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Holiday Blessings From The Admissions Department

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify answers to the most commonly asked questions in the Admissions Department.

What are the service requirements to be admitted to the Veterans Home?

*A minimum of 90 days active duty or two years peace time

Does the Veterans home provide short-term rehabilitation care?

*Yes – We have a full staff of Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapist.

Is there a waiting list?

*Yes – there is a waiting list for long-term care. Veterans in need of short-term rehabilitation can go to the top of the waiting list.

Do you have to reside in Wisconsin to admit the Wisconsin Veterans Home?

*No – there is no residency requirement. **Wisconsin Veterans do have priority**

Please feel free to visit my office located in Boland Hall or call me at 262-878-6788 for additional information. It is my honor to serve veterans, their families and their survivors – in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our state and nation.

Sincerely,

Linda Schulting

MEMBER COMMUNITY OUTINGS

Member dignity, health, safety, and quality of life are always our number one concern. To maintain these goals, we have recently revised Member community outing options. In addition to our out-of-town outings, we will be providing in-town lunch and shopping outings for those Members who would benefit from a shorter outing. This will allow for Members to purchase personal items and enjoy a local restaurant lunch and maintain their utmost dignity, health and safety. We will also be increasing our in-house eat out-ins for those Members who would benefit from remaining in-house, but would enjoy a catered lunch event. There are some Members whose safety and health require them to remain in-house. We continue to encourage family and friends to continue shopping for their loved one. However, there are times when this is not possible, so we do offer the option of activity staff shopping for the Member. A volunteer may also assist activity staff to shop for Members, however, activity staff will continue to assist with Member funds.



Volunteer Highlight

Dave Kuhns has been a loyal volunteer for the Wisconsin Veteran's home since June of 2014. He worked in construction for 38 years. He also coached youth athletics, worked various church functions and enjoyed being a "handy man" for those in need. Dave spends much of his free time Fishing and gardening. Ask him where he's been fishing this week and he'll surely have a great story to share!

Dave enjoys volunteering in our Watering Hole where he creates a unique and different flavored milkshake every week. Come on down to the Deli from 1-3pm on Monday's and enjoy an ice cold shake and meet Dave!! Thank you Dave for being one of our treasured volunteers and caring so much for our Members. It is truly a pleasure to be able to work alongside you serving our Veterans.

Get Involved unteeer

Boland Hall-1st Floor	Walmart	December 16 th , 9:00am	2+
	Lunch outing	December 28 th , 10:30am	2
Boland Hall-2nd Floor	Lunch	December 13 th , 10:30am	2
	Walmart	December 14 th , 1:00pm	2+
Boland Hall-3rd Floor	Walmart	December 8 th , 9:00am	3
	Out to Lunch	December 30 th , 10:30am	2
Gates Hall	Lunch Outing	December 2 nd , 10:30am	1 or 2
	Walmart	December 12 th , 1:00pm	2 or 3
Fairchild Hall	Heroes Café	December 2 nd , 8:30am	1 or 2
	North Cape Luncheon	December 21 st , 11:00am	1 or 2
	Walmart	December 5 th , 1:00pm	2+
	Walmart	December 19 th , 1:00pm	2+
WHOLE HOUSE EVENTS	VA Voices Holiday Concert	December 22 nd , 9:45am	As many as possible
	Christmas Chapel Service	December 23 rd , 10:30am	2

Veterans Day 2016:



Honoring Wisconsin Veterans' Legacy of Service

On this Veterans Day, I want to thank each and every person who ever swore an oath and donned the uniform of a Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airmen or Coast Guardsman. No matter the era or where duty called you, you took a solemn oath to defend this great nation of ours. That by itself puts you in the minority of our citizenship – a dedicated few who have earned the great esteem of being called a veteran. Earning this status – and it surely is earned – is not easy. Beyond pledging yourself to something greater than yourself, many of you have been called to action to actually fulfill that pledge. It is one thing to think about patriotism and being a patriot. It's another to say and mean the words "I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same". It's another entirely to answer your nation's call and physically act on that oath – taking up arms against the enemies of our country. Our living veterans have earned their respect by taking up arms in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the first and second Gulf Wars, and Afghanistan, among many others. We have veterans of the Cold War, Grenada, Panama and Somalia. Joining the Armed Forces means the possibility of serving at anytime, anywhere in the world. While our veterans have served the world over in wars both necessary and not, popular and not, soldiers do not

make our nation's foreign policy – they deliver it. They deliver it with boots on the ground and from high in the sky, from rifles and cannons, but also from their presence, professionalism and empathy for those they help after the fight. This world and our veterans themselves have been forever shaped by the places our veterans have been and the things their eyes have seen. More than 100 years ago militaries from seemingly the world over clashed in Europe, carrying out the orders of their nations's leaders. World War I began in 1914 and most of Europe was at war. That war left the world with a path to World War II and with many of the final political boundaries and nations we see today, as well as many of the enduring religious, ethnic and political strife that continues to this day. In 1917, after years of standing by, the United States of America entered into the Great War, as it was then called. Americans were called upon to serve in great numbers, including of course many Wisconsinites who served with great distinction. From Wisconsin, 122,215 served and 3,932 were casualties. The end of the Great War came on November 11, 1918 – Armistice Day. It's the day we celebrate today as Veterans Day. As veterans we can all trace our lineage back to a starting point and World War I is no different. Wisconsinites served then as they do now and did before – carrying on the tradition of selfless service and passing it along through others to us today. While we have no living veterans of World War I – a soldier named Frank Buckles who died in 2011 at the age of 110 was the last living American veteran of the war – we use days like today to remember them. The history of World War I is a solemn reminder of the cost of war and that time marches on and old veterans fade away, but their memories are kept alive by future generations of veterans.

(John A. Scocos is Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an Iraq War veteran.)



In the News.....

One to One Visits:

Our Members participate in care planning each quarter. During this meeting, activity staff reviews Member activity participation. Several Members prefer to not participate in structured programming, but enjoy volunteer one to one visits. If you are providing a one to one visit with Members, please list the name of the Member you visited, on your attendance sheet. This helps us greatly in our quarterly reviews. We are proud to share this information with family Members during the meetings. Your visits truly make a difference in the quality of life for our Members.

Contact Us – Terri Presser, Activity Director and Volunteer Coordinator at (262)878-6725 or email Teresa.Presser@dva.wisconsin.org



Welcome New Volunteers:

- Ned Votry-One to one Member visits
- LaTonya Sims-One to one Member tech time
- Abygail Boyle-One to one Member visits and Deli assistance
- Alyza Larson-Deli assistance
- Ella Schamber-Deli assistance

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 email, please let Michelle Adamek know at Michelle.Adamek@dva.wisconsin.gov so that she may place you on the email list for newsletters only.

Dates To Remember

- 12/7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- 12/10 - Annual Christmas Party
- 4/26 - Volunteer Banquet @10:00am