

THE MT. VERNON VETERAN

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

Winter 2015

The Price of Freedom is Visible Here

Resident Profile

Louie Young was born on a farm near Ironton, Missouri on January 29, 1923. He was the youngest of six children to Jeff and Dora Young.

Louie went to school in a one room school house and then went to high school in Ironton for awhile before having to drop out to work. He found work at a small, arms factory in St. Louis and worked there until drafted in 1943.

Mr. Young was sent to Camp Roberts, California for basic training and was then sent to Australia as a replacement soldier in Co. L, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Division. The unit trained extensively in Australia for the next 8 months. In May 1944 the 41st was sent to New Guinea.

Mr. Young received his first Purple Heart on July 13, 1944 at



Spring of 1943 during basic.

Biak, New Guinea when he was hit by machine gun fire in the hand and mouth. The wounds were not serious and he remained on the line. By August, New Guinea was secured.

The unit was next sent into combat in April 1944 in the liberation of the Philippine Islands. He was at Mindanao Island and then Jolo Island. Louie was first scout in a rifle company. He and his squad were sent out for reconnaissance and were just to observe. A Japanese patrol walked right up on them and Louie was forced to engage and earned his second Purple Heart on April 30, 1945. A Japanese soldier threw a grenade into his foxhole



Helen and Louie Young shortly after they were married.

which exploded between his legs. He survived, but lost a leg.

Mr. Young was evacuated to Leyte Hospital and then back to the states where he spent the next 13 months in various hospitals before his discharge on June 26, 1946. Besides the Purple Hearts, he earned three Bronze Stars.

Louie went back to Ironton, Missouri and worked in a bait shop and did some carpentry work. He got a job at a shoe factory and worked there for 16 years. In the meantime, he met Helen Meade in a restaurant. After three months of dating they were married on October 18, 1947. A year later their son Steve was born and then in 1952 their daughter Linda was born.

In 1967 the family moved to Branson where Louie would buy homes, fix them up and re-sell them. Louie got tired of that and went to work in the carpentry shop at Silver Dollar City. He said he loved working there and stayed there until he retired in 1984.

Mr. & Mrs. Young loved to travel and to fish, so they spent the next decade traveling the country and fishing. They also spent time with their family. They have six



Louie in the fall of 1943 while training in Australia.

grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Sadly, Helen passed away on Feb. 12, 2012.

Mr. Young moved to the Missouri Veterans Home in February 2014. We are honored to have him.



In 1997 on their 50th wedding anniversary.

CENSUS

WW II	109
KOREAN	55
VIETNAM	20
PERSIAN GULF	2
PEACE TIME	13
As of January 1, 2015	

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Employees of the Month

Pictured are the Employees of the Month for October, November & December. 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.



Donna Stacey, November 2014

Donna Stacey, Accountant II, has become very knowledgeable in all aspects of her job. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help with families in their time of need. Donna often takes the extra time that families need to understand the processes and advises them.



Jenny Myers, October 2014

Jenny Myers, RN/MDS Coordinator, has been a key player and an invaluable asset in the changeover and training on the Blue Strata Electronic Medical Records program. The changeover went smoothly in part because of Jenny and all of her eagerness to learn and teach.

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



Cathy Friend, December 2014

Cathy Friend, Restorative Aide, knows each Veteran and their families, helping each one feel like part of our family on the Special Care unit. She is always willing to assist the C.N.A.'s and helps feed breakfast and lunch to our Veterans that need assistance.

Missouri Veterans Commission Employees of the Month

Donetta Iven, Administrative Office Support Assistant for the Veterans Homes Program, was selected as the October 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. When updating an outdated Fleet Management System for the Homes Program, her organizational skills enabled her to find the time to work on this while also keeping up her other duties.

Jerilyn Cornelius, Senior Administrative Office Support Assistant for the Veterans Service Program, was selected as the November 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. Jerilyn is the expert in keeping up the Department of Veterans Affairs procedures for Veteran Service Office accreditation, privacy awareness, and cyber security requirements.

Justin Newsome, Licensed Practical Nurse for the Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis, was selected as the December 2014 MVC Employee of the Month. If Justin observes something needing to be done, he will do the task without being asked. If a Veteran makes a request of him, he will immediately respond. He comes to work every day in a positive mood.

WELCOME

Billy LaMar, Air Force, served from 1969 to 1981. Mr. LaMar moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 10.

David Shipman, Navy, served from 1960 to 1980. Mr. Shipman moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 15.

Harold Tichenor, Navy, served from 1951 to 1955. Mr. Tichenor moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 24.

