

# THE MT. VERNON VETERAN

MT. VERNON VETERANS' HOME  
1600 S. HICKORY ST.  
MT. VERNON, MO 65712  
(417) 466-7103

Fall 2014

The Price of Freedom is Visible Here

## Resident Profile

Charles "Chuck" Davis was born on August 20, 1919 in Grandview, Missouri. He grew up near there and graduated from Rustin, MO in 1937.

Mr. Davis began attending college at the University of Kansas City intending to become an engineer. Finances forced him to work more than attend class. He worked in construction in the Kansas City area and at a aircraft factory. He also worked as a building and plumbing inspector at an Army camp in Louisiana that was being constructed.

In June 1941 he was drafted. He trained at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Leonard Wood with the 6th Division as an enlisted man. He applied for Officer Candidate School in 1942 and was accepted. He was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, then to



Charles "Chuck" Davis in 1943.

Camp House, Texas to train with the 84th Division. He trained with the 84th until 1943. He was then transferred to the 955th Field Artillery Battalion to re-train a 75 mm anti-aircraft company to a 155 mm Field Artillery Unit. The unit shipped overseas in October 1944.

They arrived in France and awaited their equipment for two months. Their first combat was during the Battle of the Bulge. He says he remembers it being "As cold as Hell". They were then assigned the left side of the line next to the British and were on the Elbe River when the war ended. They then helped with P.O.W. duty. Many units were broken up at this time, including his.

Mr. Davis said he ended up being the Executive Officer of a Battalion and was promoted to Captain. He said it was hard keeping control of the men, because everyone wanted to go home. He put in for a transfer to become an instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was accepted and made it to Fort Sill in October 1945.

By this time he was sick of

the Army, so he requested Release from Active Duty, which was granted on March 18, 1946. He joined the Army Reserves and served in that capacity until 1958.

While in Texas training he had met a girl, Chlotile Abarnathy, and they fell in love. They were married on his return in 1946. Two days after their wedding during their honeymoon in New Mexico she was killed in a horse riding accident.

Mr. Davis moved back to Grandview and resumed college to become a lawyer. Chuck began dating an old girlfriend Hazel Green. They were married on September 5, 1947. Mr. Davis graduated from law school in 1950. He worked for an insurance company for 20 years and they moved all over the state.

In 1957 Chuck and Hazel had a son, Thomas. In 1961 they had a daughter, Sarah. Chuck quit his insurance job in 1970 and accepted a position with the State of Missouri Unemployment Office and the family moved to Jefferson City. He said he held hearings all over the state. He retired in 1985, after his children had graduated



Charles and his wife Hazel Green Davis's wedding picture.



Chuck with Hazel, son Thomas, and daughter Sarah in July 1965.

from college.

Chuck and Hazel then spent their retirement in a motor home traveling throughout the United States and Canada. In 2000 they bought a home and moved to Battlefield, Missouri. Hazel passed away in May 2011. Mr. Davis moved in to the Missouri Veterans Home the following month. We are honored to have Mr. Davis with us.

### CENSUS

WW II	108
KOREAN	54
VIETNAM	21
PERSIAN GULF	2
PEACE TIME	13
As of October 1, 2014	

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**MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION**

Chuck Wooten.....	Member
Paul Connors.....	Member
Scott Englund.....	Member
Nancy Nelson.....	Member
Representative Stephen Webber.....	Member
Representative Denny Hoskins.....	Member
Senator David Pearce.....	Member
Senator Scott Sifton.....	Member

**MANAGEMENT TEAM**

James Dennis.....	Administrator
Angela Piepenbrink.....	Asst. Administrator
Joan Elwing, RN.....	Director of Nursing
Diane Huckeby, RN.....	B - Unit Manager
Donna Requa, RN.....	C - Unit Manager
Becky Williams, RN.....	D - Unit Manager
Patricia Sullivan, RN.....	E - Unit Manager
Lynette Mitchell, RN.....	Nursing Supervisor
Vince Straub, RN.....	Nursing Supervisor
Brenda White, RN.....	Nursing Supervisor
Cynthia Reece, RN.....	Nursing Supervisor
Erika Portillo.....	Administrative Assistant
Donna Stacey.....	Accountant
Dennis Duncan.....	Computer Services
Loni Hill.....	Food Service Manager
Marlene Woodall.....	Environmental Manager
Ron Schmidly.....	Maintenance
Barbara Truman.....	Medical Records
Jenny Myers.....	MDS Coordinator
Sally Quick.....	Personnel
George Bennett.....	Physical Therapy
Debbie Eutsler.....	Purchasing
Keri Creasey.....	Recreational Therapy
Joy Sweeney.....	Social Services Director
Alice Brewer.....	Social Services - B Unit
Angela Gonzalez.....	Social Services - C Unit
Teresa Hoover.....	Social Services - E Unit
April Cutbirth.....	Staff Development Coordinator
David Kloppenborg.....	Volunteer Services

