



The Highground

Veterans Memorial Park



May

Honor, Educate, Heal ... a place for all.

2018

**JOIN VETERANS of ALL ERAS,
their loved ones, and those who admire
THE CANINES AND HANDLERS that serve our country
as we Dedicate THE MILITARY WORKING DOG TRIBUTE
on Saturday, June 2nd at The Highground!**

11:00AM – Quilts of Valor ceremony

Honoring Military Working Dogs (MWD), their Handlers, and Veterans that led the way with the construction of this tribute.

11:30AM – Media Conference

Noon – K9 Demonstration by David McCarthy

Currently serving with a WI State Patrol K9 Unit after serving eight years as a military dog handler.

1:00PM – Dedication Ceremony

Veterans posts from Bloomer WI: American Legion #295, AMVETS #6440, VFW #6175, and Loyal American Legion Post #175 will be present with Color Guards and Rifle Units.

Presentation of a K9 Memorial “Battlefield Cross”

Wreath-laying at the MWD Tribute

Speakers –

Mike Voorhees – Vietnam Veteran Military Working Dog (MWD) Handler, will present Invocation and speak on his service and serving with the MWD, Satan 4A16, in Vietnam - the canine that was the origin behind the drive to construct this tribute.

Steve Maddox – Vietnam Veteran and Highground Board Member, will present a work of poetry written for this dedication.

David Backstrom – MWD Tribute Committee Chairman, & Vietnam Veteran

David McCarthy – 8 years of service as a MWD Handler, USAF Security

Police, and currently serving as part of a K9 Unit for the WI State Patrol

Mike Olson – Vietnam Veteran MWD Handler, member of MWD tribute committee, and former member of The Highground Board of Directors

There will be an opportunity for the public to place flowers and wreaths at the Military Working Dog Tribute

Check out what else Neillsville & Clark County has to offer at www.clarkcountywi.org & Neillsville-wi.com

for more to see and do before or after the Ceremony!

Visit the Gift Shop for Military Working Dog books, pins, memento boxes, and more.

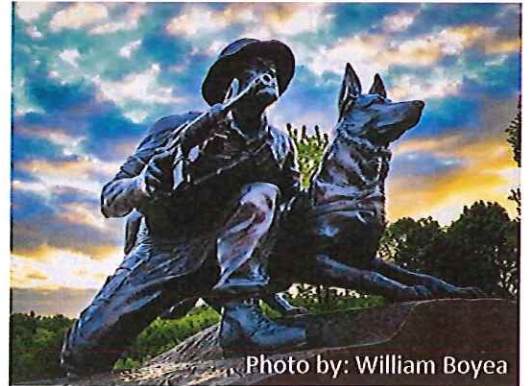


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The Highground thanks the Wisconsin Department of Tourism for the \$10,000 Grant for the upcoming Dedication Day of the Military Working Dog Tribute! We hope all will enjoy a great dedication of the newest Highground tribute.



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Hardee's will be at The Highground with Roast Beef Sandwiches, chips, soda, and water for purchase.



Thank you donors, for gifts to remember lost loved ones or to honor those still among us!

In Memory:

Claude Ayers
Donald Ayers
Florence Ayers
Ron Bellemere
Merlin Bender
Robert Bertz

Robert Brandt
Harold Aschenbrenner
Richard Carle
Larry Erickson
Rev. Al Houts
Dennis Jansen
Thomas Johnson
Bob Kleist

Jon C. Konig
Harvey Krings
Sid Kroeger
Frank Madill
Elmer Millette
Stan Pekol
Masrcus Radloff
DuWayne Wallner

Eugene M. Wiater
(Bonnie Wiater wrote of Eugene's passing on 6/27/2017, as he served in VN, lived in The HG area & wants to let his friends know)

Honoring:

Happy Birthday
Harold Schmitt



Ted Fetting Special Memorial and Stone Dedications

A special ceremony will be held at The Highground on Saturday, August 4th at 1:00 p.m. honoring Ted Fetting as well as 22 other friends/veterans that Ted purchased Legacy Stones for before his own passing. These men and women are:

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|-------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Jim Baire | Jack (Scott) Buker | Diane Carlson | Naomi Horowitz | Dave Peroshek | Fitch J. Taylor |
| Gary Bandor | Alex Delecon | Evans | John Markham | Marvin Pratt | Don Turek |
| Paul Bialk | Dan Delliberti | Bob Frautchy | Norm Myhra | Geoff Rudell | Tom Wynn |
| Bob Buhr | Bill Emanuel | Jeff Hempel | Lionel Olson | Wm. Sims | |

If you are one of these people or are family or friends of these individuals, please contact Ted’s sister, Ruth Fetting Kalms, with the following information: person’s full name, branch of service, specific unit, location of service, dates of service, or any awards. If you have phone numbers or email addresses for any of these individuals please give these to Ruth as well. Pictures of the person in uniform would also be appreciated. Please plan to attend the ceremony and invite other friends and family. Thank you.

Ruth’s contact information: timetotalk@charter.net, 715-207-0281, Ruth Kalms, 1200 E. 25th St., Marshfield, WI 54449

Thank you Joanne Tibbitt — You will be missed!!



Thank you for allowing us to be part of your forever family.

