

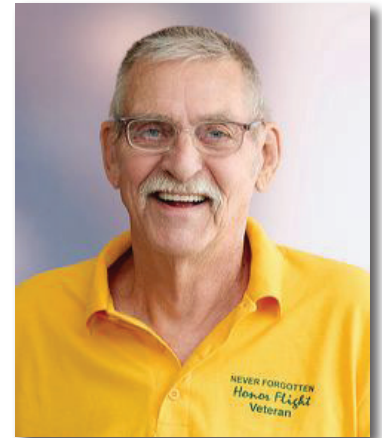
News FOR YOU...

Honoring Those Who Have Served

Member Dennis Stillwell served in the Vietnam War between 1968-1971. He was recently a participant on Mission 44 of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Dennis said, "It was fantastic!" When asked what his favorite part of the trip was, he indicated, "I really enjoyed Arlington National Cemetery, where we viewed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. You could hear a pin drop."

Dennis signed up for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight five years ago. This free one-day trip included a visit to the Vietnam Memorial, Korean and World War II Memorials, the Pentagon Memorial, U.S. Air Force Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Arlington National Cemetery. Dennis said, "We were warmly greeted by many supporters at both the Ronald Reagan National Airport as well as the Central Wisconsin Regional Airport in Mosinee, Wisconsin. That was heartwarming."

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Member Dennis Stillwell was on the 44th Mission of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight.



Dallas Sloan Wins High Honors



Steve Freese, President and CEO of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association, presents Dallas Sloan with the Ally of Cooperative Electrification Award.

Dallas Sloan, former general manager of Barron Electric Cooperative, has received the Ally of Cooperative Electrification Award (ACE). The Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) honors the best in Wisconsin's rural electric cooperative community with this award. Recipients of the ACE Award have made outstanding contributions to rural electrification in Wisconsin.

Dallas began his career in 1984 as a staff assistant for the Operation's Department. He was promoted to director of member services in 1992 and later promoted to director of operations in 1997. He became general manager of the cooperative in 2009 and held that position until his retirement in 2021. During his reign as general manager, Dallas ensured that the best interests of the members were first and foremost. Dallas lobbied at both the state and federal levels to advance the cooperative movement. He was instrumental in holding legislative forums at the cooperative, encouraging both

incumbents and candidates to share their views with employees on a variety of energy topics. He helped in passing Assembly Bill 583 which eliminated double taxation on cooperatives receiving mutual assistance, saving members' money. He also served on the WECA Board of Directors.

Clean Energy

Dallas was a strong supporter of clean energy. In 2014, Barron Electric installed

a 100-kW community solar array, entitled "Community Rays." More than 80 members participate in the project and receive a renewable energy credit on their electric bill based on the production of the system. In 2018, Barron Electric became the first electric cooperative in the Dairyland Power system to lease an all-electric vehicle and held open houses to promote the EV technology. Two charging stations were installed at the Barron and Spooner offices for public use.

He also played a key role in the installation of a fast charger at the Prime Restaurant in Trego. In 2020, Barron Electric partnered with Nuto Farms to plant a butterfly garden to create a habitat for Monarch butterflies. In 2021, three more gardens were developed to help this endangered species.

Challenging Times

As general manager, Dallas and his employees experienced some challenging times including the 2017 tornado and the 2019 derecho that left many members without power. Dallas was instrumental in working with WECA, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Wisconsin Emergency Management for funding of disaster reimbursement for these storms.

Concern for Community

In retirement, Dallas is still very involved in the community, from Barron Kiwanis to Barron City Council. At the cooperative, he developed a Community Involvement Program, where employees have the opportunity to volunteer up to 16 hours annually. Dallas remains committed to the 7th Cooperative Principle, Concern for Community, and feels it is important to give back. He makes a difference in the lives of others and encourages people to do the same.

Lever-Bypass Meter Socket Required

Barron Electric strives to provide our members with safe and reliable electric service. As part of that goal, we are changing the requirements for meter sockets on upgrades and new services.

