

Please join us June 27-30, 2019 for...



"It is a time for universal rejoicing that the shedding of blood on the battlefields of Europe has ceased. It is also a time for reverent tribute to the men who gave their lives that the right should prevail." - *The Necedah Republican* | July 3, 1919

When "the war to end all wars" finally ended in November of 1918, Americans looked forward to peace and the safe return of loved ones from their service overseas. In Necedah, a massive homecoming event was scheduled for June of 1919. This event was, indeed, designed to honor all the servicemen and women returning home to Necedah from overseas.

It was also, however, about the fantastic future everyone was then envisioning, honoring the settlers and founders of the town, building relationships within the larger community of Juneau County, and connecting the past and future of the area by encouraging as many former residents as possible to come back for a visit.

**Necedah 100**, a weekend of events inspired by this 1919 homecoming and taking place 100 years later, is intended to accomplish many of those same goals.

Looking at the past should help us understand the present and equip us to create a better future. This ideal informs the planning for **Necedah 100**.

On June 30, 2019 we will dedicate a new Veterans Memorial at Necedah High School. The days before this will be dedicated to building community, and to direct our thinking toward an uplifted view of Necedah's future.

The community of Necedah and hopefully all of Juneau County will come together to celebrate our heritage, honor those who have served, and look forward to our own fantastic future.

During the 1919 Homecoming, one day was focused on Soldiers and Sailors.

Soldiers and Sailors Day at Necedah, Friday, June 27



**HOMECOMING POEM**  
(By Dr. G. H. Parham)

I am coming to Necedah,  
Where the lowly violets dwell,  
To the home of the arbutus  
Sleeping in each mossy dell.

I am coming to Necedah,  
Where the Yellow river flows,  
I am thirsting for the waters  
Pure and sparkling as the snows.

I am coming to Necedah  
On that glad some day in June,  
When the clans began to gather  
And all nature is in tune.

I am coming to Necedah  
Just to greet the folks again,  
I am coming to Necedah  
In my fastest aeroplane.

I am coming to Necedah  
Famed in song and story too,  
Where I lived from youth to manhood  
I am coming home—to you.

Dr. G. H. Parham wrote this poem to celebrate the 1919 Homecoming event.

## Support The Memorial

In addition to the weekend of events in June, there will be several fundraising events over the next year. Check on the Necedah 100 Facebook ([bit.ly/necedah100](http://bit.ly/necedah100)) page to learn more.

Monetary donations for the Necedah Veterans Memorial can also be given to the school district at any time. Please, make checks payable to Necedah Area School District.

Our rough estimate for needed funds is \$30,000. The specific plans for the memorial are being finalized. The design will be very simple and elegant with a key component being the inclusion of a name for all service members who enlisted while living in the Necedah Area School District.

This memorial is also going to be updated annually; so, as current residents join the military their names and service information will be added to the wall.

Should we raise more funds than needed to build the memorial, additional money will be put toward refurbishments of the outdoor athletic complex at the school.

### Submit Service Information

Do you have family members or close friends who served and who lived in the Necedah Area School District? Make sure their name(s) make it onto our memorial.

Go to: <http://bit.ly/nasdvets>

Or scan:



### Help With **Necedah 100** Events

If you would like to help organize an activity that fits into the Goals of **Necedah 100**, please contact Mikki Maddox at [mmaddox@necedahschools.org](mailto:mmaddox@necedahschools.org).

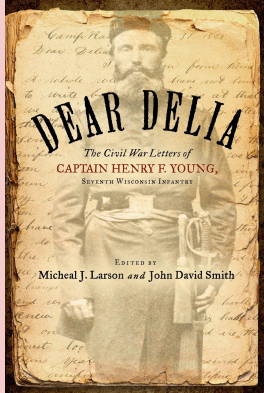
# Necedah 100 - List of Events

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019**

Summer School Musical  
@Necedah Area Schools

We Are Artists -Opening Reception  
@ Necedah Library

Author Talk by Mike Larson  
author of *Dear Delia*



**Have a family member or friend who entered the service while living in Necedah?**

**Make sure his/her name is on the wall.**

**Go to:**  
[bit.ly/nasdvets](http://bit.ly/nasdvets)



**For Registration Forms, Event Updates, Schedules, Locations, and Other Information**

**go to Facebook:**  
[bit.ly/necedah100](http://bit.ly/necedah100)

**visit:**  
[necedah100.weebly.com](http://necedah100.weebly.com)

**email:**  
[mmaddox@necedahschools.org](mailto:mmaddox@necedahschools.org)

**or call:**  
**(608) 565-2256**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019**

We Are Artists Show  
continues @ Necedah Library

Youth Basketball Clinic

Cemetery Tour

Community Walking Tour

Cooking Demo  
with Meadowlark Farm

Museum-grand opening  
@Necedah Schools  
featuring Dr. Gough, UW - Eau  
Claire speaking about logging  
history

