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Announcements:

1. **Annual Review** was included in February newsletter. New this year, there is an additional training now required for all volunteers— Annual Integrity and Compliance and Awareness Training for Volunteers. Please READ through all information and return the two (Front and back) forms signed. Please reach out if you have any questions.
2. Next month, we will be celebrating **Volunteer Appreciation Week**—April 21-27th. Additional information regarding recognition banquet will be arriving to your mailbox soon.


Current Volunteer Needs

- **NEW!** Fishing Pole Technician—get the poles ready for fishing season!
- Vet-to-Vet Peer Facilitators (Veteran volunteer who lives with chronic pain, communicates effectively, willing to participate in facilitation trainings, able and willing to participate in regular trainings/meetings, has knowledge of whole health pathways (training provided))
- **BIG NEED!** 402b (rehab unit) escorts—to take Veterans to/from appointments (Monday-Friday 0830-1600)
This assignment can be shared amongst many volunteers, scheduling shifts.
- Volunteers to assist inpatients to scheduled 455 activities (see page 2) *especially evening and weekends
- Volunteers to help with bene-travel claims (using VA issue iPads)
- Compassionate Contact Corps—virtual volunteers to call Veterans from comfort of your own home
- Coffee Cart Volunteers - Outpatient Clinic locations (Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, La Crosse)

Current Volunteer Needs

- Long Sleeve T-shirts 3XL, 4XL

Thanks for all you do,

 Tomah CDCE Staff

March 2024

Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>**We will need Volunteer Escorts for all 455 Events. All Volunteers are welcome to just arrive to building 455 30 minutes prior to event to offer assistance.</p>					<p>1 1:00-2:30pm Archery Clinic Bldg. 15 *Need medical clearance and apt.</p>	<p>2 1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>
3	<p>4 1:30 Music with Blaine Hackett (aka Right Blaine) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>5 1:30 Bingo (AL Post 508, Wilton) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>6 1:00-2:30pm Pickleball Clinic Bldg. 15 *Need medical clearance and apt.</p>	7	8	9
10	11	<p>12 12:30-2:30 Air Rifle Clinic Bldg. 15 *Need medical clearance and apt.</p>	<p>13 1:30 Bingo (ALA Elroy) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 1:00-2:30pm Nat'l Events Clinic Bldg. 15 *Need medical clearance and apt.</p>	14	<p>15 1:00-2:30pm Archery Clinic Bldg. 15 *Need medical clearance and apt.</p>	16
<p>17</p> 	<p>18 6:00pm Night at the Races (AMVETS) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	19	<p>20 1:30 Bingo (VFWA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 1:00-2:30pm Pickleball Clinic Bldg. 15 *Need medical clearance and apt.</p>	21	22	23
24	25	<p>26 6:00pm Bingo (DAV—Ch. 27) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	27	28	29	30
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Thank you to our volunteers who assisted with coffee, cookie and valentine card distributions throughout the week. 5,267 Valentine's were received and distributed to inpatient and outpatient Veterans and visitors. Throughout the week, events were scheduled to include Day at the Races sponsored by American Legion and Auxiliary; Valentines Day Dance complete with live music, dancing and refreshments; cupcakes with lunch sponsored by VFWA, and BINGO sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary - Elroy. Thank you to all the other volunteers who came in to help ensure inpatient Veterans were able to enjoy the in-person activities.



Luminary Memorial Service

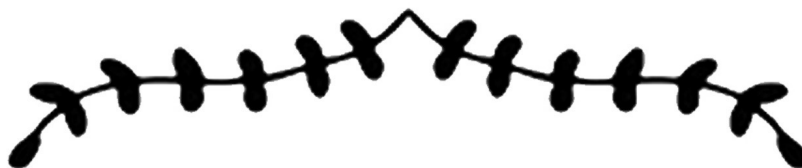


Who: Family and friends

When: April 27th, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Where: Building 455 Veterans Hall

What: Brief ceremony, reading of names, time of remembrance and sharing, music, light refreshments, and luminary display



To RSVP please contact:

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**Will be available for walk through between
Saturday April 27th - Tuesday April 30th from
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



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