



The Highground

Veterans Memorial Park



July 2017

a place for all of us.

Weiler Takes the Reins as General Manager *By Todd Schmidt, Clark County Press*



Jon Weiler, 49, did not get much time off during his "retirement." Weiler retired from the U.S. Army June 30, 2017 after nearly 28-years in the military, and officially began his duties as General Manager of The Highground July 1. He sat down in the midst of Freedom Day activities at The Highground to reflect on a rewarding military career and his new calling.

Weiler has actually been preparing for the job since June 1st. He shadowed Kirk Rodman, The Highground Volunteer GM, who retired on June 30, 2017.

C.W. King, chairman of The Highground Board of Directors, board members Bob Solberg and Bob Barth, along with Kirk Rodman, served as the interview committee. "Mr. Weiler has the background we were looking for in a GM," King commented. "He impressed the committee members during his interview. We are confident he will do a great job working with the board and staff to continue the success of The Highground Veterans Memorial Park."

Solberg said he was impressed with Weiler's service career and the fact he is a family man. "I think we picked the right person," Solberg said. "He is a super nice fellow who gets along with everyone. He is excited to be at The Highground." Weiler said a few days before the interview, he and his family drove down to The HG Park. "We could feel what this place means to people," Weiler said. "It is very spiritual. We all did a lot of soul searching and praying. We felt like this was where I was meant to be. I guess God put it in front of us at Hardee's." (This is where he saw the position advertised.)

Weiler said he has been very impressed with the quality and dedication of the staff. "They all know their duties very well," he said. They have done an incredible job getting The Highground to where it is today. My job working with the board & staff is to keep on track and moving full speed ahead."

"We will continue to get the word out with an emphasis on veterans' issues," Weiler said. "We need to focus on ways to get younger veterans involved and be a part of what HG is."

"The staff and I are brainstorming on ways to move the Highground to the next level. I am a dreamer and I love to

dream big. There are so many wonderful things this place is and more that it can be"

Weiler is impressed with the way volunteers step up to help. "I am surprised the number of volunteers that give of their time and talents. This place would be nothing without them."

Weiler was asked to summarize his work and military career following his graduation in 1986 from Green Bay West High School. He attended UW-Eau Claire for two years and decided to join the U.S. Army in August 1989. After basic training and AIT, in June 1990, he and Sabrina were married in Green Bay. On July 1, 1990 he was sent to Gelhausen, Germany as part of the 3rd Armored Division.

On Dec. 23, 1990, his unit was deployed as part of the Operation Desert Storm. His unit returned to Germany in 1991. He was transferred to Fort Monmouth, NJ in November of 1991. In February 1992, Weiler was sent to serve for six months at the U.S. Embassy in Egypt. Then it was back for stints at Ft. Monmouth, NJ and Ft. Gordon, GA. In January 1995, Weiler was sent to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Southern Watch. His job was monitoring all Iraqi air and ground traffic below the 38th Parallel.

His enlistment came up in Feb. 1996, and he decided to get off active duty. He entered the Army Reserve at Ft. McCoy. His initial duty was instructing Army Reserve Soldiers.

The Weiler family moved to Green Bay, where they operated the Stroheim's Frozen Custard restaurant for four years. The restaurant closed in October 2001, about a month after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The Weiler family moved to Milladore, when he began working at Roehl Transport in Marshfield. In August 2002, Weiler was ordered to report to Ft. Sill, OK for active duty. He was sent to Camp Doha, Kuwait in February 2003. Weiler worked as a Foreign Disclosure Officer for the Combined Forces Land Component Command. He returned to Ft. McCoy in March 2004, where he served as an instructor and training coordinator.

In May 2007, Weiler attended warrant officer candidate school at Ft. Rucker, AL. In July, he moved on to Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs, where he joined the First Space Brigade. In that position, Weiler traveled worldwide.

In October 2012, he was deployed to Qatar as part of US Centcom. He returned to Peterson AFB in October 2013, serving there until October 2015, when he reported to Ft. Sheridan, IL. He served at the Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center there until his retirement.

"My family and I are humbled and excited about this opportunity," Weiler said. "We are also anxious to see what we can do in the community."



The Highground Bike Tour – 33 Years and Going Strong!

August 4–6, 2017

4 ROUTES—3 DAYS—2 NIGHTS—1 GOAL!

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The Highground Bike Tour, in its 33rd year, is the largest single annual fundraiser for The Highground. The Bike Tour takes year round planning by the dedicated route leaders. These leaders and most of the bike riders also raise a great sum of money by gathering pledges and donations. Annually, the Bike Tour brings in over \$40,000 for the Highground.

The 1st Bike Tour, ridden by Highground Founder Tom Miller, rode 1244 miles—one mile for each Wisconsin KIA/MIA from Vietnam. He rode around the state of Wisconsin, touching each border, to raise awareness (and funds) for the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project, Inc. a/k/a The Highground.

As can be seen on the map on the Bike Tour poster, each route travels an independent route - most starting on Friday – and ending the journey on Sunday, when all routes convene at The Highground.

The Highground thanks all the riders that have returned yearly to take part in this amazing event and looks forward to seeing new riders join! Please contact the route leader for the route you would like to join this year ASAP to make their planning easier. If you are considering starting a new route, please contact The Highground.

Besides the fun and camaraderie of a multi-day bicycle event, each registered rider and SAG personnel will receive a “Welcome Home” lunch at the Highground and a 33rd Annual Highground Bike Tour t-shirt (very good quality Badger B-Core tee, in Bright Blue this year!)

Sponsors of The Highground Bike Tour, as of the date of this printing are: **Central Wisconsin Broadcasting (WCCN / WPKG)**, **Menzner Lumber & Supply Co – Marathon, WI**, **A & B Process Systems Corp – Stratford, WI**, **Apple Valley Bar & Restaurant – Neillsville, WI**, **H & S Manufacturing, Inc. — Marshfield, WI**. There is still time to become a sponsor of this important event. Contact Theresa at The Highground for information.

17TH ANNUAL RIDE TO REMEMBER MOTORCYCLE RALLY



August 18 & 19, 2017

This Ride will Honor the U.S. Coast Guard

Friday, August 18

OPENING CEREMONY

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

Saturday, August 19

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 24!

