



SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER

- Veteran's Spotlight - Earl Edmiston



Earl Edmiston

Earl's Favorites

COLOR - Blue

FOOD - Japanese

MUSIC - Country Western

HOBBIES: Building models
of ships and cars

If you want to know anything about military sea vessels, Veteran Earl Edmiston is the man to see. He should know after spending 30 years in the Navy. What a great historian he is on the subject, especially when it comes to battle ships.

Mr. Edmiston was born in Orlando, Florida. His parents were Edgar Allen and Helen Sue Edmiston. The Edmiston's moved to St. Louis when Earl was two years old. He has one brother that lives in the St. Louis area. His father was a master welder and his mother was a homemaker.

Damage Controlman Edmiston served in the Navy from 7/2/46 – 9/19/76. Earl states that his favorite duty station was Pearl Harbor. He completed three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Medal with one bronze star, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 bronze stars, and Good Conduct Medal. After the 30 years in the military, Earl

entered the civil service and worked in the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange before returning to fire fighting to become a fire inspector. He worked 14 years for the Army civil service.

Earl was married in 1980 to Rose Marie and they were together 26 years before she passed away. He has four adult children: Barbara, Cheryl, Roland and Ronald (who are twins that were born on the 4th of July). He also has several grandchildren.

Earl received the nickname of "Earl the Pearl" because he enjoyed serving his country in Pearl Harbor. He served on the following ships: USS Chipola, USS Nicholas, USS Kishwaukee, USS Patapsco, and the USS Indiana. A few models of these particular ships can be found in the library here at MVH, made by the hands of Mr. Edmiston. You should ask him about them sometime, VERY interesting!!!

Hot Cars and Cool Cash From St. James-Cruise In



Veteran Ken Gabel cruising around town.

Our Veterans look forward to the annual St. James Cruise In, and for good reason, getting to ride in an awesome car! Thanks to event coordinators Danny & Angie Scheel, the event, which is held in April, is something our Veterans look forward to every Spring.

The event not only raises money for the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League, it allows the Veterans to get in one of the old cars and cruise around town for awhile. The Veterans also get a t-shirt to remember their day and a framed picture of them taking a spin in one of the classic autos.



Event organizer Danny Scheel gives Karen Malone a check.

Administrator's Corner



It has been recently announced that I will transfer to the St. Louis Veterans Home as their Administrator beginning August 1, 2014. My two years as Administrator at the St. James Veterans Home was nothing less than fantastic-heartwarming-awesome-excellent-superb and on, and on, and on!

I personally would like to thank each and every one of you that has given your time, or your money, your efforts, your sweat, and your tears to benefit and improve the quality of life of the Veterans we serve here in our St. James home. The support to the Veterans that live here is second to none because of you. There are certainly too many of you to mention and thank by name that show up to almost every event and volunteer your time or work behind the scenes, just know that it hasn't gone unnoticed.

I would like to send a special message to all of the staff that provides their services at the MVH St. James: Your never-ending patriotism and love for the Veterans is just unbelievable...you all make me want to be a better Administrator and be the best I can be. Please remember my message to you and never forget why you exist at MVH St. James-to provide the best possible care you can to the Veterans so their loved ones can go home at night feeling comfortable with their Hero in your care, and create a non-judgmental environment that each of you want to be a part of that consists of fairness, equality, and passion. Again, thank you for all that you do for the Veterans at the St. James Veterans Home and may our paths cross again in the future. It has been my honor to serve those that have served.

Sincerely and respectfully,
For the Veterans, Mark Fontana, Administrator

Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League News

I am regularly asked what the Assistance League is and what we do; let me give a brief explanation. Being a state government entity, the Veterans Home is prevented by law from accepting donations. So, the Assistance League was formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, authorized to accept, maintain, and spend funds to benefit the residents of the Veterans Home. When we receive donations from any source, or income from events that we sponsor, they are deposited and held in a local bank account. When personnel from the Veterans' home identify an unfunded need, they may request funding from the Assistance League board. The board members verify that the money will indeed benefit the majority of the resident veterans, and then vote to approve or disapprove the requested expenditure of funds. I hope this explanation answers your questions. Speaking of Assistance League sponsored events, we are already actively planning two of our major ones, the annual August golf tournament, and the 2nd annual Bivouac BBQ competition on Veterans Day. If you would like more info on these events, or would like to participate in them, just let me or Tara Peters know.

