



# The Highground

Veterans Memorial Park

December 2016

a place for all of us.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Hardee's continues to help at every turn! Through "share nights" for the fireworks to Burgers & Berries Bash to grants, Thank you David Droste for ALL your dedication and help in 2016!



Bruce Jacobs surprises staff with a beautiful 6-passenger golf cart. Thank you for thinking of The Highground and helping our visitors get around safely.



Thank You!



Prestige Auto of Eau Claire...thank you Dan Mattoon for responding again to our call for help with the Military Working Dog Tribute. \$2000!



Thank you Linda Imler for sharing your father's coffin flag with us. We were happy a Scout and staff could help you raise the flag for him.



Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all of you.

## Thank you — Howard Sherpe



To all who are reading this newsletter, it is my sad duty to inform you that we have lost an original member of The Highground. Howard Sherpe passed away after a long battle with brain cancer. The world and the Veterans community have lost a truly great man. Howard served with the fourth infantry back in the day, and was one of the original members of The Highground. He was not only a truly great person; he gave freely of his many talents and his time to help shape The Highground into what it is today. He was one who worked quietly and without seeking recognition for his efforts. I am a better person because of knowing and having the opportunity to work with Howard. My deepest sympathies go out to Howard and his family for their loss, but know that I and many others will know that he lives in the Heart of The Highground and that his spirit will live there forever. Peace to you Howard. —CW King, Board Chair

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

### In Memory

Tracy Algers  
Eugene Andrews  
Ray Dunlap  
Harold Frazee

Zach Gallenberg  
Milton (Dusty) Hannis  
Jerome (Jerry) Haas  
Eugene Heisz  
Francis Heisz  
Craig Kurasy

Jerry Lautenschlager  
John (Sarge) Malone  
Ronnie Meihack  
R.J. Novak  
Joan Reil  
Hadley Rome

Jack Schwanke  
Don Simpson  
Shaun Starck  
Charles Stock  
Pink Van Gorden  
John Woolley

### In Honor:

LeRoy Drinkwine  
Anne Filitz  
Jackie Rome  
Ron Seidl

We have established a Visionaries and Immortals Endowment Fund at The Highground. We would appreciate your consideration in your future financial planning.

## Save the Dates

**Friends Of The Highground:** we are still looking for those last few donors to be invited to The Friends of The Highground Dinner. This year, the dinner will have a new location (Fannies closed) and a new record of donors! The dinner is a way of thanking those generous donors supporting our mission of healing and education. Those with annual cumulative donations in excess of \$1000 will be invited and treated to a special evening including the first to hear about 2017's goals. 2016 is not over so there is time to send your tax-deductible contribution to The Highground and get your invitation.

## Sign Up Now To Bowl For The Highground Veterans Retreat

Are you a supporter of veterans? Do you like to bowl and win prizes? Sign up now to have fun and raise funds for The Highground Veterans Retreat! This bowling fundraiser will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Rose Bowl Lanes in Marshfield, WI.

The Winter Bowl will be held from Noon to 2:30PM. Be prepared to have lots of fun, win prizes and bid on an exciting array of auction items. There will be something for everyone and it will be a fantastic afternoon for the whole family! (Visit The Highground website and Facebook for updates on door prizes and auction/raffle items.)

Your donation of \$50 will reserve a lane for your entire bowling group for the duration of the two and a half hour shift - shoes and bowling balls included. Reserve your lane today to help honor the service and sacrifices of our military veterans.

Sponsorships for this event are available for organizations, businesses and individuals that would like to further help with raising the necessary funds for the Veterans Retreat (this retreat will be held at The Highground July 7-9, 2017).

For more information on *Bowling for the 2017 Veterans Retreat*, to reserve your lane(s), or to sponsor a lane(s) please call Theresa at The Highground.



### THE 4TH ANNUAL WINTER BOWL! FUNDRAISER FOR THE HIGHGROUND VETERAN'S RETREAT

**Sunday, Jan 29, 2017**

**Noon—2:30PM**

**At ROSE BOWL LANES**

**1600 N Central, Marshfield**



For \$50 your group (family, friends—up to 6 people)  
can reserve a lane, balls & shoes from Noon—2:30PM

**Veteran's  
Organizations  
and Businesses —  
Call now to see how  
you can be a sponsor**

Registration required  
Call The Highground at  
**715-743-4224**

**LANES LIMITED-CALL NOW!**

**Bowling! Door Prizes! Games!  
Silent Auction  
Many Exciting Items!!**

**HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR  
THE HIGHGROUND VETERAN'S RETREAT  
BEING HELD JULY 7-9, 2017**

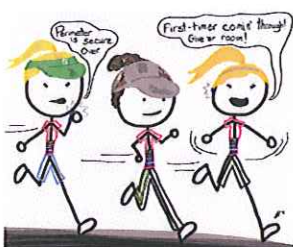


## “Half is Good Enough for Me”—Half Marathon & 5K—March 25, 2017

On Saturday, March 25, 2017 runners will be enjoying the start of the Spring running season as they take part in the “Half is Good Enough for Me” ½ Marathon & 5K at The Highground near Neillsville.

The money raised from this event will go towards The Highground's mission of Healing and Education for veterans, their families and all who visit.

The race will begin at 8:30AM, starting and finishing at The Highground, W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville WI. There are many ways to register for the races. Runners can contact The Highground at 715-743-4224 or visit [www.thehighground.org](http://www.thehighground.org). Online registration can be done at <https://www.webscorer.com/members/myracedetails?raceid=86575>. Registrations will also be taken from 7:00 – 8:15am on race day at The Highground. Registration fees are \$11 for the 5K Walk/Run and \$21 for the Half Marathon Run.



## Porch Greeters Luncheon—March 21, 2017

*Lunch at NOON at Apple Valley Bar & Restaurant! (415 W US Hwy 10 Neillsville)—just east of The Highground on Hwy 10*

Discuss the exciting events that are planned for 2017, meet Jeff Anderson from the WI Dept of Tourism, enjoy a delicious lunch together and fill out the 2017 Porch Greeter Calendar. If you are a returning greeter and know which days you would like in 2017, please call us so we can post it on the calendar.

It is our goal to have a Porch Greeter at The Highground every day, from April through October, to greet park visitors. We would like to have volunteers greet from 10am to 3pm on their scheduled days. Days of events and honor stone ceremonies may have an earlier start time for greeters and these days will be noted on the calendar.

