



THE WARRIOR

Fall 2015

No One Can Take Your Place Brenda Ezell, Administrator

No one can take your place. No one can have the influence you have been prepared to have on those you encounter daily. No one can do what you have been prepared to do today.

I recall the story of a young woman too shy and without the courage to try out for a college basketball team she dreaded the time of the scheduled try-outs. She looked at the clock as the minutes ticked by, knowing she could and should walk to the gymnasium and give it her best shot. She waited, the hour passed, she did not move. Time was up, no question about the opportunity now, the decision was made, and she did not try out. Disgusted with herself, she tried to leave the memory in the past. But Thirty years later while speaking to a civic group, the coach of that team was in attendance. Afterwards the coach asked her if the story of the missed opportunity was true. Yes it was true, in 1971, as she remembered the missed opportunity of the basketball try-outs all too well. The coach replied, you know for the only time in my career, in 1971, we went through that entire season needing one more player. All season I searched for one more girl to fill out our team roster but I could never find her. For the sake of discussion, we can assume that spot could have been filled, leaving missed opportunities to make a difference. We will never know for sure, all for the lack of confidence to even try. No One Can Take Your Place.

As I have the opportunity to watch the staff and the volunteers of Missouri Veterans Home—Mexico, interact with the Veterans living here, it is apparent that... No One Can Take Their Place Today. From the early morning hours when the dining room staff member offers that first cup of coffee to an early bird Veteran, or the custodian converses with Veterans in the vicinity of his tasks, to the social worker taking a Veteran to lunch because he needs the friendship today, I witness golden opportunities of the right person being in the right place at the right time, today. I recognize each one has taken a courageous step and voluntarily decided to 'try-out' for our team, to work with people rather than machines, to measure their worth in service rather than widgets. I am grateful daily for those individuals who serve the Veterans. They bring life to the lives of those they serve. They make a difference every day, and when they are not here for any reason, No One Can Take Their Place!

It is our pleasure to serve the Veterans at MVH. We do so as a team, with every member of that team committed to making a difference in the lives of those living here. We recognize our differences and the variety of opportunities we have to interact with those we serve and as we do so we recognize, No One Can Take Our Place Today.

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Larry D. Kay, Executive Director

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Employee Corner

Jeff Smithee, Maintenance Worker was recognized as the Employee of the Month for June 2015. Jeff was nominated by two of his co-workers for stepping in and performing the Heimlich maneuver on a resident when an aide tried to dislodge food but could not get it. This is above and beyond his call of duty and his job description, yet he jumped right in to help without hesitation. This really shows how truly a team player he really is. Congratulations, Jeff and thanks for your dedication to the Veterans and Staff on the MVH team!!

Anne Cline, Laundry Worker was selected as the Employee of the Month for July 2015. She was nominated by a resident stating, "you are an outstanding and friendly person to the Veterans." She is always smiling and she likes to joke with the residents. The resident states that she does a good job with the laundry and goes above and beyond her duties to see that the resident's clothes are cleaned properly and put away. Thanks for being a team player.

Susan Paden, Supervisor of Volunteer Services was recognized as the Employee of the Month for August 2015. She was nominated by one of the residents for doing some much for the Veterans Home, residents and volunteers. She comes in early & stops to greet the residents. When she walks down the hallway she always smiles and takes time to stop & talk. This past Memorial Day Susan was here Saturday and Monday. When asked why she came in she said, "This is important for you all and that means it's important to me." There's not enough I can do for the Veterans here to return the gratitude I feel for all you did." She also makes a weekly trip to Wal-Mart to get whatever the residents need. She gets community groups to come in and also takes Veterans to the schools to read to the children. Congratulations, Susan and thanks for your dedication to our residents, volunteers and staff.

