



# The Veterans Voice

Spring 2015 Newsletter

**MISSOURI VETERANS HOME  
ST. JAMES**

## ~ Veteran's Spotlight ~ Ophelia Parkinson

Mrs. Ophelia "Fee" Parkinson was born to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio DeKaria May 20th, 1924 in Jamestown, North Dakota. She was the oldest of three children. Her dad worked for the railroad handling the baggage cart and her mother worked at a local restaurant. She would walk 14 blocks to and from school 4 times a day. Fee said that they would all go home for lunch because they were too proud to have a cold brown bag lunch. Their mother would have a hot plate waiting on the stove for them each day. While a teenager, Fee got a job as a Soda Jerk at a local café in Jamestown. She

graduated from high school and lived there until the age of 18 when she joined the Women's Air Corp.

Fee stated that an Army and Navy Recruiter came to speak with her about joining the military. She thought that the Navy Recruiter was a little too "fresh" around her, so she selected the Army. Fee said that back then you had to be 21 for a woman to join, so her dad had to give permission and sign the paperwork. She was stationed at Wright Patterson Field in Dalton, Ohio as a File Clerk. While there she met her husband of fifty years, Walter Parkinson.

After Walter and Fee got out of the military, they moved to New Hampshire to start a dairy farm. In the process of running a dairy farm for 20 years they also found time to have three children Tony, Bill, and Jane. Fee said that she loved working on the farm, but it was a lot of hard work. Due to her husband's health they retired and moved to Missouri in 1986.

After the death of her husband in 1995, Ophelia decided that she needed something to keep her busy, so she became a Senior Companion for the Missouri Veterans Home.



Ophelia Parkinson in 1944

Fee has been volunteering for almost twenty years. She became a resident at our Missouri Veterans Home in 2005, but she still continues to volunteer her time by giving support to other Veterans.

We are honored to have such an amazing lady here at MVH-St. James.



Fee with her son, Tony at the Holiday Dinner.



## Greetings From the Administrator



Hi everyone! I wanted to tell you a little about myself. My husband, Tony, and I have resided in Rolla, Missouri for over twelve years. We have five children and eleven grandchildren. I have worked in the healthcare field for 35 years....mostly in long term care. Starting my career 1979, I began as a Certified Nurse Assistant. Then in 1993, I was ready to move forward and attended the Nevada Area Vo-Tech school and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. Continuing my studies I received my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1996 from Pittsburg State University. Using the knowledge and skills I had learned, I have been fortunate to try many different types of nursing over the years. I have had the privilege to work in areas such as hospital, clinic and psychiatric nursing, but always return to long term care. In 2003, I set a personal goal, and obtained my

Administrator's license. I sought this goal because I wanted to be in a position to make changes that would benefit the elderly. I am and will continue to be loyal to the vulnerable and elderly. It is my personal mission to ensure our Veterans have the best life they can have in their home away from home!

Cathy A. Haynes  
Administrator

## Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League News

The Assistance League hosted another successful Bivouac BBQ competition over the Veterans Day weekend. In spite of some pretty cold weather, we accrued a nice profit to direct toward our residents' needs. Thanks again to a marvelous MVH staff, particularly JT Sybert and Lorie Steen, for a superb job of organizing and executing. And, oh yes, BBQ Bivouac will be back in 2015. Another of our major fund raisers, the Adopt A Vet program, was also a solid success; thanks to all of our donors, and to Lorie for guiding the effort. The Assistance League's final major contribution to our residents provided the bulk of the food for the resident families' Christmas parties. I believe that a good time was had by all! Information on upcoming Assistance League activities, to include our annual golf tournament will be coming in the next *Veterans Voice*.