**MISSOURI VETERANS HOME ASSISTANCE LEAGUE BOARD**

Scott Sifferman.....	President
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Brad Brown.....	Secretary/Treasurer
Gary Emerson.....	Member
Gene Ingle.....	Member
J.W. Jackson.....	Member
Larry Newman.....	Member
Randee Stemmons.....	Member

**Employees of the Month**

Pictured are the Employees of the Month for June, July, August & September. These employees were nominated by their peers. Congratulations to these employees for their accomplishments and caring attitudes toward the resident Veterans whom they serve. As Employees of the Month, they received a Walmart gift card, a free day off, and a prominent parking space for one month. *Congratulations!*



*Hollie Miller, August 2014*



*Amber Prater, June 2014*



*Stacey White, September 2014*



*Jackie Moore, July 2014*

*Any employee can nominate another employee. The nomination forms are located at the front desk.*

Since Amber Prater's hire she has excelled in her position and the Veterans love her cleaning abilities and even more her personality.

Jackie Moore exhibits a natural ability to bring out the best in everyone. She is always willing to assist with Veterans needs.

Hollie Miller goes above and beyond in her duties and always has a can do attitude and her tasks are done with accuracy and detail.

Stacey White functioned as a leader and director in a stressful situation. Her co-workers and supervisors depended on her skills.

**Missouri Veterans Commission Employees of the Month**

Felicia Studeny, Certified Nursing Assistant for the Missouri Veterans Home - St. James, was selected as the July 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. Felicia was selected because of her daily ability in knowing specific Veteran needs and preferences and giving the best homelike, safe quality care in every interaction every day.

Carita Trent, Senior Office Support Assistant for the Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Higginsville, was selected as the August 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. Carita is task oriented and extremely competent, bringing superb efficiency, productivity and organizational skills to the facility. Her compassion and kindness for those we serve reflects well on her.

Lisa Mullins, Veterans Service Officer in the Southeast Region, was selected as the September 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. Lisa was selected for her exceptional performance. Her workload increased significantly, yet Lisa maintained her status as one of the top ten MVC VSO's in submitting and processing fully developed claims.

# WELCOME

**William Ferguson**, Army, served from 1951 to 1974. Mr. Ferguson moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on July 2.

**Robert Stallcup**, Air Force, served in 1952. Mr. Stallcup moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on July 3.

**Stephen Sherwood**, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Sherwood moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on July 9.

**Robert Kuhn**, Navy, served from 1951 to 1955. Mr. Kuhn moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on July 28.

**Dale Beckman**, Army, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Beckman moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on July 28.

**George Krudwig**, USMC, served from 1964 to 1967. Mr. Krudwig moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on July 31.

**LeRoy Crane**, Navy & Army, served from 1943 to 1953. Mr. Crane moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 1.

**John McGuire**, Army, served from 1944 to 1964. Mr. Mc-

Guire moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 5.

**Frank Langston**, Army Air Corps, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Langston moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 6.

**Joseph Mackler**, Army, served from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Mackler moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 12.

**Gottlob Layher**, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Layher moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 13.

**Reese Warden**, Army, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Warden moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 15.

**Orville Skaggs**, Army, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Skaggs moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 18.

**Clarence Tipton**, Army, served from 1945 to 1946. Mr. Tipton moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 20.

**Joseph Davidson**, Army, served from 1946 to 1947. Mr. Davidson moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on August 22.

**Jean Rowell**, Navy, served from 1944 to 1945. Mrs. Rowell moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 5.

**Miley Richardson**, Navy, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Richardson moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 5.

**Irma Boehlke**, Coast Guard, served from 1945 to 1946. Mrs. Boehlke moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 10.

**Charles Lovins**, Army, served from 1952 to 1954. Mr. Lovins moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 12.

**Ralph Goade**, Navy, served from 1954 to 1958. Mr. Goade moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 15.

**Edgar Brown**, Navy, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Brown moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 17.

