July 2026

Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

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

Happy 250th Birthday America!

As we come together this July, we proudly celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 250th anniversary of America's founding. This year, we also celebrate 80 years of dedicated service from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). For two and a half centuries, our nation has been built on the spirit of service and sacrifice. Over the past 80 years, VA and CDCE volunteers have exemplified that spirit—supporting our Veterans, their families, and our communities with unwavering commitment. Thank you for continuing this incredible legacy. Your generosity, compassion, and dedication truly make a difference every day.

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!

Upcoming Special Events—Mark your Calendars

July 2—Live Music with Shawn and Ernie, 1:30pm-3:00pm, Building 455—volunteers to assist inpatient Veterans to event.

July 4— **Tomah Independence Day Parade,** 10:00am - looking for walkers, Veterans to ride float and volunteers to assist with inpatient Veterans. Also looking for donations of candy.

July 9 – **Independence Day Celebration,** 1:30pm-3:00pm, Center Courtyard—volunteers to assist inpatient Veterans to event. *Set up 9am

July 30 –**Creative Arts Coffeehouse**, 6:00pm, Building 455 Veterans Hall—volunteers to assist inpatient Veterans to event.

August 23—**Platoon Run: Car & Motorcycle Show,** 1:30pm-3:00pm, Outside Building 406—volunteers to assist inpatient Veterans to event.

With heartfelt gratitude for your continued service
Jen, Deb, Cindy & Heath

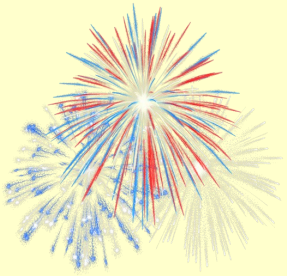
Current Volunteer Needs

- **NEW! Grill Masters**—Recreation has some unit lunch cookouts planned this summer and need your help grilling. Next cookout is scheduled for July 23, assistance needed at 11:00am on 403.
- **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.
- Assist with **fishing pole repairs** throughout fishing season (put on new hooks, bobbers, fix line, etc)
- **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 in building 409 during breakfast (7:00am) and dinner (4:30pm).
- **La Crosse Vet Center**—assist with phones, greeting visitors Wednesdays 9:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday or Thursdays 2:00pm-6:00pm
- **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 (Tuesday, Friday)

Honor Escort Training

Tomah VA provides Veterans who pass away while inpatient a dignified departure from the facility utilizing the Honor Escort program. Honor Escort is a procession of trained volunteers and employees with the Veteran's loved ones, folding of the flag, and VA Fire and Police departments escorting the funeral home off of VA property. There will be Honor Escort training available on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 1:00-2:00 pm in building 407, room 1724. This is open to all current Honor Escorts wanting a refresher or volunteers/ employees wanting to participate in the program. Please contact Michelle Kuehl, RN, Hospice and Palliative Care Coordinator if you have additional questions at ext. 61752.

Current Donation Needs List



- Decaf Coffee
- Kwik Trip cards ($20-$25)
- Walmart Gift Cards ($25)
- Duffle Bags & Backpacks
- Sports Bras—Medium-2XL
- Crewneck Sweatshirts (no hoods) - Medium –XL

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Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VA Library Hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Building 401, room 1100	**Need medical clearance & appointment for adaptive sports**	**Bowling Alley is located in Building 406, room 1615**	*1* 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	*2* 1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center *1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course 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	*3*	*4* **Independence Day** 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling
5 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	*6* 9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502 5:30-7:30pm Open Bowling	*7* 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling	*8* 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	*9* 1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse 1:30-3:00pm Independence Day Celebration, Music by Blaine Hackett; Center Courtyard *Dance Art Center Centers 2:15pm	*10*	*11* 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling
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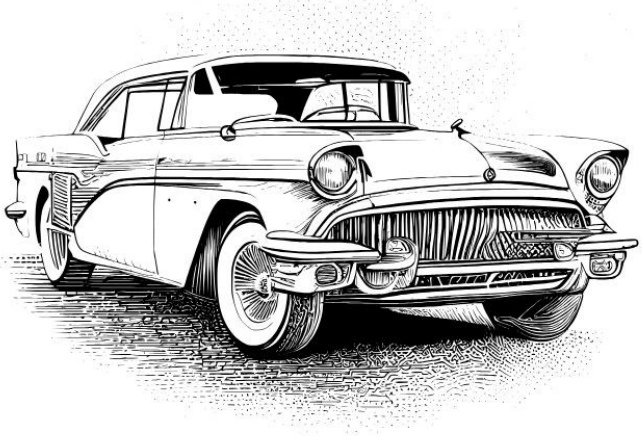
Tomah VA Medical Center and Wizard of Rods invite you to the

Platoon Run

Car and Motorcycle Show

at Tomah VA on Sunday, August 23, 2026



Join Tomah VA and Wizard of Rods for this free event.

1:00 p.m.	Meet at Recreation Park (Monroe County Fairgrounds)
	No pre-registration needed
1:15 p.m.	Cruise to Tomah VA
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Car and Motorcycle Show (in parking lot by Bldg. 406 and 455)
	Live Music with "Behind the Curtain"
	Chow Haul Food Truck (12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
2:30 p.m.	Awards Program

For more information, please call:

Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement or
608-372-1727 or 800-872-8662, ext. 61727

Wizard of Rods
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