Leaford Elam, Air Force, served from 1952 to 1956. Mr. Elam moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 27.

Harold Blitsch, Air Force, served from 1948 to 1970. Mr. Blitsch moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 30.

Samuel Knight, Army Air Corps, served from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Knight moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 4.

John Krause, Coast Guard, served in 1944. Mr. Krause moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 4.

Orville Choate, Marine Corps, served from 1946 to 1970.

Mr. Choate moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 5.

Henry Gray, Army, served from 1945 to 1946. Mr. Gray moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 5.

Robert Kennamer, Marine Corps, served from 1953 to 1956. Mr. Kennamer moved to the Missouri Vet. Home on November 17.

Delbert Cox, Army, served from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Cox moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 19.

Robert Johnson, Marine Corps, served from 1950 to 1954. Mr. Johnson moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 19.

Millard Marlin, Navy, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Marlin moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 21.

William Brunner, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Brunner moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 1.

Clell Pippin, Air Force, served from 1954 to 1960. Mr. Pippin moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 8.

Clayton Bolay, Army, served from 1952 to 1954. Mr. Bolay moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 8.

Daniel Healey, Navy, served from 1975 to 1977. Mr. Healey moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 12.

Martin Kramer, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Kramer moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 15.

J.N. Edgar, Air Force, served from 1942 to 1962. Mr. Edgar moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 15.

Robert Rogers, Navy, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Rogers moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 16.

Herbert Orth, Army, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr.

Orth moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 17.

Harold Snyder, Army, served from 1952 to 1953. Mr. Snyder moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 17.

Dennis Hopper, Marine Corps, served from 1953 to 1956. Mr. Hopper moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 18.

Joseph Lightner, Army, served from 1946 to 1948. Mr. Lightner moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 29.

Ray Batterson, Army, served from 1945 to 1946. Mr. Batterson moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 30.

Louis Ostovich, Merchant Marines, served from 1944 to 1945. Mr. Ostovich moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 31.

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

Billy Millsap

Donald Newman

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
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



Ray Bellman
9/12/25
10/1/14



Joseph Davidson
6/20/25
10/26/14



Billy Millsap
6/22/28
11/17/14



John Wedgeworth
4/24/41
12/9/14



Orville Skaggs
3/19/23
10/4/14



Raymond Askren
8/1/31
10/30/14



Loy Sharon
12/1/19
11/24/14



William Bergmann
11/11/25
12/10/14



George Krudwig
8/10/42
10/7/14



Donald Vaughn
10/22/33
11/2/14



William Schloman
11/22/27
11/26/14



William Bolin
4/1/31
12/12/14



Raymond Chandler
5/10/26
10/12/14



Harold Tichenor
7/28/34
11/13/14



Mike Ariew
8/31/49
11/28/14



Donald Newman
8/29/41
12/24/14



Thomas Jackson
8/11/37
10/22/14



Elwin Matthews
2/16/31
11/14/14



James McQueen
1/3/23
11/29/14



Ancel Geurin
12/23/22
12/26/14



Harvey Richardson
5/21/26
10/26/14



Harold Baker
11/19/21
11/16/14



Harold Marlin
8/1/31
12/4/14

*Now in the Service of
the Supreme
Commander*

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

Branch of Service Breakdown

	Army	88
	Women	2
	Army Air Corps	12
	Women	0
	Air Force	24
	Women	1
	Coast Guard	2
	Women	1
	Marine Corps	13
	Women	2
	Navy	50
	Women	4
	TOTAL	199

Memorials

James Moore

Sue Harp
Table Rock Sportsman Club
John & Marlena Lafferty
Jolene Jackson
Richard Gregg
Dorothy McConnell
Stephen & Patsy Hedgpeth
Jerry Bryant
Miner Alumni Assoc.
Chuck & Debbie Cook
Cassia & McLeod Glass
Exxon Mobil Co.

Donald Revert

Urmal Johnson
William Ward
Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
G.R. Startzman

Clayton Spencer

Sylvia Orton

James McQueen

Grady & Jackie Swindell

Eldon Bullard

Patricia Newbold
J. Edward Sweeney
Bill & Beth Skaggs
James & Judith Bullard
Robert Spence
Marjorie Harris
Deborah Garten
Don & Joan McCallister
Kenny & Lyla Salsman
Roger & Janet Gibbens

Glenn Renner

Lynne Miller
Leola Taplin

Harvey Richardson

Dorothea Cox

Wilbur Allen

William St. Gemme

Loy Sharon

Dr. Delbert Harris
Kay Schorzman

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 October through December 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

