



Veterans have a ball at annual Runway Show

On April 29, the Missouri Veterans Home hosted its second annual Runway Show and Chamber After Hours event. Veterans, family members, volunteers and staff were invited to put on their favorite outfits and walk down the runway.

In total, 24 Veterans, including four women Veterans; one parent, three spouses, two children, one grandchild, 13 staff members and 15 volunteers walked down the aisle.

The Veterans enjoyed the company of the Sho-Me Ladies with Hat-titudes from Sedalia and the women of Harmony Gardens, who also participated.

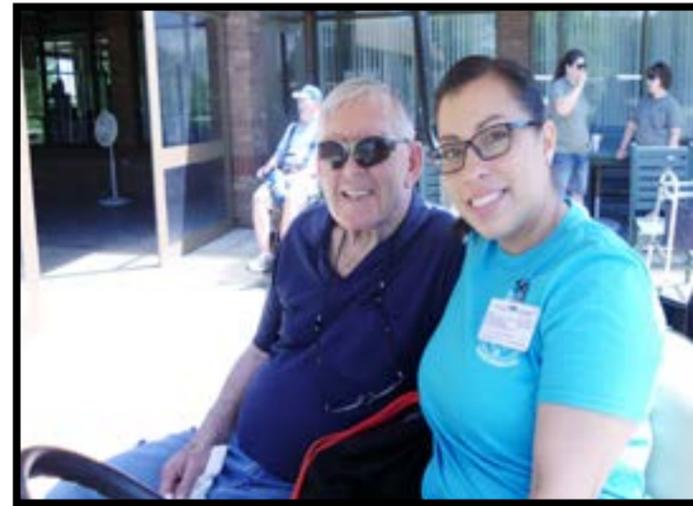
The women of Delta Zeta sorority at the University of Central Missouri and Karen Sligh and her Mary Kay Cosmetics team helped with hair and make-up. Members of the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce visited with Veterans after the show.



Left: Veteran Dorothy Brownfield wears one of her favorite pant suits and was escorted by a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association at Whiteman Air Force Base.

Top: Veteran Billy Sexson was escorted by his stepfather, Bill Jobes, of Warsaw. They wanted to show their patriotism by portraying as Uncle Sam and displaying the service flags.

Bottom: From left, Veterans Richard Goss and Joe Alexander visit with airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base.



Top left: Veteran Van White enjoys a cold beer and a golf cart ride provided by Tim Hoyer, head of the maintenance department at the Scramble for Freedom.

Top right: Veteran Wallace Johnson enjoys riding a golf cart with Christine Corona-Rozman from recreation therapy.

Bottom right: Veteran Alice Moore and Emily Hart, staff development coordinator, enjoy some girl time at the golf tournament.



Veteran Gordon Yonce received the honor of sounding the air horn at the Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament on June 5. Gordon is a die-hard golfer who brought his clubs out for a little bit of practice.



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From the Office of the Administrator, Eric Endsley

Healthcare is experiencing an evolution; this evolution affects all of us. Yes, we are in the midst of implementing and figuring out the best way to make necessary healthcare reform work. Besides changing our delivery and management models of healthcare we are experiencing the effects of yet another evolution, that of our workforce. Today's workforce has more options for career choices, more expectations placed on them by employers, some are part of the sandwich generation—caring for their children and their parents, while some demand more balance between work and personal time, others insist on hours and pay that match their expectations. We have different generations working alongside each other, trying to understand each other's sometimes foreign generational frames of reference. Many organizations also have policies, procedures, and rules that may not support the agility an organization needs to change how our greatest assets—our caregivers—are recruited and managed.

Just as most healthcare organizations are experiencing what I describe above, so too is the Veterans Home. Over our recent past we have had to think and behave differently in our approach to human resource management. Sometimes we've done that well and other times we could have done better. Recently I've spoken with several family members, employees, and Veterans regarding what seems to be a nation-wide struggle among all healthcare providers—employee recruitment and retention. Even at the Veterans Home when we, not-so-long ago, enjoyed a waiting list of prospective employees during the recession, recently experienced more employee vacancies than ever before. While we never compromised care or fell below

our staffing requirements, we felt the impact of an increasing shortage of healthcare professionals. In spite of that impact, our staffing challenges were met head on by the incredible people I work alongside. Some of you may have noticed that we had non-nursing employees putting their former nursing experience back to work in the nursing department, employees volunteering for overtime, and managers providing direct care and services, but those were not solutions, they were merely temporary fixes.

