

VETERANS VOICE

WISCONSIN GI BILL – FREE TUITION FOR VETERANS & ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS

Time and time again I encounter veterans in Wisconsin who are not aware of this benefit. The Wisconsin GI Bill waives tuition and fees at University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Technical College schools. Eligible veterans and certain dependents may receive the greater of eight full-time semesters or 128 FREE credits for technical, undergraduate, professional or graduate study. This benefit is worth over \$40,000.

You must have been a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into active duty service or into the U.S. Armed Forces (including incorporated forces), or have been a resident of Wisconsin for at least 5 years. For those who fall under the 5 year residence rule, only the veteran can use the WI GI Bill.

Military service must have been under honorable conditions, and must have included at least one of the following:

- 90 or more days of active duty service during a statutorily-designated wartime period
- Two years of active duty service during peacetime
- Active duty service that included the award of the Expeditionary Medal or a qualifying campaign service medal, or the period of service was ended due to a service-connected disability, hardship or a reduction in forces.

A qualifying Wisconsin veteran's spouse, un-remarried surviving spouse, and children are eligible for the Wisconsin GI Bill when any of the following qualifying events occur:

- The veteran is killed in action,
- The veteran dies in the line of duty while on active, Reserve or National Guard service
- The veteran's death after military service is determined by the federal VA to be the direct result of a service-connected condition, or the veteran is awarded a federal VA service-connected disability combined rating of at least 30 percent.

The veteran's spouse can receive Wisconsin GI Bill benefits for full- or part-time study during the ten years following such an event. The veteran's children are eligible between the ages of 17 and 26. An un-remarried surviving spouse has an additional ten-year use period commencing with the youngest child reaching age 18.

FILE YOUR DISCHARGE PAPERWORK

As a reminder, take the time to file your discharge paperwork in the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office. It is very difficult to have to explain to a family member that paperwork cannot be completed for benefits until the discharge paperwork is obtained. To obtain the records from other resources can take several months.

FREE ANONYMOUS ONLINE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND INFORMATION

To help those who may be struggling, the Department of Defense teamed up with the nonprofit organization, Screening for Mental Health®, to launch Military Pathways (formerly the Mental Health Self-Assessment Program®). The program is available online, over the phone, and at special events held at installations worldwide. It provides free, anonymous mental health and alcohol self-assessments for family members, service personnel, and veterans for all branches including the National Guard and Reserve. The self-assessments are a series of questions that, when linked together, help create a picture of how an individual is feeling and whether they could benefit from talking to a health professional.

The primary goals of the program are to reduce stigma, raise awareness about mental health, and connect those in need to available resources. The self-assessments address depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), generalized anxiety disorder, alcohol use, and bipolar disorder. After an individual completes a self-assessment, they are provided with referral information including services provided through the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. The free anonymous online assessment can be found at www.militarymentalhealth.org

FREE MILITARY PATHWAYS MOBILE APPLICATION FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) and the National Center for Telehealth and Technology (T2) are transforming the traditional model of health care delivery. Mobile health allows for real-time

connections with patients across time and distance.

Now individuals can use a smartphone to systematically track their behaviors and send that information directly to their providers for analysis and guidance. And health technologies accessed in the comfort of one's home get around barriers to care that often prevent individuals from getting help. Download the apps at this website www.t2.health.mil/products/mobile-apps

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MOBILE SITE

The Veterans Administration has created a Mobile Site for easy access to important information at one access point. At this Mobile Site, you can get the latest information on VA news releases, VA Medical Facility locations, information and resources for Returning Service Members, Suicide Prevention Awareness, National Gravesite locator, and VA contact phone numbers. Go to m.va.gov

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased Veterans.

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the current President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the Veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. More than one certificate may be provided.

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office.

