



THE WARRIOR

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The Story of TAPS

The 24-note melancholy bugle call known as “taps” is thought to be a revision of a French bugle signal, called “tattoo,” that notified soldiers to cease an evening’s drinking and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final bugle call to end the day by extinguishing fires and lights. The last five measures of the tattoo resemble taps.

The word “taps” is an alteration of the obsolete word “taptoo,” derived from the Dutch “taptoe.” Taptoe was the command — “Tap toe!” — to shut (“toe to”) the “tap” of a keg.

The revision that gave us present-day taps was made during America’s Civil War by Union Gen. Daniel Adams Butterfield, heading a brigade camped at Harrison Landing, Va., near Richmond.

Up to that time, the U.S. Army’s infantry call to end the day was the French final call, “L’Extinction des feux.” Gen. Butterfield decided the “lights out” music was too formal to signal the day’s end.

One day in July 1862 he recalled the tattoo music and hummed a version of it to an aide, who wrote it down in music. Butterfield then asked the brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, to play the notes and, after listening,

lengthened and shortened them while keeping his original melody.

He ordered Norton to play this new call at the end of each day thereafter, instead of the regulation call. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades, who asked for copies and adopted this bugle call. It was even adopted by Confederate buglers.

This music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but not given the name “taps” until 1874.

The first time taps was played at a military funeral may also have been in Virginia soon after Butterfield composed it. Union Capt. John Tidball, head of an artillery battery, ordered it played for the burial of a cannoner killed in action. Not wanting to reveal the battery’s position in the woods to the enemy nearby, Tidball substituted taps for the traditional three rifle volleys fired over the grave.

Taps was played at the funeral of Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson

10 months after it was composed. Army infantry regulations by 1891



required taps to be played at military funeral ceremonies.

Taps now is played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag and to signal the “lights out” command at day’s end.



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Administrator's Reflections

Brenda Ezell

“All in the Family!”

The television show, “All in the Family” brings back memories controversial in its day, its content ran the full gamut of family life, the good and the bad! Many did not want to be reminded weekly by Archie or Edith Bunker what life behind the living room door looked like! But the network forged ahead and thus developed the direction television would begin to take us!

For those of us at Missouri Veterans Home—Mexico, “All in the Family” takes on yet a different meaning. We too must look at the full gamut of life. We are family providing care for family. Ours to yours, and yours to us!

The entire staff at the MVH-Mexico witness the cycle of life as we welcome a new Veteran into our facility, we learn who they are and who they were, we meet the family they hold dear, we are touched by the story they tell, we are humbled by the life they led. As we grow to cherish the friendship that is cultivated between Veteran and employee, we introduce our own family to them.

The Veterans know our spouses, our children, our grandchildren, the milestones of our lives. As the Veteran recognizes our talents...and our faults, we recognize their frailties and fears and a bond begins to form. A measure of trust, based on; ...Do you hear me? ...Do you see me? ...Do you understand my needs? Yes, we see, we hear, we do understand. Let me care for you as you would for me should the tables be turned. For it is you, who built a bridge to freedom for me, my spouse, my children, my grandchildren.

Much like the poem by Will Allen Dromgoole, our Veterans, answered the call and secured freedom for us:

The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream held no fear for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old Man”, said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here:
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;
“Good friend, in the path I have come”, he said,
There followed after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been nothing to me,
To that fair-haired youth, may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

“It’s all about Family”

There are times when the Veteran resident needs his family near, during illness, special occasions or ... ‘just because’. We recognized that need, and have responded to it. While obtaining additional space in our building when the Veterans Administration Community Based Clinic (CBOC) moved to their new building on South Highway 54, we obtained that area for office space, at the same time opening up some office areas throughout the building. By doing so, we found the perfect space and the right location for our new “Family Room”. Located on third floor, we now have a small, but accommodating room to invite families to reserve if and when your Veteran needs you near. We welcome you to visit our home and check out the ‘Family Room’. To reserve the room to spend the night near your loved one, we ask you to call our Social Services Department, at 573-581-1088, extension 1265 or extension 1250 and make arrangements with Stacie Smithee, LCSW, Nicole Stone or Rita Davidson.



Family can reserve this room when needed on a “First Come, First Served” basis.

