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Operation Welcome Home Veterans Day Observances
WDVA Announces Observances for Veterans Day

MADISON –Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary John A. Scocos today encouraged veterans, their families, and the community to attend Operation Welcome Home, a Veterans Day observance, on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 as part of the state’s Veterans Day celebration at the State Capitol in Madison.

“Each year we are especially honored to invite our veterans, their families, and the public to the State Capitol to honor the service and sacrifice of our military veterans,” Secretary Scocos said. “The importance of Veterans Day cannot be understated. Today, we remember the veterans who have done many extraordinary things for us – courageous, valorous, selfless acts that have made the world a better place.”

At 11:00 a.m., the Operation Welcome Home ceremony will be held in the Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda and will feature special guests including:

- **Don Weber, CEO of Logistics Health in LaCrosse:** Weber was shot and wounded in an ambush in Vietnam, eventually earning two Bronze Star medals, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross and a Purple Heart for his service.
- **Brigadier General Leslie Beavers:** General Beavers is West Point graduate who served in combat in Vietnam as a district advisor and province operations officer during the Tet Offensive in South Vietnam.
- **Major General James T. Jackson:** General Jackson is the Director of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

This year, the WDVA is pleased to partner with the Madison Veterans Council for the Veterans Day ceremony. This event is free and open to the public.

As the country continues to observe the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War to honor Vietnam veterans, the fallen, the wounded, those unaccounted for, former prisoners of war, their families and all who served, the WDVA is overseeing a two-year statewide commemoration named Operation Welcome Home in 2015 and 2016. For more information about Operation Welcome home visit www.WisVets.com.

Veterans Day Observances at Wisconsin Veterans Homes

The WDVA also announced today that the Wisconsin Veterans Homes will be observing Veteran’s Day 2015 at each of their campuses. Wisconsin Veterans Homes are located in Chippewa Falls, King, and Union Grove.

Chippewa Falls

On November 10 at 1:00 p.m. the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Fall will have a Veterans Day ceremony to honor the veterans residing at the home and local veterans alike in the Community Room. Guest speaker is State Senator Terry Moulton.

King

On November 11 at 9:30 a.m., the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King will conduct a ceremony in Ainsworth Hall honoring veterans. Guest speaker is State Legislator and Navy veteran Kevin Petersen.

Union Grove

On November 11 at 11:00 a.m. the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove will recognize military veterans with a Veteran's Day ceremony in Boland Hall. Guest speaker is State Senator Van Wangguard