Volunteer Luncheon A Success

At the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, held in late April, we had the honor of having the Mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Robert J. Doerr as our guest speaker. During his speech he thanked the Volunteers for the countless hours of time they provide serving our Veterans and was proud that the Missouri Veterans Home called Bellefontaine Neighbors home. Each year, a few volunteers are highlighted as the Volunteers of the Year and the first ever Arnold L. Theobald Patriot Award was given. Pictured above is Michael Theobald, Chairman of the St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee, and the Patriot Award recipient Archie Doyle. This award is designed to be given to a person who has volunteered more than 10 years at the home and leads by example in the local community and at the MVH-STL.

Other volunteers honored with special awards were: Frank Schiavo, Reverend Robert E. Owens and V.F.W. Aux. Post 3944.

We applaud our 356 dedicated volunteers whose efforts between May 1, 2014 and August 5, 2015 produced a combined total of 57,842.3 hours donated.
We have completed another season of caring for our beloved Heroes. As I approach my one year anniversary back in St. Louis, it is increasingly more evident to me that the love we share for our Veterans is second to none!

Our Memorial Day Celebration was filled with inspiring patriotism and support for our Veterans. We had a wonderful family picnic, made possible thanks to the countless hours put in by our volunteers. We also enjoyed an exciting fireworks display to celebrate our Independence Day, for which we owe our gratitude to the Assistance League as well as many of you. Your financial contributions are truly beneficial throughout the year.

Those of you giving your personal time to volunteer in support of our many activities and events deserve special praise. You do so much to boost the morale of our Veterans.

With all of your efforts and generous support, we are able to continually improve the quality of care we provide our Veterans. We are so grateful to you all, please know it is very much appreciated.

I’d also like everyone to remember to thank our diligent and committed Missouri Veterans Home–St. Louis staff. They work so hard for our Heroes in every department.

My door is always open to you all. I am honored to be the Administrator of the MVH St. Louis.

Thank you,
Mark Fontana

Welcome Nicole Krebs – Our New Director Of Volunteer Service

Nicole has spent her entire life as a military dependent and is proud to say that she has most of the military branches in her family. Her father is retired Army; her step-dad is retired Air Force; her brother was in the Army, her brother-in-law is a Marine; her husband is Active Duty Air Force; and her son-in-law is Active Duty Air Force.

Mrs. Krebs has spent the last 17 years volunteering in various capacities. She has also gained valuable experience leading volunteers during her time as an employee with the American Red Cross, where she also delivered emergency messages to our service members.

Nicole has also been president of various military spouses clubs across the United States and Germany, where she coordinated many large fundraising events and discovered her passion for volunteering.

She is very excited to be at Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis and looks forward to meeting everyone!
This month we are honored to recognize another Veterans Home resident who proudly served our country in the United States Armed Forces. In 1986, Bill Skiles, a native St. Louisan, joined the Army Reserves and took his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Going active duty in 1989, Bill transferred to Fort Polk, Louisiana as a mechanic with the Corps of Engineers.

In 1991, the battalion deployed to Honduras to rebuild roads that had been neglected because of the country’s political and economic troubles. This was the height of the monsoon season and there were no structures standing. First, tents were set up to house personnel. Also needed was covered space for maintenance shops, a communications center and storage. In a display of “Engineering Ingenuity,” the team designed a swimming pool that utilized generous rainfall and the cool waters of a nearby stream.

Following Honduras, Bill was assigned to the Military Police unit at Seoul, South Korea. Soon, Specialist Skiles’ vehicle maintenance skills became a valued asset to the unit’s mission. The year 1993 brought wedding bells and celebration for Bill and his new wife, Wendy. The couple later became parents to a son, Steven and a daughter, Sarah. In 1995, having served three years in the Army Reserves and five and a half years active duty, Bill returned as a civilian to his home and family in St. Louis, Missouri.

The prospect of travel and good pay drew Bill to truck driver training at Schneider Trucking Company. Graduation resulted in a full-time position. Teamed with another graduate, Bill and his partner honed their skills in short and long distance hauls. Eager for more responsibility and pay, Bill joined Hogan Trucking Company. Highlights of his time at Hogan included travel to forty-eight States and Canada where he encountered nearly every type of weather and traffic challenge. During these years, Bill had only one accident – an enviable record!

