# August 2026

## Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

**500 East Veterans Street (135), Tomah, WI 54660**
**608-372-1727**
**VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov**
**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 0600-1430, Closed Holidays**

**Upcoming Special Events—Mark your Calendars**

August 5-7th **Visual Arts Showcase,** 8:30am-4:00pm, Bldg. 401, room 1120 (see page 6)

August 7—**Performing Arts Showcase,** 1:30pm; Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall (see page 6)

August 11—**Ragtime Piano Music with Jim Radloff**, 2:00pm, Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall

August 19—**Tomah Days—"Golden Age of Hollywood**," 1:30pm, Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall

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

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!

Reminder that VAVS Meetings are scheduled for August

**VAVS Executive Committee Meeting**; Wednesday, August 5th 2026; 9:30, Bldg. 407, room 1724
Or Join via Microsoft TEAMS via outlook invitation

**VAVS Quarterly Meeting;** Wednesday, August 12, 2026; 10:00am, Bldg 407, room 1724 or
Join via Microsoft TEAMS by calling 1-872-701-0185 Conference ID: 492 284 198#

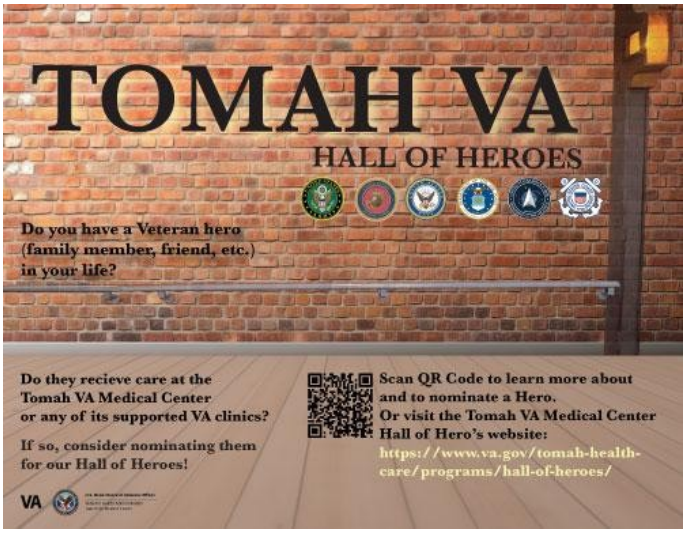
Enjoy the remainder of summer and to our youth, have a great start of the school year!
Jen, Deb, Cindy & Heath

## Current Volunteer Needs

- **NEW! 402b Rehab Patient Escort—**escort Veterans to various appointments , 0800-1200
- **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
- **NEW! 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 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 (Wednesday, Friday)

## Current Donation Needs List

- Kwik Trip cards ($20-$25)
- Walmart Gift Cards ($25)
- Duffle Bags & Backpacks
- Sports Bras—Medium-2XL
- Crewneck Sweatshirts (no hoods) - Medium –XL
- Men's tennis shoes sizes 10-12.5 (Regular and wide)




**Hall of Heroes nominations are due August 31, 2026** to be considered for December 2026 inductions. Nomination packages can be found online, Hall of Heroes, or CDCE office.

