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## **Closing and Signing Ceremony for the New Tiny Home Village for Veterans**

Tomorrow – Friday, July 9 -- Alderwoman Chantia Lewis will join at City Hall with Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin (VOW) board members and several other city officials in celebrating the closing signatures and launch of the Tiny Homes for Veterans on the city's northwest side.

The VOW tiny homes development will be known as the **Gary G. Wetzel Veteran Village**, and is expected to bring up to 48 new homes along with a community center to land located just west of N. 60<sup>th</sup> Street and Green Tree Road in the 9<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District.

Each unit will be approximately 240 square feet, with its own bed, storage space for belongings, and more importantly somewhere they can call home again. The main community center will be 10,000 square feet and will house showers, bathrooms, a communal kitchen and several common areas for Veterans to work and relax. The development's goal is to give our Veterans their own personal space while providing a common place where they can gather, socialize and receive the help they so desperately need.

**The property sale and closing is scheduled to be at 10:00 am TOMORROW (Friday, July 9) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Vel R. Phillips Ante Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.** Along with city officials joining Alderwoman Lewis for the ceremony will be the VOW Executive Director **Brad Behling**, and Board President **Trevor Morgan**. Department of City Development Commissioner **Lafayette Crump** is also expected to attend along with the bagpipers from the St. Andrew Society, which is graciously funding one of the new homes.

With them will be honored guest and Milwaukee native, U.S. Army Veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor Award Winner Gary G. Wetzel (who the village is being named after).

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## **Tiny Home Village/ADD ONE**

“As a 9/11 era U.S. Air Force Veteran, the Tiny Homes for Veterans project has been near to my heart,” Alderwoman Lewis said. “The gift of a home is priceless, and I know how easy it can be for those who serve to become homeless and lose hope. I see the sacrifices they have made for all of us and how critical it is for us to support those who have served so valiantly for our Country.”

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