“Keeping Family Ties”

Family Day has a strong tradition at MVH—Mexico. A day dedicated to reuniting the Veteran with his/her family; our staff plans, prepares and facilitates a family reunion for you! Mark your calendar for June 11, 2016 for “Family Day”. We invite you to come early and stay as late as you like to visit, eat and enjoy the company of your Veteran and our family of Veterans. The event will begin with Military Honors at 10am, lunch will be provided around 11:30am, and a music program, featuring our own Country Rock Star, Kelly Stanford and Friends will begin around 12:30pm. Come join the fun and keep your Family Ties tight!

Thank you Veterans, for building the bridge to freedom that we enjoy every day!
As the cycle of welcoming the new Veteran to our “family” begins, so does it end. To those we have met, cared for, grown to love, we also say farewell, grateful to have known, grateful to have served.
We are a blessed people, at the Missouri Veterans Home. We are blessed with the support of our state legislature, our assistance league, our community and the families we serve. We are granted the tools we need to provide the quality of care we can be proud of. We are granted your trust as we care for a member of your family. We thank you for your support, your kindness and your trust, and look forward to seeing you on June 11.



Veteran Lynn Woods leading the 2015 Family Day parade

Happy Birthday to you.....

April

Patrick McGrath	04/03
Richard Branstetter	04/08
Frank Wilfey	04/10
Gerald Kroll	04/17
Harvey Giddens	04/17
Robert Pabst	04/18
Angelo D'Angelo	04/21
William Millard	04/22
John Ferguson	04/22
Mike Stephens	04/25
Curt Sampson	04/25
William Smola	04/26
Shorty Kramer	04/26
Bill Simmons	04/28

May

Dennis Hodges	05/08
Ronald Molles	05/10
Francis Quick	05/11
Marty Jones	05/15
Howard Collins	05/21
Greer Baker	05/22

June

John Rodgers	06/03
John Holik	06/04
Leland Firman	06/10
Tim Nadeau	06/13
Bruce Sublett	06/13
TA Piper	06/13
Dennis Knudson	06/13
Louie Lewis	06/20
Brad Crane	06/21
Robert Young	06/22
John Brady	06/23
William Montgomery	06/23
Michael Catlow	06/24
AJ Samer	06/24
Harry Rodecape	06/26
Dean Shelley	06/29

CENSUS

WWII	60
KOREA	52
VIETNAM	38
PEACETIME	11
DESERT STORM	1
ARMY	88
NAVY	36
AIR FORCE	22
MARINES	08
COAST GUARD	0



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Alzheimer Support Group - occurs the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM Everyone is welcome.

Veterans Council - occurs the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the dining room.

Family Council - Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM at the facility.



WELCOME

Mr. Larry Wyatt was admitted on 12-17-15 from his home in Winfield Mo. He served in the United States Army from 1966-1968. He is our 1539th Veteran.

Mr. Donald Karr was admitted to MVH Mexico on 1-6-16 from the CLC unit at the VA in Columbia, Mo. Donald served in the United States Army from 1943-1945. He is our 1540th Veteran.

Mr. Olliver "Ollie" Sheffield was admitted to MVH on 1-12-16 from Monroe Manor in Paris, MO. Ollie served in the US Army from 1946-1947. He is our 1541st Veteran.

Mr. John Davidson was admitted to MVH on 1-13-16 from Heritage Hall in Centralia, MO. John served in the US Navy from 1949-1974. He is our 1542nd Veteran.

Mr. Frank Wilfley was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 01-14-16 from his home in Mexico. Frank served in the United States Army from 1942-45. He is our 1543rd veteran.

Mr. Robert McBurney was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 1.19.16 from The Arbors at Lakeview Bend in Mexico. Bob served in the United States Navy from 1954-1959. He is our 1544th Veteran.

Mr. Raymond Schlup was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 1.21.16 from Lenoir Nursing Care in Columbia, Mo. Raymond served in the United States Army from 1950-1952. Raymond is our 1545th Veteran.

Mr. Terry Penn was admitted to Mexico MVH on 1-26-17 from Boone Hospital. He served in the U.S. Air Force in 1971. He is our 1546th Veteran.

Mr. A J Samer was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 1.27.16 from Katy Manor in Pilot Grove, Mo. A J served in the United States Army from 1944-1945. He is our 1547th Veteran.

Mr. Natale Scavone was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home from his home in Columbia MO on 1-28-16. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He is our 1548th Veteran.

Mr. Bradford Crane was admitted to MVH on 2-2-16 from his home in Millersburg, MO. Brad served in the US Army from 1970-1971. He is our 1549th Veteran.

Mr. William "Bill" Schroeder was admitted to MVH on 2-3-16 from his home in Fulton, MO. Bill served in the US Navy from 1942-1946 and is our 1550th Veteran.