Dave

To make a donation (checks) should be made payable to the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League, 620 N. Jefferson, St. James, MO 65559.



AL President
Dave Lexa

Missouri Veterans Home - Assistance League

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Lowell Wynn

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

GROUPS GENEROUS TO OUR VETERANS



The Maverick 4-H Club adopted Veterans for the holidays. Veteran Paul Jensen was excited to spend time with the kids.



Members from the Ft. Wood Warrent Officers Assoc. donated items for our Vets for the holidays.



The Waynesville DAV gave each Veteran \$15 to put in their accounts for the holidays.



William Calhoun from the Sergeant Majors Assoc. donates \$200 to Veteran Alex Ramirez.



The American Legion Aux. ladies from Sunrise Beach brought presents for their adopted Veterans.



Veronica Hagene from the Cuba Knights of Columbus donated apples and oranges and candy to our Vets over Christmas.



Paul Ziegler from VFW Post #3168 presented a \$2500 check for the Adopt-A-Vet program.



The Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club donated a TV and brought goodies for our Happy Hour.



The SMART MOHAWKS, a special retired military travel club donated \$300 & hygiene items.



Larry Wheeler from American Legion Riders #331 and his gang brought goodies for the Vets at Christmas.



Pam Cox of the Daughters of the American Revolution Valley of the Meremac donates \$275 to Adopt-A-Vet.



Dept. of MO American Leagion and Auxiliary provide money for our Veterans holiday meal.



Tricia Eley & Peggy Terrill from the VFW Ladies Aux. Post #6133 donated money & items for the holidays.



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Roger Lueckenhoff Donations by: Barbara Wright; Ken Lueckenhoff.

In Memory of Windell "Salty" Bryan Donations by: Betty Bryan.

In Memory of Wallace Fiedler Donations by: Melinda & James Warren; Maria Fiedler; Kevin & Dawnita Rowden.

In Memory of Charlie Kline Donations by: Betty Tulin; Barbara Crowell; John & Judy Lewis.

In Memory of Walter Schilling Donations by: James & Kathleen McDonough.

In Memory of Norman Drewel Donations by: Phyllis Drewel; Dennis & April Noblett.

In Memory of Ben Grogan Donations by: Stephen & Ruby Page; Audrey Hayes; Bruce & Charlotte Baumunk; Jeff & Amy Medows; Non-Bridge Group; Harvey & Rosalee Winkelmann; Men's Sunday School Class at Temple Baptist Church; Temple Baptist Church DEBORAH Sunday School Class; Elsie Bayles; Joanne Krebeck.

In Memory of Bill Abernathy Donations by: Brenda Costello.

In Memory of Purple Heart Recipients Donations by: Luke Gasque.

In Memory of Verl Stottlemire Donations by: Mary Stottlemire.

In Memory of Bernard Underwood Donations by: Virginia Underwood.

In Memory of R.S. Myers Donations by: Betty Myers.

In Memory of Suzie Matthews Donations by: Vichy Community Church.

In Memory of Jim Geselchap (In Honor of Joseph B. Young) Donations by: Donna Harubin.

In Memory of Roger Strickland Donations by: Irene Murphy; Virginia Grace; The Corn Family.

In Memory of Lloyd Roberts Donations by: Danny & Donna Roberts; Roy & Johnnie Day; Marvin & Mary Dablemont; Tom & Jan Rosenberg & Family; Barb Freeman.

In Memory of Roy Hults Donations by: Thomas & Carol LePage.

