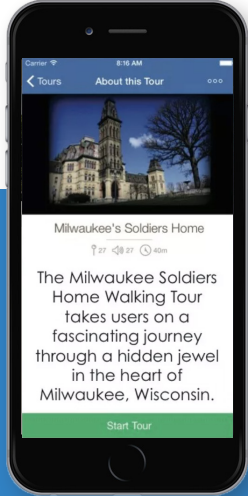


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## GETTING THERE

The Soldiers Home is located on the grounds of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, west of American Family Field. Follow signage for the VA National Historic Landmark along I-94 (exit 308A).



The Milwaukee Preservation Alliance (MPA) is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting stewardship and awareness of the historic, cultural, and economic value of Milwaukee's built heritage. Since 2011, MPA has been at work to save the vacant buildings at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home and will continue its work through the Save the Soldiers Home effort.

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# ABOUT THE SOLDIERS HOME

The Milwaukee Soldiers Home, on the grounds of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center overlooking American Family Field, was built in 1867 as a place of healing for veterans returning from the Civil War. As one of his last acts, President Lincoln signed legislation to create a national system of homes for disabled veterans. Since then, thousands of Wisconsin veterans have called the Milwaukee Soldiers Home their safe haven.

One of only 43 National Historic Landmarks in Wisconsin, the Soldiers Home contains some of the oldest and most historic buildings in the VA system. Though many of its buildings remain in use, some of the District's most iconic buildings remain vacant and deteriorating.

## TAKING ACTION

Thanks in large part to an advocacy and awareness effort led by the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance (MPA), six of the Soldiers Home's buildings - including the formerly endangered and most significant one, Old Main - have been renovated into 101 supportive housing units for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

6

Adaptive reuse of six historic buildings

101

Housing units for homeless veterans and their families



On-site veteran support services



Preservation of interior and exterior historic features



## THE NEED REMAINS

Though veterans once again call Old Main home, other key historic buildings remain threatened. Encouraged by the success of the rehabilitation project, MPA has set its sights on three additional endangered Soldiers Home buildings: Ward Memorial Theater, the Soldiers Home Chapel and the Governor's Mansion, which are currently unused and deteriorating.

“...Let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.”

-Abraham Lincoln

### 1 OLD MAIN 1869

Old Main is considered the grandest building on the campus.

### 2 WARD MEMORIAL THEATER 1881

Over the years, the theater has also served as an amusement hall, restaurant, home store, post office and place of worship.

### 3 CHAPEL 1889

The Soldiers Home Chapel served as a multi-denominational church until 1996.

### 4 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1896

The Administration Building served as the VA center main office until 1942, after which it housed the domiciliary staff office and the campus post office.

 : still endangered  : has been restored