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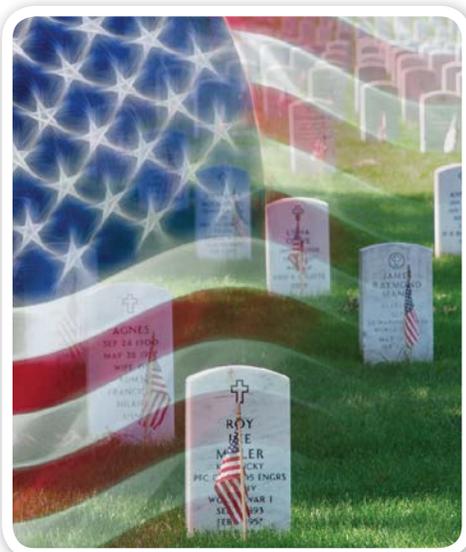


We would like to thank the community for your support in this year's Memorial Issue. Taking the time out of your day to remember a loved one and

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.



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Administrator News

After many years in the long term care industry as a Nurse, a Desert Storm Veteran, and over 5 years within the Missouri Veterans Commission, I believe I am finally exactly where I was meant to be...home at MVH St. Louis. I accepted the position of Administrator and arrived to St. Louis on Oct. 1, 2014. I am truly humbled to have been chosen and it is an honor to serve the Veterans, their Families, and the Staff at the St. Louis Veterans' Home as the Administrator.

Although, my time here has been only a few months, I have seen many magical moments in St. Louis. The community support to the Veterans in our Home is amazing and mind-boggling; from the thousands of hours a month in volunteer time, the financial support through fundraisers and the local businesses, Mayor Bob Doerr and his City staff, the Assistance League, the VFW's, American Legions, and many, many others.

The St. Louis Veterans' Home Staff have worked very hard at improving the Veteran Centered Care environment that was already second-to-none. We had many wonderful events over the winter Holidays that were quite magical. We have purchased new furniture for Veterans Village and the Main Lobby and we are in progress of updating the rest of the building as well with new furniture. We continue to work with Jefferson City on fixing our swimming pool and due to its higher costs, it is taking a little more time. Spring is here and



Mark Fontana, Administrator

we are looking forward to some big events in the near future. Our Staff and Volunteers have truly proven why they are here...the Veterans. The Assistance League continues to assist with the continuous improvement of the technology available to our Veterans to improve their quality of life, from bigger, better, and smarter TV's, to upgrading the sound system in the Main Dining Room, to improving the sacred Hero's Farewell with technology. Your support to the Assistance League has been one of those magical moments and I hope you can continue your support.

I look forward to many more magical moments with the St. Louis Veterans' Home Veterans, their Families, our Staff, the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors and all of its wonderful Citizens and Businesses, the local VFW and American Legion Posts, and many others during my tenure at the MVH St. Louis. As always, please contact me with anything you deem important.

For the Veterans, Mark Fontana,
Administrator.

More information

If you are looking for more information on the Missouri Veterans' Home – St. Louis on how to donate, volunteer, or would like a speaker for your next event, please contact the **Director of Volunteer Services Julie Goulet at 314-340-6389 ext. 239.**



VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Suddenly, the shrill cry of a Klaxon shatters the evening calm – then, speakers blaring: **All Port Personnel Report To Duty Stations!**

Resting, off-duty, Seaman Sandra Reeves and a friend, Fireman Apprentice, Cheryl Ann Fagg, rouse quickly and rush to a seagoing tug ready to deploy.

Earlier, a Coastguard ship had collided with an Argentine freighter. Now, the tug's job is to assist in the tow of a mammoth 100-ton crane to the site of the sunken ship and its victims. From the start, salvage operations are hampered by high seas. Crews and tugs persevere despite increasing turbulence. Later, speaking to a news reporter, Reeves admits, "...It's funny now, but we were scared – and sea sick!" We wore life jackets in case we got washed overboard. I don't think I want to do **THIS** again – well, at least not for a month or so," Sandy quipped.