**Newcomers are always welcome!**

Please extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested in becoming a Porch Greeter.

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY MARCH 11TH!**



**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**

## Maggie Mae—April 8, 2017



Maggie Mae & Heartland Country Band will be performing at the Pittsville School District Auditorium on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 2 PM. Maggie Mae is featured regularly on the RFD TV station. She is from Oxford, WI but tours throughout the country. She and members of Heartland Country Band have been loyal supporters of The Highground Veterans Memorial Park for years, most notably by performing an annual concert to raise funds for The Highground. The mix of Maggie's vocals and Heartland Country Band's fiddles, guitars, piano, drums and steel guitars create a pure country experience! The show includes traditional country, fun-loving high tempo music and a show-stopping patriotic performance.

Maggie Mae dedicates her show to our military veterans and all who support them. She brings this from the heart as her daughter, a military veteran, has received two purple hearts during her service.

Tickets for this high-energy country concert, sponsored by Hardee's are \$25/\$30. Seating is reserved seating only. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Couch Potato raffle tickets will also be available for \$5 a chance (winners get seating for 2 on stage). Concert and raffle tickets can be purchased by calling The Highground at 715-743-4224 starting **Thursday, December 1, 2016**.



2015  
Couch  
potatoes



## BG Everett Military Collection

We will have the personal Military Collection of BG Everett on display in the Learning Center February-April. This amazing collection was made available to us through his children Scott & Kathy Clutter after the passing of Mr. Everett. This is a collection that spans eras and branches. Because of this awesome donation, after the collection has been on display, we will be using it to make Traveling Educational Trunks for schools to borrow to assist in teaching our youth about their history and heritage.



## Honor Trees

### 2016 Veterans Day Honor Tree Recipients

Thomas Bednarek	Manny Firnstahl
Don, Bill & Jim Buss	Dale D Pringel
Jim Fitzl	Drew Chesebro
Jerry Barker	Ken Smith
Roy, Donald & Gerald Schmidt	Brenda Evans
John, Hazel, Belinda & Kyrie Novotny	Zoey Johansen
Roshler "Bill" Watts, Jr	Loucks Men
Lewis Deegan	Noel
Schmidt & Fry Veterans	Spirit of Mingo
Terry McGivern	John McGivern
Ron Lindgren	Hershel Teter
Ken & Linda Smith Veterans	Glen "Pete" Johnson

LCPL Roberto Sanchez, KIA 5-2-68

### 2016 Christmas Honor Tree Recipients

Thomas Bednarek	Manny Firnstahl
Don, Bill & Jim Buss	Dale D Pringel
Jim Fitzl	Drew Chesebro
Jerry Barker	Ken Smith
Roy, Donald & Gerald Schmidt	Brenda Evans
John, Hazel, Belinda & Kyrie Novotny	Zoey Johansen
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## “through the eyes”—Now Open

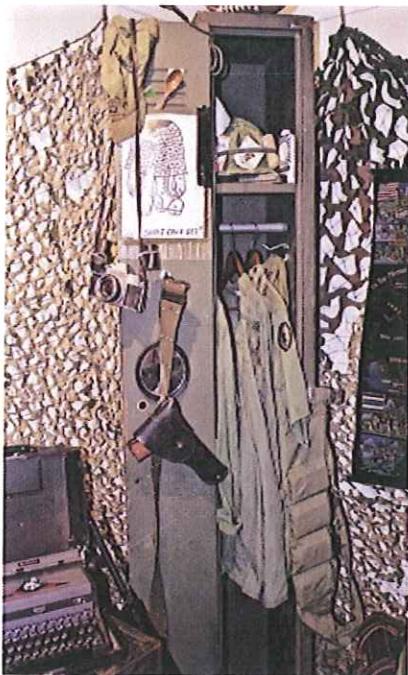
This exhibit really took the guests that attended the opening reception back in time with the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Vietnam. Vietnam veteran and exhibit creator, John Hosier, was on hand to share stories of his time in Vietnam, answer questions and to just spend some great quality time with fellow veterans. This exhibit has EVERYTHING....pretty

sure if it is not part of the exhibit, it did not exist.

This exhibit has something for everyone of all ages. It is a great place to bring the family to share the story of your service. It is one thing to try to tell someone about your service but with this exhibit you can actually share some of your experiences with them.



This is a safe place with the spirits of tens of thousands of veterans and family members. It is a place for honor, respect, humility and love. It is a place for laughs, tears, memories and healing. It is a place to tell your stories and listen to those of others. While you are here be sure to grab a “Scavenger Hunt” sheet and see if you can locate all the items and don’t forget to make an ornament for our USO Christmas Tree (supplies are provided).



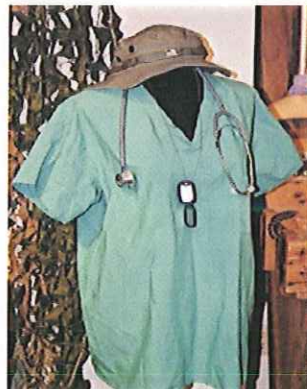
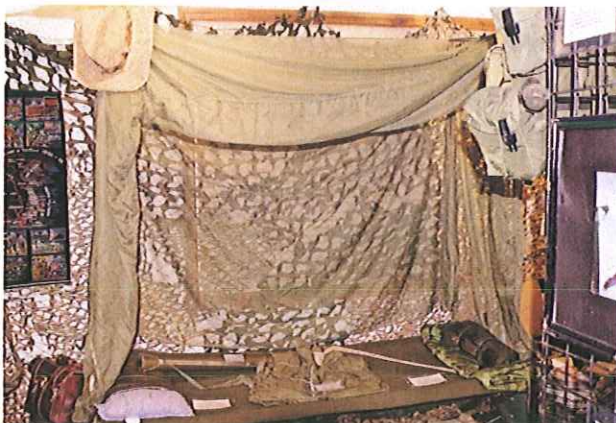
Come step back in time, relax in your old hooch, stop in and see the medic or pay a visit to the Chaplain, enjoy some time in the USO and movie area and experience the life and culture of the Vietnamese people.



