



The Highground

Veterans Memorial Park



February 2018

a place for all of us.

**2018—the year to celebrate
more amazing milestones
at The Highground!**

Military Working Dog Tribute Dedication June 2, 2018 @ 1pm

We were so close last summer!!! And then came the rain, then snow... Landscaping once again needed to be put on hold until the spring.

SPRING is almost upon us, which means Spring Work Week is almost here!! With that said, the dedication of this beautiful Military Working Dog Tribute is *going to be* Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 1:00pm.

Many exhibits, demonstrations (with dogs), pictures and special speaker presentations are planned that you will not want to miss! These special veterans will be remembered and honored in a meaningful ceremony. Many human veterans owe their lives to these canines. Stories have been told that need to be shared. Watch for more details as they are confirmed on our website, Facebook and the next newsletter!

Most importantly—SAVE THE DATE!

30th Anniversary—September 22, 2018



Celebrating the 30th Anniversary

of The Highground & "Fragments" Vietnam Veterans Tribute which is the tribute to those who served in the Vietnam War.

Many activities and displays are being planned for Friday, September 21st thru Sunday, September 23rd.

Details will be posted as they come together!

The 30th Anniversary Ceremony will be held

Saturday, September 22, at 1pm

At The Highground Veterans Memorial Park

The Highground
Veterans Memorial Park

Thank you Pastor Albert "Al" Houts—You will be missed!!

It is with a heavy heart we share that we lost another great friend and supporter of The Highground. Many of you have seen/heard Pastor Al at many of our ceremonies and events doing the invocation. Others worked side by side with him during work weeks and clean-ups. He had his cute green "toys" (as he called them) that he so generously brought to help—tractor, bucket, wood chipper, etc and always, always a smile! You may have one of his pens he gave to those he met along the way and helped spread blessings to all he met. Pastor Al spoke of our troops in very high regards, leading many invocations which were so appropriate at The Highground.

We will miss you Al, but know you are still with us!



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

In Memory:

Tracy Algers
Ron Bellemare
Harold Bergeron
EJ Dorsch
Pastor Curtis Everson
Dan Fogg
Ed Cletus Hardy

John A Jelich
David Korth
Larry Laning
John "Sarge" Malone
Betty Martin
Ted Meyer
Bill Munkwitz
R.J. Novak

Charles Francis Orlowski
Tom Querin
Bill Ruppert
Dennis Schramm
Sgt Andy Stevens
Robert Sippel
Bernie Stamm Sr
Harold Stange

Bill Thomas
John Tollefson
Roger Werebelow
June Whitfield
Richard Wrench
Don Wuthrich
*Those who are lost
but not forgotten*

Honoring:

*Eisenach Family
Members who served*
Michael & Joyce
Huebsch
Verland Kasten
Jim O'Donnell



Maggie Mae & Heartland Country Band Concert - April 7th in Pittsville. Country Music, Fun and Honoring our Veterans

Maggie Mae & Heartland Country Band will be performing at the Pittsville School District Auditorium, Pittsville WI on Saturday, April 7th at 2PM. Maggie Mae is a regular performer on the RFD-TV television station. Her home is in Oxford, WI, but she tours the country throughout the year, always finding time to support military veterans and her long list of fans! Maggie Mae & Heartland Country Band's show is pure country music with fiddles,

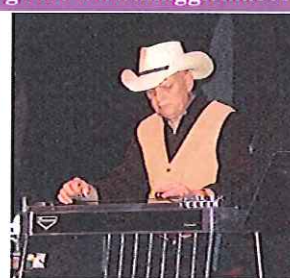
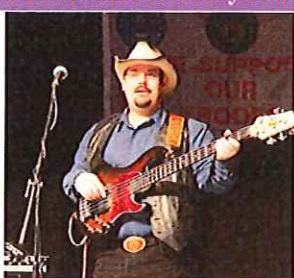
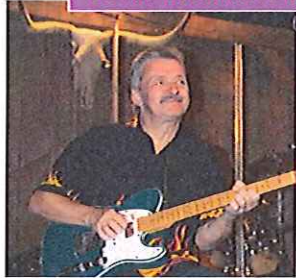
guitars, steel guitars, piano, drums, and of course, Maggie's singing!

The concert is reserved seating only. Tickets (\$30 / \$25). All ticket purchasers will automatically be entered for an exciting door prize. There will be raffles and more fun at the show! All proceeds go to help The Highground Veterans Memorial Park continue its mission of Healing and Education for veterans, families and all who visit.

For more information and to order tickets, please call The Highground at 715-743-4224.



To see even more about Maggie Mae & The Heartland Country Band go to: www.maggiemaccountry.com !



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

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

Tentative Schedule:

*"Start by Doing What's Necessary
Then Do What's Possible
and
Suddenly You Are
Doing the Impossible"*
- St Francis of Assisi

Friday July 13th

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

Saturday July 14th

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



Sunday July 15th

A Day of Fun, Food and
Unique
Presentations
at The Highground
Closing ceremony
and planting a
"Warrior's Tree"



Sponsored by:

HO-CHUNK GAMING
BLACK RIVER FALLS

**Phaneuf-Vanasse
American Legion
Post #111**

Weekend Lodging—Bunkhouse and campground (electricity avail.)
at lodge site free of charge.

Stays at area motels are at veteran's own expense.

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

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Hardee's
CHARGE POLYVALENT

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

Planning Farther Ahead: **2019 Heroes Ride**

Tom Kingsbury, on his third decade of riding his bicycle for The Highground, will be riding another Heroes Ride in late July 2019 (ending at The Highground on August 4, 2019). Tom is working diligently to get the route and stop locations all planned. Yes, it does take a year to get this organized! If you would like to join Tom on his journey for part of the way, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer in any fashion, please let us know. Tom is training for the 1500+ miles—a mile for each Wisconsin KIA including Vietnam through the present.

An exciting time to support a huge fundraiser. *Hey Tom Miller* (founder of The Highground), are you available to join Tom Kingsbury this time? (We can dust off your old bike from the first ride you did! Its on display in the Learning Center.)

