Veterans Voice

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Veteran's Spotlight

Richard Sullentrup

Richard Sullentrup has been selected for our July Veteran's Spotlight. Richard has a nickname of "Trouble" and the nickname was given to him out of love. Rich was one of twelve children born and raised in Washington, Missouri. His parents were Kenneth and Evelyn Sullentrup. His mother worked in a factory. His father was a bus driver and maintenance man at the St. Francis Borgia Church/School in Washington. In later years, Richard held the same two jobs that his father had. He recalls growing up in this clean laid back town along the Missouri River.

Richard was married to Elsie Gardner, then later divorced. He has two children, Jessica and Rachel, and now the proud grandfather of four: Devon, Justine, Justin and Brady. Airman 1st Class Sullentrup served in the United States Air Force from November 24, 1969 to February 2, 1971. His primary military duty was as a cashier in the mess hall. He was stationed in Chicago and Iceland during his tour.

Mr. Sullentrup loves most types of art activities. He can quickly draw pictures on request and enjoys cheering people up. He stays very busy at MVH completing ceramic projects and other facility activities. He enjoys watching the Rams, science fiction, and listening to the radio. His favorite animals are horses and dachshunds. He is well liked by all and works at making people happy.

Mr. Sullentrup is known to many staff as the man of many faces and identities. On his day of admission (June 30, 2004) he appeared as Santa Claus. He enjoys keeping us on our toes as he occasionally changes his appearance. Recently he surprised everyone by deciding to shave his bead off and giving the bald look a try.

When visiting MVH, please feel free to stop by and talk with "Uncle Festus" better known as Rich.

Submitted by
Brenda Acosta, Clinical Caseworker II

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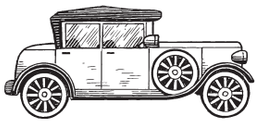
Mark your Calendars

Monday, July 4th

Fireworks display at dusk
MVH grounds – public welcome

Saturday, September 10th



Highway 30 Car Club
Classic Car Display
MVH grounds
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st

Harley Race's World League Wrestling
Assistance League Fundraiser
John F Hodge High School - St. James

Questions regarding any of these events, please contact: Sandy Pauley, Supervisor of Volunteer Services
573-265-3271, Ext. 257

Missouri Veterans Home
620 North Jefferson
St. James, MO 65559

Veterans Wheels for Health and Happiness Project

The Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League "Veterans Wheels for Health and Happiness Project", will ensure transportation to and from medical appointments requiring specialty treatment and weekly recreational/social outings for our veterans—both contribute to the quality of life of the brave men and women who once gave of their service fighting for our great nation, preserving and protecting the freedom we enjoy today.

Approximately one hundred veterans a month are transported to various medical appointments within a hundred-mile radius of their residence—a total of one hundred round trips per month. This results in an enormous number of miles over the course of a year. Currently, we are using a 1993 Ford wheelchair van with ninety-four thousand plus miles on it. This van is able to transport only one wheelchair per trip. Our current recreational vehicle is a 1988 Ford bus that can accommodate seven wheelchairs and four to six ambulatory veterans.