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Games and Prizes !!

3pm Procession into the Highground

Followed by Group Photo, Rally Ceremony & Picnic!



Registration \$25 –

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

FOR INFO: 715-743-4224

www.thehighground.us

As of 7/10/2017 the following are sponsors of the Ride To Remember

♦ WOMEN ON WHEELS
♦ IN MEMORY OF TRACEY RUETH
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♦ 18 WHEELS MA BACK ROAD RIDERS
♦ THORP DAIRY BAR CAFÉ
♦ GENESIS MIDWEST
♦ HO CHUNK GAMING—BLACK RIVER FALLS
♦ NEILLSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION #73





2017 Diversity Days at The Highground September 26 & 27, 2017 9:00am - 2:30pm

**Exploring Many Cultures!
Increasing Education & Understanding!
Welcoming students grades 3 - 8**

We are inviting schools to visit The Highground for an event that celebrates Cultural Diversity and promotes understanding of those who, through culture or circumstance, live differently than what many area students are used to experiencing.

Both days offer the same or similar presentations. Schools may choose which day to attend. Contact Theresa at The Highground to book the day and for more details. Early registration is appreciated.

A donation of \$3.00 per person helps us meet our goal of education and healing. We encourage students to bring a sack lunch to enjoy on our picnic grounds. We are aware that budgetary restraints are a consideration and transportation costs could be difficult. Some funding is available to help schools offset transportation expenses, so contact us with your request.



Teachers, Parents...Spread the Word 5TH Grade Days at The Highground! October 3 & 4, 2017

The 2017 Fifth Grade Education Days will be held Tuesday, October 3rd and Wednesday, October 4th. Students will receive guided tours of The Highground and leave with a souvenir flag for their desks, milk and a snack! There will be 2 sessions offered each day: 9:30am - 11:30am and 12:30pm - 2:30pm.

Teachers / School Administrators can select between these days and sessions. Contact Theresa at The Highground with questions and book a session for your students.



The Highground Fall Fest!



Chili Cook - Off!

Judging at 10AM, Serving at 10:30AM
Table Decoration Competition Too!
Official Judges Results & Crowd Favorites
Announced at Noon!

Bring large crockpot or 18qt roaster of your finished chili.
(\$20 Highground gift certificate given to those that bring in an 18qt roaster of chili.)

For \$5, Visitors Sample the Chili Entries and Place a Vote.
After voting, get a big bowl of your favorite chili & fixin's!
Call 715-743-4224 or go to www.thehighground.us to enter.



Saturday October 7, 2017!!

Car & Motorcycle Show!

10AM—3PM \$10 entry—call 715-743-4224
to Register or download form at
www.thehighground.us
Highground Dash Plaques for the
First 100 Registered Vehicles!





SAVE THE DATES—FALL CLEAN UP DAYS
OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH!
FIXING THINGS, FOOD, FUN, FRIENDSHIPS—OLD & NEW!
Make plans to be at The Highground
to help get the park ready for Winter!



Veterans Day Ceremony at The Highground

The Highground Veterans Park will observe Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11th. 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 will be read and honored with the tolling of the Liberty Bell.

The Veterans Day ceremony will start at 3:00pm. It will be held outdoors on the plaza unless the weather is very inclement. In that event, it will be held indoors in The Learning Center.

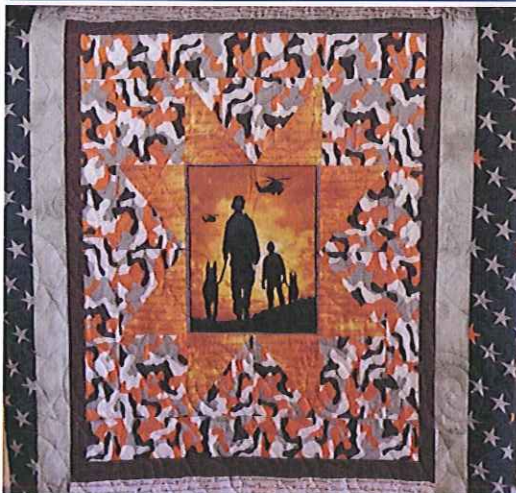
Veteran, John Black, from Iola will be the guest speaker. The names of the Wisconsin service men and women who have died in the Persian Gulf conflicts, including Iraq and Afghanistan, and others will be read as part of the ceremony. Volunteers are needed to read the names at Noon. Please contact The Highground to be a part of this meaningful day.



Events expand and are added each year due to the increased interest in The Highground Park activities. Events and Learning Center Exhibits are open to the public *free* of charge because of *Friends* like YOU.

With the increased number of visitors and activities, we are in need of leaders for various events. Could you help? Let Theresa know you are interested in being part of this year's great happenings. (We are in *urgent need* of Porch Greeters to fill the "OPEN" days, especially any Fridays and Saturdays that are not currently covered.)

2017 Honoring Our Veterans Annual Raffle



Patriotic Quilt (58" x 75")
Honoring our K9 Vets & their handlers

2017 Honoring of Our Veterans Raffle

- 1st Prize: Patriotic Quilt (value \$800)
- 2nd Prize: Eagle painted/textured on Live Edge Ash (value \$250)
- 3rd Prize: Eagle/Flag Painting with Oak Frame (value \$200)
- 4th Prize: Highground Gift Shop Certificate (value \$100)

Raffle Drawing: Veterans Day
November 11, 2017
following the ceremony

Sponsored By: The Highground (WVMP, Inc)
 W7031 Ridge Road, Neillsville, WI 54456 (715-743-4224)
 Website: www.thehighground.us

License #R0019934-A-49580 Tickets: \$2.00 each, 6 for \$10.00, 12 for \$20.00



Painting with an Oak
Frame (36"x32")



Eagle painted &
Textured on Ash
(18"x21")

Drawing:



November 11, 2017
following the
3pm ceremony



\$100 Gift Certificate
from The Highground

Condo Raffle-Christmas Mountain

Congratulations Jerry Leahy from
Shullsburg, WI!!

Enjoy your week at Christmas Mountain.

