



MISSOURI VETERANS HOME - WARRENSBURG

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MISSOURI VETERANS HOME - WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI
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Veterans love Sisters in Service reception

Our six women veterans lit up when they were told they would be the focus of the Greater Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce business after hours event on Jan. 24.

To celebrate our "Sisters in Service", women veterans from all over West Central Missouri were invited to attend a happy hour reception featuring fancy appetizers and drinks.

The day before the event, Navy veteran B.J. Hardison told Latisha Koetting, director of volunteer services, "Tomorrow I will be wearing an outfit I've never worn before. It will be a big reveal!"

Alicia Lantz, the barber of the home, had all of the ladies in the barbershop that morning where she fixed their hair and painted their nails. Nursing staff assisted the women in picking out what to wear and applying their make-up.

They were wheeled into the main dining room and greeted by numerous visi-

tors. More than 35 of them were other female veterans who ranged in age from World War II to current airmen. The buzz of stories of service and sacrifice filled the room.

Younger veterans flocked to the guests of honor to shake their hands and have their picture taken with them.

They traveled from Warrensburg, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Independence, Knob Noster, Windsor, Sedalia, Grain Valley and La Monte and represented all five branches of service and the Women's Royal Air Force in the UK. Additionally, 25 Chamber members, along with staff, family and friends attended. A record 72 veterans came to happy hour.

Our women veterans who were honored were **Jennie Doran** and **Mary Lou Collette**, Army; **B.J. Hardison** and **Retta Sandgren**, Navy; **Madeline Hale**, Coast Guard; and **Alice Moore**, Air Force.



Pictured above is collage of service photos of Army veterans Jennie Doran and Mary Lou Collette, Navy veterans B.J. Hardison and Retta Sandgren, Coast Guard veteran Madeline Hale and Air Force veteran Alice Moore. They all live at Missouri Veterans Home -Warrensburg. Four women served in World War II. The other two served between 1953 and 1960.

Record number attend volunteer banquet

The West Central Missouri Veterans Assistance League hosted its annual Community Support Banquet to honor volunteers and donors of the Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg on March 29.

More than 200 people attended the event at American Legion Post 131, including State Sen. David Pearce and State Rep. Dean Dohrman.

Doris Grigsby, Sadie Mapes, Vada Neal, Geraldine Roberts, John Roberts, Violet Schonberner and David Street were recognized for being 13-year volunteers. They have served at the Home since it opened in 2000.

Four volunteers donated more than 500 hours a piece in 2013. **Derald Albertson** worked 623.75, **Dr. Allen Sapp** worked 644, **Violet Schonberner** worked 1,434.75 hours and **Elaine Powers** volunteered 1,577 hours in the kitchen.

Pat Lord, of Warrensburg, was named the Volunteer of the Year. She

is a member of American Legion Auxiliary 131. She mends clothes and makes blankets for the veterans, helps with the monthly ladies tea and hosts a minnow racing booth at Family Day. Pat has been a volunteer at the Home for three years and worked 142.5 hours in 2013.

The **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 4-5** was named the Volunteer Group of the Year. They volunteered at every single large event held at the Home in 2013 including the Fourth of July celebration, Family Day, the Run for Freedom, Veterans Day and our first annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony. They donated nearly \$2,400 to the Recreation Department in the fall to support a variety of programs.

Donors were thanked for all of their support for the Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament, Run for Freedom, Tree of Stars and other programs they supported in 2013.



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Thank you to our Veterans Assistance League board members:

Marvin Neal, **President**
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Bryan Lee, **Veterans of Foreign Wars**
Dr. Julie Clawson, **UCM Nursing**
Donna DeFrain, **Mayor of Warrensburg**
Bill Gabel, **County Commissioner**

Deloris Mesias-Foster named the Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month for April

Deloris Mesias-Foster, Nursing Assistant II for the Missouri Veterans Home – Warrensburg, was selected as the April 2014 Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month.

Deloris was selected for the sincere and compassionate manner in which she served a resident during the final hours of his wife's life.