History Makers

Because of the urgency of the situation, Sandra and Cheryl Ann were ordered to duty, becoming the first women to serve at sea on an ocean-going tug. After salvage and rescue operations were successfully concluded, crews and individual service members received letters of commendation and thanks from appreciative commanders. On November



Seaman Sandra Reeves Norfolk Naval Station

27, 1979, Captain H.H. Pakradooni III, wrote in part:

"Dear Ms. Reeves: Your dedicated efforts and performance of duty have been noted.....I would like to take this opportunity as Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Norfolk, to express to you my personal appreciation for a job well done...."

The Spirit of Volunteering

Duty as a Navy seaman was Sandra Reeves' second military enlistment. In early 1974, Sandy joined the Army, where she became a Spec-4 in teletype communications.

Soon specialist Reeves discovered that she enjoyed volunteering. At Fort Gordon, GA, Sandy pitched in, loading water, clothing, blankets and canned food to aid former MIA's returning from Vietnam. She spoke at schools, SOS and VFW Clubs to raise support for the families of MIA's not yet located; also to urge increased government efforts to find these men and get them home.

Sandra designed bracelets that were worn by citizens to raise awareness of those still missing. When a serviceman

returned, a bracelet was clipped and presented to the home-coming soldier in a special ceremony.

Parisian Dreams

A highlight of Sandy's Army years was her tour of duty in Paris, France. She loved the countrymen, and French cooking. She reveled in the beauty of sunsets over the Rhine and marveled at the incomparable Eiffel Tower. Sandra also posed for a fashion photographer who became a trusted friend and guide.

Back Home

In 1980, service obligations fulfilled, Sandy returned to her home town, St. Louis, MO. Here, she joined her parents in the family business. Sandra's mother created exquisite porcelain dolls. Sandy loved to paint these little treasures, to be framed in beautiful cabinets, designed and built by her dad.

Today

Now, residing at the Veterans Home, Sandy is a beacon of light, easily spotted in her colorful outfits. She is a people-person, always glad to spend an hour or two with another Veteran. Sandra is a whiz jig-saw puzzler and she loves to use paints and crayons to make something fashionable and beautiful.

Sandy, we are happy to know you as our FRIEND!

This article was proudly submitted by Veteran JBS. Watch for future "Heroe's Spotlight" articles with these initials.





RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Megan Martinez
Director of Recreation

Although the past three months where quite cold and brisk, we were extremely busy inside the building with many exciting opportunities for all to enjoy.

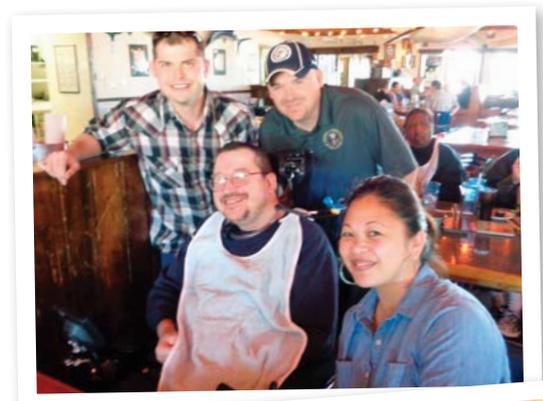
In January we celebrated "National Rubber Duck Day; with the competitive juices flowing, our Veterans raced rubber ducks on our duck pond for exciting prizes. We also celebrated Crazy Hat Craft Day as Veterans made and wore the craziest hats they could construct.... all colors, sizes and shapes could be found. Many anticipated the Day at the Races, anxiously cheering on their horses in hopes to win it BIG. The sweet smell of cherry pie filled the air as the Veterans made cherry pies and soothed their sweet-tooth during our pie making event. To round out January, the Veterans Breakfast Club appreciated breakfast prepared by the Recreation Team.