WE HAVE A
WINNER

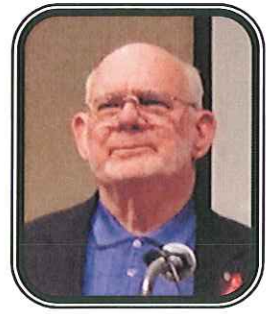


Blue Tickets:

\$2 each
6 for \$10
12 for \$20

Need not be present to win

So begins a new era in the life of The Highground. June 30th we bid a fond and sad farewell to Kirk and Nancy Rodman, after many long years of great leadership, and July 1st we began anew. Jon Weiler took over the reins of The Highground, and is our new leader going forward. Forward is the key word here, it is the intent of the Highground Board of Directors to keep always moving forward. We have gone from a dream of a memorial to having the finest Veterans memorial in the country, and we intend to not only maintain that status, but keep moving forward. Kirk Rodman was a great leader, and he helped move us a long way forward, and we believe Jon Weiler is the right man at the right time to continue moving us forward. All of you reading this newsletter have been the heart and soul of The Highground through your gifts of time, money and talents. We are counting on you to continue that support. In life, things change and all we can do is adapt to the change and continue our journey. So it is with The Highground, we are going through a leadership change which we hope will lead to new achievements in the future. **I hope all of you will give Jon your support and encouragement as he begins his (and our) new adventure.**



—CW King,
Board Chair

2017 Honor Trees

Honor, Love & Respect shines brightly here at The Highground for the veterans. Family and friends sponsor **Honor Trees**, as a way of showing their love and gratitude to their veterans. Each tree is illuminated and adorned with a plaque recognizing the honoree & sponsor.

Sessions are still available for 2017;

2 for Veterans Day (Nov 1 - 30),

5 still available for Christmas (Dec.15 – Jan.13, 2018).

Sponsor a tree and show your respect for our veterans for \$25 per session or \$100 for the whole year. There are four (4) sessions a year:

Memorial Day May 15- June 13

Independence Day June 24- July 23

Veterans Day November 1-30

Christmas Dec 15 – January 13

Please contact Julie at 715-743-4224 or highgrnd@tds.net to sponsor your tree.

The following recipients have a tree illuminated July 4th &/or Veterans Day Recipients

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| ♦ Jerry Barker | ♦ Luke Zimmerman |
| ♦ Ken Smith | ♦ Lewis Deegan |
| ♦ Our Veterans | ♦ John, Hazel, Belinda & Kyrie |
| ♦ Dennis Schattschneider | Novotny, Brenda Evans & |
| ♦ In Memory of Colleen (Fry) | Zoey Johansen |
| ♦ Ristau & All Veteran Spouses | ♦ Noel Schelling |
| ♦ Don, Bill, Jim Buss | ♦ Louis Hentz |
| ♦ & Jim Fizzle | ♦ Drew Chesebro |
| ♦ Edwin Lloyd Jr. | ♦ Trevor Diesing |
| ♦ Thomas "Blackie" Bednarek | ♦ Dale D. Pingle |
| ♦ Honoring Loucks Men | ♦ Glen "Pete" Johnson |
| ♦ Msgt. Lee A. Webb Jr. | ♦ Christopher D. Williams |
| ♦ Theodore Lawton | <u>Many trees still</u> |
| ♦ Terry McGivern | <u>available for 2018</u> |

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

In Memory

Tracy Algers
Ary Arneson
Jack Buhr

Gene Ehler

Ted Fetting
Fred Glines
Pat Howe
Jeanette Kramer

Richard La Point

Betty Martin
Harvey Mathwick
C.L. O' Kelly
Gladys O'Kelly

Charles Orlowski

Dale Pingel
Roger Raymond
Roger Seigert
George Sloane

Robert Thorson

Irene Van Ornum
Brent Vroman

In Honor:

All Jacoby and extended
family veterans
Kirk & Nancy Rodman

Military Working Dog Tribute



The Highground's newest tribute is making progress. The site has been chosen, leveled, base poured, tribute placed and pavers getting set. Soon stones will be sold for this area.

The Board of Directors have approved black polished granite blocks to be placed upright on the tribute's base. For \$150, a line can be created to list the handler's name, their dog's name and conflict. This is a work-in-progress. As enough names are gathered to complete a block, the order will be sent to the engraver and purchasers will be notified when the block will be installed. Listing on the block will be first come—first listed. More information to follow.

The Board has also approved the \$525 donation for the 12"x12"x2" honor stones that will become the floor of the Tribute's surrounding area. At this time, no dates of placement have been set—but we are getting close.

Watch for further details on the completion and dedication date!

Long Shadow

Memories of Vietnam - The Murals of David Giffey

When another generation of American soldiers was sent to invade a distant nation at the start of the Gulf War in 1991, David Giffey began work on the *Long Shadow* series of paintings by examining hundreds of photographs he took in 1965-66 as a combat journalist with the 1st Infantry Division during the war in Vietnam. The images in each painting refer to the photos. He also chose excerpts from a journal he kept during the war to accompany each.

Completed in 2013, his hope is to illustrate his dismal, frightening, and emotional memories of war.

