



MISSOURI VETERANS HOME - WARRENSBURG

1300 Veterans Road
Warrensburg, MO 64093
(660) 543-5064



Run for Freedom kicks off bus campaign

A record 50 veterans wheeled out of the Missouri Veterans Home in search of a winning poker hand at the 12th Annual Run for Freedom 5K, 10K and Poker Walk sponsored by the Veterans Assistance League on Sept. 27. They were joined by more than 150 runners and walkers who came from all over West Central Missouri to participate in the fun. State Sen. David Pearce welcomed guests and served as the starting line race official.

More than \$22,300 was raised this year and that money will go into a fund to purchase a new handicapped-accessible bus that will take the veterans of

the Home to a variety of outings. This will be an ongoing fundraising project because these buses cost more than \$100,000.

Due to 80-degree weather, a record number of veterans participated in the walk with the assistance of volunteers. The neighborhood near the Home was filled with a train of wheelchairs.

“We had 45 women volunteer,” said Ashley Eckelkamp, vice president of programs for Delta Zeta at the University of Central Missouri. “I hope we were able to contribute to the success of the event. Our women enjoyed it so much and look forward to volunteering in the near future.”



More than 100 runners participated in this year’s event. In the 5K, Shane Connolly was the overall male winner and Melissa Lose was the overall female winner. Eric Nelson was the overall male winner and Emily Roe was the overall female winner.



Pictured above, a volunteer escorts Veteran Birl Ewing on the poker walk.

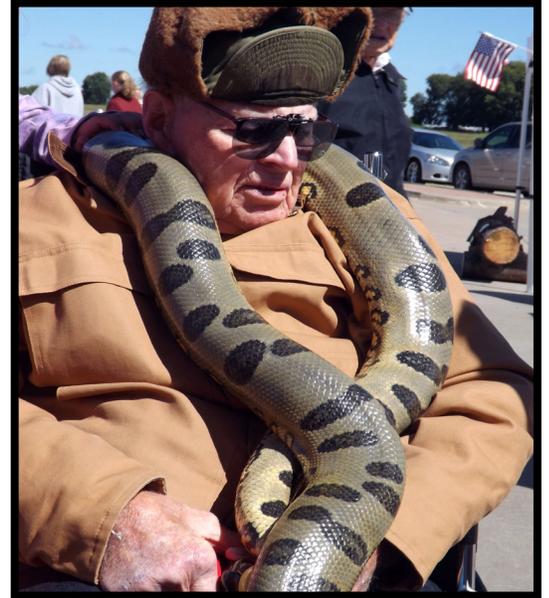
Pictured below, Mike Walter brings Veteran Roscoe Burkhart to a poker table to draw a card. Roscoe won with the best hand.

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Family Day 2014



Veteran Will Theilmann, right, enjoys eating lunch with his entire family.



Veteran Wilbert Hilgedick tries a snake on for size at the Annual Family Day.



Pat Lord, left, a long-time volunteer, leads visitors in some minnow races.

FUN STATS:

***960 CORN DOGS EATEN**

***450+ POUNDS OF POTATOES PEELED**

***500 CARAMEL APPLES GONE**

***475 BAGS OF KETTLE CORN CONSUMED**

***MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE SERVED**



Veteran Donald Proctor shows Jacquie Berschauer the proper way to dance.

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From the Office of the Administrator, Eric Endsley

Recently I had the opportunity to serve on an interview panel that was selecting a new member of our leadership team. I always enjoy serving on interview panels because it offers me an opportunity to share with the interview candidates what makes our Home special; I also find myself even more energized by their enthusiasm over the possibility of joining our award-winning family of caregiving professionals.

During this last interview panel though, we had a candidate who asked a question we surprisingly rarely receive, the question was something to the effect of “why do you work here?”.

I listened with pride as my fellow interview panel members went around the table stating why they enjoy their roles in the organization. When everyone else had shared their heart-warming reasons for why they enjoy doing the work they do, it was my turn. It occurred to me that although I have a keen sense of why I enjoy my work, I don’t know that I have ever fully articulated for any of our stakeholders why I enjoy what I do.

