

2015 Poker Run for Milwaukee VA Chaplain's Fund

The 5th Annual VA Poker Run was held on Saturday, August 15th and was hosted by Hollywood's Roadhouse and the Iron Angels. The run was held to raise money for the Milwaukee VA Chaplain's Fund. 100% of the money in this fund is used to help veterans. There are no administrative costs. The money is administered by Chaplain Norman Oswald, and is used to give help where the VA (government) does not. A few of the things they do with this fund is to purchase needed clothing for job interviews, supply transportation for those interviews and also greyhound tickets for traveling for family illness or death. Money also goes to help a vet be a parent or child by enabling them to buy birthday gifts for their child and/or Mother's & Father's Day gifts, or even just take them to the canteen for a simple meal. The list is too long to put in this little article, but you can be sure that each dollar donated is giving a veteran a hand up and helping them live with the dignity they deserve.

A group of 29 bikes headed out from Hollywood's Roadhouse in Nashotah, with Vets leading the pack. The Bars participating included Azatlan Inn in Azatlan, Hogz & Honeez in Beaver Dam, Uptown Bar in Watertown, Uncle Johnny's in Colgate, and the run ended at Hollywood's. Food was provided by Sande Neuhofer and entertainment that evening was music by The Ricochette's.

The scenic ride led by Brian Herold was 120 miles long. Poker run winners: First place was awarded to Lisa G., 2nd place to Randy Pinsch, and 3rd place to Jake Sayles. Raffles were won by Hotdog, Mag, Bruce & Kathy Eimmermann, Randy the Virgin, Dan Flaherty, Jake Sales, Jay Radke, and Dan Getsfried. It was once again decided to donate all monies to the Chaplain's Fund, so 1st & 2nd places were awarded gift cards donated by Hollywood in place of cash. Joe Schall was the winner of the 50/50, and he generously donated his winnings to the fund.

The owner of Hollywood's, Sharon "Hollywood" Neuhofer, is a member of the Waukesha County Tavern League. Adding in the donations given by Wisconsin Chapters B & G of the Viet Nam Vets MC, a total of \$1117.00 was raised. With the printing of this article in the Free Riders Press, the Wisconsin Tavern League Foundation will match the funds raised for the Chaplain's Fund. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND DONATED TO THE FUND!!!**

If you or your group would like to directly make a donation to this worthy fund, please contact the VA chaplain's office at 1-414-384-2000 x42160. Donations can also be mailed to: Chief Chaplain's Office, Zablocki VA Medical Center, 5000 West National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53295



Gray Fox of the Viet Nam Vets MC, Sharon Hollywood-Neuhofer, & Dobe Vick

**Letter to the Editor/Guest Column or Commentary
Veterans Day November 3, 2015**

This Veterans Day season from now until next year, is most certainly adventurous and challenging! Our United States presidential campaign is ablaze with fire and fervor.

The Global War on Terrorism could catastrophically strike any community or the whole planet itself - at any moment.

The power grid meltdown and blackout is very possible, survival of the fittest may indeed be for those best prepared!

Leftist ultra-liberalism says forget about our traditional American values, ethics and morals. It says, "re-define our proud American heritage and mystique". Cleverly they overtly and subliminally attack patriotism.

Now is the time to be inspired. Ask any and every Veteran to tell his/her story. Engage into interactive/sharing dialogue.

Every Veteran and you as descendants of Veterans - clear back to World War I and even the Civil War, can order personnel and medical records. Also updated ribbons and medals can be attained.

It is best to go through the County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). They are often overworked and understaffed, but most are willing to help.

Encourage Veterans to research and use their Veterans benefits. Wisconsin has the best package of all 50 states! Past Governors Thompson, Doyle and now Walker - have been key leaders. Secretary's of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Ray Boland and John Scocos have been stellar champions in not just Wisconsin, but all 50 states!




Prominently recognize those schools who choose to honor State Statutes by: 1) Saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day. 2) Displaying a flag in every classroom. 3) Inviting Veterans to share their experiences and patriotism to students. 4) Use textbooks that are honorable, not ruthless.

Just last Friday, October 30th, a phenomenon was witnessed at the Bruce High School. Every single one of the several hundred students and teachers present, put their hand over their heart during the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner! Generations ago this was common, now it is an absolute rarity. Thure Evind Osuldsen was then finally sworn in as a United States citizen. He had served as a U.S. Marine, a WWII Veteran, sniper, presidential bodyguard and former County Board Chairman.

Wisconsin has more named highways and bridges (45), then any other state. Most are Veteran related. (i.e. Hwy 10-Vietnam Veteran; Hwy 51-Korea; Hwy 41 WWII; Hwy 13-POW MIA; Hwy 27-Citizen Soldier etc.) Now the Highways of Honor legislation, the first kind in the USA, is drafted. It will recognize U.S. Highway 8 as the Middle East Conflict Highway (Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq and the Global War on Terrorism).

Hwy 45 is depicted as Biker Appreciation Highway. Wisconsin celebrates more motorcyclist-rated monument stones, flags and flagpoles than most other states combined. Check out the Wisconsin Veterans Tribute/Citizen Soldier Monument at Cadott; Highground Veterans Memorial Park, Neillsville (nearly 1000 stones are motorcyclist inspired, Area Historic Tribute in Fairchild and in the Harshaw Veterans Memorial Cemetery!

May you appreciate the bountiful blessings so beautifully bestowed upon us!
God Bless you, your loved ones and our troops! Cell: 715-836-9436
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