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# First Formation

## Events for Autumn 2016

Sept 1: Voiture Locale 40&8  
meeting, location to be an-  
nounced. Call Larry Winger.,  
604-5140.

Sept 2 and 3: DAV will sell for-  
get-me-nots at Walmart and  
Kwik Trip.

Sept 5: Legion 447 Viola to  
march in Readstown Labor Day  
Parade.

Sept 8: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets  
meeting, Post 13, Richland Cen-  
ter, 7PM.

Sept 9: Women's Relief Corp  
WH Bennet #71 meeting. Call  
for location, Bessie Varvitsiotes,  
647-6658 or Marge Freeman 647  
-4884.

Sept 9-11: Richland Co Fair, RC  
Post 13 Food stand at the head  
of the midway. Featuring steak  
sandwiches, fried cheese curds,  
and canned beer.

Sept 9-11: Richland County  
Veterans Memorial looking for  
help manning the Fair gates.  
Shifts are four hours each. Call  
Pat Greeley if you can help. 604-  
9919.

Sept 10: DAV32 Brat stand at  
Archie's Monuments to benefit  
Purple Heart Sign fund.

September 12: Lone Rock Veter-  
ans Memorial Meeting, 7PM  
Village office

Sept 13: Post 447 Viola Auxiliary  
meeting 1PM. Legion meeting  
7PM.

Sept 15: Legion Post 13 RC,  
meeting at Legion hall beginning  
with meal at 6:30.

Sept 15-17: All Veterans Reun-  
ion, Kokomo, IN. Chapter 7,  
Vietnam Vets, will attend. Others  
interested in attending to contact  
Larry Winger,604-5140.

**Sept 16: National POW/MIA  
Day.**

Sept 17: DAV 32 Brat stand at  
Archie's Monuments to benefit  
Purple Heart sign fund.

Sept 20: Lone Rock post 383  
meeting, LR Library, 7PM

Sept 23, 24, 25 and 30, Oct 1 &  
2: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets will be  
at Oakwood Fruit Farms man-  
ning a brat stand to fund their  
scholarship program. Stand open  
from 9 to 3. Contact Bill Lobeck,  
608-445-8759, or Larry Winger,  
604-5140.

Sept 24: Post 447 Viola 7AM  
biscuits and gravy breakfast by  
Ladies. Aux. Legion Hall.

Sept 24: Post 447 Viola 9:30AM  
Chicken BBQ at Legion Hall.

Sept 25: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets  
3rd District meeting, Boscobel.

Sept 25: Apple Fest Parade, Gays  
Mills 1:30. Vets marching.

Oct 1: Vets will lead the way in  
the Canyon of Lights parade at  
7PM. Line up in the hospital  
parking lot . Troop carrier will be  
available for those unable to  
march. Wear a light on your cap!

Oct 4: Post 447 Viola County  
Legion meeting 7PM

October 7,8,9: Brat Sale at Oak-  
wood Fruit Farm, 9AM to 3PM,  
to benefit Lone Rock Veterans  
Memorial Fund

Oct 6:Voiture Locale 40&8 meet-  
ing, location to be announced.  
Call Larry Winger., 604-5140.

Oct 9: Card party, Cazenovia post  
491 at Legion Hall, 1:30



**Events (Ctd. From page 1)**

Oct 11: Post 447 Viola Aux meeting, 1PM, Legion meeting 7PM.

Oct 13: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets meeting, Post 13, Richland Center, 7PM.

Oct 14: Women's Relief Corp WH Bennet #71 meeting. Call for location, Bessie Varvitsiotes, 647-6658 or Marge Freeman 647-4884.

Oct 18: Lone Rock Post 383 meeting, LR Library, 7PM

Oct 20: Legion Post 13 RC, meeting at Legion hall beginning with meal at 6:30.

Nov 3: Voiture Locale 40&8 meeting, location to be announced. Call Larry Winger., 604-5140.

