

THE MT. VERNON VETERAN

MT. VERNON VETERANS' HOME

1600 S. HICKORY ST.

MT. VERNON, MO 65712

(417) 466-7103

Spring 2016

The Price of Freedom is Visible Here

MVH Assistance League Golf Tournament



The Mt. Vernon Assistance League is proud to announce that we will be holding a golf tournament on Saturday, May 21. The Tournament will be a four person scramble held at the Honey Creek Golf Club, 15276 Hwy K just north of Aurora, MO.

The tournament will be a fundraiser for the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home Assistance League for the benefit of the Veterans residing at the Mt. Vernon Missouri Veterans

We have moved the Tournament! Due to some unforeseen circumstances the tournament has been moved to Honey Creek Golf Club, 15276 Hwy K, Aurora, Missouri. Rain date of June 25, 2016 same flights and times.

Home. The cost is \$50 per person with a \$20 cart fee. The deadline to register is May 2 at 4:00 pm.

There will be a morning and afternoon tee-off times. Check in time for the morning is 7:30 am with tee-off at 8:00 am, or for the afternoon, check in at 1:00 pm with tee-off at 1:30 pm. This is a tournament for amateurs only. The number of flights will be based on entrees. All ties are determined by the cards.

Two mulligans per player can be purchased for \$10. Will have prizes for: closest to the pin, hole in one, closest to the line and we will have a casino hole.

Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning and a lunch of slow roasted pork, with potato salad, and beans will be served in the pavilion at noon. There will also be beverages available. No outside food or drinks are allowed.

To register or if you have any questions please call David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103 or email at david.kloppenborg@mvc.dps.mo.gov

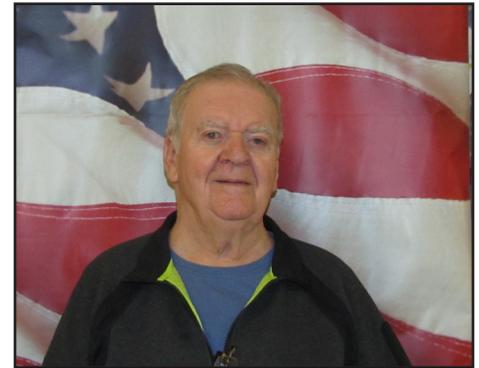
Resident Profile

Gerald "Jerry" LaHaie was born on August 31, 1931 in Seattle Washington. His Aunt and Uncle, Fred and Bernadette Keller, raised him in Portland, Oregon. In high school Jerry worked as a caddy at the Portland Country Club and his love of golf was born.

He graduated from High School in 1948 and enlisted in the Army on January 17, 1949. He went to a Quartermaster school and was soon stationed in Germany. While in Germany he played several golf tournaments and won the European Military Amateur Championship in 1952.

In 1954 he was stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas where he met and married Myra Sue Suddeth. They would have six children together. Mr. LaHaie got out of the Army in the late 1950's and then went to work for the Post Office for five years. He didn't like that so quit and started a printing business. He had a contract with Nordstrum's and published their catalog for thirty years.

The family moved to Memphis, Tennessee where he lived most of his life. In the late 1970's he divorced Myra Sue. A few years later he married Hillary B., which lasted ten years. In 2002 Jerry moved to Springfield, Missouri to be close to one of his daughters.



Jerry LaHaie, November 2015

Currently Mr. LaHaie has five daughters living in Memphis, a son living in Nashville, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He still loves to play golf too. He will be playing at the Assistance League Golf Tournament on May 21. Jerry has been living at the Home for four years now. We are honored to serve Mr. Gerald LaHaie.

CENSUS

WW II	91
KOREAN	58
VIETNAM	29
PERSIAN GULF	2
PEACE TIME	20
As of April 1, 2016	

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Jerry, top center, in 1961.