**Robert Hicklin**, Navy, served from 1946 to 1948. Mr. Hicklin moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 22.

**Donald Vaughn**, Air Force, served from 1952 to 1980. Mr. Vaughn moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on September 29.

*The following Veterans were called to their final roll call shortly after mustering into our midst:*

*Leroy Wiese  
Carl Sanders*

## Missouri Veterans Home Eligibility & Care

### Eligibility

\* Any citizen of the State of Missouri who meets the criteria established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who qualifies for veterans status. This is a person on active duty for other than "training" and was discharged under "other than dishonorable conditions."

\* Resided in the State of Missouri for 180 days at any time during their life.

\* Requires Skilled Care Nursing services.

### Level of Care

#### Level I

Requires only minimal medical and social supervision and assistance.

#### Level II

Requires supervision and routine assistance in several activities of daily life.

#### Level III

Requires routine and continuous supervision and/or assistance in most activities of daily living.

#### Mission:

To honor and serve the Veterans whose dedication and sacrifices have preserved our nation and its freedoms.

#### Vision:

In recognition of the sacrifices made by Veterans in service to our country, the Missouri Veterans Commission will lead in providing high quality nursing home care to disabled Veterans, in providing a final resting place with honor and compassion, and in facilitating timely, quality benefits administration.

#### Values:

Missouri Veterans Commission values a diverse, highly motivated, well-trained, caring team who are dedicated to providing exceptional care and services to Missouri's Veterans.

## VETERANS' HOME WISH LIST

ITEM	Est. Cost
Deodorant, Stick.....	2.50
Shaving Cream.....	3.00
Denture Cleanser .....	3.00
Sea Bond Denture Adhesive Wafers.....	6.50
Dental Floss.....	3.00
Body Wash.....	4.00
Body Spray.....	3.00
Book of Stamps.....	9.80

If your organization is interested in purchasing any of the items listed above or are interested in finding out information about larger on-going projects for the facility, please contact David Kloppenborg at (417) 466-7103.



# TAPS



 Melvin Pendelton  
8/30/21  
7/9/14

 Gene Wendler  
12/22/31  
7/26/14

 Kenneth Rone  
12/1/19  
8/30/14

 John Turner  
8/24/40  
9/9/14

 Larry Wingo  
12/18/46  
7/17/14

 Carl Sanders  
5/11/36  
7/31/14

 Jones Penwell  
12/19/21  
9/1/14

 Raymond White  
7/13/25  
9/11/14

 Robert Rogers  
8/20/25  
7/21/14

 Stanley Bohinc  
9/8/23  
8/9/14

 Artsol Wright  
8/1/22  
9/3/14

 August Gardner  
11/21/36  
9/8/14

 Leroy Wiese  
5/31/31  
7/22/14

 Arthur Engel  
9/12/19  
8/9/14

 John McGuire  
8/20/26  
9/7/14

 James Moore  
4/13/19  
9/29/14

 William Sunderwirth  
12/29/26  
7/26/14

 Ronald Reed  
12/14/32  
8/21/14

*Now in the Service of the Supreme Commander*

## Memorials

**Richard Lowe**  
Wayne & Imogene Satterfield

**Judon Sherrod**  
Lois Parson  
Terry & Mary Meek

**Melvin Pendelton**  
Nickie Schrader  
Bonnie Kleeman  
Larry & Lucille Simpson  
Marjorie King  
Betty Steely

**Robert Rogers**  
Carolyn Lowry

**Rex Pierce**  
Charlotte McGowne

## VISIT US ON LINE

To learn more about the Mt. Vernon Veterans' Home, visit us at [www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/Homes/Site/MtVernon](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/Homes/Site/MtVernon) To learn more about other Missouri Veterans' Homes and/or other programs offered by the Missouri Veterans' Commission, log on to the Commission Home page at [www.mvc.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov)

## Branch of Service Breakdown

 Army	85
Women	2
 Army Air Corps	13
Women	0
 Air Force	26
Women	1
 Coast Guard	0
Women	1
 Marine Corps	11
Women	2
 Navy	49
Women	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>198</b>



*Administrator James Dennis accepts a donation check for \$200 from VFW Ladies Auxiliary Past President Rebecca Strauss on September 26.*

# DONATIONS

## MONETARY DONATIONS

On behalf of the Assistance League and the Heroes we serve, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the donations received July through September 2014. All donations go directly to Veterans programs. *Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization has unintentionally been left off this list.*

