



THE WARRIOR

Fall 2014

“Don’t Fear Change, Embrace It!” Anthony D’Angelo

Written & Submitted by Stacie Smithee, Director of Social Services
& Susan Paden, Supervisor of Volunteer Services

My, how things have changes in the past 50 years...in the past 10 years...and the past months. Change is the dominate factor in society and if we don’t embrace it, we fall behind. Are we ever ready for change, not really, but without it, progress is impossible. Here at the Veterans Home, we have experienced several recent changes.

The first change for us was with our Administrator for 18 years, Cheryl Lybarger. In June, Cheryl accepted a position at Central Office in Jefferson City as a Clinical Analyst over all 7 of the Veterans Homes. We were quick to fill her position with our current Assistant Administrator of 7 years, Brenda Ezell. Brenda easily transitioned into the Administrator position July 1st, leaving the assistant Administrator position open to be filled in the near future. Congratulations to both Cheryl & Brenda!

Another change is MVH Family Day this year. For the past two years, Family Day has been held on July 4th and before that it was hosted on a Saturday in the Fall. This year, we are trying something new on a Friday afternoon. Friday, September 12th from 10-3 p.m. is Family Day. We hope you can come and enjoy an afternoon on the patio with BBQ, music and a car show. If you have an old car, tractor, motorcycle, etc. bring it to the show! Hope you can join us for the day.

Have you noticed the resident account statements look different? We got a new medical record system and accounting program in July, so the documents have a new look. The information is still the same, but it has taken staff a little time to “embrace the change” and adjust to the new program. We received several phone calls from family members about the bill last month. No additional charges, just a new document.

Our Veteran population is continually changing as we admit new residents. As we get to know new residents, we learn about their talents and interests. One of our new residents is a retired artist and will begin leading painting classes at MVH in September. Other residents are making wooden ink pens. Please check the activity calendar and check out these projects.

MVH has been hosting an annual Poker Run since 2008. This began as a motorcycle poker run but has expanded to include any vehicle on wheels. We join forces with the Audrain County VFW Post #3772 group to organize this event. Working with the local VFW has been a positivie change for the Home - making the event bigger and better. Hope you will mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, September 20, 2014 for a scenic tour of mid-Missouri or just welcome the riders back to MVH (If you have questions, you can contact Susan Paden at 573-581-1088 ext. 1286.)

These are just a few of the many changes at the Missouri Veterans’ Home - Mexico. Some of them we are excited about, some of them are hard to accept, but we will always strive to do our best for the Veterans. Hope you will join us as we welcome new staff members, enjoy a beautiful Family Day, check out our new activities and help us all to embrac echange!

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Larry D. Kay, Executive Director

Brenda Ezell Administrator

Susan Paden, Editor/Typist



Above:
We enjoyed a fly-in breakfast at Riley's roost.

Below:
Our semi-annual trip to Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville.



Left:
4th of July parade at Perry Picnic.



Above:
Veterans fishing day at beautiful Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery.



Above:
Brenda announces the kick-off of Cheryl's going away party.

Employee Corner

Amy Spoor, Receptionist, was selected as the June 2014 Employee of the Month. Amy was nominated by one of the residents for being veteran-oriented, a patriotic person and someone that gives it all. She is the first person that greets someone that comes into the facility with her “Hello! Welcome, how are you?” and she is able to either answer their questions or direct them in the right direction. She is for the Veterans and this was recently shown when she was able to confirm General Larry Kay, Executive Director of the Veterans Commission as someone to come and speak to the residents. Amy, you go above and beyond your job duties, always with a smile and a positive attitude. Congratulations, Amy!!

Aliesha Edwards, RN, was selected as the July 2014 Employee of the Month. Aliesha was nominated for truly being for the Veterans. She went above and beyond the call of duty recently to make sure that the care and

medical needs could be met for one of the Veterans whom had recently spent 38 days in the hospital and was returning with lots of extra equipment. You are truly an asset to our Veterans and the facility. Thank you and congratulations, Aliesha!!

Janice Barrows, LPN, was recently selected as the August 2014 Employee of the Month. Janice ensures that our Veterans receive quality nursing care. She treats everyone with respect while keeping her expectations high. She effectively manages the 3rd floor and operates with minimal oversight. She has nearly perfect attendance, dependable, consistent and diligent. Congratulations, Janice!!

All these employees were recognized at a reception at which time they received a certificate of appreciation, a \$25 check, a certificate for a day off with pay and a reserved parking place during the month.