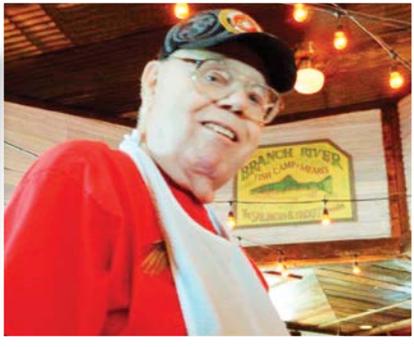
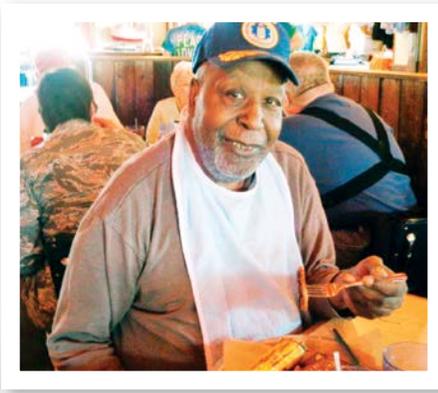
February brought a plethora of exciting activity. The Men's Club Beer & Movie got together to hang out and enjoy each other's company. The Veterans headed to the Creve Coeur VFW G.I. Joe Breakfast to partake in a delicious breakfast and bingo. Savoring refreshing tea, delightful cookies and soothing music, the ladies gathered to reminisce at their Ladies Sweetheart Tea Party. With the anticipation of masks and beads mixed with the sounds of the casino, the Veterans relished in Casino Day with Fat Tuesday party. Love was in the air, as the Veterans of the Special Care Unit and their loved one's came together for a sweetheart social to celebrate Valentine's Day.

March brought many more rousing events. The Veterans celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a St. Paddy's Happy Hour; socializing and enjoying Irish eats and drinks. The Recreation Team prepared delicious omelets for breakfast, much to the delight of the Veterans. Finally, the Spring Fling was wonderful with fun and games for all. A special visit and pictures with the Easter Bunny as well as a spectacular Easter egg hunt to cap it all off.



A special thanks to all individuals, volunteers and organizations for their assistance and support in making the Quarter spectacular and tremendously successful!!







Date: May 7, 2015

To: Friends & Supporters Of Missouri Veterans' Home—St. Louis

Re: **New Technology Fund Drive** 

Dear Friends & Supporters,

We seek your help in an effort to update some of the outdated technology at the Missouri Veterans' Home—St. Louis. Some of the equipment we hope to replace has been in constant use since the facility was opened over 20 years ago.

In order to achieve our goals, we are looking for monetary donations toward updating the following items. First, we plan to replace the old TV's in the Special Care Unit to larger smart TV's. Next, we will be adding digital activities calendars throughout the home. The calendars will provide residents and their visitors with up-to-date daily and current events information, weather reports and activities going on in and around the facility. Finally, we plan on upgrading the bingo equipment, sound system and projector in the main dining room—which is the central hub of activity at the home. Donations of any size would be greatly appreciated. You can be certain you will be helping to improve the quality of life for all the Veterans that reside at the home.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Please see the included form on page 12 to donate today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Theobald".

Michael P. Theobald
Chairman
St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee

Annual Memorial Remembrance Campaign 2015

We pay tribute to our friends and loved ones who served in the armed forces of our nation during war and peace and the members of their family that are now with God.



Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living

Donations Have Been Made In The Memory Of Friends And Loved Ones

All donations made have been placed into the Perpetual Trust Fund for the St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee. Your remembrance of a loved one, friend, post or auxiliary member will impact those who live on—our Veterans who reside at the Missouri Veterans' Home – St. Louis. Thank you all for supporting this worthy cause with your kindness and generosity.

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Operation Cuyahoga

The losses of our men and woman who served during the Cold War period were sometimes overlooked by our nation. This nation's efforts to be ever vigilant and continue ongoing training for our peace time efforts continues, as it did in our homeland waters with the historical incident as described by Veteran Sandra Reeves in our "Heroe's Spotlight" feature. In this Memorial Day issue we would like to elaborate on the "History Maker" section as described by Veteran Reeves who took the helm on that historic day in her life.



