



La Crosse/Wausau Vet Center
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Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the La Crosse Vet Center, I am writing to request permission to use the trails near the Vet Center on Copeland Avenue. The Vet Center is planning to host an Open House along with a fun run for Veterans, their families, and community members that may be interested in learning more about our program. The fun run will be free of charge and no registration will be required. I would also request the board waive the trail fee as we are not obtaining monetary gain for this run. The Open House and run will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2017 (Veterans Day). Our goal is to bring awareness to members of the Armed Forces and the community of the services we provide.

The Vet Center program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era Vets were still experiencing readjustment problems. Over time Congress extended eligibility to encompass other war-era Veterans, but maintained the premise of "Combat" Veterans. Recent legislation now authorizes Vet Centers to provide Readjustment Counseling Services to certain Active Duty Service Members and their families; as well as individuals that have experienced military sexual trauma while serving in the Armed Forces.

Vet Centers are community based programs, and part of the Veterans Health Administration. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services to eligible Service Members to assist them in making a positive post deployment readjustment to life.

Sincerely,

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Director
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