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Have you heard.....

...Mae is back! We're super happy to announce the return of Mae to the Gift Shop Staff! As you may recall she left in August to attend UW Platteville. After the first semester she has elected to attend classes online for the general education requirements. We're excited to have her energy and commitment to our Veterans and visitors back with us!

...Volunteer picnic is scheduled!! Save the date!



Please Join us for The Highground Volunteer Appreciation Picnic!

Saturday, June 9, 2018 @ Noon @ The Highground

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

We will have a Crazy Auction & Raffle, so Please Bring One New or Handmade Item or a Favorite Pie or Cookies to be Auctioned/Raffled.

Please RSVP by
Friday, May 25
715-743-4224 or
events@thehighground.us

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



**We Look Forward to
Seeing You!**

**Thank
You!**
Volunteers!

....New Tires!

**Thank you
Bill!!**



The Highground's mule needed tires (esp for the winter snow). Bill's Tire & Service of Colby, WI once again generously helped us by providing the tires.



2018 SPRING WORK WEEK!
Wed. April 25 - Sat. April 28

It's time to get The Highground ready for SUMMER!

There are many Spring projects to be completed – buildings to be cleaned, "yard work", trail work, picnic tables, benches and canopies to bring out and more.

We plan on finishing the paver base of The Military Working Dog Tribute and working on The Gold Star Tribute during Spring Work Week—two very exciting and important projects!

We look forward to your help. It's a great time to come together to make things happen. Ask your friends to come help, as well! Work days are approx. 8am - 4:30pm.

Please RSVP by April 13th by calling or emailing The Highground. Let us know which day(s) you will be here. We need to know how many hungry volunteers to plan for lunch!

715-743-4224 or events@thehighground.us



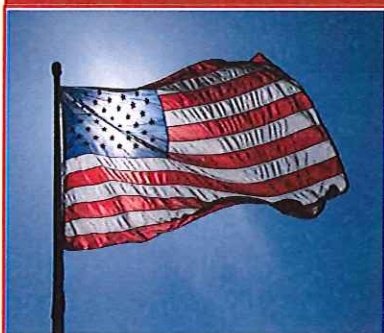
Any tools: rakes, hammers, wrenches, etc that you can bring—please put your name on them.



Take part of The Highground home with you

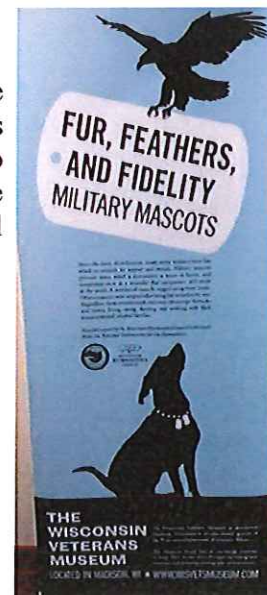
Be the proud owner of a flag that was flown at The Highground! Or would you like to honor someone special with a flag that was flown at The Highground?

For \$175 you will receive a beautiful flag (9.5'x5.5') that was flown in your's or someone else's honor, with a certificate of authenticity. It makes a wonderful keepsake and remembrance of your time and support of The Highground Veteran's Memorial Park. YOU can even be the one to raise or lower the flag on your chosen date. Call Kay for details or ordering—(some dates are already claimed).



Learning Center News!

It's Here! "Working Warriors and Military Mascots!" Thanks to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, WI, we are able to bring you this interesting exhibit from now until the end of March. We encourage you to bring your families and see this exhibit to learn about some of the jobs in the military that are behind the front lines. Also, learn about some of the animal mascots that comfort our soldiers. Open daily from 10am - 4pm



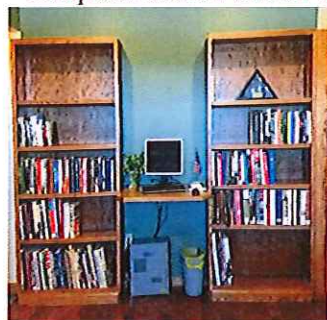
When you come to The Highground, stop in at the Learning Center Library. Check out what's new! We have added a computer station and an entertainment center. Now, if the weather doesn't cooperate, you can stay comfortable and listen to

the audio tour or watch a video from our library. There is an extensive collection of military books in the library for research needs and/or to check out.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Ron Trunkel of Trunkel's Trailers for the use of an enclosed trailer with which we brought in the library cabinets. Thank you, also, to Tim Dallman for preparing the room, making and installing the cabinets.

Trunkel's Trailers Unlimited

2106 Black River Road
Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456
715-937-2021



Christmas Honor Tree For Remembering Heroes!!

Thank you to all who supported The Christmas Honor Tree in the Learning Center. It turned out beautiful! With the addition of the inside honor tree in the learning center we are capable of honoring more heroes. Keep this in mind for next year!



Memorial 2018 Honor Tree Session

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

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

- ⇒ **Memorial Day** - May 15 to June 13
- ⇒ **Independence Day** - June 24 to July 23
- ⇒ **Veterans Day** - November 1 to 30
- ⇒ **Christmas** - December 15 to Jan 15



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

2018 Exhibits include:

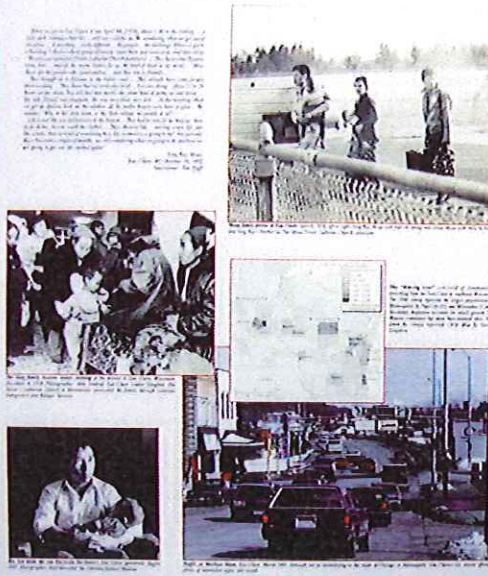
- ◇ HMONG IN AMERICA: Journey from a Secret War
- ◇ -April 2nd -May 25th
- ◇ U.S. FLAG HISTORY - June - July
- ◇ WWII PACIFIC THEATER/ IWO JIMA - August
- ◇ HIGHGROUND HISTORY - September - November
- ◇ NOT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS - December