In Memory of Vernon Loher Donations by: Robert & Laverne Culver; Gerald & Sandra Johns; Glen & Pauline Hecht; Vernon & Carol Robertson; Norris & Helen Ruwwe; Eugene & Geneva Johnson; Richard & Beverly Baird; Delmar Loher & Patty Harmon.

In Memory of Don Griggs Donations by: Mary Daly; Joyce Thomas; Dan Guignon & Reynold Binder; Shirley LeMear; Bonita Thien Knickmeyer; Michelle Griggs; Kristina Oswald.

In Memory of Hubert Caton Donations by: Phyllis Caton & Family

We'd Love to Share...

Please keep us in mind the next time you need a program for your club, civic organization, or church group. We would be happy to come and present a program about the home, to include the admission process, volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved. Call 573-265-3271 for more information or to schedule a program.

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 the more than 700 headstones at our cemetery will have a wreath layed upon them over the holidays. This year organizers Art & Jan Comptom received a special award on behalf of the Veterans Home for all their hard work in this effort. If you are interested in helping with Wreaths Across America here at MVH please call the Compton's at 573-885-7228.



TAPS

*The
Missouri
Veterans Home -
St. James wishes to
extend condolences to
the family and friends of
those veterans who
passed away
recently.*

Francis Boyer
Aug. 16, 1921- Jan. 12, 2014
US Marines

Orville Gossett
Nov. 2, 1921- Feb. 4, 2014
US Army

Bernard Grogan
May 19, 1931- Feb. 4, 2014
US Marines

Dorothy Braschel
July 18, 1923- Feb. 6, 2014
US Navy

Ronald Porro
Aug. 21, 1933- Feb. 10, 2014
US Airforce

Orville Dunshee
Dec. 9, 1928- Feb. 13, 2014
US Army

Virgil Harvell
Aug. 28, 1921- Mar. 7, 2014
US Air Force

Frances Messerly
May 12, 1922- Mar. 13, 2014
US Army

Elvis Martin
May 2, 1922- Mar. 14, 2014
US Air Force

John Yerkey
Dec. 30, 1923- Mar. 15, 2014
US Army

Louis Gloriod
Aug. 2, 1943- Mar. 16, 2014
US Army

Roger Strickland
Mar. 21, 1925- Mar. 19, 2014
US Army

Vernon Loher
Mar. 13, 1924- Mar. 25, 2014
US Army

Paul Deatherage
July 30, 1930- Oct. 2, 2013
US Navy

James Geselschap
Feb. 2, 1935- Oct. 21, 2013
US Army

Billy Marshall
Dec. 24, 1925- Oct. 28, 2013
US Marines

William Scafe
Nov. 18, 1936- Nov. 1, 2013
US Army

Harry McCaulley
July 24, 1932- Nov. 5, 2013
US Army

Ralph Cerrato
Dec. 22, 1922- Nov. 15, 2013
US Army

Chester Rogers
Apr. 10, 1928- Nov. 15, 2013
US Army

Hobart Biermann
Mar. 9, 1923- Nov. 26, 2013
US Army

Frank Wevers
July 21, 1924- Nov. 28, 2013
US Navy

Eugene Engemann
Mar. 11, 1922- Nov. 30, 2013
US Army

Norman Jaeger
July 22, 1927- Dec. 3, 2013
US Army

Jack Williams
Dec. 3, 1936- Dec. 5, 2013
US Army

Joseph Courtaway
Mar. 10, 1942- Dec. 12, 2013
US Army

William Abernathy
Sept. 4, 1926- Dec. 17, 2013
US Navy

Wallace Fiedler
Dec. 19, 1924- Dec. 19, 2013
US Army

Norman Drewel
Nov. 16, 1934- Dec. 20, 2013
US Army

Charlie Kline
Aug. 31, 1928- Jan. 1, 2014
US Army

Hobart Breuer
June 3, 1937- Jan. 1, 2014
US Navy

Clyde Branson
Apr. 13, 1925- Jan. 2, 2014
US Navy

More Holiday Giving



Richard LaBrash & crew from the Sons of the Amer. Legion Post #99 donate \$4150 for the Adopt-A-Vet program.



