

June 2025



Tomah VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

500 East Veterans Street (135), Tomah, WI 54660

608-372-1727

VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov

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

Dear Volunteers,

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to our Veteran community. Your continued volunteer efforts and generous donations have been instrumental in meeting the diverse needs of our Veterans. The time, passion, and resources you contribute make a significant impact, ensuring that those who have served our nation receive the care and support they deserve. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission and for your steadfast commitment to making a difference in the lives of our Veterans.

Reminders:

1. Please continue to turn in your **volunteer hours** on a regular basis (i.e. monthly) via email to VHATOM-VoluntaryService@va.gov, paper log sheet or enter them into portal.
2. **PIV Cards**—Please check your ID cards to get them renewed BEFORE they expire. Reminder that effective May 7th, Driver's Licenses need to be REAL-ID compliant to be used for background checks.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Special 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

6/10/25—June Dairy Days; 1:30-3:00pm; Center Courtyard

6/12/25-6/18/25—Visual Arts Gallery, 401/1120—Volunteers needed to supervise room

6/18/25 –Dementia Awareness Event, 1:00-3:00pm, Center courtyard

Link to SignUpGenius <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C0CBD8F8C4FB6609&cs=09CBBADF8FBF8B6D7B0764035BB49BC8FDCF&sortBy=title>

It's summertime!

Jen, Cindy, Heath, Deb

Current Volunteer Needs

- **BIGGEST NEEDS to help our Community Living Center (CLC) - inpatient Veterans**
 - **NEW!** Evening Recreation activities (1:1 or group) on 402b(Rehab)
 - **NEW!** 403 to assist Veterans to Canteen/library—Monday and Wednesdays 9am-11am
 - **NEW!** 402b (rehab) Escort inpatients to appointments—Tuesday and Thursday mornings
 - **455 Activities**—Volunteers to assist inpatients to scheduled 455 activities (see page 4) ***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! Caregiver Support**—administrative support (1-2x/monthly up to 4 hours)
- **NEW! Golf Clinic Volunteer**— 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm
- **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)
- **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

- 3.0 Reading Glasses
- Hot Chocolate—Sugar Free and regular
- Coffee Filters—Regular and large Bunn
- Men's sweatshirt—Large
- Boxer Briefs—large,
- Mens sweat pants—Medium, large
- Pocket t-shirts—2XL
- Decaf Coffee—large tubs for units
- Men's Tennis Shoes (Size 9-12 regular or wide)
- Women's Shoes — size 7 & 7.5

Upcoming Parades—VA Float Driver Needed

7/4/25—Tomah Independence Day Parade

8/31/25—Kendall Labor Day Parade

9/7/25—Cashton Fall Fest Parade

9/28/25—Warrens Cranfest Parade

11/28/25—Tomah Holiday Parade

Please let CDCE staff know if interested in driving the VA Float in any of the upcoming parades. Volunteers need to have driver physical and driver trainings completed. Call us at 608-372-1727.

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Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	2 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling	3 1:00pm-3:00pm Open Bowling *1:00-2:30pm Adaptive Golf Clinic; Tomah VA golf Course	4 *1:00-3:00pm Pickleball Clinic; Bldg. 15 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	5 1:00-2:30pm Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center	6 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling	7 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling
8 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00pm Protestant Service, VA Chapel	9 *9:30-11:30am Adaptive Cycling Clinic; center courtyard 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling	10 *12:30-2:30pm Air Rifle Clinic Bldg. 15 1:30pm-3:00pm June Dairy Days; Center Courtyard	11 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	12 9:00am-3:30pm Creative Arts (CAF) Visual Art Gallery; Bldg. 401, room 1120 1:30 pm Day at the Races (AMVETS); Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall	13 9:00am-3:30pm Creative Arts (CAF) Visual Art Gallery; Bldg. 401, room 1120 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling	14 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30pm-4:00pm Open Bowling 2:15pm BINGO (Fond du Lac Legion Baseball Team (16U)), Bldg 455, Veterans Hall
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29 1:00pm Protestant Service, VA Chapel	30 5:30pm-7:30pm Open Bowling	VA Library Hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Building 401, room 1100		*Need medical clearance & appointment for adaptive sports events		Bowling Alley Building 406, room 1615



NATIONAL VETERANS
CREATIVE ARTS
COMPETITION

Join us for the following events.
Open to the Public

Performing Arts Show:

Building 455, Veterans Hall
June 16 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Visual Arts Gallery:

Building 401, room 1120
Vote for the People's Choice Award.
June 12 and 13 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
June 15 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 16 - 18 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Tomah VA
2025 Creative Arts
Festival Competition



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Tomah VA Medical Center

June Dairy Days

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Center Courtyard

- Alice in Dairyland
- Antique tractor display
- Cow pie BINGO
- Farm animals
- Farm themed activities with Monroe County 4-H
- Light refreshments
- Live music by *Two Sisters*, a variety of music styles



For more information, please call:

Tomah VA Medical Center
Center for Development and Civic Engagement

608-372-1727 or 1-800-872-8662, ext. 61727
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Excludes Federal Holidays

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Tomah VA Medical Center 2nd Annual Outpatient Veteran Fishing Day

Veterans must have current Wisconsin Fishing License.

Fishing poles and live bait will be available. Veterans are welcome to bring their favorite fishing pole, artificial bait, worms, and nightcrawlers. When fishing with worms or nightcrawlers, you must use single, barbless hooks. All fishing is catch and release.

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tomah VA Pond

If you have questions, please contact:

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