

Southwest Montana Veterans Home Update #25

By Mike Lawson

Greeting once again to you, the six counties in SW Montana who are represented as the organizations and chief supporters of the SW MT Veterans Home.

It's all about roofs, this past week, on our Veterans Home site. If you have driven by the site, you'll enthusiastically agree with me, that we're getting a more complete, "top to bottom picture", of the Community Center and

Cottage #1. Mike Ascherman said most of the work has been concentrated on these two structures, with the intent to "Get After" the framing of Cottage #2 next week.

Community Center: The roof sheeting and sub fascia (horizontal board that is attached across the bottom ends of the roof trusses and outside of trusses faces) is being installed to facilitate "Dry in" of the building. Should be done in the middle of the week. Once the "Dry In" is completed, the sub-contractors can then work inside the building.

Cottage #1: Roof Trusses will be completely installed this week, with fire proof roof sheeting to follow. Mike said with design/complications of these trusses, it takes more time to install them than with normal ones. (The end result will be one beautiful roof).

Cottage #2: Framing will happen when the Community Center is "Dried In", which in all probability will be this week.

Cottage #3: On hold and in curing mode.

Cottage #4: On hold and in curing mode.

Cottage #5: Zemlijak Excavating is working on getting the water/sewer lines hooked into the main lines. They will also work on getting the dirt dug away from the outside of the foundation walls so that the water sealant can be painted on these wall's exterior surfaces. This will be followed by the cement insulation foam-board, glued over them.

Because the cement work is finished for the season, the focus is going to be strictly on framing. We'll see walls and roofs go up at a steady pace through this winter season, that starts so early in our part of Montana.

Stop at the "Viewing Hooch" as we have cookies, candy, pretzels, etc., with the making to brew coffee. I'll also get some drinking water there. We want any and all of you to go in, relax and get a feel for this our Veteran's Home. We have some information there for reading, concerning veterans, how to get an application for someone you know who

would like to be admitted once it opens and other pertinent veteran information as it becomes available. Be sure and sign the "Log Book".

Mark Gollinger, our SW MT Vet. Home State Liaison is a busy guy getting into all the facets of our Vet Home, concerning compliance issues, prints, codes, etc... The list probably seems never ending for him. He's happy to be there and knowing how diligent he's always been, we the veterans are in good hands.

There is a flyer on one of the bulletin boards, in the "Viewing Hooch", about how to apply to be on the waiting list for admission to the "SW MT VETERANS HOME", once it opens next year. I will also give you that contact information, which is as follows:

SWMVH.MT.GOV for Construction Progress Information and Admissions Applications

I'll close for now with, again, an open invitation to drop by the "Viewing Hooch" and see the progress taking place at our Southwest Montana Veteran Rest Home. Take care.