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American Legion Day Held at King

The 55th Annual American Legion Day held at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King on Fathers' Day June 20, 2010 was a huge success. Returning to the traditional Fathers' Day date paid huge dividends in attendance and made it a special day for the residents at King.



The American Legion Auxiliary sold out of chicken for the first time in years and the sunny weather made ice cream popular for dessert.

From 10:00 to 1:00 P.M. those present were entertained by the KNX Party band led by John & Lynn Koenig. John, being a Veteran himself, recruited the rest of the band members for the event. Laura Mays, the Agency Liaison of the Wisconsin Veterans Home did a super job, and the staff at the facility helped the residents to enjoy the meal and watch the parade.

The parade kicked off at 1:00PM and featured the Marathon High School Marching Band. The American Legion Riders took the lead and were followed by units from the Department and most of the Districts. The Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion were well represented also. Making the parade a real spectacle were the various locomotives that were brought to King by the 40 et 8.

Following the parade, the formal program at the bandstand began at 2:00PM. 8th

District Vice Commander Dan Rindt of the Clintonville Memorial Post 63 performed the duties as Master of Ceremonies. Lorie Jepson of Clintonville performed the Star Spangled Banner and a member of the Marathon High School Band performed Taps. Andy Lorge sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace". He also performed a song he wrote for his father entitled "My Daddy Cries on the Fourth of July", which brought tears to the eyes of the people in attendance.

The featured speaker for

the day was Senior Chief Tom Zaborskie, a 38 year veteran of the US Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. 8th District Congressman Steve Kagen of Appleton offered brief remarks. Also attending were State Assemblyman Kevin Peterson of Waupaca and Dan Naylor of Post 161 who is a member of the WI Board of Veteran's Affairs.

The residents were unanimous in their appreciation to The American Legion Family for sponsoring the event.

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