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Winnebago County Department of Veterans Services Newsletter

October 2018

Wisconsin Veterans Homes

One of the major responsibilities at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is providing 24-hour skilled nursing care to our nation's heroes. The WDVA has three veterans homes they operate - Chippewa Falls, King and Union Grove - serving nearly 1,000 veterans and their spouses.

The Wisconsin Veterans Homes are among the best in the country, boasting an excellent safety record and the highest quality of care ratings. The homes are very popular among Wisconsin's veterans, evidenced by the occupancy levels and waiting lists associated with each home.

Cost of Care

Veterans living in State Veterans Homes may be eligible for federal benefits which can help supplement their cost of care. The cost of staying at a Veterans Home is often significantly below what is charged by for-profit facilities. Assistance is available during the application process to find the best options for financing your living arrangements and cost of care.

Admissions and Eligibility

Since July 1, 2013 the requirement to be a Wisconsin resident at time of application to one of our Wisconsin State Veterans Homes has been eliminated. Out-of-state applicants are now welcome!

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“Hopefully one-day
Wars will only be
fought in movies. And
may the best producer
win!”

**Stanley Victor
Paskavich**



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The following "General and Subcategory Priorities" will be used when processing applications for admission.

General Priorities:

- First priority: Veterans
- Second Priority: Spouses of veterans
- Third Priority: Spouses of deceased veterans
- Fourth Priority: Parents of veterans who were killed while on active duty

Sub-category Priorities:

- Provide first priority to eligible applicants who have resided in the state of Wisconsin for more than six continuous months prior to the date of application.
- Provide second priority to eligible applicants who are residents on the date of application and who have been residing continuously in the state of Wisconsin for a period of six months or less immediately preceding the date of application.
- Provide third priority to eligible applicants who reside out-of-state on the date of application.

For the purposes of admissions eligibility, a "veteran" is defined as:

A person who has served on active duty during peacetime for two or more years or the full period of their initial obligation OR a person who served on active duty for at least 90 days, one day of which was during a wartime period. AND a person who was discharged under honorable conditions. Spouses and parents of veterans who were killed on active duty are also eligible.

Contact Info:

Chippewa Falls - email: [Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls](#) or call (715) 720-6775

King - email: [Wisconsin Veterans Home](#) or call (715) 256-5021

Union Grove - email: [Union Grove Veterans Home](#) or call (262) 878-6700



October is National Depression Awareness Month

Clinical depression is a serious medical condition that if left untreated, may lead to other medical conditions. On Oct. 11, organizations and communities across the United States will observe "National Depression Screening Day" to educate people about the various signs and symptoms of depression and the availability of free anonymous behavioral health screenings.

A depression screening is often the first step towards getting well. Unfortunately, two-thirds of people who suffer from depression fail to seek care. They mistakenly believe their symptoms are just a normal part of life. The good news for those who suffer with depression is that clinical depression can be treated. Treatments may include psychotherapy, medications or a combination of both.

If you or someone you know suffers from depression, help is available. Individuals suffering from depression are urged to contact their primary care physician or a behavioral health professional.

Credit Freeze Fees Free

Good news for anyone looking to lock down their credit to protect their identities. A new federal law makes all credit freezes free and extends fraud alerts from 90 days to one year.

“A freeze on your credit account is one of the strongest tools we have to protect against financial identity theft,” said Michelle Reinen, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). “We hope all Wisconsin consumers consider taking the time to lock down their accounts.”

To simplify the process of establishing these protections, each of the three major credit bureaus—TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian - were required to create a webpage for requesting fraud alerts and credit freezes. Those pages are available now:

- TransUnion: <https://freeze.transunion.com>
- Equifax: www.freeze.equifax.com
- Experian: www.experian.com/freeze

The law will provide a number of services including:

- Free account freezes: Placing a credit freeze with the major credit bureaus restricts most access to your credit file, locking out identity thieves who may try to open new accounts in your name. You will receive a PIN number when you place the freeze and it will remain in place until you lift it. Before this new law was signed, freezing an account with a credit bureau required fees that varied by state, plus an additional fee to unfreeze an account.
- Free account freezes for minors: The new law will also allow parents and legal guardians nationwide to freeze the credit file for a child under age 16. Prior to the new federal law, Wisconsin had a law to allow guardians to create and immediately freeze a credit report for minors.
- Extended fraud alerts: For consumers who want to protect their credit histories without completely locking down the account, a fraud alert is a special message on a credit file that states the consumer is or may be a potential identity theft victim. It requires businesses to take extra steps to verify the identity of an applicant before issuing line of credit or service. Fraud alerts will be extended to a year (from 90 days) and remain free to place.
- Credit monitoring for military members: Within one year, the credit reporting agencies must offer free electronic credit monitoring to all active duty military members.

For additional information, visit the Consumer Protection Bureau at <https://datcp.wi.gov>, call the Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-422-7128 or send an e-mail to: datcp hotline@wi.gov.

Upcoming Events

Click on pictures below for upcoming event information

STAND DOWN AND WELCOME HOME

Sponsored by Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292
with the help of Elks National Foundation Grants.

Help us end veteran homelessness.

Saturday, October 13th
Military Veterans Museum - Oshkosh
10:00am to 2:00 pm

Personal items & assistance available **FREE** On Site will be:

- Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 to give -
 - . Hygiene kits, clothing & small household items
 - . A light luncheon & soda/coffee
- Aurora Health Care, Oshkosh, to give -
 - . Blood Pressure Screenings
- John H. Bradley Outpatient Care, Appleton, to give -
 - . Help to set up Health Care
 - . Literature on Suicide Prevention
- Winnebago County Veterans Service Office, Oshkosh;
Veterans Center, Green Bay; and
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, to give -
 - . Help with information on getting a home/apartment
 - . Help with available mental/physical health care & coverage
 - . Various other services available to Veterans



*All veterans are welcome and
are encouraged to attend.*

**Free Bus ride provided with pick up at the
following times and sites:**

9:00 & 11:00 Saint Vincent De Paul on Jackson Street
9:20 & 11:20 Day by Day Warming Shelter Parking Lot
9:40 & 11:40 Father Carr's Place 2B by Food Pantry

A return ride to these pick ups will be provided
at the end of the event.

Questions please contact Tom Widzinski at 235-3682
or Pam Schedivy 608-632-2264

Help us give veterans a "hand up....not a hand out."

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GROUNDS AND GEARS OCTOBER 14TH 10 AM-2 PM

Looking to show off your car while contributing to a good cause?
Come down to Grounds and Gears! Registration is free for any cars
entering the show! All donations will be donated to the Disabled
American Veterans organization. Coffee and food provided by local
businesses and baked goods made by Alpha Xi Delta!



**Show off your car for
a purpose!**

**Featuring Military
vehicles!**

**All proceeds donated
to Disabled American
Veterans
organization!**

**Coffee and food
provided by local
businesses!**

**Bake goods by Alpha
Xi Delta!**

EVENT LOCATION

Sunnyview Expo Center
500 E. County Rd. Y
Oshkosh, WI 54901
10 AM-2 PM

Contact Information

Kylegums@gmail.com

FB page: Grounds and
Gears

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MILITARY EXPOSURE TO BURN PITS



Wednesday, November 14
in Reeve Theatre from
6:00 PM-8:00 PM



CONTACT US

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Veterans Service Office**

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For a list of more events,
check out our [calendar](#)!