

THE MT. VERNON VETERAN

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

Spring 2015

The Price of Freedom is Visible Here

Resident Profile

Jerome "Jay" Hess was born on February 1, 1947 to Jerome Sr. and Martha Hess. Jay was the oldest of five brothers and one sister. The family moved around a lot living in Maryland, Ohio and Illinois.



Jay in the 1950's.

His mother was a school teacher while his father worked for A&P and Erco. Jay graduated from Skyler County Senior High in Rushville, IL in 1965.

Jay enlisted in the Air Force and went on active duty in June of that same year. He trained as an Aircraft Fuel System Mechanic. He was assigned to the 66th Tactical Air Wing and sent to AFB Laon in France to work on the RF-101C. The RF-101C was a photographic reconnaissance jet airplane. It was



RF 101C Voodoo

also capable of carrying a nuclear weapon, so that it could carry out a secondary mission. When Laon grew short of ramp space and facilities, the wing moved to RAF Upper Heyford in England near Oxfordshire. Disaster struck when Jay was checking fuel tanks with pressurized air when one of them blew up. He was in a coma for 10 weeks and lost 100 pounds. Jay needed nearly a year to recover. He was first sent to Germany, then to Wilford Hall USAF Hospital in San Antonio, TX.

Jay was medically discharged from the Air Force in March of 1971. He went back to England to retrieve his son Boe from his first wife Jean Ann and returned to his family in the states.

Jay's parents had moved to Hollister, MO in 1970 and Jay and

Boe went there. Jay worked in his father's service station, which was across the street from the College of the Ozarks. It was here that he met his second wife, Vicki Triboulet. They dated for several months and then were married in October, 1975. Vicki had two children from a previous marriage: Jeanie and James.

Jay and Vicki built a house in Hollister in which they lived for thirty-five years. They both worked at the English Inn in Hollister for awhile. Vicki later worked for Skaggs Hospital in Branson. Jay worked at a variety of jobs such as the Stone Plant of the Ozarks, a Charcoal Plant in Branson and also at Hillbilly Moccasins. All three of their children graduated from Hollister High School.

Today Boe is a horticulturist in Poughkeepsie, NY; Jeanie is married to a minister and lives in Grant, NE; and James works on computers and lives in Jenks, OK.

Jay moved into the Missouri Veterans Home in 2006. Vicki had some health problems herself and moved to Jenks, OK to be close to James. Jay and Vicki currently have six grandchildren that they are



Jay and his second wife Vicki on their wedding day, October 4, 1975.



Jay and Vicki in the 1990's.

very proud of.

The Missouri Veterans Home is proud that someone who is so dedicated to his family and country is a resident here. It is an honor to know him.

CENSUS

WW II	106
KOREAN	51
VIETNAM	22
PERSIAN GULF	2
PEACE TIME	17
As of April 1, 2015	

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MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION

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Senator Dan Brown.....	Member
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MANAGEMENT TEAM

James Dennis.....	Administrator
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Cynthia Reece, RN.....	Nursing Supervisor
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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 January, February & March. 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.



Amber Richardson, February 2015

Amber Richardson, RN, is very conscientious about Veterans care and she practices excellent organizational skills. Amber has an excellent bedside manner making her popular with the Veterans because she shows that she truly cares. She is also a strong leader.



Alejandra Salas, January 2015

Alejandra Salas, CNA, has a patient and caring nature, which has allowed her to excel as a CNA and as a mentor to upcoming CNA's. Ale works hard to make a difference in the life of our Veterans and she feels it is important to pass this quality along to the new CNA's as well.

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



Kenna Morris, March 2015

Kenna Morris, Nurse Scheduler, develops and maintains all master schedules, mandates and float list. She approaches duties in a positive manner and ensure privacy of all protected information. Kenna's co-workers are consistently praising her and her eagerness to help others.

Missouri Veterans Commission Employees of the Month

Donna Stacey, Accountant II for the Missouri Veterans Home - Mt. Vernon, was selected as the January 2015 MVC Employee of the Month. Donna is always willing to go the extra mile to help with families in their time of need and often takes the extra time that families need to understand the process and advise them when asked.

