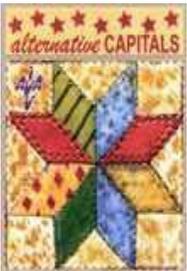


AVA Current Special Programs

Notice to all participants: Most programs allow the participants up to (12) twelve months starting from the official end date to complete any Special Program. Completed books are to be returned to the point of contact or club hosting the program to receive recognition and award.

Our appreciation goes to all Committee Members of the Special Programs for the hard work in implementing and maintaining the programs as well as the financial contributions made to AVA as a result of each of the Special Programs.



Alternative Capitals

Ends December 31, 2016. This program is intended to encourage walkers to experience the historic significance of the places that people have chosen to headquarter their state, provincial, territorial, tribal or national governing bodies. Participate on any route that is located in a place that was once the capital or that goes past a building or the site of a former building that served as the capital (Including any building or site that exists in a current capital city.) Also qualifies if they are in a city known as the "----- Capital of the World." The word capital must be part of the city's slogan. Qualifier for 12 different sanctioned events. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 3 1/2" x 4". Sponsored by the Twin Cities Volkssports Club, email LMHead@StCloudState.edu Lois Head, St. Cloud, MN.



America's Bakeries

Ends December 31, 2014. Walk 20 AVA sanctioned Volksmarches that pass a family-owned bakery to earn the Bakery patch. Any sanctioned AVA event that includes a family-owned bakery and whose walk route goes by the bakery will qualify for the Bakeries program. Chains such as Krispy Kreme or Panera Bread, for example, do not qualify nor do pizza restaurants. Books cost \$10. Order from GVA, PO Box 7674, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-7674. E-mail Kay Collie at sydnakay@yahoo.com.



Border Crossings

Ends December 31, 2023. This program includes a Passport as well as a patch. The participant must physically cross the border from one state to another while on a volkssport event. Walking, swimming, biking and cross-country ski events all count. Borders between counties do not count unless they are in different states. International borders will also count as long as they are part of an IVV event. This program covers a 10 year period, which is conducive to a regular US Passport. The objective is to encourage volksmarchers to have fun, finding those unique trails that have border crossings at State Lines, Canadian Provinces, and international borders. Every state has a border with another state or country with the only exception being Hawaii. The program will encourage clubs in different states to work together in setting up a border crossing event. This program requires you to purchase a passport booklet with more to do than just stamp the book. You will be asked to submit a photo of your border crossing and thus make it a personal mini photo album or you can keep notes to make it a mini journal of your adventures. Some may want to do the same border crossing on 15 different days. This will be allowed but make it fun by dressing up in different clothes, wear a different hat, carry a stuffed animal, toy, etc.; in each photo. Qualifier for 15 sanctioned events. Cost of book (passport) \$10. Make check payable to Michigan Pathfinders and mail to: Don Vartanian, 6330 Woods Edge N Drive, #2-B, Indianapolis, IN 46250-3530. Patch: 3" x 4". Sponsored by the Michigan Pathfinders, email donvart@yahoo.com phone 317.842.1072.



Celebrating Golden Cinemas

Ends December 31, 2014. Any sanctioned AVA event in the U.S. that passes a building that currently or historically served as a classic movie theater, defined as being built more than 50 years ago, qualifies. Use an event stamp once per calendar year. Not retroactive. Book costs \$10. Direct questions e-mail kitsapwalks@hotmail.com. POC Stephanie Pollard, PO Box 981, Suquamish, WA 98392. Make checks payable to Kitsap Volkssporters.



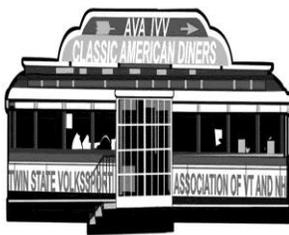
Cities in Song

Ends December 31, 2016. Popular songs have been written about many communities across the United States. Here's an opportunity to walk those places made famous or memorialized by song. The song title could mention a place or it can be included in the lyrics. Examples: 'I left my Heart in San Francisco', 'New York, New York', or 'Wichita Lineman'. 'Route 66' mentions a number of communities. Use a song once and only one city per song. Those that walk 20 AVA sanctioned walks that apply receive a distinctive black, white, and red patch. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 3 1/2" x 5". Sponsored by the Sonoma County Stompers, email sonomastompers@yahoo.com, Don Deal, PO Box 6838, Santa Rosa, CA, 95406.