Nov 6: Voiture Locale 40&8 Pancake Breakfast, 7AM-12:30PM, Proceeds fund nurses training scholarship fund. Asking that all 40 et 8 members assist. Call Larry Winger, Cecil Groves, or Marge Freeman.

Nov 8: Post 447 Viola Aux meeting 1PM, Legion meeting 7PM.

Nov 10: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets meeting, Post 13, Richland Center, 7PM.

**November 11: Veterans' Day**

Veterans Day program at Richland Center High School. All vets encouraged to attend with family and friends. Call Tom Perry, 604-6399.

11AM Veterans' Day presentation at Kickapoo High School, Ron

Fruit is featured speaker.

Veterans Day services at all RC area schools: RC High School with featured speaker, Ithaca, St. Mary's, Eagle, Middle School, Jefferson, and Doudna. Public is enthusiastically invited. Call Tom Perry if interested in participating. 604-6399.

Veterans Day Services, Lone Rock Elementary

12PM, Veterans Day luncheon at Post 447, Viola Legion Hall.

Cazenovia Post 491, soup supper at Legion Hall 4-7PM

Women's Relief Corp meeting. Call for location, Bessie Varvitsiotes, 647-6658 or Marge Freeman 647-4884.

Nov 13: Card party, Cazenovia post 491 at Legion Hall, 1:30

**VFW MILITARY HONOR GUARD LOOKING FOR VETERANS TO ASSIST WITH MILITARY FEDERAL HONORS. CALL DAVE ELDER, 604-4636**

**HOSPICE CARE IS SEEKING VETERANS TO ASSIST OTHER VETERANS IN HOSPICE. CALL TIM PERRY, 604-8826 OR SEE THE ARTICLE LEFT.**

**Veterans Serving Veterans**

Home Health United - Hospice is seeking Veterans interested in becoming hospice volunteers. Hospice volunteers provide a valuable service to Home Health United - Hospice. As a member of the hospice team, volunteers provide services to individuals and families dealing with terminal illness and/or provide administrative support to the program. Many Veterans receiving hospice wish to be connected with a volunteer who is also a Veteran.

Hospice volunteers provide so much to patients and families by offering a few hours of time and companionship. Patient

visits might include companionship support, reading to patients, assisting with letter writing, helping with errands, providing respite to families, or performing light household tasks. Volunteers do not provide hands on care, as that is handled by Home Health United - Hospice staff.

Volunteering times are flexible. Free, comprehensive training is provided, and no medical experience is necessary.

Volunteers take part in annual trainings and maintain volunteer requirements. Help honor a veteran and become a Home

Health United - Hospice Volunteer. Request an application today. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 877-356-4514 or visit HomeHealthUnited.org for more information.

There will be a volunteer training session at Trinity United Methodist Church, RC, on Wednesday, Sept 21, Call 877-356-4514 to register.



*What is a veteran? A veteran, whether active duty, discharged, or retired, is someone who at one point in his life wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his life.*

## From HQ

From Joann Scribbins, assistant VSO

The end of military service marks the start of something new. Veterans and Service members may receive Vocation Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.

VA can help you cover the cost of furthering your education and skills through benefits to pay for tuition, housing, training, and other expenses related to your education.

VA's Education and Career Counseling program is a great opportunity for Veterans and Service members, Survivors and Dependents to get personalized counseling and support to help guide their career paths, ensure the most effective use of their VA benefits, and achieve their goals.

An excellent counseling program is available through the University of Wisconsin. UW-Richland is a campus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges. All degree programs offered through the UW Colleges are approved for the certification of educational benefits for veterans and veterans' dependents under both federal and state veterans administration programs.