Mr. Loy "Jr" Tipton was admitted to Mexico MVH on 2-4-16 from his home in Moberly, Mo. Jr. served in the United States Army from 1947-1948. Jr. is our 1551st Veteran.

Mr. Floyd Marcum was admitted on 2-8-16 from his home in Columbia, MO. Floyd served in the US Army from 1950-1952. He is our 1552nd Veteran.

Mr. Albert "Tom" Erhart was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 02-10-16 from Westbrook Terrace in Jefferson City, MO. Tom served in the United States Army from 1948-59. He is our 1553rd veteran.

Mrs. Dorothy Warrick was admitted to MVH on 2-23-16 from her home in Columbia, MO. Dorothy served in the United States navy from 1942-1944. She is our 1554th Veteran.

Mr. Robert Wright was admitted to MVH on 2.24.16 from Monroe Manor in Paris Mo. Robert served in the United States Air Force from 1945-1953. He is our 1555th Veteran.

Mr. Gerald "Gerry" Kroll was admitted to MVH on 3.1.16 from Moberly Nursing and Rehab in Moberly, Mo. Gerry served in the United States Army from 1959-1962. He is our 1556th Veteran.

Mr. Frank Moser was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 03-07-16 from his home in Hallsville, MO. Frank served in the United States Army from 1945-46. He is our 1557th veteran.



Robert Searfoss and his wife, Mary enjoying a little swing time.



John Rodgers visiting with a beauty queen.



Mitch Gallager band from Nashville entertaining the Veterans.



Musical entertainment from Caravan.



Special Care Veterans and their wives enjoying the Sweetheart Banquet.



Prime rib dinner at the Sweetheart Banquet. Yum!



Special Care veterans enjoying the sunshine and exercise in the gazebo area.



David Brooksher making homemade chicken & dumplings.



Denny Hodges congratulating Susan Paden on her retirement.

Save the Date!

The annual “Scramble for Freedom” golf tournament will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Arthur Hills Golf Course in Mexico, MO. This fundraiser helps build the Perpetual Trust Fund.



Donations

General:

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 366	\$300
VFW 3772	\$500
VFW #6276	\$35
Hannah Cole Chapter NS DAR	\$100
VFW #6276	\$35
Hannibal Elks Lodge No. 1198	\$100
American Legion Post #544	\$200
VFW Post #8828	\$1000
Steve & Shirley Smith (honor of Ray Smith)	\$50
Ruby & Frances Wheat	\$1000
Lion Quilting Circle	\$100
Lois Gode (honor of Bob Pabst)	\$200
VFW Aux. #2657	\$60

Special Project

Victoria Ornellas	\$200
VFW Montgomery Memorial Post #4436	\$500
Wilma & Bill Hase	\$2000
VFW Post #4182	\$50
Anna Marie Alderson	\$100
American Legion Unit #34	\$200
Barbara Robinson	\$50
Moser's	\$250
Mary Ellen Sweitzer	\$100
Berry & JoAnn Azdell	\$100
Regina & Wilfred Kempker	\$100
Justus & Helen Griffin	\$100
Audrey Stephens	\$25
Sam & Sandra Harrelson (Memory of Howard Frye)	\$100
James & Jana Bledsoe (Memory of Howard Frye)	\$100
Sons of American Legion Post #5	\$200
American Gold Star Mothers Inc	\$25
Darlene Morris	\$100
John & Sandra Williams (Memory of James Williams)	\$50
E & J Williams (Memory of James Williams)	\$50
Phyllis Hornbeck	\$50
Linda Walker	\$100
VFW Post ##2657	\$250
Kenneth & Carol Atterberry	\$100
Polly Crawford	\$100
TL & Dee Youngman	\$100
Richard & Sue Nack	\$10
Jean Clifford	\$200
American Legion Post #113	\$50
Leanna Tedrick	\$500
Joy Bell'es 55 Class	\$100
Gamma Lambda Beta Sigma Phi	\$170
MCC NAACP	\$200
Kingdom Telephone Company	\$100
Mildred Baker, Kathy Cagle, Karla Curtis	\$50
Marvin & Mary Lou Davidson	\$50
Disabled American Veterans' Chapter #17	\$10,000
Paul Galloway	\$200
American Legion Aux. Unit #424	\$200
James & Anne Wilson	\$100
The Sociables Club	\$25
Sons of the American Legion Veterans Fund	\$200
Steve & Pam Gordon	\$100
American Legion Post #55	\$250
VFW Post #3772	\$1000
American Legion Post #366	\$100
Grand of MO Running Bare MOC Aux. #5	\$100
Joseph B. Koenig Post #147	\$500
Lelia Hardin	\$50
Walter & Sabrina Gruer	\$500
American Legion Aux #226	\$300
Lois Gode	\$300
Am Vets #153	\$150