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Senator Dan Brown.....	Member
Senator Scott Sifton.....	Member

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Becky Williams, RN.....	D - Unit Manager
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Brenda White, RN.....	Nursing Supervisor
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David Kloppenborg.....	Volunteer Services

MISSOURI VETERANS HOME ASSISTANCE LEAGUE BOARD

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Randee Stemmons.....	Member

Employees of the Month

Pictured are the Employees of the Month for January, February and 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. *Congratulations!*



Justin Soole, February 2016

Justin Soole, Food Service Helper II, gets in and helps out wherever he is needed, whether it be cook, wait on our Veterans, wipe down tables, take out the trash or go get carts. He notices what needs done and takes the initiative to see that it is done without waiting to be told.



Elaine Spradling, January 2016

Elaine Spradling, Activity Therapist, has a passion for ensuring our Veterans and families are happy. Elaine individually organizes and prepares meals for the Veterans in an attempt to make it like “mama did”. She makes all the Veterans feel special.

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



Crystal Demster, March 2016

Crystal Demster, RN Senior, has become a great leader here at our facility. She is very hands on and sets a leading example to all the staff. She is encouraging to her staff and helpful in anyway. She treats each Veteran as if they were the only one in the building.

Missouri Veterans Commission Employees of the Month

Travis Woods, Motor Vehicle Driver at the Missouri Veterans Home - Mt. Vernon, was selected as the January 2016 MVC Employee of the Month. He was selected for always making himself available to assist in any way needed, and continuing to be a leader with the MVH - Mt. Vernon NAHCA group. Travis always shows a caring attitude with the Veterans.

Jason Hees, Veteran Service Officer in the Northeast Region, was selected as the February 2016 MVC Employee of the Month. Jason personally looks at, follows, and appeals anything that he knows can be turned around to provide these well earned benefits. He is thorough in his interviews with Veterans and their families and always has a plan to help those he serves.

Ray Solovic, Maintenance Worker II at the Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis, was selected as the March 2016 MVC Employee of the Month. Ray has gone above and beyond being available 24/7 for assistance during his time off work. On five separate occasions Ray was called in to assist with emergency/urgent maintenance calls.

WELCOME

Don Grisham, Navy, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Grisham moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 4.

Leo Winchester, Navy, served from 1944 to 1945. Mr. Winchester moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 11.

Michael Kaohn, Navy, served from 1961 to 1965. Mr. Kaohn moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 12.

Frank Witzak, Army, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Witzak moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 13.

David Hunt, Army Air Corps, served from 1942-1945 and again from 1961-1962. Mr. Hunt moved to the Home on January 14.

Ellicott Lee, Army, served from 1941 to 1945. Mr. Lee moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 15.

William Ryder, Army Air Corps, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Ryder moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 20.

Clarence Romine, Army, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Romine moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 20.

Charles Foltz, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Foltz moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 21.

William Crutcher, USMC, served from 1954 to 1957. Mr. Crutcher moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 21.

O.L. Isbell, Army, served from 1951 to 1952. Mr. Isbell moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 26.

Howard Bagby, Navy, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Bagby moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 27.

Bev Harris, Army, served from 1946 to 1947. Mr. Harris moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 27.

Clarence Payne, Air Force, served from 1954 to 1958. Mr. Payne moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on January 28.

Samuel Kinkennon, Army, served from 1950 to 1953. Mr. Kinkennon moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 3.

James Updike, Navy, served from 1950 to 1953. Mr. Updike moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 4.

Thomas Costello, USMC, served from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Costello moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 10.

Ramon Bell, Army Air Corps, served from 1942 to 1946. Mr. Bell moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 18.

James Coady, Army, served in 1945. Mr. Coady moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 18.

Kenneth Pritchard, USMC, served from 1951 to 1953. Mr. Pritchard moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 25.

Sampson Smith, Army, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Smith moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on February 26.

Kenneth Steeves, Army, served from 1962 to 1982. Mr. Steeves moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 1.

Boyd Nelson, Air Force, served from 1966 to 1970. Mr. Nelson moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 3.