All these employees were recognized at a reception at which time they received a certificate of appreciation, a \$25 check and a certificate for a day

New Employees

Robbie Settle, DRS	05/05
Robert Chambers, CW I	05/18
Brittney Figliolo, NA I	05/18
Cindy Gregg, NA I	05/18
Ariana Ayala, TA	06/02
Paul Pezold, TA	06/02
Rebecca Willkerson, CWI	06/02
Jewelya Humphrey, NA I	06/15
Teresa Clay, RN	06/22
Morgan Beasley, NA I	06/28
Pamela Golian, LPN	07/01
Kerri Palmer, NA II	07/01
Amanda Boles, NA I	07/13
Melissa Archer, NA I	07/14
Hydie Bodimer, NA I	07/14
Amanda Kelley, NA I	07/14
Audrey Griffith, LPN	07/14
Julia Lindsay, LPN	07/20
Heather Payne, NA I	8/04

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

MVH RESIDENT CHRISTMAS PARTIES
WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
AND
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

FIRST CONTACT OF EACH RESIDENT WILL BE
GETTING AN INVITATION



Happy Birthday to you.....

September

Delbert Buck	09/01
Bobby Keller	09/03
Bill Pumphrey	09/03
Wendell Mustain	09/05
Joe Leonard	09/05
Ted Ball	09/07
Lynn Woods	09/10
Bobbie Easley	09/10
Otho Smith	09/11
Kent Kurtz	09/14
Ernie Bretthorst	09/18
John Williams	09/20
James Henderson	09/20
Marvin Bickmeyer	09/21
James Schade	09/23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Alzheimer Support Group - October 21, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Veterans Council - Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.

Family Council - Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the facility.



Bruce Wilson	10/10
Billie Duncan	10/13
Bob Poage	10/15
Monroe Young	10/18
James Bates	10/22
John Knaack	10/23
Carl Roberts	10/23
Frank Boswell	10/28
November	
Babe Thomas	11/03
Dale Abernathy	11/03
Ed Hendley	11/09
Stan McCaw	11/09
Dudley McPike	11/10
Ray Dawson	11/11
Earl Jones	11/11
Forrst Smith	11/14
Ed Parks	11/15
David Brooksher	11/19
Merlin Boston	11/24
Ken Branz	11/26



CENSUS

WWII	64
KOREA	44
VIETNAM	34
PEACETIME	14
DESERT STORM	00
ARMY	86
NAVY	33
AIR FORCE	19
MARINES	12
COAST GUARD	00
NATIONAL GUARD	00

MEXICO VETERANS HOME SALUTES...

Richard Nack

Richard was born on October 2, 1927 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin as the youngest of two children. He had a brother, Arthur Jr. His father was an accountant and his mother was an office manager until the children were born; then she became a homemaker. At the age of nine, Richard was hit by a car while walking home from school. The accident broke both his legs and his heart stopped beating on the operating table. However, he was able to recover. As a child he enjoyed swimming in Lake Michigan, fishing and playing with his dog. He played piano for six years. He joined the band in junior high school, playing the flute and piccolo and has been playing them ever since.

After graduating high school, Richard enlisted in the Army, serving from 1946-1948 right after WWII with a final rank of tech sergeant. He worked as a company clerk and played flute and piccolo for the band. He served in Wetzlar, Germany where he was able to meet his German relatives and spend time with them. His parents were also able to fly over and meet the relatives for the first time while visiting with Richard. From his service, he earned a lapel button, Army of Occupation Medal, and a WWII Victory Medal.

After returning home from service, Richard entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. Then the school moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he graduated. He enjoyed playing flute and piccolo in the band during seminary school. He later studied Semitic Languages (Hebrew and Arabic) at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He played in the band at the university too.

Richard worked as a clergyman and minister for Lutheran churches and he loved all the churches he worked in. He worked at churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington state, and Missouri.

Richard married his wife on June 11, 1959. They celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary this year! For their honeymoon, they took a six week trip to Israel where they toured the country and listened to some great speakers. They also traveled throughout Europe and met relatives in Germany. Richard and Sue had four children: Debbie was killed in a car accident as a child, Janet lives in San Francisco, and Mary and Sarah live in Columbia, Missouri. The family enjoyed fishing and swimming at Lake Michigan. Richard and Sue have eight grandchildren.

Gene Perkins

Gene was born on January 31, 1918, as one of six children. His father was a cotton farmer and his mother was a school teacher. His mother named Gene after her favorite author, Eugene Field. Growing up, Gene helped on the farm quite a bit. When he was in 10th grade, his dad passed away and Gene took a year off school to keep up with the farm. Later he was able to return to school and graduated high school. After graduation, he worked as a pharmacist's apprentice. He was planning to take his state boards for pharmacy, but was called into service.

