



# St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee

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## Memorial Day Issue



**W**e would like to thank the community for your support in this year's Memorial Issue. Taking the time out of your day to remember a loved one and keeping their memory alive helps build the Perpetual Trust Fund. The interest from this endowment provides the aid and assistance to our Veterans living here now and this secured fund will ensure the future of uncompromised care for our Veterans in the future.

The interest from this fund provides much needed money to our Recreation Department for various outings and activities. It also allows for special equipment purchases and a variety of other much needed resources for our Veterans.

Thank you on behalf of the St. Louis Veterans Home Committee and the Veterans we serve.

## Memorial Day Ceremony

Sponsored By

The City Of

**Bellefontaine Neighbors**

&

**& American Legion Post #335**

At The

**Missouri Veterans Home**

10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63136

On

**May 26, 2014**

**Starting at 10:00 a.m.**

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<b>MVH-St. Louis Census</b>					
<b>Date As Of April 1, 2014</b>					
Some Veterans served in more than one branch of service and conflict.		WW II	122	Army	168
Men	273	Korean War	76	Navy	63
Women	20	Vietnam	69	Marines	27
Total	293	Persian Gulf	2	Air Force	31
		Cold War	24	Coast Guard	4
		Other	0	Other	0
		Total	293	Total	293

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To Our**

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**Funding Is Close for Bus #2!**

With the generous donations of our supporters, the funding for the new bus is very close to the \$122,000 needed for purchase.

We will continue to ask for the community support in our efforts to purchase easy access buses to transport our Veterans within the community. We have listened to many concerns from our organizations in the consideration of a larger bus and have decided on the purchase of smaller buses to allow for more accessibility to various areas we take our Heroes to on outings.

Please continue to rally with us in this effort to provide updated and more efficient transportation for our Veterans.

Once the goal for this vehicle is obtained, then we will be saving for a third vehicle which we believe will take another three years to obtain.

Please use the form on page 9 for your donation or visit us on the web at [www.slvhc.org](http://www.slvhc.org)

**NEW WEBSITE [WWW.SLVHC.ORG](http://WWW.SLVHC.ORG)**

The St. Louis Veterans Home Committee is always trying to find ways to improve our community outreach efforts. We have launched a new web site, [www.slvhc.org](http://www.slvhc.org), which will allow you easier access to up-to-date information on what's happening at the Missouri Veterans Home— St. Louis. It will provide information on upcoming events and fundraisers, how to direct your donations with easy choices and how to register to receive an e-mail copy of this newsletter. This website will also allow our supporters the option to use their credit or debit cards for donation purposes.

## *Recreation Happenings*



**Megan Martinez**  
Recreation Director

March was yet another cold month. Even with the cold weather the Veterans took a few great outings to enjoy a delicious corn beef and cabbage meal at VFW Post 4105 and a Fish Fry at AL Post 444, and a great lunch at Chubby's. We even got out to a St. Charles Chill hockey game! We also enjoyed lots of fun in the facility. Whitney Young High School did an outstanding performance on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Veterans also took part in a Day at the Races on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We also enjoyed a great dinner hosted by Texas Roadhouse on March 18<sup>th</sup>. With all of the cold weather we still had lots of fun! April brought warmer weather and Veterans ready to go out! We enjoyed trips to the Casino, St. Louis Science Center, Fairmount Racetrack, and a tour of Boeing.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Cardinals Home Opener with hotdogs, a nacho



bar, beer, and popcorn! On April 13<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Spring Fling. The Spring Fling included corn dogs, popcorn, cookie decorating, and great music by the Boeing Band. It was a great afternoon for all! Veterans had lots of great live music this month with the St. Louis Review on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Principia Choir on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Gateway Showstoppers on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Veterans have also enjoyed Cardinals watch parties,

pizza social, and funnel cakes. April was busy, but lots of FUN!