Lloyd Heckerman, Housekeeper I for the Missouri Veterans Home - Cameron, was selected as the February 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. Lloyd was instrumental helping the home and the Veterans prepare for the holiday season. He was always willing to help out during special events and work extra hours.

Medena Draffen, Nursing Supervisor for the Missouri Veterans Home - Warrensburg, was selected as the March 2015 MVC Employee of the Month. Medena is excellent with training, motivating and guiding staff. She is always a person you can go to for guidance. You can tell Medena loves what she does because it shows in the care she gives to the Veterans.

WELCOME

Fred Tando, Army, served from 1944 to 1965. Mr. Tando moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 5.

Maurice Knapp, Air Force, served from 1956 to 1961. Mr. Knapp moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 7.

Richard Martin, Navy, served from 1956 to 1957. Mr. Martin moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 12.

Elmer Duncan, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Duncan moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 14.

Donald Dowler, Army, served from 1943 to 1964. Mr. Dowler moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 21.

Bobby Higgins, Air Force, served from 1951 to 1972. Mr. Higgins moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 26.

Cecil Kirby, Army Air Corps, served from 1940 to 1945. Mr. Kirby moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on May 28

James Erwin, Navy, served from 1960 to 1964. Mr. Erwin moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 29.

Clinton McClanahan, Army, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. McClanahan moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 29.

Otis Stephans, Navy, served from 1945 to 1946. Mr. Stephans moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 3.

James Head, Army, served from 1950 to 1952. Mr. Head moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 11.

Theodore Arnott, Army, served from 1953 to 1955. Mr. Arnott moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 10.

Clarence Kruger, Navy, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Kruger moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 11.

Bennett Smith, Army, served from 1941 to 1945. Mr. Smith moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 5.

James Willhite, Army, served from 1944 to 1951. Mr. Willhite moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 9.

Larry McCarter, USMC, served from 1955 to 1959. Mr. McCarter moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 10.

Ricahrd Urbach, Army Air Corps, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Urbach moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 11.

Richard Brown, Army, served from 1956 to 1976. Mr.

Brown moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 12.

Francis Allen Palm, Air Force, served from 1960 to 1973. Mr. Palm moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 16.

George Mayberry, Air Force, served from 1952 to 1956. Mr. Mayberry moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 25.

Benjamin Cole, Navy, served from 1956 to 1957. Mr. Cole moved th the Missouri Veterans Home on March 26.

James Oberzan, Army served from 1950 to 1952. Mr. Oberzan moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 26.

Ted Tucker, Navy, served from 1955 to 1957. Mr. Tucker moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 30.

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

*John Macioce
James Caulfield*

VISIT US ON LINE

To learn more about the Mt. Vernon Veterans' Home, visit us at 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

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 Home - Mt. Vernon 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
Tooth Paste.....	2.00
Tooth Brushes.....	1.00
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



Harold Snyder
6/14/30
1/4/15



Fred McGlocklin
8/2/34
1/23/15



Vergil Bone
4/26/22
3/5/15



Cornell Idu
8/5/22
3/18/15



Vern Brown
10/24/21
1/4/15



Bobby Robertson
4/22/33
1/28/15



Elmer Macioce
7/27/26
3/7/15



Bobby Blades
9/4/32
3/19/15



Chester Shoemaker
1/8/22
1/11/15



Soloman Schneider
9/6/22
1/31/15



Louis Ostovich
2/23/28
3/8/15



Kenneth Gold
3/20/18
3/23/15



Gottlob Layher
8/28/24
1/12/15



Earl Seaton
1/9/20
2/1/15



Leroy Schmidt
5/22/28
3/11/15



Charles Lovins
1/6/31
3/23/15



Clarindon Grimm
7/11/30
1/13/15



Barrie Peterson
2/17/36
2/5/15



Chester King
1/8/26
1/16/15



James Heflin
9/21/29
2/13/15



J.N. Edgar
3/6/24
1/18/15



Paul Caulfield
7/8/30
2/27/15



Robert Kennamer
5/26/34
1/21/15



Chester Fikes
4/20/21
2/28/15



Joseph Mackler
12/26/20
3/3/15

*Now in the Service of the Supreme
Commander*

Memorials

Charlie Grimm

Wanda Davis
Sara Luke
Marjorie Grimm
Mark & Judy Jantz

Phyllis Wright

Don & Phyllis Cook
Mike Goodwin
Rodney & Leslie Holmes
Charles & Mary Hord
Rep Com International, LLC
Ronald & Sue Carrol Terry

