

Home Front Newsletter

Commandant's Corner

Dear Members, Families and Representatives:

As you may be aware of, virtually all nursing homes throughout the state and nation, including our Veterans Home, are currently struggling with securing enough nursing staff to operate their facilities without an over-reliance on the use of over-time and agency staff. To help address this challenge we are asking for your assistance with medical appointment transports.

Effective June 11, 2018 a family member or the Member's representative will now be able to ride the transport bus with their loved one to appointments. The hope is that this will help us increase the number of staff that can remain on campus to care for Members on the units instead of being away from the facility on transports all day. You will no longer have to worry about driving yourself and meeting your loved one at the hospital or doctor's office for appointments; you may be receiving phone calls from our unit clerks to make arrangements to ride along with your loved one on medical appointments. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance!

Also starting on June 11, 2018 the facility will start offering Members the option of enjoying "real beer" at scheduled activities. Each Member will have a limit of 2 beers per day. There will be no cost to the Member for the beer since the costs will be picked up by generous donations from the many Veteran Service Organizations that support our Veterans.

Finally, starting June 13, 2018 at 3:30 pm in the Maurer Hall Pub I will be starting up a "Family Support Group" that will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm. All family members and representatives are welcome. It can be very trying at times having your loved one in a care facility and I would like to make myself available on a regular basis to listen to your comments and concerns and provide you with support and information.

I sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance with these changes.

If you have any questions you can call Randy Nitschke, Commandant, at (262)878-6770.

Sincerely,

Randy Nitschke, NHA
Commandant

WELCOME

George Brand

Army—WWII

Birthplace: Evanston, IL

Occupation: Mechanical Engineer

Interests Include: Baking, Big Band Music—Lawrence Welk,
Gardening, Socializing 1:1



George Metallo

Air Force

Birthplace: Kenosha, WI

Occupations: American Motors Pipe Fitter—35 yrs;
Great America Janitor—10 yrs.

Interests Include: Bingo, Country
Western Music, Traveling,
Gardening, Price Is Right

Ed Torrey

Ed enjoys table games, listening to music,
playing poker, watching TV and a daily nap.

Ed had two Golden Retrievers.

He served in the Army where he was a
Pershing missile crewman

WELCOME

Frank Hornak

Army, Korean War
Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Husband and Father of 5 children
Occupation: 40 years of shipping and receiving work with “Ladish Company”
Proudly owned and operated “The Country Club” and “FrankLynn’s”
Enjoys playing cribbage, sheepshead and bingo
Spends pass time, making cabinets and woodworking
Appreciates the outdoors



Jack Nelson

Army, Vietnam War
Hometown: Racine WI
Husband and Father of 3 children, Grandfather of 4 grandchildren
Occupation: Central Office Tech. for the WI Telephone Company - 37 years
Enjoys playing multiple card games and bingo
Loves to listen to Johnny Cash and Kenny Rogers Country Western Music
Watches “Days of our Lives” daily
Appreciates camping, hunting and fishing





The Union Grove Veteran's Home Activity Department is holding its first ever **BOLAND HIGH PROM** on Friday, June 8th at 2pm in the MPR and your help is greatly appreciated! We would like all attendees to be dressed in their fanciest attire. Every family is being offered the opportunity to get their loved one a 'prom dress or jacket' for the occasion! When you get the dress, just cut up the back and put Velcro on the upper portion. We will happily slip it over their regular clothes thus ensuring numerous 'belles of the ball'. Suit coats and bowties or slip on ties for the men will ensure that they are appropriately dressed for the occasion. We have the music, refreshments and ambiance planned, but we need VOLUNTEERS to help ensure all who wish to attend, get there.



Building	Where To	Date/Time	Volunteers/Needed
Boland Hall-1 st Floor	Lunch TBD Walmart	Friday, June 22 nd 10:30am	2-3
		Thursday, June 28 th 1:00pm	2-3
Boland Hall – 2 nd Floor	Lunch TBD Walmart	Wednesday, June 20 th 10:30am	1-2
		Monday, June 25 th 1:00pm	3-4
Boland Hall-3 rd Floor	Lunch TBD Walmart	Friday, June 8 th 10:30am	2
		Friday, June 29 th 9:00am	2-3
Fairchild Hall	Walmart SRB Fellowship Lunch Walmart Lunch Outing--TBD	Monday, June 4 th 1:00pm	2-3
		Thursday, June 7 th 11:30am	1
		Monday, June 18 th 1:00pm	2-3
		Thursday, June 21 st 10:30am	1
Gates	Walmart Lunch TBD	Monday, June 11 th 1:00pm	2-3
		Thursday, June 14 th 11:00am	1
Boland and Gates Hall	Hobby Lobby	Monday, June 4 th 1:00pm	2-3

Welcome to our new volunteers-June 2018

Todd Montgomery - Leather Crafting volunteer on Wednesdays.