Dickey Myers, Army, served from 1969 to 1971 and 1984 to 1987. Mr. Myers moved to the Home on March 7.

Norman Collison, Army, served from 1951 to 1953. Mr. Collison moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 10.

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Gerald Hopper, Air Force, served from 1962 to 1982. Mr. Hopper moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 15.

Robert Coale, Air Force, served from 1955 to 1958. Mr. Coale moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 21.

Jack Walker, Army, served from 1950 to 1952. Mr. Walker moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 23.

Albert Lionberger, Army, served from 1946 to 1947. Mr. Lionberger moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on March 29.



*The following Veteran was called to his final roll call shortly after mustering into our midst:
Marvin Cope*

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
Double A Batteries.....	3.00
Book of Stamps.....	9.80
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

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



Fred Herriman
1/10/18
1/3/16



Elmer Duncan
7/25/24
1/13/16



Clayton Bolay
8/5/32
2/1/16



Thomas Spencer
12/18/21
2/28/16



Floyd Nelson
8/1/32
1/4/16



Joseph Luce
9/20/27
1/16/16



William Appleby
4/18/24
2/2/16



John Carney
3/5/35
2/19/16



Kenneth Helm
11/28/32
1/8/16



Joseph Maxwell
1/27/30
1/17/16



Edwin Smith
9/27/15
2/4/16



Orville Blankenship
10/25/23
2/28/16



Joseph "Roy" Stoll
4/25/26
1/9/16



Dale Beckman
3/13/24
1/19/16



Earl Aufdembrink
9/10/36
2/6/16



Tollie Blevins
7/14/24
3/6/16



Charles Cavender
10/18/27
1/10/16



Millard Gibbs
10/11/25
1/21/16



Jimmie Griswold
12/19/43
2/12/16



Roy Francis
3/1/26
3/9/16



Robert Meyers
11/19/24
1/10/16



Francis Curro
1/20/26
1/23/16



Marvin Cope
2/29/20
2/22/16



Oscar Moore
12/26/24
3/18/16



John Krause
4/1/18
1/12/16



Charles Davis
8/20/19
1/25/16



Uriel Glidewell
12/6/31
2/22/16

*Now in the Service of
the Supreme Commander*

Ray Blankenship

Michael & Charli Ackerman
Bill Roberts Chevrolet-Buick
Donald & Berverly Bowman
Robert Kifer
Lonnie & Kathleen Long
Ozark Offset Printing Co.
Marilyn Parrott
Charles & Nancy Pirkle
Ronald & Lori Roberts
Bobby & Elizabeth Scoby
John & Maureen Short
Donald & Cheryl Sliffe
Terry & Vickie Sowers

Clayton Bolay

Cleo & Bonnita Foster
Steve & Gloria Linville
Margaret Littlefield
Greg & Kristi Matthew
ODOT Shop, Perry, OK
Race Brothers Farm Supply
Sandra Simon

Dan Curtis

Alan & Deb Arondet
Lynn Lowe
Dennis & Jan Stewart
William & Ann Tummons
Tom Wormington

Memorials

Elmer Duncan

Southwest Fremont Baptist Church

H.F. Ellison

William & Sharon Manes
Joe & Pamela Williams

Roy Francis

First Baptist Church - Rogersville
John & Ruth Jackson

Uriel Glidewell

Sally Asante
Lynn & Nancy Barnes
Lana Couch
Harlan & Jeanne Sweeten

Jimmie Griswold

Harold & Myrna Carothers
Ronald & Linda Griswold
Richard & Tammy Ratliff

Freda Jackson

David Adamson
Patrick & Cynthia Blasi
Gary & Janetta Carver
Steve & Pat Chapman

Sandra Coffman

Community Credit Union - Spfd.

Carolyn Cook

David & Shelly Dewitt
Billy & Karen Fischer
Michael Herleth
Paul Jones, M.D.