Dave



AL President  
Dave Lexa

## Missouri Veterans Home - Assistance League

### Board of Directors

Dave Lexa-President  
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Don Olds-Treasurer  
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Steve Conrad, Wilbert Falke  
Dennis Wilson, Terry King,  
Lowell Wynn, and  
Stan Kardasz

The Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League solicits and handles all donations to the home. All donations (checks) should be made payable to:

Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League  
620 N. Jefferson, St. James, MO 65559

# Veterans... Here, There and Everywhere!

Mr. Oran Brewer was honored at a ceremony on November 13th, 2014 at MVH-St. James. He received the Ambassador for Peace Medal from South Korea. Mr. Larry Kay, Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission, presented the award to Mr. Brewer. Mr. Brewer served in the US Marine Corps from 10/17/1947 to 08/29/1952.



Some of our Veterans attended a special presentation on Veterans Day honoring all Veterans. It was held at the Rolla High School. A big thank you to the teachers and students for a job well done.

Thank you to our community for supporting our BBQ Bivouac. We had teams from all over the country that competed at our 2 day BBQ competition. The Veterans had a blast listening to music and eating BBQ hot off the grill. We look forward to hosting another event in November 2015.



## THANK YOU BBQ SPONSORS.

3rd Generation Salon  
 Airmasters  
 Alternative Hospice  
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 Bill Kirgan and the Rib Crib Gang  
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 City of St. James  
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 Kim Zweifel  
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 Phelps Regional Homecare  
 Riverways Federal Credit Union  
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 Shoji Entertainment  
 Smokerbuilder.com  
 St James Oil Company LLC  
 St. James Market Place Café  
 Stahlman Powersports  
 United Rentals-Rolla  
 United rentals-Power & HVAC Divison  
 Walmart Distribution Center



# TAPS

**Hubert Caton**  
09/20/1928 - 04/06/2014  
US Air Force

**Roy Hults**  
07/31/1933 - 04/15/2014  
US Army

**Ezell Goodwin**  
01/10/1925 - 04/18/2014  
US Air Force

**Robert Klem**  
08/14/1925 - 04/25/2014  
US Army

**Teddy Kingery**  
12/24/1927 - 05/03/2014  
US Army

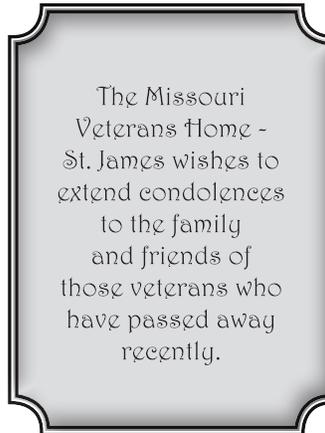
**James Holland**  
03/05/1925 - 05/08/2014  
US Army