Gene served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945 as a first wave assault communications specialist. He ran communication lines until he was wounded in action. He served in Bismarck, Archipelago, New Guinea, and the Philippines. From his service, he earned a purple heart and three bronze stars for bravery.

After service, Gene married and had one daughter, Janeann. He and his first wife divorced. Gene later married Jane and they were married 44 years and had four sons: Tommy, Mark, Craig, and Tracy. Gene and his family enjoyed going to the State Fair every year and going to the race track. He was an electrician for the track and also repaired cars. At one point he and Jane owned a race car and their youngest son drove it.

After his return from service, Gene worked as a lineman for Missouri Power & Light for over 35 years. He enjoyed his job, but had to retire after suffering injuries for an accident from falling from a tall ladder. During retirement he opened his own lawn mower repair shop. This was his favorite job and he worked there into his 90's.

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



We say farewell to:

Mr. William Locklin on May 19, 2015. He was admitted December 30, 2014 as the 1467th resident. Mr. Locklin served in the United States Army from 1945 - 1956.

Mr. Tommy Lingo on May 21, 2015. He was admitted on May 9, 2013 as the 1363rd resident. Mr. Lingo served in the United States Army from 1952 - 1954.

Mr. Max Anderson on May 23, 2015. He was admitted on June 20, 2013 as the 1378th resident. Mr. Anderson served in the United States Navy from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Charles Rowland on May 30, 2015. He was admitted on February 26, 2015 as the 1485th resident. Mr. Rowland served in the United States Navy from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Merle Stallman on June 2, 2015. He was admitted on February 5, 2015 as the 1480th resident. Mr. Stallman served in the United States Army from 1944 - 1946.

Mr. Donald Burge on June 4, 2015. He was admitted on January 6, 2015 as the 1469th resident. Mr. Burge served in the United States Army from 1963 - 1965.

Mr. Ken Adams on June 5, 2015. He was admitted on January 26, 2015 as the 1475th resident. Mr. Adams served in the United States Air Force from 1953 - 1957.

Mr. James McGrew on June 6, 2015. He was admitted on December 28, 2011 as the 1301st resident. Mr. McGrew served in the United States Army from 1952 - 1954.

Mr. Noble Coleman on June 11, 2015. He was admitted on February 4, 2014 as the 1416th resident. Mr. Coleman served in the United States Army from 1946 - 1947.

Mr. Ralph Jett on June 19, 2015. He was admitted on April 28, 2014 as the 1425th resident. Mr. Jett served in the United States Marines from 1942 - 1946.

Mr. Roy Feldman on July 5, 2015. He was admitted on June 8, 2015 as the 1504th resident. Mr. Feldman served in the United States Army from 1941 - 1945.

Mr. Allen Leverett on July 16, 2015. He was admitted on October 3, 2013 as the 1392nd resident. Mr. Leverett served in the United States Army from 1952 - 1954.

Mr. Charles Guthrie on July 18, 2015. He was admitted on June 9, 2015 as the 1505th resident. Mr. Guthrie served in the United States Air Force from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. Gene Fowler on August 17, 2015. He was admitted on December 29, 2014 as the 1465th resident. Mr. Fowler served in the United States Navy from 1945 - 1946.

Donations

General:

James Monroe DAR	\$ 100.00
Al Whitaker VFW Post #6514`	150.00
VFW Post #6276	105.00

TV Special Project:

American Legion Auxiliary #218	\$ 500.00
Anonymous	100.00
Jean Clifford	200.00
American Legion Post #370	500.00
Dorothy Carter	50.00
Rheva Tratchel	100.00
DAVA #48	50.00
Monroe City VFW Auxiliary #4240	100.00
Steve & Pam Gordon	100.00
Gamma Lambda Beta Sigma Phi	85.00
VFW Post #6276	500.00
Basinger/Sone VFW Auxiliary #1003	300.00
American Legion Post #312	150.00
Troy Friendship Church/Joy Belle's SS	100.00
Grand of MO Running Bare MOCA #5	300.00
VVA #70	1000.00
United Methodist Women - New Bloomfield	500.00
VFW Men's Auxiliary #2657	500.00
John Cauthorn/Jake Freyer	700.00
Adair VFW Auxiliary #2508	500.00
Champ Clark VFW Auxiliary #5553	150.00
Unique Jaycees	500.00
American Legion Post #122 Riders of MO	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Koelling	100.00
DAVA #17	500.00
Anthony & Patricia Namlick	50.00
John & Emma Lee McMurtry	100.00
Hermann VFW Auxiliary #4182	275.00

