THE COURIER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

A WALKING TOUR OF ROUTE 66

Member Larry Cavanaugh started his walking Route 66 Journey on May 17th, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois and ended on February 22, 2024 at the Santa Monica pier in California.

Larry walked 2448 miles in 646 days, averaging 3-4 miles per day. His walking tour took him through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

Congrats Larry on your walk across Route 66! We are so proud of you and cant wait to see where you go next!

SECRETARY-DESIGNEE BOND VISITS KING

Secretary-designee James Bond visited King on January 25, 2024 to chat with members and meet with staff, including an operations update from Commandant Tammy Servatius (above). He met Larry Cavanaugh (below left), an Army veteran who has been a member at King for ten years; and DAV State Commander Rob Hilliard and his father, Richard Hilliard (below right), a Marine veteran. Members shared stories of their military experiences, their families, and about enjoying life at King.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Journeying with the Lord during Lent

/HQW LV D SHULRG FKDUDFWHUL]HG E\ EHÁHFWLRQ RQ WKH Word of God, Repentance, Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer. The Church has many devotions that can greatly help observe this auspicious season; pilgrimages to sacred places, Praying the Stations of the Cross, the rosary, and different novenas. It is a period of spiritual exercises at the individual and community level. Above all it is a period of no comforts, even the Churches are maintained plain and unadorned in appearance.

(Matthew 4:17) Jesus begins His public ministry by declaring, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." The focus is repentance during Lent, encouraging believers to turn away from sin, embrace humility, and seek reconciliation with God and others.

(Luke 15:11-32) The text gives relevant themes RI UHÁHFWLRQ GXULQJ /HQW /RYH UHSHQWDQFH forgiveness, and reconciliation. The spirit of the Father's unconditional love and mercy is what the faithful need to emulate and extend to others.

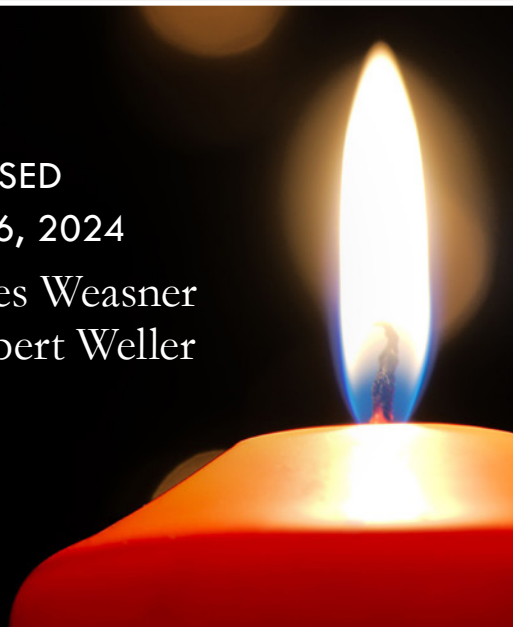
(Matthew 4:1-11) For forty days and forty nights, Jesus was in the wilderness, fasting and praying. Thus, The Church established Lent as a time for increased personal and communal prayer, fostering a deeper connection with God. Stations of the Cross, reciting the Rosary, engaging in spiritual reading, attending daily services, and spending time in prayer, can help one to grow in relationship with Christ.

Let us use this Lenten season to walk with the Lord by engaging in various spiritual exercises and works of charity. By doing so, we can deepen our faith, strengthen our relationship with God, and become better versions of ourselves.

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED FROM DECEMBER 20, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Roy Anderson
Donald Dombrowski
Donald Fallon
Jimmie Fowler
Phillip Hagen
Steven House
Lawrence Johnson
Leslie Kidd
Shirley Lorge
Paul Nebel
Eugene Paalman
Nathan Smith
James Weasner
Delbert Weller



THANK YOU!

Mosinee Sportsman's Alliance Club members donated a tabletop spotting scope for wheelchair bound memb to use down in the Café overlooking Rainbow Lake. Pictured here are Nick Ficken and Jim Rheinschmidt fr the Alliance Club presenting the scope to Terry Heschke, Volunteer Coordinator. ey also donated many miscellaneous toiletry items for the KX as well.

THANK YOU!

Non-monetary donors to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King from October through December.

OCTOBER

Pine Tree Quilters
Lord of the Lakes Quilters
Gloria Ostrenga
Hope Lutheran Church
Karren Olaveson
Deb Rogstad
Wisconsin Correctional Association
Linda Gresbach
Rozella Buss
Fremont American Legion Aux.
VFW Aux. Post 6007
Margie Metzger
VFW Shawano 2723
St. John Lutheran Church, LCMC
AMVETS/Aux. Post 7
VFW Dept. WI
DAR – Plymouth Post
Mary Anderson