May will be another busy month. We will celebrate several holidays. First on May 10<sup>th</sup> the Mother's will enjoy an omelet social. Second from May 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> is National Nursing Home Week. We will celebrate with a visit from the ice cream truck, Chris's Pancakes, music with John Scott and Elizabeth





**Stan Smith (Administrator)**  
Administrator

Our second quarter of the year is already in full swing and we continue to focus on ensuring our Veterans are provided a clean and updated environment. We are replacing some of the ceiling tiles throughout the facility and lots of outdoor sprucing up after the long winter storms. During the next few months we will be replacing much of the furniture within our Veterans Home which is showing signs of wear through the years.

We are preparing for our annual VA survey and our Peer Review team from the other Veterans Homes will be coming in May to assist us in preparing for the survey which usually takes place in August. It is always good to have fresh eyes looking at our documentation to ensure we are dotting our "I's" and crossing our "T's" in service to our Heroes. This is a great time for our visiting team to look at some of our standards of practices and to share some of those ideas with other homes.

Our annual Volunteer Awards Dinner was great chance for me to speak with a lot of the folks in the community who directly impact our Veterans and their lives. Special thanks to all of the community who support our Veterans and their families each and every day.

Please join us for our second

year of hosting the city of Bellefontaine Neighbors and American Legion Post #335 Memorial Day Ceremony. We are honored to host this very special event with our community. We will have activities planned through the day for our Veterans and their families.

Memorial Day is a time for us to remember all of our loved ones but the official origin of this Federal holiday was to remember our "fallen Heroes" who gave the greatest sacrifice of all to ensure our nation's freedom. I am honored to serve those men and woman who lived on to see another day and share their stories.

**Activities continued from page 3**



Lakamp. Third May 17<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day, and May 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day in which we will have a civic ceremony, bingo, and ice cream social. May is sure to be full of great events!

The Veterans are looking forward to all our summer plans thanks to our community supporters!!



## Volunteer Drivers Still Needed



We are looking for some folks who are professed in driving larger recreational vehicles and are willing to take a CPR course along with some short in-services.

Volunteer Drivers will be in charge of taking the Veterans on short trips along with other volunteers in the local area. The driver will have a couple hours of training provided by our staff so they are educated in their responsibilities.

The main days for these focused outings will be on Wednesdays and some weekends.

Please contact the Volunteer Services office at 314-340-6389 ext. 239 if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

There are many other volunteer opportunities at the Veterans home and we would love to share them with you and have you join this great team of folks serving our Veterans and their families. Give us a call and schedule a time to come out and visit with us.

Are you musically talented and would you like to share your gift with our Veterans? We are always looking for volunteers in this special area.

Volunteerism is the greatest "act of kindness" from our community and our Veterans and their families are proud to live in a community that supports the Veterans home.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 335



# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MAY 26, 2014

10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

**“HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US”**

**HOSTED BY:**

**THE MISSOURI VETERANS HOME-ST. LOUIS  
10600 LEWIS & CLARK BLVD  
314-340-6389 ext. 239**

**THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
AMERICAN LEGION POST #335  
ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY.**

**YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN THIS DAY  
OF TRIBUTE AND RECOGNITION WITH  
OUR VETERANS AND OUR COMMUNITY.**



**INDEPENDENCE LANE**



# VETERANS' BIRTHDAYS



## May

Horn, Kenneth	05/01
Harper, Walter	05/05
Posey, Trumon	05/06
Little, R.C.	05/06
Turner, Tracy	05/06
Riney, Roy	05/07
Struttman, Norbert	05/09
Wall, Gene	05/12
Shannon, Max	05/12
Hart, Arnold	05/12
Walker, John	05/13
Lynum, Arthur	05/13
Getz Sr., John	05/15
Adams, Nathaniel	05/17
Oppeau, Albert	05/19
Bradshaw, Eugene	05/20
Farmer, Terry	05/22
Taylor, Arthur	05/23
Richardet, Everett	05/24
Bittner, Norman	05/24
Smith, Herbert	05/26
Leslie, William	05/26
Schmitt, Francis	05/27
Seabaugh, Loyd	05/28
Chester, James	05/28
Cassidy, Donald	05/28
Rothermich, Marvin	05/30
Felling, James	05/31
Craig, Leslie	05/31