Editor: When I wrote the article in the last newsletter thanking Joanne Tibbitt for her years of dedication to our flag mending, I did not know I would now have to write our goodbyes. Joanne would have been 87 years young this coming June. She was cheery and always had a warm smile when flags were brought to her or picked up after her mending.

Thank you, Joanne, for the awesome job you always did for The Highground.

We were blessed by you!

A poem chosen at her funeral :

Treasured Seasons

For everything there is an appointed season
And a time for everything under heaven—

- A time for sowing,
- A time for reaping;
- A time for sharing,
- A time for caring.
- A time for loving,
- A time for giving;
- A time for remembering,
- A time for parting,

You have made everything beautiful in its time for everything You do remains forever.

The Highground 2018 Veterans Weekend—July 13-15, 2018


A Gathering of Veterans — An Abundance of Activities, Food, Fun, & Camaraderie

Tentative Schedule:

Friday July 13th

- Archery program
- Supper at Neillsville American Legion #73
- Evening Highground Tour
- Bonfire at Outdoor Lodge Site—Wisconsin Adventures on Wheels, Willard WI

Saturday July 14th

- Breakfast at WAW
- DAY-LONG FISHING TRIP!** 
- 5:30PM - Supper at WAW—Venison Feed & Fixin’s courtesy of Skip & Debbie Klabon
- Music & Bonfire

Sunday July 15th

- (Tentatively UH-IH Helicopter Fly-in Or go visit one)
- A Day of Fun, Food, and Unique Presentations at The Highground
- Closing ceremony and planting a “Warrior’s Tree” 

Weekend Lodging—Bunkhouse and campground (electricity available) at lodge site free of charge. Stays at area motels are at veteran’s own expense.

If you would like more information on attending Veterans Weekend and/or to register, please contact: The Highground, W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville WI 54437 715-743-4224 or events@thehighground.us

Limited Space—Call to register

Sponsored by:



Phaneuf-Vanasse American Legion Post #111



This Weekend is for Male Veterans only— from any era & Branch of Service. (A future event will be held for Female Veterans)

Have you heard.....

... **Back by popular demand** the second annual **quilt raffle** is starting! Get the supplies out and pick your favorite patriotic pattern. Quilts will be gathered all year and be on display in the Learning Center. Raffle drawing is on December 22, 2018! Stay tuned for upcoming details.

... **We have a new website/social media manager!!** Ike Rebout, designer of the current website has agreed to work on a continuous basis for The Highground as well as maintain our social media! Watch for us on Pinterest, Twitter, LinkedIn, Constant Contact, and more! He will help keep you informed with emails too. So let us know your email address to keep you informed about Highground happenings.

..Volunteer picnic is RE-scheduled!! Save the new date!
Now the same day as the Freedom Celebration Day. Stay for music and fireworks. A day of fun.



Please RSVP by
Friday, June 20
715-743-4224 or
events@thehighground.us



We will again be gathering Non-perishable Food Donations for the Food Pantry.

Please Join us for The Highground Volunteer Appreciation Picnic!

Saturday, June 30, 2018 @ 1:00pm @ The Highground

No need to bring a "dish to pass". Just yourselves, spouse, and/or guests. Desserts are always welcome, though!

We will have a Crazy Auction & Raffle, so please bring one new or handmade item or a favorite pie or cookies to be auctioned/raffled.

We Look Forward to Seeing You!



The Highground Comes to Life with Highground Education Days!



October 2 - 5, 2018 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
(This is an exciting combination of The Highground's Diversity Days & 5th Grade Days!)

Students in grades 5 through 9 are invited to:

Tour The Highground with a knowledgeable tour guide to discover the history and unexpected stories about The Highground Veterans Memorial Park, the Tributes and veterans' military service.



In addition, there will be fun & educational exhibits and presentations along the tour ... including the cultures involved in WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq, & Afghanistan; History of the US Flag & Liberty Bell; stories from military working dog handlers...& more!

Call to book your students' day. Cost: \$3.00 per person
Contact: 715-743-4224 events@thehighground.us

Bring your own sack lunch and use our picnic areas.



Central Wisconsin Remembers Those Who Served in Vietnam
"Welcome Home" Parade, Ceremony & Exhibits
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018



30th Anniversary of The Highground & "Fragments" The Tribute to those who served in the Vietnam War

NOON - Yellow Ribbon Parade - Neillsville

2PM - Vietnam Veteran's Ceremony

Vietnam Era UH-1H Helicopter Landing

Rolling Thunder #3 - Missing Man Table Ceremony

Big Map of the Vietnam War
for Veterans to Sign

Speakers Exhibits

Tours Music





Korean Reunion/Education Afternoon June 16, 2018

The annual Korean Reunion and Education gathering is fast approaching. Get together at the Learning Center on June 16th at 2:00pm. Call, email, or write a letter to all the Korean Veterans you know and invite them to share in the day.

We always have a wonderful time meeting new people, catching up with old friends and, of course, sharing history.

The Reunion/Education gatherings are open to the public, come learn about these veterans firsthand. Please invite your family and friends to attend too.

RSVP to 715-743-4224 or
learningcenter@thehighground.us



Museum Becomes a Reality!!



With the approval of a \$25,000 Wisconsin State Grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, this vision of a Highground Museum will become a reality. The grant will allow for museum quality, secure, and illuminated cabinets to hold this incredible information for ALL to see, helping to fulfill the mission of education for future generations.

