Welcome to our annual POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony. We are honored that you could attend.

Throughout our history, young service men and women have defended our country in times of need. Many risked capture, imprisonment, and their lives to protect us. Since 1979, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we have honored the sacrifices and remarkable determination of Veterans captured as prisoners of war. We have also remembered those who remain unaccounted for and we wish their families comfort in knowing that America has not forgotten them.

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Dan Krehbiel is a US Army Veteran having served with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. In 1985, he began writing a tribute song for the Highground—a Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville, Wisconsin. The Highground was dedicated in 1987. It pays tribute to all Veterans and their families. In addition, the Highground has a Dove Effigy Mound, A United In Service Tribute, a Korean Veterans Memorial, a developmental forest with 4 miles of hiking trails, and a meditation garden. Mr. Krehbiel has represented the Tomah VA Medical Center at three National Veterans Creative Arts Festivals, Rapids City, South Dakota in 2006, Riverside, California in 2008 and La Crosse, Wisconsin, October 18-24, 2010.

The Highground has evolved to be a memorial park that pays tribute to the dead, and honors the survivors, their service, and their sacrifices. It also pays tribute to the people who supported them when they were away and upon their return. Today, the Highground has tributes to Vietnam Veterans, WWII Veterans, WWI Veterans, Women Veterans, and families that supported and lost loved ones. In addition, The Highground has a Dove Effigy Mound, A United In Service Tribute, a Korean Veterans Memorial, a developmental forest with 4 miles of hiking trails, and a meditation garden.

La Crosse, Wisconsin October 18-25
Performance Gala and Art Exhibit
Viterbo Fine Arts Center 929 Jackson Street
Sunday, October 24, 2010 2 P.M.

For Ticket Information Call:
608-372-1262 or e-mail Jeanie.klinke@va.gov

Our Honored POW Guests

Howard M. Jones Germany
George Marshall Germany

Prelude
Kirsten Meyer, Music Therapist
Selections Viola Bach Cello Suites

Introduction
James Theres, Public Affairs Officer, Master of Ceremonies

 Invocation
Chaplain Ivan Torres

 Presentation of Colors
Juneau County Veterans

 Pledge of Allegiance
Tom Muench, MSSW Social Work, POW Coordinator
Tomah High School Quartet & Assembly

 Welcome
Jerald D. Molnar, Medical Center Director

 “High Ground”
Dan Krehbiel, National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

 Guest Speaker
Mark Johnson, US Olympic Gold Medalist

 POW Recognition
Wendy Zeieler, Patient Services Assistant
Ruth Benzing, Supervisor, Ambulatory Care & Processing
Tom Muench, MSSW, Social Work Coordinator

 Benediction
Chaplain Ivan Torres

 FIRING SALUTE
Juneau County Veterans

 RETIRING OF COLORS
Juneau County Veterans

 TAPS

Refreshments in the Midway Immediately following the Ceremony
Coach Mark Johnson was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and raised in Madison, Wisconsin. He played in 669 NHL Hockey games from 1980-1989 after leading the United States Men’s Hockey team to a Gold Medal in the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, NY. He scored two goals in the most famous hockey game ever played when Team USA defeated the Russians 4-3 on February 22, 1980. 2010 is the 30th anniversary of that victory.

He played three years for his father, legendary hockey coach, “Badger” Bob Johnson and helped the Badgers win the NCAA National Championship in 1977. He was the first Badger to be “Rookie of the Year,” became the school’s second all-time leading scorer and two-time All-American. He would represent the United States in 13 international tournaments and played for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Minnesota North Stars, Hartford Whalers, St. Louis Blues and the New Jersey Red Devils in the National Hockey League.

Johnson is currently the head coach of the UW-Madison women’s hockey team and has won three national championships in 2006, 2007 and 2009. In 2010, Coach Johnson led the US Women’s Hockey team to a Silver Medal in the Vancouver Olympics. With a career record of 210-39-22 (.615) in his first seven years with the program, Johnson has the most wins of any coach in Wisconsin women’s hockey history. In 2002, he was also selected as one of college hockey’s “Top 50 Players in 50 Years.” He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology from UW-Madison in 1994. He resides with his wife, Leslie in Verona, Wisconsin. They have five children Doug, Chris, Patrick, Mikayla and Megan. Doug is the head coach for the Wisconsin Ice Spirit Girls’ U14 hockey team, Chris is a senior captain for the Augsburg College men’s ice hockey team, Patrick is a junior on the UW men’s ice hockey team and Mikayla and Megan play hockey for the Wisconsin Ice Spirit Girls’ U14 and U12 teams.

Awards and Recognition

2009-Red Smith Award for contributing to sports on and off the field.
2005-NCAA Silver Anniversary Award for accomplishments post student-athlete.
2004-Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds Award of Excellence for volunteer work.
2004-Inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.
2003-Inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame.
2002-“Top 50 players in 50 years.”
2001-Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame.
1999-Inducted into the International Hockey Hall of Fame.

1980 Olympic Team recognition

2008-International Hockey Hall of Fame selected “Miracle on Ice” hockey story of the century.
2004-ESPN declared the “Miracle on Ice” the top sports moment from 1979-2004 (25 years).
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Mark Johnson

Miracle on Ice
February 22, 1980   Team USA 4, Russia 3