## June

Jackson, Tyler	06/01
Whitener, Howard	06/06
Knepper, Delbert	06/06
Hoefl, Francis	06/10
Walton, Richard	06/11
Fortune, Eugene	06/13
Katz, Phillip	06/13
Thomas, William	06/16
Downey, Wilton	06/18
Losing, Edward	06/19
Davis, Robert	06/21
Sabo, Dwayne	06/21
Austin, Ray	06/23
Cox, Green	06/26

Farri, Alice	06/26
Reeves, Sandra	06/27
Anderson, Harvey	06/28
Charielle, Egidio	06/30

## July

Gipple, Ray	07/01
Montgomery, Michael	07/01
Deruchia, Gary	07/02
Crenshaw, James	07/04
Henry, Harold	07/06
Repking, Harold	07/08
Windes, Thomas	07/08
Stewart, Morris	07/09
Steinmeyer, Donald	07/09
Dauster, Richard	07/09
Moore, Thomas	07/10
Miller, Donald	07/10
Kramer, Thomas	07/10
Sachar, Alvin	07/12
Lehnbeuter, Julius	07/13
Jones, Delores	07/13
Burch, Lynn	07/13
Carper, George	07/15
Garrett, Robert	07/15
Gill, Michael	07/15
Fister, Thomas	07/23
Bartholomew, Charles	07/25
White, Aaron	07/26
Cornell, James	07/28
Johnson, Farrell	07/29
Parks, Monroe	07/30
Herweck, Kenneth	07/30
Bochenek, William	07/30
Morris, Harry	07/31

## August

Madsen, Donald	08/01
Amsler, Leonard	08/02
Trupiano, Steve	08/04
Hill, Harold	08/06
Wyrozynski, John	08/07
Rountree, Marshall	08/08
Faulkner, Charles	08/09
Schumaker, Roy	08/10
Repohl, Robert	08/11
Engemann, George	08/15
McFerron, Mary	08/16
Kelly, Michael	08/16
Whitworth, Harry	08/17
Jacks, Sidney	08/20
Maricic, Paul	08/23
Penny, Robert	08/23
Clodius, William	08/24
Meziere, Louis	08/25

### **Birthday Cards For Veterans**

Please Send Them  
A Birthday Card  
Residents Name  
% Missouri Veterans Home  
10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

Special thanks to all the folks in the community who bring in the material items on our wish list such as:

### Shrouds

Diabetic socks

Non-skid diabetic socks

Neck cushions

3XL and larger T-shirts

2XL and larger sweats

Please remember to look at the back page for our ongoing need for monthly sponsors to provide activities for our Veterans. We would love to have a group or organization who will adopt a Veteran area outside and add some special flowers throughout the fair weather season for the Veterans to enjoy when they go outside.

If you are interested in joining this great team of Volunteers call today!!! 314-340-6389 Ext. 239

IN HONOR OF

**BINIA JO WALTERS**

On Her 90<sup>TH</sup> Birthday

From

JOY A. LEISTRITZ

— INTERNS WANTED —

If you are a student who is looking for a place to do your internship as a Recreation Therapist or in the Public Relations/Advertising field we would love to have you on our team.

You're the keepers to our future and we will depend on that youth to ensure the ongoing provision of quality services for our Veterans.

Contact volunteer services  
314-340-6389 Ext. 239



## VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

SFC. Robert J. Simmons Jr. was born in Dockery, Mississippi and moved to St. Louis, Missouri with his family.

Mr. Simmons was drafted into the United States Army in 1967. Mr. Simmons served during the Vietnam War Era in 1968-1970 as a Platoon Leader for his sector. Mr. Simmons stated "The Vietnam War is a place where many brave souls fought to protect this country. I saw many casualties and we were under a lot of gunfire. I am grateful I survived the horrors of Vietnam and made it back to the states, unlike many of my comrades."