When the founders of The Highground Veterans Memorial established the park in the early 1980's, the vision of having a military museum was, at the time, a long shot. For many years The Highground has been collecting military memorabilia with the hope of one day having a place to display it all. Well, that day is here and the long awaited Highground Military Museum will finally become a reality.

On May 17th an official ribbon cutting ceremony for The Highground Military Museum took place in the Learning Center.

On display are uniforms, personnel equipment, artifacts, personal mementos, and documents from many different eras. Please visit us to see the founder's vision be a reality.



Independence Day

2018 Honor Tree Sessions

1. Ken Smith - from Your Family
2. To my Hero Roshier "Bill" Watts Jr. - with Love from Your Lady Pat
3. Roy R. & Gerald G. Schmidt - Thanks, Don Schmidt
4. John, Hazel, Belinda & Kyrie Novotny, Brenda Evans, & Zoey Johansen - from John & Hazel
5. Lewis Deegan - from Connie Deegan
6. Tommy Collinson - from Family & Friends
7. In Memory of Colleen (Fry) Ristau & all Veterans Spouses - from Wayne Ristau
8. Rachel Bosveld - from Tom Doan

Honor Trees are available for 2018. You may sponsor a tree for 1 session - \$25, or all year for \$100. There are four sessions per year, with 22 total trees for each session except Christmas which is unlimited in quantity.

⇒ **Memorial Day** - May 15 to June 13

⇒ **Independence Day** - June 24 to July 23

⇒ **Veterans Day** - November 1 to 30

⇒ **Christmas** - December 15 to Jan 15

Please contact Julie @ 715-743-4224 or email her at learningcenter@thehighground.us to sponsor a tree honoring your hero.

2018 Exhibits include:

◇ **HMONG IN AMERICA: Journey from a Secret War**
Through May 28th

◇ **U.S. FLAG HISTORY** - June - July

◇ **WWII PACIFIC THEATER/ IWO JIMA** - August

◇ **HIGHGROUND HISTORY** - September - November

◇ **NOT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** - December

Vietnam Reunion/Education Afternoon Was held April 21, 2018!

We had a nice turnout with about 16 Veterans and family members that came to reconnect with their service brothers and sisters, some made new friends, and all came to share some memories or sit back and take in some history.



Attending were veterans Skip K., John D., Ted G., Bill D., Warren H., Wes S., Steve M., Ron, Ken S. and family members.



“Our flag honors those who have fought to protect it, and is a reminder of the sacrifice of our nation’s founders and heroes. As the ultimate icon of America’s storied history, the Stars and Stripes represent the very best of this nation.” - J. Barton

For more than 200 years, our American flag has been the symbol of our nation’s strength and unity. It has survived battles, inspired songs, and evolved in response to the

growth of the country it represents. Assembled by The Highground, this display is meant to be a source of pride and inspiration for all of our citizens.

The first official flag

June 14, 1777: The first official flag, also known as the Stars and Stripes or Old Glory, was adopted by the Continental Congress.

The 13 stars represent: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island.

Flag Day will be recognized during both stone ceremonies June 16, 2018 at 10am & 1pm. All are welcome.



Meaning of The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written with a strong meaning we, as citizens, all believe in.
 “I pledge allegiance”, means I promise to be true.
 “To the flag” means to the symbol of our country.
 “Of the United States of America” means each state that has joined to make our country.
 “And to the Republic” means a republic is a country where the people choose others to make laws for them. The government is for the people.
 “For which it stands,” means the flag stands for the country.
 “One Nation” means a single country.
 “Under God” means the people believe in a supreme being.
 “Indivisible” means the country cannot be split into parts.
 “With liberty and justice” means with freedom and fairness.
 “For all” means for each person in the country.

THE HIGHGROUND’S FREEDOM CELEBRATION DAY!!!

Saturday, June 30th

WWII LIVING HISTORY: EXPERIENCE THE PAST AT THIS FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXCITING EVENT!

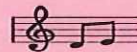
9:30AM—6:30PM

MUSIC & FIREWORKS!

6PM - PROMISE QUARTET!

7PM - Concert by Northwood’s Favorite RED HIGGINS & FREEDOM TRAIN!

THE ANNUAL HIGHGROUND FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT DUSK!!!



The Highground will celebrate Independence Day with a ceremony on Wednesday, July 4th at 10AM. All Welcome

“Veterans Art & Business Expo & Exhibit”

Veteran Artisans and Crafters, Exhibit Space still available

June 16, 2018, 10am—5pm, set up at 9am

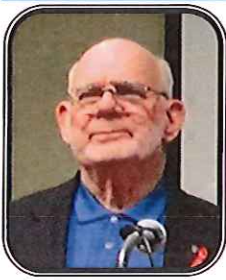
Small Business Administration and other Business Mentors will be on site to advise Veterans on starting and maintaining a business. The public is invited to visit and see the creations of these veterans including: book signings, wood crafts, glass art, wooden flags, metal art, The Heartbeat

Center, CC Young Professionals, plus so much more.

Have you thought about starting a business to sell your creations? Just want a place to set up and sell the items you create? Sometimes you've just got to do something to get the ball rolling. We would love to help you!

Call us at 715-743-4224 or email: learningcenter@thehighground.us to register!