In late 2002, at age 35, Bill noticed physical problems starting with lethargy and low energy. Then came pain and weakness in his legs, culminating in a fall and a fractured ankle. Bill’s arms, while still functional, became too weak to lift the heavy loads required in his work. Finally, our veteran was forced to leave his much loved driving job. Soon thereafter came the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis.

Bill entered a nursing home. At first, he could feed himself and do other light tasks. Eventually, all use of his arms was gone. Life at the nursing home was, as Bill described it, “a lot like being in a prison.” There was little in-house activity and few trips out. Staff indifference added to Bill’s worsening depression.

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The Annual Memorial Day service was held on Monday, May 25, 2015 as a day of tribute and recognition with our Veterans and the community. We honored those who have gone before us with patriotic music, the lowering of the flag, placing a wreath in honor of the Veterans and having County Executive Steve Stenger be our guest speaker. We thank everyone who came out.
Thanks to our annual “Adopt-A-Vet” for the Holidays Fundraiser, our Veterans, their families and staff had an Independence Day Celebration which seemed to be the best one yet. Despite the weather, our Recreation Department along with our devoted Volunteers and staff ensured this commemorative day was eventful, fun filled, and that great memories would be held in the hearts of all who attended.
Volunteer Service

Join the Team:
We would love to have additional volunteers to work in the Canteen on weekends (noon until 3 pm) and the Rejuvenation Station on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (2 pm until 4 pm). We are also looking for friendly faces interested in monitoring the outside front area, visiting with our Heroes and helping to ensure that they stay hydrated.

Upcoming Events to Remember:
Veterans Day –
Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Family Thanksgiving Dinner Day –
Thursday, November 19, 2015

Holiday Party –
Sunday, December 20, 2015

Fall/Winter Holidays Reminder:
We welcome all community groups and organizations interested in visiting our Heroes during the upcoming fall and winter holiday season! Please contact our Activities Director, Megan Martinez, as soon as possible to schedule these times. Our Veterans’ activity schedule fills up quickly during this time of year. Megan Martinez, Activities Director, 314-340-6389, extension 244.

Volunteer Opportunities:
• Dining Room Volunteer
• Driver
• One on One Veteran Visitor
• Canteen Volunteer
• Recreation Assistant Volunteer
• Wing Clerk Volunteer
• Entertainment Volunteer

Contact information:
We love meeting new people! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or would like more information, please give us a call! Volunteer Services can be reached at 314-340-6389, ext. 239 or visit our Assistance League website at www.slvhc.org.

The Perpetual Trust Fund is the key to continually providing uncompromised services to our Veterans in the future. The Perpetual Trust Fund provides an interest income that is utilized directly for the care of Missouri Veterans.

If you share our commitment to this important goal, please invest in our Heroes future care by donating to the Perpetual Trust Fund today. Your investment will secure a brighter future for the Heroes who have served our country and protected our freedom. Together, we can leave a legacy which will live forever in the hearts and lives of America’s greatest Heroes.

All bequests must be made out to the St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee.

For more information, please contact the St. Louis Veterans’ Home Assistance League Attorney:
Michael R. Bamvakais | 9939 Gravois Rd. | St. Louis, MO 63123 | phone: (314) 631-0200
The Social Service Department is comprised of six social workers who are available to provide assistance with psychosocial, emotional, and financial difficulties or with the use of community resources. The Social Service Staff provides a source of support to our veterans, and also acts as a liaison between the veteran, their family, and the staff. Social Services Department also complete satisfaction surveys, facilitate Alzheimer’s Support Group meetings, and encourage family involvement in the veterans care.

All of the Social Workers are willing and ready to serve our veterans and veterans families. Please contact anyone in the Social Services Department with any questions or concerns.

You may contact the Social Service Department at 1-866-838-4636, ext 277/281.

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Mr. Skiles began searching for a place where he could find better treatment and opportunities for personal growth. Highly recommended was the Missouri Veterans Home. Bill applied and in 2012 he began a new life here. Bill relates, “In minutes, I knew I’d come to the right place. I was welcomed and shown around the home. Staff members’ attitudes were up-beat as they helped me get settled. I started feeling hopeful.”

Previously, Bill used a mechanized chair that provided transportation but offered few other options. Today, Mr. Skiles’ life is enhanced by a mobile chair that provides a wide range of functions and conveniences. Controlled by the operator’s head, the unit tilts, reclines, elevates the legs and raises or lowers the seat. It will rotate in place, reverse position or travel forward at a speed selected by the driver.