SFC. Simmons returned home and was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. The war had caused a great shortage in certain fields such as Med. Techs states Veteran Simmons, so Mr. Simmons told his superior that he would volunteer to train as a Medic. After 6 months training in the medical field Mr. Simmons changed his MOS and became a radio operator in the Communications field. Mr. Simmons served as a Squad Leader for the remainder of his active duty and was honorably discharged from the army on May 5th 1970. Mr. Robert Simmons continued serving with the Army Reserves for 30 years after his active duty service and earned the rank of Sergeant First Class.

SFC. Simmons went back to school under the GI Bill and earned a degree in Physical Education. Robert Simmons continued to serve our nation, by mentoring our children, as a Physical Education teacher for 30 years with the St. Louis Public School District, Kirkwood, Maplewood and Welston school districts.

Throughout the years Mr. Simmons would referee and umpire for high school and college football and baseball teams. One of Mr. Simmons favorite things to do was gardening and he boast raising some great vegetables.

Mr. Simmons is the proud father of one son (Montague) and still enjoys attending musical activities of any kind but he says he really enjoys the talented school children who come in to perform the most.

Veteran Robert Simmons now resides here at the Missouri Veterans Home-St Louis and states, **"I can live without worries now and know I am being cared for. This is a great place to live and I think the people here are wonderful"**.

# DONATIONS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those individuals, groups, organizations and companies that have donated to ensure our heroes "live life to the fullest".

As always when the need arises to assist our Heroes this community shines! The St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee is grateful to be part of this united effort on behalf of our Veterans.

Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization has unintentionally been left off this list

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# MEMORIAL



# Memorial Day Traditions

Memorial Day, previously known as Decoration Day, was first celebrated on May 30, 1868 to honor the Civil War dead. The last Monday in May was chosen because it was assumed that flowers would be in bloom in all states by that date.

The custom of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day started in 1915 and was inspired by Moina Michael's poem

*"In Flanders Fields": "We cherish too, the Poppy red / That grows on fields where valor led, / It seems to signal to the skies / That blood of heroes never dies."*

Since the late 1950s, on the Thursday just before Memorial Day, 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd US Infantry place small American flags at each of more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol, 24 hours a day, during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. Memorial Day was made a national holiday by Congress in 1971.

In 2000, the "National Moment of Remembrance Resolution" passed. At 3 PM on Memorial Day, all Americans are asked to observe a moment of remembrance and respect by pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to taps.

For many Americans, Memorial Day means sales, cookouts, family get-togethers and parades. For others, it's an empty seat at the picnic table. Someone's son, daughter, father or mother, grandfather or grandmother made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom's and liberties we all enjoy.

So while you're enjoying the steaks, burgers or hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans, take a moment at 3 PM today to remember how blessed we are in this great country and those who kept us safe. While you honor the loss, celebrate and savor their lives and always remember. I believe that's all they would have asked in return.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact If \_\_\_\_\_

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# Memorials



*The family and friends have  
our deepest sympathy in the loss of their Loved one.*

In Memory of

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Donations By:  
From Fellow Employees of Ameren

In Memory of

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Audrey C. Snyder  
Julie, Tommy & Khloe Webber  
Cathleen Boncek

In Memory of

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In Memory of

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Memory of

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In Memory of

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In Memory of

## **Clarence (Pete) & Esther Roth**

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Al & Rosanne Roth  
Margie & Gary Cannella  
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In Memory of

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In Memory of

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Bill Revis  
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Douglas and Emily Frisch

In Memory of

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Albert J. Drester

# Memorials



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In Memory of

## **Marcella Richardson**

Donations By:  
Michael Theobald  
Patricia Theobald  
Gerry Sickles

Richard and Evelen Weilbaucher  
George and Kim Schaefer  
Ray and Lois Roberts  
American Legion Aux. Unit 555  
Julia A. Temares

In Memory of

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VFW Ladies Aux. 3944

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In Memory of

## **Ramond James Highfill**

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In Memory of

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Friends of Wayne in  
Owensville, Mo.