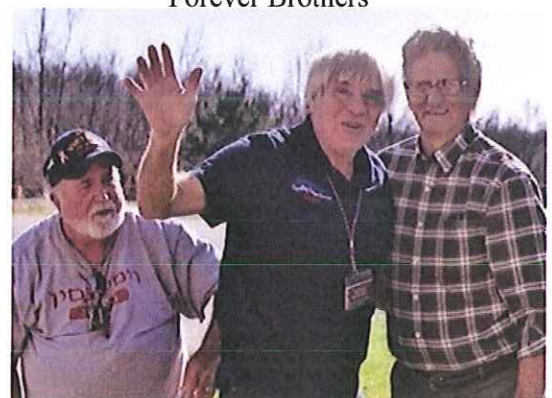
Equipment and photos



Forever Brothers



**The exhibit will be on display daily through the end of January.**



**"What do you expect?"****Message from Kirk Rodman, Volunteer General Manager**

A couple of weeks ago I got a letter from a young man, to be precise, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader. He showed his hogs thru the MASS program (Market Animal Show and Sale). He was able to sell one of his hogs and some of his money went into his college savings account. Let me quote the rest of his letter. "I would like to donate \$50.00 to The Highground. My Papa and two Great Grandfathers have served our country and have made me very proud of them. I know that I am only a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, but my family has shown me the importance of showing Veterans how much I care about the time they spent serving our country. I am glad that there is a place like The Highground where Veterans can be honored."

Today's Highground is more about this young man than he realizes. Someone taught him to share and then gave him the freedom to choose how he can honor people. His choice to share his gifts are wonderful, but he also chose to honor those who are a part of his life with words that will touch and heal. We hope that he will learn that those words may have as much or more healing as the money. Today would be a good day to test our inner resources and see if they stack up to a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader. I know that this may be the time for me to stretch and today I will touch someone and today I will share the great fortune that I have been given.

—Kirk

**Veterans Day Activities at The Highground**

The Highground recognized Veterans Day throughout the day on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. At Noon, the names of the 1,244 Wisconsin KIAs/MIAs in the Vietnam War and 877 names of the Wisconsin KIAs/MIAs in the Korean War were read and honored with the tolling of the Liberty Bell.

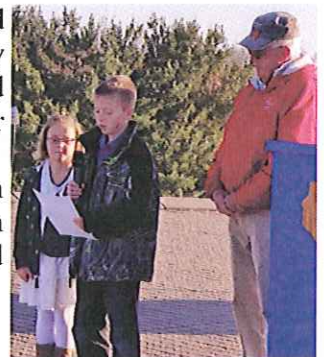
The 3:00pm ceremony was held on The Highground Plaza. Sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted the crowd of over 125 people to the outdoor program. The Loyal American Legion #175 and Thorp VFW #9057 opened the ceremony with their color guards. Students from Rural Virtual Academy rang the Liberty Bell and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Neillsville High School choir members sang the Star Spangled Banner. An invocation was presented by Terri Giles.

Kirk Rodman, Volunteer General Manager of The Highground, welcomed attendees to the ceremony and introduced guest speaker, Lt. Col. Arieveh J. Austin.

Lt. Col. Austin is Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 310<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 181<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade at Fort McCoy. He entered military service in 1997. He has been deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Guard (1998); Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003); and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2011 and 2013). He spoke of how military veterans and those in the military today are among the most dedicated of all generations. He asked those present to watch and listen when a veteran says the Pledge of Allegiance or sings the Star Spangled Banner. Austin said that these words "are alive" when spoken or sung by a veteran.

A poem was read by two young students from Rural Virtual Academy. They had written the poem for The Highground's Veterans Day ceremony. The names of the Wisconsin service men and women who have died in the Persian Gulf conflicts, including Iraq and Afghanistan, and others were read near the conclusion of the program, accompanied by a rifle salute and "Taps".

Recognition of Veterans was held at the close of the ceremony to give all attendees an opportunity to extend their thanks and gratitude to the veterans present.

**Meaning of The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was written with a strong meaning we all, as citizens, 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.

## Wisconsin Department of Corrections Holds Veterans Recognition Ceremony at The Highground



The Highground was honored to host the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Veterans Recognitions Ceremony on Monday, November 7th. Reed Richardson, Stanley Correctional Institution warden, gave the opening welcome. The Wisconsin National Guard Color Guard and Loyal American Legion Post #175 were present with color guards. Myron Olson, Jackson Correctional Institution chaplain, led the ceremony with a prayer for veterans. Sandy Hautamaki, Gold Star mother and Deputy Warden at Redgranite Correctional Institution, sang the National Anthem. Kirk Rodman, Volunteer General Manager of The Highground, welcomed those in attendance to The Highground.



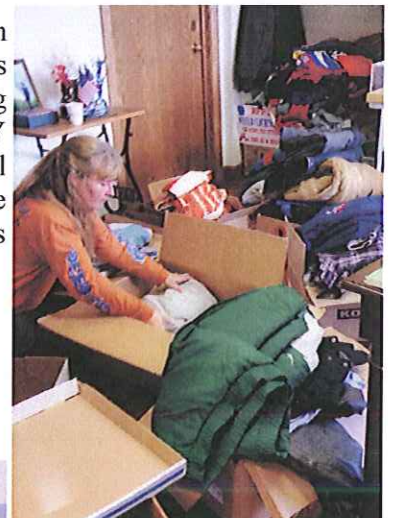
Honored guest speakers were Jon Litscher, Secretary of the WI Dept of Corrections; Steven Ligler, Staff Developmental Director of the Dept of Corrections; and Col. Galen White, WIARNG Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics/G4.

The Wisconsin service men and women who have died while fighting in the Persian Gulf area (Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan) and others were remembered. These fallen service members' names were read by Buffy Moncel, Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force and Andrew Fellows, Corporal in the US Marine Corps. The Loyal American Legion followed the reading with a rifle salute. "Taps" was performed by Dan Winkleski, Deputy Warden at the WI Secure Program Facility and Duane Konkell, Bureau of Technology Management of the Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections.

In addition to attending the Veterans Recognition Ceremony, many Department of Corrections employees donated winter clothing to The Highground's clothing drive for homeless veterans. 15 boxes of new (MANY new items were made by programs at the correctional institutions) and gently used items were brought to The

Highground with more to come as of the date of this printing. More information about this clothing drive is on page 15—help us if you can.