James Heflin

D. & J. Toschi
Donald & Rose Morris
Larry & Bonita Falletti
Randy & Peggy Oney

Earl Seaton

Kenneth & Marcia Golden
Elizabeth Price

Chester Fikes

Lynn & Domenic Poretta
James & Teresa Larsen
Ferne Small
John & Jo Ann Fikes

Chester Shoemaker

Carl & Sharon Martin
Stephan & Candy Pokojski
Kenneth & Lavina Richmond
Jewell Elliott
Joe Sandridge
Charles & Wanda Grissom
Pleasant Hill United Methodist
Craig & Linda Lynch
Mark & Karen Sandridge
Charles & Jane Olson
Lois Leggett
Ralph Gunlock
Hal & Shelly Hoofnagle
Mark & Stacia Sebastian
Lloyd & Karen Southern
Faye Marris
Dan & Darlene Harwood
Susan & Willis Spencer
Dan & Melanie Stanley
Michael & Rayma Lawrence
Stephen & Tina Bowen
Randy & Deborah York
Mary Frances Unland

Loy Sharon

Jack Jones
Kay Schorzman
Coleen Sharon

Branch of Service Breakdown

	Army	83
	Women	2
	Army Air Corps	11
	Women	0
	Air Force	27
	Women	1
	Coast Guard	1
	Women	1
	Marine Corps	13
	Women	2
	Navy	53
	Women	4
	TOTAL	198

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 January through March 2015. 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

D.A.V. Dept of Missouri
William St. Gemme

\$500 to \$999

D.A.V. Post #66
D.A.R. State of Missouri
VFW Aux. #3404

\$200 to \$499

D.A.V. Aux. #68
Christian County Elks
D.A.V. Aux. #66
Pepsi Cola Bottlers
VFW Aux. \$5923
American Legion Post #137
NAHCA
Marjorie Grimm

\$50 to \$199

American Gold Star Mothers
VFW Aux. #5525
VFW Post #7628
Military Order of the Cooties #11
Vietnam Veterans Of America
Chapter 393

Loni Hill
Daughter of Union Veterans
Mike Goodwin
Rodney & Leslie Holmes
Kay Schorzman
Ronald & Sue Carrol Terry
Kenneth & Marcia Golden
Dan & Darlene Harwood
Craig & Linda Lynch
Joe Sandridge
Randy & Deborah York
John & Jo Ann Fikes

Up to \$49

American Legion Aux. #137
John Slankard
Becky Conrad
James Dennis
Tanya Herrin
Roberta Hooten
Angela Piepenbrink
Janice Schmidly
Jane Sparkman
Joy Sweeney

MATERIAL DONATIONS

Family of James Heflin

Family of Joe Sainz
Paul Ellis
Estate of Edna DeLong
Mike Pennington
Family of Elwin Matthews
Pat Eikert
Daughters of American Colonists
Steve & Sally DiPierdomenico
D.A.V. Aux. #66
Family of Chester Shoemaker
Missouri Rehabilitation Center
Family of Gotlob Layher
Gerald LaHaie
Terry Wedgeworth
Orville Choate
Bobby Crowe
Luther & Nancy Massey
D.A.R. Rhoda Fairchild Chapter
Ella Sue Murray
William Turpin
Telephone Pioneers
Charlotte Vanslyke
Tom Kittrel

Tena Hixon
Patti Reynolds
East Newton High School
April Hale
Robert Mackler
Chuck & Joan Wooten
Linda Smith
Family of Fred McGlocklin
Family of Earl Seaton
D.A.R. - Ozark Spring Chapter
Family of Zeke Guffey
Military Order of the Cooties #11
Nancy Pate
Sandy McKim
Family of Cornell Idu
Family of Virgil Bone
James Maroc
American Legion Post 230
D.A.R. - Neosho Chapter
V.V.A. Ch. 913
Sarah Green-Hord
James Hesler
Jody Ostovich Hatch

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.