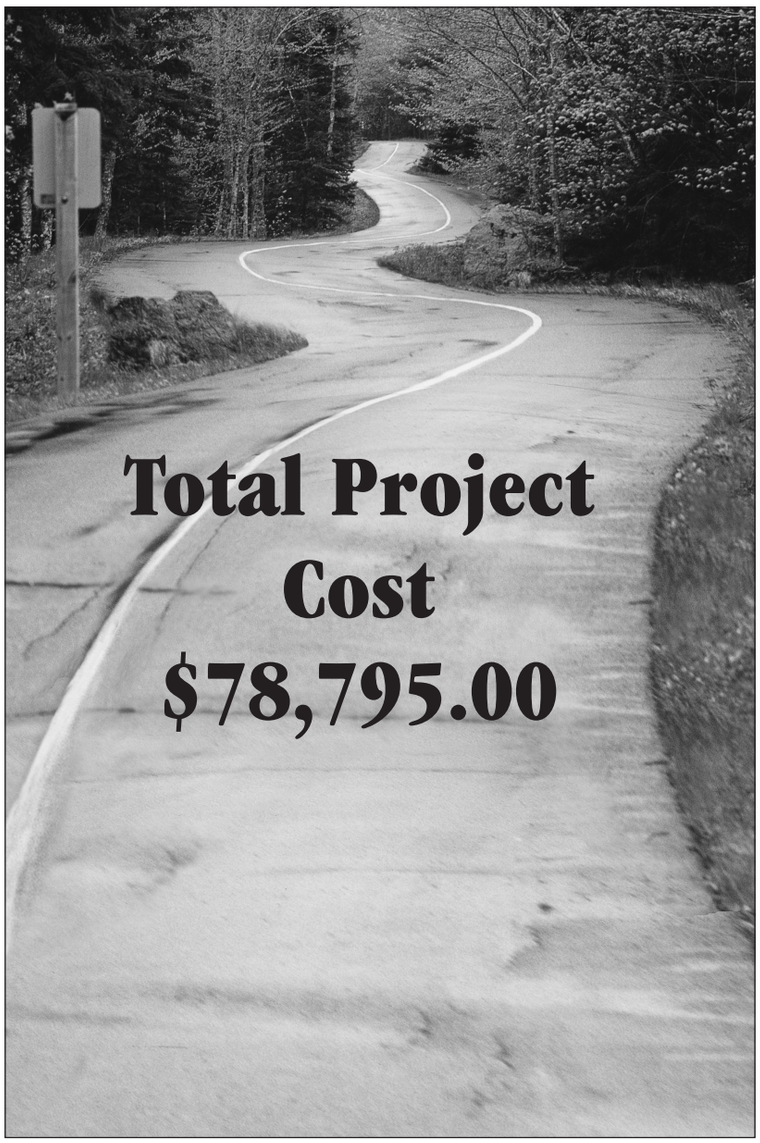
This vehicle continues to require major ongoing repairs. The veterans with special chairs may not have the same opportunity as others if we do not act soon. Our veterans have the opportunity to go on various recreational outings in our community and surrounding communities because of this bus.

Approximately six trips are scheduled per month where approximately fifty-eight veterans take advantage of these opportunities—trips which you and I take for granted such as shopping, bowling, ballgames, the list goes on and on. This is an average of about twenty veterans per trip. It is time we start working towards replacing and upgrading these vehicles. This complete project will ensure our veterans can continue to receive the specialty medical attention needed and remain as active in their community as possible.

It is our plan to replace these two existing vehicles with a 2005 Ford Econoline wheelchair van that will accommodate two wheelchairs and a 2005 Ford bus that will accommodate seven to eight wheelchairs and two-four ambulatory veterans depending on the number of wheelchairs.

For more information call Sandy Pauley @ 573-265-3271 Ext. 257. If you would like to make a donation towards this project complete the form below and return along with your donation. Make check(s) payable to MVH Assistance League.

Please mail your donation to the attention of: Sandy Pauley, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, MVH Assistance League, 620 North Jefferson, St. James, MO. 65559. Please be sure to earmark your check Veterans Wheels for Health & Happiness.



Veterans Wheels for Health and Happiness Donation

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone # _____

Donation amount $_____

Please check if you need a receipt for tax purposes ____ yes ____ no

Please return completed form with your donation to:
Sandy Pauley, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, 620 North Jefferson, St. James MO 65559

Make checks payable to Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League.

Thank you . . .

Veterans Wheels for Health and Happiness Supporters
Thanks to the following supporters we currently have $12,002.45 to apply towards the $78,795.00 needed to purchase both the appointment van for medical appointments and recreational bus for veterans' outings.

Columbia Boone County VFW Auxiliary Post #280 - $200.00
Licking VFW Auxiliary Post #6337 - $500.00
Waynesville Frog Fest Committee - $500.00
Lebanon DAV #51 - $500.00
First Wesleyan Church of Franklin Co. - $900.00
Ms. Eileen Huck - $25.00
Mr. Gerald Young & Linda Graff - $500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Stanwich - $100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Basford - $20.00
Piedmont American Legion Post #281 - $500.00
St. Clair American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 347 - $100.00
Lake St. Louis American Legion Post #632 - $1500.00
Max and Betty Pitts - $50.00
Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #3168 Waynesville - $5000.00 (ear mark Bus)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bachman - $50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin O'Brien - $100.00
Ms. Ulla Havelka - $1000.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Rickman - $25.00
MVH Facility Donation Display - $132.45
Carry over balance - $460.00

We have an additional $500.00 pledge from the Russell A. Schmidt VFW Post #3987 to be used for the vehicle fund when the funds are received. All proceeds from the 2005 Golf Tournament will also be transferred into this fund when all expenses are paid.

