

THE MT. VERNON VETERAN

MT. VERNON VETERANS' HOME
1600 S. HICKORY ST.
MT. VERNON, MO 65712
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Winter 2016

The Price of Freedom is Visible Here

MVH to Hold Golf Tournament & Movie Trivia Night



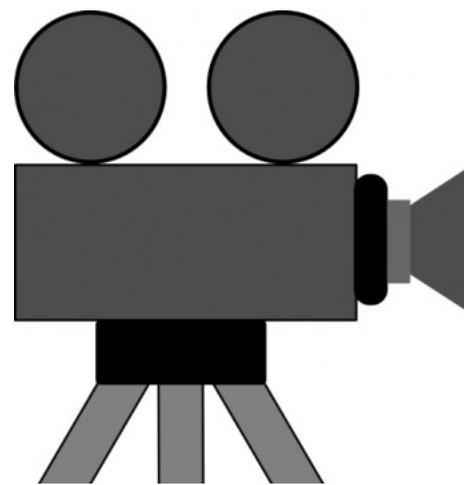
The Missouri Veterans Home - Mt. Vernon is proud to announce that we will be holding a golf tournament on Saturday, May 21. The Tournament will be a four person

scramble held at the Mt. Vernon Munciple Golf Course located at Hwy 174 North in Mt. Vernon.

The tournament will be a fundraiser for the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home Assistance League. We will have a few games, such as closest to the pin and a 50/50 raffle. Lunch will be provided. The cost per person will be \$50 and the deadline to register is May 13 at 4:00 PM. To register, or for more information, please call David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103 ext. 1185 or email at David.Kloppenborg@mvc.dps.mo.gov.



The Second Annual Trivia Night Contest will be held Saturday, February 27 at 5:00 PM. The contest will be held at the Elks Lodge 409, 2223 East Bennett Street in Springfield. Like the golf tournament, the Trivia Night Contest is a fundraiser for the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home Assistance League.



This year's trivia topic will be the movies! There will be 8 rounds of 10 questions. Categories will range from comedies to war movies and anything in between. A team can consist of three to six people.

The cost to enter is \$10 per person or \$50 a team. The cash prizes for the top three teams include:

First Place - \$250
Second Place - \$150
Third Place - \$100

Besides the top three prizes there will be many door prizes as well as a contest for the best dressed movie character. There will be many chances

to bring home something.

A food, snack and cash bar will be available. Please, no outside food or drinks are allowed. The doors will open at 4:30 PM and trivia starts at 5:00 PM. To register, or for more information, please call David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103 ext. 1185 or email at David.Kloppenborg@mvc.dps.mo.gov.

We will certainly be looking for sponsors for these two events, as well as our Ride for Freedom Poker Run. If you, your business, or service group wishes to help support the Veterans, and be recognized, please contact David as described above.

CENSUS

WW II	92
KOREAN	56
VIETNAM	26
PERSIAN GULF	2
PEACE TIME	21
As of January 1, 2016	

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MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION

Chuck Wooten.....	Member
Michael Mowrer.....	Member
Scott Englund.....	Member
Nancy Nelson.....	Member
Representative Rochelle Walton Gray.....	Member
Representative Denny Hoskins.....	Member
Senator Dan Brown.....	Member
Senator Scott Sifton.....	Member

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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

MISSOURI VETERANS HOME ASSISTANCE LEAGUE BOARD

Scott Sifferman.....	President
Dave Eden.....	Vice President
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 October, November and 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. *Congratulations!*



Travis Woods, November 2015

Travis Woods, Motor Vehicle Driver, has excelled in every position he has had. He is a leader among his co-workers always making himself available to assist in any way needed and to show guidance when needed. The manner in which he does his job is exemplary.



Karissa Golden, October 2015

Karissa Golden, Leadworker CNA, exhibits passion for her job and the Veterans. She is always smiling and trying to make everyone feel welcome and not overwhelmed. She takes the time to check on new employees to make sure everyone is doing well.

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



Diann Coates, December 2015

Diann Coates, Cook III, goes above and beyond in her expected job duties, filling in wherever she is needed in the Dietary Department. She is a very dependable employee and took on extra responsibilities in her Supervisor's absence. All of her efforts were greatly appreciated.

Missouri Veterans Commission Employees of the Month

Michelle Kennon, Veterans Service Officer in the Southeast Region, was selected as the October 2015 MVC Employee of the Month. Michelle was selected because she has shown to be a very reliable VSO and very knowledgeable of all VA benefits. Her calming demeanor makes her incredibly effective when dealing with clients.

