

April 2025



## Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

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608-372-1727

VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 0600-1430, Closed Holidays

### Reminders:

1. **PIV Cards**—Please check your ID cards to get them renewed BEFORE they expire.
2. Please continue to turn in your **volunteer hours** on a regular basis (i.e. monthly) via email, paper log sheet or enter them into portal.
3. Tomah Volunteers— if your **parking pass** doesn't look like this, stop by our office or police for a new form to complete to receive new parking pass!
4. Volunteers are able to access the Building 402 **fitness gym** 24/7; however, do need to review and sign 3 liability forms that are available in our office (or we can electronically email them to you to complete). Once we receive completed forms, we'll request access to your volunteer ID card which you'll use to get into the fitness gym.
5. Volunteers who are **unaffiliated with an organization**—IF you want, whether you are a member of an organization or not, you can credit those hours to an organization of your choice. To update your affiliation, please contact our office.



### National Volunteer Appreciation Week

**There is still time to RSVP!!** Join us for our **Volunteer Recognition Banquet** on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:00am at the Tomah American Legion. This event is to honor and recognize all our active and dedicated volunteers. The luncheon is free to all volunteers who've volunteered at least 10 hours in FY24 (10/1/23-9/30/24) and only \$12.00 for volunteers who don't meet that. If unsure of your total hours, please check with CDCE office. Invitation is included in this newsletter. **RSVP are due April 4, 2025** via email, phone or return form in mail.

Mark your calendars for our first annual **Volunteer Recruitment Fair** on Monday, April 21, 2025 from 2:00-3:00pm in building 455, Veterans Hall. This event is open to individuals, organizations, businesses interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities.

Happy Volunteer Appreciation (week), but we can celebrate all month!  
Deb, Heath, Cindy, Jen

## Volunteers Needed for Events

\*please see page 3 for additional activities that could use assistance

\*\*Please use Sign up Genius or let CDCE staff know if you're able to assist

4/8/25—LIVE Music with "Silo Jumpers;" 1:30pm, Veterans Hall (building 455)

4/10/24—Spring Memorial Service Set-up, 2:30pm-4:30pm, Building 455 Veterans Hall

4/17/25—Tomah High School Jazz Band, 1:15pm, Veterans Hall (building 455)

4/25/25—4/26/25—Earth Day Recycling Event; 4/25 8am-3pm, 4/26 8am-12pm (See page 7)

4/29/25 – Creative Arts Coffeehouse; 6:00pm, Veterans Hall (building 455)



## Current Volunteer Needs

- **BIGGEST NEEDS to help our Community Living Center (CLC) aka inpatient Veterans**
  - **455 Activities**—Volunteers to assist inpatients to scheduled 455 activities (see page 2) **\*if we don't have a enough volunteers, we may have to move activity to unit instead of hospital wide.**
  - **Chapel Volunteers**—escort inpatient Veterans to Chapel as scheduled:
    - Sundays at 1:00pm - Protestant
    - Wednesdays at 2:45pm - Catholic Mass
  - **NEW! CLC Volunteer**—escort Veterans to appointments, 1:1 visits, assist Veterans to canteen, library, etc. (401a, 401b)
- **NEW! Caregiver Support**—administrative support (1-2x/monthly up to 4 hours)
- **NEW! 400 escort**—mornings (9:00am-11:00am) every other week
- **Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC)**— Requesting more male Veteran volunteers virtual volunteers to call Veterans who struggle with loneliness and social isolation (average 15 minute commitment /week)
- **Drivers for VTS** (Wheelchair vehicles), weekend coverage as able (Dialysis)
- **Wausau Outpatient Clinic Greeter**
- **Bowling Alley Volunteers:** open bowling alley, assist bowlers with getting shoes, ball, electronic scoring.
- **Recreation Volunteers (fishing, games, visiting, music, art)**— to assist with programming and 1:1 visits with inpatient Veterans
- **Coffee Cart Volunteers** - Outpatient Clinic locations (Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, La Crosse)

## Current Needs List

- Regular and Decaf Coffee—large tubs for units
- Hot Chocolate, sugar free

Volunteers Needed!