Seaman Sandra Reeves and the team she served with, risked their lives to ensure the Cuyahoga crew who lost their lives were returned and the ship they served on was brought home to her port. The following is a brief summary of the incident. We have also included the names of the brave men who survived and those who gave the greatest sacrifice of all as a result of this incident which occurred during their sea duty assignment. We hope this helps you as the reader to better relate to Veteran Reeve's military experience before she was discharged and entered

into her civilian life back home in St. Louis. We are honored to serve Veterans such as Ms. Reeves and to share the many stories we hope to preserve for you as the reader so that you can have a more personal and in-depth knowledge on each Veteran's military experiences:

Cuyahoga (WIX-157) was built at the American Brown Boveri Corporation in 1926. She was launched and commissioned in 1927. She was 125 feet long, had a beam of 23 feet 6 inches and a draft of 9 feet. Her total displacement was 276 tons. Her hull was steel and she had two diesel engines and twin screw propulsion which gave her a maximum speed of 13 knots and maximum cruising range of 4,900 miles.

At about 2100 hours on 20 October 1978, in an area about 3 1/2 miles northwest of Smith Point, which marks the mouth of the Potomac River as it empties in the Chesapeake Bay, catastrophe occurred. The Argentine coal freighter Santa Cruz II, a 521-foot bulk carrier, hit the Cuyhoga on her starboard side between amidships and the stern. A consensus of accounts indicated that the cutter was dragged backwards for a minute and then fell away from the tanker, rolled on her side, and sank within a couple of minutes. The Santa Cruz rescued 18 survivors from the water and stayed



on the scene until help arrived. The remaining 11 men embarked on the Cuyhoga were lost.

After some delay due to heavy seas and high winds, two massive floating cranes were used to raise the Cuyhoga, which was in 57 feet of water. After an initial inspection, the ship was placed on barges and towed 65 miles to Portsmouth for a full inspection.

The Commandant has determined that the proximate cause of the casualty was that the commanding officer of the USCGC CUYAHOGA failed to properly identify the navigation lights displayed by the M/V SANTA CRUZ II. As a result he did not comprehend that the vessels were in a meeting situation, and altered the CUYAHOGA's course to port taking his vessel into the path of the SANTA CRUZ II. The Cuyahoga was later sunk off the coast of Virginia as an artificial reef.

Survivors of the collision:

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- BM1 Roger E. Wild
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Lost shipmates:

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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.

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Please accept this donation from my mother, Jacqueline Whitworth, to thank the staff at the St. Louis Veterans Home for the kindness and care given to her husband, Harry Whitworth. She especially thanks Jackie Jackson and the nurses, therapists, social workers, dietary personnel and many others on Liberty Lane. They are the best.

The Missouri Veterans Home is a special place due to the many volunteers and staff. We never ceased to be impressed by the respect and honor given to each veteran, regardless of his or her debilitation. Their helpfulness extended to family and friends. I cannot count the number of times people went out of their way to locate a visitor wheelchair for my mother's use.

My mother hopes her contribution will help continue the important services provided to our aged veterans.

Best Regards,



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- I would like to say here what an outstanding job Buffy Huffman has been doing to help my family and my father. She has been very quick to respond to any questions I have had and very patient. It has been a sheer pleasure to deal with her. (Jim Rayfield for Glendal Rayfield)*
- Thank you for the extraordinary care provided for my father. I appreciate all that the staff provides and does to make his life better for him. (Ally Bartholomew for Charles Bartholomew)*
- I just want to thank everyone. What a great job they do. Thank you. (Jane Kluner for Raymond Kluner)*
- I feel the facility is kept really clean and that the staff takes real pride in it. (Susan Carr for Greg Carr)*
- Everything is well handled. (Craig Ackermann for Russell Ackerman)*
- Everyone seems to really like Brad. They really take good care of him! Thank you for that! (Pamela Bay for Bradley Wilkinson)*
- You have a very tough job and I think over all you all are doing a very good job. Thank you! (Anonymous)*

Obituary

It is the policy of this publication to print the obituary of individuals who have indicated that memorial donations are to go to the St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee. It should be noted that all checks should be made out to the **St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee**. If they are made out to the home, then that check will be returned for corrections. Please insure that we receive a copy of that memorial. It cannot be printed if we do not know about it. All memorial donations are targeted to the Perpetual Trust Fund.



Eakes, Louise

(nee Denny) Asleep in Jesus Monday, January 5, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Elbert H. Eakes; dear mother of Denny (Greg) Feltman and the late Ellen Wynn; dear grandmother of Lauren Chocate, Casey Wynn and Kelly Richard; dear sister of William (Stephanie) Denny; our dear great-grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Services: Visitation at KUTIS AFFTON CHAPEL, 10151 Gravois, Thursday, January 8, 11:00 a.m. until funeral service at 12:00 Noon. Private interment at J.B. National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis, 10000 Lewis and Clark Blvd., 63136 appreciated.