**Willis Greek**  
06/01/1943 - 05/10/14  
US Army

**Joseph Young**  
07/26/1911 - 05/13/2014  
US Army

**Kathryn Baker**  
05/31/1925 - 05/13/2014  
US Marines

**Wallace Markotay**  
09/22/1926 - 05/18/2014  
US Navy



**Robert Lee Wilson**  
12/28/1931 - 05/24/1914  
US Army

**Eugene Harris**  
01/21/1934 - 06/02/1914  
US Army

**Gallard June**  
04/15/1930 - 06/05/14  
US Army

**Albert Wools**  
08/14/1920 - 06/06/2014  
US Army

**Jesse Mitchell**  
11/08/1927 - 06/09/2014  
US Army

**Arnold Mertz**  
06/02/1924 - 06/16/2014  
US Army

**Leroy Nixon**  
11/13/1932 - 06/16/2014  
US Army

**Robert Zbaren**  
04/09/1925 - 06/20/2014  
US Navy

**Loy Wanner**  
12/26/1932 - 07/14/2014  
US Navy

**Archie Young**  
04/15/1921 - 08/02/2014  
US Army

**William Midyett**  
10/27/1929 - 08/03/2014  
US Army

**James Lamar**  
09/22/1933 - 08/04/2014  
US Army

**Thomas Turner**  
11/02/1918 - 08/15/2014  
US Army

**Floyd Klobe**  
04/16/1922 - 08/20/2014  
US Army

**William Burgess**  
08/18/1926 - 09/12/2014  
US Air Force

**Urban Jaegers**  
02/03/1932 - 09/18/2014  
US Army

**Donald Presson**  
07/13/1930 - 09/20/2014  
US Army

**James Marsh**  
08/17/1932 - 09/22/2014  
US Air Force



# TAPS

**John Tate**  
04/16/1927 - 09/30/2014  
US Army

**Kenneth Bauer**  
12/08/1946 - 10/02/2014  
US Army

**Clyde Weirich**  
09/02/1933 - 10/09/2014  
US Army

**Wilton Edgar**  
12/13/1928 - 10/21/2014  
US Marines

**Morris Scott**  
04/10/1924 - 10/22/2014  
US Navy

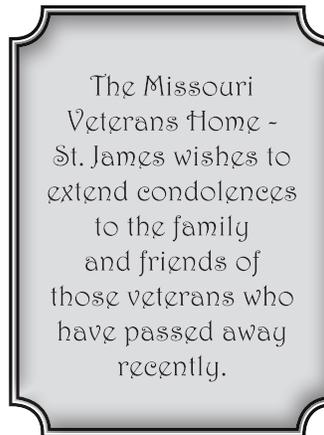
**Clarence Taylor**  
08/21/1926 - 10/25/2014  
US Army

**Robert Sohm**  
04/11/1929 - 10/28/2014  
US Army

**Russell Barschdorf**  
11/30/1929 - 10/29/2014  
US Army

**James Party**  
03/16/1927 - 10/30/2014  
US Army

**Wilmer Hill**  
08/20/1931 - 10/30/2014  
US Army



**Anthony Parrino**  
05/08/1936 - 11/03/2014  
US Army

**Lester Buell**  
04/23/1930 - 11/05/2014  
US Army

**Floyd Hood**  
06/22/1929 - 11/07/2014  
US Navy

**Richard Holt**  
09/24/1942 - 11/13/2014  
US Air Force

**Lloyd Setzer**  
06/17/1936 - 12/06/2014  
US Army

**Lowell Hunt**  
07/03/1924 - 12/06/2014  
US Navy

**Arthur Pyeatt**  
05/01/1924 - 12/07/2014  
US Army

**Robert Bryson**  
02/26/1932 - 12/10/2014  
US Army

**George Gaddy**  
09/02/1930 - 12/22/2014  
US Army

**James Herman**  
09/02/1936 - 12/23/2014  
US Army

**Clarence Schneider**  
12/03/1927 - 12/31/2014  
US Navy

**Harry Parker**  
01/27/1945 - 01/07/2015  
US Navy

**Paul Schnieders**  
08/22/1926 - 01/07/2015  
US Army

**Leo McClain**  
01/20/1927 - 01/09/2015  
US Army

**Joseph Doza**  
10/09/1925 - 01/10/2015  
US Navy

**Ray Hicks**  
08/11/1942 - 01/14/2015  
US Army

**Nick Porter**  
09/04/1925 - 01/19/2015  
US Army

**Glen Wilson**  
02/28/1938 - 01/20/2015  
US Army

# MEMORIALS

## Chad Fleishmann

Linda Shahangian  
 Dale McDonough  
 Linda Ann Mehrhoff  
 Patricia Trice  
 Thomas Jansen  
 Dale & Debbie Cuno  
 Robert & Patricia Osburn  
 Myles & Jan Smart  
 Beth Stieferman  
 Callaway Nuclear Plant  
 Carpenters Union Local #945  
 Charles & Mary Sue Armstrong  
 William & Vickie Wieberg  
 Kevin & Leigh Ann Autenrieth  
 James & Kimberly Keyes  
 Donna Locke  
 Keith & Gail Jeffries  
 Chad Brown  
 Kenneth & Jaqueline Pritchett  
 Brian & Mary Beth Crawford  
 Shelly Woodson  
 Kathleen Joseph  
 Judy Jansen  
 Russ Hayes  
 Gretchen & Paul Hanna  
 Becky Aldrich  
 Pie Bird Collectors Reunion  
 Joyce & Clay Green  
 Jean Rackers  
 Donna McGrath  
 Richard & Patti Sheets  
Clyde Weirich  
 Jean Rackers  
 Eugene Weirich  
Lonnie James  
 American Legion #366

