



THE WARRIOR

Summer 2015

You Earned My Independence Day

Submitted by: Darrin Reimann, Recreation Therapist

July 4, 2003

I wrote this open letter to all the soldiers I know, past and present and for all the soldiers I probably will never know-my appreciation and respect for your service has not words, but i tried anyway.

I sit here typing, while my children are shifting from foot to foot begging for darkness to fall. They want to throw some loud things down on the ground with a bang, see huge light displays in the sky and wave their sparklers around. Seldom besides Christmas have they ever requested night time to happen any sooner than necessary. I laugh a little. To them THIS is what Independence Day is - fireworks and a lot of "oohs and ahs"...But seeing them smile and giggle reminds me further of what it actually means to me. These giggling reminders are what have moved me to write this letter of thanks to you today.

It is because of you and the men and women you served with that my children are safe. It is because of men and women just like you that I have the freedom to wave a sparkler around and have reason to be thankful for the independence that no others in the world share. In America I am asked to vote my opinion on matters that are significant. Only in a country like this would I be given the opportunity to prove I can do something others might not have even thought possible in their own lives. In America I am innocent until I am proven guilty-not guilty merely because I may be accused of something.

Where else but America would someone likely stand up for someone else who needs a little help? Someone stood up for me once and I repay the favor every chance I am given. It is because of men and women like you that the rockets that my children want me to light make a few sparks and a loud noise and everyone giggles-meant to celebrate the freedom in our lives. They are not the rockets that maim and destroy, taking the very life from the children who touch them. How many places in the world have you-our soldiers been-that the children have no dreams or hopes, except to find food and shelter and to live another day?

How did I ever earn such fortune I wonder to myself. The answer is of course, that I didn't earn any of it. People like you and my grandfathers during World War II and Gene, Walt, Buzz, Way, Bart and Jim all Veterans of the Vietnam War-all men I am so honored and lucky to have met-earned this right for me. How can I ever repay you? I am not sure I can. What have I done to show myself worthy of gifts you have given me? I just don't know. I mean to live a good life and to never forget that I was given an opportunity that so many others have not. I will probably never be a soldier, never sleep in a trench, never be truly afraid or truly alone, all of the things you have been for me. But I will remember that you did those things for me.

I will always honor and fight for those men and women whose names are written on the granite wall, or who cannot fight for themselves anymore. I will always remember Bennie Lee Dexter whose name I wear on a band on my wrist. I will always stand up for what I think is right and for those who cannot protect themselves. I will not be silent when these is something to say, because surely the cost to me is not as great as what I would pay by being silent or turning the other cheek. Your sacrifices will never be for nothing, I will always remember you. I will always respect you and always, to my last day on the soil you have fought for-be grateful for my Independence Day.

Thanks you,

Joni Bour

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Employee Corner

Laken Riley, C.N.A. was recognized as the March 2015 Employee of the Month. She was nominated for having a dynamic personality and always helping the residents. She is very positive and is always smiling, cheering on the residents and encouraging them. She is efficient, disciplined, in control and exudes authority and confidence. She is able to connect to the residents with her sense of humor. The residents are comfortable and confident in themselves and you. Congratulations and thank you, Laken!!

Barbara Spradlin, Transporter, was nominated for being so committed to the Veterans. On several occasions she has been called to transport residents to and from appointments or the hospital on her time off or on a holiday. She is always cheerful, pleasant to work with and has a positive attitude. She looks out for the best interest in the care and needs of the

Veterans. She is a true asset to the facility. Thank you Barb!!

Leroy Cooper, C.N.A. was nominated by a resident saying he really cares for our Veterans. He stops and gives them a hand shake with a friendly smile and hello. He is very patient and compassionate and everything he does is for the Veterans and it is for a purpose and not a task. He always seems to be calm and doesn't get worked up about things. He is a good team player and always willing to help out. Way to go, Leroy!!

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 off with pay.

Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Rheva Trachel of Mexico as Senior Service Award Winner

Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder recently announced 25 winners of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award, including Rheva Trachel of Mexico.

He presented the awards May 6th after a luncheon for the winners at the Missouri Capitol in Jefferson City. Trachel was nominated by Nichole Maggard of the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico.

Trachel devotes many hours each month to volunteering at the Veterans' Home, where she helps residents with trips and outings, special parties and with meals, Kinder said.

"She visits residents at the Home who might not have family nearby and she does the same for sick and ailing seniors in her community," he added.

In her nomination, Maggard said Trachel also volunteers at the SSM Health Hospital, the King's Daughters Home and the local cancer center.

"Rheva is one of the sweetest, most patient ladies that you could ever meet, and her dedication is outstanding," Maggard said. "She will be turning 90 this September and continues to go, go, go. I could not ask for a better volunteer to be part of the MVH family."