From his chair and bed, Bill accesses an environmental control unit (ECU) to turn on his room lights and flash the nursing call signal. The system activates the cable box, the television set and telephone. Bill regularly studies or communicates using his voice-prompted computer. In the near future, he will benefit from a high-tech bed that features therapeutic and comfort positions not now available.

For many years, Bill Skiles has enjoyed painting, ceramics and other visual arts. Since his arrival at the Veterans Home this practice has been renewed – sometimes brilliantly. Through his participation in the Recreation and Arts Program at the VA’s Jefferson Barracks Facility, Bill has discovered ways to broaden his creative skills. In early 2014, he was interviewed by PN Magazine. Photos were taken of Bill busy on a current project. He and his work were featured in the October 2014 issue of the magazine.

Wheelchair and Powerchair games highlight Bill’s sporting life. Starting in 2012, Bill traveled to Tampa, Florida where he distinguished himself in Bowling and Slalom. Then came the 2013 Wheelchair Games at Spokane, Washington. Here, our veteran won medals in Bowling, Slalom, and Powerchair Soccer.

Most recently, Bill returned from the week-long National Wheelchair Games 2015 held in Dallas, Texas. He is proud to grace his new home with the Gold medal in Bowling and the Bronze medal in Slalom. This conference of players was perhaps the most meaningful in Bill’s memory. He recalls the inspirational closing ceremonies as the perfect conclusion to a week of outstanding athletic performance and new and renewed bonds of brotherhood.

PAY IT FORWARD

Bill Skiles’ hope is for residents of our Home to have more opportunities for fun, skill building and friendship connections with other vets. The challenging wheel chair game, Bocce, is one of the recreational possibilities that Bill would like to see available here. Staff at Missouri Veterans Home St. Louis is now looking into ways to make this and other innovative ideas a reality.

Bill Skiles, our friend and inspiration, we are honored to know you and to be allowed to share in your story and your hopes for the future. PLAY ON!

Submitted by JBS
The “St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee” was formed in the spring of 1983 with two primary goals: to express the need of a state operated veteran’s home in the St. Louis Metropolitan area and to serve as its Assistance League.

Research was conducted to determine site requirements. It had to be close to utilities, but far away from noise and other negatives. The ideal site would need to be at least 15 acres, but much more would be preferred. At that time, good acreage was running about $33,000 an acre and the state wanted the land to be donated, as it was in all other home locations. Over the next several years, numerous sites were proposed and closely considered. However, for one reason or another, none of the sites were the perfect fit.

Governor Ashcroft expressed his concern about aging Missouri veterans and acknowledged that there was a need in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. He promised to give his support if the proper location could be found. The governor pledged to meet with members of the St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee to discuss alternatives. Within a month, that meeting was held.

Less than a month after that meeting with the governor, Mr. Francis St. John, a past State Commander for the V.F.W. and former member of the State Veterans Affairs Committee suggested that we look at the state land just south of Highway 270 on Lewis and Clark Blvd. With the assistance of Mr. Gregory Haden of Luxenburg Reality Company of South County, and two architects, the location was viewed and recommendations were made. Satisfied with those recommendations, a meeting was held with Mr. Richard “Dick” Rice who was then the Director of Public Safety for the State of Missouri and members of his and Governor Ashcroft’s staff. Within a week after that meeting, members of the Department of Public Safety, the Governor’s Office, Missouri Veterans Commission and Design and Construction flew by helicopter to the suggested site location. After a short period of time, it was learned that the site was approved but was being planned for the west side of Highway 367 just south of Highway 270. It was that group that put together the legislative package for the Veteran’s Home in St. Louis. Just prior to construction, the site was changed to its present location on the east side of Highway 367.

With all of the hard work that the St. Louis Veteran’s Home Committee put into this project, and the fund-raising activity for the home, Robert R. Buckner, then the Superintendent of the Missouri Veterans Homes, recognized the St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee as the Missouri Veterans Home—St. Louis Assistance League on April 25, 1990, long before construction was started.

On May 24, 1991, the groundbreaking ceremony was held. The Missouri Veterans Home—St. Louis accepted its first resident on October 31, 1993 and has been serving those who served ever since. With the support of many individuals, groups, and organizations, we have been able to improve the livelihood of the men and women who brought us the freedom we enjoy every day.