"HMONG IN AMERICA: Journey From a Secret War"

This interesting exhibit is organized and assembled by the Chippewa Valley Museum. It will be on display at The Highground Learning Center **April 2 through May 25, 2018.**

"Hmong in America" tells the dramatic story of one of America's newest groups of immigrants, the Hmong, told through the voices of the people who lived this contemporary history. Their journey begins in the scenic, rugged highlands of Laos, travels through the Vietnam War, pauses in the over-crowded refugee camps of Thailand, and ends with the challenges of resettlement and a new life in America.

Welcome to America



Mark your calendars! Vietnam Reunion/Education Afternoon!

April 21, 2018 2~4 PM

In The Highground Learning Center

Get together with other Vietnam Vets for snacks, stories and have a good time.

There will also have a slide presentation of 68 ~ 69 Vietnam.



Another Vision Will Become a Reality!!

While getting ready for the 30th Anniversary of "Fragments" and preparing to display various Highground History information, Julie, the Learning Center Coordinator, read about The Highground Founder, Tom Miller, and the Board of Directors seeking to have a museum "some day". Well, "some day" will be in 2018—another milestone to celebrate!

Throughout the years, especially with the changing exhibits in the Learning Center, The Highground has acquired many artifacts and precious memorabilia. Currently, many of these items are stored away and not seen unless it pertains to an upcoming exhibit.

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

The Highground Veterans Memorial Park

Congratulations on being awarded a 2018 non-profit grant award, awarded to non-profit organizations that provide financial assistance and other services to Wisconsin veterans or their families. Thank you for working to ensure that Wisconsin veterans receive the benefits and services they have earned in their service and sacrifice to our nation.

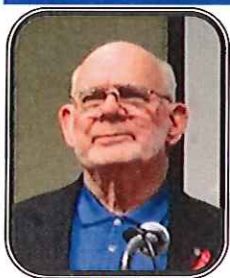


Joanne Tibbett



Thanks to Joanne, our flags last a little longer. For those of you that have taken The Highground tour, you know our flags (US, POW/MIA and Native American) can last anywhere from one day to six weeks in the winds at the Park. Joanne has taken our flags and "fixed" them with her sewing talents! Sometimes allowing us to use these flags again—extending their lives (and our budget)!

Thank you, Joanne, for the awesome job you continue to do for The Highground.



CW King,
Board Chair

As we move into another year, I will update you on what the Board of Directors of The Highground has been doing. The Board met in January to plan for the 2018 year, and on into the future. We spent time talking with a forester about the coming ash borer problem and the effect that will have on our trees. We will be doing some work during the spring work week, and likely some selective cutting in the near future. We spent a lot of time talking about the future needs of The Highground, and of keeping the mission of The Highground at the forefront of everything we do. We have work to be done on a couple of the memorials that we will attempt to get completed in the spring. Since the BOD made the decision last fall not to build the Welcome Center, we have been trying to get a handle on what we need to have to further the mission of The Highground and continue to serve Veterans and their families. So far, it has already been an interesting year, and I am looking forward to another great year in the life of The Highground. Jon is doing a great job, as are all the staff and volunteers, and I want to say Thanks to all of you reading this newsletter for your ongoing support and help. You are truly the Heart of the Highground. --CW



Jon Weiler,
Executive Director

2017 is behind us and 2018 is ready to come out of hibernation with a bang. It has been a brutally cold winter as many of you, other than the "Snow Birds"...the smart ones... can attest to. We had an amazing year last year, and are looking to only increase in 2018. It is going to be a HUGE year for us as it is our 30th Anniversary and we are planning to celebrate this milestone throughout the year.

My first eight months as the Executive Director here have been some of the most memorable times in my life. Being a Veteran and having this job has afforded me the opportunity to spend time with some of the most amazing men and women I have ever met.

I recently read a speech given by the Washington Redskins President, Bruce Allen, at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 8th, 2017 at the WWII Memorial in Washington DC. He was talking about the characteristics his scouts look for when seeking future players. Those characteristics include unselfishness, dependability, commitment level, coachability, toughness, can they be a good teammate, and are they a winner. He stated that "Clearly these are the scouting reports on the 16 million Americans who served in WWII and every one of those boxes had been checked."

That statement can be made for every Veteran that has ever raised their right hand and sworn an oath to protect our great country, its citizens and the Constitution. Whenever I meet someone who says "yes I am a Veteran but I didn't deploy" or "I didn't serve in a time of conflict" or "I served but don't really consider myself as a Veteran, because I didn't do anything", my response, and I believe everyone's response should be, "that does not matter, you still raised your right hand and swore an oath to protect our great country, its citizens and the Constitution. When you did that you knew that at any given moment you could have been told to go somewhere and do something that you never thought you could and, therefore, *I Thank You!*"

You may be thinking "Who would ever think that they weren't really a Veteran because they didn't do anything or go anywhere?" Trust me, they are out there. You would not even know many of them have served as they don't like to broadcast it. That is why we greet everyone who comes to The Highground, "Thank you for visiting, have you ever served?"