At the awards ceremony, held in the House Lounge at the Capitol, Lt. Governor Kinder presented Trachel with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin.

Kinder has given Senior Service Awards every year since he took office in 2005. More than 300 Missouri seniors have received the award.

"Although each of these volunteers has a different record of service, they all have one thing in common," Kinder said. "All of these winners inspire the people in their sphere of influence. Each of you has had a positive impact, and your unselfishness has touched countless people in your communities.

"You have embodied the spirit of the 'good and faithful servant' taught by our Lord in the parable of the talents-using your energy and talents and devotion to make a difference in your communities. This award is one small way our state can join them in saying, 'thank you!'"

New Employees

Rania Cable, HPS	02/03
Amy Sparks, NA I	02/17
Hazel Plaster, LPN	03/03
Christopher Berck, LPN	03/13
Mikayla O'Connor, NA I	03/23
Tanaya Mahaney, HPA	03/25
Amber Toney, HPA	03/30
Morgan Beasley, NA I	03/30
Jennifer Couch, NA I	03/30
Samantha Fletcher, NA I	03/30
Traci Flowers, NA I	03/30
Taylor Mills, NA I	03/30
Codee Bartels, NA I	03/30
Kristen Grimm, HPA	04/03
Lori Riddle, RN	04/06
Stephanie Pruitt, FSH I	04/07
Layne Berrey, NA I	04/20
Shey Todd, NA I	05/05

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!

Happy Birthday to you.....

JUNE

John Holik	06/04
Jim Berry	06/05
William Attebery	06/09
Leland Firman	06/10
Harry Durbin	06/11
Bruce Sublett	06/13
Tim Nadeau	06/13
T.A. Piper	06/13
Dennis Knudson	06/13
Louie Lewis	06/20
William Wheat	06/23
John Brady	06/23
Michael Catlow	06/24
Harry Rodecape	06/26
Dean Shelley	06/29

JULY

Ernest Smith	07/01
Betty Crum	07/02
Ralph Bartels	07/04

William Womack	07/05
William Jacobs	07/05
Mildred McKeehan	07/05
Ronald Smith	07/09
Robert Dietiker	07/11
Louis Anesi	07/13
Noble Coleman	07/17
Leonard Armontrout	07/19
Samuel Holt	07/20
Willis Hanson	07/23
Raymond Callanan	07/25
Bill Eckert	07/26
Ralph Omer	07/27

AUGUST

Donald Schutte	08/04
Dennis Sinclair	08/10
Allen Levertt	08/10
Edward Gibbs	08/11
Ted Splitt	08/19
Forrest Moulden	08/21
John Morris	08/21
Ray Martin	08/23
Willie Hiatte	08/28
Gene Fowler	08/29



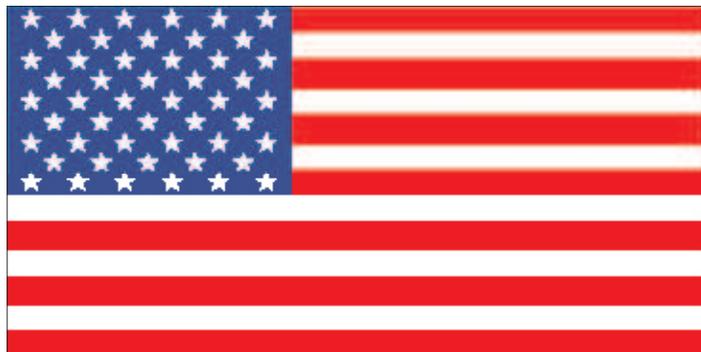
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Alzheimer Support Group - June 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Veterans Council - Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.

Family Council - Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the facility.

Family Day - Friday, September 18, 2015 at the facility from 10-3 p.m.



CENSUS

WWII	67
KOREA	41
VIETNAM	32
PEACETIME	13
DESERT STORM	00

ARMY	87
NAVY	33
AIR FORCE	16
MARINES	11
COAST GUARD	00
NATIONAL GUARD	00

MEXICO VETERANS HOME SALUTES...

Harry Rodecape

Harry was born on June 26, 1930 in Fulton, Missouri as the oldest of three children. His father worked at a hospital and his mother worked at a shoe company. As a child, Harry enjoyed hunting, trapping and fishing. After walking home from school one day when Harry was seven years old, he found a sign on the front door that said his house had been quarantined. He walked to his Aunt Millie's house to stay. After his family's recovery, he chose to stay with his aunt and lived there until the age of 17 when he joined the service.

