

THE MT. VERNON VETERAN

MT. VERNON VETERANS' HOME

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MT. VERNON, MO 65712

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Winter 2012

The Price of Freedom is Visible Here

Resident Profile

Veteran Lawrence Murphy is a Pearl Harbor Survivor. He is one of the few remaining eye witnesses to one of history's truly momentous occasions.

Mr. Murphy was born to Lawrence F. and Emma Murphy in Daly City, California. His father worked for the water department for the city of San Francisco. He had two brothers and one sister. Lawrence graduated from a high school in San Francisco in 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on February 1, 1941.

On December 7, 1941, Mr. Murphy was aboard the U.S.S. Tangier, which was docked astern of the U.S.S. Utah at Pearl Harbor. When the attack started he was standing on the deck, starboard side forward. He ran down below to get ammunition. The Tangier guns actively en-



Lawrence Murphy in Summer 1941.

gaged Japanese planes and claimed to have shot down three. The Tangier suffered only superficial damage. Mr. Murphy said they then turned to rescue by retrieving the wounded and taking them to hospitals. He said that the destruction of both the ships and Ford Island was hard to comprehend.

About a week later the Tangier was sent to Wake Island with supplies for its marine garrison, but was recalled when Wake was captured by Japanese forces. Mr. Murphy said that really made him upset as he felt they were abandoning the marines.

Mr. Murphy's rank was Coxswain and his job was operating the motor launches and whale boats from the Tangier. In February 1942, the ship sailed to the south Pacific for New Caledonia and played a supporting role in the May 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea.

Lawrence said that the thing he remembered was "Washing Machine Charlie" who flew from Guadalcanal every night to harass the ships. Charlie rarely did much

damage, but did have several near misses and managed to rattle the nerves of the sailors on board.

Mr. Murphy was discharged in January 1945 after he was hurt defending another sailor. He said he came upon one sailor holding another sailor upside down and was about to bash his head into the deck. Lawrence decided he needed to intervene and during the following scuffle his foot got caught in a ladder and was damaged.

Mr. Murphy then went to work with his father in the San Francisco water department for one year, before going to the Merced, CA water department for a year. He then began a career of installing fire suppression water sprinkler systems. He said he worked for several different companies doing that type of work and retired from it in 1986. At that time, he and his wife were living in Antioch, CA.

Lawrence married Virginia Cordell on June 29, 1945. They had four children: Sandra, who died of an accident at 19 months, Mi-



Virginia and Lawrence Murphy in summer 1949.



The U.S.S. Tangier (AV-8) in the South Pacific, July, 1944.

chael, Sharon, and David. He has four grandchildren. Virginia passed away June 21, 1993.

Mr. Murphy's son Michael moved to Joplin, MO followed by his brother David. Lawrence followed them as well. He has been a resident at the Missouri Veterans Home since February 2008. We are honored to have him!

CENSUS

WW II	113
KOREAN	50
VIETNAM	20
PERSIAN GULF	2
PEACE TIME	12
As of January 1, 2012	

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Employees of the Month

Pictured are the Employees of the Month for June, July, and August. These employees were nominated by their peers. Congratulations to these employees for their accomplishments and caring attitudes to the resident Veterans whom they serve. As Employees of the Month, they received a Walmart gift card, a free day off, and a prominent parking space for one month. *Congratulations!*



Sally Quick, October 2011

Sally Quick, Personnel Clerk, is a dedicated employee who is not only doing her job, but also the duties of Personnel Officer since that position is currently vacant. On top of that, she is also helping train a new timekeeper who was recently hired.



Patty Shepherd, September 2011

Patty Shepherd, Licensed Practical Nurse III, is well liked by all the staff she works with and shows true compassion for the Veterans she cares for. She has an unmatched personality and has the willingness to accept changes. Patty is a true leader on her shift.

Any employee can nominate another employee. The nomination forms are located at the front desk.



Shelly Chapman, November 2011

Shelly Chapman, Food Service Helper I, not only helps the Veterans with ordering and receiving their meal, but she greets each Veteran with a smile and kind word. She makes sure each resident is satisfied with their meal. If not, Shelly attempts to find alternatives.