Bill Howell, Rosie Reid and Mark Hess donate a check to the Home from the Christian County Elks for \$400 on January 21.

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:
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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: _____

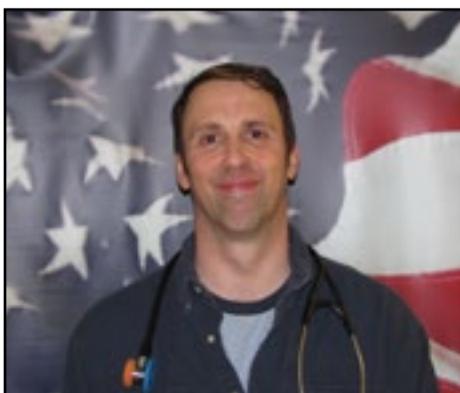
Veterans Home Has New Doctors

The Home is proud to announce that we have new doctor's on our staff. Cheryl G. Williams D.O. is the new Medical Director. She brings along Physician Assistant Jeff Leclair and Family Nurse Practitioners Mary Loftis and April Mieswinkel.

The facility is excited about their joining our team as they bring a plethora of knowledge and experience with them. The Home is also grateful to the departing Doctor Christopher Billings for the years of service he and his staff gave to the Veterans.



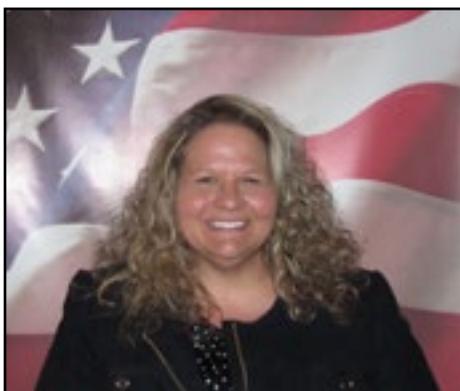
Cheryl Williams, D.O.



Jeff Leclair, PA-C, Psy.D.



Mary Loftis, F.N.P.



April Mieswinkel, F.N.P.



Shirley Shay and Rosie Reid from Eagles Lodge 3934 donated a \$500 check to the Home on January 21.

PBY Pilots Find Each Other at MVH

Veteran Ed Brown happened to see Veteran Ken Locke wearing a cap that said he was a WWII Navy PBY pilot. Knowing that was pretty rare he stopped Mr. Locke and asked him about it. They quickly realized that they had served in the same unit in the same area of operations, but just at different times during WWII. Moreover, by comparing logbooks, they discovered that they had both flown the same plane:



A PBY Catalina Sea Plane.



Veteran Navy Black Cat pilots Ed Brown and Kenneth Locke.

PBY-5 #08142.

The PBY's (the PB stood for Patrol Bomber, the Y was the manufacturer) in the Solomons area of the Pacific Theater of Operation were typically painted black for night missions against the Japanese and were thus given the nickname Black Cats.

Ed served in the Navy from July 1942 to December 1945, while

Ken served from January 1942 to November 1945. They both started out as enlisted sailors before becoming commissioned officers and pilots. Both served in the Solomon Islands during the war, but Ed served there from April 1944 to January 1945, while Ken served in the area from April through August 1945.

After they discovered their mutual history they started telling stories. Ken remembered ferrying an old and decrepit looking sea plane from Manus to Hawaii in late July 1945, a distance of 5,700 nautical miles. Many times they flew on one engine. Ken looked at Ed's logbook and sure enough, Ed had flown the same plane. Ed's last flight on 08142 had been back in November 1944 on a patrol mission.

Although they never met during the war they have a unique bond. One that they only discovered here at the Missouri Veterans Home.



The Special Care Unit was given a special treat when the Acoustic Music Therapy Duo Walenia performed on January 17.