Trupiano, Steve

Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Beloved husband of Fran Trupiano (nee Joyce) and the late Marianne Trupiano.

Dear father of Joe, Gus and Donna Trupiano, stepfather of Debie Crady, Linda Garza and Dennis LaRue. Dear Grandfather of Stephen, Erin, Kate, Matt and Richard Jason, Justin, Torey, Matthew and Alexia and Jared. Our dear great-grandfather. Dear brother of Tony Trupiano, Cathy Scaturro and his late brother Vito Trupiano. Our dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Services: Funeral services will begin on Saturday, January 10 at 9:15 a.m. at STYGAR FLOISSANT CHAPEL 7 CREMATION CENTER, 13980 New Halls Ferry Road, then process to the St. Ferdinand Catholic Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass (where services will conclude). Private Interment later.

Visitation: Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Memorial donations to the Missouri Veterans Home, 10600 Lewis and Clark Blvd. 63136 appreciated. Online condolences and guestbook may be found at www.stygar.com.



Whitworth, Harry E.

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015

Beloved husband of Jacqueline Whitworth (nee Hunt); loving father of Dayne (Donald) Sislen and Deni Kogan (Jeff) Dickler; dear grandfather of Mark Sislen, Amy (Jason) Cafer, Sarah (Michael Browning) Kogan, Joshua Beaman-Kogan, Gordon Dickler, and Martin Dickler; great-grandfather of Jack and Anna Cafer; dear uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Services: Services were held privately through BOPP Chapel in Kirkwood, Mo. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, or the Saint Louis Veterans Home Committee, 3905 Germania, 63116, or the charity of one's choice. www.boppchapel.com.



Weston, Raymond G.

Sunday, January 19, 2015.

Beloved husband of the late Virginia Helen Weston (nee Birkenmaier); dear father of Joy (Barry Calvillo), Jack (Diane), Ray (Deborah Wilson) and George (Mary) Weston; dear grandfather of Chris, Vicky, Molly, Rick, John, Mark, Rob'n, Ramy, T.J. Elysa and Ashley; dear brother of Robert, Dorothy and Dale; our dear great-grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend.

Services: Funeral from KUTIS AFFTON Chapel, 10151 Gravois, Friday, January 23, 10:30a.m.

Interment: J.B. National Cemetery.

Member of VFW Post 6137 and St. Louis Gateway Chapter of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

Contributions to Missouri Veterans Home (10600 Lewis & Clark, 63136) appreciated.

Visitation: Thursday 5-9 p.m.



Roller, James J.

Fortified in the Sacraments of the Holy Mother Church on Tues., Jan. 20, 2015

Beloved son of the late Earl and Mamie Roller; beloved brother and brother-in-law of Robert (Rose) Roller and Virginia Roller; uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Services: Visitation 10 a.m.-till time of service at 12 p.m., Thurs. Jan. 22, 2015 at HUTCHENS MORTUARY 675 Graham Rd. In lieu of flowers, donations to Missouri Veterans Home.



Downey, Robert J., Jr.

Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church Friday, January 23, 2015.

Beloved son of the late Robert Sr. and Emma Downey (nee Cox); dearest brother of Mary K. (Mark) Wuller, Matthew Downey and the late James F. Downey; our dear uncle, great-uncle, brother-in-law, cousin and friend to many.

Mr. Downey as a proud member of the United States Marine Corps and a lifelong employee of Sears.

Services: Memorial Mass Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 1424 South First Capitol Dr., St. Charles, MO 63303.

Family will receive visitors 9:30 a.m. at church. Masses or memorials may be given to St. Louis Veterans Home Committee, P.O. Box 21635, St. Louis, MO 63109-0635.

www.colliersfuneralhome.com



Stroot, Donald H.