Civil War Battlefields

Ends December 31, 2015. Each walk must be a sanctioned AVA walk that passes through a Civil War battlefield. "Battlefield" is anyplace where there was combat action or where shots were fired at enemy forces. The military action did not have to result in casualties (killed, wounded, and/or captured). This would include skirmishes, raids (such as some of the many raids conducted by Col. John S. Mosby) or as in the case of the Battle of Bethel where shots were fired but there were no KIA or WIA. One event stamp per battlefield is allowed. Complete 15 events to receive award. For an event book, send a check for \$10 to the Germanna Volkssport Association (GVA), Attn: Kay Collie, PO Box 7674, Fredericksburg, VA 22404.



Classic American Diners

Ends December 31, 2014. Classic American Diners. 20 walks fill the book. The book is \$10. Historically, a small restaurant owner had a prefab dining car type diner shipped to a site, set up, and went into business. Generally, if it calls itself a "diner" it qualifies. Restaurants without the word "diner" qualify if they are in a traditional diner building, OR serve diner style. Closed diners qualify. Old dining car style diners now used for something else also qualify. What doesn't qualify? Fast food chains, coffee shops, and donut shops are not diners. We will maintain a website with more information, and a Facebook page. The name and location of the diner is the only identification required. Award is a beautiful color patch. Send your check payable to "Twin State Volkssport" to Carolyn Adams, P. O. Box 757, Wells River VT, 05081. Information available by e-mail carri@vtlink.net.



Fraternal Organizations

Ends December 31, 2015. Finish 20 AVA sanctioned events that pass directly by a structure where a Fraternal Organization meets or a structure or facility that is sponsored or supported by a Fraternal Organization and has a sign or equivalent indicating the Fraternal Organization's name. Order by including your check for \$10 with your name and mailing address to Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club, Inc., Attn: Fraternal Organizations, PO Box 7445, Lancaster PA 17604-7445.



Honoring Our Flag

Ends December 31, 2016. Search out Old Glory during your walk. The United States flag must be located in sight on any sanctioned event route. The flag needs to be made of cloth and attached to a minimum 10 foot flagpole on which it can be raised or lowered. One event stamp allowed per year per walk. Qualifier for 20 different sanctioned events. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 3 1/2" x 4 1/2". Sponsored by the Yakima Valley Sun Striders, email m.haupt@charter.net. Mail to Millie Haupt, 2510 South 52nd Ave., Yakima, WA 98903.



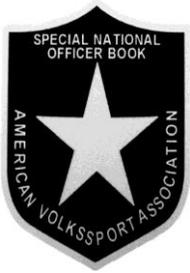
Lakes and Reservoirs

Ends December 31, 2016. Walk at sanctioned events that pass a lake or reservoir. Ponds, oceans, seas and unnamed bodies of water do not count. A lake is a body of fresh water or salt water of considerable size. It can be in a basin that is surrounded by land apart from a river, stream, or other form of moving water that serves to feed or drain a lake. Lakes are inland and not part of the ocean, distinct from lagoons, and larger and deeper than ponds. A reservoir is an artificial lake where water is collected and kept in quantity for use, an extra supply: a reserve for hydro-electric power generation or domestic water supply, or for aesthetic or recreational purposes. (Examples: Lake Helen, Lawton, OK; Tom Steed Reservoir, Snyder, OK). Qualifier for 20 different sanctioned events - no duplicate stamps & only one qualifier per stamp. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 3" x 4". Sponsored by the Holy Family Walkers Volkssport Club, email walkingfan@aol.com Sharon Snyder, 1714 NW 49th Street, Lawton, OK 73505 or sebentley51@aol.com Suzi Bentley, 1104 SE Alta Lane, Lawton, OK 73501.



National Register of Historic Places

Ends December 31, 2016. Walk on events that pass anything to do with the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP) which could include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. There MUST be a plaque or must be documented on the website. Almost every county in the United States has at least one place listed in the National Register. Qualifier for 20 different sanctioned events - no duplicate stamps & only one qualifier per stamp. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 3" x 4". Sponsored by the Holy Family Walkers Volkssport Club, email walkingfan@aol.com Sharon Snyder, 1714 NW 49th Street, Lawton, OK 73505 or sebentley51@aol.com Suzi Bentley, 1104 SE Alta Lane, Lawton, OK 73501.