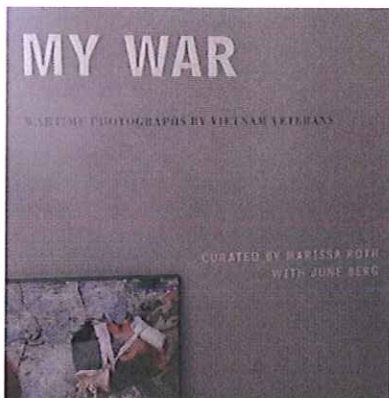
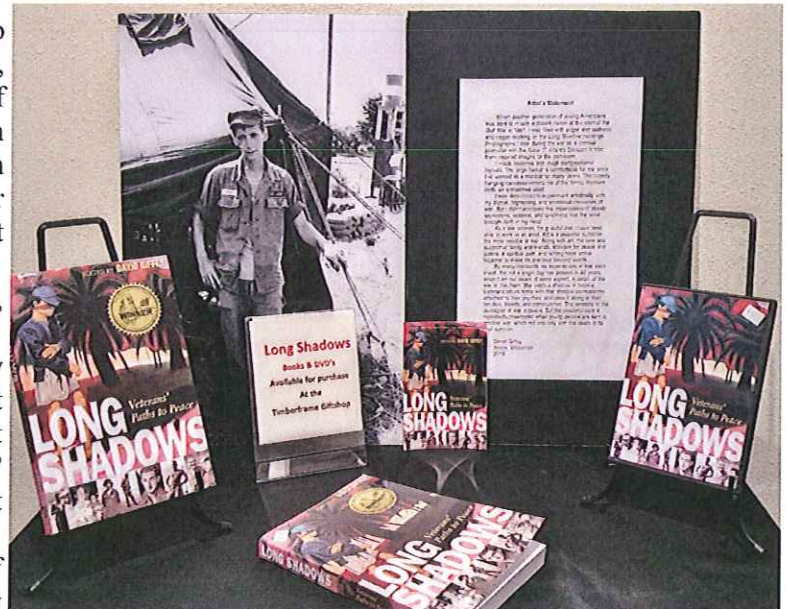
He didn't anticipate the unexpected impressions of bloody explosions, violence, and loneliness that the work brought forth. "Not a single day has passed in 50 years when I am not aware of some aspect—a detail—of the war in Vietnam." Included with this display is a soundtrack of music important to the artist during the war era.

Every war, past, present, and yet to come, casts a shadow of trauma. Veterans return home with a long shadow permanently attached to their psyches, and the shadow is cast onto their families, friends, and communities.

Come see this thought provoking art at The Highground Learning Center through August 30, 2017.

A personal note from David.....

"I'm grateful to The Highground for hosting this exhibition of paintings and photos. The exhibit is dedicated to my late friend, Vietnam medic and veteran, artist, and writer Howard Sherpe. He was a co-founder of The Highground and consistently supported my work as an artist. When I submitted my design for the Dove Mound in 1985, Howard encouraged the idea and helped lead it to completion in 1989. Howard was a skilled artist and writer, always humble and kind. I thank him."



On display in the Learning Center July & August, The Highground's own Mini "My War" traveling display. For information on how you can book this or our larger "My War" traveling displays, please contact Julie at 715-743-4224 or highgrnd@tds.net

Korean Reunion/Education Afternoon 2017 At The Learning Center July 29th

Come to The Learning Center for an informative afternoon with a panel of veterans and history buffs on **July 29, 2017** to hear about the Korean War. Public (especially students) are invited for a great experience starting at **2:00pm**. **RSVP appreciated but not necessary.**

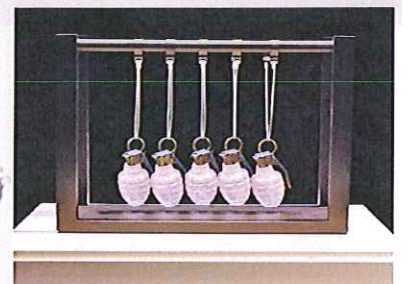
Is there an exhibit topic, category or display you would like to see in The Learning Center? Do you have a contact to share with us? The Learning Center Coordinator would love to hear your ideas and thoughts!

Call Julie at 715-743-4224.

September Exhibit: Jeffery Stenbom's Glass Sculptors- "Window to a Veterans Soul"



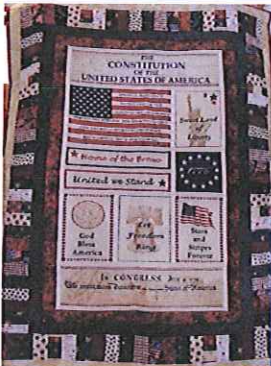
*Kiln glass art by Jeffery Stenbom coming Sept 5th through Nov 29th features Jeffery Stenbom's passion for glass art. As an Iraq veteran facing challenges with PTSD, his healing began with his amazing work with kiln glass art forms.



He seeks to make others aware, so understanding and healing can begin for them also. Jeffery recently came to The Highground and we are very excited to see and display his intriguing art. Hopefully each one of you will come out and see this awesome, unique display.

*Kiln-glass (or kilnformed glass) objects are made with glass fused when heated in a kiln. Once assembled as desired and heated in a kiln, the glasses soften, fuse together, and assume the shape of whatever surface they're resting upon or within, such as a flat kiln shelf, curved mold, or casting mold.

December Exhibit—Patriotic Quilts



Remember, if you are making a patriotic quilt for the December quilt display and raffle, have them to The Highground before December 1st! (sooner the better), to give us time to create a great display.

Over 15 quilts have been donated—these are just a couple.



Quilt Show and Raffle

Attention Quilters: Are you quilting for The Highground? Create your favorite pattern with patriotic fabric before December 2017. The Learning Center will be ready Dec 1st to display all the beautiful quilts that are donated for our first quilt show and raffle. Please put your personal label on your quilt so winners know who created their choice prize! Drawing is Dec 31, 2017 at noon. End the year on a warm and cozy note. *Extra note: There may even be some quilt racks included with some quilts.*

Tickets available now in the Gift Shop or by calling Kay at 715-743-4224: \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Best price in town for these beautiful creations. We will have as many winners as there are quilts!!



Now find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial

Website: www.thehighground.us

Board of Directors

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Or 30 miles east of Osseo from the junction
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Have you heard.....



....Jon Weiler—is the new General Manager It is with great honor and humility that I begin this new journey as The Highground General Manager. To be totally honest with you all, this is not what I thought I would be doing following a 28 year career in the US Army. I thought I would be doing what all Intelligence Analysts do when they retire...working for the government as a GS Civilian or a Contractor. However, when my family and I were sitting at Hardees in Wausau early one morning in April, having a conversation about what I was going to do after my time in the Army was completed, my wife Sabrina noticed a newspaper sitting on the table next to her opened to the classifieds, and front and center was the ad looking for a General Manager at The Highground. She said, “Jon, look at this! It is the perfect job for you.” My response was, “Babe that is a long way for me to drive every day.” She replied, “Well, maybe God has been preparing you for this daily commute with the travel back and forth to Chicago for the last year.” After several weeks of contemplating, soul searching and prayer, I decided to submit my application. Within a matter of hours I heard from Kirk that I was being asked for an interview. The rest of the story you know.