90, on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 Beloved husband of Wilma S. (nee Shaner) Stroot; loving father of Sandra (John) Skroska; dear grandfather of Sara (Lloyd) Brown, Cindy (Bill) Moeller; great grandfather of Joey, Olivia, Maria, Lauren, Grace and Emma; dear brother of

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Doris (Stroot) Hahn, the late Bob Stroot, Jack Stroot; dear sister in law Marge (Cornish) Stroot; dear uncle cousin and friend to many.

He went to work in his father's bakery as a young man before entering the Army and serving his county during WW II. When he returned he worked at JC Penney where he met Wilma and they were married on September 6, 1952. He later worked for Rapps and ended his career in the dairy department of Schnuck's where he retired in 1990. He was actively involved with the American Legion Post 338, having served selflessly at the Fish Fries, Honor Guard and Bingo for many years. He loved family, children, his church, fishing, and gardening. For over 50 years he blessed children, family and friends as he appeared at their homes on Christmas Eve as his favorite character, Santa Claus. Everyone who met him, loved him.

Services: Visitation 3pm-8pm Monday, February 23,2015 at Alexander-White-Mullen Funeral Home 11101 St. Charles Rock Rd., St. Ann, Mo. Mass of Christian Burial 11am.Tuesday, February 24,2015 Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church,1424 1st Capitol Dr. South, St. Charles, Mo. 63303. Interment with Military Honors in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to SSM Hospice of St. Charles or to the St. Louis Veterans Home-St. Louis. Condolences may be offered through www.alexanderstlouis.com.



Shumaker, Roy E., Jr.

Baptized into the hope of Christ's resurrection on Sat. Feb. 21, 2015.

Beloved husband of the late Margie Kathleen Schumaker (nee Carr); beloved father of Tara (Joe) McMahon and Heather (Tom) Desmond; dear grandfather of Patrick, Shana, Aubreigh and Kayleigh; dear brother of Delores Stebe and Arline (the late Al) Boeckelmann; our dear Godfather, uncle, cousin and friend.

Roy was a Korean War Veterans and lived for several years at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis, Mo.

Service: Funeral from Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road, on Tue., Feb.24, 9:00 a.m. to St. Matthias Catholic

Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment J.B. National Cemetery. Memorials to the Missouri Veterans Home or the Pink Sisters, appreciated. Visitation Monday 5:00-8:00 p.m.



Wessling, Robert A.

Joined those he missed on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, a son James and a loving caregiver Bridget Bowman. He leaves behind daughter Patricia Dulle (Tim) and son Thomas (Michelle), grandchildren Christopher (Laura), Sean, Phillip (Jessica), Scott (Cortney), Tim Jr., Nicole, Elizabeth and a great grandchild

He was a graduate of McBride H.S. and St. Louis University.

He served his country during the Korean Conflict stationed in Germany a few miles from his ancestral home of Osnabruck, Germany. He liked to tell the story about being at the end of a long line of recruits headed to Korea. A Sergeant came along looking for someone who could type to clerk in Germany. He could type. Blind Luck!

After his military service he worked the third base box entry at the old Sportsman Park and remained a life long fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

He spent his entire career with Boeing (McDonnell-Douglass) and was a proud member of the Mercury, Gemini, Shuttle teams and later missile defense.

He was a devout Catholic and an active member of North American Martyrs Church from opening to closing.

He was active in his children's sports teams serving as a coach for many teams and further supported his grandchildren's teams as a regular fan.

He loved to ravel, played a lot of bridge and became a very good golfer in his retirement. He loved ping pong and was competitive well into his 80's.

He was an active member of the Hilltoppe'rs square dance group with Marilyn.

His family would like to thank the Missouri Veterans Home for their care during his last months, and Fillippe for his loving care the four years prior.

Services: Funeral Mass 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 27,2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 751 N. Jefferson St. No visitation. Interment with honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials to the St. Louis Veterans Home Committee, 3905 Germania, St.Louis, Mo. 63116.

Online guestbook at www.hutchsensmortuary.com.



Lepich, Marjorie M.

