

July 2025



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

Happy Independence Day!

1. Welcome to our summer youth volunteers. We look forward to working with you this summer as you provide service and assistance to Veterans and staff, improve communication and develop new skills, gain workplace experience and maybe even meet new friends.
2. Please continue to turn in your **volunteer hours** on a regular basis (i.e. monthly) via email to VHATOM-VoluntaryService@va.gov, paper log sheet or enter them into portal.
3. **PIV Cards**—Please check your ID cards to get them renewed BEFORE they expire. Reminder that effective May 7th, Driver's Licenses need to be REAL-ID compliant to be used for background checks. If you'd like to get the tier one background check, those IDs are good for 5 years.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Special Events

*please see page 3 for additional activities that could use assistance

**Please use Sign up Genius or let CDCE staff know if you're able to assist

7/3/25—Patriotic Hymn Service, 10:00am, VA Chapel

7/3/25—Live Music with Shawn and Ernie, 1:30pm, Bldg 455, Veterans Hall

7/9/25—Independence Day Celebration; 1:30-3:00pm; Center Courtyard

7/29/25—Creative Arts Coffee House, 6:00pm, Bldg 455, Veterans Hall

Link to SignUpGenius [https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C0CBD8F8C4FB6609&cs=09CBBADF8FBF8B6D7B0764035BB49BC8FDCF&sortBy=title)

[go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C0CBD8F8C4FB6609&cs=09CBBADF8FBF8B6D7B0764035BB49BC8FDCF&sortBy=title](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C0CBD8F8C4FB6609&cs=09CBBADF8FBF8B6D7B0764035BB49BC8FDCF&sortBy=title)

Thanks for all your continued support,
Jen, Cindy, Heath, Deb

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Current Volunteer Needs

- **BIGGEST NEEDS to help our Community Living Center (CLC) - inpatient Veterans**
 - Evening Recreation activities (1:1 or group) on 402b(Rehab)
 - 403 to assist Veterans to Canteen/library—Monday and Wednesdays 9am-11am
 - 402b (rehab) Escort inpatients to appointments—Tuesday and Thursday mornings
 - 455 Activities—Volunteers to assist inpatients to scheduled 455 activities (see page 4) ***if we don't have a enough volunteers, we may have to move activity to unit instead of hospital wide.**
 - **Chapel Volunteers**—escort inpatient Veterans to Chapel as scheduled:
Sundays at 1:00pm - Protestant Wednesdays at 2:45pm - Catholic Mass
- **NEW! Golf Clinic Volunteer**— 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm
- **NEW! My HealthVet** - call Veterans to see who's using it, and if they want assistance. (don't need to know how to use it, just make note and then staff will call them with information).
- **NEW! Appointment Reminder calls (prevent no-shows)**- Call Veterans 24-48 hours from appointment to remind them of upcoming appointment(s)
- **NEW! Sling Re-stocking**— arrange for delivery of slings to departments according to par levels
- **Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC)**— Requesting more male Veteran volunteers virtual volunteers to call Veterans who struggle with loneliness and social isolation (average 15 minute commitment /week)
- **Bowling Alley Volunteers:** open bowling alley, assist bowlers with getting shoes, ball, electronic scoring.
- **Recreation Volunteers (fishing, games, visiting, music, art)**— to assist with programming and 1:1 visits with inpatient Veterans
- **Coffee Cart Volunteers** - Outpatient Clinic locations (Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, La Crosse)

Current Needs List

- 3.0 Reading Glasses
- Hot Chocolate—Sugar Free
- Coffee Filters—Regular and large Bunn
- Men's sweatshirt—Large
- Boxer Briefs—large, Medium
- Men's sweat pants—Medium, large
- Pocket t-shirts—2XL
- Decaf Coffee—large tubs for units
- Men's Tennis Shoes (Size 9-12 regular or wide)
- Backpacks



Upcoming Parades—VA Float Driver Needed

7/4/25—Tomah Independence Day Parade—Jim B.