In Memory of

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In Memory of

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## **William Stevens**

Donations By:  
The Del King Family

In Memory of

## **William W. Gough**

Donations By:  
Mr. & Mrs. Brain Forney

## *Pass In Review*



*Our deepest sympathy to those families and friends who have lost a loved one. The Veterans who reside within the Missouri Veterans Home live on forever in spirit and we respectfully submit a list of those comrades.*

Ronald Nowacki	02/25/14
Edward Doll	03/03/14
Alfred Edble	03/03/14
Aaron White	03/13/14
Richard Dauster	03/13/14
Gerald Schurk	03/24/14
Curtis Haslam	03/25/14
Thomas Windes	03/25/14
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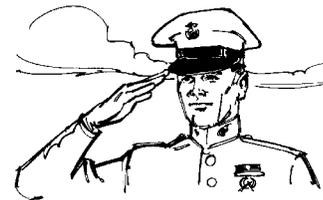
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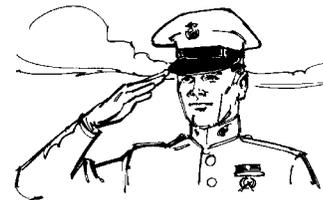
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 Rodriguez, Frank A.  
Born: June 1, 1922, Brooklyn, NY  
Passed: Feb 1, 2012, age 91, at VA Home. Minor League ballplayer. Served WWII in China. Met Theresa at U of AL. Survived by 6 children, Karen, Stephen, Marcia, Frank, Angela and Lisa; 3 grandchildren, Katherine, Alicia and Zachary. Preceded in death by his wife, Theresa

and son Frank. Retired from McDonnell Douglas and married Verna, who preceded him in death. Grave-side services Calvary Cemetery, 11 a.m. Mon., Feb. 24. In lieu of flowers, donations to the MO Veterans Home.

 Eble, Alfred J., Jr.  
8/27/30-3/4/14, fortified with the sacraments of Holy Mother Church. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Preceded to heaven by his wife Nancy Eble (nee: Holman) and daughter Laura Eble Jacobs. Loving Father of Alfred J. (Cynthia) Eble III, Melanie Maze, Nannette (Kenny) Barstow and Michelle (Paul) Lockhart. Proud grandfather of Ryan (Mary) Maze, Jessie (Tom) Barstow, Amanda Eble, Alfred (Joe) J. Eble IV Zach Lockhart, Dani Lockhart and Cael Lockhart. Great-grandfather of Landon Maze. He served his country proudly during the Korean War with USAF 36-37th Troop Carrier Squadron. Mom and Dad maintained lifelong friendships with his

Ari Force buddies at annual reunions. He retired from McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) as a technical date engineer and he and Mom built their cabin on Lake Barkley, Kentucky, where they lived for 17 years before returning to St. Louis.

He is survived by his sisters Anna Mae Sylvester and Marilyn Tushar, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Dad was known for his unwavering friendship, his ability to tell a great joke, his knack for building or repairing anything and his devotion to Mom, his family and his faith.

Thanks to Heartland Hospice and all his wonderful caregivers at the Missouri Veterans Home. In lieu of flowers, please send donation to the Missouri Veterans Home, 10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63136.

Services: Funeral Saturday, March 8, 9:30a.m. from BUCHHOLZ Spanish Lake Mortuary, 1645 Redman Ave. to Our Lady of the Rosary Church for a 10a.m. Mass. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. Online guestbook

[www.buchholzmortuary.com](http://www.buchholzmortuary.com)  
VISITATION FRI, 4-8P.M.

 Asher, E. Wayne  
Journeyed forth on Tuesday, March 04, 2014 at age 63.

Beloved husband for 42 years to Rev. Jackie Asher; loving father of Beck Asher; dear broth of Ron Asher. He was preceded in death by his loving parents and beloved sister. Dear nephew, uncle, cousin and friend to many. Wayne was a member of V.F. W. Post 6137.

Services: Funeral Monday 10:30a.m. at JOHN L. ZIEGENHEIN & SONS (South County) 4830 Lemay Ferry Road (63129) Interment J.B. National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society, Veterans Home, Woolam UMC or New Hope UMC are appreciated. VISITATION SUNDAY 3-9 P.M. The 12th District Guard of Honor Service will be Sunday at 7:00P.M.