It is these individuals and organizations that are so very important. We cannot thank you enough for your financial support.
About the Missouri Veterans Commission

The Missouri Veterans Commission is a state agency within the Department of Public Safety established by Missouri Statute to aid all Veterans and their dependents by providing information regarding their rights and to help Veterans access their available benefits through State and Federal Government.

Mission
To provide our Veterans with timely benefits assistance, skilled nursing care and a final resting place with honor.

Three Core Programs:
• Veterans Service Program
• State Veterans Cemeteries Program
• Veterans Homes Program

Four Specialized Outreach Initiatives
• Women Veterans
• Minority Veterans
• Incarcerated Veterans
• Returning & Current Active Duty Service Members
• Veterans Ombudsman

Veterans Service Program
Provides assistance to Missouri Veterans and their dependants.
• Located throughout the state
• St. Louis - VSO (Jeff & Melinda) 314-340-6389, ext 242 or 428 Website – www.mvc.dps.mo.gov
• Call for information or appointment.

• Currently over 500,000 veterans in Missouri who are all potential clients

Potential Benefits Available Include:
• Compensation – may be eligible if injury was received while serving
• Pension – income based benefit
• Medical Benefits
• Long Term Care – Homes program
• Education Benefits
• Life Insurance
• State Benefits
• Burial Benefits

Cemetery Program
A program dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of Missouri Veterans.
• Charles Baxter, Director – Fort Leonard Wood Cemetery 573-774-3496 located off Interstate 44, exit 156

State Veterans Cemeteries:
• Springfield Cemetery
• Higginsville Cemetery
• Bloomfield Cemetery
• Jacksonville Cemetery
• Fort Leonard Wood Cemetery
• St. James Cemetery - considered closed

Admission Requirements
You must:
• Be a veteran who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.
• Have lived in Missouri at least 180 days some time in life.
• Demonstrate medical need that we can meet and your MD states needs skilled care.

No Veteran is ever denied admission due to inability to pay.

About the Missouri Veterans Home–St. Louis:
The Missouri Veterans Home–St. Louis is a 300-bed facility with 100 beds being a Specialize/Alzheimer’s Unit. The facility received a perfect score on the V.A. Annual Survey of the St. Louis Home and has a VA Outpatient Clinic on-site as part of an outreach program with the VA. We are here to serve Veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, OEF/OIF/OND and peacetime. We have a Resident Council to provide sufficient and timely input from residents and a Family Council to provide input from the family members. Missouri Veterans Home–St. Louis has a Veterans Service Officer on-site to provide information on benefits available to Veterans and their families as well as an on-site physician. We provide recreational activities for residents seven days a week. Our facility also boasts a fully staffed therapy department providing physical, occupational, and speech therapy. We offer three levels of skilled nursing care for all assistance levels.

• Springsfield Cemetery
• Higginsville Cemetery
• Bloomfield Cemetery
• Jacksonville Cemetery
• Fort Leonard Wood Cemetery
• St. James Cemetery - considered closed
Request for Information/Application

Veteran Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________________

Contact Name (if you are not the applicant): ____________________________________

Relationship to Applicant: __________________________________________________

Street: _____________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________________________

Phone: _________________________ E-mail: ________________________________

Types of Care Available

We provide Skilled nursing care 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Services provided include:
Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Diabetic Management, Pain Management, IV Therapy, Stroke Rehabilitation, Wound Care, Spiritual Services, Recreation & Social Activities.

Levels of Skilled Nursing Care

Level I
Lightest level of nursing care. Needing only minimal medical and social supervision and assistance.

Level II
Intermediate level of nursing care. Needs supervision and routine assistance in several activities of daily living.

Level III
Heavy nursing care. Needs routine and continuous supervision and/or assistance in most activities of daily living.

Special Care Unit

• Our facility has 100 beds available for those who have the needs of a specialized secure unit.

• This unit has staff that has been specially trained to deal with patients who have dementia and Alzheimer’s.

Cost

• Maximum cost at this time $2050/month

• The home receives funding from residents, the State of Missouri and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

• Missouri Veterans Home–St. Louis is a State Agency, not a Federal Agency.

Monthly Cost

• This cost is on a sliding scale based on the income and assets of the resident.