Itus Virtus Motorcycle Club

\$500 to \$999

Elks Lodge 861
D.A.V. Tri-Lakes # 55
Eagles Lodge 3934

\$200 to \$499

VFW Aux. 2590
VFW Aux. 5923
Marionville Clothing Bank Assoc.
American Legion Aux. 419
Elizabeth Crosswhite
TelecomPioneers
American Legion Aux. 120
Rolling Thunder Inc. MO Ch.1
VFW Post 3691
D.A.V.A. # 66

\$50 to \$199

Military Order of the Cooties #11
American Gold Star Mothers
VFW Post 7628
VFW Aux. 5525
DAR Taneycomo Chapter
American Legion Aux. 322
VFW Aux. 3770
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The Retired Enlisted Association
American Legion Aux. 233
Charlie Crandall
American Legion Aux. 443
Dorothy Hilton
Julia Jacobson
Fairview Antique Auto Club
Ruth Jackson
DAR, Elks Horn Prairie Ch.
DAR, Rhoda Fairchild Ch.
C&S Cycles
VFW Aux. 8828

Up to \$49

Virginia Setlick
R. Glenn Vawter
Daughters of American Colonists
William Dowdy
Linda Power
Lisa Akins
Louis & Clea Kleeman
Jesse & Jamie Pippin

MATERIAL DONATIONS

Elks Lodge 501
Elaine Hankins
Family of Ray Bellman
Daughters of American Colonists
Stukely Westcott Ch.
Tom Kittrell
William Nivens

Vietnam Veterans of America # 918
Gerald LaHaie
American Legion Aux. #38
Mary Moore
Bill Turpin
Charles Crandall
D.A.V. # 11
Ken Bay
M.O.P.H. # 821
DAR Rhoda Fairchild Ch.
Family of Melvin Pendelton
Colonial Dames of the 17th Century
Family of Raymond Askren
D.A.V.A. Buffalo
Jeanie Kleeman
Bonnie Holcomb
Southwest Group
Handmade for Heroes
Elks Lodge #2505
Vietnam Veterans of America # 913
C.V.M.A. Ch. 4-9
Barbara Epps
VFW Post 5293
Don Richardson
VFW Aux. 2590
Danny Williamson
Family of Don Carter
Elks Lodge 861
Jeff Shaara - Lord Nelson's Gallery
American Legion Post 230
American Legion Aux. 230
M.O.P.H Dept. of Missouri
Family of William Schloman
Exceptional Pupil Co-op
Family of Mike Ariew
Family of Billy Millsap
Wavon Dalton
Gene Baldwin

D.A.V.A. # 66
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American Legion Post 138
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Republic High School
Sycamore Community Center
4th Infantry Division Midwest Ch.
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VFW Aux. 3770
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Neighborhood Dry Cleaners
New Covenant Academy
Missouri State Hwy Patrol Troop D
Wendy Tipton
C&S Cycles
Riverbend School
J. Pearson
AMVETS Post 188
Family of Ancel Geurin
Lou Richardson
Family of Harold Snyder
Family of Donald Vaughn

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.

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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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: _____



Above left, Veteran Harold Black with his wife Beverly share a nice moment. Above right, Veteran Helen Thomas is given a hug by Lortha Morrow, CNA. Below center, Veteran Jay Hess is surrounded by the DeMera family: Athena, Jonas, Kevin, and Isabella. The Demera's are a family that volunteer every week at the Home. On this particular day they were helping out during the Christmas Party, which was held on December 10. At bottom, a Blue Grass Band from Branson came to the Home and performed on December 17.



At top, Veteran Lloyd Evatt helps some first graders from Mt. Vernon Elementary School play bingo. Above left, Dan Schmutz and Veteran Roy Stoll on Halloween. Above right, the lady Veterans ventured to Maggie Mae Restaurant in Miller for a ladies day out on October 30. Below, Veteran Paul Roberts found a new friend from the Mt. Vernon Elementary School.





Veteran Ralph Manley speaks to a local high school class about his experiences during World War II.



Several Veterans from the Home visited Mt. Vernon High School and were honored for their service on Veterans Day.



Army Reservist, Mike Solak, thanks Veteran Kenneth Locke on Veterans Day.



The Kimberling City Elks Lodge helped with bingo on Veterans Day this year.



Veteran Wilma Newell plays bingo on Veterans Day with volunteer Darcy DeMera.



Veteran Bobby Crowe shows his lighter side.



The American Legion once again held a Gift Shop. Veteran Don Middleton is helped to find gifts for his family.



Veterans Ray Blankenship and Paul Roberts enjoying some fellowship.