Missouri Veterans Commission Employees of the Month

Melinda Summers, Laundry Worker I for the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis, was selected as the October 2011 MVC Employee of the Month. Melinda was selected for her outstanding work ethic, honesty, dependability, and dedication to serving the Veterans. Melinda is noted for always being willing to lend a hand to her co-workers.

Tammy Smith, Senior Office Support Assistant for the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield, was selected the November 2011 MVC Employee of the Month. Tammy has been selected for consistently going over and above her duties to ensure successful programs that honor those who served and sacrificed for this country.

Mike Pemberton, Maintenance Worker II for the Missouri Veterans Home at Warrensburg, was selected the December 2011 MVC Employee of the Month. He is known for quickly fixing anything in need of repair and is appreciated by the nursing staff for explaining things to them. Mike's communication skills are noted as his most outstanding trait.

WELCOME

Russel Hunter, United States Army, served from 1940 to 1945. Mr. Hunter moved to the Home on October 13.

G.H. Surette, United States Navy, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Surette moved to the Home on October 13.

Vernal Porter, United States Army, served from 1942 to 1946. Mr. Porter moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on October 17.

Delbert Grace, United States Air Force, served from 1952 to 1956. Mr. Grace moved to the Home on October 18.

Richard Dunkman, United States Army, served from 1970 to 1971. Mr. Dunkman moved to the Home on October 19.

George Armstrong, United States Marine Corps, served from 1950 to 1964. Mr. Armstrong moved to the Home on October 26.

Leonard Livingston, United States Army and Air Force, served from 1940 to 1961. He moved to the Home on November 2.

Robert Braunschweig, United States Navy, served from 1943 to 1946. He moved to the Home on November 2.

George Lancaster, United States Air Force, served from 1955 to 1959. Mr. Lancaster moved to the Home on November 3.

Earl Eilts, United States Army, served from 1950 to 1951. Mr. Eilts moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on November 7.

Arthur Huffman, United States Army, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Huffman moved to the Home on November 10.

Uriel Glidewell, United States Navy, served from 1951 to 1953. Mr. Glidewell moved to the Home on November 14.

William Baker, United States Army, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Baker moved to the Home on November 16.

Raymond Wade, United States Army, served from 1943 to 1982. Mr. Wade moved to the Home on November 18.

Tag Jensen, United States Army, served from 1951 to 1954. Mr. Jensen moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 1.

Bobby Daugherty, United States Marine Corps, served from 1952 to 1953. He moved to the Home on December 1.

Richard Bozarth, United States Air Force, served from 1950 to 1952. Mr. Bozarth moved to the Home on December 2.

Harold Vanderweide, United States Navy, served from 1939 to 1959. He moved to the Home on December 2.

Ronald Payne, United States Marine Corps, served from 1950 to 1952. Mr. Payne moved to the Home on December 6.

Richard Lee, United States Army, served from 1954 to 1957. Mr. Lee moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 7.

Dan Trogdon, United States Navy, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Trogdon moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 12.

James Creson, United States Army, served from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Creson moved to the Home on December 14.

William Bolin, United States Army served in 1952. Mr. Bolin moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 19.

Warren Hale, United States Army, served from 1945 to 1946. Mr. Hale moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 20.

Clayton Spencer, United States Army Air Corps, served from 1944 to 1945. Mr. Spencer moved to the Home on December 21.

Ralph Self, United States Army Air Corps, served from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Self moved to the Home on December 22.

John Keith, United States Army, served from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Keith moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 27.

John Jones, United States Air Force, served from 1954 to 1958. Mr. Jones moved to the Missouri Veterans Home on December 29.

The following Veterans were called to their final roll call shortly after mustering into our mist:

Neal Gaydou
Paul Rauschelbach
Dwight Hughes
Robert Reed



The AMVETS and Sons of AMVETS brought 193 pair of sweats to the facility on December 22. They include from left to right: Gary Morgan, John Barnhill (the National Commander for the Sons of AMVETS), Graham Osborne, Jack Vogel, Roy Hays, Ben Haynes, Dennis Poncet and Santa Claus (Bob Jens).

