



LATEST NEWS



Friends of Veterans Village,

It is definitely spring!!!! I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. Birds are back, trees and flowers are blooming, and Tax Day (April 15th) is behind us.

Here's a brief snapshot of things we continue to accomplish:

- The 4th Annual Rocky Bleier Golf Classic will be held on June 5th. We have sold most all of the golf foursomes and have had wonderful support with sponsorships. Please go to www.WisVVA.org or the following link <https://wisvva.org/golf-outing/> to sign up for one of the remaining foursomes and/or make a sponsorship!!
- Updating Wis VVA's website - WisVVA is in the process of updating its website. Hopefully you have been able to notice the changes.
- Farmer's Market - residents and volunteers will be attending the downtown Appleton Farmers Market on June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, and September 6th. Please look for us as there will be music by Kevin and volunteers from Guitars4Vets <https://guitars4vets.org/>
- Tasting for the Troop (T4T) – Saturday, October 4th. Committee meetings will start mid-August to plan the event
- Volunteers from Outagamie County Extension Association for Home and Community Education Group have volunteered to help WisVVA set up a fund-raising event at Tanner's Grill & Bar in Appleton on Saturday, November 8th. Food will be served from 10:00am until 4:00pm with lots of fun and drawings to celebrate and support our veterans

As always, thank you to everyone who has, and continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of veterans living at the village and here in Wisconsin. We are proud to have such a wonderful facility to provide a safe, supportive environment for those who have served our country.

Finally, this Memorial Day, a quote that honors and remembers the sacrifices of the military service members who died for their country. - "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude." – by Harry S. Truman

Respectfully

Keith Scott
President WisVVA

Vet Crisis Line

Dial 988 then press 1

*You don't need to be enrolled in VA
it's 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.*

Ant Hill Mob

Get their "Fun Run Book"
A portion of the proceeds help support
Wisconsin Veterans Village – See our Face
Book Page.



OTTO BYTOF Museum at Veterans Village

The **Silver Star Medal (SSM)** is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat. The Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Private Otto Bytof (ASN: 16156579), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, 104th Infantry Division, in action in Holland on 31 October to 1 November 1944.

Early in the afternoon of 31 October 1944 the battery commander of Private Bytof's battery and part of his detail section laid a wire from the battery position east to a designated river. Upon arriving at the dike just short of the river, they found that the enemy had cut off a friendly infantry battalion that had made a river crossing earlier that morning and as a result were without ammunition or communication. The party observed and adjusted artillery fire on the enemy for their own battery, even though they themselves were under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. As soon as darkness settled down, Private Bytof, with four other volunteers, accompanied the battery commander in making a river crossing for the purpose of establishing communications with the infantry battalion and thereby bring relief to their distressed comrades in the battalion. This action was carried out upon his own volition with complete disregard for his own personal safety. He was pinned down many times by enemy machine gun fire after the river crossing had been made, the mission, however, was accomplished. During the action after the river had been crossed, the battery commander was killed.

Private Bytof, upon the completion of this action, exemplified bold courage and bravery in aiding to carry the body of his battery commander back across the dike and an open field under withering enemy fire to a floating foot bridge, which had been established during the night, and from thence to an aid station. This act of courage in fulfilling a mission above and beyond the call of duty is a distinct credit to the military service and exemplifies the highest standards of the American Soldier.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE VILLAGE



SUPPORTING VETERANS VILLAGE

Please visit our website at www.wisvva.org

– sign up for the newsletter.

Follow us on Facebook at: **Facebook/WisVVA**.

Follow us on Instagram: **#Wisvva**

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE VILLAGE

As of December 2024, Veterans village set up a “Wish List” on Amazon. The Wish List shows current needs for the community, or for individual veterans. When an item is selected, it is drop shipped directly to Veterans Village. A card accompanies the donation, so that we know who sent the donation.

Veterans’ Village recognizes these donations on our Facebook page. Please follow us there.

A link to the Amazon Wish List can be found on our Facebook page. Facebook/WisVVA.org

Thank you for thinking of the Veterans Village Community.

The Village, Guitars for Vets, Music for Success are all partnering together this Spring and Summer, to promote one another, through music and PSA’s (Public Service Announcements) to bring awareness to each of our causes. If interested in volunteering, please contact us at norbertbolda@wisvva.org

DID YOU KNOW...

