HOMEFRONT NEWSLETTER

Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove

Secretary Designee Kolar Message

May 2019

Since I started as WDVA Secretary in January, a top priority for me and my executive leadership team has been establishing and maintaining a high level of professionalism throughout the entire Department, including everywhere we serve in Wisconsin.

We value not only each of our employees, but also every veteran and family member that we come in contact with. That's especially true at our three Veterans Homes, where we all work together every day to accomplish our goal of better serving our veterans and their families; I know I can count on you to do the same in promoting a positive environment.

Your thoughts, opinions and concerns greatly matter to us and genuinely motivate us to keep doing better. Without your support, we wouldn't be successful in achieving our collective mission.

Please, don't hesitate to reach out to us with your suggestions and voice your concerns.

Yours in Service,
Mary M. Kolar
WDVA Secretary-designee

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Deputy Commandant's Corner

Happy National Nursing Home Week (May 12-18th)

Theme this year is Happy Minds and Healthy Souls

Every day skilled nursing centers assists seniors and people with disabilities in living their happiest and best lives. Whether it's planting, cooking, reading or listening to music, nursing homes pay it forward by helping individuals find their own happiness to improve quality of life. We see this through the activity programs we have at this facility. Gardening is an important program that is met with a lot of enthusiasm, it allows for fresh air and the sights and sounds of nature. Food groups are also very popular, it gives the Members the opportunity to reminisce and enjoy an everyday activity. We also offer music and art programs that allow them to express themselves in ways that make them happy.

Living soulfully means going beyond looking and feeling good. It's more than being mindful of your thoughts or transcending your eg, it's about being able to tune in to your own inner compass and determine what feels right for you. It's easier said than done, but the result is the ability to live abundantly and create your life as you dream it. Living soulfully also means contributing to the happiness of others and paying it forward. I encourage all of you to dedicate a day to perform acts of random kindness. You will find by doing that it will also make you happy as well.

Sincerely,

Laura Bruce
Deputy Commandant

Volunteer Banquet

April 10, 2019

Welcome Aboard!!

Bobbie Cain Sr.

Navy-Vietnam War

Birthplace: Cathridge, NC

Occupation: Retired Auto Mechanic

Theodore Erickson

Army-Cold War

Birthplace: Racine, WI

Occupation: Retired Painter

Richard Jacob

Army-Vietnam War

Birthplace: Racine, WI

Occupation: Retired Technician

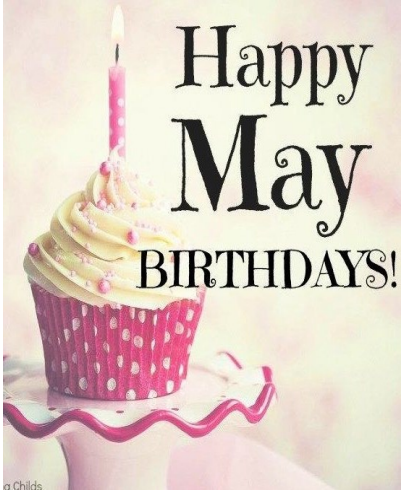
Please welcome our new Members and Volunteers to the Veterans Home. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself, we are so happy to have them here.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

You are invited to attend a Grief Support Seminar on Tuesday, May 28, at either 10:00am in the Maurer Hall Chapel OR at 6:30pm at Cross Lutheran Church, 126 Chapel Terrace, Burlington.

Topic of Presentation: Understand the Six Needs of Mourning.

Happy Birthday!!!



May 1st-Leonzio Capobianco-1st

May 4th-Robert Brock-GH

May 11th-Henry Goldenstein-GH

May 12th-Donald Crull-FH

May 14th-John Munch-GH

May 15th-Edward Hoffman-GH

May 19th-Robert Rosera-2nd

May 20th-Paul Skalecke-FH

May 21st-Jack Nelson-1st

May 23rd-Bruce Zartner-3rd

May 24th-Michael Uhlir-3rd

May 25th-Duane Twesme-1st

May 25th-John Callahan-3rd

May 31st-Richard Biederwolf-FH

May 31st-Luther Phillips-1st

Spring Word Search

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Our Wish List

Community Outings (admission tickets, parking etc.)