Branch of Service Breakdown

 Army	86
Women	4
 Army Air Corps	13
Women	0
 Air Force	25
Women	0
 Coast Guard	3
Women	0
 Marine Corps	10
Women	3
 Navy	53
Women	0
TOTAL	197



TAPS



Lloyd Wallace
1/23/22
10/2/11



Benjamin Steeples
8/20/22
10/27/11



Paul Rauschelbach
10/4/25
11/26/11



Robert Reed
6/25/27
12/11/11



Helen Knoles
5/15/14
10/1/11



John Davidson
6/10/21
10/29/11



William Stokley
7/4/30
11/27/11



Isaac Brock
7/14/18
12/17/11



James Pratt
11/2/41
10/3/11



Donald Carter
8/9/42
10/31/11



Charles Taylor
12/27/31
11/28/11



Herschel Freeman
7/19/27
12/18/11



Ralph Neasby
11/20/27
10/5/11



Dwight Hughes
4/12/33
11/10/11



Edward Borth
8/16/25
11/30/11



Homer Stone
4/18/24
12/19/11



Leo Ryan
5/15/22
10/7/11



Charles Toepfer
7/4/33
11/8/11



Harlan Turk
7/23/21
12/9/11



William Philbeck
10/28/18
12/22/11



Herbert Stratton
10/30/22
10/7/11



Warren Vinson
12/19/30
11/15/11



Alden Tilberg
8/3/19
10/8/11



Berton Walker
6/16/22
11/22/11



James Cottengim
7/4/40
10/12/11



Warde Smith
7/9/27
11/24/11



John Alumbaugh
5/2/27
10/22/11



Forrest Asbell
2/17/23
11/25/11



Earnest Floyd
8/9/22
10/24/11



Neal Gaydou
12/9/24
11/25/11



Lester Moore
10/24/34
10/25/11



Calvin Ribbing
6/29/28
11/26/11

Now in the Service of the Supreme Commander

The following Veterans were discharged either to their home or to another facility:

James Cook - USMC

Gary Trask - Navy

Alva Cones - Army

We wish them well!

VETERANS' HOME WISH LIST

ITEM	Est. Cost
Spray Deodorant	1.50
Stick Deodorant.....	1.50
Denture Cleanser	1.50
Denture Adhesive.....	2.00
After Shave.....	3.00
Chap Stick.....	1.00
Book of Stamps.....	8.80
9 Volt Batteries.....	4.00

If your organization is interested in purchasing any of the items listed above or are interested in finding out information about larger on-going projects for the facility, please contact David Kloppenborg at (417) 466-7103.

VISIT US ON LINE

To learn more about the Mt. Vernon Veterans' Home, visit us at www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/Homes/Site/MtVernon To learn more about other Missouri Veterans' Homes and/or other programs offered by the Missouri Veterans' Commission, log on to the Commission Home page at www.mvc.dps.mo.gov

DONATIONS

MONETARY DONATIONS

On behalf of the Assistance League and the Heroes we serve, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the donations received October through December 2011. All donations go directly to Veterans programs. *Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization has unintentionally been left off this list.*

\$500 to \$999

D.A.V. Post 66
Pepsi Cola Bottlers

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Arthur Rogers

Thank You!

Does your civic organization need a program? The Missouri Veterans Home can help you out. We can attend your meeting and give a presentation which explains the admission requirements, costs, and frequently asked questions. We would be happy to come to your meeting at any time to present the facts. The presentation can be tailored from 10 minutes to 40 minutes. Call (417)466-7103 and ask for David.

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___ Resident Activities Fund

___ Holiday Fund

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___ Employee Recognition Fund

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HOW TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Checks should be made payable to the Mt. Vernon MVH Assistance League and mailed to:
Missouri Veterans Home
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Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

The Donation Form is provided for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact:
David Kloppenborg
417-466-7103 Ext. 1185
david.kloppenborg@mvc.dps.mo.gov

Happenings at the Home



Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission, Larry Kay, addresses concerns at a town hall meeting in October.



The Glitzy Chicks lit up the dining room on November 30.



Veteran Ray Blankenship with his family at the Thanksgiving dinner.



A bald eagle came to the Home on November 24.



The dining room was packed for the Christmas Service given by the First Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon.



The Christmas Party was a success again this year. Every Veteran in the Home received at least three gifts thanks to all the groups and individuals that participated.