Upon notification that his wife's life would soon end, Deloris drove the resident from the Veterans Home to the hospital so that he could be with his wife and their family during her final hours.

Because of Deloris' selfless service, the resident was able to present his wife with

the final gift of a blanket he had purchased from the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas store held at the Home.

The family specifically noted in their nomination of Deloris for Employee of the Month her concern for the resident by the quiet and loving manner in which she continued to check on his well-being during this difficult time.

Deloris' kindness and dedication for those we serve reflects well on the commission as a whole. She is a true role model for all commission staff.

Deloris was honored April 23 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg.



From left, Administrator Eric Endsley, congratulates Deloris Mesias-Foster for being selected the Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month for April. Debbie Woirhaye, right, Director of Nursing, spoke about her achievement.

Proud to care for America's Heroes!

**Missouri Veterans Home - Warrensburg
(660) 543-5064**

Department Heads

Eric Endsley, **Administrator**
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Latisha Koetting, **Volunteer Services**



John and Geraldine Roberts, both 13-year volunteers, attended the community support banquet on March 29. John works in the canteen and Geraldine helps in the barbershop. Each December, they create a feast of home-baked goods for the entire staff at the Missouri Veterans Home. We truly appreciate their service.



Vietnam Veteran Bob Moise spent Valentine's Day with his wife and sweetheart, Aileen Moise.



Chuck Ambrose, UCM president, shows Debbie Woirhay, Director of Nursing at the Missouri Veterans Home, the American Red Cross Blood Drive Trophy. UCM was the winner for donating 95 units of blood, but MVH-Warrensburg took second place with 88 units of blood.



Memorial and Honor Gifts



Please complete this form to make Memorial and Honor Gifts for the benefit of Veterans at Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg. You may designate a specific fund for your contribution below. Your donation helps ensure that our Nation's Heroes continue to benefit from popular quality of life programs and services.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to the General Fund.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Make checks payable to and mail to: Veterans Assistance League, 1300 Veterans Drive, Warrensburg, MO 64093
Or donate online at www.valwbg.org

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

Occasion for Honor Gift (optional): _____

* Occasion will be noted in recipient's acknowledgement card

Please let us know who we can inform of your generous gift:

Please provide your information below so we can send you a record of your gift.

Name: _____

Donor's Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

Final Salute

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Louie Robinett

Dec. 30, 1939, to Jan. 3, 2014



Robert Rhoads

March 16, 1930, to Feb. 11, 2014



Donald Quick

Nov. 25, 1927, to Jan. 8, 2014



Joe Anderson

Sept. 13, 1923, to Feb. 14, 2014



Harry Harlow

Oct. 5, 1930, to Jan. 18, 2014



Douglas Bibler

April 30, 1942, to March 3, 2014



David Lesh

Feb. 21, 1937, to Jan. 19, 2014



Merle Gray

Jan. 20, 1925, to March 17, 2014



Finis Sumpter

April 4, 1937, to Jan. 22, 2014



Duane Schaller

Dec. 3, 1925, to March 18, 2014



Charles Hanson

June 6, 1946, to Feb. 9, 2104



Madeline Hale

May 11, 1922, to March 28, 2014



Welcome our
new Neighbors
(January to March)

Highland Park

None

Whispering Hills

Charles Chastain
Robert Clawson
Larry Milligan
Wilbur Williamson
Gerald Dwyer

Sleepy Hollow

Roy Talbott
William Bergmann
Leslie McCormack

Pleasant Valley

Floyd Meyer
Leland Mueller
Jodie Schlepphorst

Spring Birthdays

APRIL

Kenneth Jones
Lilburn Snow
Gordon Rauber
Kenneth Cunningham
Danny Prichard
Fred Busker
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B.J. Hardison

MAY

Irvin Brabant
King Roberson
Robert Wilson
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Wayne Lefler
Thomas Birdwell



Mark Your Calendars

Alzheimer's Support Group

10 a.m. Wednesday,
June 11, July 9 and
Aug. 13

Quarterly Special Care Family Council

9 a.m. June 11

Quarterly Family Council

2:30 p.m. July 16
and Oct. 25

Special events

June

Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament,

June 1, Royal Oaks
Golf Course.