# August 2026

## Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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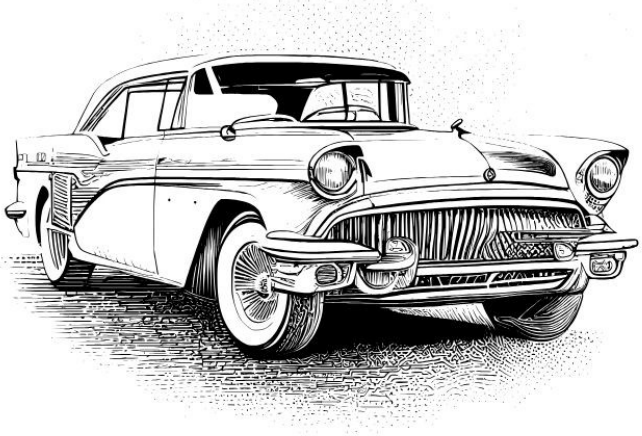
| **VA Library Hours**<br>**Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm**<br>**Building 401, room 1100**<br> | | ***Need medical clearance & appointment for adaptive sports events** | | **Bowling Alley is located in Building 406, room 1615** | | 1<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling<br>1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall |
| 2<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel | 3<br>9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502<br>5:30-7:30pm Open Bowling | 4<br>1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling | 5<br>8:30am-4:00pm Visual Arts Showcase; Bldg. 401, room 1120.<br>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel | 6<br>8:30am-4:00pm Visual Arts Showcase; Bldg. 401, room 1120.<br>*1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course<br>1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center<br>1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse | 7<br>8:30am-4:00pm Visual Arts Showcase; Bldg. 401, room 1120.<br>1:30pm Performing Arts Showcase; Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall | 8<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling |
| 9<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel | 10<br>9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502<br>*9:30-11:30am Adaptive Cycling Clinic; center courtyard<br>10:00am CLC Resident Council; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall<br>5:30-7:30pm Open Bowling | 11<br>1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling<br>2:00pm Ragtime Piano Music with Jim Radloff, Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall | 12<br>1:30 Bingo (ALA Elroy) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall | 13<br>1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse<br>5:00-7:00pm Open Bowling | 14<br>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel | 15<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling |
| 16<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel | 17<br>9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502<br>5:30-7:30pm Open Bowling | 18<br>1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall<br>1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling | 19<br>1:30pm-2:30pm Tomah Days "Golden Age of Hollywood" (VFWA) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall<br>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel | 20<br>*1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course<br>1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse | 21 | 22<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling |
| 23<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel<br>1:30-3:00pm Platoon Run: Car & Motorcycle show, Outside Building 406/455 | 24<br>8:00am-2:00pm—Versiti Blood Drive; Bldg. 455, Veterans Hall.<br>9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502<br>*9:30-11:30am Adaptive Cycling Clinic; center courtyard<br>5:30-7:30pm Open Bowling | 25<br>*12:30-2:30 Air Rifle Clinic Bldg. 15<br>1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling<br>6:30pm Bingo (DAV—Ch. 27) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall | 26<br>1:30 Bingo (VFWA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall<br>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel | 27<br>1:00-3:00 Nature Connection Club, VA Greenhouse<br>5:00-7:00pm Open Bowling | 28 | 29<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:30pm-4:00pm Red Pin Bowling |
| 30<br>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open<br>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel | 31<br>9:00am-11:00am Creative Expression (open art); Building 455, 15502<br>5:30-7:30pm Open Bowling | | | | | |

# 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.**

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| 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**
(Pat)608-343-1728

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Tomah VA Medical Center

# Donate Blood

# Tomah VA

**Versiti Blood Health is the sole provider of blood products to all Wisconisn VAs.**

## Monday August 24

## 9am-1:30pm

**LOCATION:**

Tomah VA Medical Center
500 East Veterans St.
Building 455,
Veterans Hall

**PROMOTION:**

Donate blood, and enjoy a $50 off coupon to Wilderness Resort, while supplies last.

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:**

Appointments are highly encouraged. Secure your spot by scanning the QR code, visiting tinyurl.com/VA82426 or calling us at 877.232.4376.

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Blood Center of Wisconsin

We're seeking more blood drive hosts! Visit tinyurl.com/versitihost if you know of a Church, Community, or other group that may be interested.

NATIONAL VETERANS
CREATIVE ARTS
COMPETITION

# Tomah VA

## 2026 Creative Arts Celebration

**Join us for the following events.**

**<u>Open to the Public for viewing</u>**

### Visual Arts Gallery:

Building 401, room 1120
Vote for the People's Choice Award.
**August 5th- August 7th**
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Open Mic experience:

Building 455, Veterans Hall
**August 7th** from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### Art pick up date!

Building 455, Veterans Hall
**Saturday, August 8th**
from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The open mic experience lets Veterans share up to three performing arts pieces.

There are no categories this year- just group or solo!

Some ideas include:

- Sharing an original poem
- Singing a favorite song
- Playing an instrument solo or in a group
- Performing a song with a band
- Performing a short drama
- Performing a short dance

Come vote for People's Choice Award at the art gallery!

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