

Rotary summary for Kurt Krueger 020224

The Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts (HCPA) is bringing Kathy Kaefer to the Northland Pines High School stage on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, to perform her one-woman show, "Kiss Me Once . . . Stories from the Homefront". She will include songs from the era of the World Wars, and read letters written by service men to their families. Service men and women will be acknowledged during the program. We expect this to be a touching and impactful performance.

To build on her performance, HCPA has pulled together community representatives:

- those with veteran connections (the Veterans Resource Center, the Vilas County Veterans Service Office),
- people who have worked on the Veterans Day Program at the high school (Jackie Coghlan, Sarah Simic),
- people who worked at the V.A. (Gail Nebgen), and
- people with access to resources for veterans (Sara Klemann at the Olson Library, and Donna Murray at The Warehouse),
- and members of the HCPA Board.

We applied for and received a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council. Our project is called the "Veterans and Families' Expressions" to offer veterans ways to express their thoughts and feelings about having served in any service at any time. This builds on the model of the collaborative effort of the Escanaba Museum and the Iron Mountain VA to create an exhibit of veterans' art works, sculptures, writings, memorabilia etc. Eagle River will have display sites for veterans' submissions at

- the Courthouse entry way and hallway to the Veterans Service Office,
- the Olson Library,
- the Warehouse, and
- the Veterans Resource Center.

Submissions have already been received, and the displays are expected to grow during February and March leading up to the show. Some items will be moved to the high school on the day of the show.

The Veterans Service Office has purchased concert tickets to be given free to any veteran who requests them. Funds from the Veterans Resource Center will pay for any class any veteran wants to take at the Warehouse. A veteran singer/songwriter, Bobby Bullet, will conduct **writing workshops at the Warehouse** for those who would like to put their ideas down on paper (six Tuesdays starting Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30 pm at the Warehouse). The library is making recording equipment available for people who would just like to talk about their experiences or hold a conversation; these will be transcribed for the displays. The Eagle River Historical Society is holding an open house at the Museum on Hwy 45 South on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12-2 pm, open to the public and veterans to view the military collection and also to hear a speaker explain the collection.

Any art object or craft a veteran has created as a means of personal expression will be accepted for the displays. All objects will be photographed and compiled into a video to be shown prior to the Kathy Kaefer show on March 24<sup>th</sup>. A post-concert reception in the high school gathering space is being planned for veterans to meet her and any governmental dignitaries in attendance. The City of Eagle River Mayor's office has agreed to issue a Proclamation for "Veterans and Families' Expressions" Weekend, March 23-24, 2024.

Coincidentally, the Veterans Service Office is also offering free tickets to veterans for the Windigo hockey game to be held that weekend, Sat. March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The "Veterans and Families Expressions" poster is attached with contact names and numbers.

Concert tickets are available at Eagle River Roasters, online at HCPApresent.com or by calling Rick Roder at 920-676-3621.

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Submissions for the Veterans Families & Expressions Project March 2024, As of 3/19/24; revised 3/22/24; revised 3/19 7 pm.; revised 4/5/24

Name	Branch of service	Desc of item, purpose, incentive, memory	Date submtd	Place of display
Anon	Air Force	Photo collage, Tuzla Air Base Operation	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Drawing: "Oppenheimer"	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Emblems, patches, medals, pins (42+)	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Match books: Presidential aircraft	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Framed print: bomb behind aircraft	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Air Force	Air Force Associations 50 <sup>th</sup> Ann., directory of members, 1996	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Book: "Forgotten No More, The Korean War Veterans Memorial Story"	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Book: "Korea Reborn, A Grateful Nation"	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Family photos (19)	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Dreamcatcher with feathers	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Stitchery: "God Bless America, Land That I Love"	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Drawing, words re: sexual assault	3/24	Warehouse
Anon	Son	Recollection of father's service, newspapers, photos	3/24	Courthouse
Anon	Unk	Wood Sculpture puzzle	3/24	Courthouse
Anderson, Mary	Army	Army reserve uniform, hat/gloves, mess kit, meal ration, canteen	1/24	Courthouse
Buono, Robert P.	Army	Essay: "Arrigo Park, When I Was Wounded"	3/24	OML
Buono, Robert P.	Army	Essay: "Getting Naked on TV (it was a good thing)"	3/24	OML
Buono, Robert P.	Army	Essay: "Murphy's Dream Vision or Warrior's Ring"	3/24	OML
Buono, Robert P.	Army	Essay: "Sin Loi Desidario" re: sculpture (photo)	3/24	OML
Dreger, Nicole N.	Air Force	Service Recognition Plaque	3/24	Courthouse
Eades, Kevin	Army	Two uniforms: green camo, tan camo	3/24	Courthouse
Garcia, Lisa Marie	Air Force	Painting, collage, re; sexual assault	3/24	Courthouse
George, Larry	Army	Photo, scene in Vietnam, compassion	3/24	Warehouse
Kallio, Robert	Army	Handmade leather gun holster	3/24	Courthouse
Kallio, Tiffany	Army	Framed collages (2) pills, words	3/24	Courthouse
Larson, Leonard,	Army, AF	Photo album, 1943 submitted by Wendy Harris	3/24	Courthouse