Harry served in the U.S. Army from 1948-1953 during the Korean War as general rifleman and heavy equipment operator with a final rank of Corporal. He served in Japan and Korea and was MIA and a POW in Korea. He became MIA after he and two other men in his unit were sent ahead of the troops to scout out the enemy. They were captured by Koreans and marched three days and three nights before escaping. The three men went three different directions so they wouldn't all be caught. Harry dodged Red tanks and took cover in a rocky outcrop on a mountainside where he foraged for what little food he could find. After 37 days he crept into a village where two friendly Koreans gave him rice and sent him back to his hideout. Later they brought him rice powder to mix with water to make a paste. A sack full of powder lasted him about ten days. He didn't like it, but he ate it anyway and drank water from a spring to stay alive. He lost a lot of weight. He was never bothered, but knew North Korean gun positions were in the vicinity.

On the 76th day, the two friendly Koreans came to his rock with some others and they were yelling. Harry thought he was a goner. He became a POW and was taken to a village until Company C of the 5th Cavalry Regiment arrived to take him back to his unit. He was relieved to be reconnected with his division. He returned to the United States in 1950 and was sent to Alaska to help build the Alaskan highway until 1953 when he was honorably discharged. From his service Harry earned a Purple Heart, Army Occupation Medal, and a Korean Service Medal with two bronze service stars. He and his servicemen were also honored by Koreans with a monument in Korea for saving the town during the Battle of Cheonan. After Harry's discharge from service, he trained drug dogs for the Air Force.

Harry married his wife, Phyllis, on May 5, 1953. They've been married for over 60 years. They have two children: Doug and Stephanie, both of whom live in Fulton with their families. The Rodecapes have three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and love spending time with family. They have been very involved with their great-grandkids. Two of their great-grandchildren are in service: Scottie is deployed with the Marines and Ricky is stationed out of San Diego with the Navy. Harry's son, Doug, served in the Army.

Harry worked for most of his career as a mechanic. However, he spent some time working undercover with the sheriff's department as a volunteer looking for drugs. In 1985 he opened Rodecapes' Radiator and Head Shop and continued working in his shop during retirement.

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

Jim Henderson

Jim was born on September 20, 1930 in McCrory, Arkansas as one of six children. His father was a farmer and his mother was a homemaker. As a child he enjoyed riding horses, motorcycles, and go-carts and competed often in races. He won a lot of first place ribbons, trophies and money. He graduated from McCrory High School.

Jim served in the Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean War. He traveled everywhere with the Navy, but spent most of his time in or near Korea and China. He worked on deck, was on the gun crew, and steered the ship. He won Sea Captain of the Year in 1951 for steering the ship well. At one time he volunteered to go atop a mountain to report when enemy trains went through a tunnel. He recalls having to lay down for days, not being able to move or smoke or anything. His most significant memory was a battle at Wonton Harbor when the front of his ship was torpedoed. The damage was so bad, it took a month to repair it. From his service, Jim received the National Defense Medal, China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two stars, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Jim married Jolene in 1962 and they had five children. Jim and Jolene enjoyed riding motorcycles and traveled to 43 states on their bikes. They also enjoyed riding horses, water racing dogs, and horse racing. They competed often and won a lot of money and trophies. The family also enjoyed boating, water skiing and swimming. Jim says they just had a lot of fun together. Jim and Jolene now have 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Jim became a roofer after picking up a flyer blowing in the breeze from a package of shingles. The flyer was the instructions for putting shingles on a roof. After reading it, Jim approached a man on top of a nearby roof and asked if he needed help. Jim had never applied shingles before, but did what the instructions told him to and was hired on the spot. Jim loved roofing and eventually opened his own company, H&S Roofing.

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



We say farewell to:

Mr. Vernon T. Davis On February 22, 2015. He was admitted on March 24, 2014 as the 1422nd resident. Mr. Davis served in the United States Army from 1952 - 1972.

Mr. Robert "Bob" Jennings on February 2, 2015. He was admitted on February 2, 2015 as the 1478th resident. Mr. Jennings served in the United States Air Force from 1943 - 1952.

Mr. Leonard Huskey on March 1, 2015. He was admitted on April 17, 2015 as the 1352nd resident. Mr. Huskey served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1945.

Mr. John Schollmeyer on March 4, 2015. He was admitted on November 15, 1989 as the 279th resident. Mr. Schollmeyer served in the United States Army from 1949 - 1952.

Mr. Lloyd Stewart on March 11, 2015. He was admitted on October 28, 2010 as the 1223rd resident. Mr. Stewart served in the United States Navy from 1939 - 1945.

Mr. Johnnie Thomas on March 15, 2015. He was admitted on December 30, 2009 as the 1179th resident. Mr. Thomas served in the United States Army from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Morris Martin on March 19, 2015. He was admitted on August 28, 2014 as the 1450th resident. Mr. Martin served in the United States Navy from 1942 - 1962.