*Those attending the ceremony were served a lunch provided by two of the DOC facilities at the Neillsville American Legion Post #73 afterwards. The DOC extends their thanks to Post #73 for their hospitality and service.*



The DOC helped kick-off our latest project of the "Big Bundle Up". We hope you will help us reach many homeless veterans with a clothing donation. More details on page 15.

## LeRoy Stelzer Honored at Greenwood School on Veterans Day

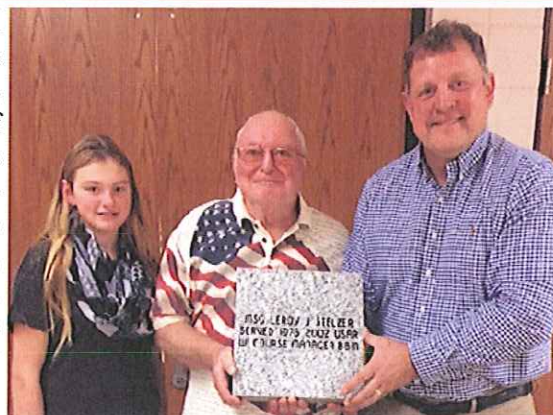
To honor a veteran in a new way for the Greenwood School District accepted nominations of a veteran. Then fundraising was completed and a Legacy Stone was purchased to be presented to 2016's Veteran honoree, LeRoy Stelzer. When Scott Moseley, teacher, discussed veteran services and the possibility of honoring a veteran with this gift to his sixth grade students many of them were interested in participating, making it a reality. They were asked to write an essay on why they wanted to present the Legacy Stone and what it would mean to them. All of the student's responses were very reflective and well thought out. Jaylinn Artac was chosen to present Mr. Stelzer with his Legacy Stone. Jaylinn's essay spoke about how many of her relatives are veterans and has heard the difficulties and sacrifices they went through and felt bad for them. She talked about it being a way for her to show appreciation to a veteran.

Greenwood School students and teachers took the initiative to recognize veterans for the contributions and sacrifices they made while serving their country in the military. The first annual presentation of a Legacy Stone to a local veteran. It will proudly be on display in the trophy case at the school until The Highground dedication May 13, 2017. Mosely told the audience at the school, "This legacy stone is more than just a stone brick with an inscription. It represents years of service to a country loved deeply by the veteran as well as many sacrifices which may include missing important family events such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and even missing the birth of a child. Unfortunately, the legacy stone may also represent sacrifices such as injuries sustained while serving during times of war or even death."

LeRoy served in the National Guard and Reserves from 1976 to 2002 for a total of 26 years. He was trained as a heavy equipment operator which included operating bulldozers and scrapers. If called upon in a time of war his role was to run this heavy equipment to create a road system and base for the troops. He was also trained as a combat engineer whose responsibility was to be the first to enter an area of conflict and secure the location. In 1987, LeRoy was transferred to the reserves where he instructed soldiers in leadership skills and became a trainer for operating heavy equipment. This is when LeRoy stated that he hit his stride. LeRoy said that his experiences as an elementary teacher at Greenwood Elementary School prepared him to train young men to run heavy equipment. In 1992, LeRoy became a Course Manager at Fort McCoy, Green Bay, and Milwaukee. In this capacity, he was responsible for supervising the instructors that taught the soldiers in a division titled 88 Mike. This transportation division trained soldiers how to run and maintain the large military vehicles safely during convoys.

The military assignments tell the history of LeRoy's service but they do not tell the whole story. "LeRoy was very committed and passionate about serving his country. First of all, he mentioned that it really bothered him that some of the soldiers he trained may not come back alive from their missions. He stated that he hoped that he provided all of the soldiers with quality training so they would be prepared to do their jobs safely in a time of conflict."

Thank you Mr. Stelzer for your service to this country and congratulations on being the first recipient of this well-deserved honor. A special thanks also to Moseley's sixth grade class for organizing the fundraiser to raise money to purchase the legacy stone. You have set the bar high for others to follow suit. These Greenwood Students have inspired the Neillsville High School students to organize its own fundraisers to help with the cost of a legacy stone for a veteran. This really shows the commitment of our students to honor local veterans.



### Honor Stones--Legacy, Korean, Meditation and Persian Gulf

Stones make great birthday/Father's Day/Mother's Day/Christmas gifts!!

#### Choices of locations and stone types available:

- Legacy Stones: \$435 (gray) on the Plaza Walkway
- Meditation Stones: \$500 (red) in the Garden Shelter
- Korean Tribute: \$575 (black polished) on Tribute WalkwayWall
- Persian Gulf: \$600 (sand) in the Persian Gulf Tribute

**Send Registry Book information for current honorees.**

**Interesting Veteran Stories/Histories for ALL to read!**

**This helps make the whole legacy—telling the rest of the story.**

*For those having 12+ stones and interested in a private ceremony, please contact Kay for arrangements.*

### 2016

What an awesome busy year!!

Thank you to all who supported The Highground through this type of donation and Congratulations to those recipients!

### 2017

We already are receiving many reservations. Call today for the largest date selection.

**Honor Stones make a great gift.**

*Editor's note:* There have been other schools that have done "Penny Challenges" to purchase veterans' stones. The Colby School has done this a few times. If your school or organization would like a presentation regarding these creative ideas, please give Kay a call at The Highground. We would love to talk to you!!

## My War: Wartime Photographs by Vietnam Veterans — Available for Loan



**“My War” showing debut at the Learning Center, brought many Veterans and families to see a different side of the Vietnam War. Since the exhibit opening, over 3,000 visitors have come to see and experience it. Now the exhibit is available for loan to other museums, libraries, schools or Veteran institutions.**

MY WAR has acquired national and world interest because of its unique and personal nature. Look up these following sites:

- ⇒ *The New York Times*: <http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/06/28/how-young-soldiers-saw-life-in-wartime-vietnam/>
- ⇒ *The Guardian*: [https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2016/sep/20/my-war-photographs-us-soldiers-vietnam?CMP=share\\_btn\\_fb](https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2016/sep/20/my-war-photographs-us-soldiers-vietnam?CMP=share_btn_fb)
- ⇒ *Wisconsin Public Radio*: <http://www.wpr.org/listen/976526>
- ⇒ *WEAU TV 13*: <http://www.weau.com/content/news/Vietnam-War-photo-exhibit-now-in-Western-Wisconsin-389544352.html>
- ⇒ *Accent Magazine*- a London based arts magazine
- ⇒ *Along with several local newspapers*
- ⇒ *The Financial Times* (not able to read it unless you subscribe):  
<https://www.ft.com/content/c7e90c5a-54d3-11e6-9664-e0bdc13c3bef>

For more information on booking MY WAR for your location  
please contact June at 715-743-4224 or [highgrnd@tds.net](mailto:highgrnd@tds.net)



Financial Times Article

## Wisconsin's Remembering Our Fallen Traveling Exhibit



ROF is available for 2017 bookings; please contact June at 715-743-4224 or [highgrnd@tds.net](mailto:highgrnd@tds.net) to reserve this touching tribute to our fallen for your event or just to put on display as a reminder Freedom is NOT Free.