Kansas City Royals Game, June 10.

Southern Cruisers Cookout and Car Show, June 14.

July

July 4 Celebration, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To Send a

Birthday Card:

Veteran's Name
c/o Missouri
Veterans Home
1300 Veterans Road
Warrensburg, MO
64093

Honor Roll of Donors: Monetary Donations

On behalf of the West Central Veterans Assistance League and the Heroes we serve, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the donations we receive. The following list (alphabetic) includes donations received **January through March 2014. All donations go directly to Veteran programs.**

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

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VFW Auxiliary 5844

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***Thank You for
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Veterans!***

Barn quilt goes on tour



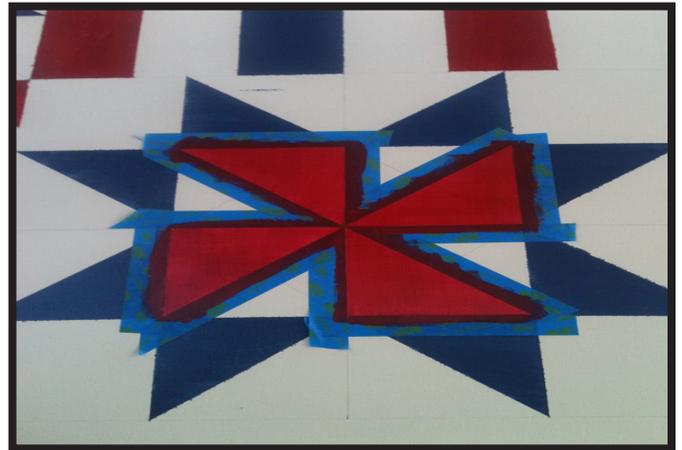
Steve Marris, of Henderson, Colo., jumped at the chance to donate a barn quilt to benefit the lives of the 200 veterans living at Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg.

Steve's patriotism runs deep because of his father's example. Harry Marris was an Army veteran of World War II who served in France about two months after the D-Day invasion.

Harry taught Steve the importance of respecting the American flag and saluting it at any parade they attended. On Memorial Day weekend, they had a tradition of listening to the Indy 500 race on the radio while they fished.

"We didn't have a flag with us, but we always stopped fishing when the national anthem and taps were played by the Purdue band," Steve said. "I remember seeing tears fall down my dad's cheeks when they played taps. I didn't understand why until several years later."

Steve has been the head cook for the competitive barbecue team Denver Cajun BBQ Krewe since 2004. He took on a new hobby in 2013 -- making barn quilts. These 3-foot by 3-foot creations are made on 1/2 inch pieces of plywood. He sands the wood, puts two coats of primer and a base coat of gloss enamel on it and then starts drawing out the quilt pattern. Then he tapes it up and starts painting.



He delivered the barn quilt in person and had no idea how much a 30-minute visit to the Missouri Veterans Home would impact him.

"I originally thought it was going to be 'another nursing home' deal. I knew I was wrong in my original thoughts as soon as I walked through the front doors," he said. "I was absolutely blown away with that facility. Thank you for asking me to make a barn quilt for you. At least a few of our veterans are getting the good care they deserve."

Steve is a veteran himself. He enlisted in the Air Force during the Vietnam War when he was 21. He served on a strategic air command combat crew in Little Rock, Ark. He helped keep the guidance system of a 9-megaton warhead on a Titan II ICBM ready.

The Veterans Assistance League would like to see this barn quilt go on tour around West Central Missouri. Every business or post has that one empty wall with nothing on it or the ugly wall they wish they could hide. VAL invites these groups to have the quilt put on display at their business for a week for a donation of \$50 or more.

The money raised will be placed in the Tree of Stars fund that allows VAL to purchase a Christmas present for all 200 veterans at our Home.