• It is reviewed on an annual basis.

• It is also reviewed if there is a change in income or assets.

Admissions

• How to obtain an application?

Contact:

• Michelle Hannah
314-340-6389 ext. 209
Michelle.Hannah@mvc.dps.mo.gov

Waiting List

• St. Louis has the shortest waiting list – which is currently at 180.

• You may decline admission and still be left on the waiting list.

• All 7 Veterans Homes combined are over 1500 and rising.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Am I allowed to leave the facility?
A: Yes. The Home has sign out procedures for accountability, and with the appropriate oversight procedures which is specific for each Veteran, leaving is allowed.

Q: What about therapy and how is it paid for?
A: If you are 70 to 100 % service based connected, your therapies are paid for. If you are not service based connected, therapy will be billed to a secondary insurance.

Q: How often can I get my hair cut?
A: We have a full time beautician and you may get a haircut as often as you wish.

Q: Can I bring my electric mobility and/or recliner?
A: You may, and upon admission, you will be screened by Therapy with your electric mobility for safety. Also, recliners are allowed to which the Home prefers it to be leather or vinyl, and not cloth.

Q: Can someone help me with my bills?
A: Yes, the Home has an accounting and Social work team that will assist with your bills.

Q: Are only enlisted men (not officers) allowed admission?
A: No, all Veterans that qualify for the Home will be eligible for admission, regardless of your rank.

MAIL TO:
Admissions
Missouri Veterans Home
10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63136-6005

Visit us online for more info @ www.slvhc.org
St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee Gift Form

The St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, making this gift tax deductible.

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________ ZIP: ___________________________
Daytime Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

☐ YES, I would like to be added to your email list. ☐ YES, I would like to be added to your mailing list.

GIFT INFORMATION

☐ Enclosed is my gift of $______________ (Please make check payable to St. Louis Veterans’ Home Committee)
☐ Please charge my credit card in the amount of $______________
Credit Card Number: ___________________________ Expiration: ___________ Sec. Code: ______________
Name on Card: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

If you would like to make your gift in honor of someone special, please fill in below.

In honor of: ______________________________________________________________________

SEND GIFT NOTIFICATION TO:

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________ ZIP: ___________________________

Q: Will I have a roommate?
A: Yes. On admission, you will be in a semi-private room with a roommate. The Home does have private rooms available, and you will automatically go on a waiting list for the private rooms.

Q: Can my spouse come to live at MVH?
A: Only if your spouse is a Veteran that qualifies to live in the Home.

Q: How often can people visit me?
A: As often as you wish. Once admitted, you may have visitors as often as you wish.

Economic Impact

• 137 full-time CNA’s; 47 Nurses
• 24 hour RN Coverage.
• Many part-time employees
• $12 million plus annual payroll.
• $5 million annual equipment/expenses budget.
• Utilize local vendors as often as possible.

Nursing/Employment/Recruitment

• An opportunity to work with the best, to care for the best
• Competitive salary
• 3 weeks paid vacation
• 3 weeks sick leave
• 12 paid holidays
• Life/health insurance
• Missouri State Retirement and other benefits

Volunteer Opportunities

• On average more than 2500 hours per month between individuals and groups.
• Vital component to our Veterans and staff
• All ages (11 and above) and skill levels welcome
• Rewarding opportunities to get to know our brave men and women

Assistance League

• 501c3 organization governed by a separate board to oversee the donations given for the veterans of our home.
• Sole purpose is to serve the Veterans of the St. Louis home with a goal to improve their quality of life.
• www.slvhc.org

Board Members

• Michael Theobald, Chairman
• Harrison A. Ochs, Vice Chairman
• Donald V. Rygelski, Treasurer
• Patricia S. Theobald, Asst. Treasurer
• Gerry Sickles, Recording Secretary
• Richard Weilbaecher, Chaplain
• Alex Turley, Member
• Julie Goulet, Member

Each member volunteers his/her time and most assist with fundraisers.

If this gift if part of a special promotion, please enter the code here. If not, please disregard.
DONATIONS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those individuals, groups, organizations and companies that have donated to ensure our heroes “live life to the fullest.”

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.

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

DONATIONS KEY

Red . . . . . . . . Up to $99.00
White . . . . . . . $100—$249
Blue . . . . . . . . $250—$499
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Birthdays of Veterans at the Missouri Veterans Home—St. Louis

Please Send Them A Birthday Card!