Thanks to those of you that have already contributed to this very worthwhile cause. No donation is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League 5th Annual Golf Tournament Highlights

The following MVH employees and volunteers made up the 2005 Golf Committee: Front row: Jayne Bauer, Marla Licklider, Ami Willett, Betty Turner (volunteer), Verlee Foust. Middle row: Dave Lexa, Lisa McKinnon, Stanley Ritz, Patty Faenger, Janet Anderson, Viviane Rains, Sandy Pauley, Terry Sheffield. Back row: Bob Terry, Chris Recker, Tommie Pearson, Paul Smith, Donnetta Iven, Brenda McCracken and Tony Kinsey (volunteer) Not pictured: Lavada Oaker and Danny Malone. All of theses individuals worked very hard soliciting sponsorships, material and monetary donations to be used at the tournament. A special thanks to Regina Davis who also was there during a time of need.

The Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League hosted their 5th Annual Golf Tournament at the St. James Golf Course on Monday, June 6th. We had 18 teams for this four person scramble event. Thanks to the support of the golfers, businesses and individuals over $9000.00 was raised after expenses. All proceeds will go towards the "Veterans Wheels for Health and Happiness" project.

Corporate Sponsorship

CenturyTel
Hutcheson Ford Sales, Inc.
Missouri Veterans Home Employee Council
Rehab Alliance
Registered Dietitian Associates, Inc.
Tyco Healthcare (Kendall)

Hole Sponsorship

Stanley's Garden Center
Jones Funeral Home
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Troutt & Sons
Town & Country Bank
Rolla VFW Post 2025
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Three Rivers Publishing
The Maries County Bank
Licking VFW Aux. #6337
Phoenix Textile Government Services
Wyman Basinger Auxiliary Post 35
Quaker Window Products CO

Golf Cart Sponsorship

BJ Palmer/Medline Inc.
Hillyard Floor Care Supply
M. Harris Construction
Roberts-Judson Lumber Co
Fanning Feed
Cowtown USA (2)
Cuba Dental Center – Donald Fuchs
Georgia – Pacific
VFW Post 7147
Ed Turner
Designs by Lisa, LLC
Taterhed Karaoke – Terry Sheffield
St. James VFW Post 5608

Other Monetary/Material Donations

Wal-Mart Foundation
Bank of Crocker
Martin Gnemi
Latimer Lodge
Cuba Marble & Granite
Best Little Hair House in Rolla
Miller Co VFW Auxiliary Post 2552
Ballwin Memorial VFW Post 6274
Wallis Companies of Cuba
Frisco Grill & Pub
McDonald's of Cuba
Hayes Shoe Store
Subway
Country Kitchen
Pizza Hut of Cuba
Wal-Mart of Cuba
Glen Taxidermy
People Bank of Cuba
Community Bank of Cuba
Robert-Judson Lumber Co.
Splash Designs
Ozark Coca Cola
McDonald's of Rolla
Fidelity Communications
Kmart
Primas
Fairground Auto Plaza
Denny Ford
Johnny's Smoke Stak
Sirloin Stockade
Family Video
Phelps County Bank
Betty Turner
Charon's Fabric
Tenth Street Diner
Tacony Manufacture
St. James Winery
Interstate Motorcycles
Country Mart
Grellner's Sales & service
Whites & Son
Hiland Dairy
Interstate Bread
US FoodService
J & R Distribution
George and Bonnie Roosman

Some of our veterans enjoyed lunch at the golf course and watching the golfers from afar.

Two of our popular people for the day were Patty Faenger and Stanley Ritz our beverage cart workers. They were two very busy people.

Golfers visiting and waiting to see who will come away a winner.