NAHCA (National Association of Health Care Assistants)

Submitted by: Marlene Benne, RN

Staff Development Coordinator

NAHCA Liaison

NAHCA now offers an online educational program, NVCC (NAHCA Virtual Campus of Care) and is available to all of our homes frontline staff. The NVCC has a comprehensive list of pertinent health care topics. Our home started using the programs beginning with the NAHCA Leader Team. The Leadership Team consists of the officers of our local NAHCA chapter. Congratulations to Emily DeTienne, Jessica Harris, John Qualls and Amy Spoor for having successfully completing this training.

Once this training was completed the focus shifted to our Lead Workers who serve as trainers/mentors to new staff. Lead Workers are responsible for training new staff on their specific job duties. The Lead Workers are currently taking the NVCC Mentor program. This program consists of 16 hrs of training divided up in 8 classes on communication, personality traits, conflict resolution and other characteristics needed for relationship building. The ultimate goal is to reduce costly staff turnover and the disruption it causes to continuity of care. Congratulations to CNA, Laken Riley who is the first of this group to have completed the mentor training.

New Employees

Amber Henderson, NA I	05/01
Alysa Sutton, NA I	05/01
Dianna Miller, RN	05/05
Candice Null, CW I	05/06
Donnie Fowler, FSH I	05/06
Kara Winterbower, NA I	05/19
Jessica Cook, NA I	06/17
Auston Logerman, NA I	07/01
Brandy Smith, NA	07/01
Corey O'Connor, FSH II	07/01
Amanda Beal, NA I	07/02
Kayla Doerhoff, NA I	07/08
Sharnitha Watson, NA I	07/08
Katie Wilson, LPN	07/08
Tiffany Coffey, NA I	07/21
Michel Jones, LPN	07/28
Steven Jones, LPN	07/28
Brittany Early, NA I	08/01
Alyssa Cuno, NA I	08/05

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!

Happy Birthday to you.....

September

Delbert Buck	09/01
Wendell Mustain	09/05
Joe Leonard	09/05
Hazel Hanson	09/06
Ted Ball	09/07
Lynn Woods	09/10
Bobbie Easley	09/10
Lloyd Stewart	09/13
Kent Kurtz	09/14
John Schollmeyer	09/17
John Williams	09/20
Marvin Bickmeyer	09/21
Tommy Lingo	09/23
Elmer Bragg	09/25
John Schindler	09/26

October

Donnie Wren	10/01
Richard Nack	10/02
Ken Morgan	10/05
Fry Cauthorn	10/08
Bruce Wilson	10/10
Don Williams	10/12
Billie Duncan	10/13

Tom Tucker	10/13
Bob Poage	10/15
Max Anderson	10/17
Dan Gode	10/18
James Bates	10/22
John Knaack	10/23
Carl Roberts	10/23
Frank Boswell	10/28

November

Charles Nichols	11/01
Babe Thomas	11/03
Dale Abernathy	11/03
Stan McCaw	11/09
Dudley McPike	11/10
Ray Dawson	11/11
Earl Jones	11/11
Robert Malone	11/14
Ed Parks	11/15
David Brooksher	11/19
Merlin Boston	11/24
Ken Branz	11/26
Richard Johnson	11/28
George Settle	11/29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU!!!

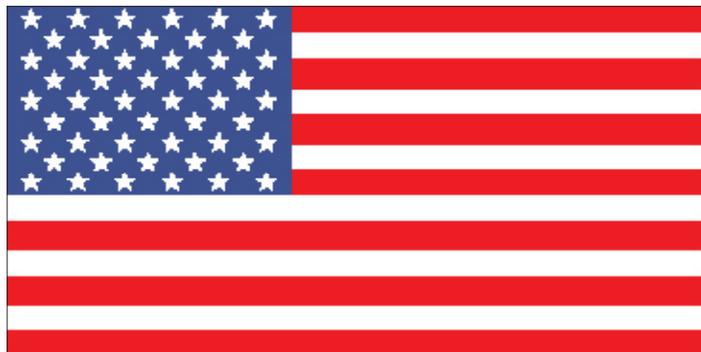
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Family Day - Friday, September 12, 2014 from 10-3 p.m. at the facility.

Alzheimer Support Group - Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the facility.

Veterans Council - Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 1:45 p.m. in the dining room.

Family Council - Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the facility.