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Mee, Marlon	Air Force	Framed medals, ribbons, medallions	3/24	Courthouse
Mee, Marlon	Air Force	Essay: "A Veteran Reflection" re: a unique brotherhood	3/24	OML
Mee, Marlon	Air Force	Memorial Day Speech, 5/26/2014, photo	3/24	OML
Mee, Marlon	Brother	Essay: "Through the Eyes of Those Who Were There"	3/24	OML
Mee, Marlon	Brother	Brass Medallion, Italy, "Aviano", photos, Vietnam Memorial	3/24	Courthouse
Mee, Marlon	Brother	Marable plaque, KIA, May 19, 1969 Ashau Valley,	3/24	Courthouse
Mee, Marlon	Air Force	Uniform, blue beret, framed poem	3/24	Courthouse
Nesbit, Pamela	Spouse, daughter	Photo W.W.II "Can Do", two poems: "Air Land Sea & Sun" and "Brave Fabric"	3/24	Warehouse
Nesbit, Pamela	Spouse, daughter	Photo 113 NCG, Co D, 1944; poem "Transformation"	3/24	Warehouse
Raatz, Jenni	Daughter	Essay re: dad's service and reactions	3/24	Warehouse
Schuller, Bernard - Army subm by Tom Schuller	Son	Recollection of and effects of atomic bomb testing in Las Vegas	3/24	Warehouse
Selcke, George G.	Marines	Short essay: "George G. Selcke, 092746"	3/24	Warehouse
Spurgeon, Dawn	Army	Drawing on the theme of sexual abuse/trauma	3/24	Courthouse
Spurgeon, Wesley	Army	Handmade cutting boards, trivets	3/24	Courthouse
Thomas, Brian	Air Force	Mounted knife: "Operation Enduring Freedom, 1/9-3/11-'07"	3/24	Courthouse
Thomas, Brian	Air Force	Sculpture: Sand, rocks, on painting	2/24	Courthouse
Thomas, Brian	Air Force	Brass bucket: "In appreciation for your support to USDAO ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Jan '2007"	2/24	Courthouse
Thomas, Lisa	Air Force	Art work	3/24	Courthouse
Thomas, Sybella	Daughter	Book covers (5)	3/24	Courthouse
Wise, T.	Grandson	Tugboat bell, plaque, emblems	3/24	Courthouse
Yaeger, Norma	Spouse	Wood crafted objects made by Roger Yaeger	2/24	OML
Yaeger, Norma	Spouse	Songbooks from the W.W.II era	2/24	OML
Zirbel, Kirk	Air Force	Essay, Berlin, Germany 3 years	3/24	Warehouse

Courthouse - Vilas County Courthouse; OML: Olson Memorial Library; Warehouse: Warehouse Center for the Arts

Share Your Stories  
"Veterans & Families' Expressions"



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funded by a grant to HCTA from W1 Humanities Council

Project Description

Name (or assign a number to be anonymous)

Branch of Service: USAF Time of service: 20

Location worldwide

Description of item submitted:

F-16 framed photo

Discuss your Incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

Aircraft 750 has a very meaningful maintenance story to this veteran. A lot of great lessons learned and ~~comradery~~ ~~comradery~~ camaraderie grew immensely from the crew working on the jet engine.