My response was two answers: First, it is a thrill for me to lead an organization. I derive great satisfaction from leading a team of professionals and seeing those professionals work together

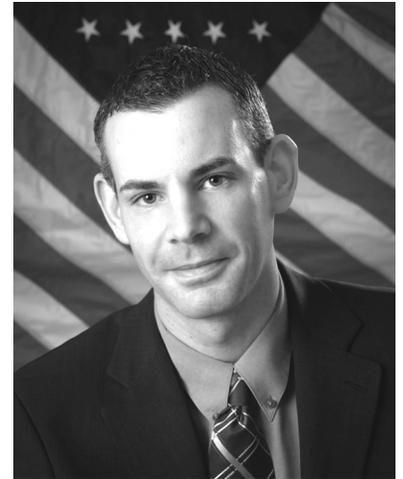
to produce results that have won our Home awards, won our employees awards, and earned our Home the rare distinction of multiple federal inspections of full-compliance.

Second, it is a rare opportunity to have a career in a Mission-driven organization that sets a standard for others to follow. I have been fortunate enough to lead this Home for 8 years during which time we have continued to raise the bar for how we determine quality in long-term care.

Healthcare continues to evolve, and our population of seniors continues to grow. It is my desire that all long-term care settings provide, at minimum, the same quality of care and services provided at our Missouri Veterans Homes.

I am proud to play a role in shaping what long-term care looks like and should be for each of us, after all, many of us will need long term care at some point in our lives.

As I said, I enjoy serving on interview panels. The enthusiasm from our candidates energizes me. It’s another opportunity to remind me that exceptional people are drawn to exceptional organizations and that



we must never stop striving for new ways to expand our definition of excellence.

I am a servant at heart, blessed with the opportunity and ability to lead an incredible organization that serves incredible people. As always, please let me know when you see opportunities for us to improve, or when we are doing something you like, your feedback can make a difference.

Proud to care for America's Heroes!

**Missouri Veterans Home -
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Department Heads

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

Spouses invited to Chamber After Hours

The Missouri Veterans Home would like to shake the winter blues by hosting a runway show prior to the Chamber After Hours event on Feb. 20. Spouses are urged to look in their closets and pick out their favorite red dress they never get to wear, the grandmother of the bride dress they only wore once or simply their favorite outfit. Bring it or wear it to the Home. Volunteers will be on-hand to assist with hair and make-up prior to the 2 p.m. show. The Chamber After Hours reception will follow at 3 p.m.

“My inspiration comes from watching the wives who visit our Home day after day. They play a vital role in our MVH family and often times are the voice of their veteran. This is a small way to give back and to show them how beautiful they truly are on the inside and out,” said Latisha Koetting, Director of Volunteer Services.

Spouses who are interested in participating are asked to RSVP so enough volunteers can be recruited. They may do so by calling Latisha at 660-429-4661, emailing her at Latisha.Koetting@mvc.dps.mo.gov or stopping by in person. People who are interested in volunteering may also contact Latisha.

Tree of Stars returns

Missouri Veterans Home Warrensburg’s annual “Tree of Stars” is an opportunity for individuals and organizations to partner with the Veterans Assistance League to make the holidays a little brighter for our nation’s heroes.

Funds raised are used to purchase a Christmas gift for each of the Home’s 200 veterans.

Support levels are as follows: Purple-\$200 or more; Gold-\$100; Silver-\$50; Blue-\$25; Red-\$10. Secure, online donations can be made through the Veterans Assistance League website: valwbg.org, or by check payable to Veterans Assistance League Tree of Stars, at 1300 Veterans Rd., Warrensburg, MO 64093.



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 Road, 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: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

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Final Salute

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Ira Jenkins

Aug. 14, 1937, to July 26, 2014



Bernard Dove

Feb. 28, 1922, to Aug. 26, 2014



John "J.D." Jones

Sept. 8, 1921, to July 27, 2014



Robert Bozeman

Oct. 22, 1933, to Aug. 29, 2014



Dennis Kile

April 16, 1924, to Aug. 1, 2014



Virgil Brunkhorst

Nov. 28, 1931, to Sept. 10, 2014



Stanford Kerr

April 29, 1931, to Aug. 8, 2014



Charles Gillum

Oct. 13, 1929, to Sept. 17, 2014



Joseph "Jerry" Hebert

Jan. 22, 1935 to Aug. 10, 2014



Floyd Meyer

June 7, 1927, to Sept. 24, 2014



Donald Moore

Oct. 23, 1932, to Aug. 13, 2014



John Hall

Nov. 26, 1927, to Oct. 6, 2014



John Johnson

Sept. 13, 1933, to Aug. 18, 2014



Birthdays

OCTOBER

Gerald Shook
Alvin Fisher
Thomas Button
William Kluska
Martin Phillips
Ray Morgan
Allen Sapp
Estel Long
Bernard Kleoppel
Vincent Hugunin
Ernest Fluty
Harvey Moore
William Bennett
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Darrel Robertson
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Jodie Schlepffhorst
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DECEMBER