Resident Birthdays this month:

Chris P.
Carol C.
Amy C.
Steven W.
Adam S.

Happy Birthday to Everyone! Have a special Day!

Welcome to the Village – Felix (311)

The Village is looking for volunteers to help with the following upcoming calendar of events.

- Purpose of these events is to gain visibility in the community, and to help with our fundraising efforts.
- Memorial Day – Building a Parade Float (May 26th)
- Flag Day – Use the same Float (June 14th)
- Attend the “Evening with Rocky Bleier” at the Stone Toad (June 4th) – No Cover
- Rocky Bleier Golf Tournament – (June 5th) Full - Thanks
- Farmers Market Appleton – June through October to man a booth talk up the village.
- Outagamie County Extension Association for Home and Community Education Group Fundraising for the Village. Nov 8th.
- Taste for the Troops – Oct 4th.

We need as many people to join, and help. Transportation should not be a problem, as we plan on running a shuttle to downtown, and back. Please consider volunteering.

Soon, we plan on sending out our newsletters electronically, as a cost savings measure, so please ensure we have an accurate email on file.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events / Dinners – See our Social Calander on our web page, our Facebook page, or monitor in the Community Center.

AA Meetings Every Monday at 6:30 pm - Community Center

Coffee with Vets, Tuesdays 10to 12 am - Community Center
the event is open to everyone – please stop by and have a Cup of Joy with us, and see the Village

5/14/25 - Tennent Leadership Council

5/17/25, 9-11 am - Free Veterans Breakfast
Community Center

6/4/25 – Evening with Rocky Bleier at the
Stone Toad in Menasha 5:30 pm – 9:00pm.

6/5/25 - 4th Annual Rocky Bleier Golf Classic
Royal St. Pats Golf Course, Wrightstown, WI

Tasting for the Troops – Oct 4th

In the coming weeks we will be updating our website WisVVA.org to help Veterans, Dependents, Survivors and Caregivers, find resources for benefits, or services that are available from the VA, or locally. Please visit our website, follow us on Facebook, and sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Veteran Discounts Around the Fox Valley Year Round

Restaurants

- A&W - Free Combo Meal
- Arby’s – 10% Varies by Location
- Cinders – 50% off Meals on the 1st
- Perkins – Free Magnificent Seven Breakfast
- Old Glory café – Kimberly – 10% Off (Memorial Day (50% Off)
- Olive Garden – Free Entrée
- Texas Roadhouse – 10% with ID, Individual only
- Taco Bell – 10% Off

Grocery

- Pick-n-Save – Extra 10% of in-store purchases

Automotive

- Advance Auto Parts – 10% Off
- AutoZone - 10% Off
- Discount Tire – 5% off via ID.me
- Jiffy Lube – 15% Off
- O’Riley Auto Parts – 10% off
- Napa 10% at select locations
- Take 5 – 25% off year-round

Many stores publicize military discounts, while others don’t announce them publicly. You will be surprised how often companies will offer you a military discount if you just ask for it. All it takes is a simple question while you are ordering or checking out. **Just ask, “do you offer a military discount?”**

Don’t assume these discounts are accurate or correct, verify before placing an order.

Hardware

- Ace Hardware - 10% on Eligible Items
- Home Depot – 10% Exclusions Apply
- Lowes – 10% Exclusions Apply
- True Value – 15% Select Locations

Outdoor

- Cabela’s -5% off Firearms and Ammo. 10% all other merchandise

Jewelry

- Helzberg Diamonds – 10% Off
- Zales Diamond Stores – 10% Off

Entertainment

- EAA Aviation Museum – Discounted Ad.
- Marcus Theaters - \$8.50 movie tickets

Retail

- Game Stop – 10% Off
- Kohl’s – 15% Mondays Only

The Last Word

This national holiday (Memorial Day), observed annually on the last Monday in May, recognizes the men and women who died serving in our military. It began after the Civil war as Decoration Day, as a time to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers, and now honors all U.S. service members who died while serving. It’s an honor, and recognition of service we should have every day, not only on this occasion. This year whether in cards, or on social media, celebrate, honor, and remember members of our military who have sacrificed their lives.