Activities

Elks' Lodge #919	\$70
Three Rivers PT #9	\$375
VFW Aux. #4182	\$75
Beverly Gray	\$57.50
Grand Lodge of the Elks	\$100
Elks Lodge #919	\$70
Margaret Miller Chapter DAR	\$100
Ann Haynes Chapter NS DAR	\$50
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War	\$60
Elks' Lodge #919	\$70
Grand Lodge of the Elks	\$100
Elks' Lodge #919	\$70

Bingo

VFW #6276	\$25
Fulton VFW	\$25
Fulton VFW Aux.	\$25
VFW Post #2173	\$25
VFW Post #2173 Aux.	\$25
Dorothy Moore	\$10
Delbert Buck	\$5
Mexico Noon Lions	\$300
Green Grove Baptist Church	\$100
Rylan Mann/Mizzou Marines	\$50
Charlotte Acton (memory of Carl Acton)	\$100
Rheva Tratchel	\$100
Janet Trainor	\$10
Lois Gode	\$500
Beverly Gray	\$57.50
Dorothy Moore	\$10
Leona Splitt	\$1064
Dwight Hudspeth	\$60
Rylan Mann/Mizzou Marines	\$50
Larry & Marilyn Nobbman	\$75
VFW Post #2657	\$25
VFW Post Aux. #2657	\$25
VFW Post #2173	\$20
VFW Post #2173 Aux.	\$20
Mizzou Marines #828	\$250
Denise McCall	\$20
Janet Trainor	\$10
Nicole Maggard	\$50
VFW Post #6276	\$25
Sharon Conboy (memory of John Roy Turnbough)	\$60

Staff Development

Pamela & Ron Smith	\$75
William McIntosh	\$200
Otis & Dorothy Skaggs	\$20
Rheva Tratchel	\$10
Julie Haynes	\$10
Larry & Marilyn Nobbman	\$100
William & Jill McCaw	\$50
Stan McCaw	\$50
Bill Womack	\$100

Christmas

DAVA #48	\$50
Betty & Chuck Ball	\$100
Kermit & Mildred Ellis	\$100
Green Grove Baptist Church	\$900
Swan Lake ALA #586	\$50
Mokane AM Vets #153	\$200
Raymond & Doris Iman	\$55
VFW Aux. #2442	\$50
American Legion Post #366	\$1000
National 4th Infantry Division	\$135
Thomas Boothe Post #358	\$2250
VFW Post 3600 Quartermaster	\$50
Kent & Paula Kurtz	\$100

PACE

Algoa Personnel Club	\$150
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Indigent

VFW Post #2508	\$30
VFW Post #2508	\$30
VFW Post #2508 & Auxiliary	\$30
VFW Auxiliary #4182	\$50

Special Care

David & Teresa Scott	\$100
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Adopt a Vet

DAV #17	\$750
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Clothing

VFW Auxiliary #4182	\$50
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MEMORIALS