Tom & Juanita Lemons

Sarah McCallister
Jerry & Zandra Nelson
Odell Shell
Amy Sieglinger

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Joseph & Pamela Roszell
James & Cathy Sheehy
Jeff & Tammy Yost

Fred Tando

Joe & Pamela Williams

Chester Tweten

James & Rama Adams
Ron & Carol Branham
Billy & Norma Cowan
Crystal Lawn
Greenhead Industries
Jack & Linda Hartline
Jack & Sarah Lathrop
Laverne Monroe
Dustin & Penne Moore
Douglas & Janice Rice
Thomas & June Rieff
Wilma Stars
Larry & Linda Summers
VFW District 7
VFW Post 2175 - Nevada

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 2016. 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

Itus Virtus Motorcycle Club
William St. Gemme

\$500 to \$999

Schreiber Foods
Elizabeth Crosswhite
Silgan Corporation

\$200 to \$499

Aurora United Methodist Church
VFW Aux. 5525 - Stockton
Christian County Elks
DAVA 68

\$50 to \$199

VFW Aux. 2590 - Carthage
VFW Post 7628 - Ozark
VFW Aux. 2203 - Shell Knob
Military Order of the Cooties #11
Kenneth Gillig
VFW Aux. 4107 - Lebanon

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.

Southwest Vending
Jahnel's Package Liquor
John Cowherd, Attorney at Law
Journagan Hardware
Meek's Lumber
Mid-Missouri Bank
Steve Dowdy Motors
Straight Shooters
Town & Country Power Center
VFW Post 6514 - Eldon
Vietnam Vets of America #39

Up to \$49

Michael & Kimberly Ray
Jayne Martin
American Gold Star Mothers
William Dowdy
VFW Post 5525 - Stockton

MATERIAL DONATIONS

AT&T Pioneers
Tonna Stepp
Stacy Holle
Pat Eilert
VFW Aux. 2203 - Shell Knob
D.A.V. 11 - Springfield
Family of Charles Cavendar
Family of John Krause
Family of Elmer Duncan
Jean Rowell
Pamela Hixon Rhea
Kay Hatcher
Dennis Wear
John Slankard

Family of Fred Herriman
Family of Dale Beckman
Mary Henderson
VFW Aux. 2507 - El Dorado Spring
Family of Joseph Luce
Family of Frank Curro
Christian County Elks
Family of Charles Davis
Sonic of Mt. Vernon
Linda Eaton
James Landoll
First Baptist Church - Nixa
Bill Turpin
Vietnam Vets of America 913
Military Order of the Cooties
Aux. #11
VFW Post & Aux. 2590 - Carthage
Bob & Peg Hartley
Sue Todd & Magnet Works
Rita Rud
Shell Knob Lions Club
VFW Post 2203 - Shell Knob
Virginia Wilks
Gilbert Barlbort

Family of Earl Aufdembrink
Family of Uriel Glidewell
Yvonne Dodson
Earl Whitman
Pearl McHaffie
Family of John Carney
Family of Marvin Cope
DAVA 66 - Bolivar
Steve & Sally DiPierdomenico
James Head
Family of Tollie Blevins
Christian County Federal Republic
Women
Ken Carter
Charlie Crandall
Don Birk
Family of Roy Francis
American Legion Post 230
Stockton
Katherine Crowe
VFW District 7
Cheryl Strohm
VFW Post & Aux. 534 - Joplin
Neosho DAR

Branch of Service Breakdown

	Army	81
	Women	2
	Army Air Corps	13
	Women	0
	Air Force	28
	Women	2
	Coast Guard	2
	Women	1
	Marine Corps	16
	Women	2
	Navy	49
	Women	4
	TOTAL	200

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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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: _____

Happenings at the Home



The award winning Mt. Vernon High School Show Choir performed at the Home on March 1. They were great!



The Bluegrass Ramblers played some excellent music at the Home on February 11. Come back anytime!



The Stockton American Legion Post & Aux. 230 played Bingo with the Veterans on March 17. We very much appreciate their support.



The Carl Junction Boys Choir came over to the Home and performed on February 17. These boys were really talented.