FALL HONOR FLIGHT

A group of ten World War Two Veterans from the Missouri Veterans Home made the trip to Washington D.C. on the October 12th Honor Flight. The weather did not cooperate, but the Veterans and their guardians still had a memorable and moving experience. The Veterans who went included: Ellen Baumann, Kenneth Bay, Bobby Robertson, Earl Dodd, Foster Fitch, Frank Musch, Bob Shelton, Julius Trent, Henry Wills, and Harold Wright. The guardians included: Cindy Coffman, Jerry Dodd, Cathy Friend, Charles Genrich, Michael Greissing, Teresa Hoover, Robert Johnston, David Kloppenborg, Ella Overstreet, Jane Sparkman, Barbara Truman, and Alice Wilkinson.



Veterans Recognition Ceremony

The Missouri Veterans Home was proud to honor our Veterans with awards given by the state of Missouri to World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans. It was the perfect way to honor them on Veteran's Day.

The Missouri Veterans Recognition Program was authorized as a token of appreciation for all Missouri Veterans who served during the above mentioned conflicts. The Missouri National Guard took the lead and made the presentations. The Missouri Veterans Home plans to make this an annual event.

At right, LtCol. Lance Myler welcomes everybody to the ceremony.



SSGT McClinton and SSGT Haverly present the Vietnam award to Veteran Cecil Cowan.



MSG Laura Henley shares a moment with Veteran James "Don" Scott after presenting him with the Korean award.



Veterans Day is always a very busy day for the Veterans here at the Home and there are always requests for their presence at other events that day. Hence, many Veterans were on out trips to Willard and Republic and were unable to receive their awards. The Missouri Veterans Home held another ceremony on December 7 to honor those Veterans.

On the left, Maj. Laird Thompson made the presentations. On the right, Veterans Paul Roberts, Ray Blankenship, and G.H. Surette proudly show off the awards that they had received.



Resident Council News

The Resident Council met on October 5, 2011 with two officers, two representatives, and six other residents present.

Keri Creasey, the Activities Director, asked the council for confirmation that the Resident Council Meeting will be held the first Wednesday of the month. She was assured by the Council that it was, so she will change the Activities Calendar. Joe Hall stated that they had a good meeting with the VA Representative, Karen LaBond, this morning.

The Council next met on November 2, 2011 with three officers, seven representatives, and sixteen other residents present.

The topic of employees eating at the same time as residents was discussed. One resident commented that the employees should bring in their own lunches or eat after 1:00 PM. Loni Hill, Dietary Manager, stated that some employees begin work at 5:00 AM and the labor laws require a break before 10:30 AM, but she will discuss with the Administrator.

The next topic was the possibility of raising the fees for Vet-

erans to reside at the Home. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a letter would be prepared for the residents to sign and copies will be sent to all representatives in Jefferson City. A committee will meet to discuss the contents of the letter, and Joy Sweeney will type the letter and Keri will assist with resident signatures.

The Council next met on December 7, 2011 with three officers, six representatives, and twelve other residents present.

Mr. Grayson reported that he wrote a letter about the possible closing of the facilities and rate increase to his representatives and gave the letter to Veteran Service Officer, Mike Hopper. Mr. Grayson would like for everyone to sign it before it is mailed.

The topic of speeding electric wheelchairs was discussed. The rules and regulations regarding the use of scooters and electric wheelchairs was handed out for all to review. It was recommended that the head of the Therapy Department, George Bennett, be invited to the next meeting (an invitation was sent at this time).



It was a great Holiday Season with support from so many organizations. Above, Mary Click, D.A.V. #64, gives a donation check to Veteran Russell Carlin. At right top, Audra Gentry gives a talk prior to the American Legion Gift Shop, held here on December 6. At right center, Mickey Leubner, Linda Douglas, and Bev Long, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, present a couple of patriotic quilts to the Home. At right, J.D. Melton, Bill Howell, Johnny Anderson, and Rex Wallace bring in the Christian County Elks Christmas presents. We can't thank the groups enough for everything they do!

New Volunteers



Ruth Stoddard



Bill Frie



Garrett Woodrum



Payton Woodrum



Pat Cahalan



Andrea Cooper



Employees from Hospice Compassus spent a day volunteering at the Missouri Veterans Home cleaning wheelchairs. They are Jamie Pippin, Tara Chandler, and Angela Ricketts. Thank you ladies!