It is the mission of the UW Colleges Veterans Services Office to serve all military-affiliated students on the 14 UW Colleges campuses. Military-affiliated students include prior service veterans, current members of the National Guard or Reserves, active duty personnel, and dependents and/or spouses of veterans. For more information visit our UW colleges' Veterans Services website or email [uwc-veterans@uwc.edu](mailto:uwc-veterans@uwc.edu). Tiffany Schoenfeldt. [tiffany.schoenfeldt@uwc.edu](mailto:tiffany.schoenfeldt@uwc.edu)

uwc.edu. 715-261-6147.  
Survivors and Dependents Assistance

There are two main GI Bill programs offering education assistance to survivors and dependents of

Veterans:

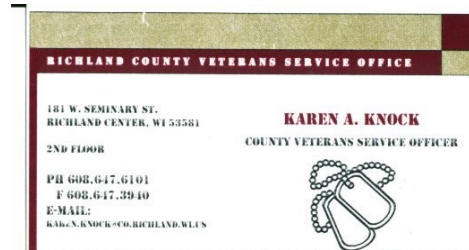
- [The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship \(Fry Scholarship\)](#) is available for children and spouses of Service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.
- [The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance \(DEA\) Program](#) offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

You may be eligible for more than one of these programs. In most situations, you will be required to make an irrevocable election between the DEA program and Fry Scholarship when you apply. Beneficiaries are not able to use the same qualifying event for more than one benefit unless you are a child of a Service member that died in the line of duty prior to August 1, 2011.

## General Call

- Fundraising for Purple Heart signs is nearing its goal. The 3 brat fries held this summer were successful enough to bring in much of what was needed. Organizers are

now waiting for the DOT approval, and then the order can be given to make signs declaring Richland Center to be the first Purple Heart City in the United States.



## Beginning Farmer Opportunities for Military Veterans, Fall 2016

Military veterans' discipline, skill, and knowledge are in demand in agriculture. If you have no farming experience but an interest and passion, consider pursuing an internship. Internships are not just for college students or young people; internships are a way to explore an interest, gain employment history, and decide if a career is right for you.

If you have farming experience, but lack the cash to farm full-time, consider getting started on rented land. At \$50 an acre for pasture, an annual rental is an easy way to raise grass-fed beef or poultry.

Southwest Badger RC&D Council Inc. is partnering with veteran service officers in Southwest Wisconsin to develop opportunities for military veterans in agriculture. Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Southwest Badger offers a 1-year training and support program to help military veterans to start farming with access to land, financial coaching, and experienced farmer-mentors. Participants are invited to attend workshops and training on managed grazing, business planning, and other aspects of livestock production.

The following is a subset of the opportunities available in the Richland County area. Contact Robert Bauer, Grazing Broker, at 608-732-1202 for more information and additional opportunities.

- LaValle: retiring sheep farmer with 30 years of experience seeks an intern to learn all aspects of profitable mutton production and marketing. Possibility to purchase an established flock of Targhee and Suffolk sheep and rent the 80-acre farm within 2 years.
- LaValle: retiring goat farmer with 10 years of experience has an established herd of Kiko goats, 40 acres for grazing, 15 acres hay, and new buildings for livestock, hay, and equipment. Owners are in the exploration phase of renting out their land for grazing, possibly including their house, and are open to possibly selling the farm to a successor in the future.
- Hillsboro: Veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard with mechanical skills seeks opportunities to farm part-time, including purchasing a farm, renting, or working on a farm.
- Loganville: organic dairy farmer willing to share knowledge with beginning farmers, including grazing cover crops, balancing rations with pasture, and organic certification.
- Richland Center: farmer with established fruit and nut trees (aronia, hazelnut, and cherry) seeks intern to assist with harvest, tree care, and selling at Dane Co. Farmers Market; willing to trade work for use of his 4 acre to pasture sheep.
- Muscoda: veteran of U. S. Army seeks mentor to guide expansion of existing beef herd and improved marketing of grass-fed beef, lamb, pork, and poultry.



(L-R) Laura Paine, Mike Mueller, Matt Mueller, and David Anderson demonstrate “contract grazing.” In this case, Mike pays David to care for his beef heifers, which graze on David’s pastures in Highland.