



The Veterans Voice

Summer 2015 Newsletter

**MISSOURI VETERANS HOME
ST. JAMES**

~ Veteran's Spotlight ~ Danny Haskell

Mr. Danny Haskell was born and raised in Bethany, a small town in northern Missouri. His dad, Ralph, worked on his farm and part-time as a bus driver for the local school. His mother, Rosalie, was a Beautician and owned her own shop. Danny was an only child until his little brother, Rick, made an appearance ten years later.

Danny always loved being outside hunting, fishing, and playing sports. The sports paid off because he received two scholarships from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville to play football and run track. While a Northwest, he set a track record for the 4x4 relay. A record that remained unbeaten for over thirty years.



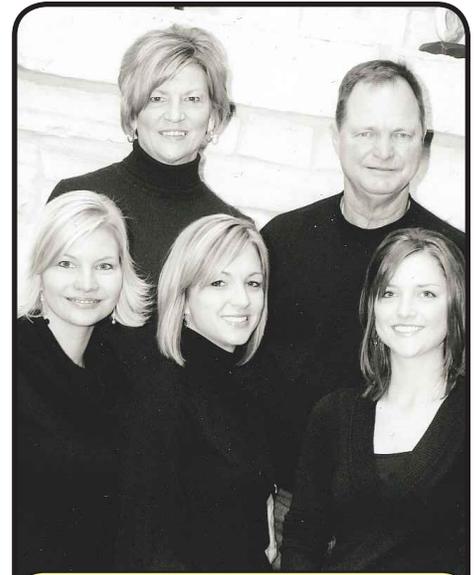
Mr. Danny Haskell in 1970

Due to his love of sports, Danny decided to go into teaching so he could coach. He got his first teaching job in Brookfield, Missouri. At the age of twenty five, he met the love of his life, Jane Biegel, and was then drafted into the Army. Danny was in the Artillery Division of the 82nd Airborne and he served in Vietnam for two years.

When he came home he married Jane and they had three beautiful daughters, Dana, Ann, and Joannie. In 1983, a friend told Danny that they should move to Rolla when a coaching position became available. He and Jane, both teachers, came to the area for a visit. While visiting they fell in love with the area and decided to set down their roots. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have been married for over 44 years and now have seven grandchildren that are their pride and joy.

Danny retired in 2000 from the Rolla Public Schools with a career of over 32 years of teaching and coaching. He decided that it was time to relax, spend more time with the family, and do a little fishing on the side too!

It is an honor to care for Mr. Haskell and it is a true blessing to see the love that this family has for one another. Over the four



Mr. Danny Haskell with his wife Jane, and their three daughters, Dana, Ann, and Joannie

years that Danny has been here at MVH, this family's love of coaching and teaching is obvious as they assist each other through the ever changing challenges with Danny's Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease. They continue to provide routine support to each other while ensuring that Danny's dignity remains intact. It is not uncommon to hear staff and visitors recall stories of his coaching days.



Danny Haskell (far right) Vietnam 1968

Thanks for your service Coach!

~ Greetings From Administration ~

Cathy Haynes, our Administrator, would like for you to meet our new Assistant Administrator, MaryAnn Larison. Cathy believes that MaryAnn has been an excellent addition to our team. She comes to us with many years of experience in the long term care field. Please feel free to stop by and meet MaryAnn anytime.



Hi Folks! I began my MVH-St. James commitment September 2014. Blessed with a dad who was a veteran and a brother who is a veteran, I had the privilege to grow up with a passion for our American freedoms and values. Growing up in the country in southwest Missouri, I enjoyed our scenic waterways/parks, 4-H and showing horses. Most of all, I continue to enjoy horseback trail riding through our Ozarks trails. My husband Dale and I married this past February and enjoy our family of 2 horses, 2 dogs and my cat. Oh, Dale has a son and daughter and 3 grandchildren who he shares with me! We enjoy country living, horseback riding and camping with our horses. It seems I've been drawn to serve those who are "chronologically gifted" since I graduated from Southwest Missouri University (MSU). I've spent several years working as an Activity Director in long term care, Program Director for several United Way agencies, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist with at-risk teens in an acute care psychiatric setting and as an Administrator in long term care. My passion became stronger to serve as a direct result of sharing my dad's journey through Alzheimer's. As an adult daughter caring for him, it was evident I wanted to be a part of providing the best care for our folks. I've been in the health field for 25 plus years; however, serving our aging is my passion. My commitment is to provide the opportunity for those to celebrate life to the fullest, provide the quality care I expected for my dad and to honor our Veterans. Thank you for that opportunity.