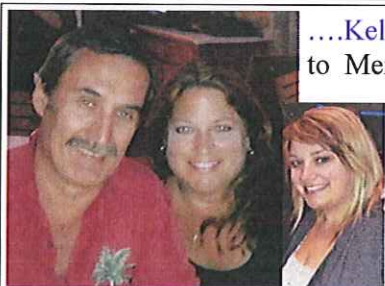
Let me give you some personal background, I have been married to Sabrina for an amazing 27 years. She has been with me my entire Army career and has been the rock that has kept me grounded. We have three wonderful children, Alexis is 22 years old and a Senior at UWSP, Kristofer is 19 years and a Sophomore at UWSP, Anna is 16 years and a Junior at Marathon High School. God has truly blessed me and has taken great care of my family thru my many years of deployments and service to our country. We currently live southwest of Merrill, WI on a 53 acre hobby farm. We have horses, dogs, rabbits, and cats.

My family and I are so excited to be a part of this incredible place and look forward to being here for many years to come.



....Deb Roedel—is the new Gift Shop Manager I joined the Gift Shop staff in March 2013. I grew up near Lansing, Michigan and attended Michigan State University where I studied Veterinary Technology, met my husband, Elroy (a veterinarian) then moved to Wisconsin. We have lived in Loyal for 32 years and have three adult children. I enjoy reading, boating, swimming, visiting Great Lake's Lighthouses (I've been to 133 so far), and working as a Vet Tech at northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan Dog Sled Races. I feel blessed to be a part of the Highground Staff and meet so many Veterans and their families. I am looking forward to the opportunity to manage the Gift Shop. Stop in and say Hi.

....Julie Dallman—is the new Learning Center Coordinator Hello, for those that don't already know me, my name is Julie Dallman. I replaced June in the Learning Center. I've worked in the Gift Shop for the last 3 years, so some of you are familiar with me already. I look forward to the challenge set before me to continue the commitment of healing and education here at The Highground. When I'm not lining up new and exciting displays or helping with events and the daily workings of The Highground, I enjoy playing with my grandchildren, working with my horses, gardening, and creating things. My husband Tim is a great woodworker having made some awesome cabinets for the offices and kitchen.



....Kelly Bourdo—joins the Gift Shop staff My husband, Andrew, and I relocated from Milwaukee to Merrilan almost nine years ago. We have one adult daughter, Amanda, and two dogs. My background is in accounting/bookkeeping. After the busy rushed life of the “big city”, we enjoy the quiet small town atmosphere. With my father having served and many of my mom's family in the Air Force, I feel The Highground is a special place for military personnel and their families and friends. I enjoy people and at The Highground we get to meet many people from all over the state, country and world! I am looking forward to meeting more of you, getting to know you and helping you shop!



....Mae Bautch—continues in the Gift Shop I am not new to The Highground, as I have been in the Gift Shop since spring of 2015. However, I will be leaving this fall to continue my education in Plattville, WI pursuing a Software Engineering degree. I graduated from Neillsville High in May 2017, working in the Gift Shop on weekends and summers. I like working at The Highground because: I like meeting people; learning new stuff; and seeing the different wildlife (although not fond of frogs that like to sleep in the donation boxes). I am an avid reader and happy there are books in the shop and Highground Library! I still don't have a favorite color but happy there are potato chips. (Editor's note: We will enjoy Mae at The Highground this summer but will have to say good-bye in August—maybe she will come back on some weekends or next summer? —Let's hope.)

Have you seen the new website? We are making progress getting the website up to date and full of information! The website team didn't realize all the complexity of our information and agrees—"can't cut that". The gift shop has been redesigned and has most of the inventory listed. We will keep on working on the site to include ALL new items and eventually get "online ordering" possible.



Keep checking back and see the new changes as they happen—call us if you see something we overlooked.



With all the changes happening at the Highground, we find ourselves short of workers in the Gift Shop. We are looking for someone to work 15-20 hours per week including 1-2 weekends each month. This is a year round position. If you know someone in the Neillsville area, please send them our way.

First Veterans Retreat a Wonderful Experience!! - Fun, Food and Friendship



During July 7-9, The Highground and Wilderness Adventures on Wheels hosted their first Veterans Weekend Retreat. Veterans were able to enjoy several activities, great food and hospitality while in the company of fellow veterans.

The goal of the weekend retreat was to offer veterans not only a chance to get first-hand experience with several activities that they could continue after the retreat, but for those that may be working their way through issues such as PTSD, a chance to find new friendships, information, services and hobbies that they can carry forward with them in their journey towards the life they desire.

The Veterans Weekend was open to any male veteran of any age and service history. (A Veterans Weekend for female veterans will be planned for the future) This three-day event was free for veterans because of these generous sponsors: Central WI Broadcasting (WCCN / WPKG), Ho Chunk Gaming Black River Falls,

Hardee's, Thrivent Financial, Harvey Pierre VFW #2778-Appleton, Skip & Debbie Klabon, All Season's Sports & Archery LLC, Trinity Equestrian, Wisconsin Adventures on Wheels and The Heartbeat Center. Urban Sales & Service in Neillsville donated the use of a very nice Dodge van to transport the veterans in style and comfort!



The main location and "base" of the weekend was Wisconsin Adventures on Wheels (WAW) lodge. This 300 acre site was a perfect setting for the weekend. Owners, Al and Kay Lamovec, have created a fully handicapped accessible facility that combines very nice lodge amenities along with beautiful wooded trails and camp area. It was perfect for the veterans to gather together for meals and camaraderie while also offering the chance to go for solo hikes and alone time on trails and by the pond.



Activities that the veterans experienced included: Archery at All Seasons Sports & Archery; Trinity Equestrian horse program; Photography with photographer, Augie Stark; Woodcarving exhibition by Henry Smith; an evening Highground tour; Art and Writing with The Heartbeat Center. Joining The Highground in coordinating the retreat were Franciscan Retreat leaders from Viterbo University Fr. Conrad Targonski and Rev. Dr. Bill Reese. Staff from The Vet Center helped plan the retreat and also joined the veterans during the weekend. Veterans and volunteers were kept well fed throughout the weekend by Thrivent Financial, Joleen Schade, Bonnie Hennen and Skip & Debbie Klabon!