The HomeTown Rolla Missouri group had lots of elves collecting items for our Veterans.



The St. James TAU IOTA GAMMA group had a hat day to raise money for our Adopt-A-Vet program.

The Poultry or the Pig... that is the question!

The Missouri Veterans Home- St. James Assistance League's two biggest fundraisers of the year, our annual Golf Tournament and our new popular BBQ Bivouac, are events you will want your business to be a part of!

As you prepare your 2014 advertising budget, we would like you to consider joining one or both of our Veteran focused events as 100% of the proceeds from our fundraisers go to improve the quality of life for the Veterans here at MVH.

14th Annual Golf Tournament Entry/Sponsorship Form Monday, August 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.-St. James Golf Course



Please reserve my spot for a three person team @\$300

Please reserve my spot as a sponsor of the golf tournament.

PURPLE HEART- \$2000

EAGLE-\$1000

STARS & STRIPES-\$500

LIBERTY BELL-\$250

SALUTE TO VETERANS-\$100

All sponsorships include signage which is size & location specific based on levels.

The Purple Heart and Eagle sponsorships include a team.

Please count me in to donate this item for the silent auction: _____

NAME/COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

2nd Annual BBQ Bivouac Vendor/Sponsorship Form Veterans Day Weekend, November 7-9, 2014 at – at MVH



Please reserve my spot as a sponsor of the BBQ Bivouac.

PURPLE HEART- \$2000 LIBERTY BELL-\$1000 STARS & STRIPES-\$500

EAGLE-\$250 SALUTE TO VETERANS-\$100

All sponsorships include signage, VIP & Pit passes & t-shirts. All are size & location specific based on levels.

Please count me in to donate this item for the silent auction: _____

Vendor, including food, & team opportunities are available as well. Call for more information.

NAME/COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____



We hope you will join us as a sponsor!

Mail entry form to: Tara Peters, Supervisor of Volunteer Services,
620 North Jefferson Street, St. James, MO 65559.

Feel free to call and reserve your golf team and/or sponsorship at 573-265-3271 ext. 257.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Amer. Legion Post #632 Lake St. Louis	\$950	Amer. Legion Post #366	\$890
VFW Post # 5923	\$600	Jennifer Nixon	\$25
VFW Aux. Post # 5923	\$700	VNV/LV-MC	\$1135
Smart MO Hawks	\$300	Kathy & John Keller	\$100
Darold Fields (Halloween Candy)	\$50	Friends & Family of Dan Haskell, PCRMC	\$1740
Midwest Chpt. 4th Infantry Div. Assoc.	\$75	Dept. of Mo Ladies Aux. VFW (Bus fund)	\$200
Rotary Club of Rolla (Bus Fund)	\$560		
Combined Federal Campaign	\$1100		
Clorox Company Foundation	\$394		
Maria Fiedler	\$200		
Military Order of Cooties Aux. Running Bear	\$50		
Chuck & Lynne Farris (Bus Fund)	\$100		
Robert Heath (Halloween Candy)	\$10		
Gene & Betty Sally	\$1000		
Amer. Legion & Aux. State of Missouri	\$500		
H.R. & Anna Pennington	\$500		
Lincoln County VFW Post #8828	\$250		
Cass County Memorial VFW Aux. 4409	\$25		
Amer. Legion Post #607 (B Core Vets)	\$250		
Haskell Family (B Core staff)	\$250		
Amer. Legion Post #338 (Resident accounts)	\$2250		
DAV Chapter #49 (Resident accounts)	\$1500		
Cass Co. Memorial VFW Aux. Post #4409	\$25		
Sergeant Majors Assoc.	\$200		
11th/12th Dist. Dept. of MO Amer. Legion	\$200		
American Legion Aux. Post #587 (Bus)	\$40		
Urban Kluba	\$50		
Daniel & Melanie Osbourne	\$50		
Ladies Aux. VFW Post #35	\$1001		
Mo Dept. Of Correction, Vietnam Vets #393	\$100		
Strain-Japan R-16 School (Bus fund)	\$329		
American Legion Thoman-Boothe 338	\$2250		
Warren Patt	\$100		
H.R. & Anna Pennington (Bus fund)	\$1000		
Licking Memorial VFW Post #6337	\$300		
Licking Memorial VFW Aux. Post #6337	\$500		
VFW Post #10350	\$500		
Sarah Neidig	\$20		
St. James Cruise-In (Danny & Angie Scheel)	\$227		
Kelli Sykes	\$50		