(nee Manning), entered into rest February 25,2015. She is survived by her spouse of 68 years, Robert J. Lepich Sr. She was the woman in the red dress he saw across the room. While on shore leave, at a dance hall in New Orleans during world War II. Mother of Linda (Bill) Moriarity of St. Charles, Mo. The late Robert J. (Myrna) Lepich Jr., Patricia (Paul) Johnson of Florissant, Mo. And Michael Lepich of Columbia, Mo. Grandmother of (the late) Erin Moriarity, Caitlin Moriarity, Megan Moriarity, Shannon Landry, Jodan Lepich, Josh Lepich, Jesse Lepich, Natalia Gray, Allison Guzman, Jacob Lepich, Kristin Johnson, Karla Johnson, and Eric Johnson., Great Grandmother of 17. Preceded in death by her brothers and sister Hidde Manning Jr., Geraldine Wagonpfeil, and Melvin Manning. Our dear in-law, aunt, great aunt, cousin and friend. She was kind to all.

Services: Visitation 3:00p.m. Wednesday March 4,2015 at HUCHENS MORTUARY 675 Graham Road Florissant, Mo. Followed by Funeral Service at 5:30 p.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Missouri Veterans Home 10600 Lewis and Clark Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. 63136.



Mehrhoff, Harry J.

Age 90, of St. Louis, died on March 13,2015.

Loving husband of Eleanor Fern (nee Herrmann); beloved son of the late Harry and Marie Mehrhoff (nee Bremehr); proud father of Glen (Jamie), Linda Ackenhausen, Robin (Martin Cohen, John (Donna), Perry (Janet), Sherry (Frank) Waters, and Barbara (John) Gorczyca; cherished grandfather

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of 15 and Great-grandfather of 15; dear brother of Margaret Behrendt. He is preceded in death by his five siblings; Marie, Viola, Vera, Delores and Arthur.

Services: The family is being served by the BAUE Funeral and Memorial Center, 3950 West Clay Street, Saint Charles, Mo. Where a visitation will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2015 4:00pm-8:00pm Funeral Service Thursday, March 19, 2015 10:00am Baue Funeral and Memorial Center. Interment Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis or Alzheimer's Association St. Louis Chapter. Visit Baue.com.



MVH-St. Louis Census

As of April 28, 2015

Army	164
Navy	71
Air Force	42
Marines	25
Coast Guard	1

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.



Basil Armstrong Army	1/3/15	James Cornell Navy	1/21/15
John Throgmorton Marines	1/5/15	Robert Downey, Jr. Marines	1/23/15
Louise Eakes Army	1/5/15	John Thompson Air Force	1/25/15
Steve Trupiano Navy	1/6/15	William Stoehr Air Force	1/25/15
Ralph Freund Army	1/7/15	John Thorn Marines	2/14/15
Harry Whitworth CG/MM	1/8/15	Donald Langkoph Air Force	2/19/15
Harold Torbeck Navy	1/8/15	Roy Schumaker Army	2/21/15
Anthony Roth Army	1/9/15	Robert Wessling Army	2/22/15
Robert Penny Army	1/12/15	Sidney Jacks Navy	2/24/15
John Defato Army	1/15/15	Carroll Simmons Navy	3/01/15
Joseph Mattli Army	1/16/15	Meade (Bud) McCain Army	3/09/15
Marvin Rothermich CG/MM	1/17/15	Harry Mehrhoff Marines	3/13/15
Vance Lischer Army	1/17/15	Troy Reese Navy	3/17/15
Raymond Weston Army	1/18/15	Trumon Posey Army	3/22/15
James Roller Army	1/20/15	Jerome Harris Army	3/27/15

Memorial Remembrance



The family and friends have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their Loved one.
Donations have been made in memory of the following:

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Mrs. Gloria Netherton

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Eugene L. Meyers

American Legion Post 444

Frank Valenti

American Legion Post 444

Gene Hutchens

American Legion Post 444

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Jeffrey and Lillian Dickler

Betty-Karen and Dave Horrell

Jacqueline Whitworth

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U.A.W. Local 1887

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Jack E. Kempton

Mary E. Kempton

Tim McCourt

Jacquelyn Conlon

Gerry Sickles

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Nancy March

James Roller

Ronnie Gilliland

Robert Allen

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Marilyn Goodman

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Staff Contact List

Last Update April 15, 2015

We will be updating and improving our newsletter in an effort to provide information 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.



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(Interim Director of Plant Operations)
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