In Memory of John Roy Turnbough-Sharon Conboy
In Memory of Don Hansbrough-Louis & Sharon Shanks, Rodger & Deborah Buckwalter, Norma Jean Buckwalter, Gregory Buckwalter, Rhonda & Robert Dodd
In Memory of Teddy Spitt—Kenneth & Lora Mae Cleeton, Wild Boar Creek Farm, Nordwald Associates Auction Service, Scott Jacob, Mary & Lyle Fricke, Wilmer & Josie Erfling, Leona Splitt, William Schuler
In Memory of Leonard Armontrout—Christina Martin, Robert & Pranee Neumann, Doug & Michele Romini, Dawn & Erich Brewer, David & Emily Gray, Henry & Becky Schultz, Dale & June Morgan, Robert Cox
In Memory of John Laudendale & Marge Flesch- Arlie & Pattie Reinwald
In Memory of Stanley Lachut-Jim & Betty Cline
In Memory of Richard Gray-Susie Leverett
In Memory of Jim Vantress-Richard & Sue Nack
In Memory of Charles Palmer—Robert & Julia Brandenburg, Robert & Linda Klingert, Richard & Rebecca Smith, John & Judy Howell, James & Mary Foster
In Memory of Bob Morris-Wayne & Barbara Brooks, Mary Jane Schultz, James & Mary Ballenger, Larry, Barbara & Scott Jones, Ray & Carol Taylor, Annie Frevert, Bill & Frances Deuel, Carol & Ken Atteberry, Kathy Wynn, Larry Farmer, Donna Bentele, Glen & Marilyn Farmer, Ruth Reynolds.
In Memory of T Atterberry- Deborah & David Kururza, Dorothy Schmid, Lew & Betty Lewis, Sonya Lewis Wilboughby, David & Suzanne Guerrant, Rick & Karen Lindeman, Howard & Mary Bock, Ed McGrath, Marvin Fischer, Tina Arnold, Lavawn Rowson, Cynthia Atkinson, Larry & Melody Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rodecape, Terry & Carolyn Underwood, John & Geneva Morris, Fred & Linda Forester, Mr & Mrs. Larry Smith, Kenneth & Carol Atterberry, Ron & Mona Elliott, Virginia & Kenneth Albert, David & Debra Craighead, Dorothy Foster, Henry & Barbara Habel, Ray & Maxie Martin, Fulton Breakfast Optimist Club, Duane & Darlene Hobbs
In Memory of Milford Wright—Steve & Shirley Smith
In Memory of Lloyd Johnson-James & Betsy Cline
In Memory of John Penn-James & Betsy Cline
In Memory of Martha Reinerd-Walter & Susan Paden, George & Glenda Rose, David & Doris Sanders, Millie & Dave Feger, Mary Ellen Sweitzer, Carl Silver Construction, Robert & Julia Smith, Ron Reinerd, Joan Weinard, Wireless USA, Betty Boswell, Howard & Virginia Pehle, Jim Pehle, Ron & Martha Pehle
In Memory of Tom Smith-R.A. Cutright & Lee Cutright, Audrey & Kenneth Schafer, Thomas & Treva Smith, Betty & Tony Wessel, John & Winona Simpson
In Memory of Sam Holt-Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rodecape
In Memory of Bob Rouse- G R B Glassmeyer
In Memory of Otho Smith-Spencer & Ruth Palmer
In Memory of Bob Lyon—Lisa Roberts
In Memory of John Davidson-Jim & Betsy Cline
In Memory of Sallie Harper-Jim & Betsy Cline, Mike & Carla Donovan
In Memory of Don Hansbrough- VFW Aux. #11041

Mr. Bill Jacobs passed away on January 2, 2016 while at SSM Audrain hospital. Bill served in the United States Navy from 1947-1948 and then the United States Marine Corps from 1948-1952.

Mr. Milford Wright passed away on January 8, 2016 while at Landmark Hospital. BoBo served in the United States Air Force in 1949 for 3 months (his dad passed away.)

Otis "Leon" Skaggs passed away on 1-9-16 here at MVH. He served in the United States Army from 1944-1946.

Mr. Charles Palmer passed away on 1-11-16 here at MVH. He served in the US Navy from 1946-1962.

Mr. Donald "Doc" Karr passed away on 1.15.16 while here at MVH. He served in the United States Army from 1943-1945.

Mr. Thomas Smith passed away on 1.21.16 while here at MVH. He served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1971.

Mr. William T Atteberry passed away on 1-22-16 here at MVH. He served in the US Army 1945-1947.

Mr. Joseph Dodge passed away on 1-22-16 here at MVH. He served in the US Army 1943-1945.

Otho Smith passed away on January 26, 2016 here at MVH. He served in the U.S. Army 1943-1946

Laymond Nichols passed away on January 27, 2016. He served in the US Army from 1942-1945.

Mr. Oliver "Ollie" Sheffield passed away on January 29, 2016 while here at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico. Ollie served in the United States Army from 1946-194.

Mr. John Davidson passed away on February 2, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. John served in the United States Navy from 1949-74.

Mr. Samuel Holt passed away on February 3, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. Sam served in the United States Army from 1943-46.

Mr. Loy Tipton passed away on February 21, 2016 while here at the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. Loy served in the United States Army from 1947-1948.

Mr. Bill McIntosh passed away on 2.26.16 while here at Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. Bill served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959.

MEXICO VETERANS' HOME SALUTES...