Robert Williams, Veterans Service Officer in the Northwest Region, was selected as the November 2015 MVC Employee of the Month. Recently an Annual Office Audit was done at his Lee's Summit location and he received a 100% rating. Robert is extremely dependable and routinely demonstrates his readiness to accept additional responsibilities.

Jason Crowder, Maintenance Worker I at the Missouri Veterans Home - Warrensburg, was selected as the December 2015 MVC Employee of the Month. Jason was selected because of his dedication he showed by taking time out of his busy schedule to respond to a request made by a Veteran resident's family member.

WELCOME

Joseph Luce, Navy, served from 1945 to 1947. Mr. Luce moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 6.

Donald Lehnig, Navy, served from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Lehnig moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 22.

Claud Davenport, Army, served from 1949 to 1970. Mr. Davenport moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 29.

Robert Hutches, Navy, Army, Air Force, served from 1946 to 1965. Mr. Hutches moved to the Home on November 4.

Harold Schultze, Coast Guard, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Schultze moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 12.

Kenneth Helm, Air Force, served from 1952 to 1954. Mr. Helm moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 17.

Dennis Davis, Navy, served from 1950 to 1954. Mr. Davis moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 19.

John Cox, Air Force, served from 1956 to 1960. Mr. Cox moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 24.

Harlan Dalton, Army, served from 1959 to 1979. Mr. Dalton moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 30.

Arnold Mallonee, Army, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Mallonee moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 2.

Walter Spratt, Army Air Corps, served from 1941 to 1945. Mr. Spratt moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 2.

Donald Darby, Marine Corps, served from 1955 to 1959. Mr. Darby moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 3.

Russell Burney, Army Air Corps, served from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Burney moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 7.

Gene Mehtrens, Coast Guard, served from 1950 to 1953. Mr. Mehtrens moved to the Home on December 7.

James Harmon, Army, served from 1942 to 1946. Mr. Harmon moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 10.

Espy Smith, Army, served from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Smith moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 10.

Tedye Thompson, Air Force, served from 1954 to 1955. Ms. Thompson moved to the Home on December 11.

Francis Curro, Marine Corps, served from 1944 to 1951. Mr. Curro moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 16.

John Gour, Army, served from 1955 to 1957. Mr. Gour moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 28.

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



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

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.

VISIT US ONLINE

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

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



Ralph Johnson
1/16/23
10/6/15



Lionel Vendt
3/22/27
11/9/15



Stephen Sherwood
12/13/22
11/26/15



Ted Tucker
7/27/32
12/10/15



Fred Tando
4/7/24
10/10/15



John Richmond
7/28/24
11/16/15



James Scott
1/4/30
12/4/15



Holland Ellison
3/26/33
12/16/15



Ernest Cone
9/10/22
10/24/15



Noel Bascom
9/24/48
11/20/15



Bernadine McClemon
7/8/24
12/6/15



James Willhite
12/12/25
12/17/15



William Hoffman
10/5/31
10/26/15



Harold Robertson
6/3/27
11/25/15



Floyd Tucker
9/14/31
12/7/15



Zeke Guffey
9/20/25
12/23/15



Eugene Higginbotham
10/14/23
10/29/15



Larry Steffen
3/28/23
11/28/15



John Thompson
3/26/34
11/4/15



Richard Urbach
8/15/23
11/28/15



Luther Hembree
8/8/24
11/8/15



Clell Pippin
1/18/37
11/28/15

*Now in the Service of
the Supreme Commander*

Memorials

P.A. Jeffries

Don & Willa Drake

Earl Schroeder

Allen Wiebe
John & Donna Ratzlaff

Bob Pyeatt

Robert Dimond

Larry Steffen

Robert & Patricia Dawson

Floyd Tucker

Bill & Sharon Garrett

H.F. Ellison

Donald & Cleo Krueger

Harold Robertson

Goldie Burns
Consolidated P.W.S.D. #1
Peggy Frederick
Ronald & Janet Davidson
Keith & Mary Bacon
Gary & Joyce Ann Perkins
Ray & Betty Smith
Patsy Wood
Mary North
Sonrise Community Church
Rodney & Rebekeh Taylor
James & Donna Roper

Brick Memorial

The Missouri Veterans Home is proud to announce that we are starting a brick memorial as a way to permanently honor Veteran loved ones. The memorial will be on a path next to the sidewalk at the entrance of the facility. It is not a walkway or pathway, but adjacent to the sidewalk so no one will be walking on them and it will be very visible to anyone walking in the building.

