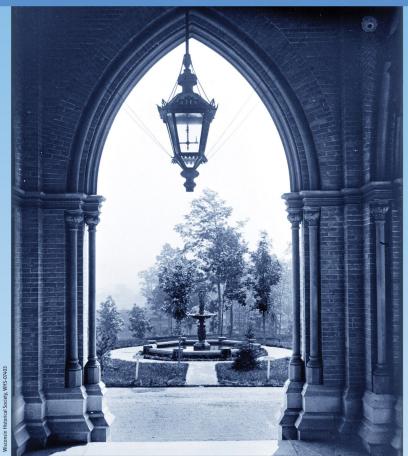
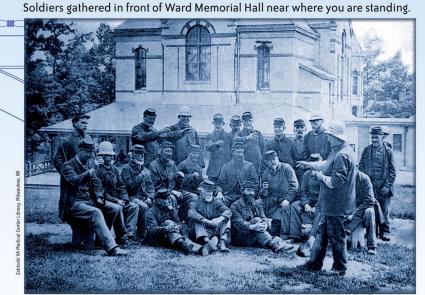
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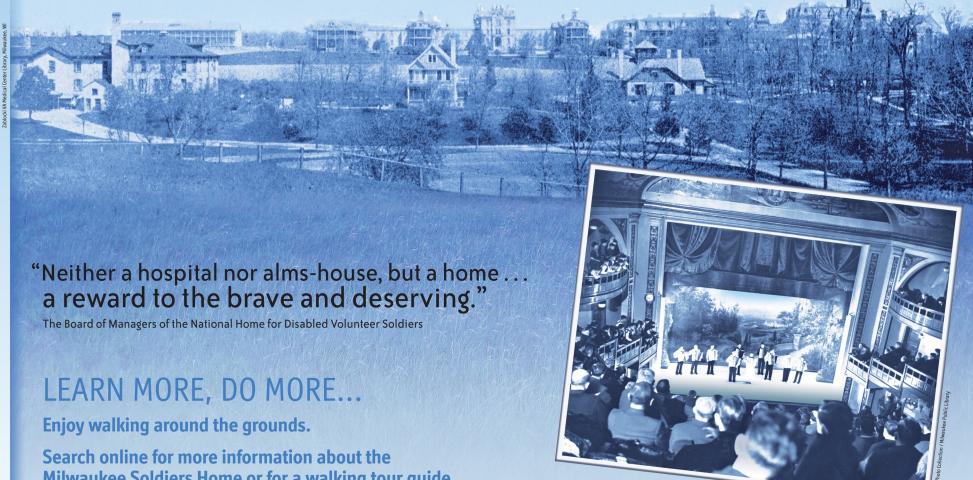


The National Soldiers Home Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2005 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 2011.



Following the Civil War, Congress established a nationwide system of Soldiers Homes to provide medical care and lodging to injured and ill Veterans. The Milwaukee Soldiers Home was founded in 1867 and remains the most intact of the eleven Homes constructed between 1866 and 1930.

Old Main welcomed Veterans to the site. The towering Gothic building originally housed residential, dining, and administrative facilities. Other buildings were added as needs changed. Many, like Ward Memorial Hall in front of you, supported the Home's recreational offerings. Residents enjoyed theatrical performances, vaudeville shows, concerts, and motion pictures in the auditorium, while a railroad ticket office on the side of the building connected them to destinations along the Milwaukee Road. A social hall, library, canteen, chapel, hospital, offices, dormitories, and staff housing completed the Home's village-like setting.



Milwaukee Soldiers Home or for a walking tour guide.