



# THE WARRIOR

Summer 2016

## Additional Duties as Assigned

As applicants enter into employment with Missouri Veterans' Home, they see one particularly interesting line on their job duties: Additional duties as assigned. Many new hires wonder what this means. They soon find out, it can mean just about anything.

Teresa Ames, Director of Environmental Services, has found an additional duty (that is furry and likes treats) in the form of Soldier. Soldier is our resident dog who provides comfort and entertainment to the Veterans. When Teresa learned that a dog was coming to live at MVH, she quickly volunteered to be in charge of him. Four years later, she still takes Soldier for his shots, gives him baths, shelters him from storms (he's terrified of thunder), and is the official "Dog Mom" to our beloved pet.

Speaking of pets...we also have Smokey the cat. Or does Smokey have us? Smokey is as independent as a cat can be and has created her own additional duties. Kathy Winkelman, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, has the privilege of putting flea medicine on Smokey every month and also (as our cat expert) gets to nurse Smokey when she needs pills. Angie Baker, Assistant Administrator, has found room in her office for a bed for Smokey and has taken on the additional duty of

providing treats and TLC. Occasionally there is a barbecue lunch enjoyed by all at MVH. Manning the grills will be Maintenance and Purchasing employees. These gentlemen don't see "grill master" in their job description but they eagerly complete the task with no complaining and just a little sampling of the meat (for quality control purposes, of course). MVH musicians Kelly Stanford and Joe Blessing, RN, are normally involved in the tasks of Environmental Services and Nursing. On any given day, however, one or both of them can be seen playing a guitar, serenading Veterans. The Veterans love the impromptu concerts and Joe and Kelly love to entertain. Amanda Smith, LPN, provided the voice for the Star Spangled Banner for the last few years at Family Day. Again, not specified in her job description, but gladly taken on!

Our awesome nursing staff have more "additional duties" than anyone. Several of our Veterans are jigsaw puzzle fans. In their precious spare time, CNA's can be found involved with a Veteran and his puzzle. There is laughter and conversation while they work together on their project. A group

of CNA's has also been known to play dress up with some of the ladies, accompany Veterans to a family wedding, and enthusiastically participate in our Fashion Shows. Not only do they perform their nursing duties, they also care for the Veterans as if they were family. I could go on and on listing these little things that fall in the "additional duties" category. The employees of MVH don't see them as duties, however, we see them as part of the privilege that comes with serving the Veterans who served our country.



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# From Angie's Desk

Angie Baker

Assistant Administrator

## Independence Day

From 1776 to present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities including fireworks, parades, concerts, family gatherings, and barbeques. The Fourth of July has been recognized as a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of celebrating goes back to the 18th Century and the American Revolution.

On June 7, 1776, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. When the resolution was postponed due to a heated debate, Congress appointed a five-man committee, which included Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, and Robert Livingston. These men drafted a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened. On July 2nd, Lee's resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies. Finally, on July 4th, the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted. History reflects that John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

During the summer of 1776, some colonists celebrated America's independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America. The first public readings of the Declaration of Independence were accompanied by concerts, bonfires, parades, and the firing of cannons and muskets.

John Adams stated to his wife in a letter, "...will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival," and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." Philadelphia held the first annual celebration of independence on July 4, 1777. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778. Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

Independence Day remains an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism. The most common symbol of the Fourth of July is the American Flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star Spangled Banner", the national anthem of the United States. July 4, 2016, will signify the 230th birthday of America.

Excerpts taken from [www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th) and [www.military.com/independence-day/history-of-independence-day.html](http://www.military.com/independence-day/history-of-independence-day.html)

Plans for the 4th of July at the Missouri Veterans' Home include a fish fry (using fish the veterans have caught on previous fishing trips), music by BJ Davis, ice cream treats, and fireworks.