## Floyd Hood

Patricia Sauer  
 Mary Christopher  
 Max & Sue Trueblood  
 Milton & Cheryl Achterberg

## Minnie Heftin

Lynn Miller  
 Norb & Christy Dill  
 Dan & Terri Deluca  
 Cletus & Rose Kempker  
 Mark & Jackie Buselyon  
 Wm & Diana Lueckenotte  
 Warren Patt  
 Marina Buhme  
 Butch & Rosean Boeker

## Floyd Klobe

Eric Winschel  
 Judy Gerhard  
 Marie Sharp  
 Susan Schaffer  
 Cynthia Hetzer  
 Darlene Klobe

## William Hill

Licking Memorial VFW Post #6337  
 Josephine Williamson  
 Eugene Evens  
 Diana Shelton

## Nelda Herman

Tim Jones  
 Barbara Schwartz  
 Mary Chouinard  
 Thomas Lecomte  
 L.E. Zimmerman  
 Carolyn Lueckenotte  
 John Schrimpf

## Urban Jaegers

Sharon Althen  
 Larry & Ruth Bock

## Richard Quick

Edith Quick

## Edward Savage

Waunita Savage

## Edward Huxhold

David & Kim Huxhold

## Richard King

Joan King

## Kay Hegler

St. James Episcopal Church

## Joseph "Ben" Young

Donna Harubin

Eleanor Berger

## Matt Fritz

Rose Swaller

## Angelo Tsenes

Helen Tsenes

## Lloyd Setzer

John Setzer

## John Rhodus

JoAnn Kaestner

## Harvey Flynn

Sally Bayless

## Howard Langenberg

American Legion #366



Members of the American Legion Post # 347 donated a flag display case to our Special Care Unit.

## Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America is celebrated at the Missouri Veterans Home every year in December. The effort is headed by the Patriot Guard Riders led by Art Compton. The group raises ALL the funds to make sure that more than 700 headstones at our cemetery will have a wreath layed upon them over the holidays. If you are interested in helping with Wreaths Across America here at MVH please call the Compton's at 573-885-7228.



# MONETARY DONATIONS

## Over \$1000

AMVETS Ladies Aux  
 Anna Pennington  
 DAV Chapter #49  
 J.J. Martinez  
 Veterans Motorcycle Club  
 "Ozarks"  
 VFW Missouri Riders

## \$500 to \$999

American Legion Aux #208  
 Hwy 31 Car Club  
 Rotary Club of Rolla  
 Daughters of the American Rev-  
 Missouri State Society  
 VFW Aux Post #5923

## \$200 to \$499

Al Whitaker VFW Post #6514  
 American Legion Post #624  
 American Legion Post #632  
 Current River Cruisers Car Club  
 Gertrude Hale  
 Ladies VFW Aux Post #6337

Maplewood Methodist Church  
 Rolla Quarter Mania  
 Sons of the American Legion-  
 #366  
 Telephone Pioneers Missouri  
 Chapter  
 US Army Warrant Officer Assn  
 VFW Post #3176

## \$51 to \$199

American Legion Post #347  
 American Legion Post #607  
 Arthur Schumm  
 Betty Green  
 Daniel & Melanie Osbourne  
 Geraldine Novak  
 Jane Haskell  
 Lorraine Brady  
 Marvin O'Brien  
 Matt Fritz Pool Tournament  
 Max Mueller Aux #2661  
 Norma Gratzer  
 Sullivan Primary School  
 VFW #2661  
 VFW Ladies Aux #3987  
 VFW Post #4182  
 VFW Post #5608



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution donated \$500 for Activities.

