suffered severe burns rescuing comrades from burning oil on the water.

Christmas Season is now upon us and the decorations around the campus are magnificent I am told. It is a wonderful time of the year, and hopefully, it will be family time for everyone. We take this opportunity to wish all the members, every staff member on all three shifts and our volunteers who have provided us with countless hours of help, happy and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Veterans Day Ball

The Veterans Day celebration began on November 10 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King with a Veterans Ball, sponsored by the M.O.P.H. Members had a great time dancing to music provided by the Charlie Justmann band and were also treated to refreshments. Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help. We appreciate you being here for our members.



Upcoming Major Events at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King

Mental Health Awareness
Sat., January 23

Celebration of the Arts
Wed., February 10

Medal of Honor Day
Fri., March 25

Vietnam Veterans Day
Tue., March 29

USO Prom Night
Tue., April 12

Volunteer Banquet
Wed., April 20

Work Therapy Week
April 25-29

National Military Appreciation Month
May

Semi-Annual Commemoration Service
Sat., May 7

National Nursing Home Week
May 8-14

Open House
Sun., May 15

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