Mr. Elmer Bragg on March 26, 2015. He was admitted on July 8, 2014 as the 1441st resident. Mr. Bragg served in the United States Navy from 1951 - 1960.

Mr. Daniel Gode on April 5, 2015. He was admitted on August 25, 2008 as the 1120th resident. Mr. Gode served in the United States Marines from 1951 - 1959.

Mr. John Schindler on April 20, 2015. He was admitted on December 22, 2008 as the 1136th resident. Mr. Schindler served in the United States Navy from 1957 - 1958.

Mr. Ron Whittle on April 21, 2015. He was admitted on December 16, 2013 as the 1406th resident. Mr. Whittle served in the United States Army from 1957 - 1959.

Mr. Austin Miller on May 7, 2015. He was admitted on April 26, 2010 as the 1199th resident. Mr. Miller served in the United States Army from 1953 - 1955.

Mr. John Fitzgerald on May 7, 2015. He was admitted on February 11, 2009 as the 1148th resident. Mr. Fitzgerald served in the United States Army from 1940 - 1945.

Donations

General:

Jimmie & Patricia Kirtlink	\$100.00
Frances Bybee Club	30.00
VFW Post #6276	105.00
Ernest K. Gerhardt VFW Auxiliary #5923	200.00
Victoria Ornelas	100.00
American Legion Post #312	200.00
Bill & Michael Jacobs	300.00

Personal Needs:

Hermann VFW Auxiliary #4182	\$125.00
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Special Project:

Dora Heath	\$100.00
Willisteen Miller	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ned Azdell	50.00
P.J. Hornbeck	50.00
Darlene Morris	50.00
Mary Ellen Sweitzer	100.00
Lelia Hardin	50.00
Gustav J. Lehr	100.00
Paul Gallaway	100.00
Barbara Robinson	50.00
Linda Walker	1000.00
LeAnna Tedrick	1000.00
VFW Post #2657	100.00
Mildred Baker, Kathy Cagle, Karla Curtis	25.00
Richard & Sue Nack	10.00
Minta Wilson	25.00
Audrain County VFW Post #3772	1000.00
Carroll & Jane Curry	25.00
Stanley McCaw	250.00
William & Jill McCaw	250.00
New Haven American Legion Post #366	100.00
Joseph B. Koenig American Legion #147	500.00
Robert & Dolores Magrussen	50.00
Sons of American Legion Post #5	600.00
Dept. of MO-Military Order of Purple Heart	1000.00
T.L. & Dee Youngman	100.00
Montgomery VFW Post #4436	300.00
Champ Clark VFW Post #5553	1000.00
GFWC Mexico Women's Club	100.00
American Legion Auxiliary #20	200.00
Kent & Paula Kurtz	100.00
The Sociables Club	50.00
Knights of Columbus	300.00
VFW Post #3056	150.00
Warren Co. American Legion Aux. #122	250.00
DAV #17	5000.00

William Rajewski	267.00
Mizzou Marine Detachment #828	801.00
Kohl Jeck VFW Auxiliary #2866	300.00
American Legion Auxiliary #34	25.00
Williamsburg Ladies Club	50.00
Collins Farms	250.00

Bingo:

Mizzou Marines Detachment #828	\$250.00
VFW Post #3772	100.00
Steve & Ann Moore	250.00
Dorothy Moore	10.00
Delbert Buck	20.00
Frank & Betty Boswell	90.00
American Legion Post #55	100.00
VFW Post #2173	40.00
VFW Auxiliary #2173	40.00
VFW Post #2657	50.00
VFW Auxiliary #2657	50.00
Santa Fe Sociables	162.00
Leonard Armontrout	50.00
Robert & Motie Bradley	60.00
VFW Post & Auxiliary #4088	65.00
Audrain County VFW Post #3772	50.00

Activities:

Mexico Elks #919	\$360.00
Vandalia VFW Post #2173	360.00
Grand Lodge of the Elks	300.00
Michael Mackey	50.00
American Legion Post #552	100.00
Jacksonville Cemetery	150.00
MOC Eastern Division	385.00
Sydenstricker's	100.00
Montgomery County DAR	125.00

Indigent:

Carl Niewoehner	\$ 250.00
Adair VFW Post #2508	60.00
Ernest K. Gerhardt VFW Auxiliary #5923	100.00

Adopt-A-Vet:

Callaway VFW Auxiliary #2657	\$ 60.00
DAV #17	750.00

Staff Activity:

Doris Pistel	\$ 25.00
Kathy Castell	20.00
Anonymous	10.00

Golf Tournament:

Miriam Edmonston Charitable Foundation	\$1900.00
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NEW 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, 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
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
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

Jared Looser, Electronic Gaming Device Specialist within the Missouri Gaming Commission, was selected as the January 2015 Employee of the Month for the Department of Public Safety. He was selected for this award for his involvement with the creation of the Electronic Gaming Device System (EGDS), which incorporated and organized 20 years of manual tasks into automated traceable records and processes. His skill sets and attention to detail enabled him to surpass the scope of daily required duties for the EGDS project, and took the initiative to accept additional duties, of which he demonstrated excellence in the areas of wireless assessment, casino product inventory, user application testing, and user manuals. His dedication to the agency and his commitment to the EGDS project speak volumes to its tremendous success. Congratulations, Jared!!

