September 2026

Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 0600-1430, Closed Holidays

Upcoming Special Events/Projects needing additional volunteer support!

September 1- **Karaoke,** 1:30pm, Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall

September 3—**Live Music with 'Timed Out'** (Shawn and Ernie and friends); 1:30pm, Veterans Hall

September 11—**National Day of Service & Remembrance 9/11 Walking Memorial,** 10:00am, meet outside building 400 steps *volunteers to assist CLC Veterans out to event

September 29—**Movie and Popcorn,** 1:30pm, Building 455 Veterans Hall

Additional Volunteers are needed for Upcoming Special Events! ***(hyperlink)***

Or Scan QR Code for SignUpGenius link

Please see calendar on page 3 for more information to include times and location.

All Volunteers are welcome to assist with any of the scheduled activities. Simply show up 30 minutes prior to event to offer your assistance. Don't forget to wear your Volunteer ID!

IMPORTANT!

Volunteer Hours due October 7, 2026

Report FY26 Hours: October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026

As September arrives, it also signals the end of the fiscal year! Please remember to turn in all your volunteer hours from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 by October 7, 2026, so we can be sure to log them on time.

We recognize that some of you may wonder why reporting your hours is important. Submitting your hours allows us to fully capture and recognize the vital impact you make for our Veterans and programs every day. This information is shared with local and national leadership, as well as with our Veteran Service Organizations—many of which you represent through your service. Your recorded hours help demonstrate the incredible dedication and support you provide, so thank you for helping us tell your story!

Jen, Deb, Cindy & Heath

Current Volunteer Needs

- **402b Rehab Patient Escort—**escort Veterans to various appointments , 0800-1200 Tuesdays
- **Recreation Volunteers—**Weekdays, weekends, evenings (whenever volunteers are availble) - outdoor walks, walks to greenhouse, taking Veterans to open bowling, fishing pond, reading with Veterans, engaging them in conversation or games
- **CLC Satisfaction Surveys—**Surveys are to be offered to Veterans 14 days after admission. These can be completed via paper or using App. Estimated at 2-4/week.
- **Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC)**— Requesting more virtual volunteers to call Veterans who struggle with loneliness and social isolation (average 15 minute commitment /week)
- **Open Bowling**—assist inpatient Veterans to open bowling as noted on monthly calendar (every other Sunday, Tuesday afternoons, every other Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons)
- **Volunteer Drivers** - drive VTN (DAV donated) vans transport Veterans to clinical appointments (Wausau, Stevens Point, Marshfield, Medford, Tomah, La Crosse)
- **Volunteer In-Home Visitor Program—**Veterans are matched with Volunteers, who live in the same community as the Veteran. Volunteers provide friendly social home visits-provide conversation, support, engage in simple activities (crafts, puzzles, games, reading, short walks, etc). Volunteers are not trained health care professional and will not provide any hands-on or medical care. Volunteers visit once per week for 2 – 4 hours, no more than eight hours per week.
- **Loving Spoonfuls—**specifically breakfast (7:00am) and dinner (4:30pm).
- **Wausau Vet Center —**assist with phones, greeting visitors 0800-1630 M, W, Th, F; 11am--1930pm Tuesdays *volunteers can select hours based on their availability in these timeframes
- **Chapel Volunteers**—escort inpatient Veterans to Chapel as scheduled:
  - Sundays at 1:00pm - Protestant
  - Wednesdays at 2:45pm - Catholic Mass
- **Coffee Cart Volunteers** - Outpatient Clinic locations
  - Tomah (Wednesdays, Fridays)
  - Wausau/Rothchild (Friday)
  - Wisconsin Rapids (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
  - La Crosse (Friday)

Current Donation Needs List

- Kwik Trip cards ($20-$25)
- Walmart Gift Cards ($25)
- Crewneck Sweatshirts (no hoods) - Medium –XL
- Men's tennis shoes sizes 10-12.5 (wide)
- Liquid creamer singles (for coffee carts)
- Coffee (regular and decaf) - large tubs
- Chocolate candy (no nuts)

We're so grateful to everyone who joined us to make the **2026 Platoon Run** such a fantastic success—whether you displayed your vehicle, volunteered to help, or simply came out to support our community.

A special thank you to Wizard of Rods for your wonderful partnership and hard work behind the scenes. Our event wouldn't be the same without your continued support.

We also want to express our appreciation to all of our volunteers—both our dedicated regulars and those occasional community volunteers who joined us this year. Your time, energy, and positive spirit helped everything run smoothly for all our Veterans. With an outstanding lineup of over 138 cars and motorcycles, live entertainment, smiling faces, and the energy of friends old and new, this year's show was truly one to remember. We can't wait to see everyone again for our 40th anniversary —

August 22, 2027!

September 2026

Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling 1:30pm Karaoke, Bldg 455, Veterans Hall	2 *1:00-3:00pm Pickleball Clinic; Bldg. 15 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	3 *1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course 1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center 1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse	4	5 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling 1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall
6 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 12:30pm-3:30pm Open Bowling 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	7 **Labor Day** 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open	8 *12:30-2:30 Air Rifle Clinic Bldg. 15	9 1:30 Bingo (ALA Elroy) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	10 1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse 1:30pm Music with Ernie & Shawn; Bldg 455, Veterans Hall 5:00-7:00pm Open Bowling	11 10:00am 9/11 Memorial Experience; meet in front of building 400 steps	12 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 12:00 Cootie Picnic & 1:00pm BINGO (Cootie), Center Courtyard 1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling
13 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 12:30pm-3:30pm Open Bowling 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	14 9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502 *9:30-11:30am Adaptive Cycling Clinic; center courtyard 10:00am CLC Resident Council; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall	15 1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling	16 *1:00-3:00pm Pickleball Clinic; Bldg. 15 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel 3:00pm Board & Card Games with THS Cross Country Team, Center Courtyard (MDR weather location)	17 *1:00 Adaptive Golf Clinic (at Hiawatha Golf Course); meet at 402 turnaround 12:15pm **Must pre-register 1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse	18 9:30am Games & Activities with N-Gage Academy; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall	19 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling
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27 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	28 9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502 *9:00 Adaptive Cycling Clinic (Trail Ride), meet at 402 turnaround at 9:00am **Must pre-register	29 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling 1:30pm Movie & popcorn, Building 455, Veterans Hall	30 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	**VA Library Hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Building 401, room 1100** 	**Need medical clearance & appointment for adaptive sports events** 	**Bowling Alley is located in Building 406, room 1615**

As we approach the 25th anniversary of September 11th, we invite you to take part in remembering the lives lost and honoring the courage displayed on that day. Our upcoming Memorial Walking Experience will include reflection stations and a patriotic flag display along the route, providing a meaningful opportunity for everyone to pause and pay tribute. This event brings our community together to reflect on where we were on 9/11 and to reaffirm our commitment to never forget.

This year, we are also calling on volunteers to assist our inpatient Veterans so that they too can participate in this experience. Your involvement will ensure that these Veterans have the opportunity to reflect and share in the sense of community and remembrance that this day inspires.

We encourage everyone to consider how September 11th has impacted our lives, and to join us in honoring its significance. Thank you for your steadfast dedication and service as we mark this important anniversary together.