### Over \$1000

VFW Dept. of Missouri  
Zeros for Heros  
Walmart Foundation

### \$500 to \$999

Pepsi Cola Bottlers  
DAV # 66

### \$200 to \$499

DAVA # 66  
M.O.A. Four State Chapter  
VFW Aux. # 5923  
Al Whitaker  
VFW Post # 3404  
Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home  
Fossett-Mosher Funeral Home  
VFW Aux. # 2593

### \$50 to \$199

America Gold Star Mothers  
Hoke Properties  
VFW Aux. # 5525  
VFW Post 7628  
Paul & Glenna Harvey  
Leland Krell  
Military Order of the Cooties # 11  
Liberty Bank  
VFW Aux. # 2203  
VFW Aux. # 2590  
Trogon Agency  
Robert & Ella Overstreet  
Michael & Carolyn Hutsell  
Randy Pendelton

Johnnie Sue Stearns  
James & Loni Hill  
Randall Starbuck  
Burns Construction  
American Legion Post #120  
David Faucett  
Mt. Vernon Eagles Lodge

### Up to \$49

Wayne Twiehaus  
Bill Skaggs  
Lilah & Ernest Cone  
Jared & April Hale  
Gary Johnson  
Pat Hicks  
Ronald Williams  
Brent Merrick  
Janice Schmidly  
William Maxheimer  
George Lackey  
Roberta Hooten  
Paul & Lori Wiese  
Cathy Friend

## MATERIAL DONATIONS

Ken Kerr  
William Glidewell  
Carolyn Waltrip  
D.A.V. # 11  
June Johnson  
Family of George Lindsay  
Telephone Pioneers  
Colleen Brewer

Dorothy Halastik  
Teresa Dumsky  
Lucille Carr  
Glenetta Taylor  
Pat Eilert  
Bill Turpin  
D.A.R. Stukely Westcott Ch.  
VFW Post 4142  
DAV # 68  
DAVA # 68  
Kathy Linton  
Family of Bud Engel  
Walmart of Republic  
Joan Cutbirth  
Teddy Wallace  
Don Venerable

Melvin Pendelton Family  
Gary & Val Thater  
D.A.R. Rhoda Fairchild Ch.  
Eleanor Harrison  
Charlie Crandall  
Rolling Thunder Inc.  
GRIP Boys Home  
Family of Jones Penwell  
Vernie Bradley  
Ruth Eden  
D.A.R. Noah Coleman Ch.  
American Legion # 138  
VFW Aux. # 2025  
Steve & Sally DiPierdomenico  
Church of Chirst, Mt. Vernon  
Randy Lyman

*The Mt. Vernon Missouri Veterans Home needs to replace a few bath tub gurneys and needs many new hip savers. If you or your organization are interested in donating to these worthy causes, please contact David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103 ext. 1185.*



*The Zeros for Heros Foundation donated a \$1000 check to the Home on August 15. Above, Shannon Walker and Rodger Wheeler from Zeros for heros flank Volunteer Supervisor, David Kloppenborg.*

## HOW TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Checks should be made payable to the Mt. Vernon MVH Assistance League and mailed to:  
Missouri Veterans Home  
1600 S. Hickory St.  
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

The Donation Form is provided for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact:  
David Kloppenborg  
417-466-7103 Ext. 1185  
david.kloppenborg@mvc.dps.mo.gov

## DONATION FORM

## OPTIONAL Donor Designation

### DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in: \_\_\_ honor \_\_\_ memory of \_\_\_\_\_

### Send Memorial Acknowledgement to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Resident Activities Fund
- \_\_\_ Holiday Fund
- \_\_\_ Postage Fund
- \_\_\_ Medical Fund
- \_\_\_ Indigent Fund
- \_\_\_ Honor Flight Fund
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# HONOR FLIGHTS FLY AGAIN



The Honor Flights out of Springfield have resumed flying. A new group, the Honor Flights of the Ozarks, with a new Board of Directors has taken over the role of seeing that World War Two and Korean Era Veterans have the chance to visit the monuments in Washington D.C.

The first flight was held on September 9. The Missouri Veterans Home had four Veterans on the flight. To the left is, Veteran Gilbert Barlbort. Top left is Veteran Joseph Ballew, and above is Veteran Louie Young. Not pictured is Veteran Marlin Woods who also flew.

The next flight will be held on October 21. The MVH will have two Veterans on that flight: John Slankard and Gerald LaHaie. The next flight after that will be in April on a date to be determined. Any Veteran residing at the MVH who wishes to be on that flight, please see Volunteer Coordinator, David Kloppenborg for an application. Preference is given to WWII and Korean War Veterans. They will accept Vietnam Veterans in poor health.