# Family Day 2016



*Bob Hancox spending time with family.*



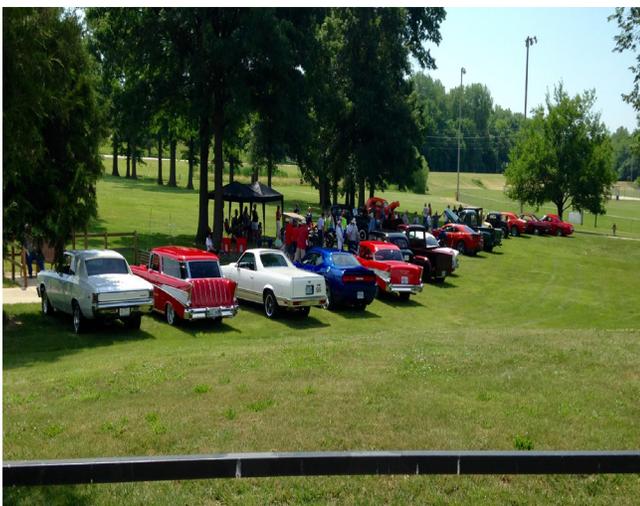
*Veteran Guy Cundiff had his tractor on display.*



*Sylvester Brunnert enjoying Family Day festivities.*



*Veterans and families participating in Family Day events.*



*Car show at Family Day 2016.*



*Veterans and families enjoying looking at vintage cars.*

# Happy Birthday to you.....

## JULY

Ernest Smith	07/01
Betty Crum	07/02
Sammy Rees	07/04
Ralph Bartels	07/04
Bill Womack	07/05
Ron Smith	07/09
Albert Erhart	07/10
Arlon Fowler	07/13
Ron Swearingen	07/25
Charles Eckert	07/26
Ralph Omer	07/27

## AUGUST

Roy Humphreys	08/07
Gerald Lowrance	08/07
Gary Fox	08/08
Dennis Sinclair	08/10
Richard Butler	08/11
Forrest Moulden	08/21
Robert Searfoss	08/21
Ray Martin	08/23
Marvin Hickman	08/27
Willie Hiatte	08/28
Elbert Thompson	08/30

## SEPTEMBER

Bobby Keller	09/03
Wendell Mustain	09/05
Joseph Leonard	09/05
Theodore Ball	09/07
Lynn Woods	09/10
Bobbie Easley	09/10
Richard O'Brien	09/12
Kent Kurtz	09/14
John Williams	09/20
Jim Henderson	09/20
Marvin Bickmeyer	09/21
Larry Wyatt	09/22
James Schade	09/23
Charles Tewell	09/24



# CENSUS

WWII	57
KOREA	57
VIETNAM	38
PEACETIME	11
DESERT STORM	01
ARMY	90
NAVY	31
AIR FORCE	24
MARINES	09
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 Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the dining room.

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

# WELCOME

**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.

**Mr. Charles "Larry" Tewell** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 03-08-16 from his home in Hannibal, MO. Larry served in the United States Air Force from 1966-86. He is our 1558th veteran.

**Mr. Wesley Seay** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 03-24-16 from his home in Rush Hill, MO. Wesley served in the United States Air Force from 1943-46. He is our 1559th veteran.

**Mr. Larry Miller** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 04-18-16 from Troy Manor Assisted Living in Troy, MO. Larry served in the United States Air Force from 1969-72. He is our 1560th veteran.

**Mr. Ray Ballew** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 04-20-16 from his home in Centralia, MO. Ray served in the United States Air Force from 1943-74. He is our 1561st veteran.

**Mr. Gary Fox** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 04.21.16 from the Arbors at Colony Pointe in Columbia, Mo. Gary served in the United States Army from 1952-1954. He is our 1562nd Veteran.

**Mr. Billy Golston** was admitted to MVH on 04-25-16 from his home in Unionville, MO. Billy served in the US Army from 1945-1050. He is our 1563rd Veteran.

**Mr. Clifford "Don" Robinson** was admitted to MVH on 04.27.16 from his home in Montgomery City, MO. Don served in the United States Army from 1945-1946. Don is our 1565th Veteran.

**Mr. Wilford Elflein** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 05-02-16 from his home in New Florence, MO. Wilford served in the United States Army from 1941-45. He is our 1566th veteran.

**Mr. David Haden** was admitted to Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico on 05-03-16 from Laurie Care Center in Laurie Mo. David served in the United States Army from 1943-1946. He is our 1567th Veteran.

**Mr. Richard O'Brien** was admitted to the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico on 05-16-16 from Lenoir Nursing Center in Columbia, Mo. Richard served in the United States Marine Corps from 1950-1952. He is our 1569th Veteran.

**Mr. Guy Cundiff** was admitted to the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico on 06-06-16 from The Arbors at Lakeview Bend in Mexico, Mo. Guy served in the United States Navy from 1953-1957. Guy is our 1570th Veteran.