The Remembering Our Fallen (ROF) exhibit has been out and about lately. On October 15<sup>th</sup> it was in Sheboygan for the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial at Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial. It was in Whitehall at the Whitehall Memorial High School from November 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> as part of The Heartbeat Center's *Veterans Expressing Themselves* Expo and for the Veterans Day ceremonies.



## Welcome Center

Today we start another journey at The Highground. We will be bringing the plans and dreams into the real world and start our project, “The Welcome Center”. It would be easy to say “The Welcome Center” and that is it. However, this will bring together many of our needs under one project.

A place for our counselors to meet privately with our vets who are hurting. A place to meet indoors with our volunteers. A place for tours and visitors to tour inside during inclement weather. A place to remember our past. A place to welcome our visitors year around. A place to take those first steps in the healing process. As it says on our logo: **“a place for all of us.”**



Let us know where you can help to make this happen; we need partners. The first step is the hardest—the promise—. We will be taking three-year pledges, to spread your ability to give, and give us an idea of how much support we can expect.

Here is my cell number: 608-780-5555. Call me and we can do this together as partners. The car is packed, the map is open and lunch is in the cooler, we are excited. Come along for the ride. What a journey to have. —Kirk

## Successful Fall Fest Raises Funds For the Learning Center

The Highground Fall Fest Car & Motorcycle Show, Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale was held on Saturday, October 1st. Over \$3,340 was raised by this event for the Learning Center's future exhibits.

Eleven Chili Cook-Off participants had their chili and table displays judged by Neillsville Mayor Steve Mabie, Julie Diesing and Glenn Slenczka.

The judges' selection of Chili Cook-Off winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Erika Ferron of Luxemburg WI;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mick Kokosz of Marshfield WI;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Patrick Kasheimer of Joliet IL.

Winners chosen by the Popular Vote of visitors:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Erika Ferron
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mary Kokosz of Joliet IL
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Patrick Kasheimer

*Erika Ferron also won Best Presentation for her table display!*



Erika



Mary



Mick

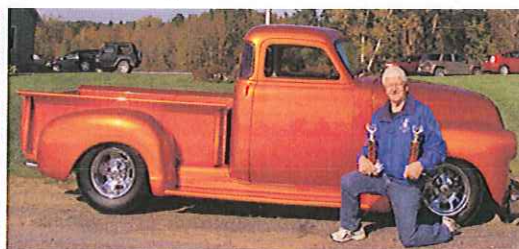


Patrick

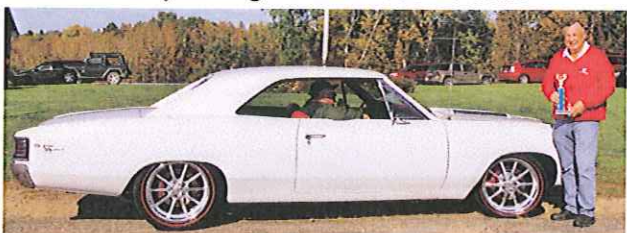
The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Highground Car & Motorcycle Show, sponsored by Gross Motors, Domine Automotive of Loyal and BLA Services of Neillsville, had 100 entries. Craig Johnson of HOG Corner's Customs, Charlie Frey and Mayor Mabie judged the entries. Show participants and people who purchased chili were also able to vote for their favorite vehicles in a separate judging category. "Show Participant Choice" is a trophy voted on by those who entered into the Car & Motorcycle Show.



**"Best of Show" and "Best Stock" went To Jerry Kadinger and his 1959 De Soto.**



**"Show Participant Choice"** trophy was awarded to Richard Splude for his 1947 Chevrolet pickup. Richard also took home the "Chili Choice" trophy voted on by Chili Cook-Off visitors.



**"Best Modified"** trophy was won by Denny Poffenberger for his 1967 Chevelle Supersport.



A new trophy this year, the **"Mayor's Trophy"** was awarded by Neillsville Mayor Mabie to Don and Jennifer Kuenne for their 1967 Ford Cobra.

Not shown:  
**"Oldest Vehicle"** trophy went to Lawrence Wirkus of Edgar, who brought his 1915 Buick C-25.  
and  
**"Furthest Driven"** was won by Karen La Mourea and her 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle with a distance driven to The Highground of 273 miles.



**"Best of Show Motorcycle"** was awarded to Bruce Peters for his 2010 Victory Vision.



Arlan Hoff won **"Oldest Motorcycle"** with his 2001 Harley Davidson.

Many vehicle clubs were represented at Fall Fest including: Squires Car Club, MSRA (Minnesota Street Rodders), Truckin' Buddies, Customs and Classics – Shawano, WI Road Knights, Creepers Car Club, NCCC, National De Soto Club, Valley Classic Cruisers - Appleton, Studebaker Driver Club, Red Cedar Classics, Midwest MOPARS, Badger Wheels Chapter SDC, Turning Wheels, Rollin Thunder Rodders, Tri County Antique Auto Club, Coulee Classics Unlimited and GM Classics – Holmen.

The Highground thanks Jean Moseley for all her time and dedication spent to help this day run smoothly and the **many volunteers** who made Fall Fest a successful event!

More photographs from Fall Fest, including all the vehicles at the Car & Motorcycle Show, can be found on The Highground's Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial>.