Effective January 2024, Barron Electric will require a lever-bypass meter socket for all upgrades and new services. This meter socket will ensure that members' power remains on when work is being completed on the meter while providing safety to the employees conducting that work.

If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail Operations at operations@barronelectric.com.



Helping Those in Need

Concern for community is a trademark of cooperatives and one of the seven cooperative principles. Since 2013, Barron Electric Cooperative and employees have teamed up with member Nuto Farms to purchase and deliver over 3,000 pounds of potatoes annually to food pantries in Barron, Birchwood, Cameron, Chetek, Cumberland, Hayward, Prairie Farm, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Spooner, and Turtle Lake. Aaron Torud, Barron Electric General Manager, remarked, "I am proud of our employees and their continued support for our communities. I hope this donation makes the holidays brighter."



Barron Electric employees delivered over 3,000 pounds of potatoes to 12 food pantries. Pictured: Barron Electric representatives Sue Dau, Kim Eder, and Randel Wachsmuth delivered potatoes to We Share Food Pantry in Rice Lake, represented by Dave Swanson.



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Since 2021, Barron Electric Cooperative has teamed up with CoBank and Federated Youth Foundation to give nearly \$50,000 to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. The Barron Maple Grove Fire Department has also donated to these fundraising efforts. Together, we have helped 98 veterans experience the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. When

told about Barron Electric's latest donation of \$15,000, James Campbell, Co-Founder & VP of Marketing for Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Inc. remarked, "From mission 46 in DC, that's awesome!"

Never Forgotten Honor Flight, a not-for-profit organization, consists of dedicated volunteers providing Veterans with respect, gratitude and honor, by

flying them free of charge to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. Dennis encourages any Vietnam War veteran to sign up for this experience. Visit neverforgottenhonorflight.com and click application. There are Barron Electric members on the Honor Flight waiting list, and Barron Electric looks forward to sponsoring them.



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the warm welcome at both Ronald Reagan National Airport and the Central Wisconsin Regional Airport in Mosinee were highlights of the trip for Dennis Stillwell.

North America Power Grid Under Strain This Winter

A 2023-2024 Winter Reliability Assessment produced by North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) finds that much of North America is again at an elevated risk of having insufficient energy supplies this winter. The power grid has traditionally faced its greatest challenges in the summer heat. Various factors in recent years has shown the grid to be equally unstable during severe winter weather. Mark Olson, NERC's manager of Reliability Assessments, said, "The growth of intermittent resources, like solar generation, on the distribution system significantly increases load forecasting complexity and uncertainty."

"We enter the winter season with new cold weather standards in effect, specifically aimed at improving winter preparedness and coordination between Generator Owners and Generator Operators and bulk power system operators," said John Moura, NERC's Director

of Reliability Assessments and Performance Analysis.

Through evolving technology and the load management system, members can help keep power costs stable by using less

electricity at the times when it is in high demand. We appreciate members' participation in the load management program and those members who reduce their demand during peak demand times.

2024 Right-of-Way Clearing

Zielie's Tree Service will clear trees and brush in the townships listed. This program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines, which can cause power outages, blinking lights, and become a fire and safety hazard. If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or operations@barronelectric.com.

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David Olson represents District 1 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the following townships: Brooklyn, Gull Lake, Stinnett, Hayward, Scott, Casey, Trego, Springbrook, Bass Lake, and Rusk.

• A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #102168 through #102289 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$109,925 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$4,241. Total receipts in the office - \$2,579,984; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,391,286; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,495,927; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$219,172 and power bill paid on September 27, 2023, in the amount of \$2,518,260.

• A membership list of 59 was presented and accepted without objection.
• Outages year-to-date stand at 52,313.49 consumer hours off, which is 29.64% below 2022 hours of 74,348.45. Overtime year-to-date is 2,433.75 hours, which is 2.53% above 2022 hours of 2,373.75.

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