Veteran Ellicott Lee sits with volunteer dog "Rosie the Riviter" along with volunteer Marty Daniel and Veteran Ben Cole.



The First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon Choir sings for the Veterans on February 18. They come every month and are always good!



The Kickapoo High School Freshman class visited the Home and showed off their class projects about Veterans. They then visited the Veterans.



Veteran Ken Locke visits with some of the students. It was a great experience with 60 students coming to visit and the Veterans sharing their experiences.



Bible Study is held in the Chapel every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. Above Veterans Maurice Knapp and Harold Blitsch listen to the discussion.



There is Bingo in the dining room every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm.



Veterans Leo Winchester, Joseph Ballew, Ken Bybee, Mike Pennington, James McClelland and James Rhoads on an outing to the Shell Knob Shriners.



The Movie Trivia Night fundraiser held February 27 at the Elks 409 Lodge in Springfield was a hit. A good time was had by all as can be seen above by the second place team. The event raised \$350 for the Assistance League.

Happenings on the Special Care Unit



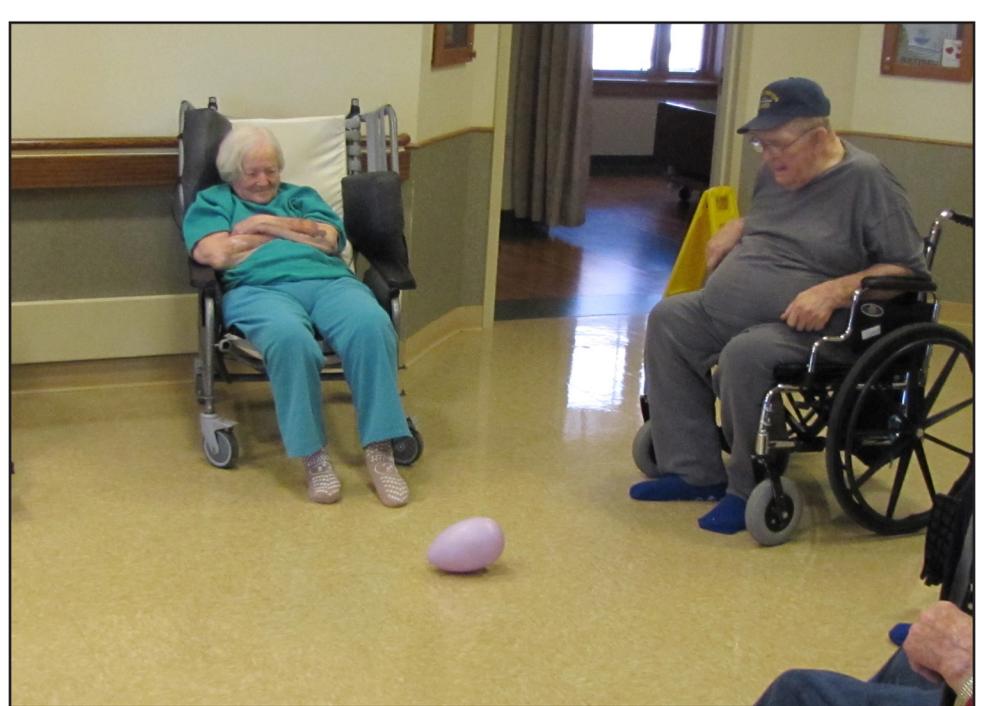
A group of D-Wing Veterans gave a small concert of songs on January 10.



The singers in action. A big thank you goes to volunteer Marty Daniel for rehearsing with them and giving them the confidence to sing.



Activity Aide Tim helped out with the Easter Egg Roll held on the unit.



Veterans Wilma Newell and Don Nunley vying to kick the egg.



Harpist Drew Holt performed on D Wing on March 17. The music was simply beautiful!



Volunteer Edwana Kennedy reads for the Veterans on D-Wing several times a month. The Veterans really enjoy it.