Remember to thank all Veterans for their service as they all have signed that blank check that they were willing to give their life for. —Jon



Now find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial

Website: www.thehighground.us

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Or 30 miles east of Ossco from the junction
of I-94 and US Hwy 10

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Notices/Information—Bulletin Board

Important Resources for Veterans & Their Families

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255

PTSD Assistance

Tomah VA

608-372-1651

Wisconsin Vet Benefits

Resource Center

1-800-947-8387

wisvets.com

VetCenter of LaCrosse

20 Copeland Ave

LaCrosse, WI 54603

608-782-4403

877-927-8387

VetCenter of Wausau

605 S 24th Ave Ste 24

Wausau, WI 54401

715-842-1724

877-927-8387

Vets4Warriors

Personalized Peer Support 24/7

vets4warriors.com

855-838-8255

(Let us know if you found positive assistance at other places that we could share with our readers.)



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

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

Coming home from war can present challenges for the returning military service member and veterans. Some service members or veterans struggle to find their way back home and get stuck in a rut. A service member or veteran can often start to feel isolated, broken, constantly on guard, and struggle to participate in daily situations (e.g. going to restaurant, time with family, going shopping). This can become something known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). There is help available to assist eligible veterans.

Many service members or veterans have tried outpatient counseling or therapy. Are you looking for that next step? If so, there is another option available; the Tomah VA has a Residential Combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) program. This 9 week residential program has been serving local Wisconsin and out of state combat veterans for many decades. The program is designed to help them combat their struggles with PTSD and related difficulties. This 13 bed program provides intensive PTSD treatment for veterans who served in various tours of War such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm, Vietnam, Korea, and so forth. Each veteran who comes to our program becomes part of the community. They often feel part of something again as they bond with fellow brothers and sisters. Our veterans report feeling like they are back in their unit or squad again. They often tell us how comfortable they feel with the staff here as they receive intensive individual and group treatment. They get opportunities to fight their triggers directly through structured exercises. They also tell us that it's hard work to do the program but tell us it's worth it in the end as they feel better after they have been through it.

The Tomah VA Residential Combat PTSD Program participates in treatment activities in the community. The Highground has been part of those activities for the last 15 years. Maybe you are considering getting some help for yourself? Maybe you're a family member who is looking for help for their veteran? Maybe you have been to the program before and are on the fence about coming back for some more help? Give us a call. For more info, please call our admission coordinator at (608) 372-1758.

New direct emails for The Highground staff!

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

For More information in regards to Stone purchases, Donations, Raffles, Grants please email **Kay** at info@thehighground.us

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

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

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

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

*Thanks to generous donors,
The Highground 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 take a further step towards
understanding and healing.
Please visit us.*

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.



You are Invited!
The Highground
PORCH GREETERS LUNCH!
MARCH 13, 2018
Lunch at NOON

at **Apple Valley Bar & Restaurant!**
415 W US Hwy 10 Neillsville

We will discuss the exciting events that are planned for 2018 at The Highground; meet **Sheila from Clark County Economic Development and Tourism**; enjoy a delicious lunch and fill out the 2018 Porch Greeter Calendar. If you are a returning greeter and know which days you would like for this year, 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/or honor stone-laying 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 2ND!

Call (715) 743-4224 or email: events@thehighground.us

"Veterans Art & Business Expo & Exhibit"

Veteran Artisans and Crafters, Exhibit Space still available

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

Small Business Administration and other Business Mentors on site to advise Veterans on starting & maintaining a business.

Public invited to visit and see the creations of these veterans

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

MEMORIAL DAY MOTORCYCLE HONOR RIDE!!

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

In Support of The Highground & Veterans!

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



8th ANNUAL!

\$25 per person (driver)/ \$15 per passenger
Includes Patch or Rocker, Memorial Day Ceremony (3PM)
and Lunch at The Highground

APPLETON Route — Joins with Waupaca Route — Contact **Russ 715-281-9653**
redwolfusa17@yahoo.com Reg. at Appleton Harley Davidson

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

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

KING / WAUPACA Route —

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

MEDFORD Route — Contact Dean 715-785-8025 hommelsd@tds.net

Reg. 6:00-6:45am at Hardee's parking lot next to VFW on Hwy 13, Medford

**More Routes
May be Added!
Stay Tuned!**

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

TOMAH Route — Contact Bill 715-281-4068 bill.flemal@gmail.com

Reg. at 7:15am — depart at 8:00am — Kwik Trip (South side Tomah)
1504 Superior Ave, Tomah (NOT THE TRUCK STOP)

REEDSBURG Route - Contact Del 608-770-3709 dalhart1961@gmail.com

MORE ROUTES CAN BE ADDED — CONTACT THE HIGHGROUND FOR INFO. ON LEADING A ROUTE

PLEASE CONTACT ROUTE LEADER FOR DETAILS OR www.thehighground.us
715-743-4224 events@thehighground.us



34th ANNUAL HIGHGROUND BIKE TOUR

August 3 - 5, 2018

4 ROUTES—3 DAYS—2 NIGHTS—1 GOAL!



ROUTE CONTACTS:

Northern Route—Mike & Kathy—715-937-6786

katemike21@gmail.com

Tom - 715-897-4661

Western Route—Jerry—715-246-5370

simonsez@frontiernet.net

Southern Route—Andrew & Nicole—608-201-7328

adsmith2391@yahoo.com

Eastern Route—Curt -920-539-5148

karateman013184@charter.net

ADDITIONAL ROUTES ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT THE HIGHGROUND TO JOIN THIS GREAT WISCONSIN BICYCLING EVENT!

For Information on ANY of these events Contact:

The Highground Veterans Memorial Park

www.thehighground.us

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events@thehighground.us 715-743-4224

W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

Helicopter & Military Vehicle Expo!

May 19, 2018 10am - 4pm



Here for the Expo!

UH-1H VIETNAM-ERA HELICOPTER

Tentatively scheduled to land at The Highground, weather permitting,

Time TBA



18TH ANNUAL RIDE TO REMEMBER MOTORCYCLE RALLY August 17 & 18, 2018

Friday, August 17 OPENING CEREMONY

5:30 PM - THE HIGHGROUND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville WI

Saturday, August 18 RIDE TO REMEMBER

AMERICAN LEGION #73, 6 BOON BLVD, NEILLSVILLE

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

Sign up for 107.5 Bud Bike 25!