## Fifth Grade Education Days, by Joan Chwala

On Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, nearly 750 fifth grade students from sixteen schools were treated to a field trip to The Highground. Tuesday was a beautiful fall day, with the foliage sporting multiple colors, making the conditions ideal for groups to rotate through the various stations. At each stop, they learned about the memorials, rang the liberty bell, or saw the library and displays in the Learning Center. At the Dove Effigy Mound, those who brought soil from home were allowed to let it rest and become one with Mother Earth at The Highground. Several American Legion Family members explained veterans service organizations and demonstrated the meaning of each fold during a cemetery flag folding ceremony that accompanies military honors at the funeral for a veteran. Volunteers were asked to role play the grieving family during the demonstration.

Wednesday morning was a totally different story with rain causing the guides to move to "Plan B" which included the use of the garage for the flag folding and portable tents to lecture about each tribute. These students got a taste of the life of a soldier and how it would require them to brave the elements, even in adverse weather conditions.



The learning station facilitated by American Legion Auxiliary volunteers and one set of role players who acted out the presentation of a flag to the family of a deceased veteran. Gilman 5th grade teacher, Jon Quinnell (front left) and students, Joaquin Chaplinski and Tatum Weir portray the family receiving a flag "on behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation." Auxiliary members (back row-left to right) are Lorraine Seichter (Boyd Unit 326) Donna Olkowski, Virginia Kodl (Thorp Unit 118) and Joan Chwala, (Boyd Unit 326).

By afternoon, the weather had cleared and the groups were able to take the traditional tours. The flag folding lesson was again held on the central plaza as part of the opening session. Stanley-Boyd students brought personal donations for The Highground. At the Gold Star tribute to the families of soldiers killed during their time in service, one group was privileged to hear a testimonial from bereaved parents who just happened to be visiting there to help with their own healing.



At the end of their visit, students were presented with a booklet, a personal sized American Flag, milk and a cookie donated by the local Kwik Trip Store. To show their gratitude, Stanley-Boyd students sang the National Anthem for the volunteers. The students all promised to be role models of flag etiquette back in their own schools. They also expressed appreciation to their volunteer guides and those who had assembled and donated funds for the souvenir flags.



**Fifth Grade Education Days provide a meaningful lesson of appreciation for the service of our veterans.**

### Military Working Dog Tribute



The sculpture to be placed at The Highground honoring military working dogs is nearing completion. Michael Martino, the sculptor, has completed the bronze casting process. It is ready to come home to The Highground. Additional work needs to be done at the tribute's final location before this tribute comes to fruition. We are still soliciting funds to complete the landscaping and would appreciate any assistance you might provide.

Should you have any questions or require additional information on the Military Working Dog Tribute, please contact The Highground at 715-743-4224 or e-mail them at

[www.thehighground.org](http://www.thehighground.org)

**Happy Holidays to all Highground supporters and their families  
from the Military Working Dog committee!**

## Diversity Day



Approximately 300 students from six schools attended Diversity Days at The Highground on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Elementary and Middle School students from Pittsville, Maple Grove, Amherst, Neillsville, Falcon Academy and Auburndale were able to experience several presentations highlighting cultural differences.

David Koch, a Resource Counselor from the Center for Independent Living in Western Wisconsin based in Menomonie brought a display that let the students feel what it is like to live with a handicap or disability. Henry Smith of Greenwood brought wood carving to life, combining a presentation of the artistic skill with other information on carving and nature. Students were able to try their hand with one of the wood working tools.

Flag history and etiquette were presented by the Ah Dah Wa Gam Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from Wisconsin Rapids. The chapter performed a flag retirement ceremony, ceremonially burning with honor a United States flag which was beyond repair.

The Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC) from the UW-La Crosse was represented by Jean Dowiasch. Jean brought an exciting display of what Wisconsin was like during the Ice Age and other times in our pre-American past.



The Lao Veterans of America created a very thorough and beautiful presentation on the Hmong culture. Students were able to see and experience different aspects of Hmong art, music, cooking and lifestyle.

Jim Harris of "We Help War Victims" presented information on the group's work in Laos; clearing explosives and aiding villages. More information on WHWV can be found at [www.wehelpwarvictims.org](http://www.wehelpwarvictims.org).

There were two new presentations at Diversity Days this year. Carol Amour of the Heart of Wisconsin Diversity Walk informed students of the importance of diversity and tolerance between different cultures and ideals. Master Linda Imler of AKF (American Kyukido Federation) Martial Arts Academy in Neillsville taught the history of martial arts and gave a lesson in basic safety skills to the students.

A brief Highground history and information about the Vietnam tribute, "Fragments" was presented by Skip Sparks and Kirk Rodman. A tour of The Highground's own "My War" photographic exhibit of the Vietnam War was also included for each school group.



**Diversity Days will be held September 26-27, 2017.**

**School teachers, administration and community groups can contact The Highground to book their tour and receive more information.**



## Fall Clean-up

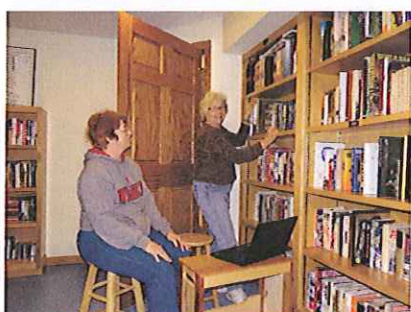
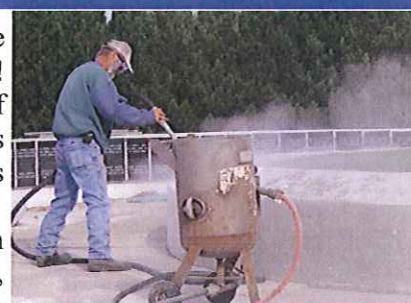
The Highground had great weather and a large turnout of volunteers for the 2016 fall Clean-Up Days! It was wonderful to experience the large groups of veterans, veteran supporters, even high school students take time out from their busy lives to complete projects at The Highground.

Some of the projects included: working on the Korean War Tribute Honor Stones and sandblasting the paint, removing and cleaning Pavilion canopies; completing the concrete walkways at the Picnic Area restrooms; work done in and around the Persian Gulf Tribute; maintenance work on the Learning Center building.

The summer of 2016 brought many windstorms and record rainfall to The Highground and because of this there was a lot of trail work that had to be done during Clean-Up Days. Several trees had to be cleared from the trails and many sections of trails had been washed out. Work crews were able to get the trails back in shape! Three benches that had been crushed by a large fallen pine were also rebuilt.