## Up to \$50

Betty Myers  
 Darold Fields  
 Gerald & Marilyn Lee  
 Jean Waltmire  
 Lincoln County Memorial Aux  
 8828  
 Miller City VFW Aux  
 Pat Davis  
 Peaceful Bend Vineyard  
 Peggy & Edith McMillan  
 Robert Heath  
 Sandy Shults  
 Tom Cox  
 Voiture Locale #38  
 William McMillian Family



The children at the St. James Early Childhood Center collected their pennies for our Veterans.



Jefferson City Dept. of Corrections brought lots of goodies for our Veterans during the Holidays.

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 • Thanks to our generous donors for their contributions from June 2014 through January 2015.  
 • Please accept our apology if we have unintentionally left you and/or your organization off  
 this list. Your donations are greatly appreciated.  
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## Adopt-A-Vet was a **HUGE** success! Thank you for thinking of MVH during the Holidays.



Sons of the  
American Legion Post #99  
donated \$7500 to the Adopt-  
A-Vet Program.

Aim High Club  
Al & Cheryl Grubbs  
Amber Hobbs  
American Legion #298  
American Legion #331  
American Legion Aux #218  
American Legion Aux #624  
American Legion Aux Unit #331  
American Legion Post #366  
American Legion Post #541  
American Legion Post #632  
Argyle Ladies Aux VFW Post #8045  
Argyle VFW Post #8045  
Barbara Presson  
Barbara Senn  
Barbara Winters  
Ben Lubecki  
Betty Green  
Boone County Ladies Aux VFW #280  
Brian & Marie Shoemaker  
Cabool Post #473 VFW  
Calvin Langenberg  
Central Federal Savings and Loan  
Central Ozark Services Program  
CMSGT John Logsdon, Jr.  
Community Bank of St. James  
Cuba Memorial Post #522  
Cuba Veterinary Clinic  
Dan & Lisa Halbert  
Danny Pherigo  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
DAV Chapter 65  
Debbie Beach  
Dennis & Cathy Hattersley  
Dennis Wilson  
Douglas Proffitt  
Elwood Wesselschmidt  
Fabulous Fifties Car Club  
Faith Peterman  
Faith United Baptist Church  
First Church of God-St. James  
Forty and Eight Voiture #292

Gary Kell  
Geraldine Novak  
Grand of Missouri Running Bare  
Hermann VFW Ladies Aux #4182  
Hoemann Family  
Janet Sands  
Jeanne Sullentrup  
Jefferson City Correctional Center  
Jim Proctor  
Jones Beltone Hearing  
Joseph & Joan Mensio  
Joseph Bogle  
Joseph Dowling  
Joy Rogers  
Judith L'Homme  
Karla Wallace  
Kathy Gallagher  
Keesoo Lee  
Kiwanis Club of Cuba  
Knights of Columbus Council #8920  
Korean War Veterans Chapter 281  
Korean War Veterans Chapter 3  
L.L. DePriest  
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Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #3168  
Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #3770  
Lafayette High School Air Force  
JROTC Parent Assoc.  
Lewis Johnson  
Licking Memorial VFW Ladies Aux  
Lincoln County Memorial VFW Post-  
#8828  
Mace Supermarket  
Marine Corps League  
Mary Sparkman  
Mary Young  
Mens and Ladies Clubs of Indian Hills  
Mens Auxiliary VFW Post #5608  
Meramec Electrical  
Military Order of the Purple Heart-  
Chapter #125  
Myrl Bledsoe  
Norma Hicks  
Odd Jobber Construction

Osage Community Elks #2705  
Paul & Deborah Shasserre  
Paul Cretin  
Rolla Area Chamber  
Roy Buchholz  
Sally Bayless  
Sandra Smith  
Senator Dan Brown  
Sherry's Rentals LLC  
Sons of the American Legion Post #99  
St. James Early Development Center  
St. James R-1 School District  
St. Pats Catholic School & Families  
Tacony Cares  
The Dermatology Center  
Thoman-Boothe American Legion-  
#338  
Three Rivers Aux #9  
Three Rivers Publishing  
VFW Aux #5923  
VFW Aux #6133  
VFW Ladies Aux # 4107  
VFW Ladies Aux #473  
VFW Memorial Post #6280  
VFW Post # 4756  
VFW Post #2482  
VFW Post #3168  
VFW Post #3410  
VFW Post #3600  
VFW Post #6133  
VFW Post #6479  
Virginia Mahan  
Wallis Oil Co.  
Walmart Distribution Center  
Warren Patt  
Washington Korean War Veterans  
William & Linda Kaltenbach  
William & Mary Dubois  
William Willhite  
Zack Wheat Post #624  
4th Infantry Midwest Chapter