AMVETS POST 42 29TH ANNUAL FUND RAISING DANCE

The annual AMVETS Post 42 fundraiser will take place at the Rendezvous Restaurant, E896 County Rd N, Luxemburg, on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Mark Jirkovec will provide music and dancing from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5.00 each and \$7.00 at the door. With the purchase of a ticket, you are then eligible for a cash raffle prize; 1st place - \$300, 2nd place - \$250, 3rd place - \$200, 4th place - \$150, and 5th place \$100. You do not need to be present to win. There is also a \$1.00 coupon on the back of each ticket that can be used at Subway Restaurants in Algoma, Kewaunee, and Luxemburg. Come out for a great afternoon of fun and dancing. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Marvin Dequaine, AMVETS Post 42 Commander, at 920-487-2248

AMVETS OF WISCONSIN ANNUAL CAMPOUT

AMVETS of WI will be holding their annual campout from September 19 - 21, 2014 at Quietwoods Campground in Brussels. The event will feature a Fish Boil on Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20. It will be filled with many activities for children and adults that include a

horse shoe and Cribbage tournament, children's pumpkin painting and golf. Sunday, September 21st will feature a flag retirement ceremony and the event will wrap up with the 3rd District meeting. There is free beer and soda all weekend. There is a charge for the meals that will be served and for the tournaments. Come out and have fun. For more information, contact Marvin Dequaine, AMVETS Post 42 Commander, at 920-487-2248.

KEWAUNEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 29 VETERANS GOLF BENEFIT

The Kewaunee American Legion Post 29 is hosting a Veterans Golf Benefit at the Alaska Golf Course. The proceeds from this benefit will be used to assist the Post and local community functions that the Post supports on a yearly basis. Come out and enjoy a great day of golf!

Where: Alaska Golf Course. When: September 20, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$40.00 per person. Organizations and businesses can sponsor a hole for \$50.00 each.

For team registration and sponsorships contact Claude Stangel, Commander, Post 29, at 920-388-2662.

REMAINING KEWAUNEE COUNTY PARADE SCHEDULE FOR 2014

August 17th Sunday Casco Lions 11:00 AM

ALGOMA AMERICAN LEGION POST 236 COOKOUT

American Legion Post 236 will have a cookout on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Algoma. There will be no meeting this evening. ALL members are encouraged to attend the cookout. For more information, please contact Cletus Conard, Commander, Post 236, at 487-3588.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 18 Luxemburg American Legion Post 262 and American Legion Auxiliary (3rd Mon) 7:00 p.m. 365-6155
- Aug 19 Kewaunee County AMVETS Post 42 (3rd Tue) 6:30 p.m. 487-2248
- Aug 21 TIME CHANGE: Algoma American Legion Post 236 (3rd Thur). 6:00 p.m. 487-9929
There will be no meeting but there will be a cook out for all members.
- Aug 22-28 American Legion National Convention, Charlotte, NC
- Aug 30 American Legion Honor Guard Training Luxemburg 845-5033 Community Center 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Sep 2 Kewaunee American Legion Post 29 American Legion Auxiliary (1st Tue) 7:30 p.m. 388-2662
- Sep 2 Kewaunee Council of the American Legion meeting at Kewaunee American Legion Post 29 8:00 p.m. 553-9663
- Sep 4 Kewaunee VFW Post 3392 (1st Thur) 7:30 p.m. 388-0217
- Sep 8 Casco American Legion Post 319 (2nd Mon) 6:30 p.m. 255-3344



American Legion Post 29 would like to honor Ethel Nelson for her 59 years as an American Legion Post 29 Auxiliary member. She has been an active member since 1955 participating in local events and attending meetings in addition to the District and State level. Also, Ethel has been a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3392 Auxiliary since 1952 (62 years). She has held several different offices for the Auxiliary including President and Historian. She also participated in District and state events with the VFW Auxiliary. The last several years she has made nearly 2000 greeting cards for nursing home residents. She also makes favors for trays for our Veterans at homes like King Veterans Home in Waupaca, WI. We appreciate all she has done and continues to do for our Veterans. Pictured on the left is Ethel Nelson with her daughter Robin Nelson who is also an American Legion Post 29 Auxiliary member.



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