Several volunteers spent the two days trimming shrubs, clearing plantings and getting the landscaped areas of the park prepared for winter.

The record high temperatures and beautiful days extended into November bringing larger than usual numbers of guests. Thank you, Volunteers, for keeping The Highground a beautiful place for all to visit!



Now find us on Facebook!

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## The 2016 "The Other Half" Half-Marathon & 5K

Forty-five registered runners, participated in "The Other Half" Half Marathon & 5K event on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. All the finishing times for both events will be posted on [www.thehighground.org](http://www.thehighground.org) and on The Highground's Facebook page. They are also available upon request by emailing The Highground at [highgrnd@tds.net](mailto:highgrnd@tds.net).

Many people and businesses combined their efforts to make "The Other Half" a success. The Highground thanks the Clark County Highway Department and the Clark County Sheriff's Department for aiding with the race's safety. Adam and Ashley Davel donated the use of their driveway for the days surrounding the race. Many volunteers were needed on race day to make the event run smoothly. Thank you, wonderful volunteers!

**1/2**  
MARATHON

*The first three finishers of the half-marathon and their times.*



Allan "Fish" Stieber  
1:35:44.8



Jack Brost  
1:37:20.3



Michelle Brost  
1:43:20.6

{special}  
**THANKS**  
to our sponsors

This event was sponsored by:

- ◆ WCCN
- ◆ Memorial Medical Center
- ◆ SCHEELS of Eau Claire
- ◆ Russell's of Neillsville
- ◆ Wisco Feeds
- ◆ Hardee's
- ◆ Mayville's Market in Greenwood

*Amy Melvin, race organizer, founded the race in honor of her late husband, Shannon Melvin.*

*The "Half is Good Enough for Me" half marathon & 5K will be held on March 25, 2017 with a Half Marathon & 5K run in memory of Amy's mother, Sandy Greene.*

**5k**

*The first three finishers of the 5K and their times.*



Skylar Drinka  
00:23:36.8



April Reinart  
00:24:02.0



Michael Collinson  
00:24:28.3.

## Thank you

*Donor Letter:* "This year's benefit for The Highground is over. I'm setting up for next year.

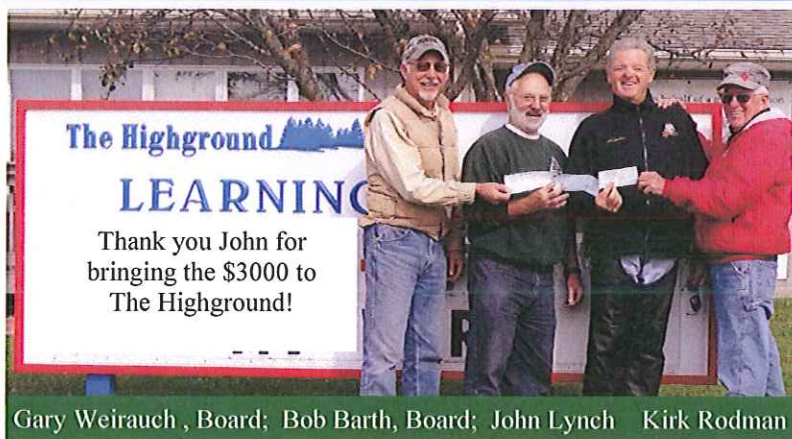
Thank you to all the volunteers, they work so hard and they work for free! They make this benefit a huge success! My daughter, Julie, works hard all year helping me.

Thank you: VVA Chapter 639 of South St. Paul, MN and Buggs Bar. Also, thank you to all who donated to this event and spent money at the event.

I am proud to be part of and work with all the fine people involved with the benefit. Thank you ALL again.

If anyone wants to donate to help raise money for The Highground in 2017, we need silent auction items."

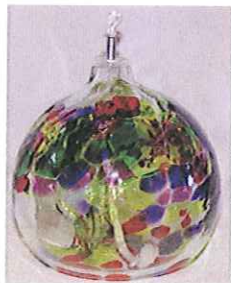
—John Lynch      [Lynch0319@gmail.com](mailto:Lynch0319@gmail.com)



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## HOLIDAY IN THE GIFT SHOP

Choose a special gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list!



Tree of Enchantment 3" Oil Lamp and 16 oz, smokeless oil for \$42.95 & \$3.75...choose from Friendship, Blessings, Family, Love, Life, Joy



Unique metal clocks

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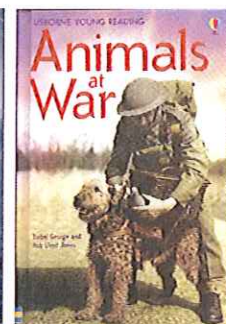
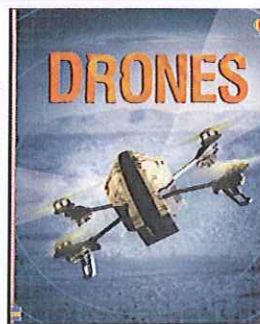
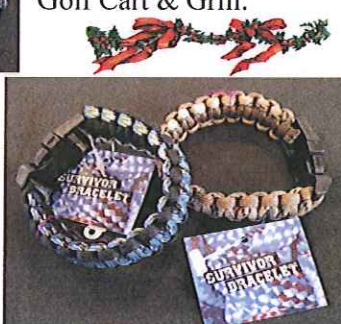


Hand blown 2" & 6" inspirational globes available for \$24.95 & \$42.95



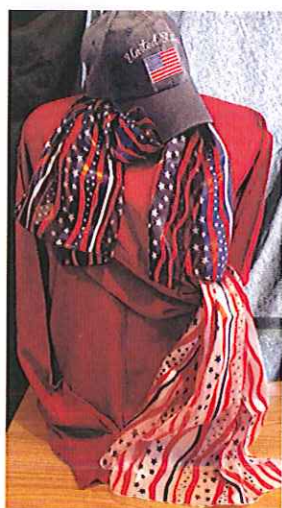
Holiday sale 25% off

Weather Tex water & weather resistant jackets now available in Forest Green/ Tan and Black/ Gray Sizes S-2XL; priced at \$42.95 & \$44.95



Youth items available:

A survivor bracelet in assorted colors sells for \$6.95... A variety of books and sticker books priced from \$6.95 ( Fighter planes, Submarines, Special Forces, Helicopters, Warships, Drones, Animals at War, Spying) and many more.