Each veteran received a gift bag of items that they were able to use in conjunction with the things they did over the weekend. This included a \$20 gift certificate for All Seasons Sports and Archery; \$20 Highground gift certificate (as well as an additional Highground gift certificates from an anonymous source); digital camera – ready to go!; art supplies, books and sketch pads.



A tree was planted at The HG to wrap up the weekend.



Woodcarver, Henry Smith, gave each veteran a personalized hand-carved walking stick or cane.

We are glad you came!

Plans are underway for the next Veterans Weekend! If you would like more information as details fall into place, contact The Highground at 715-743-4224, highgrnd@tds.net visit www.thehighground.us or <https://www.facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial>.



The Helicopter & Military Vehicle Expo was held on Saturday, May 13th. Hundreds of Highground visitors were able to get some great, close-up looks and experiences with many military vehicles, a static display of a UH-1H Huey helicopter arranged by Jim Ottman and VVA#331 and an exciting fly-in of another UH-1H (courtesy of Dave Schmitz, Barry Hammerbach and crew)! Troy Buddenhagen coordinated a group of Vietnam War re-enactors to portray a helicopter landing and personnel exiting the aircraft during the Vietnam War. Hardee's took part in the Expo, selling delicious food to guests and donating funds to



help with fuel costs for the fly-in. Earlier in the summer, The Highground's "Sweet Ladies" along with Amber's Colby Café of Colby, WI pitched in with an incredible amount of baked goods for a Bake Sale, also to raise funds for the fuel costs.

Thank you to all the military vehicle owners that joined us with their vehicles & the volunteers that made this possible.

The 2018 Helicopter and Military Vehicle Expo will be held at The Highground on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

Please "Save the Date" to join us! If you have a military vehicle which you would like to display during the Expo, please contact Theresa at The Highground.



We had a great day here Saturday, June 24th at the Freedom Celebration Day!

Thank you to all the volunteers that made it possible!

Hardee's.

A Big Thank You also to: Troy Buddenhagen and the WWII Living History group; Hardee's; Craig Adams and his kites; TRISIS band; bagpipe player Gavin Teter; Neillsville Fire Department; Kevin Witt and Steve Maddox.

Several hundred people watched the big Annual Highground Fireworks, which lasted for over 30 minutes of continuous fireworks - WOW!

Thank you to all that joined us!



"Joining us were the many bikers from Trinity Equestrian's "Horsepower for Veterans" Motorcycle Ride"



Captain Park

The Independence Day ceremony was held on Tuesday, July 4th at 10am at The Highground. It was a wonderful ceremony, with the talents of many people and groups coming together. Color Guards and rifle units of Rib River DAV Chapter #31 and VVA #479 were a key part of the program. Bagpipes were performed before and during the ceremony by Gavin Teter.

Pastor Doug Bjerke opened the ceremony with an invocation. Sydney Johnson sang the National Anthem. Jon Weiler, Highground General Manager, gave the "Welcome" speech. Captain Edward H. Park from Fort McCoy was the keynote speaker. "Taps" performed by Jordan Watson. A large number of people remained for the talking circle at the end of the ceremony.



Sydney Johnson



Gavin Teter

The 2017 Honor Ride for The Highground was an amazing success, raising over \$10,400! Over 250 bikers took part in this 7th Annual Memorial Day motorcycle event. Scenic routes were traveled in the morning from many starting points including Neillsville, Eau Claire, Tomah, Waupaca, Appleton, Medford, Merrill, Madison and Minneapolis. The routes were led, respectively, by Mark Dawson, Shane Gurney, Bill Flemal, Russ Wohlrabe, Ron Comer, Dean Hommel, DAT Bar, Steve Heimerl and Bob Frazee. All routes gathered together at the American Legion Post #73 in Neillsville. After parading through Neillsville, the bikes were welcomed into The Highground as one solid group.

Thank You!

SPONSORS OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HONOR RIDE

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Sav-Rite - Neillsville
Damn Yankees Watering Hole
Sassy's Bar & Grill - Black Creek
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VFW #10262 - Plover
River Rail Bar & Grill - Shiocton
Kwik Trip - Wisconsin Rapids
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Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra
Stanley Correctional SCOPES program
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Tomah Police Dept
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Taylor County Sheriff's Dept
Wood County Sheriff's Dept
Drescher Oil / BP-Neillsville
Kwik Trip—Tomah
Melrose Express
Mobil Station—Taylor
Cenex—Fairchild



Memorial Day Ceremony—Honor, Heal, Remember

The Highground started its observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th by reading the names of the Wisconsin men and women KIA or MIA in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan at 11:30am. Gavin Teter performed several selections on the bagpipes on the Plaza after the names were read.

The 7th Annual Memorial Day Honor Ride motorcycle rally entered The Highground at 2PM. This was followed by the Highground Memorial Day ceremony at 3PM. Loyal American Legion Post #175 members presented the Color Guard and Rifle Unit to begin the ceremony. Pastor Doug Bjerke gave the invocation. Music was performed during the ceremony by Diane Schnell, Alyssa Beasley, Konnor Denzine, Lucas Bednar and Cody Rodman (who also performed "Taps" in the ceremony). The music included a special song written by guest speaker, Celeste Kaufman, in honor of her son, Charles, who was KIA in Iraq. Gold Star father, Brian Jopek, whose son, Ryan, was killed in action in Iraq, was also a guest speaker at the program. Thank you to those that took part in the ceremony and the volunteers that helped throughout the entire day for helping The Highground observe a very special day.