In response to this shortage, we have challenged ourselves at all levels of the organization to keep an eye towards actual and potential causes for employee turnover—and fix the causes, opportunities to celebrate our existing workforce of amazing caregiving and support professionals, and ways in which we can attract non-healthcare professionals to the rewarding work of caring for others. Since we have begun our challenge, we have solid evidence that it is working—we have larger numbers of new recruits, more employees choosing to remain in service to our Veteran Heroes, improved morale and reduced employee overtime.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving others, please speak to a member of our Human Resources department. If you see that a young person you know has a gift to serve others or a desire to heal others, please do everything in your power to nurture that gift. If someone you know tells you that healthcare is too hard, please ask them if they don't do the hard work, who will? Please support those in



your life who dedicate their lives to serving and healing others, their load is lighter if they know you acknowledge and support the important work they do. It is almost inescapable that at some point in our lives, we will be the ones who are dependent upon caregivers. Please encourage every person you can to make a difference in the lives of people when they are in their most vulnerable state, perhaps one day you'll be looking up from your bed into the eyes of a caregiver you encouraged.

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Veteran Louis McCarty found a way to beat the summer heat by attending an outing to Warrensburg Community Center outdoor pool. He is pictured with Jamie Straisinger, recreation aide.

Final Salute
Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Carl Stumpff

March 12, 1932, to April 3, 2016



Gerald Dawson

Oct. 19, 1935, to May 15, 2016



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William Whitehead

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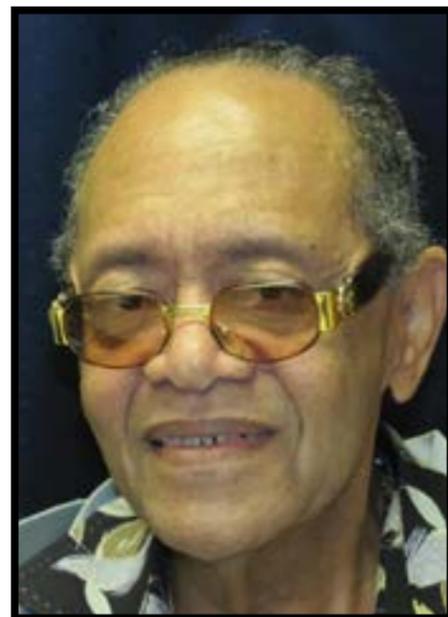
Quilts of Valor 2016

Karen Slater, of Arizona, came to the Missouri Veterans Home on June 22 to present four Veterans with a Quilt of Valor for their service. Over the past several years, she has made 35 quilts for our Veterans.

Charles Lidge joined the Army, 5th Battalion, 6th Infantry, 1st Armored Division when he was 21 years old. He served in Vietnam where he was wounded by shrapnel during a conflict. He was awarded the Purple Heart for this. He was also awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars as well as the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the expert rifle badge over the duration of his service.

After leaving Vietnam and separating from the Army, Charles went on to serve as a law enforcement officer for the city of Kansas City, where he enforced the law for 10 years. He then went on to be the head of security for Western Missouri Mental Health from where he retired after 29 years.

Charles is proud of his service to his country and remembered fondly the comradery he gained while serving with his fellow infantrymen in Vietnam but did not often speak about those times due to the great sacrifice he and his fellow soldiers endured.



Harry Baker was born Aug. 13, 1924, in Gardena, Calif. He enjoyed farm life as a young man living on his parents' farm along with his two sisters, Lulu Bell and Dorothy.

He married Etta Fern Baker and together they had one daughter, Peggy Baker Nelson. He joined the Army and served in World War II from Sept. 30, 1944, to Nov. 19, 1946.

During World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater as a gunner and a truck crane operator. During his service time he received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 1 bronze battle star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze battle star, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Meritorious Unit Award, Army of Occupation Medal, Japan.

Quilts of Valor 2016

Charles Sousley is a recipient of two Purple Heart medals, the Korean Service medal and the National Defense Service medal. He joined the Marine Corps during the draft on Nov. 9, 1951, and was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1953. He fought during the Korean War and was injured during two encounters.

The first injury was related to a mortar incident where he took shrapnel to the body. The second injury was related to a gunshot wound which resulted in the loss of his fingers.

He prefers not share anything further regarding his experiences during the military.



Loyal George enlisted well before World War II broke out. At the age of 21, he didn't have anything else to do so he joined the Navy. He became part of the 1,300-man crew of the USS Tennessee. They were assigned to deploy to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

When they pulled into Pearl Harbor, they tied up in front of the USS Arizona, headed the same direction. The Japanese began their attack on Pearl Harbor just before 8 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941.

During the attacks, Loyal was in the executive office, so he couldn't see the attacks, but he could hear them. The Japanese dropped two 800-pound armor piercing bombs onto the USS Tennessee. They hit the center of the ship, but they didn't explode.

"The thing that saved us was the West Virginia tied up on our port side. They took the hits – seven of them," he said.