For Veterans not residing at the Home who wish to go, or who have any questions, please contact the Honor Flight of the Ozarks at 417-268-9052. The experience of one of these trips is priceless!





Accountant April Hale with Veteran Leonard Livingston.



Veteran Paul Roberts (seated), with visiting relatives.



Veterans Thomas Spencer and William Bolin showing off the melons they helped grow in the raised garden,



Nancy Mason and Jim Woods from American Legion Post 138 in Bolivar delivering the 20 electric razors they donated.



Veteran Don Middleton and his wife Patricia playing word Bingo with a youngster from the Mt. Vernon elementary school.



Veteran Lloyd Evatt playing word Bingo with a couple happy kids.

***News From The Special Care Unit***

Nina Thompson, Recreation for SCU

Where did the summer go? It's fall and the pumpkins will soon have frost on them. We are getting our pumpkins ready for decorating and will soon be painting pumpkins for all to enjoy.

The past few months have been busy with us enjoying Bingo held on our unit, Horse Races with everyone cheering their horses over the finish line, homemade ice cream with delicious toppings (but most just wanted the delicious taste of the ice cream!) and many other activities.

In August we made Fruit Palm Trees then were able to enjoy eating the bananas, kiwi and mandarin oranges they were made out of. Some were so anxious to get to enjoy the wonderful tastes they barely got the last orange down before they were eating!

The Eagles Post continues to come in on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and grill hamburgers for everyone to enjoy with our dietary department making delicious sides and Loni helping with the grilling. Thank you Eagles, especially J.W., Brad and Roger, our chefs, for your dedication to our Special Care Unit for these cookouts!

Another special treat was going out to eat at a local restaurant and enjoying a really good meal out on the town. Everyone got extremely full and had lots of laughs. The restaurant treated us like queens and kings!

Lots of families have been coming in to visit their loved ones and enjoy visiting with all of our Veterans and Staff. We are just one big happy family. They are special people and make our days very special also.

The holidays will soon be upon us and hectic and fun-filled times are upon us. Until next time have a safe and happy holiday season.

***MVHS Girls Volleyball Team Visits Home***



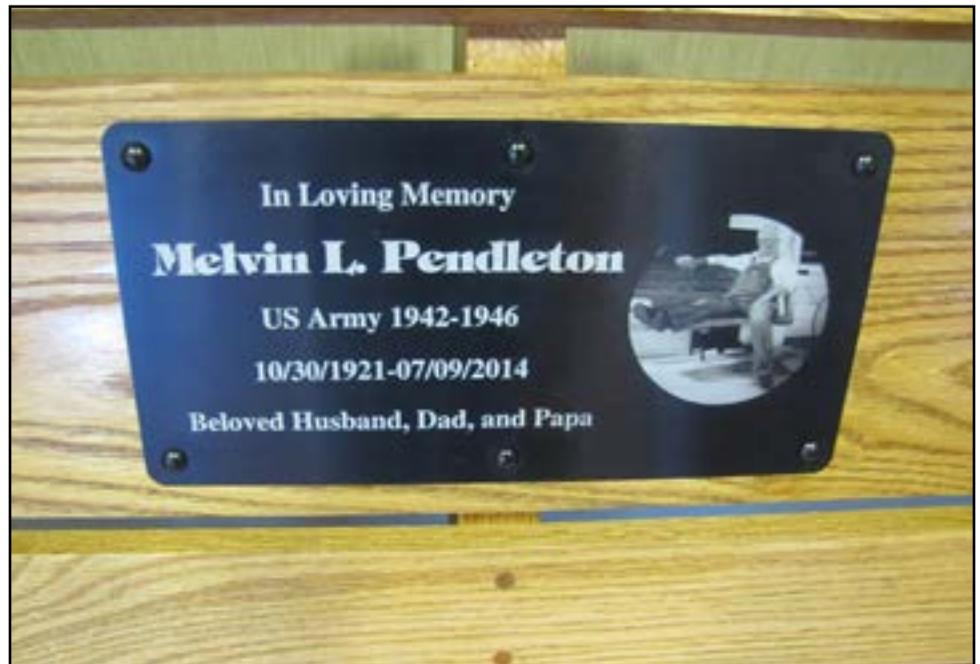
*The Mt. Vernon High School Girls Volleyball team visited the Home on August 15 bringing smiles to the Veterans. Above are Veterans Richard Marquier, Bobby Crowe and Frank Langston. Below Richard Marquier and William Carlin enjoy a chat with the girls.*



***Pendelton Family Donates Bench***



*The family of Melvin Pendelton hand crafted a beautiful oak bench and donated it to the facility on August 25. To the left Veterans Larry Tressler and William Sweeten pose with the family and the bench. We are most grateful for such a beautiful donation. Thank you so much!*



## Resident Council News

The Resident Council met on July 2, 2014 with twelve Veterans in attendance.