MaryAnn Larison

Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League News

Hello everyone at the St. James Veterans Home and community. I am Dick Pirtle, the interim President of your Assistance League (AL), of which the members strive to enhance the lives of all Veterans residing in the Veterans Home. I am completing the term formerly occupied by Dave Lexa, who resigned after several years of service to the AL. Bob May is completing the term of my former position and is the interim Vice-President. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Lexa for his extraordinary leadership.

We hope you are enjoying the items we have been able to purchase for you recently, which include a new Carefoam chair, hymn books, a popcorn machine, and a wonderful Grandfather clock that adorns our lobby.

Speaking on behalf of the AL Board of Trustees, it continues to be a pleasure and honor to serve the needs of all of the Veterans at Missouri Veterans Home in St. James. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact any of our Board members.

Dick Pirtle, Interim President
MVH Assistance League

Board of Directors

Richard Pirtle - President
Bob May-Vice President
Don Olds-Treasurer
Steve Conrad, Wilbert Falke
Dennis Wilson, Terry King,
Lowell Wynn, and
Stan Kardasz



AL Board Members, Lowell Wynn, Bob May, Stan Kardasz, Terry King, Steve Conrad, Dave Lexa, and Don Olds attended the volunteer lunch on April 10th, 2015.

Happy Birthday to our Veterans...

June

Wester, Barba	06-07
Holland, Robert	06-11
Queathem, Cordell	06-11
Smith, Thurman	06-15
Malone, Charles	06-18
Head, Roland	06-20
Ruble, Glen	06-22
Edmiston, Earl	06-25
Hale, Howard	06-27
Heavin, Lee	06-30

July

Sullentrup, Richrd	07-01
Rinehart, Hansen	07-02
Thomas, Harvie	07-03
Dufoe, Earl	07-09
Porter, Elbert	07-09
Paulson, Robert	07-09
Ashton, Calvin	07-10
Francis, Robert	07-11
Bledsoe, James	07-12
Cox, Glen	07-14
Mitchell, John	07-17
Mccurdy, Donald	07-24
Dudek, Raymond	07-24
Hansen, James	07-25
Mathews, Elasco	07-26
Schnieders, Frederick	07-26
Lackey, Buddy	07-26
Jackson, Randall	07-27
Devincenzo, Joseph	07-29
Land, Jc	07-31

August

Tetley, Bill F	08-02
Johnson, Irvin	08-04
Newman, August	08-05
Collins, Robert	08-12
Swaim, Darrell	08-12
Salois, Jean Paul	08-15
Rankin, Randall	08-16
Keene, Raden	08-17
Mcclellan, Doyle	08-21

Franklin, Michael	08-24
Morelock, Loren	08-26

September

Albertson, Larry	09-02
Haskell, Daniel	09-06
Rothrock, Thomas	09-07
Miller, Ralph	09-09
Peterson, Lionel	09-12
Sellers, Frank	09-15
Gratzer, James	09-15
Brooks, Merton	09-21
Mowry, Don	09-25
Richter, Stephen	09-27



35 YEARS OF SERVICE

KAREN MALONE

BEST WISHES!

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Missouri Veterans Home says farwell to Activities Supervisor, Karen Malone after 35 years of service and dedication to our Veterans. We wish her much joy and happiness as she begins new adventures in her life.



Veterans... Here, There and Everywhere!

We sure have been busy having fun... Here are just a few photos of our Veterans on the go here at MVH - St. James.



Mr. Otis Ummel checks out a few nice rides with Karen Wann, Restorative Therapy Aid, at a local car show.



Pictured right, Mr. Leroy Heavin enjoys the Easter Egg Hunt with one of his many great-grand children.



Mr. Donnie Thomas takes a ride with his family in his convertible. They brought it up for the day so he could participate in the St. James Cruise-In.



Mr. Roland Head takes time during the Family Picnic to show off just a few of his favorite people. His great-grand kids!



Even our very own Truman got in on the fun with all the games at the Family Picnic this year.



We even had our own horse for the "Kentucky Derby Day" picnic thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Johns of St. James.



Music group Re-Creation came in April to show their support and perform for our Veterans. The group performs all over the country and puts on over 300 shows each year.



Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Davis and their loved ones at the annual family picnic in May.



Mr. Lewis Benack got a little extra attention from one of the ladies of Re-Creation during their performance.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Over \$1000

Anna Pennington
 Disabled American Veterans
 Military Order of the Purple Heart
 VFW Ladies Auxiliary #3168

\$500 to \$999

Combined Federal Campaign
 EHOB
 Fairground Auto Plaza
 US Foodservice
 VFW Aux Post #6133

\$200 to \$499

Daniel and Melanie Osbourne
 Danny and Angie Scheel ~ St. James Cruise-In
 Lowell and Jacquelyn Wynn
 Phelps County Bank
 VFW Ladies #5923-2 Camdenton



Administrator, Cathy Haynes, and Mr. Jim Tripp accept a donation from Danny Scheel on behalf of the St. James Cruise-In Car Show.