Golf Tournament:

VFW Men's Auxiliary #2657	\$ 250.00
Mary Ellen Sweitzer	100.00
New Haven American Legion Post #366	250.00
Mizzou Marines Detachment #828	100.00
Hermann VFW Auxiliary #4182	50.00
Wendall Mustain Family	800.00
Ruth Chapman	100.00
Basinger Sone VFW Post #1003	100.00
Lois Motley	100.00
Anthony & Patricia Namlick	80.00
Mark Twain VFW Post #4088	360.00
Walter & Sabrina Gruer	100.00
Millie Baker, Kathy Cagle & Karla Curtis	100.00
Consolidated Electric	50.00
Paul Galloway	50.00
Pickering Funeral Home	50.00
Gary & Barbara Bartee	100.00
Mexico Noon Lions	100.00
Darlene Morris	50.00
Kenneth & Kathleen Robnett	50.00
Moser's	250.00
Hubbell Paris American Legion Post #510	50.00
Carol & Rodney Willingham	50.00
Robert Doebelin	260.00

Hannibal Lodge #1198	250.00
State Farm Insurance	100.00
American Legion Post #552	100.00
Ben's Auto Body	50.00
James W. Elliott DDS	50.00
McKesson	250.00
Minta Wilson	25.00
Leach Foundation	1000.00
Commerce Bank	100.00
VFW Post #3056	250.00
Mommens Heating & Cooling	100.00
VFW Post #3772	400.00
Earl Benus	260.00
Poet Biorefining	100.00
Sons of the American Legion Veterans Fund	150.00
Elsberry Memorial VFW Post #9064	100.00
Auffenberg Motor	100.00
George Marsden	65.00
Brad Haggard	65.00
DAV #17	350.00
Isle of Capri	100.00
Linda Walker	500.00
Adair VFW Auxiliary #2173	50.00
Mark Twain VFW Post #4088	360.00
American Legion Ninth District	250.00
Ad Finder	260.00
Anthony Oliver	260.00
VFW Post #6276	200.00
Robert Newbrough	260.00

Personal Needs:

Hermann VFW Auxiliary #4182	\$ 50.00
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Activities:

Mexico Elks Lodge #919	\$ 355.00
Cindy & Roger Woolridge	232.00
VFW Auxiliary #1828	1000.00
Steve Magnus	35.00
Ross & Kate Becker	60.00
Grand Lodge of the Elks	100.00
Salvation Army of Columbia	45.00
Jacksonville Cemetery	50.00
DAV #17	500.00

Bingo:

James Bledsoe American Legion Post #26	\$ 600.00
VFW Post #2173	40.00
VFW Auxiliary #2173	40.00
VFW Post #2657	50.00
VFW Auxiliary #2657	50.00
Military Affinity Group	100.00
Dan Carson	40.00
VFW Post #4088	25.00
VFW Auxiliary #4088	25.00

Indigent:

VFW Auxiliary #5923	\$ 200.00
Adair VFW Post #2508	30.00

Staff Activity:

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rodecape	\$ 40.00
Teresa Barnett	15.00

Adopt-a-Vet:eran:

DAV #17	\$ 750.00
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MVH Staff Phone Directory

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

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

PLEASE NOTE EXTENSION NUMBERS

Adams, Don - Engineer	1241
Allison-Mitchell, Yvonne - VSO	1258
Ames, Teresa - Environmental Serv.	1287
Baker, Angie - Asst. Administrator	1283
Baldwin, Linda - Personnel	1254
Benne, Marlene - 2nd Floor Unit Mgr.	1289
Blackburn, Janna - 1st Floor Unit Mgr.	1291
Broughton, Brooke - Storekeeper I	1280
Bybee, Carolyn - MDS Coordinator	1302
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
Mahon, Patrick - Accountant	1256
McManus, Matthias - Barber	1276
Paden, Susan - Volunteer Services	1286
Payne, Ginger - Receptionist	1250
Polacek, Joyce - Physical Therapy	1259
Reimann, Darrin - Recreation Therapy	1271
Riddle, Lori - Staff Devel. Coord.	1262
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
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