Veterans Gerald LaHaie and Rodney Moor enjoying their Holiday meal.



Veteran John Barker with the gifts he received. The Home wishes to thank all the groups and individuals who donated gifts for the Veterans.



Restorative Aides, Janie Sparkman and Reberta Hooten, having a great time with Santa at the Employee Christmas Party.



Activities Director, Keri Creasey and Director of Nursing, Joan Elwing, with Santa during the Employee Christmas Party.

Resident Council News

The Resident Council met on October 1, 2014 with thirteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, it was announced that the bird houses are no longer being made for sale. They will resume next spring. Activities reported that there will be a lot of out trips in the next few months, so please make sure to sign up. It was reported that the October Honor Flight is full, but there will be another one in the spring, so please stop by and see David Kloppenborg if interested.

The Resident Council met on November 5, 2014 with twelve Veterans in attendance.

In new business, there was a continued discussion about how to increase attendance for Resident Council Meetings. It was stated at one time that flyers were handed out during lunch on the day of the meet-

ing, but most residents came immediately after lunch and got tired and left before the meeting started. It was suggested that the meeting be moved to 1:00 and that flyers be handed out at lunch on the day of the meeting. A vote was taken, and the Resident Council Meeting will be moved to 1:00 PM for the next three months in an effort to increase attendance. Five members voted in favor and none opposed, so the motion carried.

The Resident Council met on December 3, 2014 with seventeen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, the question was raised as to why there are so many fire alarms at night. Administration responded that the State mandates we have 12 per year. Occasionally a resident will pull the alarm at night and unfortunately we are unable to control that.



Above, Elks Lodge 501 from Joplin and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association teamed up and donated some personal care items on November 15. Below, Jayson Pace, Anita Douglas, and Bill Choate from Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol brought donated items on December 23. At bottom, Leamon Tipton and Brady Tipton stand by some gifts they brought in on December 22.



Above, David Kloppenborg, Volunteer Coordinator, accepts a donation check from Michael Preston of Tri-Lakes D.A.V. 55. Below, David accepts a check from Mary Bell of DAR, Rhoda Fairchild Ch.



New Volunteers



Amanda Chimenti



Judith Brown



Tamela Totten



Mark Smith



Thomas Daniel



Joyce Myers



Richard Highfill



Bethanie Ellis



Cheyenne Eutsler



A.J. Minardi



The Military Order of the Purple Hearts Ch. 821 out of Joplin delivered \$600 worth of personal care items and electric razors to the Home on October 27. Pictured above are: Ron Mosbaugh - Adjutant, Robert Close, Keith Fiscus and Paul Starchman - Commander.



Nancy Mason and Jim Woods - Commander, from American Legion Post & Aux 138 in Bolivar, delivered 23 electric razors to the Home on October 16. We are so very appreciative of all the material gifts we receive!

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

Employee Awards

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

October Awards -

Five Year:

Joslyn Buttram

Ten Year:

Alice Wilkinson

November Awards -

Five Year:

Christine Dillon

Cynthia Reece

December Awards -

No Recipients



Above left, Assistant Administrator, Angela Piepenbrink presents a ten year certificate to Alice Wilkinson. Above right, Angela presents a five year certificate to Christine Dillon during an awards ceremony on November 17.

New Employees

October

Fred Morgan - Custodial Worker I

November

Brenda Obert - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Lisa Guillermo - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Tammy Elliot - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Jonathan Matthews - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Connie Wright - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Victoria Brooks - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Nancy Patrick - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Mary Harper - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Larry Harper - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Jane Lewis - Direct Care Aide

Kayla Gammill - Direct Care Aide

Tracy J. Lee - Direct Care Aide

December

Regina Weir - Health Program Aide

Laura Falchi - Stores Clerk

Jessica Daniels - Licensed Practical Nurse III

Mi-Re Luteru - Certified Nursing Assistant I

Donna Pritchard - Licensed Practical Nurse I

Angela Kelso - Licensed Practical Nurse III

NAHCA News

The NAHCA/EIC team would like to thank each and every volunteer that came and helped at the booth during ABMD. The deepfat fried potatoes were a huge success. We sold over 800 pounds of potatoes by Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM. The event raised \$1400 for NAHCA.

The first week of November we had a can food drive to help with the "Neighbors Blessing Neighbors" dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Employees were asked to bring in cans of green beans or corn. For each day they brought in three cans, they could wear jeans that day. NAHCA collected over six large boxes of vegetables.



Barb Truman, Travis Woods, Misty Antill, Angela Piepenbrink and April Cutbirth with all the vegetables that were collected.