\$51 to \$199

Benevity Community Impact Fund
 Bone County Ladies VFW Aux Post 280
 Clorox Company Foundation
 Casey's General Store
 Central Federal Savings and Loan
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Harvey Dennison
 Jones Beltone Hearing Center
 Jone Funeral Home
 June Shaw
 Mid Missouri Credit Union
 Mid Missouri Motors
 Sellers-Sexton
 VFW Post #6133
 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #393
 Wallis Companies
 William Moorkamp, D.D.S.



Vietnam Veterans Legacy Riders present a check for \$813.00 to Mr. Kenny Bales from the poker run that was held in May.

Up to \$50

Bay Community A.L.A. Unit #541
 Mickie Jensen
 Olive Branch Lodge
 William Aaron

Thanks to our generous donors for their contributions from February through May 2015. Please accept our apology if we have unintentionally left you and/or your organization off this list. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Wish List



ITEMS NEEDED:

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

New socks, underwear, suspenders, 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.

15th Annual Missouri Veterans Home Golf Tournament

July 13th, 2015



The 15th Annual Missouri Veterans Home Golf Tournament will be held July 13th at the St. James Golf Club.

Registration and lunch will begin at 10 a.m. This is a three-man scramble and is limited to 26 teams. The cost is \$300.00 per team and includes lunch, golf gift, cart, green fees, beverages, and dinner.

Sponsorship opportunities

The Purple Heart, \$2000;
Eagle, \$1000; Stars and Strips,
\$500; Liberty Bell, \$250; and
Salute a Veteran \$100. We
also welcome items for our
silent auction.

All proceeds will go to programs
that will enhance the lives of the
150 Veterans who live at
MVH-St.James.



For more information or to become a sponsor, call Lorie Steen, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at 573-265-3271 ext. 257.

Thank you for supporting our
events! It does make a difference
in the lives of our Veterans.



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Kenneth Walker
06/11/1938 - 01/23/2015
US Air Force

Hale Keeney
11/17/1918 - 01/30/2015
US Army

Edward Jones
08/25/1925 - 01/31/2015
US Navy

Harold Melton
11/28/1925 - 02/02/2015
US Army

Virgil Miller
04/21/1921 - 02/04/2015
US Army

Larry Lawyer
05/23/1933 - 02/16/2015
US Army

Erwin Hageman
04/27/1926 - 02/16/2015
US Navy

Floyd Nugent
03/07/1924 - 02/24/2015
US Navy

Richard Davis
11/09/1930 - 02/24/2015
US Army

TAPS

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

Rudolph Markovich
06/06/1919 - 03/10/2015
US Navy

Burnell Bahr
05/16/1927 - 03/22/2015
US Navy

Kenneth Brown
01/11/1945 - 03/27/2015
US Army

Frank Merenghi
10/02/1923 - 04/10/2015
US Army

Warren Beck
11/13/1923 - 04/22/2015
US Navy

Winston Parkinson
05/13/1920 - 04/22/2015
US Navy

Thomas Rosenberg
10/14/1936 - 05/03/2015
US Navy

Elbert "Tex" Morton
11/18/1922 - 05/07/2015
US Air Force

Kenneth Gabel
03/21/1926 - 05/26/2015
US Army

Robert Linsenhardt
12/16/1929 - 02/27/2015
US Air Force

John Barnes
12/27/1927 - 03/01/2015
US Navy

George Hennessy
12/20/1927 - 03/02/2015
US Army

James Singleton
05/15/1949 - 03/06/2015
US Marines

There are no words big enough. There is not a hug strong enough.
There is not a smile wide enough. All I can offer is thank you.
You are my hero.
You are in my thoughts. You are in my prayers.
For all you've done, thank you.

MEMORIALS

Elbert "Tex" Morton

Roger & Peggy Holder
 Dwight & Cindy Stack
 United Methodist Church
 Donna Wagner
 Brad & Rebecca Eidson
 Russell & Sandra Brannon
 Betty Chaney

Frank Merenghi

Ltc James & Elizabeth Allen
 Lucile Bithos
 Gerald & Lisa Dowdy
 Marla Merenghi
 Anthony & Judi Pasquale
 Tom & Chris Sowers

Harold Melton

James Arnold
 Joan Bales
 Bank of Iberia
 Doris Davenport
 Sylvia Dees
 Tim Foster
 Tamera Howlett
 Janet Sands
 Fredrick Tripp

John Barnes

Larry & Amber Hobbs
 Gary & Wendy Young

Tom Rosenberg

Arthur & Carolyn Bassett
 Charles & Barbara Bassett
 Paul & Shawn Eiserman
 Bob & Martha Frueh
 Neal & Lynn Grannemann
 Genny Hoener
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 Jim & Ruth Ann Malone
 Linda Marshall
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 Roy & Penny Richardson