VFW Post 9496—Menomonee Falls, WI took the long bus ride to The Highground June 14th and enjoyed a tour given by Skip Klabon and Bob Solberg. They paused to present pictures to Jon Weiler, GM. The first is of a Pearl Harbor Survivor, Houston James, as he embraced Marine Staff Sgt Mark Graunke, Jr. (Graunke lost a hand, leg and eye in Iraq)



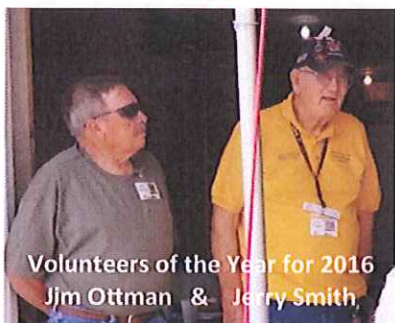
lobby. So he pursued it again, receiving the picture and bringing it home to The Highground. You can see this piece of history in the Learning Center. Thank you Stan and VFW Post 9496 for coming back to The Highground with these awesome gifts!

The second picture is of the Vietnam Tribute "Fragments" that was taken during the dedication of the Tribute. This picture hung in a bank many years in Menomonee Falls, WI.

Stan Larson, Korean Vet, continued to ask if he could purchase the picture from the bank and was continually denied. When the bank remodeled, Stan noticed Fragments no longer was hanging in the



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Kirk Rodman introduced the new GM Jon Weiler



Food collection and check for \$500 donated to Clark County Dept of Aging



Presidential Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Kirk Rodman, Nancy Rodman and Don Quicker

Gusty winds had volunteers jumping for the tents—thanks everyone!



The 2017 honor stone ceremonies filled quickly—thank you for the support! There are a few openings remaining in the October 7th ceremonies. (This is a fun day also because of the Fall Fest happening at The Highground.) The Chili Cook-off and Car/Motorecycle Show fill the whole day. Come enjoy the festivities around your ceremony.

Notice of price changes: stones have not had a price increase in over eight years, but the costs continue to rise for obtaining the stones and engraving. Therefore, the Board of Directors have directed staff that prices will be increased January 1, 2018. Those purchasing the stones before then will receive this year's prices. Once the final decision is made regarding the increase, information will be available.

Currently, stones and prices are the following:

- Legacy Stone* (gray on the plaza walkways) \$435
- Meditation Stone* (red in the Meditation Garden shelter) \$500
- Korean Honor Stone* (polished black in the Korean Tribute) \$575
- Persian Gulf Honor Stone* (sand in the Persian Gulf Tribute) \$600

These prices will remain until December 31, 2017, whether you dedicate the stone in 2017 or in the future. So if you are thinking of a gift for 2018 and beyond, take advantage of this offer now before prices are increased.

*We would love to see more schools honoring their veterans—
if interested in making this happen, give Kay a call.*



IN HONOR OF ARMY
CPL RUTH WAGNER
COLBY 5TH GRADE 2017

We love to work with schools! Last year Colby's 5th Graders did *another* "penny challenge". They learned about veterans and

fundraised enough funds to purchase a Korean Honor Stone for Ruth Wagner. A special presentation was made at the school and then family and friends dedicated the stone June 10, 2017. **Colby, WI—be proud of *your* students!!**

Stones make a great gift as seen this summer from many recipients.

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

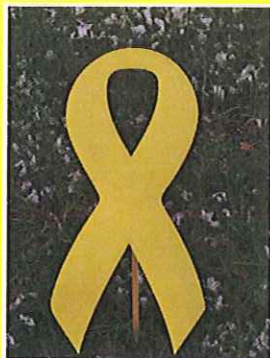
Happy Birthday Don Marine



Don Marine's widow, Michelle dedicated a Persian Gulf Tribute bench in honor of her late husband in 2016. This year she requested to put family, comrades and friends in front of the bench. It was a beautiful day for a private ceremony with lots of love and stories to be heard.

The stones in front of the benches will be offered to the family of the bench first, then to the adjoining barriers. If you have a group that would like to do what Michelle did—give us a call. It was a beautiful experience for all.

Yellow Ribbons



During "Operation Persian Gulf Welcome Home", Yellow Ribbons were fabricated and displayed down the pathway to the Persian Gulf Tribute. These are beautifully crafted stainless steel ribbons that are 19.25" long on steel rods for displaying.

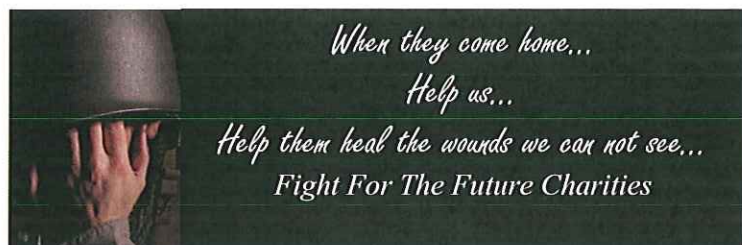
You can now receive your own with a \$150 donation that will show your support of our veterans in your yard. Plus support the Persian Gulf Tribute.



Strictly Country Fundraiser

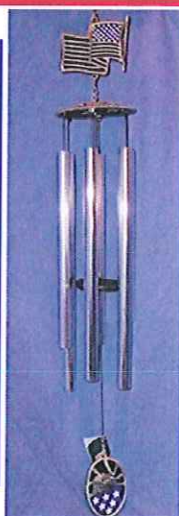
Beginning in April 1996, Strictly Country Magazine captured what is called Fight For The Future Charities, (FFFC). Entertainers are asked to autograph Christmas ornaments and donate other items to raise funds for various charitable organizations. The items are only available twice a year. From May 15 - May 31st and Nov 15th - Dec 31st. The sale of these items will benefit The Highground Veteran's Memorial Park to help raise funds for Veterans and their families.

Please visit <http://www.strictly-country.com/ffcharities.html>



Summer in The Gift Shop

Gift certificates are also welcome gifts... Call for information or to order: 715-743-4224 online ordering coming soon



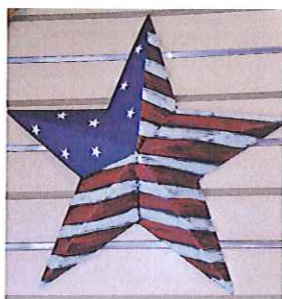
Embrace the summer winds with a stained glass and pewter wind chime or windsock.

48" chimes include the stained glass US flag and features the branches of service, or Celestial, Hummingbird, Butterfly or Cardinal designs for \$149.95.