10 AM - REGISTRATION - GUIDED RIDES BEGIN AT 11 AM
Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Games and Prizes !! Bike Show (for fun!)

3pm Procession into the Highground
Followed by Group Photo, Rally Ceremony & Picnic!

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

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

FOR INFO: 715-743-4224 www.thehighground.us



Over \$8,000 raised by the 5th Annual Highground Winter Bowl!



Over \$8,000 was raised during The Highground's 5th Annual Winter Bowl fundraiser. The Winter Bowl was held Sunday, January 28th at Rose Bowl Lanes in Marshfield, with all lanes filled to the max with bowlers raising money for The Highground Veterans Weekend Retreat.

The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed bowling and trying their luck at winning over \$3,000 of raffle, silent auction and other prize items! Fritz Miller won the 50" VIZIO LED TV, donated by Hardee's (Colby, Neillsville and Medford).

The success of the Winter Bowl depended on the generosity of sponsors that support The Highground and the Veterans Weekend Retreat. These sponsors include: Hardee's (Colby, Medford and Neillsville), Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, Nicolet National Bank, Phaneuf-Vanasse American Legion Post #111, VFW #7308, VFW #7308 Auxiliary, VFW #7308 Riders Group, Scheels, WI Timber Rattlers, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks, John Buetzberger, Rose Bowl Lanes, Hiller's True Value-Marshfield, Weber's Farm Store, Lake of the Torches Resort Casino, Metropolis Resort Action City, VVA #479, DAV #31 Rib Lake, After All Inc., C & J Auto & Machine Inc., Rogers Cinema Theatres, Lands' End, Green Bay Packers, Fringe Benefits, Fred & Kim Berg, Tim & Julie Dallman, and Forward Financial Bank.

The 2nd Annual Highground Veterans Weekend Retreat will be held July 13-15, 2018. For more details on this and other Highground events, please call 715-743-4224 or email events@thehighground.us

Photos from the 5th Annual Winter Bowl can be seen on The Highground Facebook page

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

Thank You!



The 6th Annual Winter Bowl will be held at Rose Bowl Lanes on Sunday, January 27, 2019. There are several lanes already reserved, so call early to register for 2019!

Nicolet
NATIONAL BANK

Thank you Sponsors!! You made this possible.....



**Phaneuf-Vanasse
American Legion
Post #111**

HO-CHUNK GAMING
BLACK RIVER FALLS



Thank you bowlers for participating in the raffles, silent auction and 50/50 and for supporting our veterans.

A HUGE thank you to all the Volunteers—



This would not be possible without all of you!!

See you next year.



More Donations Presented During the Winter Bowl!

In addition to the funds raised by the Winter Bowl, Dave Droste, representing Independent Hardee's Franchisee Association, presented a check for \$2,530 to Jon Weiler, Exec Director. This check was from the Hardee's Restaurants independently owned by Cougar Enterprises, Inc., Bowar Management, and Oshkosh Restaurants, Inc; which together have Wisconsin restaurants in Rice Lake, Prairie Du Chien, Medford, Colby, Neillsville, Oshkosh plus a location in Waukon, IA.



Another generous surprise at the Winter Bowl was a donation of a beautifully constructed wood chest presented to The Highground by the Ryan Larson American Legion Post #65, from Rome WI. This cedar-lined chest is already on display and will be on a raffle at The Highground. Tickets available May 1st.



The chest and other items will be on the annual Honor our Veterans raffle!

Drawing: November 11th following the Veterans Day Ceremony

The 2018 Honor Stone ceremonies are filling quickly—thank you for the support!

Reminder: Public is invited to ALL ceremonies & events!

Support is appreciated.

There are six areas of Honor Stones to consider at The Highground:

Legacy Stones are placed on our plaza walkways. We are still filling the center walkway with stones.

Meditation Stones The Meditation Shelter's floor is almost complete. September 15, 2018 will be the last stone placement in the Meditation Shelter. There are a few openings for this last ceremony, call if you would like to be included in this special location. As with other stone areas these red granite stones are available for all veterans, non-veterans, organizations and groups.

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

Persian Gulf Honor Stones are placed in *The Bootprint* of the Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute. A new type of stone will be used with current stones being replaced with the new sand granite stone.

Military Working Dog Stones placed around the Tribute's base. One-line plaque placed upright on the tribute.

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

Call 715-743-4224 or Email: info@thehighground



Legacy Stone (gray on the plaza walkways) \$475
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) \$550
Military Working Dog Honor (mahogany around tribute) \$525
MWD & Handler Names only (one line on tribute itself) \$150



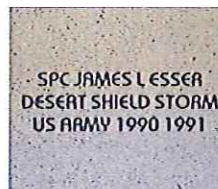
2018 Stone Ceremony Dates

(* indicates full ceremonies)

Legacy Stones

*April 21 *May 19 *June 16 —July 21
 —Aug 18 —Sept 15 —Oct 6

Persian Gulf Honor Stones —July 21



Korean Stones

*June 16

Meditation Stones —Sept 15



Military Working Dog Tribute area stones placement dates TBA



Multiple names of the canines & handler vetrans.

A polished mahogany granite stone.

Military Working Dog Tribute One-line Plaque

First plaque(s) dedicated June 2, 2018 during the Tribute Dedication Ceremony

The 2017 Honor Stone Recipients Brought Family, Friends, Tears & Joy from around the U.S.