CW King,
Board Chair

Spring comes slowly to the Highground this year. In spite of the unwillingness of winter to give up its grip, there is a lot going on and this promises to be a very exciting year. Several legacy stone ceremonies are planned along with many events, including the 30th Anniversary Celebration, September 22nd. Your Board of Directors is working hard to keep The Highground vibrant and alive. The BOD will be discussing some changes at their April meeting, and you will hear what they decide in the next newsletter. We currently have one of, if not, the best Veterans Park in the Country, and our challenge is to keep it that way. As always, we need the support of all of you, your time, and your talents to keep The Highground the best Veterans Park in the nation. We know that you want and expect nothing less, and we are trying hard to accomplish that task. —CW



Jon Weiler,
Executive Director

When I look out my office window (April 14th), I am supposed to see green grass and tree buds, not all of this strange white stuff. However, as someone I greatly admire once told me “The weather is as predictable as my checkbook, some days it looks good, other days not so good”. I know that eventually the weather will turn around and Mike will be complaining because he cannot keep up with all of the mowing that needs to be done.

We had a quiet winter, however, many things got accomplished. The Gift Shop Staff have done an incredible job getting the Gift Shop ready for the upcoming season. Many new items fill the shelves so come check it out. Kay is ready for a very busy season of stone laying and donations. Theresa has got a great handle on the upcoming and new events for this year, even though she would disagree with me. Julie is sprucing up the Learning Center and will be ready for a ribbon cutting for the new Museum that we will be officially opening on May 17th, and all of the other things that we have going on over there this year.

We are looking at the beginning of a very exciting year, with some new and special events. We will be doing most of our normal events; however, we have enhanced some, eliminated some, and moved some. As I stated earlier, our new museum will be completed; the Military Working Dog Tribute will be dedicated on June 2nd; The Veterans Business and Art Expo and Exhibit (a new event) will be June 16th; we will have a free outdoor concert and an incredible fireworks show for our Freedom Celebration on June 30th; The Highground 30th Anniversary Celebration will be on September 22nd; and The Highground Education Days will be October 2nd-5th. Please refer to the website or give us a call if you have any questions about a favorite event.

There is one thing that has not changed at The Highground, the need for more storage! We have a lot of equipment that we currently have to leave out in the elements because we do not have a place to store it all. (Particularly wheel chairs, golf carts, etc.) We have a plan to add to the maintenance shop and would really appreciate any and all support towards this project. It is going to cost approximately \$35,000 and hopefully we will have something in the works next fall. If you are interested in supporting this project please consider donating. If you have any questions please give me a call or send me an email.

I look forward to seeing those of you that I have met again this year, but I am most excited about meeting those of you that I have not met yet. Can't wait to shake your hand and become friends! See you soon!

There are a lot BIG things happening this year! Please stay tuned!

—Blessings, Jon



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www.facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial
 Website: www.thehighground.us

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 Web: www.thehighground.us
 On US Hwy 10, 4 miles west of Neillsville, WI
 Or 30 miles east of Osseo from the junction
 of I-94 and US Hwy 10

The Highground Staff

Executive Director	Jon Weiler
Gift Shop Manager	Position Open
Event/Volunteer Coord	Theresa Hebert
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Notices/Information—Bulletin Board

Important Resources for Veterans & Their Families

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255

PTSD Assistance

Tomah VA
608-372-1651

Wisconsin Vet Benefits Resource Center

1-800-947-8387
wisvets.com



VetCenter of LaCrosse

20 Copeland Ave
LaCrosse, WI 54603
608-782-4403
877-927-8387

Vets4Warriors

Personalized Peer Support 24/7
vets4warriors.com
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(Let us know if you find
positive assistance at
other places to share
with our readers.)



Tomah VA Residential Combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) program.



Congratulations were given to a graduate of the Tomah PTSD program after receiving a tour from Jon Weiler, Exec. Director.

For more info on this program call: (608) 372-1758

The Recovery Village, an organization with locations across the country dedicated to helping those struggling with substance abuse into recovery. Many men and women who have bravely served our country are sadly left with painful memories they wish they didn't have. In many cases, veterans turn to drugs and alcohol as a way to deal with these thoughts, which is especially common if they have PTSD. Luckily, there are resources available to help. The organization is Addiction Resource, which raises awareness of the dangers of addiction among our fellow Veterans:

<https://addictionresource.com/addiction/veterans-and-substance-abuse/>

DISCLAIMER: The links and contact information are provided in this [newsletter/website] as a courtesy to outside organizations whose efforts align with ours, the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project, Inc. ("The Highground"), in supporting veterans; Information provided on this site to support those efforts should not be seen as an endorsement of any organization or their activities by The Highground and/or it's staff.

New direct emails for The Highground staff!