The LEAP students from St. Robert made handmade blankets for our Veterans.



Sullivan Primary School kids raised \$115 for Adopt-A-Vet.

Thanks to our generous donors for their contributions from Oct. 2013 through May 2014
Please accept our apology if we have unintentionally left you and/or your organization
off this list. Your donations are greatly appreciated .

LOCAL SCHOOL REMEMBERS OUR VETERANS



In February two of our Veterans, Ray Wiemeyer and Darold Fields made a special trip to the Strain-Japan (R-16) Elementary School to participate in a special event. Students there hosted a balloon release in honor of one of their young students who passed away suddenly, a little boy by the name of Bradley Voss. Students set out to raise money for the Veterans and the effort turned into an awesome remembrance of Bradley as well as a touching experience for our Veterans. The students were able to raise \$329.26 in Bradley's memory and presented to the Veterans. The money was designated to help purchase a new Activity Bus.



Family Picnic Gone To The Pirates



May 3, 2014 - We fried a little fish and a few hushpuppies at this years annual Family Picnic in May. Weather was fantastic and we had lots of pirates for our theme, "We Treasure Our Veterans." Hundreds of family members came to spend the day with their loved ones.



WISH LIST

ITEMS NEEDED:

Smart TV's

52" Flat Screen TV with wall brackets for A Core, B Core and C Core

For Special Care Unit- New DVD releases (comedies and PG rated)

Electric Razors

BINGO ITEMS: Donations of money (we use \$1.00 bills to give as prizes), socks, underwear, mens body wash and cologne spray, toiletries (pump hand lotion, mens deodorant, shampoo), soft candies, Individually wrapped Hershey and 3 muskateer candy bars, snacks, crackers, sugar free candy, packets of gum. T-shirts (sizes med. to XXL), DVDs and CDs- popular movies and comedies, music to include country, jazz, 50's and 60's and classical, stamps, velcro wallets, zipper coin purses, small LED flashlights, inexpensive watches, wall clocks, AA and AAA batteries, outdoor patio decorations and planters, and ladies shampoo and conditioner in pump bottles as well as ladies body wash. In season items include: stocking caps, scarves, Chapstick, and stretchy mens gloves. Cardinals Baseball hats and related items would also be a hit.

ANNUAL ONGOING EXPENSES: Donations are always welcome for the following: Resident Family Picnic, fireworks display for residents, Resident/Family Holiday Dinner, Halloween candy for residents to hand out, funds for Veterans fishing trips, magazine subscriptions for library and our newly added fund that will raise money for a new Activity Bus.

St. James Missouri Veterans Home Management Team

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Thanks to our Adopt-A-Vet Donators



Mary Britton & Sandie Faulk from the Ft. Wood Community Spouses Club present a \$390 check to our Adopt-A-Vet program.

Cuba Middle School students always have a Dodgeball Tournament to raise money for our Adopt-A-Vet program.