A letter writing station box will accompany the quilt to the business so patrons can write notes to veterans. All of these letters will be brought to our Home for our veterans to enjoy.

To reserve a week or for more information, call Latisha Koetting at 660-429-4661 or email her at Latisha.Koetting@mvc.dps.mo.gov.

Veteran's Spotlight

Wilton Williams knew he was on Uncle Sam's radar and that his number would eventually be called. After he graduated from Syracuse High School in 1938, he worked in Sedalia for about three years. First, he worked at a service station and then helped dig basements. Then he started working at a small dairy on the outskirts of town that had Jersey cows. This dairy didn't fool with pasteurizing it. Wilton milked the cows, bottled the milk and even delivered it around town.

"I mean to tell you, I was busy. I knew I was going to have to go before too long and I quit. I was glad to get away from that job," he said. He returned to his parents' farm near Bunceton and received his draft notice in August 1942.

He went to the Pettis County Courthouse in Sedalia for his physical. He had his blood taken for the first time and before he knew it, he passed out and busted his chin on the back of a chair.

"When I came to, not a soul took any action whatsoever. I finally got enough energy that I made it to the end of the line," he said. Wilton completed processing and returned home. He was off work for three days due to his injuries.

He was sent to Camp Stewart, Ga., for basic training. He was selected to be part of the 353rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion. The mission of this battalion was to shine light on enemy planes so the Allies could shoot them down. Wilton worked with the actual searchlight, while other men in the company were in charge of locating the aircraft on radar. After six months of training, he was sent to Oran, Africa, on a ship.

"You get sick and you're sicker than a dog. We ate off of a table standing up. It got so rough if you let loose of your mess kit, it'd fly off of there and be gone! You had to hang on," he said.

Though they arrived at the port in the morning, it was dark before Wilton's company was unloaded.

"We got packed into that truck all that we could get in there. You couldn't fall over, it was so



thick in there. When we got to where we were going, it was dark and raining then. This is it," he said. The men were given pup tents to sleep in. They'd spread them out on the muddy ground, grabbed a blanket and slept.

At each location he served at, they would get the camp built up, find a location for the radars and get them set up. Searchlights were placed in different positions throughout the territory. It took three men to operate the light.

"The idea was if that light got on them, we'd blind them (the enemy) and they couldn't see," he said. "I did happen to see one or two planes get shot down. You'd just see a blaze that comes down for a certain ways and then go out."

They continued making their way along the coast to Algiers and then to Tunis. His company didn't see a lot of action because Germany was getting low on planes. They would come in sometimes to strafe the ports at night but the damage didn't amount to much. They also discovered the rainy, humid weather wasn't a good fit for the radar equipment. Eventually, he made his way back to Algiers and was then sent to Corsica for a couple of months.

One of the problems Wilton and his company faced was they hadn't been trained for the infantry, so they were of no use to the front lines. They did serve in France and Germany though.

"The hardest part was being away from home," he said. "That was the first time really. I hadn't even been out of the state. I had four brothers and two sisters and they were all younger than me. My brother next to me had to go into the service. He got in the infantry and he was over in Germany within six months."

Wilton served throughout Europe, before he was honorably discharged on Nov. 11, 1945. He is proud of his service to this country.

Honor Roll of Donors: Material donations

On behalf of the West Central Veterans Association and the Heroes we serve, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the donations received. The following list includes donations received January through March 2014. For donations of material items, please call Latisha Koetting, director of volunteer services, at 660-429-4661 to ensure there is a current need for the item or to request a list of current items on the Veteran "Wish List."

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| AT&T Telecom Pioneers | Mary Beatty |
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VFW Auxiliary 5923

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American Legion Post 604
Carl Arnett
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Charles Chastain
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Judy L. Lesh
West Central Missouri Veterans Association



Volunteer Martha Cox enjoys visiting with Louis "Pud" Smethers when he wheels down to the canteen for sweet treats and stamps.

