

remebering **dick jelinski**



It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of a beloved and dedicated Brigade volunteer, Richard "Dick" Jelinski. He was a library of wisdom and a benchmark of character within The Brigade. His legacy will be etched in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Dick's life was a tapestry of remarkable achievements, and he lived each day to its fullest. From his service in the US Navy during the Korean War to his diverse passions in photography, painting, scuba diving, sculpture, and more, he exemplified the essence of a life well-lived. His most enduring legacy is his unwavering dedication to The Brigade, where he served as a leader for an astounding **71 years**. Dick was the first recipient of the Outstanding Brigader Award in 1950, 6 year medal recipient, a beloved leader at Boys' Camp 2, an active leader at the downtown program, and an active work week volunteer. In 2016, he received the S.F. Shattuck Award. He was a Board Member and honored Emeriti on the Board. Dick's impact on The Brigade and those that connected with him is immeasurable.

The Brigade's Four Fold were not just words to Dick; they were the cornerstone of his life. He instilled in countless youth the values of being their **"My Own Self, At My Very Best, All The Time."** Under his mentorship, generations of young leaders emerged, shaped by his wisdom, philosophy, and commitment to leaving things better than he found it.

Beyond his impressive list of accomplishments, Dick's true gift to us was his profound philosophy to seek out adventures and turn those experiences into art. He lived this daily, encouraging all he met to embrace life's challenges and joys with an open heart and a creative spirit.

brigade **newsletter**

open **house 2023**

Our doors were open to anyone who wanted to drop by and explore what the Brigade had to offer on Thursday, September 14th, 2023 in the evening.

This opportunity was for kids in the community to experience what a typical Brigade night was like, and we had some activities open for them to try! We featured indoor rock climbing at our climbing gym, crafting projects, our music program, and a chance to try out the rifle range and archery range! There were also building tours, and Marnie gave an overview of our programs and goals of the Brigade.



Overall, this event was a great success! A huge shout-out goes to the staff and volunteers that were able to make this such an awesome event.

welcome **new families!**

We wanted to extend a big brigade-style welcome the new families that joined after they attended our open house.



2023-24 Program Schedule:

October 2nd, 2023 - week of
March 18th, 2024
6:30-8:30 pm
\$125 entire year



This program is open to youth 5th-12th grade. Each grade level will come to the Brigade building in downtown Neenah one evening each week to participate in a wide variety of activities.



onaway **work weeks**

thank you!

Thank you so much to our volunteers, leaders, and co-leaders for taking the time to prepare our island for the upcoming winter months! Because of their efforts, we can continue to make the Onaway magic happen at every camp next season.

women's **crafting fundraiser**

Our annual women's crafting fundraiser was a wonderful fall weekend in October at Camp Onaway. Each year, a weekend is set aside for women ages 21+ for crafting and socializing.

\$4,268 raised

\$475 of the total funds raised was in a 50/50 raffle to send a youth to camp next summer.

All funds raised at this event go back to Camp Onaway. These funds are used to ensure that next year will be an amazing experience of "Onaway Magic" for all who come to our summer camps.



wreath **sale**

The Brigade's annual wreath sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Here are the important dates and times for this wreath-selling season.

mark your calendars!



important **dates**

wreath sale season	10/26-12/2/23
warehouse opens	11/11/23
wreath \$\$ due	12/2/23

warehouse **hours**

715 fairwood dr, neenah 54956

sat, nov. 11	9am-2pm
mon-thurs, nov. 13-16	4-7pm
sat, nov. 18	9am-2pm
mon-tues, nov. 20-21	4-7pm
sat, nov. 25	9am-2pm
mon-thurs, nov. 27-30	4-7pm
sat, dec. 2	9am-2pm

krueger's **hours**

999 winneconne ave, neenah 54956

sat, nov. 11, 18, 25 dec. 2, 9	9am-4:30pm
sun, nov. 12, 19, 26 dec. 3, 10	9am-2pm
fri, nov. 24 (Black Friday)	9am-4:30pm

volunteers needed!

We are in search of adult and brigader volunteers (10th-12th graders) to help at our warehouse!

Volunteers will be setting up the wreath sales floors and loading/unloading wreaths into cars.