To contact the Executive Director, Jon, please email at director@thehighground.us

For More information regarding Stone purchases, Donations, Raffles, Grants please email Kay at info@thehighground.us

For More information on Events (including event sponsors), Tours, Volunteering, email Theresa at events@thehighground.us

For More information on the Store Merchandise, Shipping, Ordering please email the Gift Shop at store@thehighground.us

For More information on the Exhibits, Honor Trees, Exhibit Rentals My War; & Remembering our Fallen, etc) please contact Julie at learningcenter@thehighground.us

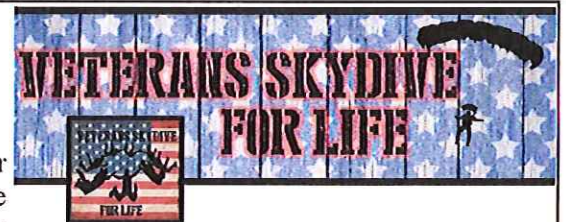
**ALL can still be contacted via phone
at: 715-743-4224**

Good luck, Jim Osterman

Well it is almost time for Jim to hit the road again. He requested some help with this ride in a few different ways:

1. "The one thing I really hope to do is get the word out to as many people as possible. With Veteran suicide being at 20 per day now my trip is based around that number.
2. My plan is to go 20,000 miles, take at least 20 Veterans skydiving or meet with them, and talk and hopefully help in anyway I can.
3. The last part might be the most challenging. I have created a Facebook page and I am looking to have 20,000 people like and follow the page. I need LOTS of help with this. The page has over 700 in two days but has come to a stand still. I really hope The Highground supporters will be willing to post and promote the 'needs' page as much as possible. The Highground has such a huge reach across the country, I have no doubt if anyone I am reaching out to follows and likes the page and shares it, the goal of 20,000 is very obtainable." —Thanks, Jim

<https://www.facebook.com/One8884574838/>



MEMORIAL DAY MOTORCYCLE HONOR RIDE!!

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 In Support of The Highground & Veterans!

Routes Across Wisconsin! - Ride Ends Together at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park near Neillsville, WI

\$25 per person (driver)/\$15 per passenger
Includes: Patch or Rocker, Memorial Day Ceremony (3pm)
and BREW PUB PIZZA at The Highground!

APPLETON Route— Joins with Waupaca Route—Contact Russ 715-281-9653
Or Leon Trm101@ntd.net Reg. 7am - Appleton Harley Davidson - depart 7:30am

EAU CLAIRE Route— Contact Shane 715-559-0646 shanelgurney@yahoo.com
Reg. at 7:15am - depart 8:30am - 400 Club (1411 Spooner Ave) In Altoona

NEILLSVILLE Route—Contact Mark 715-937-2326 clubberman35@yahoo.com
Reg. at 7:15am—depart at 8:15am—BP Station In Neillsville

KING / WAUPACA Route — Contact Russ 715-281-9653 redwolfusa17@yahoo.com
Reg. at 7am at Chain O' Lakes Bar & Grill, King—Departure & stops TBA

MEDFORD Route—Contact Dean 715-785-8025 hommelsd@tds.net
Reg. 6:00-6:45am at Hardee's parking lot next to VFW on Hwy 13, Medford.

MINNEAPOLIS Route—Contact Bob for info. rmfz41@outlook.com
Reg. and 3 pick up spots in Minneapolis starting at 9am; 1 in Eau Claire, WI

TOMAH Route—Contact Bill 715-281-4068 bill.flemal@gmail.com
Reg. at 7:15am— depart at 8:00am—Kwik Trip (South side Tomah)
1504 Superior Ave, Tomah (NOT THE TRUCK STOP)



REEDSBURG Route - Contact Del 608-770-3709 dalhart1961@gmail.com
Meet at Reedsburg VFW, 200 Veterans Dr, Reedsburg, WI 7:30am-depart 8:30am

Please Contact Route Leader for Details or www.thehighground.us
715-743-4224 events@thehighground.us

The Highground Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2018

11:30AM
Reading the Names of Wisconsin KIA/MIAs in Vietnam, Korea, Iraq & Afghanistan—
Volunteers Needed

2:00PM
Welcome the Honor Ride Motorcycle Rally into
The Highground!

3:00PM Ceremony

Speakers: Maj. Gen. Donald Dunbar
Joel Brockman, Gold Star
Father of Andrew Wallace

Neillsville
American Legion #73

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- Sport Motors
- Mobil Travel Plaza / 3 Squares Restaurant

Thank You!

- Mulligan's Bar & Grill - Augusta
- Loose Wheel - Hortonville
- Drescher Oil / BP
- Kwik Trip – Tomah
- Heroes Fire-Military-Police - Hortonville

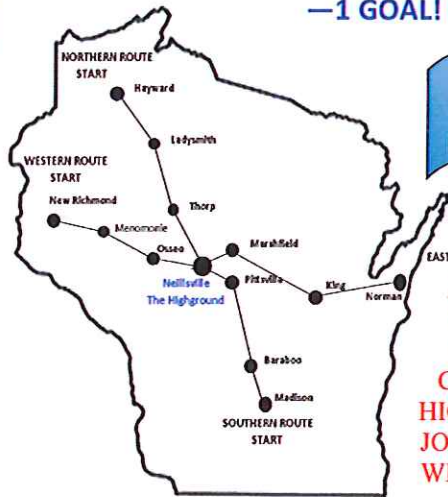
Thank You!