We will be offering bricks in two sizes: 4 x 8 and 8 x 8. The cost for a memorial brick will be \$50 for a 4 x 8 and \$100 for an 8 x 8. The bricks are a finished brick pavers that have a smooth surface and beveled edge and are basically a "pretty brick". The engraved bricks will be a light tan color, while the filler bricks will be a cinnamon color.

This is a great way to honor a loved one. Unlike trees, which can die, or benches that can deteriorate, these bricks will last for years and years. Please contact Volunteer Director, David Kloppenborg at 417-466-7103 to get more information or to order a brick. We would love to see the memorial bricks stretch all the way to the parking lot.



Branch of Service Breakdown

	Army	82
	Women	2
	Army Air Corps	12
	Women	0
	Air Force	26
	Women	2
	Coast Guard	3
	Women	1
	Marine Corps	14
	Women	2
	Navy	49
	Women	4

TOTAL

197

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 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

FCS Financial
Ralph Hodde

\$500 to \$999

Zeroes for Heros
AT&T Pioneers
Son Seekers

\$200 to \$499

American Legion Aux. 137
American Legion Post 137
Military Order of the Cooties #11
VFW Aux. 2590
John & Donna Ratzlaff
VFW Aux. Dept. of MO
American Legion Aux. 91
Elks Lodge #861
VFW Aux. 3404
VFW Post 3691
D.A.R. Rhoda Fairchild Ch.
Susan Doing

\$50 to \$199

American Legion Aux. 443
American Legion Aux. 478
Arvest Bank

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.

Ozark Electric
Race Brothers Farm & Supply
Trogon Agency
VFW Post 3770
VFW Post 7628
L.D. & A.G. Schroeder
Southwest Vending
Allen & Linda Wiebe
Debra Garrett
VFW Post 4593
Jayne Martin
Pepsi Cola Bottlers
VFW Aux. 5525
4th Infantry Division, Midwest Ch.
American Legion Post 175
D.A.V.A. #41
Fairview Antique Auto Club
Hospice Compassus
Robert & Lynn Aulbach
Annabelle Gleghorn
American Legion Aux. 233
D.A.R. Elk Horn Prairie Ch.

Up to \$49

Michael & Kimberly Ray
American Gold Star Mothers
Jesse & Jamie Pippin

Ron & Melody Rafferty
Eva Park
Exchange Club of Carthage #1738
VFW Aux. 2203
Virginia Setlik
Keith Darby
Darren Gibbs

MATERIAL DONATIONS

American Legion Aux. 230
Dawn Cox
D.A.R., Neosho Ch.
Bill Bradley
Daughters of American Colonists
Stukely Westcott Ch.
D.A.V. Ch. 11
Jerry & Wanda Payne
Family of Fred Tando
Larry Ludwig
D.A.V.A. 62
American Legion Aux. 138
Elks of Missouri
Charles Young
Richard & Patti Brown
William Turpin
Jenny Myers
Ruth Butler
D.A.V.A. 66
Maureen Orth
Fairview United Methodist Church
Carol Jerezek
James & Karen Murphy
Randy Lyman
Lehigh School, Hensley, AR
Elks 501
CVMA 4-9
Barbara Wells
Ronny & Cindy Willis
Portland Elementary, Springfield
Kimberling City Elks, 2505
Patsy Reed
Marilyn Rosenthal
Colonial Dames of the 17th Cent.
Cpt. Robert Napier Ch.

James Heidebrecht
Kathy Shelledy
Joan Lambeth
East Newton High School
D.A.R., Matilda Polk Campbell Ch.
D.A.V. Joplin
D.A.R., Elk Horn Prairie Ch.
Mt. Vernon Treatment Center
Center Street Bed & Breakfast
Family of Harold Robertson
Republic Middle School
Highlandville Elementary School
Jim Ivy
Angie Burch
Vietnam Veterans of America
Thomas Daniel & Joyce Myers
Peggy Lillenkamp
Stockton AMVETS
Sycamore School Community Cent.
VFW Post 4207
Elsie Peterson
American Legion Aux. 223
Country Petal's Floral
Elks 409
Barb Elliot
Sam & Bernadette Norman
D.A.V.A. 68
Thomas Kittrell
Family of Larry Steffen
Gary Piper
Family of Holland Ellison
D.A.R., Rhoda Fairchild Ch.
Jean Pearson
Generations of Heros Ranch
Patriot Guard Riders
Peterson Outdoors Ministries
Koshkonong High School
Tom Skaggs
Dora Gaydou
Mt. Vernon Church of Christ
Bamboo Gardens
Mountain Grove Elementary
Teresa Morn
College United Methodist Church
AMVETS Post 188

THANK YOU!