Resident Council News

The Resident Council met on January 6, 2016 with eleven Veterans in attendance.

In new business, Activities announced that there will be several trips out to eat this month. B Wing will be going to Ziggy's in Monett and C and E Wings will be going to Lai Lai's in Monett. There are not as many outings scheduled in January or February due to chances of inclement weather.

The Resident Council met on February 3, 2016 with eighteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, a Veteran reported that the pianos in the dining room and chapel are out of tune. Consequently, a work order has been placed to have them tuned.

Another Veteran stated that in his opinion the dining room service has improved and he was ap-

preciative of that.

A Veteran requested that the other Veterans please stay on the right side of the hallway to allow for good traffic flow and to try and not go down the middle of the hall.

Activities mentioned that they are currently selling carnations for \$2/piece for Valentines Day as a fundraiser for the Resident Council.

The Resident Council met on March 2, 2016 with eight Veterans in attendance.

In new business, a Veteran asked how often Dr. Williams comes to the facility. A staff member reported that she comes every Friday and that she has four nurse practioners that come the other days. If they need to see a doctor, be sure to tell the nurse so it can be placed on the doctor's board.



The Military Order of the Purple Hearts Ch. 821 donated personal care items on January 14. Pictured above are: Ron Mosbaugh, Keith Fiscus, Ben Gwinnup, Paul Starchman, Bob Pollock and Mary Lee Gwinnup.



Lee Leciejewski from the Christian County Elks presents Veteran Jay Hess with a donation check. Sitting is Veteran Mike Pennington and behind is Supervisor of Volunteers, David Kloppenborg.



The Vietnam Veterans of America Ch. 913 donated personal care items on February 9. Pictured above are: Roger Womack, Rich Doubet, Fred Vinci, Sam Hastings, Lois Simmons, Rich Neal and Ron Simmons.



Rosalie Griffin, Cheryl Elbert and Carolyn Keeling from the Neosho DAR donated personal care items to the Home on March 30.

The Gift of Being Prepared – Advance Directives

Life can have unexpected twists and turns, such as the diagnosis of a terminal disease, stroke, heart attack or accident. Advance directives are written instructions regarding your medical care treatment options and who can voice your wishes. These instructions will be relied upon by your family, friends, and doctor in the event you are unable to make your own decisions.

There are two types of advanced healthcare directives. The first is a living will, which details the kind of medical treatment and life-sustaining measure you want or don't want, such as a mechanical ventilator, feeding tube or resuscita-

tion. The second is a Durable Power of Attorney, which is a person or agent, you designate to make all medical decisions for you, if you are not able to make these decisions.

The most important thing to do is to begin the conversation with loved ones now. It may feel uncomfortable at first, but it is a necessary conversation to begin the process to ensure that your end of life wishes are carried out as closely as possible. Every year, we speak of this on April 16 which is National Healthcare Decisions Day; start the conversation....peace of mind is priceless.

Courtesy of Compassus Hospice and Palliative Care

New Volunteers



Sarah Williams



Janell Bradley



Camay Miller



Elisabeth Fuller



Colyn Field



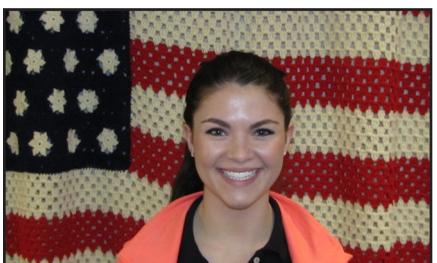
Joyce Schreffler



Hailea Schubert



Morgan Hull



Tatum May



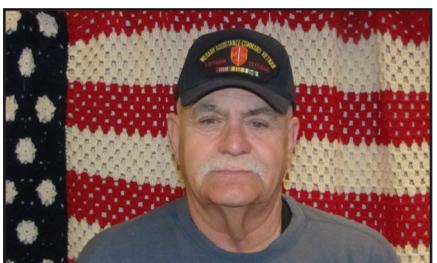
DeAnna Wildman



McKenzie Loftis



Lexie Weldy



William Walker



Judi Walker

Volunteer Brunch & Luau

The Missouri Veterans Home will be honoring our dedicated volunteers on Saturday, April 23. The Home is so very grateful for each and every volunteer we have and this is just a small way that we can say “thank you.” The brunch will be held at That Crazy Red Head’s Bakery, 218 S. Hickory St. in Mt. Vernon at 10:00 am. There will be a luau/tropical theme with gifts and good food.