8/31/25—Kendall Labor Day Parade

9/7/25—Cashton Fall Fest Parade

9/28/25—Warrens Cranfest Parade

11/28/25—Tomah Holiday Parade



Please let CDCE staff know if interested in driving the VA Float in any of the upcoming parades. Volunteers need to have driver physical and driver trainings completed. Call us at 608-372-1727.

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Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*All Adaptive Sports Clinics are located in Building 15 unless noted differently (Golf and Cycling).</p> <p><u>Need medical clearance & appointment for adaptive sports events</u></p>		<p>1</p> <p>1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling</p> <p>*1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Patriotic Hymn Service, VA Chapel</p> <p>1:00-3:00pm Open Bowling</p> <p>1:30pm Music with Ernie & Shawn; Bldg 455, Veterans Hall</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Happy Independence Day</i></p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p> <p>1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling</p>
		<p>6</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30pm-3:00pm Independence Day Celebration; Center Courtyard</p> <p>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00-3:00pm Open Bowling</p> <p>1:30 pm Day at the Races (AMVETS); Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>14</p> <p>*9:30-11:30am Adaptive Cycling Clinic; center courtyard</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling</p> <p>1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; 455; Veterans Hall</p> <p>*1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:30 Bingo (VFWA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p> <p>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00-3:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00am-3:00pm Women Veteran Event, Bldg 411</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6pm Creative Arts Coffeehouse (open Mic Night) 455 Veterans Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00-3:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>9:30am AMVETS Riders 1776, Bldg 455, Outside Parking Lot</p> <p>1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p> <p>1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>28</p> <p>*9:30-11:30am Adaptive Cycling Clinic; center courtyard</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00pm BINGO DAV—Ch 27 Bldg 455 Veterans Hall</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:00-3:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>VA Library Hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Building 401, room 1100</p> 	<p>Bowling Alley is located in Building 406, room 1615</p> 



Thanks to the generous donated funds, Food Services was able to serve up a 'moo'-velous dairy breakfast for our Veterans, ensuring they started their day with a hearty and nutritious meal.

What a perfect day we had for the Tomah VA June Dairy Days event on June 10, 2025! Veterans, families, staff, and volunteers all came together for an afternoon filled with fun and farm animals, thanks to Monroe County 4-H members and other community contributors. We enjoyed fantastic live music by Two Sisters, and were thrilled to have Alice in Dairyland join us for the special day. Rootbeer floats and fresh cheese curds were a hit with everyone! A huge thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for sponsoring the event, Monroe County 4-H for making it their countywide community service day, and the VA Employee Association for serving up tasty refreshments.



Tomah VA Medical Center and
Wizard of Rods invite you to the
Platoon Run
Car and Motorcycle Show

at Tomah VA on Sunday, August 24, 2025



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

- 12:30 p.m. Meet at Recreation Park (Monroe County Fairgrounds)
No pre-registration needed
- 12:45 p.m. Cruise to Tomah VA
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Car and Motorcycle Show (in parking lot by Bldg. 406 and 455)
Live Music
Ice Cream Floats (for purchase) - Tomah VA Employee Association
- 2:30 p.m. Awards Program

For more information, please call:

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

or Wizard of Rods (Pat)
608-343-1728

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Women Veterans Event

Honoring Women Veterans and Their Service

Come together with fellow Veterans, Women Veterans health care members, and community partners to honor Women Veterans' incredible service and sacrifices. Let's celebrate their strength, resilience, and contributions to our nation.

When: Friday, July 18, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Where: Tomah VA Medical Center
500 E. Veterans Street, Building 411
Tomah, WI 54660

Join us for our Key Note Speaker, stay for lunch, and a tour of Tomah VA campus.

Please RSVP by Thursday, July 3, 2025.

For more information or to RSVP contact Tomah VA's Women Veterans Program Manager
608-372-3971 or 1-800-872-8662, ext. 66375
Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Excludes Federal Holidays

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