Also in November, NAHCA sponsored a Chili Cook-Off between each department. All departments were encouraged to participate in bringing a crockpot of chili with the winner receiving a Golden Ladle. We had three judges that do not work in the facility come in and taste the 12 crockpots that were entered. This year's winner was



Barb Truman, April Cutbirth and Kati Turner with the Golden Ladle.

Administration! We would like to thank all the departments that participated. After the judging, all employees were encouraged to come and have a bowl of chili for \$3.00 with all the proceeds going to NAHCA.

Finally we had the annual employee's Christmas Party on December 19th at the facility. This year we did something different and opened it up to the staff members and their families. We had seven stations consisting of: Station #1, Pictures with Santa; Station #2, Cookie Decorating; Station #3, Snack Table; Station #4, Reindeer Food; Station #5, Hot Cocoa; Station #6, Letters to Santa; and Station #7, Employee Gift Table. This seemed to be a big success from the amount of employees and their families we had. We did a drawing every 15 minutes for a \$25.00 Walmart gift card and the winners were as follows:

Loni Hill - Dietary

Hollie Miller - Receptionist

Trish Gatewood - Nursing

Gayle Chapman - Housekeeping

Catherine James - Nursing

Whitney Bowen - Nursing



Travis Woods, his son Eli, and Loni Hill man station #2.

Kati Turner won the grand prize of \$250.00 cash. Janette Gold won a gingerbread house, while Ron Schmidly won a gingerbread train both donated by Donna Requa. The week of the Christmas Party we did daily trivia games with a drawing for each of the four days. The following people won a \$10.00 Walmart gift card: Lisa Lawrence, Whitney Bowen, Felicia Standhardt, and Tracy Epperson.

BIRTHDAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>January</u>	
Mike Pennington	1/03
Ross Spencer	1/04
James Scott	1/04
Harold Sparkes	1/06
John Slankard	1/07
Rodney Moor	1/08
Chester Shoemaker	1/08
Chester King	1/08
John Rooney	1/09
Earl Seaton	1/09
Fred Herriman	1/10
Harold Holcomb	1/11
Paul Ellis	1/11
Lawrence Tresler	1/16
Gerald Aquino	1/17
Earl Dodd	1/18
Clell Pippin	1/18
James Langley	1/18
Billy LaMar	1/19
Lloyd Evatt	1/23
Carl North	1/25
Louie Young	1/28
<u>February</u>	
Jerome Hess	2/01
Henry Gray	2/01
Billy Hand	2/07
William Brunner	2/09
Bobby Crowe	2/09
Walter Serviolo	2/13
Harold Wright	2/14
Barrie Peterson	2/17
Jack Eiffert	2/19
Charles Haynes	2/22
Louis Ostovich	2/23
<u>March</u>	
Russell Carlin	3/01
Roy Francis	3/01
Don Carter	3/01
Billy Denton	3/03
Clarence Tipton	3/04
John Carney	3/05
William Grayson	3/09
Edgar Apperson	3/09
Homer Isbell	3/11
Dale Beckman	3/13
Randy Gage	3/16
Kenneth Gold	3/20
Lionel Vendt	3/22
James Pierce	3/23
Joseph Ballew	3/25
Holand Ellison	3/26
John Thompson	3/26
Giles Steffen	3/28
Marlin Woods	3/29
Robert Stallcup	3/29
Dale McDonald	9/10

JANUARY	
Jan. 7	Resident Council A.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 10	DAVA #68 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 11	Stribling Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 14	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 15	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 15	First Baptist Choir D.R., 10:00 AM
Jan. 15	Korean War Vets. Visit, 10:00 AM
Jan. 15	A/L Post 137 Bingo D.R., 6:30 PM
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 21	Christian County Elks Bing, D.R. 2:00 PM
Jan. 22	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 23	Movie Out trip 10:00 AM
Jan. 24	Matt & Lisa's Bible Study, Chapel 1:00 PM
Jan. 29	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM

FEBRUARY	
Feb. 5	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 5	Resident Council A.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 8	Loose Notes Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 11	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 14	DAVA #68 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 15	Mennonite Choir D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 16	President's Day
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 18	Christian County Elks Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 19	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 21	Kerry Miller Music D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 26	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM

MARCH	
Mar. 4	Resident Council A.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 5	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 11	Elks Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 12	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 18	Christian County Elks Bingo, D.R. 2:00 PM
Mar. 19	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 19	Stockton A/L Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 27	Re-Creation, USA 40 Years! D.R., 2:00 PM

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

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.



The Itus Virtus Motorcycle Club visited the Home on October 25 and donated \$2000 to use towards the purchase of a bathtub gurney. The Home is very grateful for their generosity!