Medena Draffen, Nursing Supervisor for the Missouri Veterans' Home - Warrensburg, was selected as the March 2015 Missouri Veterans' Commission Employee of the Month. She was nominated by her peers and selected for going above and beyond in caring for Veterans. Medena always has a smile on her face. She is a great role model for nursing staff including supervisors. She not only covered her own neighborhood, but her "sister neighborhood" when the Highland Park Unit Manager had an extended and unanticipated leave of absence. She managed many projects at the same time effortlessly. She is excellent with training, motivating and guiding staff. You can always go to her for guidance. You can tell that she loves what she does because it shows in the care she gives to the Veterans and employees. Medena has day after day exemplified true dedication to the Commission's Mission Statement of honoring and serving our Veterans. She is a true role model for the Commission staff. Congratulations, Medena!!

Helen Sue Ince, Charge Nurse at the Missouri Veterans Home - Mexico, was selected as the April 2015 Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month! She was nominated by her peers and selected because of her excellent leadership, initiative and nursing judgement during a potential crisis. In December 2014, Sue realized the potential severe outcomes of a gastrointestinal virus that had already started to present itself. She worked with the facility medical director and began a very aggressive intervention plan for all staff to watch for initial signs and symptoms of the illness. The aggressive and diligent effort on her part helped to minimize the number of residents infected by the virus. She exhibited excellent leadership, initiative and nursing judgement during this potential crisis. Her understanding and delivery of sound nursing processes is an outstanding model for every nurse in the facility. Her actions and advocacy for the Veterans in her care is a shining example of her daily commitment to the Veterans, her staff and the nursing profession. While employed with the Missouri Veterans Commission, Sue has day after day exemplified true dedication to the Commission's Mission Statement of honoring and serving our Veterans. She is a true role model for all Commission staff. Congratulations Sue!!

MEMORIALS

NOTES FROM HOME

Dear VA Home Staff,

Thank you so much for all you did for Vernon during his residency this past year. Everyone treated him with such dignity, caring and respect. He enjoyed sharing stories with Veterans and staff. Thanks also for letting him be Santa - a role he truly loved and looked forward to.

We truly miss him.

Fondly,

Robert, Jolene, Jessica & Carrie Davis

Thanks to ALL the Staff at the Veterans Home for the care of Bob Malone. Many departments were involved in his care.

My heart felt thanks to all.

Sincerely,

Sarah Malone & Family

Thank you for all you did for Morris while he lived at the Veterans Home. He was happy there during his last months. The family of Morris Martin

Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder presents Veterans Service Award to Dan Carson of Mexico

Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder on March 11th presented Veterans Service Awards to 25 Missouri Veterans who provide exemplary volunteer service to their community.

Winners were selected from around the state and included Dan Carson of Mexico.

Carson, an Army Veteran has for many years volunteered at the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico, where he organizes fishing trips for the residents. He was nominated by Darrin Reimann of the Veterans Home, who praised Carson for going "above and beyond" on behalf of the home's Veterans.

"Dan also purchases fishing equipment and recently purchased us a fish fryer," he said. "He works with VFWs and American Legion Posts to raise money for Veterans needs and is a good recruiter. He encourages others to volunteer their time to help our Veterans."

Carson received a Veterans Service Award lapel pin and an official declaration for the Lieutenant Governor's office recognizing his service to his community.

"As young men and women, when their nation called, all these winners answered that call, serving their country selflessly," Kinder said. "Like many of Missouri's Veterans, they continued to serve their communities when they returned home after their military service, giving back to their neighbors through countless hours of volunteering. This award is just one small way our state can say, 'Thank you' to our Veterans and honor the sacrifices they continue to make for their communities and state."

