



THURSDAY JUNE 20, 2024



### Message from Steve Day

On behalf of Veterans Village, thank you to our past and present donors on supporting our mission and vision for Veterans Village. We recognize and applaud the efforts of Tom Wiltius and First Board - President – Jim Strong, Vice President – Kari Kuiper, Secretary – Mike Thomas, Treasurer – Keith Scott, Vice-President Legal – Mike Siddall, and members Joe Mauthe, Jim Jones, Amanda Krueger, Denise Gloede, and Britt Lindley in their vision to create a Wisconsin Veterans Village Association Inc. in 2017. Through their efforts and your generosity Phase 1 was accomplished. All buildings, spaces, and apartments have the naming rights of the donors. To date, 43/48 apartments have been remodeled and are occupied by Veterans and their families. Our goals in 2024 is to complete the remodel of the remaining five, host a Tasting for the Troops on Oct 5 at the Stone Toad, and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Courtyard of Honor, Outdoor Packer Wellness Grant, Landscaping from the Timber Rattlers and Walt Wiechert on Nov 11, 2024.



Left to right: Eric Stadler- Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard; Steve Day- WI VVA; Rocky Bleier- Tournament Partner; Nick Stephens; Ray Galimoto- Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard; Sharon Allen - Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard

## WISCONSIN VETERANS VILLAGE GOLF OUTING

Wisconsin Veterans Village hosted its third golf outing on June 6th. WisVVA partnered with Purple Heart, Bronze Star Recipient, and four-time Super Bowl Champion, Rocky Bleier, for the 3rd annual Rocky Bleier Golf Classic. The golf outing's purpose was not only to raise funds for the WisVVA but to help raise awareness of our mission, serving those who served.

The day of the outing our attendees were welcomed in the parking lot where volunteers took our players clubs and brought them to their golf carts. Our golfers were then greeted by our many volunteers at the registration desk, while looking at the many auction and basket raffles on display.

Before the shotgun start, Rocky Bleier presented Army Veteran, Steve Conto, with the Rocky Bleier Fighting Back Award. Steve has been instrumental in identifying graves of our fallen soldiers throughout Wisconsin. After the award ceremony, the Scarlet Color Guard presented the colors and Mike Bailey, of Vic Ferrari, sang the National Anthem and then our golfers were off. Rocky sat at Hole #10 the entire afternoon, greeting each foursome, and sharing stories. It really added a personal touch that our attendees are still talking about.

Once our golfers returned from a great afternoon on the course, golf awards were announced, and our guests enjoyed a tailgate style buffet on the beautiful patio of the country club, where the live auction also took place. The feedback from that day has been phenomenal, it was well attended and yet still felt intimate. And thanks to the generosity of our attendees, donors, and community, we raised \$50,000 AND Wisconsin Veterans Village is excited to announce that Rocky said, "Let's do it again," so we will be hosting the 4th Annual Rocky Bleier Golf Classic on Thursday, June 5th, 2025 at Royal St Pats Golf Course Wrightstown, WI 54180.

### Vet Crisis Line

**Dial 988 then press 1**

You don't need to be enrolled in VA fits or health care to connect.

### Veterans Benefits

County Veterans Service Officers 920-832-5698

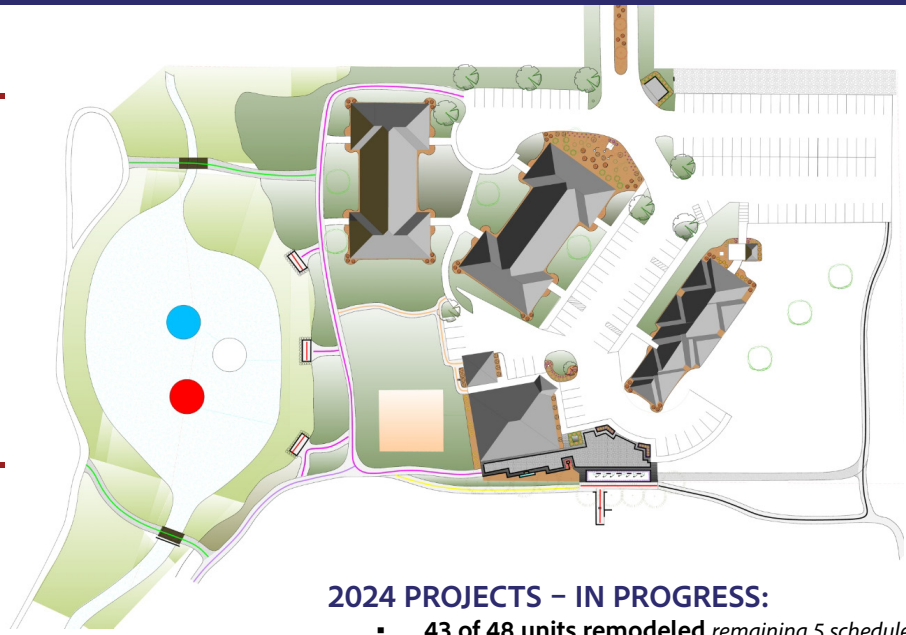
CVSO assists with applying for benefits (federal or state) that you may be interested in and eligible for.

### Fox Valley Veterans Council

**920-358-0662**

Assist, connect and honor military veteran families in our community.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE VILLAGE



## PROJECT UPDATES:

### September 2023 - Completed

- Hooch, in honor of Korean War Veteran, James Schneider  
*Donors included: Wolfrath's Nursery and Landscaping.*
- Parking lot seal coated
- Sidewalks installed around community center
- All units wired for internet and cable

## 2024 PROJECTS – COMPLETED:

- Updated Landscaping

## 2024 PROJECTS – IN PROGRESS:

- 43 of 48 units remodeled remaining 5 scheduled FY 2024
- Courtyard of Honor

### Where Fundraiser Dollars go:

- 50% paid to principle of loan
- 25% to operations
- 25% to reserve fund

**May 2023** - Loan of \$1.93M for purchase of WI VVA  
*With 10 year balloon payment due 2034*

**June 2024** – Loan balance 1.83M\*

*\* an additional \$40,000 payment expected for FY2024*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 14, 2024 – 2-4pm**

Blue Star Moms

Picnic at WI Veterans Village

*Please stop by – Meet the Mom's*

**July 18 – 21, 2024**

Volunteers needed

Fox Valley Veterans Fundraiser

*At Paperfest, see contact info above*

**July 31, 2024 – 7pm**

Tenant Meeting at Community Center

*Open to all residents*

**October 5, 2024**

Tasting for the Troops

Stoned Toad - Menasha

**November 11, 2024**

Courtyard of Honor

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

WIVVA

## DID YOU KNOW...

### Veteran Demographics WISVVA serves:

Army: 16; Army Reserve: 5

Army National Guard: 3

Air Force: 5; Air Force Reserve: 1

Navy: 10

Marines: 3

**Disabled:** 15%

**Retired:** 44%

**Married:** 20%

**Single:** 68%

Veterans that need to work to cover rent – 39%

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing – 29%

*Wisconsin Veterans Village Association has a Facebook page.  
Please visit for more detailed information about events  
happening at, and for the village.*

*WISVVA.org to donate or complete an application for residency.*