Residents’ Name
% Missouri Veterans Home
10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63136

August
Donald Madsen ............ 08-01
Leonard Amsler ............ 08-02
Roy Linberg ............... 08-02
Clarence Schoonover ....... 08-04
Joan Pavlovic .............. 08-04
Harold Hill ................. 08-06
Marshall Rountree .......... 08-08
Charles Faulkner .......... 08-09
George Engemann .......... 08-15
Michael Kelly .............. 08-16
Mary McFerron ............. 08-16
Henry Thomure ............. 08-22
Jose French ................. 08-23
William Clodius ........... 08-24
Fred Linkul ................. 08-24
Ernest Garrett ............. 08-25
John Welling ............... 08-26
Phillip Spinale ............. 08-27
Ronald Gilmore ............. 08-28
Harold Pollard .............. 08-28
Willie Warner ............... 08-31

September
Fred Wesling ............... 09-02
Howard Steinbom ............ 09-04
Coy Issac .................... 09-04
James Hennessy ............. 09-06
Andrew Kasperek ............ 09-06
Wray Calahan ................ 09-13
Calvin Kneemiller .......... 09-13
Marvin Klonsky ............. 09-16
William Buchanan .......... 09-16
Delbert Mitchell ............ 09-19
Sylvestor Washington ....... 09-20
Warren Tanner ............... 09-20
Kenneth Mahler ............. 09-22
Robert Haywood ............. 09-23
Charles Schroeder .......... 09-24
Russell Ackerman .......... 09-26
Victor Hunn ................. 09-26
Michael Gianella .......... 09-26
Albert Simmonds .......... 09-28

October
Alex Popkey .................. 10-01
Francis Letrello .............. 10-03
Bennie Hill ................... 10-05
Raymond Boerschig ........ 10-06
Benjamin Liddell ............ 10-14
Robert Lepich ............... 10-14
Rudia Lee ..................... 10-17
George Thompson ............ 10-19
Thomas Leichenauer ......... 10-19
Walter Rice ................... 10-20
Robert Doerr ................ 10-24
Erwin Wollmann ............. 10-25
Jimmie Orange .............. 10-26
Harold Lee .................... 10-27
Wilbur Scherbel ............. 10-28
Haskell Gramling .......... 10-28
Bernadine Bussen ........... 10-29
Herbert Schettler ........... 10-29
Ernest Harris ............... 10-31

November
Jimmie Borah ............... 11-03
Willie Macklin .............. 11-04
Florence Burger ............. 11-06
Raymond Bohn ............... 11-09
Gary Butterwick ............ 11-09
Larry Erwin .................. 11-10
Thomas Fitzpatrick ........ 11-17
George Benson ............... 11-17
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Norman Alexander ........... 11-18
Victor Raup .................. 11-22
Marvin Henderson ........... 11-23
Benjamin Lee ................. 11-23
Jesse Linville .............. 11-24
Robert Porter ............... 11-24
Jerald Drewel ............... 11-26
Harold Barklage ............ 11-27
Rudolph Majkut ............. 11-27
Bernard Schepers ........... 11-29
Helen Love ................... 11-29
James Morris ............... 11-29

December
Everett Bratcher ............ 12-02
Clifford Thurston ........... 12-06
Arthur Latessa .............. 12-06
Curt Biebel ................. 12-07
Mark Waldmann .............. 12-09
John Hughes ................. 12-10
Richard Hendrickson ....... 12-10
Donald Gray ................. 12-10
William Bohrer .............. 12-12
Walter Kinnard .............. 12-12
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Edward Mullen .............. 12-23
Steven Price ................. 12-24
Joedell Rogers .............. 12-27
Bainbridge Williams ....... 12-28
Charles Schweizer .......... 12-28
Raymond Kluner ............. 12-29
Jean Boyer ................... 12-31
Resident Rights for Long Term Care in Missouri

The facility protects and promotes the rights of each resident of the Missouri Veterans Home in order to provide a dignified life, self-determination and communication with and access to persons and services inside and outside the facility.

- **Exercise of Rights** – You have the right to exercise your rights as a resident and citizen of the United States. You have the right to be free from interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. You have the right to be free from chemical and physical restraints. Any legal representative designated in accordance with state law, may exercise your rights to the extent provided by law.