In new business, the Council elections were scheduled for July, but since all the nominees are running unopposed, the Council voted to forego the elections and allow the following to assume office immediately: President: Glen Withnell; Vice President: Bill Sunderwirth; Secretary: none  
Treasurer: Caleb Lipscomb  
Chaplain: Jay Hess

Assistant Administrator, Anglea Piepenbrink, announced that there is a new bed hold policy. You are still allowed 12 days per year for Leave of Absence (hospitalizations do not count) and after you have exhausted your 12 days, you will be charged a set rate per day for your

room to be held.

The Resident Council met on August 8, 2014 with twenty-eight Veterans in attendance.

In new business, Dale Beckman was nominated to fill the position of Vice-President since Dr. Bill Sunderwirth passed away. A vote was taken and the motion was carried. Mr. Beckman will assume the position immediately.

The Resident Council met on September 3, 2014 with nineteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, Administrator James Dennis, announced that there will be additional people in the building and they will be running additional wiring to facilitate the new electronic medical records and Secure Care Systems.

## Environmental Services Week



*On September 15, the employees who work in the environmental services department were afforded the opportunity to take an hour off their busy work schedules to celebrate National Environmental Services Week. The employees enjoyed a game of croquet or horseshoes on the back lawn. We are not sure who won the contests, but everybody seemed to be having a good time. Thanks for the great work that you all do!*



*Carolyn Hutsell and Veronica Justice working on their croquet game.*

## Poker Run Raises \$2,800



The Eleventh Annual Ride for Freedom was held September 22, 2014 with a total of 140 participants. We once again partnered with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 3rd of the 4th. They helped tremendously in helping to run the event. They contributed over 30 volunteers to help man the registration tables and the stops.

Lisa Ingram won the high hand winning \$200. The second high hand went to Ella Overstreet. The low hand winner was not present so that \$50 was donated back to the Home.

The Missouri Veterans Home and the MVH Assistance League would like to thank the following sponsors:

Tents for All Events  
Tyson Foods  
American Legion Post 676  
Joyce Towe Agency  
Mid-Missouri Bank  
Casey's General Store  
Crafton-Canterell Funeral Home  
Fossett-Mosher Funeral Home  
Stemmons Law Firm  
Hometown Pharmacy  
Jack Henry & Associates  
L&M Tire  
Mayse Automotive  
Mid America Dental & Hearing Center  
Trogon Agency  
Meek's Lumber  
Landrum Drug  
Mt. Vernon Clinic

The next Ride for Freedom will be held Saturday, September 19 next year. We hope to see everyone come back again. We would like to see the attendance back up to 400 riders.