Betty Rosenberg
 Cecil Rosenberg
 David & Karen Rosenberg
 Mary Rosenberg
 Neal & Vickie Rosenberg
 Lloyd & Arlene Shanks
 Sheet Metal Workers Union
 Ida Walls

Virgil Miller

Anonymous (cash)
 Famers & Merchants Bank
 Inez Hahn
 Joyce Mullen
 Gary Politte
 James Taylor
 Karen Veasman
 Don Zimmer

Warren Beck

Tom & Julie Beck
 Dan & Patricia Hall
 Michael Hall
 Clyde & Toni Hall
 Greg & Connie Richardson
 Dave & Tina Cahill

Nancee Trimble-King

Jim & Kathy Blanke
 Richard & Kathleen Bucholz
 Phyllis Hall
 John & Sandra Hayes
 Joe & Debra Palumbo
 Richard Barrett
 Keith & Delores Rocky

Attn: Resident Family Members

We need your help!

I'm a shadow box.
 I hold memories for display.
 I want to look my best.
 Please make me something your
 loved one will enjoy.



If you have any questions
 regarding the shadow boxes
 (out-side each Veteran room)
 please contact Social Services.



Mr. Harold St. Onge takes a lap with one of the
 St. James Cruisers.

All About Our Employees

By Nancy Maddox

We are once again providing CNA classes for outstanding hires who are interested to build our quality workforce. We have not done this since 2011. The following students are working hard to become an MVH – CNA who honors and serves our Veterans with quality care, compassion and is mindful to give Veteran Centered Care every day. Please welcome our new students: Andy Arthur, Lisa Bonner, Rebecca Dickens, Jamie Gall from our dietary team, Angela Lewis from our laundry team, Adelita Ousley, and Kimberly Wallace.

~ Welcome Aboard Team! We know that you all will do great. ~

On June 9, five CNAs and SDC Nancy Maddox left for Des Moines, Iowa for the 2015 NAHCA conference entitled “Warriors of Long Term Care”. The National Association of Health Care Assistants is the only national professional organization for CNAs/CMTs/RNAs. The Veterans Homes in Missouri have joined and supported this fine organization for the past 20 years as they motivate, educate and help develop frontline excellence in the workplace. The five going are some of our best and will learn from national quality speakers and meet CNAs from across the United States and our six sister Veterans’ Homes in Missouri. Educational sessions will include information on advancing excellence in America’s Nursing Homes, dementia care and preventing skin breakdown. The following have been nominated for national awards at “the Key to Quality” awards banquet June 11. They are ALL winners to us.

1. Amanda Bright: Outstanding Attitude and Devoted Service Excellence
2. Karren Ganschinetz: CNA Member of the Year
3. Melissa Leitman: Professional Style
4. Ashley Light: Excellence in Leadership
5. Sarah Neidig: Person Centered Service
6. Nancy Maddox: NAHCA Champion of the Year



Cathy Haynes, Administrator, Karren Ganschinetz, CNA, Sarah Neidig, CNA, Ashley Light, CNA, Melissa Leitman, CNA, Amanda Bright, CNA, and Nancy Maddox, Staff Development Coordinator are all smiles as they get ready to leave for the 2015 NAHCA conference.

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.”



Kelly Theobald



Kaleb Theobald



Wyatt Theobald



Ralph Green



Cassandra Mosher



Wayne McClure



Jamie Rable



George Coville

We had a world of fun at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you all for everything that you do each and every day for our Veterans. Your truly make a difference in the lives of the men and women that call MVH-St. James home.



MVH Veteran Ophelia Parkinson accepts her volunteer certificate from the ladies in Activities, Bev Lenox and Heather Brown. Ophelia had over 1200 hours in 2014.



A big THANK YOU to all our Active Duty volunteers! Pictured above are a few members of the General Leonard Wood Army Hospital Volunteer Team.



LeAnn Vogt, Director of Social Services, shows off some of the cuisine from around the world.



We have such amazing volunteers. Just one example is Linda Robertson. She makes sweets and comes in early in the morning to help out our Dietary Dept.



The St. Clair Elks are always trying to feed us - bbq, fish, watermelon! Thank you for all you do for MVH-St. James.

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

July 4th, 2015 ~ Fireworks

July 13th, 2015 ~ Golf Tournament

September 5th, 2015 ~ Grape and Fall Festival Parade

MVH Census

51 World War II Veterans
48 Korean Conflict Veterans
37 Vietnam Veterans
03 Persian Gulf Veteran
10 Peace Time Veterans

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AS WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE, WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE HIGHEST APPECIATION IS NOT TO UTTER WORDS, BUT TO LIVE BY THEM.

~ JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

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