**Mr. Bill Murphy** was admitted to the Missouri Veteran Home in Mexico Mo on 06-07-16 from Jefferson City Nursing and Rehab in Jefferson City Mo. Bill served in the United States Navy from 1941-1955. He is our 1571st Veteran.

**Mr. Samuel Davee** was admitted to MVH on 06-14-16 from Parkside Manor in Columbia, MO. Sam served in the US Army from 1958-1960 and is our 1572nd Veteran.

**Mr. Elbert "Bert" Thompson** was admitted to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home on 06-15-16 from Fulton Nursing and Rehab in Fulton, MO. Bert served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-57. He is our 1573rd veteran.





*Ken Morgan enjoying playing pool on the new table.*



*Veterans United Choir performing for the veterans.*



*Ed Hendley participating in judging the salsa cook-off.*



*Tammy Beebe singing for the veterans.*



*Dwight Hudspeth "kicking" it with staff at the Style Show.*



*Sylvester Brunner showing off his "style".*



*Little "E" performing as Buddy Holly.*



*Little "E" performing as Elvis.*



*Marvin Bickmeyer enjoying dancing with Jennifer Countryman.*



*Vic Davis putting his woodworking project together.*



*Kelly Stanford showing off his 1st place prize at the Salsa Cook-off.*



*Kathleen Fennewald enjoying salsa tasting.*

# Donations

# MEMORIALS

## General:

VFW Post 6276	\$175
American Legion Post 312	\$150
Jimmie & Patricia Kirtlink	\$100
VFW Aux. Post 4240	\$100
Al Whitaker VFW Post 6514	\$150
S & M Willoughby (honor of Lou Lewis & Ralph Omer)	\$100
American Legion Post 784	\$64
Sam & Sandra Harrelson (honor of Shelly Wiler & Family)	\$20
VFW Auxiliary Post #2657	\$60
Audrey Stevens	\$25
Road Riders for Jesus	\$235
Mexico GFWC	\$100
John & Emma Lee McCurdy	\$100
Anna Marie Alderson	\$50
American Legion Post	\$150

## Special Project

Dan Carson	\$500
Victoria Ornelas	\$250
American Legion Post #55	\$65.25
VFW Post 5553	\$500
Construction & General Laborer Local 955	\$250
Minta Wilson	\$100
Bill & Elba Womack	\$50
Miriam Arnold Edmonston Foundation	\$20,000
Rona & Clifford Wilson	\$100
Kermit & Mildred Ellis, JR.	\$50
American Legion Aux. 218	\$500
American Legion Aux. 273	\$500
American Legion Aux. 20	\$150
American Legion Aux 323	\$800
VFW Aux. Post #2866	\$100

## Activities

Vietnam Veterans of America #393	\$100
Grand Lodge of the Elks	\$400
Mexico Elks Lodge #919	\$210
American Legion Aux. Post 273	\$100
Hannibal Elks	\$250
Montgomery County DAR	\$125

## Bingo

Boswell Family	\$50
VFW Post #6276	\$75
Ron Reinard (memory of Martha Reinard)	\$50
Dorothy Moore	\$10
Rees Family (honor of Sam Rees)	\$20
Thomas E. Conboy	\$60
American Legion Post #26	\$600
Janet Trainor	\$10
Anna Marie Alderson (memory of John Pace)	\$100
American Gold Star Mothers	\$25
Farber Baptist WOM	\$10
Randy & Jiu England (memory of Robert Wright)	\$20
VFW #2173	\$40
VFW Aux #2173	\$40
VFW #2657 & Aux.	

## Indigent

VFW Aux. No 4182	\$25
VFW Post 2508	\$30
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 833	\$500

## Pool Table

VFW Post 6276	\$2099.98
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## Adopt a Vet

DAV #17	\$850
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## Family Day

William Montgomery (memory of William Montgomery SR)	\$888.53
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## Golf

Miriam A. Edmonston Charitable Foundation	\$1900
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**In Memory of John Rodgers (Bingo)**-Merna Buskirk, Jack & Joyce Davis, Steve Sanderson, Myrna Roberts & Family, Kent & Jeanne Cheek, Jim & JoAnn Woodall Family, Darrel & Sharon Rodgers, Kathy & Kenneth Lamb, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Ritter, Walter & Sarah Belcher, Leanna Tedrick, John & Dorothy Ritter, Eric & Kelley Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. Jason Chamberlin, Audrey Stevens, Rex & Ruth Cragen, Stuart Farm & Trucking, Al & Grace Wortmann, Carol Nierling, Leonard & Cari Boehm