# April 2025

## Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>VA Library Hours</b> Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Building 401, room 1100</p> 		<p>1 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>2 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>3 1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center  1:30 pm Day at the Races (AMVETS); Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>4 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>5 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>
<p><b>Bowling Alley</b> is located in Bldg. 406, room 1615</p> 						
<p>6 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>7 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>8 1:30 LIVE Music with "Silo Jumpers," Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>9 1:30 Bingo (ALA Elroy) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall  2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>12 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p>
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<p>20 Easter 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>21 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>22 8:00am-1:00pm Versiti Blood Drive; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall  6:00pm Bingo (DAV—Ch. 27) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>23 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel  3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30am BINGO (Boy Scout Troop 30); Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall  5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>26 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open</p>
<p>27 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open  1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel</p>	<p>28 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling</p>	<p>29 6:00pm Creative Arts Coffeehouse; (open mic night) 455; Veterans Hall</p>	<p>30 3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling</p>	<p><b>*All Adaptive Sports Clinics are located in Building 15. Need medical clearance &amp; appointment for adaptive sports events</b> Pickleball Clinic—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm Archery Clinic—1st and 3rd Fridays, 1:00-2:30pm Air Rifle Clinic—2nd Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30pm National Events Clinic—2nd Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30pm</p>		

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# VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Volunteer Recruitment Fair

**APRIL 21, 2025**  
**2:00 P.M. – 3:00PM P.M.**

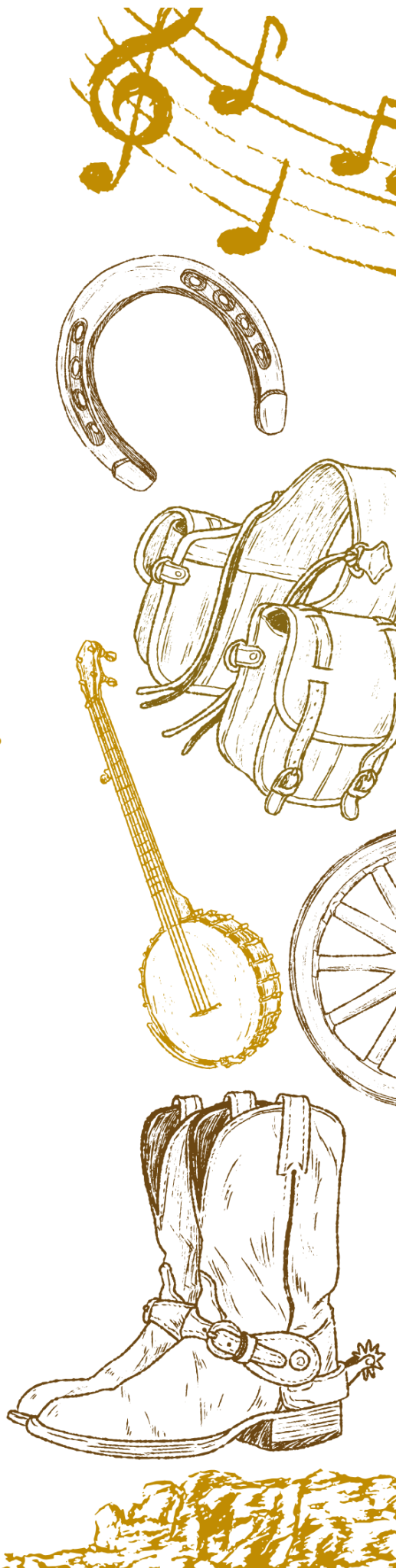
Tomah VA Medical Center  
Building 455, Veterans Hall

We invite you to meet our Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). Together, we will explore new volunteer opportunities, understand the onboarding process, and learn about the benefits of volunteering. Together, we can make a positive impact in the lives of our Veterans.

For more information,  
please contact our CDCE office at:  
608-372-1727  
[VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov](mailto:VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov)



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## Are You REAL ID-Compliant?

Effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, PCIF/PIV offices will no longer accept Driver's licenses or state-issued Identification (ID) cards that aren't REAL ID compliant. A REAL ID compliant can be identified by a star in the upper right-hand corner, which may vary in design and color. Please refer to the images below for examples of REAL ID-compliant state ID and Driver's licenses.

Additional REAL ID information can be found in the Identity Documents Examples section of our [USAccess Acceptable forms of ID Guide](#).