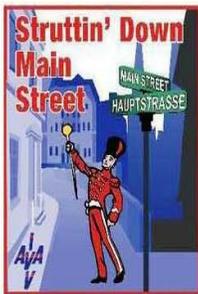
Special National Officer Book (S.N.O.B.)

No ending date. Booklet is approved by the AVA Executive Council in support of Special Funds Development. The IVV Certification Stamp may be placed in this book. Conditions: Collect the special stamps from Regional Directors, National Officers and the AVA Executive Director at sanctioned events. Only IVV Certification Stamps with the special center slug denoting the NEC member at the event qualifies. To purchase an IVV book send \$10.00 per book to address below (no shipping, no discounts). You may also purchase one from your AVA Regional Director or other National Officer. When you have obtained all 15 IVV Certification Stamps, send completed book to AVA Special National Officer Book, 1001 Pat Booker Rd, Suite 101, Universal City, Texas 78148. Your award pin and completed book will be returned to you in 7-10 days. Point of Contact: AVA Headquarters, 210.659.2112 or e-mail Karen@ava.org.



Strolling Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Ends December 31, 2014. Complete 20 different sanctioned events where the route is located in or in sight of a color-named place anywhere in the world: any city, county, country, area (like Black Hills), place (like Yellowstone Park), state (like Nevada - known as "The Silver State"), rivers or any body of water, or mountains with the name of a color in it. Names for any and all shades of colors also qualify. Award is a patch and certificate. Cost is \$10. POC: Lois Head, Central Minnesota Volkssports, PO Box 2162, St. Cloud, MN 56302-2162. Info: 320.252.7348 or e-mail LMHead@StCloudState.edu.



Struttin' Down Main Street

Ends December 31, 2014. Complete 20 different sanctioned events where the route goes for at least one block on the main street of any town in the world. An event counts if, in any language, the word for "main" is in the name of the street, avenue, boulevard, lane, court, circle, row, etc. Participants will be awarded a "Strike up the Band" parade patch and whistle certificate. Cost is \$10. POC: Lois Head, Central Minnesota Volkssports, PO Box 2162, St. Cloud, MN 56302-2162. Info: 320.252.7348 or e-mail LMHead@StCloudState.edu.



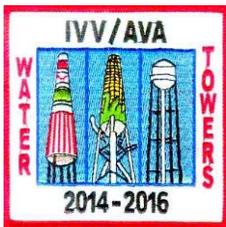
Trekking With the Trees

Ends December 31, 2016. This program promotes any event that has a 'theme' of trees. The criteria is to walk in a city with a tree type name (Example: Forest Grove, CO), on streets with a tree name (Example: Ash Street/Oak Avenue), by an arboretum or places such as the World Forestry Center count, though parks that don't have a tree emphasis are not eligible. Individual trees with markers or plaques mentioning a tree name or historical interest will qualify. Tree/wood related businesses, such as lumber mills, tree nurseries, orchards or furniture stores do not qualify. Qualifier for 20 different sanctioned events. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 3 1/2" x 4". Make checks payable to Finger Lakes Region Volkssport Club (FLRVC). Send to Sue Connelly, 1041 Church Street, Cortland, NY 13045. If you have questions email SJConnelly@aol.com.



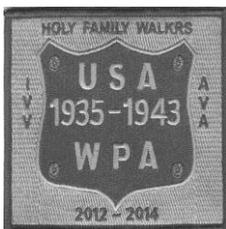
Walking America's Murals

Ends December 31, 2014. Walk 20 qualifying events. A qualifying event is any sanctioned walk that passes a mural of at least 8' x 8' depicting any historical, cultural or local happening on a painted stationary wall or building. Award is a 3" x 4" patch. Books are \$10 each: make checks payable to Illinois Trekkers. Send to Walking America's Murals, c/o Debbie Kruep, 220 Clearwater Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62220. Contact e-mail debmarkkruep@yahoo.com.



Water Towers

Ends December 31, 2016. The participant must be on a sanctioned event which passes a water tower. The water tower must be seen from the trail. No duplicate stamps and only one water tower per stamp. A water tower is an elevated structure supporting a water tank, constructed at a height sufficient to pressurize a water supply system. Water towers come in all sizes, shapes and are a large, elevated tank of water that can be used to express civic and/or school pride, humor, advertising and even can be functional as something other than water. Some are plain and some with the name of the city. Some come in interesting shapes such as a corn cob (Rochester, MN) or ketchup bottle (Collinsville, IL). Many were constructed during the Industrial Revolution, some are now considered architectural landmarks and monuments and may not be demolished, while some are converted to apartments or exclusive penthouses. Qualifier for 20 different sanctioned events - no duplicate stamps & only one qualifier per stamp. Cost of book \$10. Patch: 4" x 4". Sponsored by the Holy Family Walkers Volkssport Club, email walkingfan@aol.com Sharon Snyder, 1714 NW 49th Street, Lawton, OK 73505 or sebentley51@aol.com Suzi Bentley, 1104 SE Alta Lane, Lawton, OK 73501.