**In Memory of TA Piper(Special Care Unit)**- Eugene Field Elementary, Carrol & Jane Ann Curry, Larry & Helen Hyne,; Barbara Fisher, David & Laurie Peavler, Lowell & Debbie Mann, Bob & Kitty Kerr, Mike, Deanna, Andrew & Ryan Lincoln; Jackie Barnett, Charles & Joyce Lind, Walter & Sabrina Gruer, Amy & Mark O'Rourke, Harry & Charlotte Sulzberger, Jim & Anita Gamble, Verle & Susan Huguenot, Maude Fisher, Audrey Stevens, Randy & Connie Robley, Mark & Louisa Runge Fine, R. Ted Albin & Jan McFarling, Berry & Jo Ann Azdell, Janel Baker, Terry & Lana Baclesse, Shirley Bolli, Ley & Ed Young

**In Memory of Elaine Azdell**-Minta Wilson, Maude Fisher

**In Memory of Larry Nobbman (activities, guest room, bird house)**—Joyce Hait, Eugene & Judith Sandbothe, Robert & Sue Klethermes, Edris Horn, Joan & Brian Johnson, Jo Ann Kirchhofer, Mona & Bradley Hagerman, Gregory & Sandra Probst, Kim & Steve Schrimpf, Michelle & Kirby Kolthoff, Ron & Judy Engelbrecht, Janet Kleasnor, Gerry & Patricia Parish, Robert & Donna Boessen, Paul & Kim Leroy, Marilyn Nobbman, Roger & Karen Connell, Scott & Paul Schannuth, Jerry & Judith McCutchen, Arlon & Sheryl Fowler, Stephen & Kay Bode

**In Memory of 'Hap' Folta**—Darrell & Barbara Welschmeyer, Deborah Fox, Darryl & Cynthia Kemp, Audrey & Kenneth Schafer, George & Carol Estus, Arlie & Patricia Reinwald, Chuck & Mildred Jennings, Margie Kemp

**In Memory of Bill McIntosh**—MU Data Cntr, James Crowder, Ed & Sue Putnam, Raymond & Rita Wilkerson, Richard & Sarah Bates, Phillip & Cheryl Kanagos, Marjorie McIntosh, Bill & Connie Vitt, Rick Prosser, Steve & Brenda McIntosh, Barry & Karen Norwald, Michael & Sarah Anderson, David & Joni Kendrick, Jeffery & Kimberle Guinn, Hank & Kathy Niederhelm, Michael & Michelle Wheeler, Kevin & Kelli Richardson, Michael & Deborah Bietsch, Mike & Joyce Wilhelms, Dennis & Lynn Allen, Russell & Beverly Davis, John & Donna Turner, James & Nancy Bates, Max Orneles, Lynn Huskey, Roy & Roberta Wheeler, Dr. Gale & Carolyn Hairston

# MEMORIALS, cont.



**In Memory of Millie Baker**—Brian & Linda Johnson, Beverly Whitaker, Shahid & Talat Waheed, Evelyn Mackey, Michael & Chenta Winnkle, SJ Spotts, Ralph & Ruth Ann Barker, Gail & Greg Hatfield, Wm. Hase, A.N. & M. Mackey, Howard Toalson, Carrol & Jane Curry, Nancy Goedeke, Mary Allen, Norman & Shirley Kruse, Barbara Colvin family, Rita C. Snead, Charlesa Sargent, Deena Katz & Harold Evensley