Abney, Jack M -WI
 Abney, Kathleen M -WI
 Adamski, Donald N -WI
 Adkerson, John
 Albright, LeRoy -WI
 American Legion & Aux Post 240-WI
 American Legion Aux Unit 81-WI
 American Legion Post 153

Palmer-Ritchie Thomas -WI
 American Legion Post 270 -WI
 American Legion Riders District 7-WI

Anderson, Larry V -MI
 Archer, Nicholas A -CA
 Argue, George H -WI
 Awe, John August -WI
 Ayers, Carol J -WI
 Babcock, Wesley -WI
 Baehr, Fred -WI

Bahr, Gerald D -WI
 Bartig, Edward H
 Bauermeister, Fritz -WI
 Bell, Bob W -WI
 Benavides Jr, Samuel -WI
 Berg, Gary L -WI
 Bergeson, Dale -WI
 Bergeson, Donald N -WI
 Bernt, Helmut -WI
 Bigalke, David -WI
 Bills, Raymond -WI
 Bleskacek, Thomas S -WI
 Books, Jon C

Bowden, Charles J -WI
 Brandt Sr., Leonard R -WI
 Brantner, Thomas A -WI
 Bredeesen, Julius -WI
 Breneman, John Allen -WI
 Brickheimer, Gerald A -WI
 Briski, Frank N -WI
 Brosnahan, Charles T
 Brown, James D -WI
 Brown, Steven

Bruyere, Peter N
 Bryan, Patrick -WI
 Carlson, Brittany A -OK
 Carlson, Gustave A -WI
 Casey, Richard L -WI
 Clark, Otto -WI
 Colby Chrysler Center -WI

Collinson, Tommy L -WI
 Connick, Ray W -WI
 Cook, T WM (Bill) -WI
 Coon, David -NC
 Coon, Earl -WI
 Coon, Oscar, Earl & David -WI
 Cornell, Todd R
 Crandall Sr., Richard G -MN
 Cundiff, Sheila Wetzel -WI
 Decker, Ronald C -WI
 Deel, Jesse -VA

Dehlinger, Bruce -WI
 Demars, Clarence W -WI
 Demars, Darrell W -WI
 Derfus, Ronald M
 Dern, Kenneth R -WI
 Duchac Jr., Clarence
 Dumke, Lloyd E -WI
 Ehlert, Howard C -WI
 Ellner, Sonja M -WI



Embke, Eugene M -WI
 Erickson, Daniel -WI
 Faulkner, Bruce W -WI
 Fjelstad, Steven W -WI
 Forrest, Kenyon L -WI
 Foster, David G -WI
 Foster, Donald G -WI
 Frahm, Leroy E -WI
 Franke, Robert K -WI
 Fredenhagen, Donald W -IL

Friske, Fred -WI
 Friske, Marguerite -WI
 Friske, Norman E -WI
 Gaulke, Donald L -WI
 Gauthier, Edward A -WI
 Gauthier, Edward C -WI
 Gauthier, Robert J -WI

Gear, Nathan
 Gerdes, George
 Glines, Fred -WI
 Glines, Michael -WI
 Goodermuth, Terry R
 Gorton, Dave
 Gran, Stanley A -WI
 Gunderson, Arthur E -WI
 Habeck, Dean Arthur -WI
 Haegler, Ernest P -WI
 Hannis, Michael D
 Hannis, Milton Dusty -WI
 Hansen, Lon M -WI
 Hansen, Merl K -WI

Haslit, Rick -WI
 Heard, Otis -WI
 Hebert, Dana -MN
 Hebert, Elliot F -WI
 Heil, Earl R -WI
 Heil, Matt L -WI
 Heil, Russ -WI
 Herron Jr., David R -WI
 Hildebrandt, Roger -WI
 Hoesly, John E -WI

Hounsell, Tom
 Hunt, Garry E -MI
 Hyrn, John
 Irish, Rodger H -WI
 Iverson, David L -WI
 Iverson, Donald G -WI
 Jachim, Charles G -WI
 Janicek, Bob -WI
 Jelle, Fay Friske -WI
 Johnson, Robert H -WI
 Johnson, Ruben -WI
 Jones, Gayle E -WI

Junglas, Matt & Annie
 Kallas, Phil -WI
 Kath, Otis E -WI
 Kidrick, Robert W -WI
 Kieffer, Jason A -AZ
 Klasinski, Leonard L -IL/WI
 Knutson, Barbara A -IA
 Knutson, Kenneth -WI
 Koltis, Adolph -WI
 Koltis, Ernest W
 Koltis, Gordon G
 Koltis, Walter A
 Koltis, Wesley Walter
 Konecny, Joseph S -WI
 Koth, Ron -WI

Kowalski, Jerome A
 Kratky, Vincent
 Kravick, David F -WI
 Kreciak Sr., Michael A
 Kreciak, Anthony M
 Kruger, Edward -MI
 Kruger, Randall -WI
 Kukuk, Jesse -WI
 LaQuee, Warren -WI

Lau, Herbert J -WI
 Lau, Stella M -WI
 Lawrence, Thomas J -WI
 Leach, Roger
 Lick, Timothy A -WI
 Lilly, Kenneth V -WI
 Mannel, Joshua

Marcott, Wilfred Art -WI
 Marine, Mark
 Marine, Michelle
 Martin, Derold J -WI
 Martin, Duane A -WI
 Martin, Sep & Betty -WI
 Mathwick, Harvey -WI
 Mathwick, Robert -WI
 Matthes, Roger W -WI
 Means, Dale W -MN
 Mears, Andrew M -WI
 Mears, Andrew R -WI
 Mears, Ronald R -WI
 Mertens, Bernard G

Michels, Francis N -WI
 Miller, James Francis -WI
 Miller, Myron M
 Mincoff, John Adrian -WI
 Montgomery, Virginia -WI
 Mooney Sr., Walter -WI
 Morien, William D -WI
 Moua, Choung Vang
 Nagan, Mark A -WI

Nelson, Bernard
 Nelson, Rebecca A -KS
 Nelson, Robert E -WI
 Nelson, Rowena -KS
 Nelson, Roy James -WI
 Nichols, Roger, Gary, Keith -WI
 Nikolai, Don P -WI
 Noeldner, Jerry -WI