Donald Adams
John Osborn



Robert English
Wayne Sallee
Jennie Doran
Alexander Vedros
Victor Slana
Patrick Simpson
Arthur Hopfinger
Mark Regits
Retta Sandgren
Willis Weber
Robert Dennis
Birl Ewing
James Gertz
Edwin Wilkinson

Welcome
our new
Neighbors
(July to
September)

Highland Park

Alva Holland
Wayne Sallee
Marvin Boyce

Whispering Hills

Billy Anson

Sleepy Hollow

Emerson Smith
Mary Brabant
Arthur Barnett
Charles Dodson
Willis Weber

Pleasant Valley

Robert Dennis
Byron Birge
William Stevens
Wayne Bradshaw
Thomas Allen
Donald Proctor
Jasper Fristoe

Special events

2nd Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony
6 p.m. Dec. 5.

Heroes Holiday Parties
All day Dec. 19.

Christmas Dinner
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dec. 25.
For more information
about these events,
call 660-429-4648.

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 **July through September 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.

Up to \$50

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 Amanda Kerr
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***Thank You for
 your support!***

Mark Your Calendars

Alzheimer's Support Group
 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10
 and Jan. 14.

Quarterly Family Council
 2:30 p.m. Jan. 21 and
 April 15.



Pictured from left, front row, Veteran Irvin Brabant, and Pat Lord, member of the American Legion Auxiliary. On the back row are Dean Wille, Anita Love, Bill Thoms, Kurt Love and Pete Zwally, commander of American Legion Post 131.

The American Legion Riders, American Legion Post 131 and American Legion Auxiliary 131 recently made the dream of a veteran come true. Irvin Brabant, an Army veteran of World War II, moved into the Missouri Veterans Home in March. He has made it his mission to help veterans become more active by introducing them to a variety of games they may have never played before.

He told Pat Lord, an auxiliary member, that he would really love to teach the veterans how to play Cornhole. In order to do that, he needed two Cornhole boards and some homemade bean bags filled with corn.

Pat passed the word on at the American Legion and within minutes, American Legion Riders Bill and Betty Thoms volunteered to make the boards. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary made the one-pound corn bags and Dean Wille of Gator Graphics volunteered to decorate the boards with a patriotic theme.

Members of the Legion post decided to dedicate the boards in honor of the late Lowell "Bud" Love, a 70-year member of the post and longtime canteen volunteer at the Veterans Home. They invited his children, Kirt and Anita Love, to attend a short revealing ceremony held at the Home on Oct. 1.

Irvin was there to throw the first bean bag.

Veteran's Spotlight

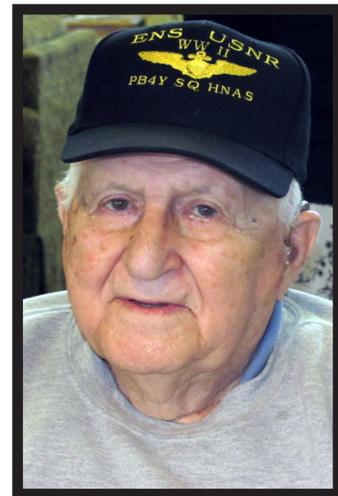
Bob Carr, of Knob Noster, figured he was going to get drafted, so he took matters into his own hands. He was attending the University of Missouri-Columbia and taking ROTC, when he decided to join the Navy. He wanted to get into flight training. The Navy informed him he could no longer take ROTC, so he transferred to Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg. He played basketball there and was a forward and a guard. While waiting for the Navy to call him, he went home to Knob Noster and helped his father run the family-owned grocery store.

Finally, the Navy contacted Carr and he transferred to the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He got to play basketball for the Jayhawks in 1943 and 1944. He didn't get to play a full season because flight training kicked in. He took his first flying lesson in a Cub Cadet. The closest call during his service time happened at KU.

"We had the right-of-way and were pulling out to taxi down the airfield for take-off.

Another pilot decided he was going to come out. Here comes this airplane chewing into ours. My instructor was sitting there holding his foot out. I said, 'What the hell were you going to do? Did you think you could stop that airplane with your foot?'" Carr said. "When the propellor hit our wing, it died. We got out of that one with no difficulty."