Aim High Club
 American Legion Aux. # 298
 American Legion Aux. Unit 218
 American Legion Auxiliary Post # 12
 American Legion Post # 270
 American Legion Post # 632
 American Legion Post #94
 American Legion Post 470
 Argyle VFW Post # 9045 Aux.
 Argyle VFW Post #8045
 Bay American Legion Community Post 541
 Bay Legion Aux. #541
 Belle VFW Post 3410
 Boone County Ladies Aux. VFW Post # 280
 Central Federal Savings & Loan
 Central Ozark Service Programs
 Community Bank of St. James
 Country Gals
 Crossroads 4-H
 Cuba Middle School
 Cuba Veterinary Clinic
 Daughters of the American Revolution Valley of the Meramec Chapter
 Dent County Memorial VFW Post 6280
 Department of Corrections
 Dr. Dan Brown For Senate
 Fabulous Fifties Car Club
 Franklin County Honor Flight
 Ft. Wood Community Spouses Club
 Hardwood Wholesales
 Heart of Missouri 40/8, Voiture 292
 Highway 30 Car Club
 Indian Hills Men & Women's Group
 Jefferson City Correctional Center
 Jones Beltone Hearing & Audiology
 Knights of Columbus Assembly 2876
 Korean War Veterans Chapter # 281
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 LA VFW Post 6274
 Ladies Aux. VFW Post # 4107
 Ladies Aux. VFW Post #3770
 Lafayette High School Air Force JROTC
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 Lake of the Ozarks Detachment #1137 of the Marine Corp League
 Learning Discipales Class
 Lester Schlueter Memorial Post # 341
 Lester Schlueter Memorial Post # 341 Aux.
 Mace Supermarkets
 Max W. Mueller VFW Aux. No. 2661

Mens Auxiliary to VFW Post 5608
 Meramec Regional Planning Commission
 Meramec Valley DAV Chapter 65
 Military Order of The Cootie Running Bare Pup Tent #5
 Military Order of The Purple Heart Chapter 2
 Miller City VFW Aux. Post # 2442
 Missouri Career Center-Rolla
 MOC Pup Tent #9 Three Rivers & MOCA 9 Auxiliary
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 On The Run/Wallis Oil
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 Sons of the American Legion #366
 Spartan Showcase, Leggett & Platt
 St. Clair Elks Lodge
 St. James R-1 School District Tau Iota Gamma Students
 Sullivan Primary School
 Tabor Memorial Post 6479 VFW Post 6479
 Tacony Manufacturing
 Telecom Pioneers Mo Chapter #11
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 The American Legion, New Haven Post 366
 The Dermatology Center
 VFW Aux. # 5923
 VFW Aux. 5923
 VFW Auxiliary #6133
 VFW Post # 2482
 VFW Post # 5923
 VFW Post # 6133 Bingo Account
 VFW Post # 6996
 VFW Post #2661
 VFW Post #4756
 VFW Post 2025 Aux.
 VFW Post 3168 & Auxiliary
 VFW Post 3600
 VFW Post 4182
 Voiture Locale No. 38
 Walter Lepere American Legion
 Warren Patt
 Shirley Reed
 Betty & Jim Green
 Bill & Mary Ellen Kirgan
 Daniel Hoemann
 Brad Mitchell
 Jerry Novak

Pat Davis
 Jim Proctor
 Elwood Wesselschmidt
 Debbie Shasserre
 Barbara Senn
 Mary Pinnell
 Mary Sparkman-Dudley
 Kathy Gallagher & Jim Gilbert
 William & Shannon Willhite
 Calvin Langenberg
 Jerry & Donna Bumpus
 CSM (Retired) & Mrs. Franklin Herbert
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 Larry & Linda Ragsdale
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 Cathy Thompson
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 Donald & Elaine Gummersheimer
 Debbie Beach
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 Dennis & Cathy Hattersley
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 Mike & Barb Presson
 Carolyn Sanazaro
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 Stan & Marilyn Kintigh
 Bob & Sue Dunn
 Steve Conrad
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 Wayne & Cheri Luna
 Edith & Eric McMillan
 Paul & Peggy Armbruster
 Virgie Cole-Mahan
 Paul Cretin
 Bob & Carlene May
 Dave & Sally Bayless
 Todd & Gina McWilliams
 Joy Rogers
 Lowell & Jacquelyn Wynn