Josephine Rimson, Nursing Assistant I within the Missouri Veterans Commission - St. Louis Veterans' Home was selected as the June 2015 Missouri Veterans Commission of the Month and the August 2015 Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month. She was nominated by her peers and selected because she is genuinely concerned about the Veterans in her care, coming to work every day, dedicated to the Veterans she serves. When the facility was on high alert for fall risks, she came up with games to keep the Veterans occupied. Josephine provides music for them during their lunch time and most importantly she recently performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking Veteran and was able to save the Veteran's life. She is always willing to help others and will not allow the Veterans to go a day without sharing a smile with them. She is a true role model for all Commission staff. ***Congratulations, Josephine!!!***

Tina Blyzes, Certified Medication Technician for the Missouri Veterans' Home - Cape Girardeau was selected as the July 2015 Missouri Veterans' Commission Employee of the Month. She was nominated by her peers and selected because of her kindness and compassion towards the Veterans as well as her ability to motivate staff in a positive and professional manner. Tina is a well-rounded employee who puts forth above average effort to complete her responsibilities timely and effectively, advocates for the Veterans and takes time for the "little things" to accommodate the Veterans in her care. During the ongoing transition to the electronic medical record, she worked side-by-side with nursing management to ensure each Veteran's specific wishes related to medication administration times, etc. were incorporated into the system correctly. Tina strives to provide top quality care to our Veterans. She is very knowledgeable of her job duties and it shows every day in her work performance. She is always willing and does stay over and assists with staffing coverage on a regular basis. Tina has day after day exemplified true dedication to the Commission's Mission Statement of honoring and serving our Veterans. ***Congratulations, Tina!!***

Jeff Smithee, Maintenance Worker II for the Missouri Veterans' Home - Mexico was selected as the August 2015 Missouri Veterans' Commission Employee of the Month. Jeff was nominated by his peers and selected because earlier in the month while on his way to his work area he noticed a Veteran choking. Without hesitation, he performed the Heimlich Maneuver to dislodge the food the Veteran was choking on. He went above and beyond his duty and job description by being aware of the Veterans in the module as he was just on his way through the area to get to his assignment for the morning. This awareness allowed him to jump in and without hesitating assist the veteran in need and what could have been a dire moment for the Veteran became a saved moment. While employed with the Missouri Veterans Commission, Jeff 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. ***Congratulations and thank you Jeff!!!***

NOTE FROM HOME

Max Anderson, 87, of Mexico, MO, passed away Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the Audrain Medical Center in Mexico. Per his request, no formal services are being held.

Max was born October 17, 1927 in Marion, OH to Paul and Delia Groll Anderson. He served his country with honor in the United States Navy and was a Veteran for peace. He was a consultant and lecturer in urban and regional planning, economics and design. His career spanned nearly 60 years and included public agencies at all levels of planning ranging from larger multi-state regions down to cities and neighborhoods. After receiving his B.A. in economics and Master's degree in city planning from U.C. Berkeley, he was the author of demographic and economic studies of the New York metropolitan region for the Regional Plan Association. From 1956 -1958 he was a senior planner at Pacific Planning and Research in Palo Alto, CA; organizing hearings and preparing legislative proposals and reports on regional planning and the conservation of agricultural land resources for a committee of the State Legislature. From 1958-1961 he was Chief of Planning of Candeub, Fleissig, then the second largest planning consulting firm in the nation, supervising the preparation of comprehensive plans and development regulations for communities in the headquarters State of New Jersey and branch offices in other states.

