



LATEST NEWS



MESSAGE FROM STEVE DAY

This newsletter is an example of our residents engaging in our mission and vision statements of Veterans Village. Special recognition to **Norbert Bolda** as our "Editor and Chief" of the newsletter. Thanks, Norb, for your leadership. We welcome back to our Board, and our past President, **Keith Scott**. Keith was essential in the successful completion of Phase 1. His insight, counsel, and direction will be very welcomed as we encounter the challenges of maintaining the Village, paying off the loan on or before 2033, and reviewing our reserve study.

Please visit our website at www.wisvva.org and follow us on Facebook at: [Facebook/WisVVA](https://www.facebook.com/WisVVA). Please communicate to your friends our upcoming events, especially our **Tasting for the Troops on Oct 5**. *All fundraising is divided into three categories, 50% toward the principal of the loan, 25% to Operations, and 25% to our Reserve.*

GARY MENNEN – TREASURER

On August 19th we reported to the Veterans Village Board of Directors that after 14 months of operating the Apartments we are operating at positive cash flow with 48 apartments under an Affordable Housing model that is focused on a Veterans Centered Community. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining 5 Apartments will be refurbished thanks to donations of over \$2,500,000 going back to 2019 from our Community Residents, Businesses, and Local Veterans' Groups.

During 2025, we will need to develop a fund-raising plan that will include adding staffing to replace what is currently being filled by Veterans Village Board Members as volunteers that is not sustainable in the long term. We are currently developing a plan to fund ongoing operations, building refurbishment and paying off the OCHA Land Contract in 10 years or less. The longer-term objective is to be able to expand the number of units available for area veterans. Stay tuned for more information.



Photo taken August 23rd, 2024

WISCONSIN VETERANS VILLAGE

Wisconsin Veterans Village is seeing lots of activity around the community center. The Courtyard of Honor and Patio are taking shape. The pad has been poured, the pavers, and walls are beginning to take shape. Though the project is only beginning, the area should be quite stunning when completed.

Patio and Memorial amenities include:

- Two water falls with lighting features
- Eternal Flame
- Two additional water features within the Courtyard of Honor
- Wall seating around the patio area

The Courtyard of Honor and Patio areas were provided by a grant from the Nelson Foundation, and from former board member Mr. Wiechert. Also walking paths and several fitness stations around the lake area were provided by Outdoor Packer Wellness Grant, from the Green Bay Packers, with landscaping funds provided by Appleton's own Timber Rattlers.

It is very exciting to see the project progress; we are looking forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2024.

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

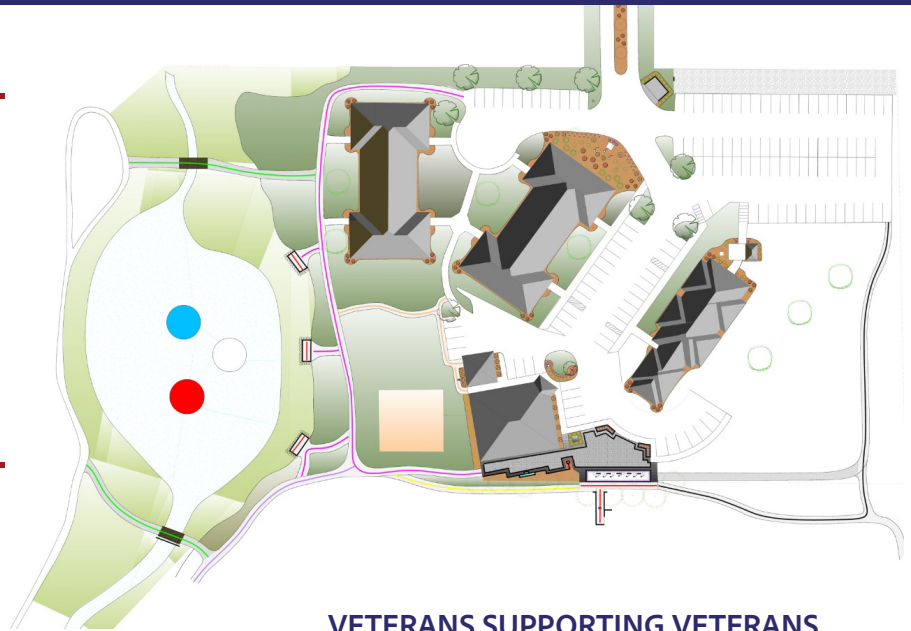
CVSO assists with applying for benefits (federal or state) that you may be interested in and eligible for.

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

Units to be remodeled

43 of 48 units remodeled –

- 2 Units currently being remodeled
- 2 more units in the coming months
- 1 remaining unit TBD

Courtyard of Honor

- Utility Lines placed
- Pad for Pavers completed
- Pavers and Walls being installed

VETERANS SUPPORTING VETERANS

Please consider supporting a resident veteran's business.

Tarina is a confectioner, whose business is satisfying our sweet tooth. Please visit her now and on **October 5th** for her Grand Reopening of **Cocoa Couture** at: **619 W. Wisconsin Ave in Appleton**. A flyer is on page 3, and will be posted on the bulletin boards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/15/24 – Noon

Packer Parties Return to Community Center

9/18/24 & 10/2/24 – 6pm

Tenant meetings at Community Center

10/5/24

Tasting for the Troops

Stoned Toad - Menasha

Tickets \$100 – Tickets are Limited

11/11/24

Courtyard of Honor

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Community Center

May 2025 – TBD

WOW Shooters Cup

6/5/25 – 4th Annual Rocky Bleier Golf Classic

Royal St. Pats Golf Course, Wrightstown, WI

Please consider attending, and getting involved in our community activities. See Monthly Social Calendars near the entry doors.

DID YOU KNOW...

Welcome to our New Tenants:

- Tyler and Sue – Bldg. 200 | US Army
- Thomas – Bldg. 300 | Army National Guard
- Kenney – Bldg. 300 | US Army
- Carol – Bldg. 300 | US Navy
- Elizabeth – Bldg. 300 | Daughter to Veteran

Best Wishes to those who moved!

Richard, Jessica, and Fanni each moved into their new homes

A suggestion box is located in the laundry area of the community center. The box also serves as a means to help residents with needs or wants. Once needs are identified, WI VVA will set up a Wish List on our Amazon account. Then prospective donors can review the list, and purchase the items directly for our residents. Please consider using the box for needs, or suggestions to improve our community.

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.



WIS VVA SOCIAL CALANDER | SEPTEMBER

Corn Hole **Every Tuesday | 6pm**
West Side Garage Area

Movie Night with Popcorn – **Saturday 7th | 7pm**

Game Night with Food and Prizes – **Thursday 12th | 5 to 7pm**

Packer Party with Food – **Sunday 15th, 22nd, & 29th | 12pm noon**

Let's Shoot Pool – **Saturday 14th | 3pm**
Fitness Center

Tennent Leadership Council – **Wednesday 18th | 7pm**

Free Veterans Breakfast – **Saturday 21st | 9 to 11am**

Monthly Tenant Meeting – **Wednesday Sept 25th | 6pm**

Tennent Leadership Council – **Wednesday October 4th | 7pm**

*Please consider attending any or all events to meet your neighbors.
Please use suggestion box (located in laundry room) for game ideas, movies, event suggestions, or personal needs.*

Cocoa Couture
GRAND REOPENING

619 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton
Saturday October 5th
12 pm to 5 pm

Chocolates, Truffles & Gifts
Gummies and Asst Candy
Holiday Decor, Vintage, Metal Signs,
Food, Music & More