CENSUS

WWII	72
KOREA	45
VIETNAM	27
PEACETIME	14
DESERT STORM	00

ARMY	84
NAVY	36
AIR FORCE	17
MARINES	11
COAST GUARD	00
NATIONAL GUARD	00

MEXICO VETERANS HOME SALUTES...

Jack Riley

Jack was born on January 6, 1929 in Richmond Heights, Missouri as the youngest of seven children. He had four brothers and two sisters. His father was a warehouse manager and his mother was a homemaker. When Jack was just three-years-old, his mother died of a sudden illness and his father and older sisters cared for him. As a child he enjoyed playing sports and riding his bicycle. He graduated from Clayton High School where he played baseball and football.

Jack was drafted into the Army and served from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. He was inducted into the Army at Camp Crowder, Missouri and completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. During his service he also attended Electrical School, AC/DC School and Carpentry School. He was part of the 32nd Engineers Aviation Battalion and worked on Air Force bases. He was initially stationed at Beale Air Force Base in California but was soon sent to Stead Air Force Base in Reno, Nevada where he helped build a 425ft warehouse on base. Then he went to Alaska to build warm enclosures for the planes to be repaired in during the winter. He worked with some great ball players so they formed an Army baseball team called the Alaskan League Service Team. They were in first place in the military league but had to cancel the last game due to a work assignment. After his work in Alaska he returned to Beale Air Force Base where he was honorably discharged. He had a rank of Corporal. One of his most memorable moments in service was the morning after his separation from the Army when he and his fellow servicemen went to breakfast to celebrate their discharge and a civilian paid for the whole meal. Jack also recalls the beautiful scenery of Alaska and being charged at by a big moose when he and a friend went for a hike. Prior to his military service, Jack married Vera in 1949 and they had three children. Gary lives in Eureka, Missouri. Paul lives in St. Louis, Missouri. And Deanne lives in O'Fallon, Missouri. Jack and his family enjoyed playing ball and going on picnics. In 1988 Vera passed away from cancer. Jack married Norma in 1989, who he met through family. Over the years he and Norma enjoyed traveling. Together they have 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Jack worked at Southwestern Bell before and after his military service. He worked in St. Louis for the company as a repairman installing and repairing telephone equipment. He spent the last three years of his career with Southwestern Bell at Anheuser-Bush as a phone repairman and recalls they had thousands of phones. He enjoyed his job and retired after 34½ years. In his spare time he enjoyed woodworking and carpentry and one of his favorite projects was building a greenhouse for his first wife who had over 500 plants.

Jack came to the Missouri Veterans' Home in December 2013. We're so proud to know and serve him. Please join us in congratulating Jack and his family as we salute him as the June Resident of the Month!

Vernon Davis

Vernon was born on June 18, 1928 as an only child. His parents owned the Readsville General Store that opened in 1916. He recalls helping out at the store when he was young and also enjoyed going for rides in cars, motorcycles, planes and boats. He attended Readsville School and then went to Chillicothe Business College for two years where he received his general accounting certificate. Then he worked for Barnes Chevrolet as an assistant bookkeeper. He married Lola in 1948 and they had two sons. Allen lives in Sacramento, California and Robert lives in Montgomery City, Missouri.

Vernon was drafted into the Army in 1952 and made a career of his military service, serving until 1972. He served during both the Korean War and Vietnam periods. He was a medical administrator who managed the military medical facilities. He recalls being stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska running the support unit at the Army base when the huge earthquake hit in 1964. He served in Washington and Ohio where he was in charge of a medical support unit providing immediate medical care to troops working with U.S. missile silos. He was in charge of medical support units in Kansas and Germany as well. While in Korea he was a troop commander for a medical unit and had an additional duty as an aerial observer. He flew 53 missions with a pilot on the DMZ between North and South Korea to report suspicious movements of North Korea by taking aerial photos. Vernon also served in Vietnam where he was assigned to a medical unit at Cameron Bay. He briefed all new incoming officers and nurses entering Vietnam. He was troop commander of the 6th Convalescent Medical Center. The soldiers at his hospital came to recuperate for 1-3 months until they could return to their units. If the injured troops required longer term medical treatment, Vernon was responsible for scheduling those medical Air Force flights. As commander he also had the privilege of hosting movie stars who came to the base to cheer up the soldiers. He hosted Jimmy Stewart and his wife, the Bob Hope Show and many others while organizing over 700 hospital patients to attend. Vernon was also stationed at headquarters in San Francisco, California where he oversaw the Armed Forces Entrance Stations for 10 states where potential servicemen came to be examined for potential registry for military service.