- **Notice of Rights** - You will be informed of the rules and regulations regarding your rights and responsibilities during your residency at the Missouri Veterans Home.

- **Access to Records** – To access your records, you or your legal representative must make a written or documented verbal request. A valid request will be granted within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays). Copies of your records may be purchased, allowing three working days advance notice to the facility.

- **Information of Health Status** - You have the right to be informed of your total health status.

- **Refusal of Treatment** – You have the right to refuse treatment, including refusal of participation in experimental research, and to make an advance directive.

- **Notice of Covered and Non-covered Items and Services** – You have the right to know what services are included in your charges. You also have the right to be notified of other items and services that the facility offers for which you may be charged.

- **Posting of Names, Addresses and Telephone Numbers** – You have the right to file a complaint with the Missouri Veterans Commission concerning abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of your property in the facility. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Missouri Veterans Commission and State Ombudsman program are posted in the facility.

- **Advance Directives** – You have the right to complete an advance directive if you wish to do so.

- **Choice of a Physician** – The facility has a Medical Director who will provide routine and emergency care to all residents if requested. You have the right to choose a different physician, if you prefer, and you will be responsible for those costs. If your physician fails to fulfill VA regulations, the facility will assist you in finding another physician.

- **Accommodation of Resident Needs** – You have the right to receive reasonable accommodation of individuality and preferences, except when the health or safety of you or other residents would be endangered.

- **Notification of Changes** – You and/or your legal representative will be informed when significant changes occur, transfer and discharge occur, and for change in room or roommate.

- **Resident Activities** – You may participate in social, religious, and community activities of your choice, unless your physician determines that such activity would be harmful to you.

- **Protection and Management of Resident Personal Funds** – You have the right to manage your finances. If you prefer, the MVH accountant can assist you with your financial matters. You will be given a full and complete accounting of your financial status upon request. Upon your death, your money and valuables will be surrendered to the designated individual within 30 days. The facility has a surety bond to provide protection for all residents’ personal funds deposited with the facility.

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Resident Rights for Long Term Care in Missouri

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• Conveyance of Funds upon Death - Upon the death of a resident, all money and valuables entrusted to the facility will be surrendered in exchange for a signed receipt. The funds deposited with the facility, and a final accounting of the resident’s funds, shall be conveyed to the individual or probate jurisdiction administering the resident’s estate within 90 (ninety) days.

• Assurance of Financial Security - The facility has a surety bond to provide assurance for the security of all residents’ personal funds deposited with the facility.

• Limitations or Charges to Resident’s Personal Funds – You will not be charged for items or services for which payment is made under VA Regulations. You will be informed that charges will be imposed when non-covered items or services are requested.

• Privacy and Confidentiality – Your medical, mental, and financial status are confidential and will not be shown to or discussed with unauthorized persons without your approval.

• Grievances & Complaints – You may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff or outside representatives without discrimination or reprisal from the facility. Assistance will be provided by the Social Services Department or Home Administrator.

• Examination of Survey Results – You have the right to review the most recent Veterans Administration survey.

• Work – You have the right to perform services for the facility, if you choose. Volunteering will be documented in your plan of care.

• Mail – You have the right to send and receive mail unopened.

• Access and Visitation Rights – You have the right to meet with and communicate privately with persons of your choice.

• Telephone – You have the right to reasonable access to a telephone, in private.

• Personal Property – Except for restrictions of space and safety, you may retain and utilize personal clothing and possessions.

• Married Couples – You and your spouse may share a room if you so desire.

• Self-administration of Drugs – You have the right to self-administer medications if the interdisciplinary care plan team approves.

• Photographing Residents – Upon admission each resident is required to sign “Consent For Use of My image, Name and Written/Oral Statements” for purposes of identification, documenting medical conditions and activity program participation as part of the admission agreement.

• Smoking – You may smoke in designated smoking areas, observing facility smoking regulations.

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Wish List

The following is an approved “wish list” by the Administrator for some of the items needed at the Veterans’ Home or by its’ residents. Donations for “wish list” items must be in monetary form. The items will be purchased by the facility. Please call Nicole Krebs, Director of Volunteer Service to ensure that there is a current need for the item at (314) 340-6389 ext. 239. If a tax letter is requested on physical items, please note that no dollar amount will be given. It is the responsibility of the donor to justify the value of the item(s) if challenged by the IRS.