[click here to sign up!](#)



Alli is a Neenah native who has grown up with The Brigade as a constant in her life, from middle school to high school. She also attended Girls' Camp 2 with her dad, creating precious memories along the way.

She has always had a burning passion for positively impacting her community and finding meaningful ways to contribute. She's also a creative person and loves to express that through graphic design. It's no coincidence that Alli's exceptional leadership abilities were nurtured at The Brigade and Camp Onaway and laid the groundwork for who she is today as a bright and enthusiastic young professional.

Whether she's pouring her heart into a community project or whipping up some fabulous graphic designs, you can count on Alli to bring her unique blend of passion, creativity, and talent to the table.



welcome, **Alli!**

[click to learn more!](#)

volunteer giving

We firmly believe that the presence of dedicated adults in the lives of the young individuals who come through our doors truly makes a difference. We owe a great deal of our success to these remarkable individuals!

Depending on your employer, they may provide volunteering benefits you can tap into. Some may provide paid-time to volunteer during working hours, corporate matches, or the ability to direct funds to the organization you choose to volunteer with. These generous benefits can significantly amplify your impact. How amazing is that? Imagine the difference we can make together if we all pitch in! If you're excited about joining us in the journey of positively impacting the lives of the youth, we encourage you to reach out to your HR representative today. They will help you navigate the volunteering benefits your company may offer.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to create a lasting impact in our community and click the button below to sign up.

[click here to sign up!](#)

christmas giving

nov. 28-dec. 13, **2023**

Our Christmas Giving Program serves financially disadvantaged families in Neenah & Menasha by providing clothing and gifts so they may experience a memorable Christmas. In 2022, we served over 900 families!

Families served through our program are sponsored by other families in the community. Click the button below to sign up to sponsor a family starting **November 28, 2023!**

[sponsor a family here!](#)

[christmas giving info here!](#)

important dates

Office Hours	mon-thurs sat, dec. 2, 9	9am-3pm 9am-12pm
Sponsored Family Gift Drop Off	nov. 28 -dec. 13	during office hours
General Gift Drop Off	nov. 28-dec. 4	during office hours

welcome **back, brigaders!**

September - October **2023**

Check out a few of the activities that our Brigaders participated in so far this year!



etiquette **dinner**

Our 9th graders had a wonderful time at our annual Etiquette Dinner hosted at Bridgewood! They seized the opportunity to delve into the world of proper dining etiquette and got to practice using their new skills by eating a delicious meal!



CLUE

Our Tuesday night Brigaders were on the case to solve a live-action version of Clue! Our fabulous investigator, Guy Noir, P.I., helped us discover the who, what, and where of the "murder"
It was Miss Peach in the West Hall with the Rope!



halloween **party**

We had lots of fun celebrating Halloween on October 30th with our 5th and 6th graders. Daryl Rogers put on a great magic show for us, followed by a Halloween Bash where we watched The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!

stay up to date with all our activities by downloading the monthly calendar on our **website!**

click [here](#) for calendar!



upcoming discover **breakouts**

click [here](#) to sign up!



\$0

partner **workout**
gr. 5-12th
11/16/23
5:30-6:15pm



\$5

snowglobe **craft**
gr. 4-12th
12/4/23
4:00-5:00pm



\$10

garden **of lights**
gr. 5-12th
12/7/23
4:30-8:00pm



\$5

christmas **cookie decorating**
gr. 4-12th
12/4/23
4:00-5:00pm



\$0

wreaths **across america**
gr. 4-12th
12/4/23
4:00-5:00pm



\$0

christmas **trivia**
gr. 5-12th
12/21/23
4:00-5:30pm



\$25

altitude **trampoline park**
gr. 4-12th
12/4/23
4:00-5:00pm



\$25

tubing @ **nordic mountain**
gr. 4-12th
12/4/23
4:00-5:00pm

*50/50
raffle!*



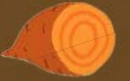
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**COME JOIN US FOR A FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK ON
FRIDAY, NOV. 24, 2023 | 5:30-7:30 PM
BRIGADE BUILDING | 109 W COLUMBIAN AVE, NEENAH**

**CURRENT BRIGADERS, ALUMNI, CAMPERS, AND LEADERS ARE ALL
WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH THEIR FAMILIES!**



RSVP