DONATION FORM

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____
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Donation in: ___ honor ___ memory of _____

Send Memorial Acknowledgement to:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

OPTIONAL Donor Designation

___ Resident Activities Fund
___ Holiday Fund
___ Postage Fund
___ Medical Fund
___ Indigent Fund
___ Honor Flight Fund
___ Other: _____

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

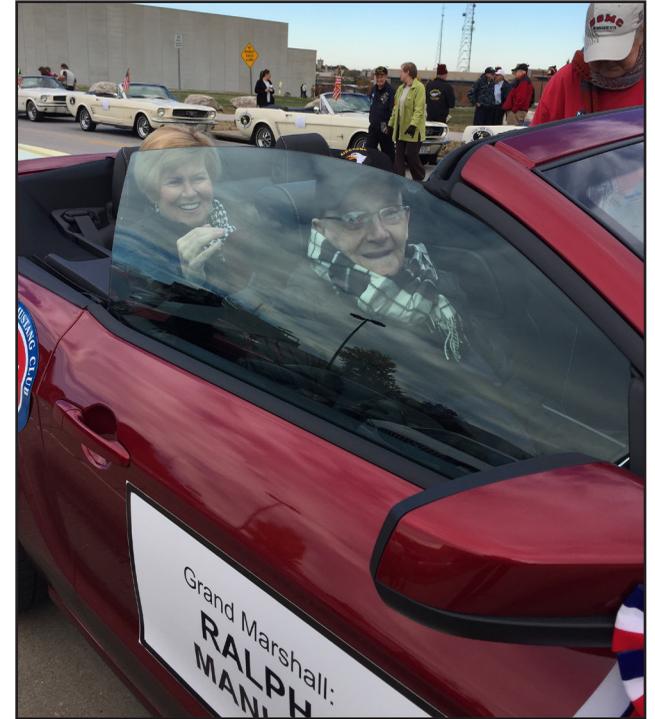
Happenings at the Home



The MVH float won first place at the ABMD parade.



Veteran Ralph Manley was honored in Springfield on November 7.



Veteran Ralph Manley was the Grand Marshall of the Springfield Veterans Day Parade.



Jimmy Young from the Military Order of the Purple Hearts, Ch. 621 presents Veteran Joseph Ballew a certificate at the Veterans Day Ceremony.



Veteran Ken Locke was the featured speaker at the Aurora High School Veterans Day Program.



Veterans Orville Choate and Robert Kent visited Washington D.C. on the Honor Flight in October.



Barney Fife visited the Home on October 27 spreading a little humor.

Christmas



The American Legion once again set up their Gift Shop on December 1.



NAHCA/EIC sponsored a Christmas Party for the children of employees at the Home on December 11. The kids were able to visit with Santa Claus and were given some goodies as well.



Hospice Compassus helped us locate Santa and helpers this year



Veteran Clarence Kruger opening his gifts during the party, which was held December 9.

The Missouri Veterans Home wishes to thank the following groups and individuals for participating in the Adopt-A-Veteran for Christmas this year:

- American Legion Aux. 13, Joplin
- American Legion Aux. 138, Bolivar
- American Legion Aux. 163, Neosho
- American Legion Aux. 230, Stockton
- AMVETS Post 188, Willard
- AMVETS, Stockton
- AT&T Pioneers
- Barbara Werner
- Billings Presbyterian Church
- Colonial Dames of the 17th Century
- D.A.R., Alexander McNair Ch.
- D.A.R., Elizabeth Carey Chapter
- D.A.R., Rachel Donellson Ch.
- D.A.V. Post 52, Joplin
- D.A.V. Post 11, Springfield
- D.A.V. Post 66, Bolivar
- D.A.V.A. 52, Joplin
- D.A.V.A. 66, Bolivar
- Daughters of American Colonists, Stukely Westcott Ch.
- Daughters of Union Veterans
- Elks 409, Springfield
- Helena Cline
- Holly Anthony
- James River Church
- Leggett & Platt IT Dept., Springfield
- Military Order of the Cooties Aux. Ch. 11
- Military Order of the Cooties Ch. 11
- VFW Post 2203, Shell Knob
- VFW Post 3691, Lamar
- VFW Post 4593, Republic
- VFW Post, El Dorado Springs
- VFW Post, Jasper
- Vietnam Veterans of America Ch. 918, Nevada



Veteran Edgar Brown was presented with an award from Michelle Ducre of Missouri State Southern University for his years of support to MSSU. His wife Judith witnessed the happy event.