**In Memory of Robert Wright**-Sydenstricker Implement

**In Memory of Steve Welschmeyer**-Eunice Welschmeyer, Arlie & Patricia Reinwald

**In Memory of Letha Lochridge**—William & Maemma Scrogin, Jessie & Sandra Guinnap, D. Tanzey, Gertrude Roulmal Presnell

**In Memory of Don Small**—Arlie & Patricia Reinwald

**In Memory of Leyton Broughton**—Arlie & Patricia Reinwald

**In Memory of Lyndon C. Reinwald**—Arlie & Patricia Reinwald

**In Memory of Dorothy Baumgartner**—William & Betty McAtee, Rueben H. Bullard Chapter 2691

**In Memory of Dudley McPike (bingo/activities)**—Carol & Delbert Fessenden, Dana & Diane Smith, Marilyn Wenneker, Howard Disslehorst, Rachel Shepard, Marian & Darlene Augsburg, Jr., Karen Taylor, Karla & Dale Gosney, Barbara Bier, Dale & Marsha Elston, Nelsonville Baptist Church, Rick & Dianna Hoenes, Evelyne Ann & Bruce Cooksey, Forrest E. Minch, Jr., Russell & Sandra Fessenden, Greg & Contessa McPike, Dan & Linda Schmitz

**In Memory of Lowell Harness**—Sam & Sandy Harrelson

**In Memory of Raymond Powell**—Jeffery Brotemarkle

**In Memory of William Hanson**—Katherine DeiSanti

Mr. Bill McIntosh passed away on February 26, 2016 while here at Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. Bill served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959.

Mr. Jerry Kroll passed away on March 21, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veteran sHome. Mr. Kroll served in the US Army from 1959-1962.

Mr. Wesley Seay passed away on April 15, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. Wes served in the United States Air Force from 1943-46.

Mr. Harvey Giddens passed away on April 18, 2016 here at MVH. Harvey served in the US Army from 1948-1978.

Mr. Larry Nobbman passed away on April 18, 2016 while here at MVH. Larry served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1958 then in the United States Army 19664-1970, then in the Army National Guard 1970-2000.

William Montgomery passed away on April 19, 2016 here at MVH. He served in the US Navy from 1944-1946.

Mr. John Rodgers passed away on April 19, 2016 while at Boone Hospital in Columbia. John served in the United States Army from July-December 1957.

Mr. Willis Hanson passed away on April 20, 2016 at MVH. Willis served in the United States Navy from 1944-1950

Mr. T. A. Piper passed away on April 27, 2016 while at MVH. T. A. served in the United States Navy from 1942-1946.

Mr. Frank Moser passed away on April 30, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home. He served in the United States Army from 1945-46.

Mr. Robert Wright passed away on May 8, 2016 while at SSM-Audrain Hospital. He served in the United States Air Force from 1945-1953.

Mr. Zane Miller passed away on May 31, 2016 while here at the Missouri Veterans Home. He served in the United States Navy from 1945-1946.

Mr. John Holik passed away on May 31, 2016 while here at the Missouri Veterans Home. He served in the United States Army from 1945-1946.

Mr. Dudley McPike passed away on June 9, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veterans' Home. He served in the United States Navy from 1943-45.

Mr. Harry Rodecape passed away on June 11, 2016 while at the Mexico Missouri Veterans' Home. He served in the United States Army from 1948-53.

## ***MEXICO VETERANS' HOME SALUTES...***

### **Bob McBurney**

Bob was born on October 14, 1935 in Auxvasse, Missouri and was raised in Kimme, Iowa. He is one of five children, having three brothers and one sister. As a child he enjoyed swimming in the nearby river and helping his parents on the farm. When he got older, he also enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He received his GED while in the Navy.

Bob served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1959 as an aircraft electrician during the Korean War. During service he spent a lot of time up in a helicopter doing various tasks. Some of his most memorable moments stem from his habit of loaning money to his fellow Navy buddies. He had to be pretty demanding and stern at times to ensure full payback. From his service, he earned a National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

Bob married Betty on September 9, 1967. They met through a mutual friend. Together they enjoyed dancing. They had three children, two of their own (Jeanie and Darren) and they adopted their great-grandson (Jason). A memorable trip for the family was a camping trip to Colorado.

Bob worked at AP Green for 34 years as a kiln fire man. He enjoyed the independence of his job. He retired in 1998. During retirement he rebuilt a Massey Ferguson tractor.

Bob came to the Missouri Veteran's Home in January 2016. We are so proud to know and serve him. Please join us in congratulating Bob and his family as we salute him as the April resident of the month!