34th ANNUAL HIGHGROUND BICYCLE TOUR

August 3 - 5, 2018

4 ROUTES—3 DAYS—2 NIGHTS—
—1 GOAL!



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For Veterans

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18TH ANNUAL RIDE TO REMEMBER MOTORCYCLE RALLY

Annual Ride Honoring POW/MIAs/KIAs

Special Recognition in 2018 to Merchant Marine History

Friday, August 17

OPENING CEREMONY

5:30 PM - THE HIGHGROUND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville WI

Saturday, August 18

RIDE TO REMEMBER

AMERICAN LEGION #73, 6 BOON BLVD, NEILLSVILLE

(8:30AM - 11AM: BREAKFAST AVAILABLE AT THE LEGION)

10 AM - REGISTRATION - GUIDED RIDES BEGIN AT 11 AM

Sign up for 107.5 Bud Bike 25!

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Games and Prizes || Bike Show (for fun!)

3pm Procession into the Highground

Followed by Group Photo, Rally Ceremony & Picnic!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE HIGHGROUND AND ITS MISSION OF HEALING & EDUCATION FOR VETERANS, FAMILIES & ALL WHO VISIT!

Registration \$25 - get patch or rocker, rides, lunch
Incentives for getting pledges over \$150!



FOR INFO:

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Sponsors as of 4/9/2018 for the 2018 Ride to Remember:

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In Memory of Bill Watts

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For Information on ANY events Contact:

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Chicken Chaser's Bar & Grill – Fall Creek
Hardtails Saloon & Catering, LLC - Hortonville
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Battlefield Paintball
First Strike Paintball
Mobil Station – Taylor
Cenex – Fairchild
Russell's of Neillsville
Marshfield Fraternal Order of Eagles #624
VFW #1866 – Marshfield
VFW #10262 – Plover

Thank You!

Kwik Trip – Wisconsin Rapids
DAV #53 Manawa (Waupaca County)
Chain O'Lakes Bar & Grill – King / Waupaca
Spiegelberg Concrete & Implement— Weyauwega
River Rail Bar & Grill - Shiocton
United Country Real Estate – Lori Verhalen
Pork's Sports Bar & Grill – Hortonville
Waupaca Mobil Recovery & Repair AAA
Bear Lake Bar, Banquet Hall & Campground - Manawa
Wishing Well Bar & Grill on A – Center Valley

Wed. April 25 - Sat. April 28 Wow!!
Look at the work that was done. Oh, the fun we had and SO much accomplished.



Save these dates, we will need help again:

Fall Clean-Up Days - October 12 & 13, 2018
Veterans Day at The Highground - November 11

Planning Farther Ahead: 2019 Heroes Ride

Tom Kingsbury, on his third decade of riding his bicycle for The Highground, will be riding another Heroes Ride in late July 2019 (ending at The Highground on August 4, 2019). Tom is working diligently to get the route and stop locations all planned. If you would like to join Tom on his journey for part of the way, or volunteer in any fashion, please let us know. Tom is training for the 1500+ miles—a mile for each Wisconsin KIA including Vietnam through the present. He will bring awareness to the 22 suicides that happen daily with our veterans. Can you join him during those special sections of his ride?



2018 Honoring our Veterans Raffle

Size: 41"long 19"deep 21"high



Hickory Wooden Chest with cedar lining Value \$475.00
 Donated by the Ryan Larson American Legion Post #65

Size 3' diameter



Fire Pit Ring Value \$250.00
 Donated by Bill and Kathy Flemal

Size 20" x 16"



Eagle on Canvas Value \$125.00
 Donated by Phil and Carol Cler

Size 33"x18"



Coat Rack with Shelf with Eagle Picture Value \$75
 Donated by Tim and Julie Dallman

Tickets: \$2 each, 6 for \$10, 12 for \$20

Drawing to be November 11, 2018 after the Veterans Day Ceremony

The 2018 Honor Stone ceremonies are filling quickly!

Honor stones are a tremendous gift of appreciation, honor, and respect. April's ceremony went off without a hitch—except for the 18" of snow the week before. However, by Saturday, April 21st the temperature was comfortable, the snow banks were smaller and, as they say, "The ceremony must go on." After all, our service personnel did not get to pick their weather for fighting, so we pushed on as they did for the 1-1/2 hours to dedicate these stones to honor our men and women.

All honor stones and the different locations of the granite stones are available for all veterans, non-veterans, organizations and groups. We know the rest of the year will be warmer and "greener". Thank you everyone who stuck it out with us.

Reminder: The public is invited to ALL ceremonies & events! Your support is appreciated.
There are six areas of Honor Stones to consider at The Highground:

Legacy Stones are placed on our plaza walkways. We are still filling the center walkway with stones. (\$475)

Meditation Stones The Meditation Shelter's floor is almost complete. September 15, 2018 will be the last stone placement in the Meditation Shelter. (\$500)

Korean Honor Stones The inside walkway wall will be completed June 16, 2018—another "rice paddy" is being designed for upcoming stones in 2019 and beyond—be the first to honor a Korean Vet in the new paddy by calling Kay. (\$575)

Persian Gulf Honor Stones are placed in *The Bootprint* of the Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute. A new type of stone will be used with current stones being replaced (at no additional cost) with sand-colored granite stones. Original stones are available to take home. (\$550)

Military Working Dog Stones are placed around the Tribute's base or one-line plaques are placed upright on the tribute. (\$525)

UIS Stones around the large Wisconsin Map with the counties will be occupied by VVAs, VFWs, DAVs. Chapters, Posts, etc. Please call for more details if interested in this special area. →