Gift Cards to NASCO senior living catalog

Monetary funds for activities supplies or special events

Fun size snack bars, bags of individually wrapped chocolate candy, Diet soda, small bags of chips (for prizes)

Walmart gift cards

(for a complete list of items please visit: **dva.wi.gov** ->**Veterans Home** -> **Union Grove** -> **Media** ->**Union Grove Wish List.pdf**)

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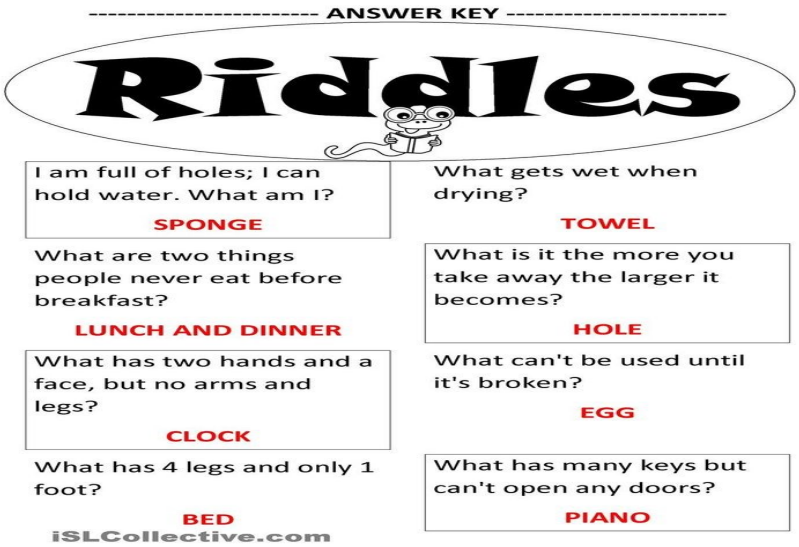

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 23rd - Re-Creation Variety Show at 2:00pm in the MPR.

Friday, May 10th - Mother's Day Tea at 2:00pm in the MPR.

Sunday, May 26th - Memorial Day Ceremony.

Friday, June 14th - Father's Day Eat-Out-In.

Thursday, July 4th - July 4th Parade.

Saturday, July 20th - Family Picnic from 11:30am—2:30pm.

Saturday, August 24th - Wind Lake Fishing Trip.

Wednesday, September 11th - 911 Event.

Building:	Where To:	Date/Time:		Volunteers Needed:
Boland Hall-1st Floor	Walmart Lunch 1st and 3rd	Monday, May 6th Friday, May 24th	1:00pm 10:30am	3 2
Boland Hall – 2nd Floor	Walmart Lunch TBD	Monday, May 13th Wednesday, May 15th	1:00pm 10:45am	4-5 1-2
Boland Hall-3rd Floor	Walmart Lunch Outing 1st and 3rd	Combined with other areas Monday, May 6th	 1:00pm	
Gates Hall	Walmart Lunch Outing	Monday, May 27th Friday, May 31st	1:00pm 10:30am	2-3 2
Fairchild Hall	Walmart Caledonia Lunch & Bingo Church Lunch	Monday, May 6th Wednesday, May 8th Wednesday, May 15th	1:00pm 11 :00am 10:45am	2 2 1-2
Campus Wide Trips	Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial Day Cemetary Ceremony Memorial Day Parade	Thursday, May 16th Sunday, May 26th Monday, May 27th	1:00pm 10:00am noon	2 2 1

In-house 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.
- ¨ 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.
- ¨ Play Monopoly, poker, or UNO with 2nd floor Members.
- ¨ Water and weed plants during gardening season.
- ¨ Assist Fairchild Hall Members with menu completion-Thursday afternoons.

Trivia

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1. What children's book did Forrest Gump keep in his suitcase?
2. What country is 2nd to South Africa in gold production?
3. Who was the only American to become vice president and president after resignations?
4. What does "U.S.F.D.A." mean to butchers?
5. What is the best way to preserve fresh dill: Dried, frozen, or refrigerated?
6. What is the meat in "Coq au Vin?"
7. Should you use hot or cold water when making a pie crust?
8. Which toy company makes Barbie dolls?
9. How long is a fortnight?
10. Who still receives an estimated 25 pieces of junk mail per year at Walden Pond?
11. What former astronaut withdrew from a senate race after he suffered a bathtub injury?
12. What 2 directions do you generally travel in on interstates highways with odd numbers?

1. *Curious George* **2.** The U.S. **3.** Gerald Ford **4.** U.S. Food and Drug Administration **5.** Frozen **6.** Chicken **7.** Cold **8.** Mattel **9.** Two weeks **10.** Henry David Thoreau **11.** John Glenn **12.** North or South

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One of our major responsibilities at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is providing 24-hour skilled nursing care to our nation's heroes. The WDVA is proud of the three Veterans' homes we operate – Chippewa Falls, King and Union Grove - serving nearly 1,000 Veterans and their spouses.

The Wisconsin Veterans Homes are among the best in the country, boasting an excellent safety record and the highest quality of care ratings. Our homes are very popular among Wisconsin's Veterans, evidenced by the occupancy levels and waiting lists associated with each home, and our staff retention rates that exceed those of comparable facilities across the state.

We are here to serve those who have served us all.

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