## ***MEXICO VETERANS' HOME SALUTES...***

### **Ed Hendley**

Ed was born on November 9, 1939 in Starkville, Mississippi as one of two children. He has one sister, Suellen. His father was a chemistry professor and his mother was an elementary school teacher and homemaker. As a child, Ed enjoyed hunting and spending time with family. During high school he played guard in football. This was back when they played single wing formation in football, which is something not done anymore. Ed played both offense and defense. He also played trumpet in the band and orchestra, and sang bass in a quartet called The Stanzas. They were very good and sang as opening acts for Bob Hope and the Four Freshman when these shows visited Mississippi State University. Ed graduated from Starkville High School in 1957. Then he attended college at Mississippi State University where he received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees, both in mathematics. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Ed served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962-1968 during Vietnam as captain and navigator for High Altitude Navigation in the Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. He served in Texas, California, New Mexico, and Alabama. His most memorable moments were participating in top secret spy missions all over the world. One of these missions was Operation Crowflight, which involved collaboration with Australia to globally survey radiation levels in order to calculate the size of the Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal during this time of the Cold War. After collecting air samples around the world, the Air Force calculated how much krypton-85 existed, then subtracted the amount of the gas created by plutonium production of the U.S. and its allies, and were then left with an estimate of the amount of plutonium produced by the Soviets. This allowed them to roughly estimate the number of bombs the USSR had. Ed flew several missions for this operation and was consistently praised as being a very good navigator. From his service, he earned a National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and an Air Force Longevity Service Award.

Ed married Virginia on November 8, 1960. Their families lived nearby, so they have known each other all their lives. As a couple, they enjoyed playing bridge, listening to music, and watching television shows together. After their children, Kate and Bo, were born, Ed and Virginia stayed busy attending their children's sports events. They took several family vacations, a favorite being to the Smoky Mountains. Today their daughter lives in Florida with her family and their son lives in Columbia with his family. Ed and Virginia stay connected with their three grandchildren: Andy, Michelle, and Lexie. Ed loves being with family and his favorite holiday is the family Thanksgiving dinner.

Ed has lived all over the United States. During his years in Washington, D.C. (from 1981-1993), he enjoyed jogging and participated in several 10K races. His wife, Virginia, enjoyed cheering him on during all his races. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Ed returned to Mississippi for graduate work. Eventually he came to Columbia, Missouri to continue graduate work at the University of Missouri. Afterwards, he worked as an actuary and research analyst for the State of Missouri's employment security division until retirement in 2002. During retirement he enjoyed playing chess, target shooting, working on cars, and being outside cutting grass or trees.

Ed came to the Missouri Veteran's Home in November 2014. Ed was recognized as the May 2016 Salute.

# ***MEXICO VETERANS' HOME SALUTES...***

## **Jack Beamer**

Jack was born on March 4, 1926 in Paris, Missouri as one of three children. He had two brothers. His father was a farmer, raising Angus cattle and farming corn, beans, and hay. His dad got the Sydenstrickers here in town started on raising cattle too. Jack's mother was a homemaker. He and his brothers spent most of their time helping out on the farm. They also enjoyed seining for fish, which they did every Sunday after church. The family held a big fish fry every year, frying 100 pounds of fish for all the people who helped them farm. Jack attended Paris High School. When he turned 16 he became interested in cars, a passion that continued through adulthood as he collected cars. His very first car was a '24 Chevy.

Jack served in the United States Army as Private First Class from April 1945 until December 1946, during WWII. He worked as a truck driver, hauling company supplies. His most memorable moment from service was getting to see all of Japan. His favorite place was Tokyo because it was interesting and he also enjoyed visiting with the locals who spoke English. From his service Jack earned an Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, and an Army of Occupation Medal—Japan.

Jack married his first wife in 1951 and they raised four children. Deborah lives in Paris, Missouri; Paul lives in Columbia, Pam lives in Cairo, and Gary passed away in 2013. After Jack's divorce, he married Evelyn and they were married 42 years before her passing. They enjoyed traveling. Their favorite vacation spots were along the west coast, particularly seeing the redwoods along highway 101. Their favorite summer state was Colorado and their favorite winter state was Texas, where they spent many winters. Jack has several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

For his career, Jack followed in his father's footsteps and raised Angus cattle. In his free time he enjoyed collecting antique cars and tractors. He still has quite a collection of refurbished antique cars at home: a '37 Diamond-T, '39 Plymouth Pickup, '46 DeSoto, '67 Corvair, '67 Volkswagen, and a '72 LT Ford. He hosted some antique car shows over the years and won many awards for his cars in various shows. In 1969 Jack and ten other men started the Mark Twain Old Thresher's Association, a group that showed antiques to young people so they knew how farmers used to farm. He has been active in the association for 47 years. He will be the Master of Ceremonies this year at their big weekend long festival in July.