## *New Volunteers*



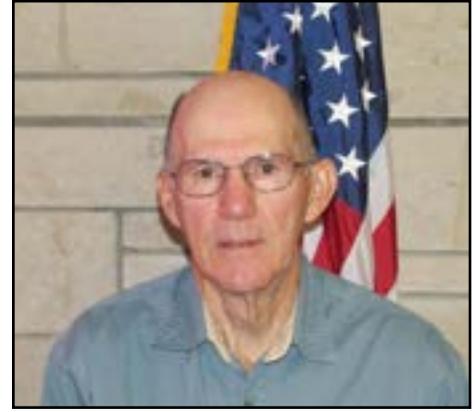
*David Hall*



*Lois Hall*



*Vicki Wallace-Overfelt*



*Dean Lasswell*



*Savannah Barclay*



*Austin Foust*



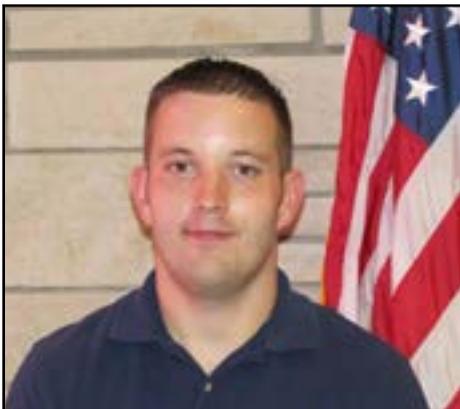
*Sandy Adams*



*Cassandra Barb*



*Nancy DeJager*



*Lowery Mitchell*



*Barbara Rogers*



*Amanda Chimenti*

## *Volunteers Needed*

The Missouri Veterans Home offers excellent volunteer opportunities for individuals that would like to serve veterans. Volunteers contribute greatly to fulfilling our mission of providing the highest possible level of quality nursing care to Missouri's Veterans. Volunteers help in a myriad of ways and there are opportunities for every type of personality and preference. We have a wide variety of areas volunteers are needed in, such as helping activities with bingo; reading to veterans; accompanying the veterans on outings; mending clothing; transporting residents from their room to the dining room for meals and Sunday Church Service; or simply spending time with Veterans.

Whether you have one hour a month or several hours a week we welcome you. What better way to give back to our brave men/women who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting and preserving the freedom of this great nation. All volunteers and the time they contribute are greatly appreciated. Get started today by contacting David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103. Volunteer applications are also available on the website



*The Eleventh Annual Ride for Freedom poker run was held on September 20. The fundraiser netted \$2,800 for the Veterans Home. The Assistance League would like to thank all the riders and especially the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 4-3 for their invaluable help.*

# Employee Awards



Assistant Administrator, Angela Piepenbrink, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Thirty Year employee George Bennett. He is the first employee to reach this milestone.



To the left, Angela Piepenbrink presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Five Year employee, Rebecca Gann. Below, Administrator - James Dennis, Dietary Manager - Loni Hill, Director of Nurses - Joan Elwing, Staff Development Coordinator - April Cutbirth, and B-Unit Manager - Diane Huckleby pose for a picture during the August employee awards ceremony.



The Missouri Veterans Home honors all employees who have reached the five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty year milestones.

## July Awards -

Ten Year:

Emily Carty

April Cutbirth

Sara Orr

Heather Springer

Thirty Year:

George Bennett

## August Awards -

Five Year:

Genevieve Kauffman

Micah Schnelton

Ten Year:

Heather Porter

Thirty Year:

Michelle Compton

## September Awards -

Five Year:

Rebecca Gann

Sandra Krumm

## New Employees

### July

Carrie Casey - Certified Nursing Assistant I  
 Sherry Katz - Certified Nursing Assistant I  
 Michelle Radford - Certified Nursing Assistant I  
 Deborah Bechtel - Registered Nurse  
 Winona Brackeen - Registered Nurse

### August

Lavina Campbell - Custodial Worker I  
 Ashley Schmidly - Health Program Aide  
 Trisha Gatewood - Certified Nursing Assistant I

### September

Mary Hall - Licensed Practical Nurse  
 Randi Ennis - Certified Nursing Assistant I  
 Theresa Bishop - Domestic Service Worker  
 Lisa Roeske - Domestic Service Worker  
 Anna Myers - Laundry Worker I  
 Tracy Lee - Laundry Worker I  
 Beckie Conard - Licensed Practical Nurse

**BIRTHDAYS****UPCOMING EVENTS**October

Bobby Daugherty	10/02
Robert Jordan	10/08
Clyde DeJarnette	10/11
Millard Gibbs	10/11
Ralph Manley	10/15
LeRoy Crane	10/16
Charles Cavender	10/18
Helen Thomas	10/18
Donald Middleton	10/22
Donald Vaughn	10/22
Bernard Shelton	10/24
Vern Brown	10/24
Ray Blankenship	10/25
Oliver Rosas	10/25

November

James Nivens	11/02
William Nivens	11/03
William Bergmann	11/11
Ralph Goade	11/17
Harold Baker	11/19
Robert Kuhn	11/20
Frank Hartley	11/22
William Schloman	11/22
William Glidewell	11/22
Carmen Roy	11/25

December

Loy Sharon	12/01
Paul Roberts	12/05
Uriel Glidewell	12/06
John Barker	12/09
William Howard	12/11
Stephen Sherwood	12/13
James Creson	12/16
Jimmie Griswold	12/18
Thomas Spencer	12/18
Ancel Guerin	12/23
Joseph Mackler	12/26
Oscar Moore	12/26
Harry Ballard	12/26
Gene Craven	12/27
Edward Hembree	12/28
David Thomas	12/30

In the last issue of the Mt. Vernon Veteran, Floyd Tucker was inadvertently left out of the birthday list. His birthday is on September the 14th. We apologize for the omission.