Works Projects Administration (WPA)

Ends December 31, 2014. USA 1935-1943 WPA. Award is a 3" x 4" embroidered patch. Walk 20 YREs or scheduled events that pass anything to do with the WPA: art in a post office, dams, bridges, buildings, park entrances, swimming pools and even sidewalks. The program costs \$10. Contact Sharon Snyder by e-mail walkingfan@aol.com or Suzi Bentley by e-mail sebentley51@aol.com. POC: Sharon Snyder, Holy Family Walkers Volksmarch Club, 1714 NW 49th St., Lawton, OK 73505.



Walking the Old Spanish Trail

Ends December 31, 2015. Any event that runs along, crosses or is in close proximity to any part of Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway which runs from Florida to California qualifies with at least one walk in each state; Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The remaining 7 walks can be any YRE or traditional event as long as it is on the Old Spanish Auto Highway; the first paved transcontinental auto highway across the southern borderland from St. Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California. Each entry must have a different sanction number. For a book make check out for \$10 to the Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club and send to Ellen Ott, 11906 Pepperidge Cove, San Antonio, Texas 78213.



Walking the United States (50 States/51 Capitals)

No ending date. Earn special recognition! Complete an AVA walk in all 50 states or in all 50 state capitals and Washington, D.C. The basic state or capital program earns a certificate. Order your "Walking the United States" record book directly from AVA Headquarters, Attn: AVA Headquarters, 1001 Pat Booker Rd., Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148-4147. E-mail questions to Karen@ava.org. Books are \$6.50 each (includes shipping \$1.50). A separate book is required for each program — order two books if participating in both programs. An optional Deluxe Package is available upon completion that includes a state or capital certificate, a large patch, and a patriotic T-shirt. Details are on the back of each book.

WALKING THE USA



Walking the USA A – Z

No ending date. Walk 26 cities — A to Z. For example walk in Albany for A, Zanesville for Z, etc. The program will continue indefinitely as long as there is interest. Mail payment of \$8.00 (includes shipping) to purchase an event book. Once you have completed the event book you qualify to receive a beautiful patch. Note: X is a wildcard and can be a walk at any event that is not already marked for the program. Xenia is still an option. Make a copy of your book prior to mailing the original to: AVA Headquarters, Attn: A–Z Program, 1001 Pat Booker Road, Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148-4147. E-mail questions to Karen@ava.org.



You'll Never Walk Alone

Ends December 31, 2016. Walk with Florence, Franklin, Raymond, Prince Charles, or even St. Paul. Visit with historical figures by walking in the places named in remembrance of real people or imaginary characters. Or in other places named to commemorate the places named after real personages. (For example, *Florence, Italy* and then *Florence, Oregon*.) County or province, city, town, or village, park or preserve, body of water or bridge, mountain or distinctive building, etc. If the name of the place uses the name of a historical character - from religious saints to secular politicians, athletes, artists, or entertainers - it qualifies. Either names recognized internationally or nationally or the names of local "celebrities" can qualify. Create your family tree of walking friends as you learn about the history behind the place names. Names of queens and kings and chiefs qualify, of course, because you and all of your walking friends deserve the royal treatment. Hence, place names that include references to royalty also qualify. (For example, *Princeton*.) Additionally, names with suffixes such as "-ton," "-ville," or "-burg," etc. qualify. But NO street names this time! Memorial walks named for Volkssporters also qualify. 20 event stamps needed. Cost of book \$10. Lois Head, Special Programs Coordinator, Central Minnesota Volkssport, 2810 Island View Ct, St Cloud, MN 56301, (320)252,7348, or if busy, use cell phone: (320)293.9441. Website:

<http://centralmnvolkssports.wix.com/cm> Email: LMHead@StCloudState.edu

Book sales ended 12/31/13 for these Special Programs:

America's Baseball

Grist Mills

Walking America's Trails

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