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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.

Charles Merlotti .......... Army .......... 4/4/15
John Wyrozynski .......... Army .......... 4/5/15
Robert Tanner .......... Army .......... 4/15
Charles Fobian .......... Navy .......... 4/6/15
Vladmir Mojic .......... Army .......... 4/9/15
Norman McCullough .......... Army .......... 4/12/15
Gerald Grant .......... Army .......... 4/15
Lyn Howell .......... Navy .......... 4/15
Phillip Holderness .......... Air Force .......... 4/13/15
John Kennedy .......... Air Force .......... 4/18/15
Alice Farri .......... Navy .......... 4/25/15
Donald Pfaff .......... Army .......... 5/2/15
Frederic Repke .......... Army .......... 5/3/15
Jack Swatske .......... Army .......... 5/8/15
Roy Lowhorn .......... Navy/Marine .......... 5/12/15
Michael Curry .......... Air Force .......... 5/18/15
Jerry Ochonicky .......... 6/5/15
Donald Kropp .......... 6/14/15
Billy Tate .......... 6/19/15
Walter Haper .......... 6/21/15
Brad Wilkinson .......... 6/23/15
Harry Giese .......... Army .......... 7/8/15
Harold Henry .......... Marine .......... 7/16/15
Bernard Kuhn .......... Army .......... 7/15
Burton Brame .......... Navy .......... 7/17/15
George Schaefer .......... Army .......... 7/18/15
Francis Hoeft .......... Army .......... 7/15
Marcella Montrey .......... Coast Guard .......... 7/22/15
Leo Allstun .......... Navy/Air Force .......... 7/24/15

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Judy and Marion Feuring

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George Moyich  
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Jean Vortmeier

The family and friends have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their Loved one.  
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Staff Contact List
Last Update August 3, 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.

Veterans’ Service Officers
1-866-838-4636
Doug Meyer .................. ext. 426
(Director of Veteran Services)
Mark Fontana .............. ext. 233
(Administrator)
Jacqueline Taylor ............ ext. 234
(Assistant Administrator)
Naveed Razzaque ............. ext. 263
(Medical Director)
Becky Johnston ............. ext. 414
(Health Program Rep)
Shirl Andre .................. ext. 224
(Director of Nursing)
Tonie Staples .................. ext. 407
(Asst. Director of Nursing)

Nursing Supervisors
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Direct Unit Extensions
A-100 Nurses Station ........ ext. 252
A-200 Nurses Station ........ ext. 254
B-200 Nurses Station ........ ext. 421
B-300 Nurses Station ........ ext. 431
B-400 Nurses Station ........ ext. 441
B-500 Nurses Station ........ ext. 451
C-100 Nurses Station ........ ext. 255
C-200 Nurses Station ........ ext. 257

Staffing/Scheduling Office
1-866-838-4636 ext. 277/281
Jennifer Roach .............. ext. 287
(Director of Social Services/A-200)
Buffy Huffman .............. ext. 248
(Social Services B200-300)
Kathleen McAlleenan ........ .................. ext. 406
(Social Services B400-500)

Trinisia Brooks ........ ext. 249
(Social Worker C-100)
Catherine Taylor .......... ext. 290
(Social Worker A-100)
John Chew .................. ext. 280
(Personnel Manager)
Michelle Hannah .......... ext. 209
(Admissions)
Megan Martinez ...... ext. 244
(Recreation Director)
Jaqueta Seawood ........ ext. 292
(Supervisor of Rehab)
Angela McPherson ........ ext. 286
(Director of Dietary)
Jewell Travillion .......... ext. 436
(Director of Environmental & Laundry Services)
Cathy Pauley .............. ext. 235
(Director of Accounting)
Tia Howard-Beauford ...... ext. 238
(Residents Accounts)
Cindy Beard .............. ext. 439
(Health Info. Manager)
Tim McDonell .......... ext. 260
(Director of Plant Operations)
Sherry Lang .............. ext. 409
(Staff Development Coordinator)
Phyllis Cunningham .... ext. 247
(Director of Purchasing)
Paul Harrell ........ ext. 213
(Computer Specialist)
Nicole Krebs ........ ext. 239
(Director of Volunteer Service)
Bill Mathews ........ ext. 278
(Career Training Center Councilor)
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St. Louis, Missouri 63116

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