Stained glass designs of Eagle, Angel, Celestial, Cat, Horse, Lighthouse, Butterfly, or Dragonfly are 36" for \$74.95



Beautifully embroidered windsocks are available in all the service branches, USA flag, POW/MIA, Vietnam, Blue Star, Eagle for \$19.95.



Metal Patriotic Stars in 15" & 18" are \$10.95 & 12.95



A Black metal "Thank You" cutout sells for \$12.95

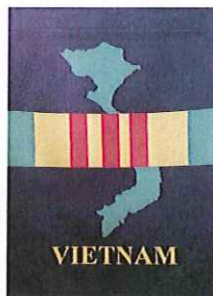


Black metal cutouts of Branches of Service & POW MIA in 12" & 24" sell for \$29.95 & \$64.95

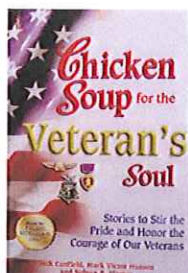


Metal Buntings, Freedom & America sell for \$5.95

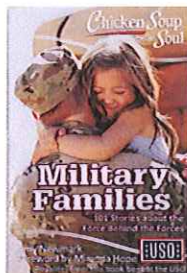
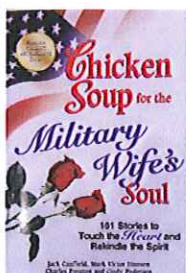
Light your yard with a 12" X 18" Lustre Flag for \$12.95. Choose from service branches, POW/MIA, Vietnam, Eagle designs, Puppies, Welcome, America, Stars & Stripes.



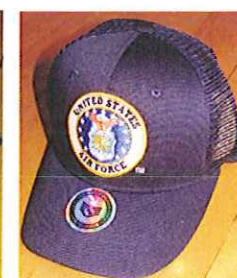
Eagle Metal Cutouts, USA Sunset Eagle & Majestic Eagle sell for \$56.95



Chicken Soup books for the Veteran's Soul, Military Wife and Military Families are \$14.95



New Prints from Tom Miller: Eagle, Butterfly, Lillies & Peonies \$25.



New caps include Freedom Isn't Free, Wounded Warrior and mesh caps for branches of service. Priced from \$ 12.95 to \$14.95

Wish Lists — Donations Needed—Can you help?**URGENT Items:**

- Lawn Sweeper: \$300
- 6.5'x12' trailer: \$1500
- Rifle rack for color guards to place their rifles during ceremonies: \$200
- Gold Star repair work: volunteers and funds needed

- Leaf Rakes: *Thanks*
- Duct & Gorilla tape: Lots
- Brush Hog: \$1095
- Plans for walking ramp to the Persian Gulf Tribute road: \$1200
- 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)
- Persian Gulf Tribute grass preparation: \$1360
- Pathway Bollards to Persian Gulf Tribute: 5 @ \$1000/each
- Endowment Fund Donors: Goal: \$5 million
- Memorials: Honor your loved ones
- Learning Center Exhibit Funds
- Persian Gulf Tribute Jersey Barriers: 10 more @ \$4000/each
- Highway road sign needs solar charger or digital sign: \$2600
- New Roof & Base for 2-picnic shelters: \$3570 each
- Patriotic Quilts needed for the December display and raffle:
Thanks for 16 so far! More quilts—more winners!!
- PTSD Books: *Thanks for your support!* It is helping!!
- Lights for Native American Tribute: 3 more @ \$79/each
(Thanks for 1 so far)

Learning Center wish list

- 3-4 life sized mannequins (1 Female: \$89, 2 Male: \$95/each)
- “OPEN” LED Sign with Hanging Chain, Rectangular -
Red & Blue 17” X 9”: \$50
- Command Picture & Frame Hanging Strips,
96 Large Strips - 48 Pair (on going): \$40
- Sony HDR-CX405/B Full HD 60p Camcorder w/tri-pod: \$260
- Patriotic Quilts for December display & Raffle
(lets fill the Learning Center up!)
- Small 12V Screwdriver for crafts: \$50
- Trunks/Footlockers for traveling exhibit: *Thanks*

Thanks to generous donors, The Highground Veterans Park is able to continue its mission of healing and education by offering books to those veterans and families that feel they are dealing with PTSD.

*With a handshake and promise, we would like to help you understand PTSD with a book. **Please visit us.***

Our Newsletter printed by:

**Our new website!!**

Thank you Ike and Jess Rebout! We are receiving wonderful comments regarding the new site! Your time and talents are truly appreciated.

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:

And/or

Newsletter subscription: \$25

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Please send me information about:

- _____ Upcoming Events & Fundraising Calendar
- _____ 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 “My War” exhibit or ROF exhibit
- _____ Volunteer opportunities on site
- _____ Please add me to the Work Week mailings
(I am available to help)
- _____ Please add me to the “Sweet Ladies” mailings
(I can bake for events/sales)
- _____ I would like your newsletter emailed

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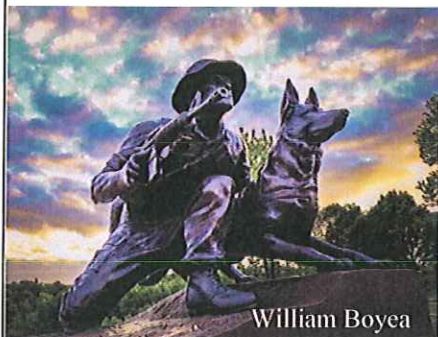
Looking for help selling Christmas trees

The Highground has the opportunity to receive some beautiful Christmas trees to sell and raise funds. We are looking for a group to help us do this fundraiser. If you have connections with a scout troop or would like to man the sales yourself, please give The Highground a call to make arrangements to receive the trees at your location.

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.

The Highground

W7031 Ridge Rd.
Neillsville, WI 54456



William Boyea

Military Working Dog
Honoring our K9 Veterans & Handlers

Thank you for the
awesome picture!!



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 these names and ring the Liberty Bell for all whom have died from Wisconsin.



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Lance Monsen	Stephen Martin	Anthony Alexander	Matthew R. Zindars	Matthew J. West
Scott Schroeder	Adrian Soltau	"Alex" Gaunky	Alun R. Howells	Daniel J. Johnson
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