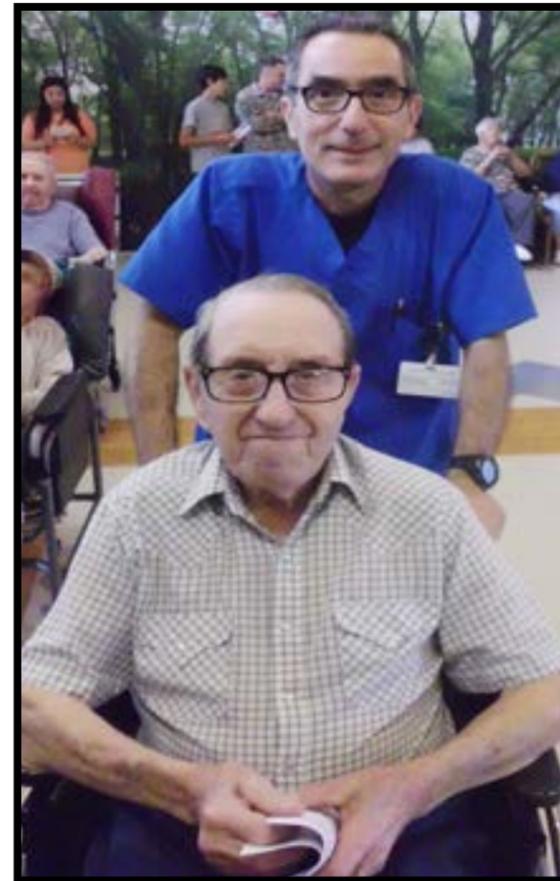
The USS Tennessee had numerous fires break out on the stern due to the hits the USS Arizona and the USS West Virginia took. However, the survival rate of the crew of the USS Tennessee was high, as they only lost one man.

Loyal continued his service in the South Pacific, including the Philippines. He was honorably discharged on March 16, 1946, with the rank of chief yeoman. He said it means an awful lot to him to say that he served his country.

Memorial Day Moments



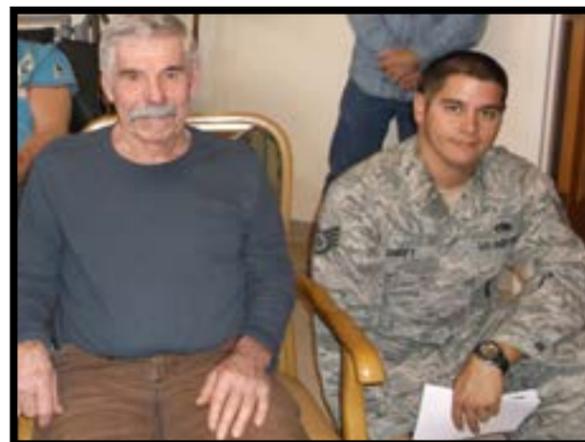
From left, Maj. Kellie S. Courtland, commander of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, spoke at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Missouri Veterans Home. She was greeted by Assistant Administrator Jamie McCannon. Maj. Courtland leads 354 military and civilian personnel in support of an aircraft fleet worth \$40 billion to include the B-2, A-10 and T-38.



CNA Gus Hourani escorts Veteran Jasper Varns to the ceremony.



Senior Airman Blunt visits with Veteran Dorothy Brownfield during the Memorial Day ceremony.



Our Veterans love seeing volunteers from Whiteman Air Force Base stop by. Veteran Richard Goss enjoys visiting with Airman Swift.

Save the Dates for Fall Events

Family Day 2016 will be on **Saturday, Sept. 10**, outside the Missouri Veterans Home. This is an event when all of the families of our 200 Veterans are invited to attend a fall festival held at our Home.

Come out and enjoy food, live entertainment, games and more from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **For more information, call Melissa Terry at 660-429-4648.**





The Veterans Assistance League will host its 14th annual

RUN FOR FREEDOM 5K, 10K AND POKER WALK

on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg.
Registration begins at 8 a.m. Race begins at 9 a.m.
Professional Timing services and USAITF certified.

<p><i>Entry fees</i></p> <p>5K Run, \$20 10K Run, \$25 Poker Walk, \$15</p> <p>First- through third-place awards in 12 age and gender groups.</p>	<p><i>Online registration at</i> 2016valrun.eventbrite.com. Forms are available at Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, 100 S- Holden, or the Missouri Veterans Home, 1300 Veterans Road- Register by Sep. 4 to receive a t-shirt. For more information, call Latisha Koetting at 660-429-4661 or email Latisha.Koetting@MVC.dps.mo.gov.</p>
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All proceeds will be used by VAL to benefit the lives of the 200 veterans who live at the Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg.

American Legion Boys State visits the Missouri Veterans Home



Left: Veteran Jim Whitfield, center, visits with one of the Boys Staters and Josh Foster, coordinator.