All About Our Employees

By Nancy Maddox

June 17, 2014 we sent seven of our best CNAs with administrative representative Kristen Byfield off to Aloona, Iowa for the annual NAHCA Conference: A Gathering of Champions across America's Heartland. Those going from our team by MVH selection were **Schyler Harris, CNA** nominated for Rookie of the Year Award

Anastacia Korte, CNA nominated for Most Thoughtful Award

Barbara Pankey, CMT nominated for the Veterans' Award

Sharon Parmentier, CNA nominated for the Team Leader Award (she could not attend so NAHCA leadership team CNA lead worker **Sylvia McKinnon** attended in her place)



Felicia Studeny, CNA nominated for Quality Care Provider Award

Karren Ganschietz, one of our CNAs and on the MVH-NAHCA leadership team, wrote an essay on what makes CNAs the Champions of Long Term Care and won an all expense paid trip by NAHCA to the conference. NAHCA is the only professional organization in the USA for CNAs. All seven of our Veteran's Homes are members as NAHCA promotes positive attitudes, improved skill level and pride in their profession. **Schyler Harris**

won as a national award winner from our Home! All of these women who were nominated are outstanding in their field. We are thrilled Schyler was recognized nationally; she also serves on our NAHCA leadership team in the building giving many hours of her own to time to improve the quality of life for Veterans and coworkers... Speakers at this year's conference included Lori Porter, cofounder and CEO of NAHCA, Lisa Cantrell, CCO and cofounder of NAHCA, Alice Bonner, PhD, RN associate professor School of Nursing & Center for Health Policy at Northwestern University, as well as other renowned people in the health care field.



MVH St. James Employees are Best of The Best...Literally

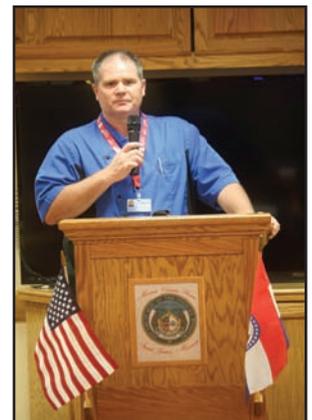


CNA II, John Morgan, was March Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month.



Veterans at the Missouri Veterans Home - St. James can rest assured they are taken care of by spectacular staff. Since January of this year three of our employees here at MVH St. James have won the title of "Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month". This is a prestigious title as the employees had to compete against other employees from six other Veterans homes across the state of Missouri as well as the Commission's Cemetery and Veteran's Service Office programs. They all shared one thing in common to gain them this title...they went above and beyond their normal job duties and provided outstanding care for our Veterans!!! Congratulations to these incredible employees as they make us proud!

CNA, Felicia Studeny, was July-Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month.



Dietary Manager, Bob Terry, was January Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month.

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS



Ben Strode



Bert Winn



Joyce Green



Donna Widener



Trish Cumper & Thor



Jim Cumper & Gunnar

In the Spring We Honor Volunteers



Volunteer Appreciation Week preceded Easter this year so our theme was, “Our Volunteers are EGG-CELLENT”. We served omelets at a brunch in April and thanked all those who give of their time every year to our Veterans.



Volunteer Dave Simily is a Cut Above

Retired Barber Dave Simily has been cutting some of our Veterans hair for decades, so it was just natural for him to continue to cut their hair once they moved into MVH. Dave has been providing volunteer hair cutting services for years since his retirement and the Veterans LOVE him. We held a surprise “thank-you” party for him in March with a cake. Our Veterans even made him a special video to thank him for all he does.



Music To Our Ears

New Volunteer Joyce Green comes in and plays the piano at lunchtime for our Veterans.





MISSOURI VETERANS HOME

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 11th -
Golf Tournament

November 7,8th & 9th -
Veterans Day BBQ

December 9,10,11th -
Holiday Dinners

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, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Have lived in the State of Missouri for at least 180 days (at any time in their life.)
- Have a need for services

Missouri Veterans Home Census

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

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