Francis Quick

Francis was born on May 11, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. He had four half-sisters. His father worked on the railroad and his mother was a homemaker. Francis' parents were always very good to him. His mother was from Ireland. She died when he was seven years old from TB and he then went to live on the farm with his aunt, uncle, and four cousins near Windsor, MO. His uncle was a very kind man and worked hard. His aunt was a good woman and a great cook. Francis enjoyed helping his uncle on the farm. They used horses rather than tractors. They grew all their food themselves and it was always delicious. Francis always loved fishing. He went to Lincoln High School and his favorite subject was history.

After leaving high school, Francis studied criminology at Lear B Reed Institute in Kansas City and then worked as a deputy sheriff for years in Clinton. This was his favorite job because he enjoyed meeting people. However, when a Democrat was elected as Chief Deputy, Francis had to find another job. He worked at a shoe repair shop and at a paint warehouse in Kansas City. He married in January 1944 and had 2 children: Sharon and Gary. He divorced in January 1956.

Francis served in the US Marine Corps from January 1945 to September 1945 as a private and rifleman. He earned a Victory Medal, WWII Service Medal, and WWII Veteran Medal.

Francis married Joan on April 21, 1956. She is a very kind woman. They have 3 children Diann, Deborah, and Daniel. They enjoyed going to shows together and going on drives. They moved from Kansas City to Jefferson City in 1959 and have lived there ever since. He worked in a warehouse at the Sherwin-Williams paint distribution center until retirement. He then worked as a school custodian for the county until the age of 77. About 10 years ago he received an honorary high school diploma. He enjoys being with family. He has 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Francis came to MVH in November 2014. Francis was recognized as the January 2016 Salute.



MEXICO VETERANS' HOME SALUTES...

Denny Hodges

Denny was born in Versailles on May 8, 1947 as a only child and moved to Jefferson City at the age of 2 where he was raised. His father was a woodworker and was known as a great woodworking artist. All the furniture in Denny's home were intricately crafted by his father. Denny describes his father as a good Christian example of how to live, love, and treat others. His mother was a homemaker and Denny recalls she loved everyone and introduced him to Christ. As a child, he enjoyed playing in the open fields near his home. He started bowling at the age of 12 and continued throughout adulthood, competing in many bowling tournaments. He has plaques on his wall from being inducted into several Bowling Halls of Fame, including Columbia, Jefferson City, and the MO State Bowling Association. In addition, Denny loved all sports and enjoyed playing pitcher in high school and in the military for baseball, fast-pitched softball and slow-pitched softball. His favorite baseball team is the St. Louis Cardinals.

After graduating from Jefferson City High School, Denny attended the University of Nebraska for 1 year before entering the service. He joined the US Air Forces in 1968 and served for 4 years as Sergeant and Morse code operator. He completed his Morse code training in Mississippi and was stationed in West Pakistan at a spy base where he copied Chinese and Russian Morse code and passed it on to a decoder to interpret it. He found his job to be pretty monotonous, but enjoyed seeing another country and how they lived. He earned an award for his marksmanship. He exited service in San Antonio where he loved living. He recalls the beautiful city and friendly people.

After service, Denny attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City to complete his degree. He earned 2 Bachelor of Science degrees: one in business administration and one in accounting. He then worked for the state. He initially worked for the Department of Revenue for 9 years as an income tax auditor. He then worked for the Division of Liquor Control as an accountant for 11 years, followed by the MO Gaming Commission as Chief Accountant for 4 years. His final job with the state was with the Department of Natural Resources as a management analyst, forecasting budgets. His favorite job was after retirement when he worked for the State Emergency Management as project manager, handling the disaster relief budget for Missouri. His biggest project with this job was distributing funds for Joplin and ensuring the 16 safe houses were built according to FEMA standards.

Denny was married to Linda for 22 years and she had 2 daughters who Denny raised as his own. Mechille lives in St. Louis and Melissa lives in Singapore. Denny and Linda divorced and 7 years later he married Lori. Lori has a son and a daughter. Daniel lives in St. Louis. and Maria lives in Denver. Denny has 5 grandchildren. They have a nice marriage, enjoyed going to church activiite, out to eat, and to many bowling tournaments. They took several vacations, including their favorite to Hawaii for 2 weeks.

Denny has always been very involved in his church since childhood. He is currently a Deacon of the First Baptist Church and a Stephen's Minister, where he counsels people going through difficult times.

Denny came to MVH in May 2015. Denny was recognized as the February 2016 Salute.

MEXICO VETERANS' HOME SALUTES...