Todd is originally from California. He was an Awana leader for 8 years, enjoys sports, history, woodworking, collecting coins, rocks/minerals and antiques.

Nancy Brey - Gates Hall volunteer-hanging monthly activity calendars and providing one-to-one Member visits.

Nancy is a retired nurse from Gates Hall. In her spare time, she enjoys crafts, sewing, crochet, and knitting.

Mark Antczak-Woodshop volunteer.

Mark is also a volunteer with Samaritan Purse, M.S.D.F prison ministry, Habitat for Humanity and Global Outreach. He is a carpenter specializing in cabinet making. He enjoys Bible studies, and plastic car and plane models.

Welcome to all, and thank you for time spent with our Members

Hello Everyone- **Union Grove Veterans Home** is putting together a **Sensory Room for the Dementia unit** and is looking for some items. If you have any of these items lying around and would like to donate them it would be appreciated. You can **drop them off at the Front Desk of the nursing home** at 21425 G. Spring St., Union Grove. If you have any questions you can call Laura Bruce, Deputy Commandant at (262)878-6724. Thank you for all your help!

Hats-

Fedoras, Hard Hat
Hat Rack

Goggles
Safety Vest
Tool belt/apron

Nerf basketball hoop
Putting green/club
Plastic bowling pins/ball
Balls of all sizes/textures
Baseball glove/ball

Older lunch box/thermos
Work gloves
Small gardening tools
Plastic cups/plates/bowls
Small side table



Desk (with or without chair)
Typewriter
Pencil holder
Rotary phone
Briefcase

Work bench (with vise) (adult size)

Plastic tools (examples below from Black and Decker)



If you would like to donate gift cards to Walmart or Hobby Lobby that would be great too.

Thank you again for all your help.



Volunteers Needed....

Volunteer Opportunities – If you are interested in the following volunteer opportunities, please contact the Activity and Volunteer Director, Terri Presser at 262-878-6725 or email at

Teresa.Presser@dva.wisconsin.gov

- ❖ Provide a movie night on 2nd & 3rd floor Boland Hall.
- ❖ We are in need of a volunteer to assist Members with simple computer tasks on a one-to-one basis.
- ❖ Maintain organization of the Fairchild Hall library.
- ❖ Assist with Leather Shop projects on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm.
- ❖ Play Mexican Dominoes with Members.
- ❖ Provide one-to-one assistance on walks with Members.
- ❖ Assist activity staff with Member outings.
- ❖ Escort Members to Happy Hour on Fridays at 2:00pm.
- ❖ Escort Members to bingo on Tuesdays at 2:00pm.
- ❖ Switch out seasonal bulletin boards.
- ❖ Assist with writing Member’s stories for their Memories in the Making art projects.
- ❖ Facilitate Happy Hour in FH.
- ❖ Pass Member monthly activity calendars in Gates Hall.
- ❖ Play Monopoly, poker, or UNO with 2nd floor Members.
- ❖ Water plants during gardening season.

Thank You – The Union Grove Veterans Home Volunteer Department would like to thank everyone for your contributions. As a reminder, contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please contact your accountant or tax professional for advice if needed.

Donations – Your continued monetary support for our Members is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder... We do not accept cash donations. All monetary donations MUST be made payable to **WVH-UG**.

Veteran Honor Wall – “Remember Those Who Gave All”. All funds generated by the sales of tiles at Union Grove will be used to continue support for the Member Veterans with various special events. Contact Terri Presser at (262)878-6725 if you wish to purchase a tile or for additional information.

Newsletter – If you wish to receive this and any future newsletters via e-mail, please let Michelle Adamek know at Michelle.Adamek@dva.wisconsin.gov so that she may place you on the email mailing list for newsletters only.

Dates To Remember 2018

6/18—Father’s Day Tailgate
7/21—Family Picnic
9/21—POW/MIA Remembrance Day

11/9—Veterans Day Remembrance
12/7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
12/15—Christmas Party