Dinner Theater

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019**

Museum Displays Open

Parade - through Necedah

Veterans Wall Dedication  
with keynote by Denise Rohan,  
retired National American  
Legion Commander

Dinner Theater

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019**

Pancake Breakfast

Car Show

Movie Screening

**DAWN of the  
RED ARROW**

with presentation by Maj. Brian  
Faltinson

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Cemetery Tour & Community  
Walking Tour

Effigy Mounds Tour  
with Kurt Sampson

Museum Displays Open

We Are Artists Show  
continues @ Necedah Library

Homecoming Dance - featuring The  
Home Grown Tomatoes Band

# Accessing And Uncovering History - Part Of The **Necedah 100** Celebration

Throughout the next year, there will be several opportunities to learn about local, state, and national history. Below is a preview of some of these opportunities. Please check in on the Necedah Area School District Facebook page for information about dates, times, and locations for these displays.

## **December 15, 2018 - Working Warriors: Military Life Beyond Combat**

This traveling exhibit from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum features non-combat military work. This category accounts for almost 75% of military jobs. The many non-combat roles of military service personnel including work as beauticians, military police, dentists, mechanics, and photographers are explored in this show. These roles rarely make the headlines but are vital to every military operation.



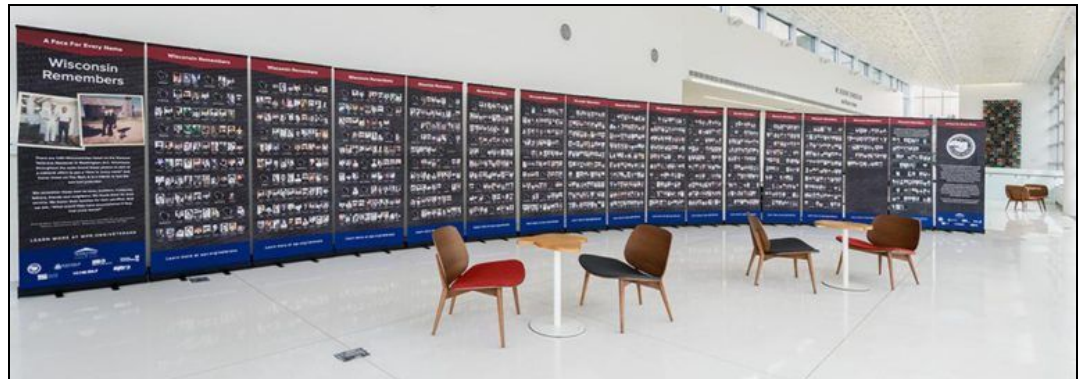
## **May 11, 2019 - Fur, Feathers, and Fidelity: Military Mascots**

This traveling Wisconsin Veterans Museum exhibit features Mascots and their important service in the military. Whether a lion, a monkey, or a dog, military mascots are a source of pride and morale for troops. This exhibit presents a variety of mascots dating back to the Civil War, shining a light on the human side of military service and engaging animal lovers of all ages.



## **June 28-30, 2019 - Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name**

This traveling exhibit features a photo for each of the 1,161 Wisconsinites officially listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit also includes additional photos for names that are listed on The Highground Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI.



Wisconsin Remembers is a tribute to lost life and lost potential.

## **June 28-30, 2019 - WWI Beyond The Trenches: Stories From The Front**

Over 122,000 Wisconsin men and women served on land, sea, and in the air during World War I. This traveling exhibit from The Wisconsin Veterans Museum features an up close and personal look at the Great War through the eyes of Wisconsin veterans.



## **June 28-30, 2019 - People Of Necedah**

This exhibit highlights notable people from Necedah such as Bertha Thomson (pictured at right), the country's first female health commissioner. Learn about our local, state, and national history through the faces and stories from Necedah's past.