He opened his own office in Madison, WI in 1961 and branch offices later in Iowa and Illinois. He was principal planner and author of master plans and development regulations for a total of five entire countries, 86 municipalities, 46 tax increment districts, four cases for incorporation of towns as villages, coordinator of Wisconsin's first state planning effort, author of studies entitled "Plan for Wisconsin," "Land Use," and "Facilities: in Wisconsin, consultant to the Wisconsin Governor's Office, Departments of Administration, Resource Development, Health and Human Services, and the Federal Surplus Property Development Commission, urban planner for two new towns, consultant and author of several studies for the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, including the Commission's report to Congress entitled "Development Strategies Upper Great Lakes Region." He was a lecturer in the graduate school of urban and regional planning at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, 1962-1965, teaching courses in planning theory and practice.

In the following years, ending in his retirement in 2008 from a busy career, he retired in Columbia Missouri working on many innovative city planning projects and campaigns in the City. He wrote numerous newspaper articles in the Columbia Tribune and introduced many proposals to the City and County boards and commissions.

He was a stellar person that made an enormous foot print in the hearts of his family and friends and in the communities that he served nationwide, working tirelessly and selflessly his whole life to improve people's lives and the environment. He was a trailblazer and visionary in city planning theory and practice. Many family members worked for him at various times and a number trained under his tutelage to become successful planners, business owners, environmentalists, community organizers and politicians because of his creative and inspiring influence. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and his work. He is survived by a son, Douglas Anderson & wife Jerri Lynn of Mazomanie, WI; daughter, Alison Anderson & husband Lucien ("Lou") Phemister of Jefferson City, MO; grandchildren, Maxwell and Nina Anderson of Mazomanie, WI and Crawford NE; sister and brother-in-law, Joan & Sid Sullivan of Columbia, MO. He was preceded in death by siblings Paul, Walt, Robert Anderson and Winifred Fout, all of Marion, OH. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.parkerfuneralservice.com

MEXICO VETERANS HOME SALUTES...

Bob Hancox

Bob was born on March 16, 1935 in Vandalia, Missouri as the youngest of two children. He had one brother who was a year older. Bob's father was a contractor and ran a lumber yard and his mother worked as a bookkeeper for the lumber yard. When he was a child, Bob enjoyed going fishing and bowling with his brother. He graduated from Vandalia High School and then worked for the lumber yard.

Bob joined the Army in 1958 and served until 1960. He completed basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and went to cook school in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then stationed at the Panama Canal as a cook. He enjoyed his service time and thought Panama was a beautiful country.

After service, Bob returned home and shortly afterwards moved to Centralia. He continued working in the lumber yard for a while. Then he began a 32 year career at Chance in Centralia. He spent most of his career working in shipping and enjoyed this job.

Bob married Marian on June 27, 1965. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary last month! They met at a "Lonely Hearts Club." They adopted a daughter of 13 years of age. She passed away at the age of 23. Bob and Marian have several close friends and family in the area. In years past they enjoyed visiting family and going on two cruises to Mexico and the Bahamas.

Bob came to the Missouri Veterans' Home in March 2015. We are so proud to know and serve him. Please join us in congratulating Bob and his family as we salute him as the August Resident of the Month!

MEMORIALS

In loving memory of Ron Whittle: Family Support Division-Child Support

In loving memory of Ann "Marge" Williams: Larry & Sharon Rood, Bernard & Monika Williams, Bob & Judi Sterns, Karen Petti, Amy Pollack-Howard, George & Greer

In loving memory of Durand Johnson: Roger, Beth & Meredith Asbury, Bobby & Clarice Metz, Bill & Rhonda Metz, Mary F. Crump, Minette Sternke, Randy Lewis, Regina & Floyd Vogt, Ken & Lynda Thurman, Vandalia VFW Auxiliary #2173

In loving memory of John Fitzgerald: Charlotte Acton, Family of John Fitzgerald, Vandalia VFW Auxiliary #2173

In loving memory of Howard Frye: Sam & Sandy Harrelson

In loving memory of Ken Adams: Lake Champetra Home Owners

In loving memory of Ralph Jett: Harry Durbin

In loving memory of Dorothy Kendrick: Harry Durbin

In loving memory of Noble Coleman: Doris Holliday & Family

In loving memory of Johnnie Thomas: Thomas & Jovita Johns

In loving memory of Allen Leverett: Cedar Grove LLC// Robinett Construction, Ruth Cutright, Murray Maskey, Sally & Mike Martin, Georgia Scarbrough, Nancy James Kerns, Mary Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rodecape, Janice Peabody