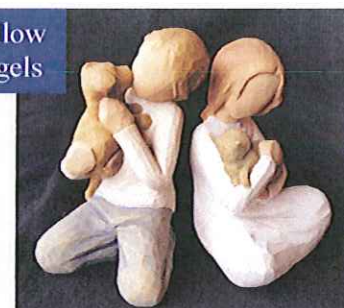
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New fashion jewelry includes wire wrapped hinged ovals in patina, silver & gold. Magnetic closure stone bands, silver & turquoise bracelets. Prices range from \$12.95 to \$21.95



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Free shipping on merchandise orders over \$50.00 from December 1<sup>st</sup> until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information or to place an order call 715-743-4224. Visit our online shop at [www.thehighground.org](http://www.thehighground.org) for more items. Gift Certificates are a Welcome Gift for the "special person" on your list!!



**Wish Lists — Donations Needed—Can you help?**

- PTSD Books: *Thanks for your support!*
- Trunks/Footlockers for traveling exhibit (Authentic would be wonderful but not necessary.)
- Partner with us to build the Welcome Center \$50 to \$10,000  
Call Kirk for projections
- Casket flags for Native American Tribute (5'x8')
- Plans for walking ramp to the Persian Gulf Tribute road: \$1200
- LED lights for parking lot to save 90% of energy: \$2109  
Thanks for: \$125 so far
- 1 or 2 more used/new 4 or 6 passenger golf carts for visitors
- Persian Gulf Tribute grass preparation: \$1360
- Pathway Bollards to Persian Gulf Tribute: 7 @ \$1000/each
- Endowment Fund Donors: Goal: \$5 million
- Memorials: Honor your loved ones
- Learning Center Exhibit fund: Need \$10,000 *Thanks for \$1725*
- Persian Gulf Tribute Jersey Barriers: 11 more @ \$4000/each
- Highway road sign needs solar charger or digital sign: \$2600
- Sprinkler System for Gold Star: \$3980
- Persian Gulf Big Map to sign: \$1000 still needed
- New Roof & Base for 2-picnic shelters: \$3570 each
- Lower restroom Modulating Boiler: \$800
- Landscaping for new bathrooms: \$870
- Partners to pave road to Persian Gulf Tribute: \$3600
- Riding lawn mower: *Thanks!!!*
- General Contractor bids for new Welcome Center building
- 21" (or larger) self-propelled walk behind mower  
w/ mulcher: \$400

**Wisconsin "BIG BUNDLE UP" Campaign**

The Highground is serving as the collection site for the clothing drive. Drop off new or gently used coats, sweaters, hats, mittens and other warm clothing items as part of the WI Department of Tourism's "The Big Bundle Up" campaign. This is a statewide collection program running Nov. 17, 2016 – Jan. 2, 2017.

This is the sixth year of The Big Bundle Up. To date, the program has collected more than 71,800 warm winter items to help families in need. All items donated at The Highground will be given to homeless veterans in Chippewa Falls and Tomah. Other collection sites, including Travel Wisconsin Welcome Centers, are located throughout the state. Visit [TravelWisconsin.com](http://TravelWisconsin.com) for a full listing of donation sites.

**Congratulations Raffle Winners**

Following the Veterans Day Ceremony, the 2016 Honoring Our Veterans Raffle winners were drawn. Congratulations to:

- ♦ **Quilt:** Dave Mayenschein (Thorpe);
- ♦ **Deacon's Bench:** Gordon Crump (Ripon);
- ♦ **Hardee's for a year:** Ron Derfus (Marshfield); and
- ♦ **Eagle plaque:** Robin Hooker (Hillsboro).

Over \$3000 was raised from this raffle and many thanks to all who entered making this a success! Watch for details of the 2017 Honoring Our Veterans Raffle in the spring. **PLUS**, in December 2017, we will be raffling beautiful quilts that are donated! More details on both fundraisers coming throughout the year.

**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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Upcoming Events & Fundraising Calendar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stones on The Highground
- \_\_\_\_\_ Add someone to the newsletter mailing list  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ July 2017 Veterans Retreat
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer opportunities on site
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the "Sweet Ladies" mailings  
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**Counselor at The Highground**

**Vet Center Counselor, Todd Stage, is on-site every other Thursday in The Learning Center for confidential, private or group sessions.**

*To schedule an appointment please contact:*

Wausau Outstation at (715) 842-1724

La Crosse Vet Center at (608) 782-4403

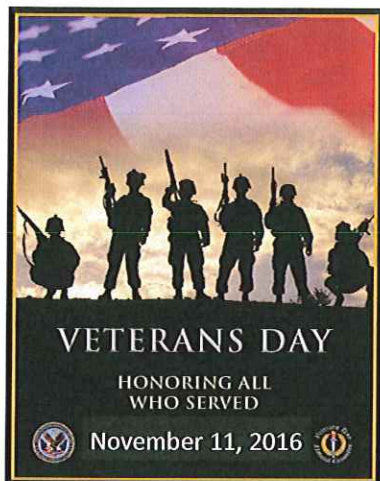
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To schedule The  
Highground appts  
walk-ins also welcome!



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## Our Promise

In 2003, The Highground made a pledge soon after the Iraq war started that we would not let those from Wisconsin who died in this war go in silence. At all events at The Highground we read the names and ring the Liberty Bell for all whom have died from Wisconsin. **LET THEM NOT GO IN SILENCE**



### WE REMEMBER THE WISCONSIN MEN AND WOMEN KILLED IN DESERT STORM— DESERT SHIELD

Paul Buege  
Kevin Calloway  
Michael Fitz  
Daniel Joel  
Cheryl LaBeau-O'Brien  
Lance Monsen  
Rocky Nelson  
PFC Scott Schroeder  
William Strehlow  
Brian Scott  
Patrick Wanke  
Carl Zabel

### KILLED IN IRAQ

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Kirk Allen Straseskie  
Matthew E. Schram  
Dan H. Gabrielson  
Paul J. Sturino  
Rachel K. Bosveld  
Warren S. Hansen  
Jeremy L. Wolfe  
Eugene A. Uhl III  
Christopher J. Splinter  
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Bert Edward Hoyer  
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