Vernon retired from the Army in 1972 with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his career he attended Infantry Officer Candidates School, Chemical Corps School and many other schools and courses. He earned a National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army of Occupation Medal-Germany, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

After retiring from the Army, Vernon owned and operated Davis Reality in Fulton, Missouri. He sold real estate in Callaway County until retiring again. During retirement he enjoyed gardening and volunteering in the community. He was active with the county fair and VFW. In 1995 he and a group of veterans were invited to Australia to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the WWII victory of Australia and the Pacific. He went to several memorials there.

Vernon came to the Missouri Veterans Home in March 2014. We're so proud to know and serve him. Please join us in congratulating Vernon and his family as we salute him as the July Resident of the Month!



We say farewell to:

Ms. Jean Grimes passed away on May 3, 2014. She was admitted on December 12, 2011 as the 1296th resident. Ms. Grimes served in the United States Army from 1955 - 1958.

Mr. Chester "Chet" Williamson passed away on May 11, 2014. He was admitted on January 3, 2011 as the 1229th resident. Mr. Williamson served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. Robbie Wren passed away on May 15, 2014. He was admitted on June 3, 2013 as the 1374th resident. Mr. Wren served in the United States Marine Corps from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Clarence Jones passed away on June 8, 2014. He was admitted on April 3, 2013 as the 1344th resident. Mr. Jones served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1945.

Mr. Gene Hardin passed away on June 9, 2014. He was admitted on April 25, 2011 as the 1254th resident. Mr. Hardin served in the United States Navy from 1945 - 1947 and then served in the Naval Reserves from 1947 - 1950 and back in active duty from 1950 - 1954 before joining the United States Air Force Reserves from 1954 - 1964.

Mr. George "Doe" Fort passed away on June 18, 2014. He was admitted on March 15, 2005 as the 933rd resident. Mr. Fort served in the United States Army from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Carroll "Colonel" Edwards passed away on June 19, 2014. He was admitted on March 21, 2013 as the 1341st resident. Mr. Edwards served in the United States Army Air Force from 1951 - 1953.

Mr. William "Shorty" Diehl passed away on June 22, 2014. He was admitted on October 10, 2013 as the 1394th resident. Mr. Diehl served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. Howard Frye passed away on June 30, 2014. He was admitted on May 20, 2013 1368th resident. Mr. Frye served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. Gene Kness passed away on July 1, 2014. He was admitted on June 10, 2013 as the 1375th resident. Mr. Kness served in the United States Navy from 1948 - 1950.

Mr. Norman "Lamont" Wortmann passed away on July 11, 2014. He was admitted on December 22, 2010 as the 1228th resident. Mr. Wortmann served in the United States Army from 1966 - 1967.

Mr. Leo Bailey passed away on July 20, 2014. He was admitted on October 15, 2009 as the 1175th resident. Mr. Bailey served in the United States Army from 1945 - 1946.

Mr. Billy Shook passed away on July 25, 2014. He was admitted on January 22, 2013 as the 1333rd resident. Mr. Shook served in the United States Air Force from 1941 - 1945.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We want to thank each and everyone of you that has donated pill bottles to the home for our collections that was sent overseas to third world countries for their use but due to postage cost we are no longer going to continue the project. Again, thank you for supporting the facility on this project.

Donations

General:

Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Shrum	\$ 10.00
Centralia VFW Post #6276	105.00
John & Mary Ann Young	250.00
American Legion Post #312	200.00
Sonya Willoughby (honor Louie Lewis)	100.00
VVA #70	200.00
VVA #833	500.00
Schulyer Co. American Legion Post #784	80.00
Hermann VFW Auxiliary #4182	25.00
Robbie Wren Family	58.11
Hermann VFW Auxiliary #4182	25.00
VFW Auxiliary #2657	120.00

Special Project:

Champ Clark VFW Auxiliary #5553	\$ 500.00
Road Riders for Jesus-Pike Co. Chapter #76	100.00
MacDougall Lowe American Leg. Aux. #20	200.00
VFW Post #3056	300.00
American Legion 9th District of MO	100.00

Bingo:

Kermit & Mildred Ellis	\$ 25.00
Leonard Armontrout	50.00
Vandalia VFW Post #2173	167.00
Vandalia VFW Auxiliary #2173	50.00
Fulton VFW Post #2657	50.00
Fulton VFW Auxiliary #2657	50.00
Kay Totten	55.00
Anonymous	1150.00
Tami Grawe	25.00
Claudine Lybarger & Dawn Glover	10.00
Bill & Debbie Herter	50.00
VFW Post #4088	40.00

Indigent:

Adair VFW Post #2508	\$ 120.00
Fulton VFW Auxiliary #2657	60.00
Anonymous	500.00
Ernest K. Gerhardt VFW Aux. #5923	300.00

Clothing Protectors:

Topeka/Jefferson City Subvettes	\$ 100.00
GFWC Mexico Women's Club	100.00

Activities:

Mexico Elks Lodge #919	\$ 210.00
Loyal Order of Moose #1706	50.00
Grand Lodge of the Elks	300.00
VFW Missouri Riders	1459.00
Dora Heath	95.00

Golf Tournament:

Shelter Insurance - Larry Bedford	\$ 100.00
Linda Walker	250.00
Darlene Morris	50.00
Phyllis Hornbeck	50.00
Mildred Baker & Family	50.00
Walter & Sabrina Gruer	100.00
Gustav J. Lehr	100.00
Pickering Funeral Home	50.00
Leach Foundation	2500.00
Sons of the American Legion	100.00
Webber Pharmacy	50.00
Jackson Street Drug	50.00
Audrain County VFW Post #3772	250.00
Gary & Kristin VanDeVelde	20.00
Continental Products	100.00
American Legion 9th District of MO	250.00
Joseph & Jessica Giacchi	50.00
Mommens Heating & Cooling	100.00

Gary Bartee	100.00
Robert March	100.00
DAV MO Chapter #2	100.00
Carol & Rodney Willingham	50.00
United Credit Union	100.00
Spartan Light Metal Products	100.00
American Legion Post #152	50.00
State Farm Insurance	100.00
Rheva Tratchel	50.00
Laddonia American Legion Post #510	100.00
Consolidated Electric	50.00
Commerce Bank	50.00
American Legion Post #347	50.00
Champ Clark VFW Post #5553	100.00
Bill McIntosh	360.00
Robert Doebelin	260.00
Kenneth & Kathleen Robnett	50.00
Paul Galloway	100.00
Sydenstricker's Implement Co.	100.00
Poet Biorefining	100.00
Warren Co. American Legion Post #122	100.00
VFW Auxiliary #6133	50.00
American Legion Post #347	100.00
Holland Trucking & Excavating	260.00
Gallaher Insurance Group	50.00
VFW Post #3056	50.00
Mark Twain VFW Auxiliary #4088	50.00
Mexico Elks Lodge #919	520.00
Carol Perkins	50.00
American Legion Auxiliary #34	50.00
Dale & Patti Cone	100.00
Jeanette Gutermuth	130.00
Gerald & Connie Zoellner	130.00
James W. Elliott DDS	50.00
Mary Ellen Sweitzer	100.00
Tam Maupin/Joni Harding	260.00
VFW Auxiliary #2654	310.00
Laborers' Local #955	100.00
Anthony & Patricia Namlick	100.00
American Legion Auxiliary #174	50.00
Anthony Oliver	200.00
American Legion Post #552	100.00
MOC Running Bare Pup Tent #5	100.00
Oliver Buehrle DAV #17	100.00
Adair VFW Auxiliary #2508	50.00
Kohl Jeck VFW Auxiliary #2866	50.00
Ruth Chapman	100.00
Tommy Oliver	260.00
Susan Wilson	800.00
Mizzou Marines Detachment #828	100.00
VFW Auxiliary #9064	50.00
Construction & General Laborer Local #955	200.00
McKesson	250.00
Earl Benus	260.00
Minta Wilson	25.00
Ben's Auto Body	50.00
PT Equipment:	
AmVets Riders #108	\$ 500.00
Adopt-a-Veteran:	
Oliver Buehrle DAV #17	\$ 750.00
Staff Development:	
Barbara Young	\$ 500.00
Picture Frame:	
NAHCA	\$ 500.00

NEW MVH Staff Phone Directory

Missouri Veterans' Home Phone # 573-581-1088
 Missouri Veterans' Home Fax # 573-581-5356
 Clinic Phone # 573-581-9630
 Clinic Fax # 573-581-0315