Okonek, David -WI
 Olson, Herbert E -WI
 Olson, Merlin E -WI
 Oster, Tom -WI

Panacek, Wendeline John -WI
 Patrick, David M -WI
 Peissig, Dell F -WI
 Perman, Victor -MN
 Pemsteiner, Henry A -WI
 Pha, Tony Chou
 Pifher, James M -WI
 Pliska, Ray -WI
 Ponshock, Clarence A -WI
 Prehning, Brian -WI
 Prochaska, Francis & Mary -WI
 Quake, Leonard
 Radloff, Wallace T -Wausau, WI
 Raine, Jess & Jen -WI
 Ramsey, Archie R -WI
 Raymond, Roger D
 Reyzer, Joseph -WI



Rhiner, Julian O -WI
 Rogers, John E -WI
 Rossow, Karen Karnes -SD
 Rothenburger, Robert -WI
 Schuette, Bob -WI
 Schuette, Mike -WI
 Schulte, Richard J -WI
 Schultz, Donald W -WI
 Schultz, Glenn -WI
 Schultz, Lloyd W -WI
 Schuster, Gordon -WI
 Seefeld, Dale A, Douglas D,
 Jeffery J, Bruce W -WI
 Seidl, John, Fredric, Ronald,
 Dennis, Aloyce -WI

Siggelkow Jr., Charles -WI
 Siggelkow, Donald L -WI
 Siggelkow, John W -WV
 Siggelkow, Robert -MN
 Simonson, Gary A -WI
 Skiff, V.A. -MN
 Skiff, W.N. (Bud) -MN
 Skinvik, Loren Peter -WI
 Skroch, Tony -WI

Sladich, Edward I -WI
 Smith, James R, Ed, Richard, James M
 Soppe, Leo F -WI
 Stahmann, Harold E
 Stange, Allen -Eugene -WI
 Steffen, Adam
 Stelzer, Leroy J -WI
 Stemper, Larry
 Stockheimer, James R -WI

Stott, James E
 Strandberg Darold -WI
 Susa, Gerald L -WI
 Thomas, William P -WI
 Tischendorf, George P
 Toeppe, Robert J -WI
 Transportation Det Ft McCoy -WI
 Tullar, Robert J -WI
 Tullar, Robert M -WI
 Udvare, Michael S -WI
 Van Ornum, Morgan D -WI
 Vanderwyst, Maurice H
 Vaness, Philip P -WI

VFW Post 9496 Menomonee Falls -WI
 VFW Riders Group Post 1865
 Vogt, John J Jake

VVA Minocqua honors: Oster/Hounsell
 Wagner, Ruth
 Walters, Gary W -WI
 Warnke, Jason M -WI
 Wetzel, Emil -WI
 Wilcox, Roy -WI
 Willger, James, Steven -WI
 Wiste, Orville T -WI
 Wiste, Wayne V -WI
 Witt, William
 Woodward, Paul K -WI
 Xiong, Chia Koua -Laos
 Xiong, Chong Soua -Laos
 Xiong, Nao Tou -WI
 Xiong, Naiv Vam -Laos
 Yang, Nue Chang -Laos
 Ziegler, Marcia -WI
 Zuleger, Marvin C -WI
 Zwieg, Theresa -WI



Patriotic Quilt Show and Raffle

Quilters: You have worked hard and the array of quilts filled the Learning Center.
We asked and quilters came through!! Thank you!! Thank you!!
The Drawing was Dec 31, 2017 ending the year on a warm and cozy note.

We had 60 very happy recipients!!

Raffle winners
present were
able to pick their
quilt!
Congratulations
everyone and
THANK YOU to
all who entered.



Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you to all of the quilters
that helped make this fundraiser
a huge success!! Putting a small
article in this newsletter
brought 60 quilts from around
the country!!

We hope you will do this again
for our 2nd Annual Quilt Raffle
in December 2018!!

Details to come in upcoming
newsletters, Facebook and the
website!!

Blessings to all of you!!

The Gift Shop News



Help us tell The Highground Story with our new stretch bracelet for \$4.95

Willow Tree Angel Collection



Irish Charm
\$19.95



Something Special
\$28.95



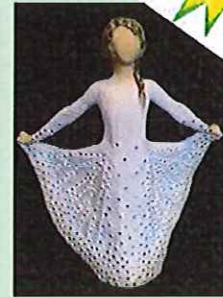
Je t'aime
\$32.95



Soar
\$20.95



Bloom
\$20.95



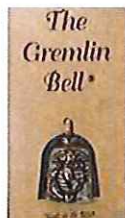
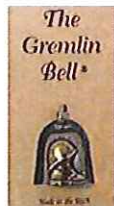
Butterfly
\$34.95



Wooden Laser Cut
Plaques
\$39.95



Desk Clock
\$29.95-35.95



\$10.95



Men's 1/4 Zip
Navy or Black

S-XL \$43.95



Women's 1/4 Zip
Forest or Gray

2-3XL \$49.95



Bistro Mugs: Black,
Burgundy, Green
\$14.95



Tulip Mugs:
Purple, Blue, Dark
Green, Black,
Green Apple
\$9.95



Laser Cut 12"
Cribbage Boards
\$42.95



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Monday-Sunday 10:00am—5:00pm
Winter Hours 10:00am—4:00pm
 Visit our website at www.thehighground.us
 Call us for help in ordering or shipping at 715-743-4224
 Email us at store@thehighground.us

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

- Light box for photography: \$150
 - Funds for re-usable signs for Event Sandwich Boards: \$200
 - Desktop computer/monitor: \$1000
 - iPod and Speakers for Gift Shop: *Thanks*
 - 30' Flag Pole: *Thanks*
 - Funds for 5th Grade Days--*Thanks*—they enjoyed it!
 - 1 or 2 more used/new 4 or 6 passenger golf carts for visitors:
Thanks for six carts and \$500 so far for another cart!
(More visitors mean more needed)
 - Pathway Lights to Persian Gulf Tribute: 5 @ \$1000/each
 - The Highground Education Days: \$800
 - Endowment Fund Donors
 - Memorials: Honor your loved ones
 - Persian Gulf Tribute Jersey Barriers: 9 more @ \$4000/each
 - Highway road sign needs solar charger or digital sign: \$2600
 - PTSD Books: It is helping!!
- Learning Center wish list**
- Sony HDR-CX405/B Full HD 60p Camcorder w/tri-pod: \$260
 - 6 Gallons interior paint: \$250
 - Painters tape, rollers, brushes, drop cloths: *Thanks*
 - 1 or 2 more male mannequins for uniform displays: \$109 ea.
 - VCR/DVD combo player: *Thanks*
 - Lumber for new bookcases & TV area \$1200 *Thanks*
 - Stove/Oven for Learning Center: *Thanks*