In loving memory of John Pace: Anna Marie Alderson

In loving memory of Vernon Davis: Sam Palmer, Missouri Property Appraisal Inc., Ned & Esther Digh, Calvin & Jackie Bishop, Randy & Toni Hart, Donald Kritzer & Linda Logan, Dale & Gwynne LaRue, Terry Rehma, Jill Ann Myers, Collision Repair Center Autocraft, Patricia Gibbs

In loving memory of Gene Brown: Sharon Kullman, Wayne & Joanna Brown, Hubert & Marlene Newman

In loving memory of Jake Jones: Lee & Cathy Smith

In loving memory of Bob Rouse: Gladys Glassmeyer

In loving memory of Leonard Husky: Minta Wilson

In loving memory of Vernon & Maurine Duffy: Wayne & Molly Shellabarger, Central Bank of Audrain County, Joe & Dorothy Frank, Jack & Joyce Davis, Leslie Robinson, Dennis Smith & Mary Morley

In loving memory of Donnie Wren: Donna Peacher

In loving memory of Bob Jennings: Bill & Wilma Hase, Anonymous, Paul & Suellen Evans, John & Cheryl Parsons, CT & Violet Lierheimer, Bill & Billie Cearley, Sharon Spotwood, John & Teresa Freyer, Donna & Johnnie Powell, Larry & Barbara Jones

In loving memory of Carl Porter: Wesley Porter, George Jacobi, Nordwald & Associates Auction Service

In loving memory of Catherine Newbrough: Adelia Beamer

In loving memory of John Schollmeyer: Class of 1948 Mokane High School

In loving memory of Lloyd Beaston: Clifford & Rona Wilson

In loving memory of Alex Waage: Jim & Betsy Cline

In loving memory of Willie Sutton: Jim & Betsy Cline, Walter & Susan Paden

In loving memory of Chet Williamson: John & Emma Lee McMurtry

In loving memory of Morris Martin: Tom & Tomkins Suellen, Delbert & Shirley Umstatt, Allen Umstatt, Anonymous, Kathy & Leon, Eddie Harber, Mark, Calvin, Johnny Ray, Carol, Janice, Lavy, Ron & Denise, Don Martin, Ron & Denise Niederer

In loving memory of Stan Smith: Jana Wirth, Mary K., Linda G., Paula G., & Sue M.

In loving memory of Dan Gode: Harry Durbin, Anonymous

In loving memory of Bill Durbin: Harry Durbin, Gary & Carolyn Hahn

In loving memory of Tom Fennwald: Harry Durbin

In loving memory of Robert Williams: Darlene & Mike Morris & Family

In loving memory of Ann "Marge" Williams: Brenda & Joseph Scheppers, Michael Feldewerth & Patricia Boland,

Linda Justice, Frank & Craig McCollock, Larry & Rita Sanders, Hawthorn Bank, Williams Custom Trim, Jane Williams, Patricia Miller, Sidney & Hanna Pollack, John & Sandra Williams, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Dept. of Revenue - Rulings & Regulations Bureau, Lawrence & Vicki Fischer

In loving memory of John Schindler: James & Marilee June Rives

“RESIDENT RIGHTS FOR LONG TERM CARE IN MISSOURI”

The facility protects and promotes the rights of each resident of the Missouri Veterans Home in order to provide a dignified life, self-determination and communication with and access to persons and services inside and outside the facility.

- **Exercise of Rights** – You have the right to exercise your rights as a resident and citizen of the United States. You have the right to be free from interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. You have the right to be free from chemical and physical restraints. Any legal representative designated in accordance with state law, may exercise your rights to the extent provided by law.
- **Notice of Rights** - You will be informed of the rules and regulations regarding your rights and responsibilities during your residency at the Missouri Veterans Home.
- **Access to Records** – To access your records, you or your legal representative must make a written or documented verbal request. A valid request will be granted within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays). Copies of your records may be purchased, allowing three working days advance notice to the facility.
- **Information of Health Status** - You have the right to be informed of your total health status.
- **Refusal of Treatment** – You have the right to refuse treatment, including refusal of participation in experimental research, and to make an advance directive.
- **Notice of Covered and Non-covered Items and Services** – You have the right to know what services are included in your charges. You also have the right to be notified of other items and services that the facility offers for which you may be charged.
- **Posting of Names, Addresses and Telephone Numbers** – You have the right to file a complaint with the Missouri Veterans Commission concerning abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of your property in the facility. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Missouri Veterans Commission and State Ombudsman program are posted in the facility.
- **Advance Directives** – You have the right to complete an advance directive if you wish to do so.
- **Choice of a Physician** – The facility has a Medical Director who will provide routine and emergency care to all residents if requested. You have the right to choose a different physician, if you prefer, and you will be responsible for those costs. If your physician fails to fulfill VA regulations, the facility will assist you in finding another physician.
- **Accommodation of Resident Needs** – You have the right to receive reasonable accommodation of individuality and preferences, except when the health or safety of you or other residents would be endangered.
- **Notification of Changes** – You and/or your legal representative will be informed when significant changes occur, transfer and discharge occur, and for change in room or roommate.
- **Resident Activities** – You may participate in social, religious, and community activities of your choice, unless your physician determines that such activity would be harmful to you.

“RESIDENT RIGHTS FOR LONG TERM CARE IN MISSOURI”, CON’T.