Long Time Volunteer Retires

Twenty year volunteer Juliah Petree is moving out of state. Juliah decided to move to Bartlesville, Oklahoma to be closer to her family. She has been volunteering at the Missouri Veterans Home since 1991 and will be sorely missed by the staff and Veteran residents. She always had a cheerful disposition and a smile for everyone she met. Her fellow volunteers decided she needed a little going away party, which was held on November 29. The plaque reads, "In appreciation to Juliah Petree for twenty years of outstanding volunteer service to

the Missouri Veterans Home 1991-2011."



Above are fellow volunteers who attended Juliah's going away party. From left to right: Erna Mae Doss, Amy Heavin, Chloina Robinson, Shirley DeVore, Juliah Petree, Fran Black, Russ Harrison, Shirley Fields, Mary Harrison, and Helen Davis.



Several volunteers showed up the evening of October 27 to cut material. The material was being cut to make drapes for the resident's windows. Above, volunteer Shirley DeVore cuts some material while Veteran Betty Stewart looks on.

Halloween Fun



Adam Rogers, Dietary at left and Missy Carter, CNA above had great costumes!



Jill Michaud, Administrative Assistant; David Kloppenborg, Volunteer Coordinator; Christine Ney, Accounting; James Dennis, Administrator; and Linda Sparkman, Receptionist.



Jenny Myers, MDS Coordinator, has successfully completed the American Association Nurse Assessment Coordinators MDS 3.0 Certification for Resident Assessment Coordinator. Congratulations Jenny!

NAHCA NEWS

by Barb Truman

The December Christmas Party was a success. Congratulations to Debra Bowles, Unit Manager on D wing for winning the flatscreen television set, and to Virginia Waterman, CMT for winning the Kindle Fire. There was a total of 160 people attending the party.

The NAHCA crew was back at it after a short rest selling T-Shirts to raise money for next year's events. T-Shirt money is due by January 17th and can be paid to Travis Woods, Emily Carty, or Barbie Truman. We have approximately

140 T-Shirts ordered. If you need a shirt, please let us know by January 14. We don't want to leave anyone out!

On February 3rd, NAHCA will host a chili dinner for the low cost of \$2.00. Please come and have lunch with us. We will be serving lunch in the administrative conference room. We will also be serving Krispy Kreme Donuts for those of you with a sweet tooth. All proceeds will go to NAHCA, which benefits all employees. Please stay tuned for further fun events!

Easter Lilly Honorarium

You can now purchase an Easter Lilly in memory or in honor of a Veteran you love.

The Missouri Veterans Home is hosting a special church service on Palm Sunday, which is April 1 this year. A donation of ten dollars will buy you an Easter Lilly. The lillies will be on display in the chapel with your loved ones name attached. The name of your loved one will also be listed in the program.

The lillies will remain on display in the chapel through Easter.

The deadline to purchase an Easter Lilly is March 30. If interested, please call the Activities Dept. at 417-466-7103 Ext. 1159.



NEW EMPLOYEES

October

- Jordan Cendroski - Certified Nursing Aide
- Harvey Cumpton - Certified Nursing Aide
- Samantha Layman - Certified Nursing Aide
- Ashley Roberts - Certified Nursing Aide
- Bertha Warren - Certified Nursing Aide
- Rebecca Derr - Registered Nurse
- Amanda Brown - Domestic Care Aide

November

- Joyce Baletto - Certified Nursing Aide
- Tanya Belle - Certified Nursing Aide
- Alicia Janek - Certified Nursing Aide
- Kimberly Mikell - Registered Nurse
- Stacy White - Licensed Practical Nurse
- Valerie Jackson - Registered Nurse
- Regina Clark - Domestic Care Aide
- Regina Rowe - Domestic Service Worker
- Terri Parks - Domestic Service Worker

December

- Diane Reach - Registered Nurse
- Rebecca Lang - Certified Nursing Aide
- Sharon Lewis - Certified Nursing Aide
- Marcos Rivas - Certified Nursing Aide