# Wish List



## ITEMS NEEDED:

Extra Large Smart TV's, Electric Razors, Bread Machines  
Cricut Machine, iPad Tablets  
\*Carefoam Chairs

## BINGO ITEMS:

Donations of money (we use \$1.00 bills to give as prizes), socks, underwear, t-shirts, mens & ladies body wash, toiletries (pump hand lotion, deodorant, shampoo), soft candies, individually wrapped candy bars, snacks, crackers, sugar free candy, packets of gum, stamps, velcro wallets, zipper coin purses, small LED flashlights, inexpensive watches, wall clocks, AA and AAA batteries, outdoor patio decorations and planters. The Veterans would also love Cardinals Baseball hats and related items.

## ANNUAL EXPENSES:

Donations are always welcome for the following: Resident Family Picnic, 4th of July firework display for residents, fishing trips, and magazine subscriptions for our library.

\*Carefoam Chairs are specialty chairs that assist in providing improved pressure reduction and reduced skin trauma. These chairs provide unique seating and positioning solutions that optimize the safety and comfort of those requiring long term, palliative, or rehabilitative care. These chairs provide Veterans with a sense of security thereby decreasing their restlessness and unwanted attempts to get up without assistance thereby helping with fall prevention. If you would like to learn more about this item please contact Lorie Steen at MVH-St. James.



## Happy Birthday to our Veterans...

### March

CLAYTON, Mason 3/02  
NUGENT, Floyd 3/07  
BRANCH, John 3/10  
WILBERS, Norman 3/18  
MILLER, Edward 3/20  
GABEL, Kenneth 3/21

UMMEL, Otis 4/12  
BLANKENSHIP, Jerry 4/12  
GASQUE, Lucian 4/14  
STRATMAN, William 4/16  
ROMINE, Louis 4/18  
WHITSON, Hilbern 4/19  
JEADEMANN, Robert 4/25  
LICKLIDER, Oliver 4/28

### April

RUSH, Leonard 4/10  
YOUNG, Jeffery 4/10  
JOHNSON, Donald 4/11

### May

FIELDS, Darold 5/07  
BOATMAN, James 5/08  
WHITE, Joseph 5/09

WALKER, David 5/09  
BREWER, Oran 5/09  
DILL, Norbert 5/11  
MARICLE, Neil 5/12  
PARKINSON, Winston 5/13  
MOFFET, Robert 5/15  
SINGLETON, James 5/15  
PARKINSON, Ophelia 5/20  
WILSON, Albert 5/24  
PADDOCK, Wilbur 5/24  
JOHNSON, Eugene 5/25  
MINX, Sylvester 5/25  
ST ONGE, Harold 5/26  
HECKEMEYER, Erma 5/31



## St. James Missouri Veterans Home • Management Team

Cathy Haynes  
Mary Ann Copper  
Chanda Saultz  
Tina Hlavaty  
Paula Davis  
Andrea Faber  
Maretta Diestelkamp  
Debbie Elliott  
Shelly Blair  
Angie S. Martin  
Nancy Maddox  
JT Sybert  
Chris Shaul  
Karen Malone  
Brenda McCracken  
Lorie Steen  
George Reeves  
Le Ann Vogt  
Robert Terry

Administrator  
Assistant Administrator  
Director of Nursing  
Unit Manager, Core A  
Unit Manager, Core B  
Unit Manager, Core C  
Computer Information  
Accountant  
Personnel Clerk  
Health Information  
Staff Development  
Maintenance  
Environmental Services  
Recreational Therapy  
Physical Therapy  
Volunteer Services  
Supply Manager  
Social Services  
Food Services