- Protection and Management of Resident Personal Funds – You have the right to manage your finances. If you prefer, the MVH accountant can assist you with your financial matters. You will be given a full and complete accounting of your financial status upon request. Upon your death, your money and valuables will be surrendered to the designated individual within 30 days. The facility has a surety bond to provide protection for all residents’ personal funds deposited with the facility.
- Conveyance of Funds upon Death - Upon the death of a resident, all money and valuables entrusted to the facility will be surrendered in exchange for a signed receipt. The funds deposited with the facility, and a final accounting of the resident’s funds, shall be conveyed to the individual or probate jurisdiction administering the resident’s estate within 90 (ninety) days.
- Assurance of Financial Security - The facility has a surety bond to provide assurance for the security of all residents’ personal funds deposited with the facility.
- Limitations or Charges to Resident’s Personal Funds – You will not be charged for items or services for which payment is made under VA Regulations. You will be informed that charges will be imposed when non-covered items or services are requested.
- Privacy and Confidentiality – Your medical, mental, and financial status are confidential and will not be shown to or discussed with unauthorized persons without your approval.
- Grievances & Complaints – You may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff or outside representatives without discrimination or reprisal from the facility. Assistance will be provided by the Social Services Department or Home Administrator.
- Examination of Survey Results – You have the right to review the most recent Veterans Administration survey.
- Work – You have the right to perform services for the facility, if you choose. Volunteering will be documented in your plan of care.
- Mail – You have the right to send and receive mail unopened.
- Access and Visitation Rights – You have the right to meet with and communicate privately with persons of your choice.
- Telephone – You have the right to reasonable access to a telephone, in private.
- Personal Property – Except for restrictions of space and safety, you may retain and utilize personal clothing and possessions.
- Married Couples – You and your spouse may share a room if you so desire.
- Self-administration of Drugs – You have the right to self-administer medications if the interdisciplinary care plan team approves.
- Photographing Residents - Upon admission each resident is required to sign “Consent For Use of My image, Name and Written/Oral Statements” for purposes of identification, documenting medical conditions and activity program participation as part of the admission agreement.
- Smoking – You may smoke in designated smoking areas, observing facility smoking regulations.


Assistance League
SUPPORTING MISSOURI VETERANS' HOME - MEXICO, MISSOURI

May 15, 2015

Dear Family & Friends:

Many of you may have already heard about our 16th Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Arthur Hills Golf Course in Mexico. This event will be a major fundraiser for the Perpetual Trust to meet the needs of future generations of Veterans who "Scrambled for Freedom." Diminishing ranks in Veterans groups makes building the trust fund a very high priority for our Home.

The \$65 entry fee each golfer pays to play in the tournament pays the green fee, cart rental and lunch. ALL DONATIONS ARE PURE PROFIT FOR RESIDENT NEEDS. Additionally, we are accepting sponsors for this event, corporate sponsors for \$250, hole sponsor for \$100 or golf cart sponsor for \$50.

Enclosed you will find an Entry Form for teams/individuals if you are interested in playing in the tournament. The tournament is limited to the first 36 teams. Also, there is a sponsorship form, if you are interested in honoring your loved one with a sponsorship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me for more information. All checks/donations need to be made to Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League and mailed to the Missouri Veterans Home, c/o Susan Paden, #1 Veterans Drive, Mexico, MO 65265.

Sincerely,



Ron Azdell
President

Enclosures

If donated funds are not needed for the specific item in which you have designated within two years of receipt, the MVH Assistance League Board reserves the right to move the donation to the MVH Assistance League general fund, unless otherwise directed by the donor. Please note that the MVH Assistance League general fund is utilized for the veterans and is used to enhance the quality of their lives.

1 Veterans Drive, Mexico, MO 65265
(573) 581-1088

Missouri Veterans' Home – Mexico Assistance League



16th Annual Scramble for Freedom
4 Person Scramble – 18 Holes
Limited to first 36 paid teams

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2015

Registration: 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Tee-off: Approximately 9:00 a.m. **Place:** Arthur Hills Golf Course

Lunch Provided **Entry:** \$65 per person (Includes cart and lunch)

Individual entries can be assigned to a team.



Prizes: Flights A – B – C
\$600 in cash prizes each flight plus lots more!!
(Flight prizes depends on number of team registered)

It is intended that proceeds from this tournament will be invested in a Veterans' Home Endowment Fund. Your entry fee, income from corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, and cart sponsors will be used to give our Residents the Freedom to go on outings, take part in activities, enhance the surroundings and receive assistance for personal needs when required.

For more information please contact:

MEXICO VETERANS HOME SALUTES...