PLEASE NOTE EXTENSION NUMBERS

Adams, Don - Engineer	1241
Allison-Mitchell, Yvonne - VSO	1258
Ames, Teresa - Environmental Serv.	1287
Baldwin, Linda - Personnel	1254
Benne, Marlene - Staff Devel. Coord.	1262
Blackburn, Janna - 2nd Floor Unit Mgr.	1289
Broughton, Brooke - Storekeeper I	1280
Bybee, Carolyn - MDS Coordinator	1302
Clay, Teresa - 1st Floor Unit Mgr	1291
Davidson, Rita - LPN, Social Services	1273
Edwards, Aliesha - 3rd Floor Unit Mgr	1267
Ezell, Brenda - Administrator	1251
Farnen, Jeanie - C.I.T.	1255
Flowers, Marisa - Supv. Health Info.	1264
Leible, Ron - Supply Manager	1279
Maggard, Nicole - Activity Aide	1295
McCluggage, Kathy - Accountant	1256
McManus, Matthias - Barber	1276
Paden, Susan - Volunteer Services	1286
Polacek, Joyce - Physical Therapy	1259
Reimann, Darrin - Recreation Therapy	1271
Rodenbaugh, Lisa - Nursing Scheduler	1252
Secrease, Connie - Medical Records	1260
Smithee, Stacie -Dir. Social Services	1265
Stevenson, Patrick - D.N.S.	1263
Stewart, Bonnie - Account Clerk	1257
Stone, Nicole - Social Services	1272
Spoor, Amy - Receptionist	1250
Wages, Jessica - Admission Coordinator	1253
Whelan, Heather - Timekeeper	1301
Winkelman, Kathy - Activity Therapist	1270
Young, Sandy - Food Service Manager	1278
1st Floor Nurses Station	1221
2nd Floor Nurses Station	1222
3rd Floor Nurses Station	1223

*Missouri Veterans Commission,
 Department of Public Safety & State of Missouri
 Employee of the Month Announcements*

Robert Hill, Laborer II for the Missouri Veterans' Home - St. Louis, was selected as the June 2014 Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month. He was nominated by his peers and selected because of his dedication and efforts to assist his co-workers. On Easter Sunday, the drains backed up in the Laundry Department at the facility and Robert made every effort to try and fix the problem. He could have easily made the call to the plumber and just let the water accumulate, but he decided to do what he could to help until a professional came in. While employed with the Missouri Veterans Commission, he has day after day exemplified true dedication to the commission's Mission Statement of honoring and serving our Veterans. He is a true role model for all Commission staff. ***Congratulations, Robert.***

Carita Trent, Senior Office Support Assistant for the Missouri Veterans' Cemetery - Higginsville, was selected as the August 2014 Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month. She was nominated by her peers and selected because of the compassion she shows when helping Veterans and their families. One particular example of that compassion was when an elderly Veteran had his wife interred at the Higginsville State Veterans Cemetery in fall of 2012. Carita befriended this Veteran, and throughout numerous visits of his to the cemetery, she helped him quit drinking, get supportive help and meals from the Senior Center and a potential move closer to his children in Kansas. The Veteran visits every Thursday, weather permitting, to visit his wife and makes sure he stops in the office to have a couple of cups of coffee with Carita, chatting about the past weeks' events. Carita's compassion and determination has more than likely saved this Veteran from loneliness and "giving up" after his wife passed away. She is also task oriented and extremely competent, bringing superb efficacy, productivity and organization skills to the facility. Her compassion and kindness for those we serve reflects well on the Commission as a whole and on herself in particular. ***Congratulations, Carita!!***

MEMORIALS

NOTES FROM HOME

Thank you so much for your care and support of Dad and the entire family.
The Family of Harold H. Dubbert

The daughters of Howard Frye would like to thank the 2nd floor staff for the wonderful care and concern given to Dad during his stay with you. We would also like to thank the Veterans who participated in the Hero's Homecoming. This is such a moving ceremony which adds dignity to that final farewell. Thank you so much for the service you gave to your Country and the honor you give to each other.

The Veterans who have developed dementia and Alzheimer's present a real challenge for the Staff. God bless every one of you! Don't think your efforts have gone unnoticed. There aren't enough thank-yous to express how grateful we are.

We have to wonder who these people were, before their condition stole their memories and personality. Dad was a wonderful person who cared about people. He lived the doctrine he learned in church. Dad loved music. His demeanor was happier whenever he heard Bluegrass. He was a descendant of a man who signed the Declaration of Independence. He was so proud of that!