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| 96 | Army | 2 | Navy Women |
| 2 | Army Women | 47 | Air Force |
| 9 | Marines | 1 | AF Women |
| 40 | Navy | 1 | Coast Guard |

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STAFF CORNER

Employee of the Year



From left, Bryce Lockwood and John Dimer from the Military Order of the Purple Heart traveled to the banquet in style in their purple car.



From left, Vada Neal has been a volunteer at Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg since the home opened 13 years ago. Marvin Neal, right, has been instrumental in bettering the lives of our veterans by serving as the president of the West Central Missouri Veterans Assistance League since before the home existed.



The American Legion Hall of Post 131 was filled with volunteers, donors and veterans at the annual community appreciation banquet on March 29. Everything they do IS magic!

Jane Thurman was selected as Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg Employee of the Year for 2013. She received \$100 cash, eight hours of paid time off and a special parking spot on the front row for the entire year.

According to her co-workers, Jane performs miracles many times to ensure nursing is properly staffed to meet our acuity. She has been nothing but a positive role model for those she comes in contact with here at MVH-Warrensburg.

She has been here for 10 years serving our veterans as a nursing assistant and now serving as our nursing scheduler. Her pleasant attitude and willingness to help goes above and beyond the call of duty. She showed dedication to her nursing staff during the snow storms in February and March in 2013 by sleeping in her office on the floor several nights. She managed to cover all three shifts and made arrangements for staff who lived close to be shuttled into work.

The House Supervisors who work so very close with her state, "Jane is the captain and we are her shipmates. She always has scheduling needs for the upcoming week anticipated so that our Neighbors are taken care of. Not only



Jane Thurman

does she take care of us, she finds time for everyone who stops by even if it may be an inconvenient time."

Although her position is frustrating and stressful at times, she has managed to reduce the overtime by half in the nursing department. She has a great outlook and can always be seen sporting a smile on her face.

She not only looks after the nursing staff but is always willing to help out other departments when needed to ensure the proper documentation is turned in timely.

Although her day is always busy, she always asks, "Is there something I can do to help you?" This is a famous quote of hers. Jane is indeed one of the best employees our Home employs. We couldn't run so efficiently without her!



Navy veteran Retta Sandgren lights up as an airman from Whiteman stops to visit with her.



Coast Guard Veteran Madeline Hale enjoys looking at old service photos. She passed away March 28, 2014, at the age of 91.



Army veteran Mary Lou Collette is joined by her son and daughter-in-law at the Sisters in Service reception.



In red, Army veteran Jennie Doran is surrounded by members of the Heartland Women Veterans Post 1107 from Independence.



From left, Euphemia Zahringer, a WAVES veteran from Sedalia, came to the event to visit with other women veterans. Alice Moore, an Air Force veteran who lives at the Home, enjoys her company.



B.J. Hardison, Navy veteran in the red and white, enjoys sharing her stories about her Navy days.



From left, Veteran Bobby Tubbs presented a plaque to Charlie McGaugh for his dedicated service as president of the Neighborhood Council. He recently retired and Dr. Allen Sapp took over his position. The veterans are very grateful for all the hard work Charlie has done over the years.

Below are some items requested by the Veterans Assistance League. If donating, make checks payable to Veterans Assistance League, 1300 Veterans Road, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Your support is appreciated!

General Fund:

- * Special needs and requests by Veterans.
- * Ongoing Veteran programs such as: free soft-serve ice cream (over \$5,000 yearly), postage stamps, local bus transportation, and special dinners.

Recreation & Activities Fund:

- * Special entertainment and outings.
- * Our veterans love Chester's flavored puffcorn for snacks at happy hour. All varieties are welcome.
- * Sponsor \$25 in prizes for an additional monthly Bingo.
- * Sponsor \$100 in prizes for monthly "Price is Right."

Employee Appreciation Fund:

- * Employee of the Month & Employee of the Year \$25 cash award.
- * Modest gifts for exceptional employee performance.
- * Inexpensive door prizes & snacks for monthly meetings.



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