Permission to use your name sure

Permission to photograph and/or transcribe your submission: sure

Request NOT TO USE IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Item received: 21 Feb 24

Item displayed at:

Item returned: @ADRC, Vilas County

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Project Description

Name (or assign a number to be anonymous) Kevin Eades

Branch of Service: Army Time of service:

Location Iraq, Afghanistan

Description of item submitted:

Uniforms



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Discuss your Incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

Participation

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Name (or assign a number to be anonymous)

Branch of Service: USAF Time of service: Oct 82  
to Apr. 1987

Location Aviano, Italy

Description of item submitted:

Last letter written to me by my brother.

Last Known Picture of my brother

Tribute to my brother

The Wall reflection Touching my brother's name

Randy Mee / Marlon Mee Frame

Discuss your Incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

I was 12 years old when my brother was killed in Vietnam. His memory will never be forgotten. People especially younger people need to know the sacrifices members of the military and their families make. Sharing and telling stories keeps memories alive. We need to keep our past present not only today but in the future too.

Permission to use your name Marlon Mee you may use

Permission to photograph and/or transcribe your submission: Marlon Mee

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my name?  
display my items

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Item returned:



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*Project Description*

*Name:* Dawn Spurgeon

*Branch of Service:* US Army *Time in Service:* 1994-2001

*Location:* Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Fort Campbell, KY

*Description of Item Submitted:*

Drawing

*Discuss your incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, and impact:*

Awareness

**1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys is a victim of child sexual abuse.**

**1 in 3 women and 1 in 50 men experience sexual trauma while on active duty.**

**1 in 4 women Veterans experience sexual trauma while on VA grounds. 88% said they had been harassed by male Veterans and 24% by male VA staff or volunteers.**

Looks like I hit the jackpot. It's downright unfair if you ask me. This dirty secret that lies within families, in the military, and at the VA has crushed me. I have a basket full of mental health diagnosis that includes PTSD, depression, and suicidal ideation, to name a few. I am still here.

This idea that we need to "sweep it under the rug" and keep sexual trauma quiet is complete bullshit. We are not protecting the victim, only the perpetrators. Let's call them for what they are, pedophiles and rapists. They live among us, and things will only change if people speak up and hold perpetrators accountable. Speak your truth. Stop letting everyone tell you to be quiet.

That is what this piece is about. I am tired of being hurt. I am tired of being quiet and letting people get away with hurting the vulnerable in society.

I like to draw around my thoughts, poems, quotes, and other things that move me. Sometimes, it's anger or humor, but it always has some meaning to me and helps to get it out on paper.

**This piece is for you, and I want you to know that I hear you. I support you, and I encourage you to ask for help. Keep asking until someone listens.**

*Permission to use your name:* Yes

*Permissions to photograph and or transcribe submission:* Yes

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Project Description

Name (or assign a number to be anonymous) Brian Thomas

Branch of Service: Air Force Time of service: 1995-2015

Location All over

Description of item submitted:

Rock/sand art



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Discuss your Incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

Creative outlet

Permission to use your name Y

Permission to photograph and/or transcribe your submission: Y

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Item displayed at:

Item returned:



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Project Description

Name (or assign a number to be anonymous) Lisa Thomas

Branch of Service: Air Force Time of service:

Location All over

Description of item submitted:

Created a picture to describe service



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Discuss your incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

Creative outlet

Permission to use your name \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to photograph and/or transcribe your submission: \_\_\_\_\_

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Project Description

Name (or assign a number to be anonymous) Sybella Thomas

Branch of Service: Parents were Air Force Time of service:

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Description of item submitted:

Disney Crafts

Discuss your Incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

Fun.

Permission to use your name \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to photograph and/or transcribe your submission: \_\_\_\_\_

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Project Description

Name (or assign a number to be anonymous) T. WISE

Branch of Service: NAVY Time of service: 2003-2023

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Description of item submitted:

BELL AND BELL STAND



Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts: hcpapresents.com  
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Discuss your Incentive, purpose, memory, meaning, impact:

1950's US NAVY BELL PULLED FROM TUG-BOAT @ GLENN AIR FORCE  
BASE AND PASSED DOWN TO SERVICE MEMBER FOR HIS RET.  
CEREMONY AND RANG ~~BE~~ BELL AT HIS FINAL DEPARTURE.

Permission to use your name YES \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to photograph and/or transcribe your submission: YES \_\_\_\_\_

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Date and Item received: 3/7/24

Item displayed at: COURTHOUSE

Item returned: 3/22/24