It was so comforting to us to see how much the staff cared for Dad. As his condition worsened, the nursing staff was so wonderful to us. They did everything possible to lend their support and advice. How nice it is to have such warm and caring individuals included in our final memories.

Again, God bless you, we love you and we thank you.

Sharon Wilson & Family
Sandy Harrelson & Family
Jana Bledsoe & Family

In loving memory of Noble Young: Teri Robinson, Patrick Buckley, Tami & Allan Ensor, Richard & Debbie Hoffman, Mary Ann & Samuel Burke, Helen Greene

In loving memory of Wilma Berry: John & Joyce Lowry, Carolyn McCue, John & Frances Stuart

In loving memory of Al Duffner: Kenneth & Kathleen Robnett, Dorothy Foster

In loving memory of Ron Grove: Paul & Susan Reinhardt, Benjamin, Shelby & Tucker

In loving memory of George Smith: University of MO Healthcare Engineering Services

In loving memory of Chet Williamson: David & Lorri Apel, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rodecape, John & Emma Lee McMurtry, Friends of Chet Williamson, Joel & Ginger Kuschel, United Methodist & Presbyterian Church, Vicki & Curtis Powers, Daniel & Mary Ann Wadsworth, Janna Borgheiinck, United Methodist Church, Rev. Nathaniel C. Roe

In loving memory of Justine Rasmussen: Ealine Zukowski

In loving memory of Bob Feiner: Thomas & Santa Penn

In loving memory of Wayne Wilson: Hal Sappington

In loving memory of Page Piper: Dorothy Carter

In loving memory of WD Carter: Dorothy Carter

In loving memory of Doris Myers: Dorothy Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Barker, Minta Wilson, Clinton Secrease, Frances Friday, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Gentry, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Azdell, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pugh, Dorothy Rodes, Mary Lou & Kenneth White, Jeff & Patty Fennewald, Billy & Joan Robison, Betty Jo Brooks, Ruth Chapman, Anonymous, Harry & Velma Jones, Dawn & Jacob Shellabarger, Barbara Robinson, Lions District 26 M3, Walter & Susan Paden

In loving memory of Gene Hardin: Professional Contractors & Engineers Inc., Mark & Tammy Laughlin, Joe & Elaine McDow, David & Terry Luebbert, Carolyn Heilman, Walter & Rose Keith, Randall & Cynthia Kivett, Don & Linda Wilson, Darlene Bangerter

In loving memory of Doe Fort: RW & Mary Alice Coil, Lindenwood University, Dale & Judy Blaue, Charlie & Martha Lou Andrews, Jeff & Pam Deater, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bredehoft, Mr. & Mrs. William McDowell, Kermit & Mildred Ellis, Herbert & Margy Schowe, Clarence & Shirley Diechman, Pat & Andrea Fort, William McClain, Bonnie & William Oltmer, Roger & Linda Hans, Rita & Charles Freie

In loving memory of Samuel Wesley Thompson II DVM: Chapter AU PEO - Fayette

In loving memory of Bill "Shorty" Diehl: Gene & Edith Craghead, Venita Renner, Dale & Christie Craghead, Carl Joe Weinand, Elizabeth Woodruff, Robert Cox, Lockwood Baptist Church, Suzanne & Tom Young

In loving memory of Robbie Wren: Jean Wren

In loving memory of Gene Kness: Donald & Linda Kness, Justine & Laura Bohnert, William & Sharon Frazee, Richard Wylde, Pastor Ben Montgomery, Chuck Kness, Helen Elley, Josh & Amy Bohnert

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In loving memory of Leo Bailey: Raymond Smith, Craig & Lisa Carter, Lori Smith

In loving memory of Herb Koshinski: Montgomery County Livestock Auction, Wayne & Kathy McCluggage

WELCOME

Mr. Bob Lyon was admitted on May 4, 2014 from St. James, MO as the 1427th resident. Mr. Lyon served in the United States Army Air Force from 1944 - November 1946.

Mr. Irvin Kittrell was admitted on May 7, 2014 from Columbia, MO as the 1428th resident. Mr. Kittrell served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 - 1970.

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Leonard was admitted on May 14, 2014 from St. James, MO as the 1429th resident. Mr. Leonard served in the United States Army from 1952 - 1954.

Mr. Willis Hanson was admitted on May 19, 2014 from Hallsville, MO as the 1430th resident. Mr. Hanson served in the United States Navy from 1944 - 1950.