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Schurk, Gerald J. "Jerry" Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church Monday, March 24, 2014.

Beloved son of the late Joseph and Leona Schurk; loving brother of Lois J. (the late Bill) Terry, Carol (the late John III) Emerson, John (Augustine) Schurk, the late James H. (surviving Dolores) Schurk Sr., Mary Lu Schurk and twin brother Joseph Arnold Schurk; dear uncle, great-uncle, great-great-uncle, cousin and friend.

Services: Funeral from KUTIS AFFTON CHAPEL, 10151 Gravois, Saturday, March 29, 9:30a.m. to St Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Masses or Memorials to Missouri Veterans Home preferred. Visitation Friday, 4-9 p.m.



Highfill, Raymond James, 95, of Overland, Wed., April 2, 2014. Beloved husband for 64 years of Clara Ann Highfill (nee Wegert); dear father of Janet Dunlap, Thomas and Steven (Tracey) Highfill; dear Grandfather of 3; dear brother of Gordon (Carla) Highfill and 4 additional late siblings; dear

brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend. Ray graduated from William Jewel College with a degree in accounting after service five years in the Army during WWII. He worked as an accountant for Jewish Hospital and later Controller. He is past-president of the Hospital Financial Management Association. Ray was also a champion racquetball player, enjoyed golf and bridge. He coached the children's little league baseball teams. This was an important family activity during the summers. Family vacations often involved road trips and camping. Ray and Ann took national and international trips after the children were grown. Ray was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and later of New Horizons Presbyterian Church. During his last years, he received loving care as a resident of Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis. Services: Memorial Service at New Horizons Presbyterian Church, 9424 Everman Ave., Overland, Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m. Memorials may be made to his church or the St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee, 3905 Germania, St. Louis, Mo. 63116

www.shepardfuneralchapel.com



Kempton, Jack E.

April 1, 2014. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Saint Louis Veterans Home or Heartland Hospice.



— Estate Planning —

The Perpetual Trust Fund is the key to the future of uncompromised services to our Veterans. If you are interested in this worthy goal and would like to invest in the future of Veteran care by donating to the Perpetual Trust Fund please contact the St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League Attorney. The Perpetual Trust Fund is an investment to which the interest is utilized to benefit Missouri Veterans. Many individuals have chosen to leave this world knowing they have made a difference in the lives of our heroes who have served to assure our countries freedom. They leave a legacy that lives on forever in the hearts and lives of Americas' Finest.

**All Bequests Must Be Made Out To The St. Louis Veterans Home Committee And Targeted For Perpetual Trust Fund**

**Representing The St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee**

**In Matters Of Wills, Estates And Trust**

**Please Contact Michael R. Bamvakais**  
**9939 Gravois Rd St. Louis, MO 63123**  
**Phone: (314) 631-0200**

**If You Have Any Questions In Regards To This Matter, Please Give Him A Call.**

**St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee**

Serving Our Veterans—Missouri Veterans Home—St. Louis

**Donation & Honorary Life Membership Form**

Yes! I/we would like to help the Assistance League plan for the future by donating to the Perpetual Trust Fund. I understand that this donation is restrictive and that only the interest can be used.

- ( ) Honorary Life Membership \$ 10.00
- ( ) Organizational Honorary Membership \$ 50.00
- ( ) Single Room Dedication \$ 1,000.00
- ( ) Double Room Dedication \$ 2,000.00
- ( ) Living Room Area Dedication \$ 5,000.00
- ( ) Special Room Dedication \$25,000.00
- ( ) Wing Dedication \$50,000.00
- ( ) **Donation Of Any Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis

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St. Louis, MO 63136

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### Staff Contact List

Last Update April 30, 2014

We will be updating and improving our newsletter in an effort to provide information to which will assist you and keep you abreast on the Veterans' home and other vital areas which pertain to the Veterans and their future. This administrative directory page will be inclusive as one of our updates. Please feel free to utilize this feature page to directly access any of our administrative staff.