REAL-ID REQUIRED

BY MAY 2025

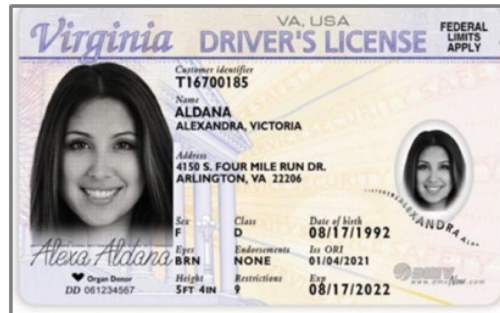
FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY

A star symbol on the top right corner = REAL ID



Federal compliant? **Yes**

Federal Limits Apply = Not REAL ID



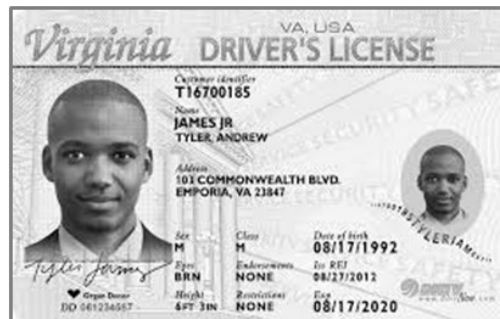
Federal compliant? **No**

Bear + star symbol = REAL ID



Federal compliant? **Yes**

No star symbol = Not REAL ID



Federal compliant? **No**

If a user doesn't have a REAL ID-compliant ID, PIV offices should remind them that they can use other forms of ID. A list of those IDs can be found linked in the [Primary Forms of Identifications](#) section of the [USAccess Acceptable Forms of ID Registrar Guide](#).

**Please check your Volunteer IDs! If you let it expire, you have to re-do your fingerprints!!**

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteer Recognition Banquet

**APRIL 23, 2025**

**10:00AM**

Tomah American Legion Hall  
800 Wisconsin Ave, Tomah, WI 54660

**RSVP by April 4, 2025**

608-372-1727

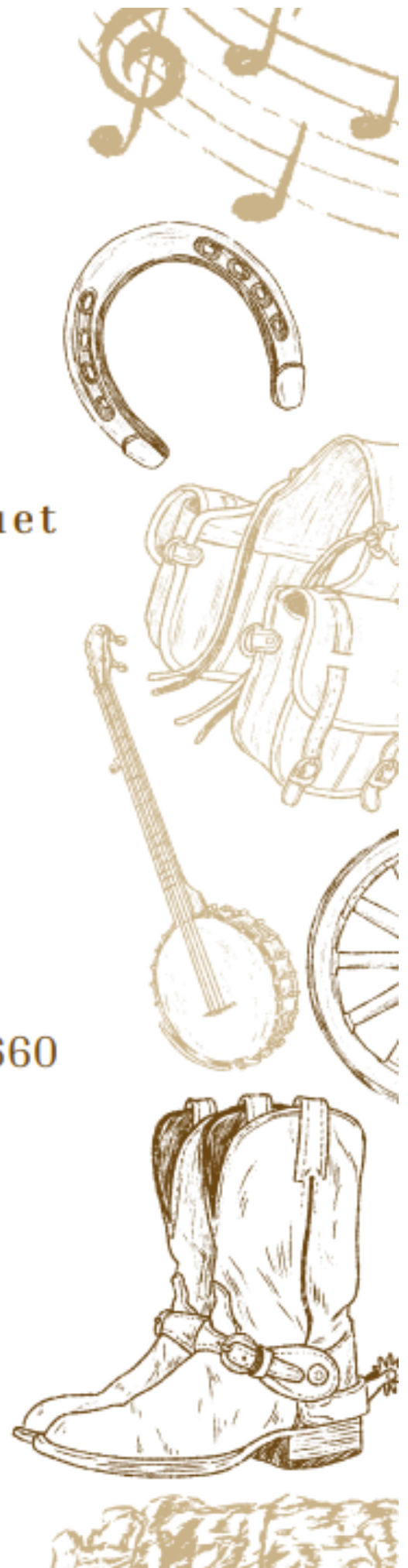
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**VA**



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# Tomah VAMC Annual Earth Day Recycling Event

## FREE! Electronics and Lead Acid Battery Recycling

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Bring from home: lead acid batteries and old home electronics for FREE recycling!

The home electronics recycling collection will be held outside Building 52, on the concrete pad in front of the building. Enter on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street of Tomah VA campus, turn left on "F" Street. Then right on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The turn-in point will be on the left. Just follow the signs!