Right: Veterans Dale McCormack and Clarence Hager enjoy visiting with one of the teens.



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- Warsaw Leathernecks
- Wayne Maxwell

Scramble for Freedom brings in record proceeds

The West Central Missouri Veterans Assistance League (VAL) raised a record **\$16,817** at the 13th annual Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament on June 5 at Royal Oaks Golf Course at Whiteman Air Force Base.

The support of corporate sponsors played a key role in the event's success. They included **Town Square Media, Blue Demon and McCarty Toyota**, all out of Sedalia; **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5925** and **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Chapter 4-6**, both from Lincoln; **Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club Chapter 11** from Whiteman Air Force Base; **A Little Off Base** in Knob Noster; **McKesson and Brenda and Edward Kautz**, of Calgary, Canada, in honor of **Curtis Jenkins**.

Also, a record 107 golf carts were sponsored. Individuals, organizations and businesses were invited to sponsor a golf cart in honor or in memory of their favorite veteran and submit their service photo. This is an increase of 25 sponsorships from the 2015 tournament.

One hundred of 44 golfers took to the course when Veteran Gordon Yonce sounded off the air horn for the shotgun start.

Mike Keith Insurance's team of **Rex Smarr, George Bullard, Mindy Coyle and Gary Zink** won Flight A. **Patrick Ray, Brad Briscoe, Eric Brown and Brandon Heimericks** won Flight B. Bay Insulation's team of **Jim Snodgrass, Blake Johnson, Mike Poindexter and Brenton Bell** won Flight C and added an unexpected twist by donating their winnings back to the Missouri Veterans Home.

Dan Scott won the putting contest, **Ron Sudduth** and **Marion Lucas** won the closest to the pin and **Shayne Chamberlain** had the longest putt. **Brett Scott** won the Kansas City Chiefs football and **Clay Heishman** was the winner of the golf raffle prize.

"I was really speechless with this year's results. I did not realize we could do this well," said Marvin Neal, president of the West Central Missouri Veterans Assistance League. "We've been blessed. We had the turnout of our good friends, some who have been with us since the tournament first began. We had such a beautiful day and our golf committee did a tremendous job."

All proceeds will go into a fund to help the Veterans Assistance League purchase a \$120,000 handicapped accessible kneeling bus. They are \$17,000 away from achieving that goal.



Flight A: Pictured from left are **Rex Smarr, Marvin Neal, president of the Veterans Assistance League; Mindy Coyle, Gary Zink, George Bullard and Latisha Koetting, supervisor of volunteer services.**



Flight B: From left, are **Marvin Neal, Patrick Ray, Brandon Heimericks, Brad Briscoe and Eric Brown.**



Flight C: From left, are **Marvin Neal, Blake Johnson, Jim Snodgrass, Mike Poindexter and Brenton Bell.**



Lori Landgrebe escorts her father, Veteran Dean Landgrebe.



Emma Rodriguez from environmental services visits with Veteran Norman Ring.



Veteran Herb Grasher, Brittney Owens, social worker; Megan Fidler, recreation therapist; and Veteran Sal Realmuto go down the runway together in their fedora hats.



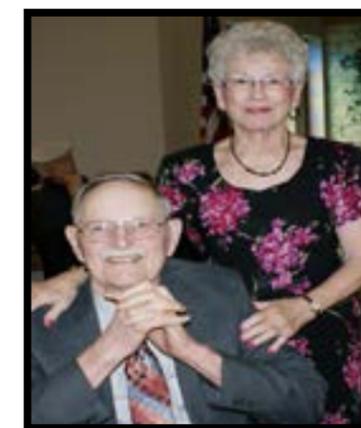
Veteran Bob Carr recognizes some familiar faces as he goes down the runway. He is escorted by Karina Duarte Acevedo from environmental services.



Veteran Harold Arensmeier walks Bobbie McCune from environmental services down the aisle.



Veteran Richard Jung escorts his wife Wanda down the runway.



Veteran Louis Pollman is pictured with his wife, Hulda.



Veteran Alice Moore is escorted by Matthew Mosler of the Air Force Sergeant's Association.



Veteran Irvin Brabant crowned his wife, Veteran Mary Brabant, queen of the Runway show. They've been married for 70 years.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Men's Auxiliary 5675 from Odessa raised \$5,600 at their annual poker run held in May. They presented the check to Marvin Neal, president of the Veterans Assistance League, and Latisha Koetting, supervisor of volunteer services, at the Scramble for Freedom on June 5 at Royal Oaks Golf Course at Whiteman Air Force Base. They have raised over \$20,000 for VAL over the past five years.

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 costs \$120,000.

Canteen: Money donated here is used to provide free soft-serve ice cream to our Veterans daily and free stamps so Veterans can mail letters to loved ones.

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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