From Kansas, he was sent to Iowa University for communications training and then to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he learned how to fly open-cockpit Stearman biplanes. Before being able to have command of an aircraft by himself, a pilot had to have 1,500 hours of flight time. The difference between Air Force and Navy pilots was the Air Force flew by direct navigation.



The Navy actually used radar technology. Carr eventually learned how to fly B-25's and PB4Y's.

"When the president dropped the first atomic bomb, our group of guys was ordered to the west coast to go to Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam. We cranked up, flew our aircraft to the west coast and there were ships out in the bay. After we landed, mechanics began taking the wings off of our aircraft and putting them on the ships," Carr said. "The president changed his mind and didn't drop the second bomb. They sent us back to our home base and the aircraft stayed there on the ships."

Carr was disappointed that he never got to go overseas but he is incredibly proud about what he did do.

"It means a hell of a lot to say I served my country. I would do it again, but you know what? The thing that irks me the most is I got out of the service in 1945. Everybody thanks me for service and I say I evidently didn't do a very good job because we've been fighting somewhere, someplace, every day since I got out of the service. I wish now I would have stayed in and retired," he said

After he was honorably discharged, he returned to Warrensburg for school and played basketball again. He later returned to Knob Noster and was the owner of a grain elevator there. He also served as the city clerk and as the mayor of Knob Noster.

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 July through September 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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Alewel's Country Meats	Donna Daniels	Lillian Simcox	Ruby Williams
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Over the summer, high school boys who attended the American Legion Boys' State at the University of Central Missouri stopped by the Missouri Veterans Home to serve ice cream and visit with our veterans. King Roberson, right, participated in the invasion at Normandy, France, on day two in World War II. He shared his experiences with one of the juniors who attended the social.

Army	93	Air Force	42
Army Women	3	Air Force Women	1
Navy	42	Marines	12
Navy Women	1	Coast Guard	2

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2014 RUN FOR FREEDOM

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MISSOURI VETERANS HOME ~ WARRENSBURG

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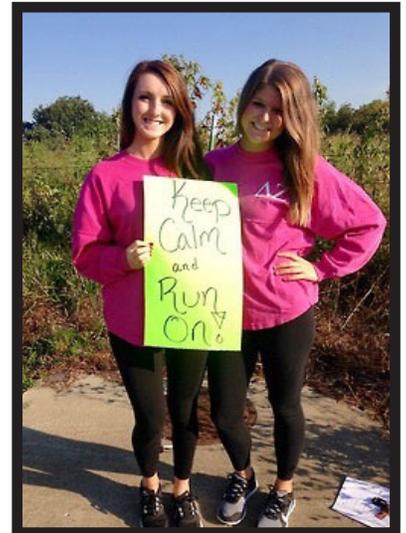
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A record number of veterans participated in the 2014 Run for Freedom poker walk on Sept. 27. Great weather and lots of volunteers made this possible.



UCM Delta Zeta sorority members lined the entire 10K course to cheer the runners on. Pictured, from left, are Erin Ringer and Miranda Henderson.



From left, Bryton Kendall and UCM Theta Chi members Garrett Minson, John Euper and Phil Michalak helped man a poker walk table for the 2014 Run for Freedom.



Veteran Bob Carr points out to his volunteer where the next stop for the poker walk is.



Veterans Harvey and Alice Moore strike a pose in their new Run for Freedom shirts before the poker walk started.



World War II Veteran Irvin Brabant stole the hearts of the gold All-Star Lions Football team when they visited the Missouri Veterans Home this summer. He left such an impression on them that they brought him his own jersey and a football signed by all of the players. The Gold Team went on to win the game in Brabant's honor.

How can I make a difference? Send a donation for one of these programs. Make checks payable to Veterans Assistance League, 1300 Veterans Road, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Your support is appreciated!

Bingo: \$25 worth of prizes is awarded at every bingo game played. This is something our veterans love to do.

Bus Fund: The Veterans Assistance League is raising money to purchase a new handicapped-accessible bus to take our veterans on outings. It will be custom made to fit the needs of our veterans. It will cost more than \$100,000.

Employee Appreciation Fund: Money donated here is used to recognize our Employee of the Month and the Employee of the Year with a \$25 cash award, inexpensive door prizes and snacks.

Restorative Therapy: Money donated to this department is used to purchase Broda chairs, motorized wheelchairs, cushions and other equipment to keep our veterans moving and comfortable.



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