Awards for hours and years of service will be presented and the “Volunteer of the Year” will be announced. There will also be a volunteer appreciation slide show.

The Mt. Vernon Missouri



Veterans Home is so very lucky that we have so many volunteers who are willing to give their time and talents to the Veterans. In 2015 Volunteers contributed 13,330 hours to the Home. Since 1983 volunteers have contributed 163,220 hours. That is simply amazing.

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. *We really need help right now at the front desk during the evenings and weekends!*

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 Military Order of the Cooties Aux. #11 and VFW Aux. 534 delivered Easter bags, poppies, and crafts to the Home on March 25. Pictured above are Bonnie Peterson, Harriet Bennett and Reece Martin.

Travis Woods, MVC Employee of the Month



Travis Woods, Motor Vehicle Driver, was selected as the January 2016 Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month. The Veterans and his coworkers are always his main priority. Travis was honored at a ceremony on January 20 at the home. At left he is presented his award by Kim Packard, Director of the Homes Program and Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission.

New Employees

January

Trisha Colley	LPN I
Serenna Luttjohann	LPN I
Danny Young	NA II (CMT)
Shawnelle Hughes	NA I
Kylie Mackey	NA I
Beth Rodgers	Cook I

February

Carol Muse	RN Senior
Shanna Slack	Direct Care Aide
Patricia Hicks	Domestic Service Wkr

March

Gailynn Burkett	NA I
Theresa Estberg	NA I
Johnny Paige	NA I
Ginger Spellman	RN
Terry McKinney	LPN
Misty Graves	NA I
Trystin Myers	Direct Care Aide
Emily Kitch	Direct Care Aide
Elizabeth Garcia	Direct Care Aide
Haylee Cason	Direct Care Aide

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:

- John Plybon - Five Years
- Julie McKinley - Five Years
- Teresa Hoover - Ten Years

February Awards:

No Milestones

March Awards:

- Karen Smith - Five Years
- Jeanette Gold - Ten Years
- Peggy Williams - Fifteen Years

Long Time Employees Retire



Above left, John Plybon receives his five year certificate from Administrator, James Dennis on January 19. Above right, Karen Smith receives her five year certificate from Assistant Administrator, Angela Piepenbrink on March 16.



On left, Angela gives a ten year certificate to Jeanette Gold and on the right a fifteen year certificate to Peggy Williams on March 16.

Employees Patty Sullivan, Registered Nurse Supervisor, and Charlie Campbell, Maintenance Worker II, officially retired on January 31, 2016. The Home held a retirement party for them on February 10. Above left, Patty stands with Director of Nursing, Joan Elwing. On the right, Charlie stands with Physical Plant Supervisor Ron Schmidly.

Patty worked for the State of Missouri since December 1985. She began working at the Missouri Veterans Home - Mexico and worked there until 2000 when she transferred to the Home in Mt. Vernon. She was the long time Unit Manager of E-Wing. She plans on working part time at the Home and maybe even volunteering.

Charlie worked for the Missouri Rehabilitation Center for many years then moved over to the Missouri Veterans Home in October 2003. Charlie was a friend to everyone at the Home. He plans on working on his farm and keeping busy. We will miss them both!