Mr. Raymond Keller was admitted on May 22, 2014 from Winfield, MO as the 1431st resident. Mr. Keller served in the United States Navy from 1944 - 1946.

Mr. Willard Miller was admitted on May 28, 2014 from Silex, MO as the 1432nd resident. Mr. Miller served in the United States Army from 1963 - 1970.

Mr. James Bates was admitted on June 9, 2014 from Paris, MO as the 1433rd resident. Mr. Bates served in the United States Navy from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. William "T" Atteberry was admitted on June 17, 2014 from Fulton, MO as the 1435th resident. He served in the United States Army from 1945 - 1947.

Mr. Adelard "Tim" Nadeau was admitted on June 23, 2014 from Boonville, MO as the 1436th resident. Mr. Nadeau served in the United States Navy from 1944 - 1946.

Mr. John Williams was admitted on June 30, 2014 from Madison, MO as the 1438th resident. Mr. Williams served in the United States Navy from 1941 - 1947.

Mr. David Cummins was admitted on July 1, 2014 from Center, MO as the 1439th resident. Mr. Cummins served in the United States Army from 1966 - 1967.

Mr. Morris Dial was admitted on July 7, 2014 from Fulton, MO as the 1440th resident. Mr. Dial served in the United States Army from 1956 - 1958.

Mr. Elmer Bragg was admitted on July 8, 2014 from Cameron, MO as the 1441st resident. Mr. Bragg served in the United States Navy from 1951 - 1960.

Mr. Wilber Woodin was admitted on July 9, 2014 from Macon, MO as the 1442nd resident. Mr. Woodin served in the United States Army from 1945 - 1946.

Mr. Robert Dietiker was admitted on July 16, 2014 from Glasgow, MO as the 1443rd resident. Mr. Dietiker served in the United States Army Air from 1942 - 1946.

Mr. Louis Anesi was admitted on July 23, 2014 from Centralia, MO as the 1244th resident. Mr. Anesi served in the United States Army from 1952 - 1954.

Mr. Albert Dutton was admitted on July 30, 2014 from Mexico, MO as the 1445th resident. Mr. Dutton served in the United States Navy from 1944 - 1946.

MEXICO VETERANS HOME SALUTES, Con't...

Curt Sampson

Curt was born on April 25, 1926 in Millersburg, Missouri as one of seven children. He had a very close-knit family. His parents were farmers. During childhood Curt enjoyed riding mules, showing them at shows and working with them on the farm. He loved fishing and spending time on the river. He also enjoyed hunting coons, rabbits, squirrels and turtles. He really enjoyed helping his family on the farm. One of Curt's most memorable moments was at the age of 12 when he was at a neighbor's and a storm blew in. He ran home to take in the animals and when he was taking in a mule, he was struck by lightning! Curt suffered shock and burns and the mule standing next to him was killed. Later that night as the storm continued, a lightning bolt struck their property again and destroyed a walnut tree. Curt served in the Navy from 1944-1946 during WWII. His ship transported Marines. He earned an American Area Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon with two stars and a WWII Victory Ribbon.

Curt married his wife Jean in 1951 and they had three children. Karla and Becky live in Mexico, Missouri and Norma has passed away. Curt enjoyed taking the kids fishing, going on vacations to the lake and loved family-get-togethers. Today he has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Curt worked for A.P. Green for his career doing a variety of jobs. His final job was operating a forklift. He worked hard for his family and had a second job when needed. One of his extra jobs was helping put up the town Christmas lights each winter. Curt has always been willing to help out and his family says, "He won't hesitate to help anybody!" Curt was an active member of the Mexico United Methodist Church since 1958 and was active with the Odd Fellows Lodge. He enjoyed cooking and canning vegetables, jelly and apple butter. He also liked making wine and many years ago beer-making was a family event. During retirement he has enjoyed fishing and spending time with family.

Curt came to the Missouri Veterans Home in May 2013. We're so proud to know and serve him. Please join us in congratulating Curt and his family as we salute him as the August Resident of the Month!



Above:
Don, Bob & P.G. enjoy the parade with the antique carasel in the background.



Above:
Ralph talks with the group about the Clydesdales.

Below:
Corn shucking party with donated sweet corn.



Above:
Jessica gives Cheryl some advise for her new job at Central Office.



Above:
Irvin relaxes as he waits for lunch at Teal Lake Park.



Above:
Junior Volunteers were recognized at a luncheon on August 13.

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