Snortheim Remembered During Stone Ceremony



Norm Snortheim and his family from Marshfield, WI laid a stone in honor of his son Russell, to whom he lost to cancer three years ago, with his name attached as well, as father and son were both honored for their service. It was dedicated by his

three other sons Randy, Doug, and Dan, as well as Russell's widow, Brenda. "I got the plaque for Christmas from my three sons who are still living," said Norm. Russell served in the Navy from 1986-1991 and Norm had served in the National Guard from 1956-1964. Norm was seen taking pictures with him and his family, holding his one-month old Great Granddaughter, his first, Eleanor Lee. When talking about him first finding out about the stone he commented, "I cried, it was something that I never expected." The surprise came on Christmas this last year, as Norm

and Brenda opened their present together to remember their cherished Russell. "We were sitting around on Christmas, we had to open it at the same time, it was writing in a frame that was written up from the boys and their families. It really touched me."

-Written by: Ike Rebout, Media Manager

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Friends of The Highground

A wonderful time was enjoyed by many of our donors. To become a "Friend of The Highground" and be invited to a recognition banquet, these donors have accumulated \$1000 or more throughout 2017 for The Highground's programs or projects. The Spirit Award is a special recognition, voted on by staff, to someone they felt had the Highground pride and spirit. Thank you everyone for making all things possible at The Highground.

1st Year Recognition

Vernon & Gwendolyn Beloat
 Carla Burchett
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 Shane Dawson
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2nd Year Recognition

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VVA Chapter 331
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Citizens State Bank of Loyal
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 VVA Chapter 639
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9th Year Recognition

City of Neillsville
 Jim & Susan Fox
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10th Year Recognition

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12th Year Recognition

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13th Year Recognition

Joan Jungwirth

14th Year Recognition

Central WI Broadcasting:
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 Don Quicker
 Kirk & Nancy Rodman
 Dr. John & Rebecca Scaletta

Spirit Awards

Tom Doan (see page 13)



Joel & Marla Raine

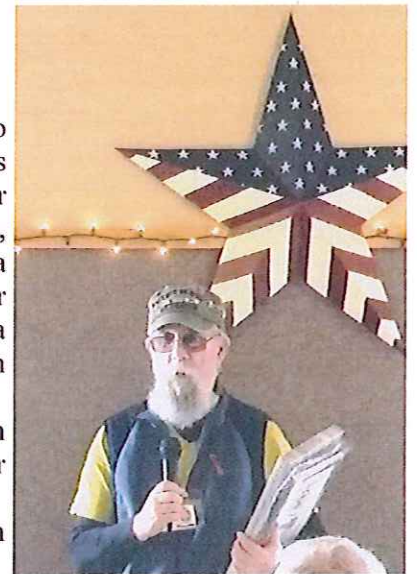


2018 Porch Greeters Meeting / Lunch Getting a big jump on the Busy Year to come!

Thank you Apple Valley Bar and Restaurant for a great lunch and a wonderful place to meet for The Highground Porch Greeters meeting on Tuesday, March 13th. Everyone was able to re-connect with fellow greeters they may not have seen for several months and hear about the exciting 2018 events coming up. We were also able to honor veteran and volunteer, Tom Doan, with a "Spirit of The Highground" award for his dedication and service. Sheila Nyberg, from the Clark County Economic Development & Tourism, joined us as a speaker for the program. Sheila and Clark County Economic Development & Tourism are already a big part of The Highground's 30th Anniversary celebration! You can read more about that on that event article.

It is the goal of The Highground to have a Greeter(s) every day from April 1st through October 31st, generally from 10am – 2pm. There is always room on the Porch Greeter Calendar for more volunteers! If you are interested, contact Theresa at The Highground.

Thank You, Sheila, and all who attended! Our Porch Greeter volunteers are a big reason that The Highground is such a healing place.



Concert by Maggie Mae & The Heartland Country Band with Special Guest, Leroy Peterson, Raises over \$12,000!

Maggie Mae & The Heartland Country Band played to a sold out auditorium in Pittsville on Saturday, April 7th. The concert, sponsored by WWIS, WDLB, Pittsville Farm & Home Center, and Baum's Mercantile in Pittsville, was a benefit event to raise funds for The Highground. Over \$12,000 was raised by the concert through ticket purchases and sponsor donations.

The concert, at the beautiful Pittsville Area Foundation for the Arts auditorium at the Pittsville High School, was pure high-energy country music with many moments of tribute to the veterans that were present in the audience. Special guest, Leroy Peterson, also had the crowd wowed by his spot on tribute to Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

After intermission, Jon Weiler, Highground Executive Director, presented Maggie Mae with a Friends of The Highground plaque and gifts for her and the band (Leroy received his earlier!) for their generous support of The Highground during the past several years.



The Highground will use the funds raised by the concert to continue and expand and it's PTSD book program and Veterans Weekends.



Thank you for these awesome donations.

Thank you Jim Brandt of Colby for working with the calendar girls and donating the proceeds.



Thank you Gary Lawrence and Elizabeth Page for awesome path lighting.

Thank you to Tomahawk Wurl-Feind-Ingman VFW Post #2687.



We have established an Endowment Fund for the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project, Inc. a/k/a The Highground. We would appreciate your consideration in your future financial planning. Contact us for more information.

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The Highground

Veterans Memorial Park



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Wish Lists — Donations Needed—Can you help?