NOVEMBER

Yarn It All
WI Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Ms. Marilyn Rudser
St. John's Lutheran Church, Saxeville
Old National Investments
Fairview Elementary School
Nikolay
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St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School, Manawa
Wilson & Magellan Middle Schools
The Power of 5, Inc.
Tom Santag, DAV Chapter 3
American Legion Aux, Unit 332, Black Creek
BSA Scout Troop 104, Madison
Parkview Elementary, Plymouth
Sunny Day Childcare 4 K Class, Waupaca
Wisconsin Elks Association
Nu Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma
thebrigade 5th& 6th boys, Neenah
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, WI Rapids
Bannach Elementary 4th Grade Class
Radiant Fellowship
McDill Elementary School, Stevens Point
Pier Elementary School, Fond du Lac
David Vanderloop Jr.
Peace Lutheran School, Antigo
Patriots for Warriors
Shiocton American Legion Auxiliary 512
Kaukauna Elks #962
Weyauwega Elementary 1st Graders
MPQ School, Ripon Area School District
Shiocton School 5th Grade Class
Gusmer Enterprises
Oakwood Elementary School
Victor Haen Elementary, Girls on the Run
Charles F. Fernandez Center
1st Grade Class, Washington Elementary School
American Legion Aux. Unit 391, Fremont
American Legion Aux. Unit 106, Seymour
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Fundamentals LLC
Oshkosh Herald / Neenah News
Tomorrow River Voyagers & Mushkodany OA Chapter
John Bell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
Weyauwega H.S. FCCLA Chapter
Mountain Bay 1st Graders
Ms. Cynthia Parry
Fort Atkinson American Legion Aux. Unit #166
DAR Plymouth Chapter
Northgate Senior Apartments
Tom Blackbourn
ALA Units of the Dane County Council
Sherry Wanta

NOVEMBER

VFW Aux. Post 6352
Jessica Hintz
Howard Elementary School
New Holstein Elementary School
Judy Gilliam
Marine Corps League
Central WI Detachment #350, Plover
DAR, Two Rivers

DECEMBER

Valley Christian School
St. Pius X Church, Appleton
Dave & Nancy Pyrzynski
Theresa Kuehl
Amcor Oshkosh South
American Legion Aux. 263
Sharon Kampert
American Legion Aux. 317 Junior Members
Carey & Candy Koats
Karren Olaveson
Debra Davis
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Angel Card Project
MH Indiana
VFW Auxiliary 659, Manitowoc
The Palmbach Family
The Jirikowic Family
Debbie Birlin
Denise Shaw
The Angel Card Project, Madison
The Angel Card Project, Georgia
Patriots for Warriors
Trinity Lutheran Church, Arkdale
American Legion Post 370
Sylvia Zimmer Cards for Vets
Thrivent Badgerland Group
American Legion Post 452
Neenah High School Red Cross Club
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
V Batchelor
VFW Post 9336
DAV and DAV Auxiliary
DAVA State Dept. of WI King Home
Rep. & Deputies
Retired Senior Program ADRC Portage Cty
Angel Card Project, Newton
Hortonville BSA Troop 36
St. Johns Episcopal Church
American Legion Auxiliary & Post 370
Carol Romundson
Nelsonville lutheran Church
Lynn McKellan
St. Patrick's Parish
The Angel Card Project, Louisiana
VFW Aux Post 8068
Bree's Inn & AMVETS
Renaissance, Wisconsin Rapids
St. Bron's Parish
Associated Bank, Green Bay
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Donna Ranney
Scott & Diane Gratton
Park View School
Lakeshore United Women in Faith
Angel Card Project, Iowa
Trinty Lutheran Church
VFW Post 2723
American Legion Post 117
E. Recchia
The Angel Card Project, MN
Forest Lane Elementary
Hope Lutheran Church
Fox Lake Public Library
Ross Olson
American Legion Post 477
VFW 2687 Post & Auxiliary
Nature Hill Intermediate
Hilbert Cub Scout Pack 3079
Jim Jenson
Fox Cities Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol
DAV & DAVA Wisconsin

DECEMBER

Cub Scout Pack 110
American Legion Aux. 271
American Legion Aux. Unit 469
Maple Grove Charter School Kindergarten
Fox Valley Initiative
Emmans Road PCA Sunday School Class
Matthews of Neenah
The Boys & Girls Club of the Northwoods
Almond Busy Bee's 4-H Club
Campbellsport High School
Bowler School
Rick Thiel & Hope
Casey Lake 4-H Club
VFW Auxiliary Dept. of Wisconsin
Lori Tomaselli
Patricia Tomaselli
Don & Gert Neuendorf
Manitowoc Senior Center
Elizabeth Kurth
Singer Barnes Post & Aux. 3
Kathy & Bob Hawkins
Mary McDonald
Gayle Schertz
Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
Patriot Riders of America Chapter 1 WI
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 75
Boudry Dental
Karen Barten
VFW & Auxiliary Antigo Post 2653
VFW Electric City Post 3319
DAR Stevens Point Chapter
Kristene Stacker & Rinda Dedering
MCW MSA Class of 2025
Janesville Craig High School Red Cross Club
Employees of Wal-Mart, Plover
Whitetail Valley Farm

THANK YOU!

On Feb. 12, Community First Credit Union mascot Cash the Bear delivered more than 500 Valentine's Day cards created by credit union employees for distribution to King members like Suzanne. Community First has operated a branch at the King home since 1991.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

WDVA delivered cheer on Valentine's Day to members at all three of our Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King, Union Grove, and Chippewa Falls. Secretary-designee James Bond made a special trip to King, and our outreach team went to all three homes to deliver the 30,000 cards we received from across the country.