Please place all electronics items into the cardboard boxes on wood pallets and place the batteries in the special battery box off to the side.

### What kind of electronics can I bring?

Audio-Visual Equipment  
Bar Coding Equipment  
Cable TV Boxes  
Calculators  
Cameras  
CD ROM Drives  
Cell Phones  
Circuit Boards  
Communication Systems  
Computer Equipment and Accessories  
(NO tube style monitors)  
Copiers / Printers  
(NO ink cartridges or toners)

Fax Machines  
Floppy Drives  
Gaming Systems  
Hard Drives and Memory  
Laptops  
Mainframes and Servers  
Microfiche Readers  
Microscopes  
Modems  
MP3 Players  
Power Strips and Extension Cords  
Telescopes  
Televisions- Limit of 5 per household (NO tube style or console style)

\*\*No Electric Appliances

### What kind of batteries can I bring?

#### Accepted:

All lead acid batteries (includes rechargeable)



#### NOT Accepted:

Nickel Cadium, Lithium Ion, Alkaline batteries, or rechargeable cordless drill batteries

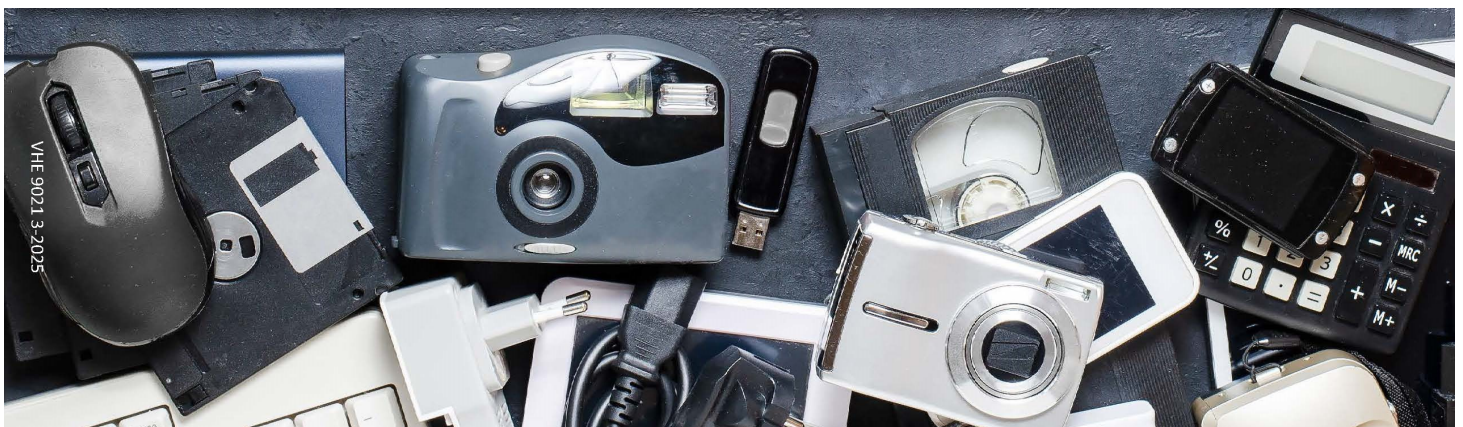


For questions, contact Jennifer Bailey, GEMS Dept.: 608-372-1757 or 1-800-872-8662, ext. 61757 or email [Jennifer.bailey8@va.gov](mailto:Jennifer.bailey8@va.gov)

This event is **NOT** open to electronic recycling businesses or large home businesses.



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# Veteran Creative Arts Coffeehouse

Join us for an open mic night celebrating the Creative Arts.

Veterans can:

- Bring artwork to display and share about it  
\*Staff reserve the right to withhold artwork from display areas
- Sing a song that is special to you
- Perform a short drama or dance
- Read a poem or short story

We invite Veterans, family, friends, and community members to come and view the artwork and performances.

## When:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025

## Where:

Tomah VA Medical Center  
500 E. Veterans Street, Building 455, Veterans Hall  
Tomah, WI 54660

## For more information, contact:

Bethany Riedel, MT-BC  
Music Therapist and Tomah VAMC Creative Arts Festival Co-Chair  
608-377-1308 or 1-800-872-8662, ext. 61262

*Light refreshments are provided.*



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