Lynn Woods

Lynn was born on September 10, 1951 as the fourth of seven children. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked as a carpenter. Lynn grew up in Ocala, Florida and enjoyed playing with his neighborhood friends as a child. As he got older he loved riding his motorcycle. In 10th grade he chose to join the Army, so his parents signed off for him to go. He went to boot camp in Fort Benning, Georgia and then spent two years in Vietnam building highways.

After his honorable discharge, Lynn returned to Florida and worked at a 7/11 warehouse. Then he came to Missouri to help his uncle with farming, although he wasn't too crazy about our cold winters here after being accustomed to the Florida sun. He later worked at factories for McGraw Edison and Kwik-Cold.

In June of 1984 Lynn suffered a diving accident. He went to Jefferson Barracks for rehab and then came here to the Veterans Home. His favorite hobby is working on puzzles.

Lynn came to the Missouri Veterans' Home on May 9, 1985—30 years ago! We congratulate him and wish him a Happy 30th Anniversary! It has been a pleasure serving Lynn and we are so proud to know him. Please join us in congratulating Lynn as he celebrates 30 years and as we salute him as the May Resident of the Month!

Follow-up Article *Written by Patrick Stevenson* *Director of Nursing Services*

The previous **WARRIOR** contained a Lead Article entitled "*A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words.*" The article featured a Veteran named "Fred" who generally had a "flat" affect but lit up like the 4th of July during a particular Family Day when his granddaughter wrapped her loving arms around him. Since the article's release, many positive comments have been received as well as an overwhelming request to see "Fred." With the family's permission, we've opted to showcase the photos which served as the inspiration towards Mr. Stevenson's article.



Top photo - 4 generation - left to right front row - Fred Lehman, great-granddaughter Taylor Pistel, back row - grandson Brad Pistel & daughter Doris & husband Fred. Bottom photo - Fred Lehman & great-granddaughter Taylor at approx. 10 years old and is now study to be a teacher at MO State University in Springfield

WELCOME

Mr. Bobby “Dale” Keller was admitted on February 11, 2015 from Farmington, MO as the 1482nd resident. Mr. Keller served in the United States Army from 1951 - 1953.

Mr. Dennis “Denny” Sinclair was admitted on February 24, 2015 from Troy, MO as the 1483rd resident. Mr. Sinclair served in the United States Army from 1966 - 1968.

Mr. Bruce “Duane” Sublett was admitted on February 25, 2015 from Eldon, MO as the 1484th resident. Mr. Sublett served in the United States Navy from 1944 - 1947.

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

Mr. Martin “Marty” Jones was admitted on March 2, 2015 from Mexico, MO as the 1486th resident. Mr. Jones served in the United States Army from 1969 - 1972.

Mr. Robert Hancox was admitted on March 4, 2015 from Columbia, MO as the 1487th resident. Mr. Hancox served in the United States Army from 1958 - 1960.

Mr. Wayne May was admitted on March 9, 2015 from Kirksville, MO as the 1488th resident. Mr. May served in the United States Army from 1953 - 1955.

Mr. James “Jim” Johnson was admitted on March 12, 2015 from Moberly, MO as the 1489th resident. Mr. Johnson served in the United States Air Force from 1960 - 1983.

Mr. Samuel “Sam” Holt was admitted on March 23, 2015 from Fulton, MO as the 1490th resident. Mr. Holt served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. Thomas “Tom” Conboy was admitted on March 24, 2015 from Paris, MO as the 1491st resident. Mr. Conboy served in the United States Navy from 1967 - 1987.

Mr. Otis “Leon” Skaggs was admitted on March 25, 2015 from Harrisburg, MO as the 1492nd resident. Mr. Skaggs served in the United States Army from 1944 - 1946.

Mr. Ernest “Junior” Smith was admitted on March 30, 2015 from Mexico, MO as the 1493rd resident. Mr. Smith served in the United States Army from 1944- 1946..

Mr. Gerald Parish was admitted on March 31, 2015 from Jefferson City, MO as the 1494th resident. Mr. Parrish served in the United States Army from 1963 - 1966.

Mr. Charles “Wamp” Palmer was admitted on April 9, 2015 from Montgomery City, MO as the 1495th resident. Mr. Palmer served in the United States Navy from 1948 - 1962.

Mr. John Sparks was admitted on April 23, 2015 from St. James, MO as the 1496th resident. Mr. Sparks served in the United States Army from 1951 - 1953.

Mr. Isaac Thomas was admitted on April 27, 2015 from Columbia, MO as the 497th resident. Mr. Thomas served in the United States Navy from 1966 - 1972.

Mr. Otho Smith was admitted on May 12, 2015 from Williamsburg, MO as the 1498th resident. Mr. Smith served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. James Schade was admitted on March 14, 2015 from Sturgeon, MO as the 1499th resident. Mr. Schade served in the United States Army from 1962 - 1967.

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