Recreation 40 Years Performs at MVH

The group Recreation USA performed at the Home on March 27. This is a troupe of talented young volunteers that tour the country performing at VA facilities and Veteran Nursing Homes in all fifty states. It was a great show. Many times during the hour long performance they went out into the audience to personally thank the Veterans for their service. As you can see on the right, there were many smiles that day. A big thank you goes out to the Elks National Veterans Service Commission and Supporters of the Bowlers to Veterans Link, that help sponsor these shows.





The Joplin JROTC visited on February 25..



Veteran Richard Martin and his wife Jayne renewed their wedding vows in the chapel with Chaplain, James Dennis presiding.



Veteran Richard Marquier playing Bingo when American Legion Post 230 from Stockton was here.



The DAR Dept. of Missouri presented a check of \$500 to the Home on January 22 to be used for medical equipment. From left to right sitting is: Ora Ingram, Doris Jones, Mary Beth Campbell, Barbara Cohu, and Susan Conrace. Standing: Laverna Williams, Kitty Crider, Joyce Gage, David Klop-penborg, Fran Black, Ruth Sneed, Margaret Kane, and Ann Garigus.



Veteran Don Middleton with a certain fuzzy friend.



NAHCA sponsored an employee children's Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn on March 28.

Resident Council News

The Resident Council met on January 7, 2015 with eighteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, the subject of plug-in air fresheners in residents rooms was brought up. Assistant Administrator, Angela Piepenbrink, reported that we are not allowed to have anything that plugs in/or masks odors as this is a state regulation. We are also not allowed to have aerosols in the facility.

It was reported that Fox news is no longer available through our cable provider. We have no control over this as the cable company is in negotiations with the networks, but have not yet worked out a solution. Angela stated that residents that have computers will be able to watch Fox News.

The Resident Council met on February 4, 2015 with nineteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, Angela announced that we now have a new medical director - Dr. Cheryl Wil-

liams. She has a Physician Assistant, Jeff LeClair, who is able to assist with psychiatric issues as well. She has two Nurse Practitioners - Marly Loftis and April Mieswinkel so please make them feel welcome.

The Resident Council met on March 4, 2015 with sixteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, a motion was made to continue to meet at 1:00 on the first Wednesday of the month for an indefinite period. A vote was taken and voted in favor with no opposition.

Administrator, James Dennis, announced the very sad news that Vince Straub R.N., one of the night shift supervisors, had passed away the previous night. Vince will be greatly missed. Deb Bowles will take the extra shifts for Vince.

Several residents voiced dissatisfaction with the television channels offered as well as reception. James will look into this with the provider.



The Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church Choir sang for the Veterans on March 18.



Laverna Williams and Ora Ingram brought some wall clocks and personal care items donated from the DAR Ozark Spring Chapter and the Lantana Baptist Church.



Supervisor of Volunteer Services, David Kloppenborg, stands with Carolyn Keeling and Rosalie Griffin from the Neosho Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Keeling and Mrs. Griffin delivered two baskets and one bag stuffed with personal care items. We are most grateful as the Veterans go through quite a lot of personal care items each month, so any donation is greatly appreciated.



Patty Abiati from American Legion Post 137 presents two donation checks to David Kloppenborg on January 28.

