

March 2025



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

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

Happy Spring!

**Upcoming Special Events:** \*please see page 2 for additional activities that could use assistance

3/6/25—LIVE Music with Shawn and Ernie, 1:30pm, Veterans Hall (building 455)

3/26/25—LIVE Music with “Behind the Curtain, 1:30pm, Veterans Hall (building 455)

3/27/25 – Vietnam Veterans Day Program, 10:00am, Veterans Hall (building 455)

**Annual Reviews** for all current volunteers **MUST** be returned (2 sides) with signature prior to March 31, 2025, or volunteer accounts will be deactivated. This is a national requirement to keep our volunteers current.

**PIV Cards**—Please check your ID cards to get them renewed BEFORE they expire.

Please continue to turn in your **volunteer hours** on a regular basis (i.e. monthly) via email, paper log sheet or enter them into portal.

### **National Volunteer Appreciation Week**

Get your cowboy boots and hat dusted off and join us for our **Volunteer Roundup: Volunteer Recognition Banquet** on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:00am at the Tomah American Legion. This event is to honor and recognize all our active and dedicated volunteers. The luncheon is free to all volunteers who’ve volunteered at least 10 hours in FY24 (10/1/23-9/30/24) and only \$12.00 for volunteers who don’t meet that. If unsure of your total hours, please check with CDCE office. Invitation and RSVP are included in this newsletter. **RSVP are due April 4, 2025** via email, phone or return form in mail.

Mark your calendars for our first annual **Volunteer Recruitment Fair** on Monday, April 21, 2025 from 2:00-3:00pm in building 455, Veterans Hall. This event is open to individuals, organizations, businesses interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities. *Flyer on page 4 to share. If you need printed ones, please reach out or find it on our Tomah Facebook page as an event.*

Thanks for making a positive impact,  
Deb, Heath, Cindy, Jen



**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Health Administration  
Tomah VA Medical Center

# March 2025

## Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>VA Library Hours</b> Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm</p> 		<p>To Learn more about Volunteer opportunities, contact CDCE at 608-372-1727</p> 		<p><b>Bowling Alley is located in Building 406, room 1615</b></p> 		<p>1 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>
<p>2 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00pm Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>3 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>4 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>5 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>6 1:30pm Music with Ernie &amp; Shawn; Bldg 455, Veterans Hall  1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center</p>	<p>7 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>8 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p>
<p>9 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00pm Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>10 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>11 1:30pm Bingo (AL Post 508, Wilton) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>12 1:30pm Bingo (ALA Elroy) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>15 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p>
<p>16 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00pm Protestant Service, VA Chapel  1:30pm Board &amp; card Games (ALA Elroy), Bldg. 455</p>	<p>17 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>18 1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; 455; Veterans Hall  1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>19 1:30pm Bingo (VFWA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>20 1:30 pm Day at the Races (AMVETS); Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>21 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>22 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p>
<p>23 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00pm Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>24 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>25 1:30pm Bingo (DAV—Ch. 27) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>26 1:30pm Live Music with "Behind the Curtain;" Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>27 10:00am Vietnam Veterans Day Program; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall  6:00pm BINGO (Ocean Spray Cranberries); Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>28 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>29 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p>
<p>30 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>31 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p><b>*All Adaptive Sports Clinics are located in Building 15.</b> <b>Need medical clearance &amp; appointment for adaptive sports events</b> Pickleball Clinic—1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 1:00-3:00pm Archery Clinic—1st and 3rd Fridays, 1:00-2:30pm Air Rifle Clinic—2nd Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30pm National Events Clinic—2nd Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30pm</p>				

## Current Needs List

- **NEW!** Pocket Folders
- Electric Razors
- Composition Notebooks
- Men's Tennis Shoes (size 10)
- Men's snow boots (Sizes 10, 11, 12)
- Regular and Decaf Coffee—large tubs for units
- Hot Chocolate, Regular and sugar free

Thank  
You!

## Current Volunteer Needs

- **BIGGEST NEEDS to help our Community Living Center (CLC) aka inpatient Veterans**
  - **455 Activities**—Volunteers to assist inpatients to scheduled 455 activities (see page 2) **\*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! CLC Volunteer**—escort Veterans to appointments, 1:1 visits, assist Veterans to canteen, library, etc. (401a, 401b, 403an, 403b (Friday mornings 8am-10:00am),
- Clothing room — organize donated clothes in clothing room (Building 416)
- **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)
- **Drivers for VTS** (Wheelchair vehicles), weekend coverage as able (Dialysis)
- **Blue Team BTSSS Computer Assistant** - assist Veterans with **My HealthVet** and BTSSS Portal
- **Wausau Outpatient Clinic Greeter**
- **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)



Volunteers  
Needed!

TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER

# VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Volunteer Recruitment Fair

**APRIL 21, 2025**  
**2:00 P.M. – 3:00PM P.M.**

Tomah VA Medical Center  
Building 455, Veterans Hall

We invite you to meet our Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). Together, we will explore new volunteer opportunities, understand the onboarding process, and learn about the benefits of volunteering. Together, we can make a positive impact in the lives of our Veterans.

For more information,  
please contact our CDCE office at:  
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