Mt. Vernon police officers Romine and Cobb visited the Home on December 17 to pass out Christmas Cards. Here they visit with Veteran George Bright.



Veterans John Bacon, Richard Marquier, Don Lehnig, John Slankard, Jay Hess and Bobby Crowe enjoying a home cooked meal in the Activities room.

Resident Council News

The Resident Council met on October 7, 2015 with thirteen Veterans in attendance.

In new business, Activities Director, Keri Creasey, reported that the pink T-shirts in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month have all been sold. She further encouraged all Veterans check their calendars and Channel 2 for activities and to sign up for out trips that they are interested in. The Walking Club drawing went to Veteran Luther Hembree.

The Resident Council met on November 4, 2015 with nine Veterans in attendance.

In new business, Administrator, James Dennis, announced that there will be a press conference held at the Veterans Home on November 13th. Larry Kay, Executive Director of the Veterans Commis-

sion and Lane Roberts, Director of Public Safety will address the bond money and construction at the Home.

There was a question about the sprinkler system and why it needed to be replaced. James reported that the current sprinkler system is working but is being upgraded along with the hot water heaters and boilers/chillers. The Walking Club drawing went to Veteran Betty Stewart.

The Resident Council met on December 2, 2015 with eight Veterans in attendance.

In new business, a Veteran stated that he appreciates Activities and all that they do. Another Veteran expressed his appreciation for the dining room staff. The Walking Club drawing went to Veteran Robert Braunschweig.



The High School of the Ozarks visited the Home on December 3 and brought an amazing group of talented students. Above they sing in the Dining Room, below left, four of them sang in the Special Care Unit. Afterwards they visited with Veteran residents.



SUPPORTERS



FCS Financial donated a check for \$2000 for the purchase of a bathtub gurney on November 3.



Sheila Allen, the President of the VFW Auxiliary for the State of Missouri, presents a donation check to Assistant Administrator, Angela Piepenbrink on November 2.



Shannon Walker from Zeroes for Heros presents a donation check to Supervisor of Volunteer Services, David Kloppenborg on October 30.



Bill Miller, Rick Bryant, Harold Colgin and Jim Billman from the Webb City Elks Lodge, which donated 600 stamps and \$200 towards Christmas.



Nancy Mason and Jim Woods from the American Legion Post 138 in Bolivar stand behind a donation from the post on December 1.



Peggy Bancroft, Mary Delp and Yvonne Piland from D.A.V. Post 62 in Buffalo donated these items on October 23.

New Volunteers



Laura Alms



Clinton Smith



Gaige Daugherty



Bill Dowdy



Jamie Grayum



Shayna Payne



Sabrina Estes



Brooklyn Warden



Patricia Middleton



Harold Schultze

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.



Arayna Rosen and Nancy Hyder of the Fairview United Methodist Church in Polk, MO., with their donation of personal care items.



Cadet McCaughey of South Carolina spent time at the facility in November and visited several Veterans, including Herb Orth.



The Country Cross Band performed at the Home on October 25 playing many old country favorites.

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:

- Catherine Chapman - Five Years
- Kenna Morris - Five Years
- Joy Sweeney - Five Years
- Summer Lawmaster - Ten Years

November Awards:

No Milestones

December Awards:

- Patricia Sullivan - Thirty Years

Administration Dept. Takes Trophy



The Home held a door decorating contest for Christmas. On December 23 Karen Millsap from the MV Arts Council brought in three art students, Whitney Mosley, Emma Pruitt and Alli Souza, to judge the doors. The Administration Department was declared the winner. Above the winners, along with the judges, hold up the trophy. Below are a couple of doors that helped cinch the win for the Administrative Department.