URGENT Immediate Needs:

- Gas Powered Pressure Washer: \$400
- Light box for photography: \$150
- Funds for re-usable signs for Event Sandwich Boards: \$200
- Funds to obtain yellow ribbon for Yellow Ribbon Campaign
- 1 or 2 more used/new 4 or 6 passenger golf carts for visitors:
*Thanks for six carts and \$500 so far for another cart!
(More visitors mean more needed)*
- Pathway Lights to Persian Gulf Tribute: \$1000/each
- The Highground Education Days: \$800
- Compact Utility Tractor: \$25,000
- Endowment Fund Donors
- Memorials: Honor your loved ones
- Persian Gulf Tribute Jersey Barriers: 8 more @ \$4000/each
- Highway road sign needs solar charger or digital sign: \$2600
- PTSD Books: It is helping!!

Learning Center wish list

- Sony HDR-CX405/B Full HD 60p Camcorder w/tri-pod: \$260
- 6 Gallons interior paint: \$250
- 1 or 2 more male mannequins for uniform displays: *Thanks*

Letter sent to The Highground:

“Seeing the park and being welcomed by your staff while on our trip around the U.S. will ALWAYS be a high spot in my memories.” —Joe Richardson, Founding Member & Current Secretary Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County



**Check out the website!!
Updated with new features.**

Website

E-mail

Want to be part of the new email function? —on the home page, enter your email and you will get updates on Highground happenings right in your inbox. (We will not share your email address or information.)

If you see something “not correct” or if you see something you really like, please let us know so we can correct it and learn what you want to see more of in your inbox/newsletter.

Click the Donate button on the top by the logo and see all the ways to do just that—donate!

Friends of The Highground

The Highground is a grass-roots, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that does not receive any ongoing federal or state funding. We have a very small operating budget and only exist because of the hearts and hands of thousands of volunteers and contributors who continue to give generously of their time, talents and personal/financial resources.

Please accept my donation of \$_____.
I would like the gift to be used for:

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Newsletter subscription: \$25

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Please send me information about:

- _____ Upcoming Events & Fundraising Calendar
- _____ Honor Stones on The Highground
- _____ Add someone to the newsletter mailing list
(please send name and address of whom you would like to give a gift subscription)
- _____ Endowment Fund
- _____ Booking information for “My War” exhibit or
“Remembering Our Fallen” exhibit
- _____ Volunteer opportunities on site
- _____ Please add me to the Work Week mailings
(I am available to help)
- _____ I would like your newsletter emailed

Email _____

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Questions or Comments: _____

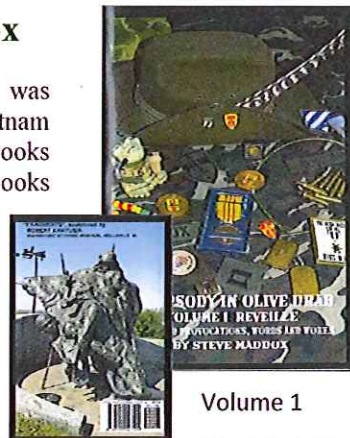
Thanks, Mae, for the extra help creating this newsletter!

Rhapsody in Olive Drab by Steve Maddox

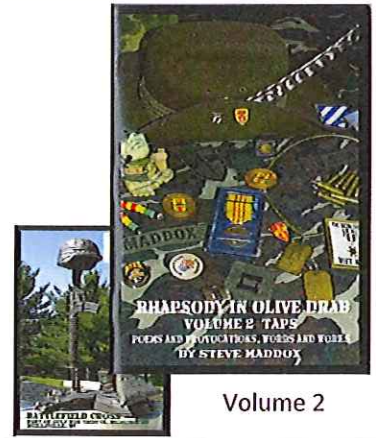
The Chippewa Falls Public Library located in Chippewa Falls, WI, was host to a reading of “Rhapsody In Olive Drab”. Writer/poet/Vietnam veteran Steve Maddox read from “Reveille” and “Taps”, the two books which make up the “Rhapsody” collection. Signed copies of both books were available to the public following the reading. A minimum donation of \$26 is requested payable to The Highground Veterans Memorial near Neillsville, WI. All contributions are earmarked to help support the Highground’s PTSD program.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the poetry. Meet the poet by inviting him to a your venue.

Make a meaningful contribution to a very worthwhile cause!



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The Highground Veterans Memorial Park staff, visitors, and all supporters remember and honor all who have served, in times of combat and in times of peace. All veterans of any era have, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount up to and including their life.

As we recognize those among us who are veterans, we recognize that they and their families have in many different ways been affected by their service. Many positive qualities and sometimes hardships result from signing that blank check. Over 26,000 Wisconsin men and women have given their lives in service to our country. As a tangible reminder of ALL of them, we will remember a selection of names that will change for each future ceremony. (This is not a list of ALL that have given their lives in these combat areas.)

Let us remember and honor those who perished during their service and let them not go in silence. We ring the replica liberty bell in their honor at each ceremony. We hope you will ring it when you are here.

LET THEM NOT GO IN SILENCE

(WWII)	Thomas C McCullen	William P Martin	Harry W Schneider	Jeremy D Vrooman	Joseph J Altmann
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(Korea)	Francis T Mulvey	Steven J Roun	Patrick L Wade	Paul R Bartz	Lance Monsen
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