In loving memory of Sgt. Rodney Griffin: Kelly Stanford

In loving memory of Mari Reinwald: Don & Ruby Hale

In loving memory of Betty Jean Wilson: Central Bank, Michael & Virginia Brizendine, Samuel & Barbara Brant, Daryl & Lisa Wilson, Bowlin Funeral Home, Johnnie & Roberta Elliott, Mr. & Mrs. John Bosch

In loving memory of Clarence & Charlotte Luebrecht: Sherri Welsh & Family

In loving memory of Charles Guthrie: Mae Fennewald

In loving memory of Gene Fowler: Don & Linda Smiley, Roy Field Jr., Gloria Evans, C.T. & Violet Lierheimer, Steve, Paula & Nicole Lierheimer, Linda & Steve Wolf

NOTES FROM HOME

Dear Brenda,

We want to express our appreciation to you and the entire organization for the level of care given to our loved one, John Fitzgerald, and all the other residents. John felt respected and that made such an amazing difference in his attitude. He was impressed with the way things were run and he often commented on the cleanliness as well. Having owned a business for years that was quite a compliment.

There are so many people that have touched our lives this past six years. We have made friends with staff, volunteers, residents and family members. We have rubbed shoulders with amazing individuals throughout the organization. We didn't get to know you well, because we seldom complained and if we did need to advocate for John it was handled by your outstanding staff.

We could write a book on our many touching moments. Your efforts to make the residents feel honored and loved are evident. The Going Home ceremony provided a beautiful send off for John but it also made us realize how loved he felt there. We felt it as well and we feel there is no better place to be for the last leg of this life journey. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barb & Pat Fitzgerald

WELCOME

Mr. Harold Golden was admitted on May 26, 2015 from Boonville, MO as the 1500th resident. Mr. Golden served in the United States Marines from 1950 - 1951.

Mr. Dennis Hodges was admitted on May 28, 2015 from Jefferson City, MO as the 1501st resident. Mr. Hodges served in the United States Air Force. from 1968 - 1972.

Mr. Donald Varney was admitted on June 1, 2015 from Columbia, MO as the 1502nd resident. Mr. Varney served in the United States Navy from 1951 - 1955 and the United States Air Force from 1955 - 1971.

Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Swearingen was admitted on June 3, 2015 from Kahoka, MO as the 1503rd resident. Mr. Swearingen served in the United States Army from 1967 - 1969.

Mr. Roy Feldman was admitted on June 8, 2015 from Ashland, MO as the 1504th resident. Mr. Feldman served in the United States Army from 1941 - 1945.

Mr. Charles Guthrie was admitted on June 9, 2015 from Mexico, MO as the 1505th resident. Mr. Guthrie served in the United States Air Force from 1943 - 1945.

Mr. Ernest Bretthorst was admitted on June 10, 2015 from Salisbury, MO as the 1506th resident. Mr. Bretthorst served in the United States Army from 1954 - 1956.

Mr. Richard Underwood was admitted on June 11, 2015 from Mexico, MO as the 1507th resident. Mr. Underwood served in the United States Marine Corp from 1952 - 1958.

Mr. Frank Witzak was admitted on June 16, 2015 from Galena, MO as the 1508th resident. Mr. Witzak served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. William "Bill" McIntosh was admitted on June 24, 2015 from Paris, MO as the 1509th resident. Mr. McIntosh served in the United States Army from 1957 - 1959.

Mr. William J. "Bill" Montgomery Jr. was admitted on July 9, 2015 from Brookfield, MO as the 1510th resident. Mr. Montgomery served in the United States Navy from 1944 - 1946.

Mr. Sammy "Sam" Rees was admitted on July 21, 2015 from Fulton, MO as the 1511th resident. Mr. Rees served in the United States Army from 1951 - 1953.

Mr. Willard "Bill" Pumphrey was admitted on July 22, 2015 from Columbia, MO as the 1512th resident. Mr. Pumphrey served in the United States Marine Corps from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Frisbie was admitted on August 13, 2015 from Versailles, MO as the 1513th resident. Mr. Frisbie served in the United States Army from 1964 - 1966.

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