New Employees

October

- James Bass - Nursing Asst I
- Kristopher Kauffman - Nursing Asst I
- Timber Glaze - Nursing Asst I
- Kaitlyn Lewis - Nursing asst I
- Kristen Daugherty - Nursing Asst I
- Mikka Glaze - Nursing Asst I
- Carol Lohman - Nursing Asst I

November

- Paul Smiles - Nursing Asst I
- Susana Salas - Nursing Asst I
- Makayla Borders - Nursing Asst II
- Andrea Perry - Direct Care Aide
- Sandy Evans - Food Service Helper I
- Sandy Beal - Domestic Service Worker

December

- Roy Wade - Direct Care Aide
- LaSha Hale - Domestic Service Worker
- Jaylon Taylor - Domestic Service Worker
- Patience Leavitt - Domestic Service Worker
- Celina Navarro - Domestic Service Worker



Above, The Elks Lodge 501 and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Ch. 4-9 donate a cartload of personal care items on November 14. Below, the Patriot Guard Riders donated two cartloads of personal care items on December 19. We want to thank them and all groups that support us.



BIRTHDAYS**UPCOMING EVENTS**January

Michael Pennington	1/03
Cecil Kerby	1/04
Ross Spencer	1/04
Harold Sparkes	1/06
John Slankard	1/07
Rodney Moor	1/08
John Rooney	1/09
Fred Herriman	1/10
Harold Holcomb	1/11
Gerald Aquino	1/17
Earl Dodd	1/18
James Langley	1/18
Billy LaMar	1/19
Francis Curro	1/20
Lloyd Evatt	1/23
Carl North	1/25
Joseph Maxwell	1/27

February

Jay Hess	2/01
Billy Hand	2/07
Bobby Crowe	2/09
Walter Serviolo	2/13
Wendell Bowman	2/14
Harold Wright	2/14
Arnold Mallonee	2/14
Jack Eiffert	2/19
Dennis Davis	2/23
Robert Hutches	2/24

March

Russell Carlin	3/01
Roy Francis	3/01
Don Carter	3/01
Clarence Tipton	3/04
John Carney	3/05
Harlan Dalton	3/07
William Grayson	3/09
Edgar Apperson	3/09
Homer Isbell	3/11
John Hutton	3/13
Dale Beckman	3/13
Gene Mehrtens	3/16
Randy Gage	3/16
Johnie Bacon	3/22
James Pierce	3/23
Joseph Ballew	3/25
Donald Darby	3/27
Marlin Woods	3/29
Robert Stallcup	3/29

JANUARY

Jan. 2	Loose Notes Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 6	Resident Council A.R., 1:00 PM
Jan. 7	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan 9	DAVA 68 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 11	Singing, Swinging Vets, D-Wing, 10:00
Jan. 13	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 14	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 15	C&E Unit lunch at Lai Lai's, 10:30 AM
Jan. 17	Mennonite Choir D.R., 2:45 PM
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 20	Christian Co. Elks Bingo, D.R., 2:00
Jan. 21	Korean War Vets Visit, 10:00 AM
Jan. 21	First Baptist Church Choir, D.R, 10:00
Jan. 21	A/L Post 630 Bingo D.R., 6:30 PM
Jan. 26	Ladies Luncheon 10:30 AM
Jan. 28	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 29	B-Unit Lunch at Ziggie's Cafe 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3	Resident Council A.R., 1:00 PM
Feb. 4	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 5	Basketball Game Mt. Vernon/Monett 4:00 PM
Feb. 10	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 11	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 15	President's Day
Feb. 17	Christian Co. Elks Bingo, D.R., 2:00
Feb. 18	Korean War Vets Visit, 10:00 AM
Feb. 21	Mennonite Choir D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 25	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 27	Movie Trivia Fundraiser Elks 409, 5:00 PM

MARCH

Mar. 2	Resident Council A.R.,
Mar. 3	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 5	Kerry Miller & Steven Brown D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 9	Elks 409 Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 10	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 16	Christian Co. Elks Bingo, D.R., 2:00
Mar. 17	Korean War Vets Visit, 10:00 AM
Mar. 17	Stockton Bingo D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 20	First Day of Spring
Mar. 20	The Other Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 24	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 27	Easter Sunday

***All Out Trips are listed
in Bold-Italic.***

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IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE
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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

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is interested in providing an
activity for the residents of the
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*Does your civic organization
need a program? The Missouri
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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
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utes. Call (417)466-7103 and ask
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Transport Driver, Travis Woods stands next to the 2016 Dodge Conversion Van that the Assistance League purchased to more easily take Veterans to scheduled doctor's appointments.