Ken Branz

Ken was born on Thanksgiving Day on November 26, 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as one of three children. He has one brother and one sister. His father worked as a salesman for Gulf Oil Company and his mother was a homemaker. His parents were immigrants from Latvia and spoke Latvian at home. For this reason, Ken studied English more than any other subject at school and this became his favorite subject. As a child Ken enjoyed building model airplanes and visiting the beach of Atlantic City every weekend with his family. Ken graduated from Abington High School in Abington, Pennsylvania and entered the military immediately afterwards.

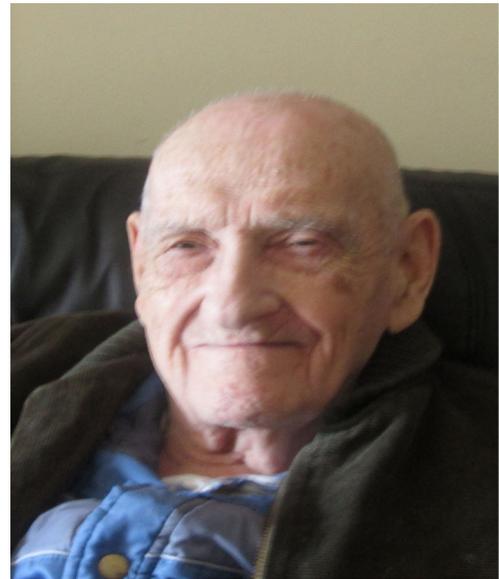
He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946 during WWII. He worked as a medical technician and his tasks included administering first aid, giving injections, administering blood plasma, applying splints to broken bones, and keeping record of all patients treated. He served in Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, Germany, and the Philippines.

After service, Ken received training from a flight engineer school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He worked as a flight engineer until this position was taken over by airplane pilots. Then he spent his career working as an airplane mechanic for Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, Western Airlines, and Boeing in Minnesota and Seattle. Ken enjoyed working on planes and even bought a PT-26 in 1950 that he fixed up and flew from Minneapolis to Seattle. He enjoyed taking neighbors and family on rides in his plane. Ken retired in 1972 and spent retirement working on cars.

In addition to planes and cars, Ken also loved dancing. He was a serious dance student for many years and won every dance contest he entered. He danced the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, and Rumba. He met his wife, Rosemary, through dancing while she was taking lessons.

Ken and Rosemary married in 1954 and were married over 60 years before she passed away. They enjoyed dancing at a local tavern, going on picnics, plane rides and traveling. Their favorite trip was to Kauai, Hawaii where they fell so in love with pineapples that they filled a Volkswagen Beetle with them. Ken and Rosemary had two daughters: Debbie and Karen, both of whom live in California. Rosemary and the girls loved horseback riding and showing horses. They owned several beautiful Friesian horses. Today Ken has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

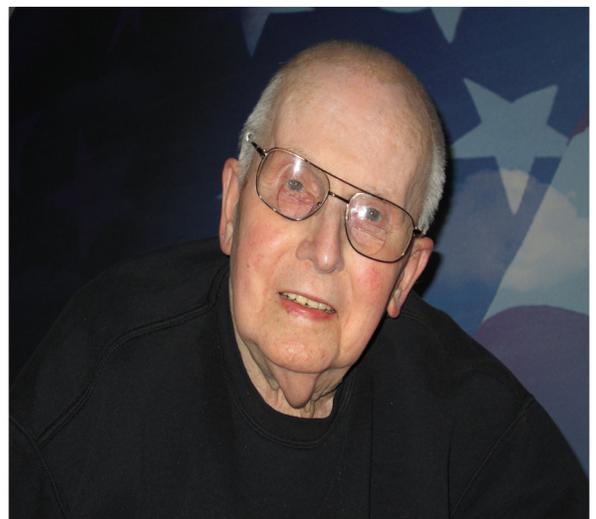
Ken came to the Missouri Veterans Home in May 2013. Ken was recognized as the March 2016 Salute.



Francis Quick-January 2016 Salute



Denny Hodges-February 2016 Salute



Ken Branz-March 2016 Salute

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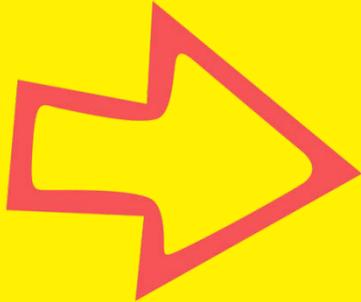
Car Show

SATURDAY June 11, 2016

10:00am-2:00pm

MO VETERANS HOME

#1 Veterans Dr. Mexico



Family Day Car & Tractor Show

Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles- all
welcome!