Rhapsody in Olive Drab by Steve Maddox

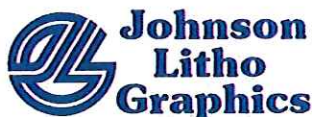
Volume 1 "Reveille" and Volume 2 "Taps" contains over eighty pages of original works. Steve is a volunteer board member, published poet and supporter of the PTSD program at The Highground. All proceeds of these books will be donated to The Highground. The set of books is \$26 and Steve has offered to sign any copies upon request. Please send your donation indicating which volume (or both—*recommended*) you would like to receive or call the Gift Shop to place your order.



Volume 1

Volume 2

Our Newsletter printed by:

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

Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Questions or Comments: _____

Strictly Country Fundraiser

Strictly Country Magazine created "Fight For The Future Charities", (FFFC). Entertainers are asked to autograph Christmas ornaments and donate other items to raise funds for various charitable organizations.

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

**Congratulations Gina for
25 Years of Strictly-Country!!**

The Strictly-Country Magazine can be purchased in The Highground Gift Shop and ornaments can be purchased through the Gift Shop website.



The Highground

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Thank you Dave for all
your ongoing time, talents and
financial support.



Of Neillsville,
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Medford



Your support of our sponsors is
important so they can keep
doing what they do!

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

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

Let us remember and honor those who perished during their service and let them not go in silence.

(WWII)					
Joseph A Jack	Winfield N Robinson	James E King	Dale R Karpenske	Bernard P Meinen Jr	Michael J Wendling
Edmond H Jeffers	Edward D Rogers	Daniel W Kirkland	Gene S Swager	Wilbur A Skaar	Andrew P Wallace
Allen H Johnson	Harold E Russell	David R Kittleson	Timm C Peterson	Jerry C Gillett	Matthew R Kading
Robert H Johnson	Harry L Ryan	Charles R Klatt	David G Dobosz	Erling A Anderson	Benjamin A Smith
William A Johnson	Richard P Schlies	Melvin R Klein	Bradley A Pearson	Gordon H Blexrude	Anthony "Alex"
James A Kennedy	Lyle P Schroeer	Laverne R Klevgard	Richard C Ferdig	Ronald R Blohm	Gaunky
Felix P Klimas	Ernest C Schultz	Charles J Kling	Daniel M Java	James R Devney	Andy A Stevens
Warren F Krueger	John E Sharp	John Klunk	Dean M Beranek		Adam J VanAlstine
Clifford J Landry	William E Skews	Forrest N Knich	Paul D Abbott	(Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan— Present Day)	Nicholas R Anderson
John B Lee	George W Steinmetz	Francis D Knobel	Gerald L Kuhnly		Eric A Palmisano
James E Leith	(Korea)	Harry A Knoke	Greg M Goslin	Benjamin C Edinger	Nathan J Vacho
George H Maiwald	Walter Jung	Roy E Knopp	Dennis N Peterson	Ryan J Cantafio	Eric D Clark
George Marunycz	Hilary W Justman	Jerome W Knorr	Richard C Simon	Brent T Vroman	Grant A Dampier
Paul N Miller	Joe Kaczmarczyk	(Vietnam)	Richard C Fina	Richard D Warner	Jamie Jaenke
Robert R McCabe	Joseph C Kainz	James A Stoeberl	Gary J Halverson	Todd D Olson	Patrick L Lybert
Charles E McGeehan	Ernest Kaminski	Ronald L Grenier	James L Hamlet	Travis M Wichlacz	Stephen Castner
John P Nelson	David B Kampa	Richard R Cerra	Thomas E Severson	Donald W Eacho	Ryan D Jopek
Chester E Nidefske	Daniel F Kamps	Thomas H Zehner	Robert A Singerhouse	Joshua M Schmitz	Adam P Servais
John T O'Donahue	Gordon W Kanter	Larry I Sutton	Dennis J Kromrey	Andrew L Bossert	Shaun A Novak
Stephen F Ofiara	Clyde W Kappus	Charles J Janke	Bruce B Hartman	Mark A Maida	Kenneth M Cross
Alvin E Ohlsson	Jerome Karpowicz	William G McCann	Bruce H Rawling	Joshua M Scott	Merideth Howard
John J Osness	Ross w Katzman	Lawrence J Butler	John T Chapman	Kyle M Hemauer	Luke J Zimmerman
Edward R Pero	Arthur R	Charles F Hughes	Thomas J Murphy	Eric J Poelman	Rhett W Schiller
Kenneth M Peterson	Kazmierczak	Robert A Pulaski	Robert L Cloutier	John J Mattek Jr	Jesse D Tillery
William J Peterson	John F Kelleher	Barrent O Torgerson	Jon E Reed	Charles A Kaufman	Kevin M Kryst
Lyman C Plyer	Gerald J Keller	Larry R Lalan	James A Schachtner	John O Tollefson	Evan A Bixler
Everett K Reed	Gilbert A Kemnitz	Jeremy R	Edward H Rixmann	Ben D Jansky	Matthew T Grimm
Homer H Reed	Vernon L Kesler	Wojtkiewicz	William B Libersky	Chad J Simon	Andrew G Matus
Wallace P Ringham	Rufus L Ketchum	Gary A Isaacson	Frederick W	Trevor J Diesing	
Thomas B Robinson	Edward Kiedrowski	Kent L Johnstone	Bungartz	Ryan J Nass	

**LET THEM NOT
GO IN SILENCE**