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Bob.Terry@mvc.dps.mo.gov

# All About Our Employees

By Nancy Maddox

October saw the Missouri Veterans Commission honoring some of our best staff serving Veterans in our three programs across Missouri. On October 6-7, 2014 eight of our best staff were selected to attend Staff Education Day at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield, MO. The theme for this event was "ONE TEAM...ONE GOAL...SERVICE TO VETERANS". Our program on October 6 was "Surviving the Violent Intruder" which we have never had to do, but being prepared is everything. Carl Schwartze, of VIP Consulting and a 26 year veteran police officer, taught the program. His main message which he then expanded was RUN if you can to any safe location, otherwise HIDE and if all else fails FIGHT. If you have to fight, it is important to do something to interrupt the intruder's plan and make them reorient to act; creating chaos for them helps victims survive. This is taking back control from the intruder. With proper prior education victims don't need to be victims but survivors and winners. Cathy Haynes our Administrator, Chanda Saultz our Director of Nursing and Nancy Maddox, Staff Development, who plans these events with the other six SDCs from sister homes, escorted and honored those employees selected.

Our honorees for this event were:

Shelly Blair, Personnel Clerk  
Kim Goodwin, LPN  
Jacob Leitman, CNA- A Core  
Barb Massey, Cook

Angie D. Martin, Administrative Assistant  
Angie S. Martin, Health Information  
Josey Ramsey, CNA – C Core  
Missy Secrest, CNA- B Core



On January 16, 2015 we again supported the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks by hosting their mobile bloodmobile in our front parking lot. Twenty four donors attempted to give with 22 donations successful. Ten were community walk-ins for which we are grateful. Remember to reserve July 17, for our next drive. Be ready to come and give life to our community. All donations with CBCO stay in local hospitals .



*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. – Aesop*

## WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are dedicated to “serving those who have served.”



Rachel Dilly



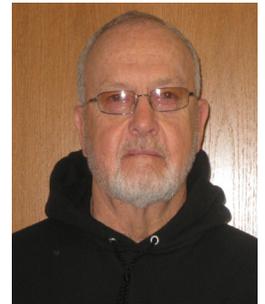
Bob Roach



Doug Atkins



Nathan Atwell



Mick Dowden



Jessica Farris



Georgeiana Atkins



Linda Robertson



Paula Bouse

## \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*



BANDS, CHURCH SERVICES,  
CLERICAL, ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT  
CANTEEN ATTENDANT



Please contact the Volunteer Services Department:

Lorie Steen at 573-265-3271 ext. 257 for more information on volunteer opportunities at our home.

## 2014 Employee of the Year Janet Brakefield



Janet Brakefield was selected as the 2014 Employee of the Year by her fellow employees. Janet has worked at MVH-St. James for over 18 years as a CNA. Her co-workers say that Janet is dependable, has a great attitude, and truly cares for the Veterans at our home. MVH is proud to have Janet as part of our team.

# MISSOURI VETERANS HOME

The Missouri Veterans Home-St. James has the distinguished honor of being the oldest of seven Veteran's homes in the State of Missouri. The home was first established in 1896 by the Women's Relief Corps. Its original purpose was to provide care to aging Missourians who had fought for the Union in the Civil War. We now care for Missouri Veterans who served our country and fought to preserve our freedoms. The Missouri Veterans Home currently provides medical and skilled nursing care to Veterans who meet the following qualifications for admission:

- A Veteran who served active military service and who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Has lived in the State of Missouri for at least 180 days (at any time in their life.)
- Has a need for services.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**April 11th, 2015 ~ Cruise In**

**May 2nd, 2015 ~ Family Picnic**

**May 16th, 2015 ~ Poker Run**

**July 13th, 2015 ~ Golf Tournament**

### MVH Census

55 World War II Veterans  
39 Korean Conflict Veterans  
28 Vietnam Veterans  
1 Persian Gulf Veteran  
26 Peace Time Veterans

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~ Elmer Davis*

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