New Volunteers



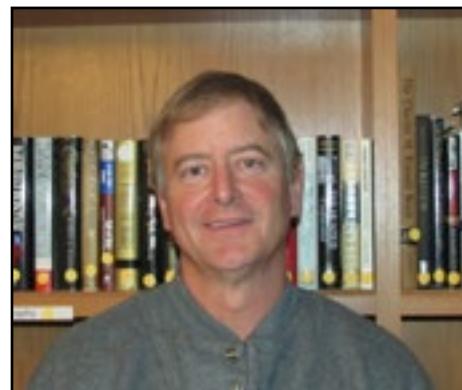
Jessica Crum



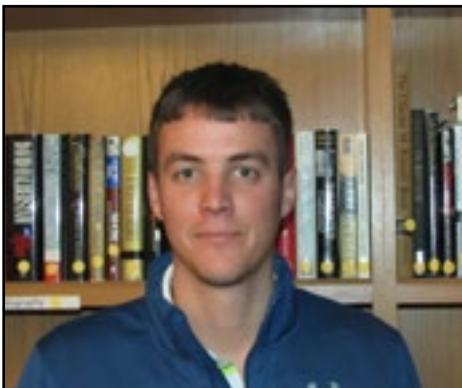
Joseph Ivory



Glenda Costello



Charlie Locher



Steve Fillinger



Clay Edwards



Louise Hensley



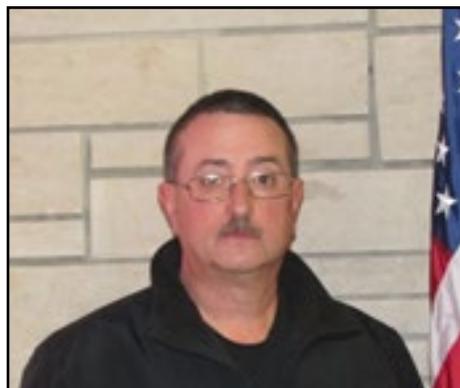
Diane Jackson



Eugene Owen



Lisa Gibson



James Gibson



Casey Staudt



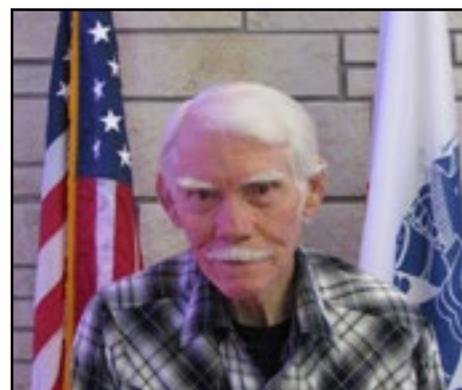
Bobby Lisek



Felisha Martin



Abigail Jones



Jerry Bickford



Jayne Martin



Orville "Smokey" Choate



Brent Bland



Amy Donaldson

Employee Awards

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

January Awards -

Five Year:

Chiqui Esry
Michelle Moody

Ten Year:

Mellisa Carter
Kati Turner

February Awards -

Five Year:

Whitney Brown

March Awards -

Ten Year:

John Singer



John Singer receives his ten year award from Assistant Administrator Angela Piepenbrink



Administrator, James Dennis, gives Kati Turner her ten year award.

Donna Stayce MVC Employee of the Month



Donna Stayce, Accountant II, was the MVC Employee of the Month for January. When the Accountant II position at Cape Girardeau was vacated, Donna provided advice and guidance to the Assistant Administrator in several areas of the Accounting program. With her help, payment from VA, individual families and Veterans, and the generalized banking for the Veterans was able to continue. Above, Deputy Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission, Bryan Hunt, gives a certificate to Donna at a January 28 ceremony to honor her.

NAHCA News

It is that time of year when the NACHA team gets their heads together and tries to come up with fun ideas to boost staff moral and raise money at the same time. Not an easy thing to do!! This year during the month of February we had our annual "Bake Sale" which turned out pretty good. Not so much for those of us who purchased and ate all the goodies, but the profits was quite nice. The weather on the other hand was not so nice and we had to cancel some of our ideas and focus on just making it to work and taking care of our Veterans!!

We did hold our first ever "Easter Egg Hunt" on March 28th for children of our staff and veterans. The rain held off and we had a great turn out of Easter Egg Hunters who not only collected a lot of Easter Eggs but also got to meet the Easter Bunny and have their picture taken with him. What fun!

Just around the corner in the

month of June we will be heading to Iowa to the annual NAHCA convention. The facility will be sending 5 CNA's to attend the annual NAHCA convention with all expenses paid by the facility. This is a fun, exciting, and educational time for those 5 CNA's who will get to attend.

Just an FYI, Apple Butter Makin Days is just 7 months away. Just a little something to think about.



