

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY



UWS and The Promethean was part of veterans' events Nov. 11 at the Bong Veterans' Historical Center in Superior. Promethean staff member Scott Schultz, left, spent the day recording veterans' stories for the Bong Center's archives and for podcasts. With Schultz as the Bong Center curator of collections Briana Fiandt, center, and Vietnam veteran Paul Helbach of Brule. Helbach was a Navy corpsman who served with Marines in Vietnam.

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Campus 'Thank You' To Those Who Have Served

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior celebrated Veterans Day on Nov. 10 in the Yellowjacket student union, in honor of all the current and former veterans who have served across all different branches of the United States military.

Each year, a guest speaker shares their story and background regarding their time and experience relating to being a veteran.

This year, Lieutenant Colonel Jesse Peterson of the Air Force branch was chosen for the program. Peterson shared valuable information regarding the Air Force branch; who they are, what they are about, and how they impact the US military as a whole.

Peterson has been a recipient of numerous major awards and decorations. Those include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

"I get the privilege to work with young men and women in the Air Force that want to serve. Veterans all have something in common with one another. They want to protect and serve. It's doing a job and doing something bigger than yourself, and that's why I believe it to be so great," said Peterson.

Peterson is also currently Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.



A Vietnam veteran sought information from the Duluth Vet Center during the Twin Ports Veterans Expo Nov. 11 at UW-Superior.

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History of Conflicts Between Palestine and Israel

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In early November community members of Superior and Duluth gathered in Duluth for a rally to show support to the people of Palestine. Hoping to raise awareness of the issues at hand. Unfortunately, the conflicts between Israel and Palestine have been around since 1917. That means generations of families and children were exposed to the brutal acts of violence, according to the BBC.

In 1917 the Balfour Declaration endorsed by the league of nations (Prior to the United Nations), that

established Palestine as a "National Home" for Jewish people. The land was primarily inhabited by a Jewish minority and Arab Majority. The declaration grew tension between the two groups as the number of Jews fleeing persecution in Europe during World War II grew.

In 1947, the UN once again voted on what to do about the issues in Palestine. Deciding to split Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab States. The plan was accepted by Jewish leaders but rejected by the Arab side; which was never implemented.

It ended up pushing

Jim Dan Hill Library Brings Veterans Day to UWS

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On Thursday, November 9th, the Jim Dan Hill Library hosted a pop-up library table at the Yellowjacket Union, interacting with students and spreading the word of Veterans Day.

The YU was full of pride for our country. The library was also looking at, not only checking out books to students but also raising the awareness of how important Veterans Day is, as well as informing students about why we celebrate this important holiday.

Jade Jensen, who was there at the YU tabling for the library, said that she talked to about 70 students, and was able to spread the importance of this holiday.

The Jim Dan Hill library now has many different resources for those interested in joining a branch, those who are interested in learning about the

different branches of the U.S. military, or maybe if they have family members or loved ones in the service and just want to learn more of what that loved one does.

During an interview, Jensen stated, "The library is a great place to educate people who are interested in joining a branch, and for those who have family or friends in the service".

Because the library has so many great resources for so many different kinds of people especially involving Veterans Day, you might be curious as to how students could get their hands on those resources.

"If students come to the library and need any help, the front desk is a great place to get guidance on great books. We have great resources, and since we are

connected to the UWS system, we can contact other UW campuses and have them ship books that we don't have to us," Said Jensen.

The number of things to learn about Veterans Day is a list that simply never ends. So, make sure to check out the Jim Dan Hill Library 7:45 am – 10 pm Monday through Thursday, 7:45 am – 4:30 pm on Friday, or 5 pm to 10 pm on Sundays.



The exhibit is viewable on the 2nd floor of the JDHL. Photo by Isaiah Wiita

Inspiring Conversations On Refugees With Red Cross Day

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Red Cross Day at the University of Wisconsin-Superior encouraged students to learn more about the troubled lives of refugees with a "Refugee for 75 Minutes" exhibit on Nov. 14.

Additionally, other activities also took place, such as hands-only CPR training for attendees.

Dr. Haji Dokhanchi is Department Chair of the the Social Inquiry Department and a long-term volunteer for the American Red Cross' Northern Minn. branch. Dokhanchi believe it's important for students to be aware of the Red Cross' mission.

"I think the importance is the global awareness of the numbers, and if you're going to have a conversation about refugees, it needs to be informed. Our job is not to say, do this or do that, our job is to say, this is what makes a person a

refugee? I think we move to a new level of conversation after this, where we can find what options exist," said Dokhanchi.

Many attended both activities. UWS students in Dokhanchi's class guided spectators through the simulated struggles a refugee endure.

"I think a lot of people who attend college in this area haven't come from places with lots of diversity, let alone people other countries," said Executive Director of American Red Cross Northern

Minnesota Dan Williams.

Williams sees the importance of educations of refugees across the US, as the most recent 2020 Census shows that there's less ethnic diversity the more rural the area is.

"When I see dozens of students going to the exhibit at any given time, the town they go back home to will have an improved understanding of other cultures because of these events," said Williams.



While the American Red Cross Northern Minnesota was at UWS, CPR demonstrations were also shown in the YU.

Photo by Jon Pearson

Palestinians out of their homes and into confined territories, with the understanding that one day they would be able to return.

Jumping forward to the 2000s when further attempts were made to revive the peace process. World powers devised the ultimate goal of a two-state solution, but this was never implemented.

Most recently former president Donald Trump prepared a peace plan

called "The deal of the Century", but was dismissed by the Palestinians as being one sided.

Currently, Gaza is ruled by Hamas. Since 2006, Gaza has fought several wars with Israel. Hamas is currently isolated to a partial blockade on the strip, however Palestinians with no affiliation to Hamas say Israel's restrictions and their air strikes on heavily populated areas.

This year has been the deadliest year on record

for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

A leading organization for the Peace and Liberation Movement known as Northland Grandmas for Peace was a main contributor at the rally. This reporter talked to Dorothy Wolden, who's been a member since the start of the Iraq war. The organization often partners with groups like the Anti-Imperialist Action Twin Ports.

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