#### Missouri Veterans Commission

205 Jefferson St.,

P.O. Drawer 147

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0147

Telephone: (573) 751-3779

Fax: (573) 751-6836

[www.mvc.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov)

#### State Veterans Homes

Cameron (816) 632-6010

Cape Girardeau (573) 290-5870

Mexico (573) 581-1088

Mt. Vernon (417) 466-7103

St. James (573) 265-3271

Warrensburg (660) 543-5064

#### State Veterans Cemeteries

Bloomfield (573) 568-3871

Higginsville (660) 584-5252

Jacksonville (660) 295-4237

Springfield (417) 823-3944

Ft. Leonard Wood (573) 774-3496

Jefferson Barracks Cemetery

314-845-8320

#### Veterans Service Officers

1-866-838-4636

Doug Meyer ext.426

(Director of Veteran Services)

VA Clinic North

(314) 286-6988

**Stan Smith**

(Administrator)

ext. 233

**Michelle Hannah**

(Admissions)

ext. 209

(Assistant Administrator)

ext. 234

**Megan Martinez**

(Recreation Director)

ext. 244

**Dr. Babu Dandamudi**

(Medical Director)

ext. 263

**Jaqueta Seewood**

(Supervisor of Rehab)

ext. 292

**Becky Johnston**

(Health Program Rep)

ext. 414

**Carol Schnitker**

(Director of Dietary)

ext. 286

**Shirl Andre**

(Director of Nursing)

ext. 224

**Jewell Travillion**

(Director of Environmental &amp; Laundry Services)

ext. 436

**Tonie Staples**

(Asst. Director of Nursing)

ext. 407

**Cathy Pauley**

(Director of Accounting)

ext. 235

**Debbie Rooney**

(Asst. Director of Nursing)

ext. 217

**Tia Howard-Beauford**

(Residents Accounts)

ext.238

#### Nursing Supervisors

314-575-8446 or 314-575-8430

**Cindy Beard**

(Health Info. Manager)

ext. 251

**Dale Maylee**

(Director of Plant Operations)

ext. 260

**Twanna Barnett**

(Staff Development Coordinator)

ext. 228

**Don Vance**

(Director of Purchasing)

ext. 247

**Paul Harrell**

(Computer Specialist)

ext. 222

**Julie Goulet**

(Director of Volunteer Services)

ext. 239

**Bill Mathews**

(Career Training Center Councilor)

ext. 278

#### Direct Unit Extensions

A-100 Nurses Station ext. 252

A-200 Nurses Station ext. 254

B-200 Nurses Station ext. 421

B-300 Nurses Station ext. 431

B-400 Nurses Station ext. 441

B-500 Nurses Station ext. 451

C-100 Nurses Station ext. 255

C-200 Nurses Station ext. 257

#### Staffing/Scheduling Office

ext.277/281

**Jennifer Roach** ext. 420

(Director of Social Services/A-200)

**Buffy Huffman** ext. 248

(Social Services B200-300 400 500)

**Trinisia Nolden** ext. 249

(Social Worker C-100)

**Brad Abel** ext. 227

(Social Worker C-200)

**Catherine Taylor** ext. 290

(Social Worker A-100)

**John Chew** ext. 280

(Personnel Manager)

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## *Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis* *Wish List*

The following is an approved “wish list” by the Administrator for some of the focused areas the Veterans have expressed an interest in or specific needs in support of the Veterans home.. Donations for “wish list” needs must be in monetary form. Please call Julie Goulet, Supervisor of Volunteer Services to ensure that there is a current need for the items listed at (314) 340-6389 ext. 239. If a tax letter is requested on physical items, please note that no dollar amount will be given. It is the responsibility of the donor to justify the value of the item (s) if challenged by the IRS.

- Monetary Needs
- Trust Fund
- Bus Fund
- Recreation / Activity

- Monthly Sponsors
- Bingo, Poker, Trivia
- Outings
- Sporting Events

### St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee - Donation Form

I would like to make a donation of  
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Fund: \_\_\_\_\_  
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St. Louis, MO 63116

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