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Jan. 1	Loose Notes Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 5	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 11	Elks 409 BINGO D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 12	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 16	Silvertones D.R., 2:00 PM
Jan. 18	Christian Co. Elks BINGO, D.R., 2:00
Jan. 19	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Jan. 19	First Baptist Choir D.R., 10:00 AM
Jan. 19	A/L 137 BINGO D.R. 6:30 PM
Jan. 20	Lunch at Alice Irene's, 9:30 AM
Jan. 20	Pet Therapy with Judy, 10:00 AM
Jan. 27	Staff VS Resident Trivia, A.R., 2:00
Jan. 27	Chili Sampler A.R., 3:00 PM
Jan. 30	Grasshopper Band D.R., 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 8	Elks 409 BINGO D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 9	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 9	Play "Don't Drink the Water", MARC 6:00 PM
Feb. 12	Sugar Tree Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Feb. 15	Christian Co. Elks BINGO, D.R., 2:00
Feb. 16	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Feb. 19	Mennonite Youth Choir, D.R., 2:30
Feb. 26	Modern Day Vet's Program & Visits D.R., 2:00 PM

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL THE ACTIVITIES
DEPARTMENT.**

MARCH

Mar. 1	B-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 5	Ken Roberts/Elvis D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 8	C-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 11	Sugar Tree Band D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 13	B-Unit Casino 8:30 AM
Mar. 14	Elks 409 BINGO D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 15	E-Unit Walmart 9:00 AM
Mar. 15	A/L 230 BINGO D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 15	A/L 137 BINGO D.R., 6:30 PM
Mar. 17	VFW Post 534 Cornbeef/Cabbage 12:00 PM
Mar. 21	Christian Co. Elks BINGO, D.R., 2:00
Mar. 22	Recreation: Every Day People D.R., 2:00 PM
Mar. 22	Re-Creation MARC, 7:00 PM

BIRTHDAYS

January

Michael Pennington	1/03
Edward Waigand	1/04
James Scott	1/04
Leonard Harper	1/04
Chester Shoemaker	1/08
Caryll Beer	1/08
Charles Miller	1/16
Gerald Aquino	1/17
Earl Dodd	1/18
Ralph Self	1/20
Lloyd Evatt	1/23
Carl North	1/25
George Armstong	1/25
Lawrence Murphy	1/28

February

Jerome Hess	2/01
Carl Wilkinson	2/06
Gerald Cooper	2/09
James Carr	2/11
William Winstead	2/12
Clarence Robinson	2/12
Lester Nichols	2/13
Walter Serviolo	2/13
Jake Helmig	2/14
Harold Wright	2/14
Elmer Ley	2/15
Raymond Roedder	2/17
Vergil Long	2/22
Charles Haynes	2/22
George Lancaster	2/25

March

Roy Francis	3/01
Russell Carlin	3/01
Ronald Payne	3/04
William Grayson	3/09
James Cox	3/09
Paul Wiles	3/10
Harlan Heckel	3/10
Homer Isbell	3/11
Lloyd Haggard	3/11
Jakey Cobb	3/14
Randy Gage	3/16
Henry Turner	3/20
John Daniels	3/20
Jesse Tracy	3/20
Orville Wicks	3/21
James Walton	3/23
Howard Dale	3/27
Giles Steffen	3/28
Marlin Woods	3/29

Re-Creation Returns With "Everyday People"

March 22

7:00 PM at the MARC

Tickets are \$8

Mark your calendars as a Broadway show is coming to Mt. Vernon! The Missouri Veterans Home is proud to announce that Re-Creation will be performing at the Mt. Vernon Arts & Recreation Center Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are only \$8 a piece and can be purchased at the front desk of the Mt. Vernon, Missouri Veterans Home or at the door the night of the performance.

Re-Creation 37th edition presents "Everyday People", a grand celebration highlighting the most popular show songs of all time! And every show includes rousing patriotic music in honor of America's hospitalized veterans and troops. It is a show of young, talented, performers who captivate audiences of all ages. A magical program that transforms the stage into a wondrous showplace of unforgettable entertainment. Colorful, flashing costumes, state-of-the-art sound, and professional, stylized choreography.

The young people in Re-Creation are not paid for their service. They give up at least a year of their lives to travel the country entertaining the men and women in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Home in all 50 states.



RE-CREATION

If your group or organization is interested in providing an activity for the residents of the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home, please contact the Activities Department at (417)466-7103 Ext. 1159.