New Employees

January

- Jean Meredith - Certified Medical Technician
- Tiffany Smith - Certified Nursing Assistant I
- Brittany Ward - Certified Nursing Assistant I
- Tonya Schmidly - Health Program Aide
- Ryan Jenkins - Domestic Service Worker
- Robin Bridges - Domestic Service Worker
- Amy Reed - Registered Nurse

February

- Levita Lindsey - Domestic Service Worker
- Christopher Lee - Licensed Practical Nurse III

March

- Katheleen Mansfield - Licensed Practical Nurse III
- Trisha Dewitt - Certified Nursing Assistant I

BIRTHDAYS*April*

John Krause	4/01
Earl Schroeder	4/03
John Deghuee	4/06
William Cooper	4/06
Richard Melton	4/07
Fred Tando	4/07
R.J. Acheson	4/08
William Appleby	4/08
Bobby Higgins	4/09
Joseph Lighter	4/11
Richard Sells	4/13
Donald Dowler	4/16
William Carlin	4/17
Oris Ballard	4/21
William Vick	4/23
Robert Johnson	4/25
Joseph Stoll	4/25
Betty Stewart	4/27
Ned West	4/30

May

Miley Richardson	5/03
Howard Bayless	5/06
Richard Brown	5/13
Harold Black	5/17
Henry Wills	5/19
Samuel Knight	5/20
Martin Kramer	5/21
Kenneth Locke	5/27
Robert Hioklin	5/31
James Oberzan	5/31

June

Frank Langston	6/01
John McCormick	6/01
Harold Robertson	6/03
James Head	6/11
Leonard Livingston	6/16
James McClelland	6/19
Ancel Owens	6/26
Robert Rogers	6/29
Benjamin Cole	6/30

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 Kloppenborg.

All Out Trips are listed in Bold-Italic.

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS**APRIL**

April 1	Resident Council A.R., 1:00 PM
April 2	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
April 5	Loose Notes Band D.R., 2:00 PM
April 6	Jefferson City Senior Choir, DR 2:00 PM
April 9	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
April 10	Shriners Circus 11:00 AM
April 12	Freedom Winds Air Force Band DR, 6:30 PM
April 13	Spfd. Cardinals Baseball Game 6:00 PM
April 18	DAV #52 Bingo DR, 2:00 PM
April 19	Mennonite Choir DR, 2:00 PM
April 22	Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Branson 12:00 PM
April 23	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
April 30	Zeros For Heroes Baseball Game 4:00 PM

MAY

May 2	High Stakes Bingo D.R., 1:30 PM
May 6	Spfd. Cardinals Baseball Game 11:00 AM
May 6	Resident Council A.R., 1:00 PM
May 7	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
May 9	DAVA #68 Bingo DR, 2:00 PM
May 10	Mother's Day!
May 10	Walenian Music Therapy, D-Unit 2:00 PM
May 14	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
May 16	A/L #639 Lunch 9:00 AM
May 16	Neveda Elks Lunch DR, 11:00 AM
May 24	Oklahoma City First Basptist Choir DR, 6:00 PM
May 26	A/L #372 Bingo DR, 2:00 PM
May 28	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM

T.V. Trivia Contest

Saturday, June 20

Think you know television trivia? Find out how much you really know. The Mt. Vernon Assistance League will be holding a Trivia Contest on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Elks 409 Lodge at 2223 E. Bennett Street in Springfield at 6:30 PM.

There will be ten rounds of ten questions. Teams can consist of three to six people. Cost is \$10/person or \$50/team. Cash prizes for the top three teams:
First Place - \$250
Second Place - \$150
Third Place - \$100
Snack bar and cash bar will be available. If you have any questions please call David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103.

JUNE

June 3	D-Unit Annual Pcinic
June 3	Resident Council AR, 1:00 PM
June 4	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
June 6	Annual Picnic
June 10	Elks 409 Pool Party Lunch, 10:00 AM
June 11	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
June 13	DAVA #68 Bingo DR, 2:00 PM
June 18	Stockton Bingo DR, 2:00 PM
June 20	Cooties Bingo DR, 2:00 PM
June 21	Fathers Day!
June 21	Mennonite Choir DR, 2:00 PM
June 25	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT.

Ride for Freedom Poker Run

Saturday, September 19

This will be the 12th year for this annual event, which raises money for the Assistance League. The \$25 pre-registration entry fee will get you:

- * a meal,
- * t-shirt
- * poker hand.

High Hand - \$200
2nd High Hand - \$75
Low Hand - \$50

There will be a 50/50 drawing and many door prizes. Come enjoy the 108 mile ride and have a chance to win!! If you have any questions please call David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103.