**OCTOBER**

Oct. 2	<b><i>B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 8	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Oct. 9	<b><i>C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 10	<b><i>ABMD Outing 9:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 11	<b><i>ABMD Parade 7:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 11	DAVA # 68 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Oct. 13	Columbus Day
Oct. 15	Christian County Elks Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Oct. 16	Korean War Vets Visit, 10:00 AM
Oct. 16	Baptist Choir D.R., 10:00 AM
Oct. 16	Ken Roberts Music D.R., 2:00 PM
Oct. 16	A/L Post 138 Bingo D.R., 6:30 PM
Oct. 18	Pizza & Beer A.R., 2:00 PM
Oct. 19	<b><i>Breakfast in Carthage, 8:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 19	Mennonite Choir D.R., 2:45 PM
Oct. 20	<b><i>B - Unit Lunch at Lambert's, 10:00 am</i></b>
Oct. 23	<b><i>E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 24	<b><i>Branson Show &amp; Lunch, 8:30 AM</i></b>
Oct. 25	DAV # 52 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Oct. 27	<b><i>C &amp; E Unit Lunch at Angus Branch 10:00 AM</i></b>
Oct. 29	Cross Country D.R., 9:30 AM
Oct. 30	<b><i>Ladies Day Out 11:15 AM</i></b>
Oct 31	Halloween Trick or Treat Walk Through 6:30 PM

*If your group or organization is interested in providing an activity for the residents of the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home, please contact the Activities Department at (417)466-7103 Ext. 1159.*

**NOVEMBER**

Nov. 6	<b><i>B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Nov. 7	<b><i>Branson Show &amp; Dinner, 1:00 PM</i></b>
Nov. 8	<b><i>Veterans Day Parade &amp; Lunch 8:00 AM</i></b>
Nov. 9	Korean Presentation 9:30 AM
Nov. 9	Exchange Club of Carthage Ice Cream Canteen 2:00 PM
Nov. 11	<b><i>Forsyth Elks Breakfast, 7:00 AM</i></b>
Nov. 11	K.imberling City Elks Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Nov. 12	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Nov. 13	<b><i>C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Nov. 15	Remembering Our Heroes 5K Run Front Parking Lot 8:00 AM
Nov. 16	<b><i>Stockton AMVETS Lunch, 11:00 AM</i></b>
Nov. 17	B-Unit Annual Photos, 9:00 AM
Nov. 18	C-Unit Annual Photos, 9:00 AM
Nov. 19	D-Unit annual Photos, 9:00 AM
Nov. 19	<b><i>Christian County Elks Lunch 10:00 AM</i></b>
Nov. 20	E-Unit Annual Photos, 9:00 AM
Nov. 20	A/L Post 138 Bingo D.R., 6:30 PM
Nov. 22	Marine Corps Aux. Visit, 10:00 AM
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving

***All Out Trips are listed  
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**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
CALL THE ACTIVITIES  
DEPARTMENT.**

**DECEMBER**

Dec. 2	American Legion Gift Shop, A.R., 10:00 AM
Dec. 4	<b><i>B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Dec. 5	Glitzzy Chicks D.R., 2:00 PM
Dec. 6	<b><i>Brighton AMVETS X-mas Dinner 1:00 PM</i></b>
Dec. 10	Holiday Dinner D.R., 11:00 AM
Dec. 10	Christmas Party with Santa after the dinner
Dec. 11	<b><i>C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Dec. 13	Ozark Choir D.R., 10:00 AM
Dec. 13	DAVA # 68 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Dec. 18	<b><i>E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i></b>
Dec. 21	<b><i>Shell Knob X-mas Party, time TBA</i></b>
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve

Church Service in Chapel  
every Sunday at  
9:45AM  
Bible Study in Chapel every  
Tuesday at 10:00 AM  
Catholic Communion in  
Chapel every Thursday  
at 9:30 AM

The Activities Department has received an Ipad and is now ready to assist any Veteran who would like to Facetime or Skype their loved ones. If interested contact the Activities Department.

*Does your civic organization need a program? The Missouri Veterans Home can help you out. We can attend your meeting and give a presentation which explains the admission requirements, costs, and frequently asked questions. We would be happy to come to your meeting at any time to present the facts. The presentation can be tailored from 10 minutes to 40 minutes. Call (417)466-7103 and ask for David Kloppborg.*