Show off your wheels!

Questions- Call Aliesha 573-581-1088 ext. 1267

Location: MO Veterans Home Paved Patio



You're invited to
The Missouri Veterans' Home
Annual Family Day
Saturday, June 11, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Activities include: Photos by Patrick, Car and Tractor Show, Ice Cream,
Live Art Auction, and Music by Kelly Stanford
Complimentary lunch served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Please call 573-581-1088 x1255 by **May 27** to let us know the number of family
and friends that plan to attend.

It is very important that you call with accurate information so that we may
prepare for the number of family and friends who wish to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on **June 11!**
If you would like to display a car or tractor please contact Aliesha Edwards at
573-581-1088 extension 1267.

Employee Corner

New Employees

Kathy McCluggage, Accounting	01/19	Penny Mechlin, RN	01/13
Trennette Mensah, Housekeeping	12/22	Karen Trevo, RN	01/20
Nikita Workes, Dietary	01/24		
Amanda Francis, CNA	11/03		
Courtney Sample, CNA	11/03		
Danielle Shoemaker, LPN	11/23		
Makinze Swarthout, LPN	12/14		
Wendy Patrick, LPN III	11/16		
Amber Schlatt, LPN III	12/01		
Kara Winterbower, NAI	11/03		
Miranda Lierheimer, NAI	11/30		
Loretta Jennings, NAI	01/01		
Jasmine Kelly, NAI	01/11		
Amber Riechers, NAI	01/12		
Kali Lewis, NAI	01/19		
Austin Logerman, NAI	02/02		
Ruby Parker, NAI	02/02		
Ronda Hall, NAI	11/16		
Holly Andes, RN	01/18		

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Loretta Jennings, Miranda Lierheimer, and Amber Riechers have completed CNA program and certification. They have completed their orientation period and are currently independently working on their assigned floors and shifts. If you happen to see them about the facility please be sure and take a moment to welcome them and congratulate them on their success.

MVH Staff Phone Directory

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, Aliasha - 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
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- Volunteer Services	1286
Young, Sandy - Food Service Manager	1278
1st Floor Nurses Station	1221
2nd Floor Nurses Station	1222
3rd Floor Nurses Station	1223

Notes from Home

Dear Veterans' Home Staff:

I want to thank you for the compassion and dignity that you showed my dad, Thomas Smith, while he was resident there. I would love to thank specific individuals, but I am afraid that I will forget someone, so I want to make it clear that I appreciate EVERYONE involved in his admittance, his dietary concerns, maintenance of his floor and room, his laundry, his speech therapist, his barber, and the second floor staff.

Especially those who cared for him in pod 7. I can't express my appreciation and gratitude enough for all of you. You visited with us when you had other things to do, you sang to him with me, you kept him neat and clean when his hygiene required so much care; you hugged and consoled me when I was down. You called us when you felt that we needed to be kept informed of changes. You saw that a meal was brought to us in his room on a difficult day. You treated him as you would your father or grandfather. I could go on and on. What you do is important. It sure isn't glamorous work, and everyday requires physical, mental, and emotional strength from each of you. The pay isn't great. I just hope you realize that what you do for the residents will secure a special place in heaven for you. I pray for each one of you daily.

*Sincerely,
Linda Schafer*

Entire Staff,

Thanks doesn't seem like enough to say for caring for Dad, "T Attebery" since 6/17/14. From the first with Jessica & Ginger's warm welcomes he knew it was a nice place. I would like to thank the entire 1st floor staff for always going the extra mile, especially Mandy, Jody, Steve, and Nellie. Dad enjoyed bingo, music, and trips out. Thanks Nicole & Darrin for including Dad in many of the activities, it made his days much more enjoyable. Matthias, he loved his free haircuts & visiting with you.

The kitchen staff, housekeeping, & laundry staff were always kind & had time to speak to Dad. Thanks. Tonya & Sherry, Dad sure looked forward to his bike riding time with you girls when he was able.

My biggest thanks goes to "Martha"-your kind words, hugs, extra special care & genuine concern for Dad made his life and ours a pleasure.

*From the bottom of my heart, Thanks.
Melinda Hudson -daughter*

Jessica, Aliasha, Stacie-

Thank you & all the other employees that were so kind to our father while he was at the VA home. You took great care of him and we greatly appreciate that.

We will really miss him but were truly blessed to have him so many years!

*Joe Dodge Family
Brenda, Shaun, Brad, Alan*

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