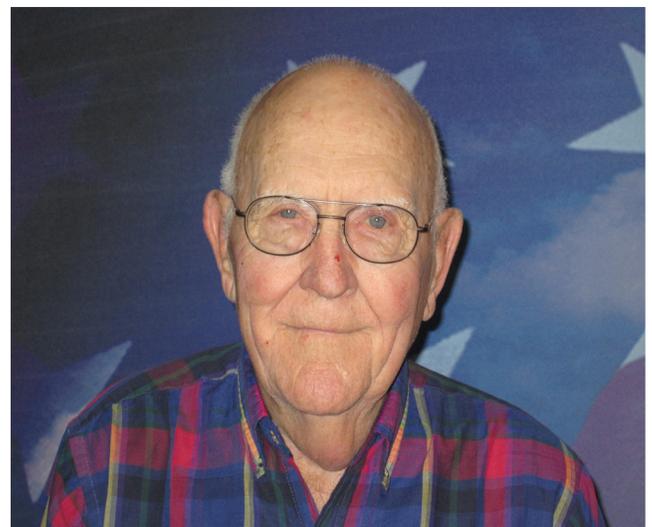
Jack came to the Missouri Veteran's Home in April 2013. Jack was recognized as the June 2016 Salute.



***Bob McBurney-April 2016 Salute***



***Ed Hendley-May 2016 Salute***



***Jack Beamer-June 2016 Salute***

Missouri Veterans' Home – Mexico  
Assistance League  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Scramble for Freedom  
4 Person Scramble – 18 Holes  
Limited to first 36 paid teams



**Date: Saturday, August 13, 2016**

**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:

Kathy Winkelman, Supervisor of Volunteer Services (573)581-1088 x1286

# Golf Entry & Sponsorships

Mail Check and Form to:

Kathy Winkelman, Supervisor of Volunteer Services  
Payable to: Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League  
#1 Veterans Drive  
Mexico, MO 65265

Form needs to be returned by Friday, July 29, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to be a corporate sponsor at the 16th MVH Annual Golf Tournament on August 13, 2016. Enclosed you will find a \$250 donation and the name of the business/organization/individual to be listed on the sign is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to sponsor a hole at the 16th MVH Annual Golf Tournament on August 13, 2016. Enclosed you will find a \$100 donation and the name of the business/organization/individual to be listed on the sign at the hole is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to sponsor a golf cart at the 16th MVH Annual Golf Tournament on August 13, 2016. Enclosed you will find a \$50 donation and the name to be memorialized or honored on the sign for the cart is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to send a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help offset the expenses of the 16th MVH Annual Golf Tournament. Enclosed you will find my donation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a team that I want to enter :

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to play. Please assign me to a team.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This tournament will be a major fundraiser for the Endowment Fund to meet the needs of future generations of Veterans who "Scrambled for Freedom."

# Employee Corner

## New Employees

Melissa Gilman, Accounting	4/18
Taylor Mills, Activities	2/16
April Campbell, Activities	5/03
Ellen Goslin, Housekeeping	5/02
Kimberly McCulley, Dietary	3/14
Mary Righter, LPNIII	4/05
Ruby Parker, NAI	2/16
Racheal Unger, NAI	2/23
Taylor Sims, NAI	3/08
Antonett Hall, NAI	3/21
Alexus Presley, NAI	3/21
Miranda Wood, NAI	4/18
LaToya Belcher, NAI	5/03
Amanda Thompson, NAI	5/03

## Employee of the Month



**Rita Davidson**  
**Social Services**

**April 2016**  
**Employee of the**  
**Month**



**Brenda Seeley**  
**Dietary**

**May 2016**  
**Employee of the**  
**Month**



**Martha Maggard**  
**Nursing**

**June 2016**  
**Employee of the**  
**Month**

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Please congratulate Miranda Wood our newest CNA. She passed the certification process without a glitch.

# MVH Staff Phone Directory

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## 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
- 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
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



*Marty Jones, US Army veteran and resident speaking at the Memorial Day Service 2016.*



*VFW Post #6276 posting the colors at Memorial Day Service 2016.*

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