BIRTHDAYSApril

Walter Spratt	4/01
William Cooper	4/06
John Deghuee	4/06
Richard Melton	4/07
RJ Acheson	4/08
Bobby Higgins	4/09
William Nichols	4/13
Richard Sells	4/13
Frank Witzak	4/14
William Carlin	4/17
Oris Ballard	4/21
Elisabeth Fuller	4/21
William Vick	4/23
Rodney Beal	4/23
Robert Johnson	4/25
Betty Stewart	4/27
Ned West	4/30

May

Howard Bayless	5/06
Craig Martin	5/11
Richard Brown	5/13
Harold Black	5/17
Henry Wills	5/19
Samuel Knight	5/20
Jasper Bouse	5/21
Martin Kramer	5/21
James Murray	5/22
Gary Collier	5/24
Kenneth Locke	5/27
Arthur Fuller	5/29
Robert Hicklin	5/31
Albert Lionberger	5/31
James Oberzan	5/31

June

Frank Langston	6/01
O.L. Isbell	6/04
Tedye Thompson	6/07
Don Grisham	6/08
James Head	6/11
Leonard Livingston	6/16
James Updike	6/18
James McClelland	6/19
Ellicott Lee	6/23
Ancel Owens	6/26
Joseph Sifford	6/28
James Rhoads	6/29
Benjamin Cole	6/30

UPCOMING EVENTS**APRIL**

<i>Apr. 2</i>	<i>Shell Knob Shriner's Post 10:00 AM</i>
Apr. 3	Loose Notes Band D.R., 2:00 PM
<i>Apr. 4</i>	<i>C & E Unit Lunch Ruby Tuesday 10:15 AM</i>
Apr. 6	Resident Council A.R., 1:00 PM
<i>Apr. 7</i>	<i>B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
<i>Apr. 8</i>	<i>Shriners Circus 9:00 AM</i>
Apr. 13	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
<i>Apr. 14</i>	<i>C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
<i>Apr. 15</i>	<i>B Unit Lunch Lai Lai's - Monett 10:30 AM</i>
Apr. 16	DAV 52 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Apr. 17	Mennonite Choir D.R., 2:45 PM
Apr. 18	Music of Leon Pryor, D.R., 2:00
Apr. 20	Christian Co. Elks Bingo, D.R., 2:00
Apr. 21	Baptist Choir D.R., 10:00 AM
Apr. 21	AL 630 Bingo D.R., 6:30 PM
Apr. 23	DAVA 68 Branson Show, D.R., 2:00 pm
<i>Apr. 26</i>	<i>Ladies Luncheon 10:30 AM</i>
<i>Apr. 27</i>	<i>Spfd. Cardinals Baseball Game 9:15 AM</i>
<i>Apr. 28</i>	<i>E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
Apr. 29	Talent Show D.R., 2:00 PM

***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

MAY

May 4	Resident Council A.R., 1:00 PM
<i>May 5</i>	<i>B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
May 6	Carl Junction H.S. Choir, D.R., 10:00
May 7	VFW Dist. 7 Big Bucks Bingo D.R., 1:30 PM
May 10	Kimberling City Bingo, D.R., 2:00
May 11	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
<i>May 12</i>	<i>C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
<i>May 14</i>	<i>Roaring River Fishing, 10:00 AM</i>
May 15	The Other Band D.R., 2:00 PM
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Brighton Fish Fry 1:30 PM</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament Honey Creek</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
May 28	VFW Riders here to help serve breakfast
May 30	Memorial Day!

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

*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.*

JUNE

June 1	
<i>June 2</i>	<i>B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
June 3	Happy Plunkers Ukulele Band, D.R., 2:00 PM
June 4	Annual Picnic Parking Lot 11:00 AM
<i>June 9</i>	<i>C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
June 11	SCU Annual Picnic D-Wing, 11:00 AM
<i>June 12</i>	<i>Flag Day at Chris- tian County Elks 10:00 AM</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Spfd. Cardinals Baseball Game Elks 409, 11:15 AM</i>
June 16	Stockton A/L Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
June 19	Mennonite Choir D.R., 2:30 PM
<i>June 23</i>	<i>E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<i>Golf Tourney Rain Date</i>



*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 min-
utes. Call (417)466-7103 and ask
for David Kloppenborg.*