Hole Contest Winners and Prizes Awarded

Flight A — First Place — Don Morris, Rich Cardetti, Dave Hamilton and Neal Rosenburg

Flight B — First Place — Scott Caron, Matt Reyering, Dennis Goodman and Ryan Morris

Flight C — First Place — Mel Rudloff, Edwin Schmidt, Don Brown and Bill Schmidt

Flight A — Second Place — Bill Smith, Robert Bobbitt, Mark Beckelt and Gordy Wells

Flight B — Second Place — L Mash, Lee Clancy, Les Clancy and Craig Elsner

Flight C — Second Place — Roger Creighton, Bob Diestelkamp, Hal Dulle and Charles Perkinson

Flight A — Third Place — Bob Brown, Tom Brown, Roger Rowe and David Lee

Flight B — Third Place — Rae Jean Hart, Martha Ford, Glen Ford and Nelson Hart

Flight C — Third Place — AT Wools, Richie Wools, Buzz Harlan and Ray Echols

Hole #3 Closest to the Pin (All Golfers)
Winner – Craig Elsner
Prize – Porter Cable Stapler Kit donated by Roberts-Judson Lumber Co of Cuba

Hole #4 Longest Drive (Women's & Men's Divisions)
Women's Winner – Martha Ford
Men's Winner – Rodney Ramsey
Prize - $25.00 Mobil Go Gas Card donated by Wallis Companies of Cuba

Hole #5 Closest to the Pin (All Golfers)
Winner – Ruben Armenta
Prize – Condo Package at Lake Ozark donated by McDonalds of Rolla

Hole #6 Closest to the Line (Women's & Men's Divisions)
Women's Winner – Jo Richards
Men's Winner – Roger Creighton
Prize - $25.00 Mobil Go Gas Card donated by Wallis Companies of Cuba

Hole #9 Longest Putt on the Green (All Golfers)
Winner – Brandon Smith
Prize – Vacuum Cleaner donated by Tacony Manufacture of St. James

Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League 5th Annual Golf Tournament Teams

Dave Slover, Kim Harris, Kim Cleeton and Bryan Hunt

Neil Pryor, Cecil Smith, Don Clover and Vernon Miller

William McDaniel Jr, Rodney Ramsey and Jeff Brummet

Joh Paul, Greg Flint, George Stratman and Paul Schulerz

Dave McKee, Sherman Widener, Andy Meggett and Jo Richards

Robert Harris, James Colench, Warner Hedrick and Oliver Hoelzer

Ruben Armenta, Don Graham, Mike Wools and Wilber Falke

Tom Akers, Mike Williams, Sammy Clark and Ed McDonald

Darrel Pratte, Barb Faenger, Gene Faenger and Scott Faenger

We appreciate the support from our Missouri Veterans Commission Employees Kim Cleeton and Kim Harris. Thanks ladies for taking the time out of your busy schedule to support this event.

Right:

Food is a must at any golf tournament.

Bob Terry strives to make everyone happy and keep them full.

2005 MVH Wish List

Priority #1 Items

Halloween Candy for Residents to hand out ($1000.00 yearly)
Funds for Veterans Fishing Trips (ongoing expense)
Resident/Family Holiday Dinner ($1500.00 yearly)
Television Fund (replace TVs in Veterans rooms as needed) ($3000.00)
2 Big Screen TV (Resident Pod Areas) ($1700.00 each = $3400.00)

Priority #2 Items

Adopt a Vet for the Holidays ($30.00 per veteran) ($4500.00)
Computer for veterans internet use – has lots of specifics ($1500.00)
Resident/Family Picnic — ($1500.00 yearly)
Fireworks Display for Residents ($1000.00 yearly)

Monetary Donations needed ongoing for the following:

Aquarium Maintenance (monthly) — ($350.00)
Aviary Maintenance (quarterly) — ($359.00)
Cable Television (monthly) — ($721.00)

To avoid duplications, please contact Sandy Pauley, Volunteer Services at 573-265-3271, Extension 257.

If you or your organization are interested in donating towards anything on the list, no donation is ever too small. We appreciate your continuous support.

All checks should be payable to the MVH Assistance League and please earmark for the item(s) you wish to purchase or make a donation towards the purchase.

Donations that are not earmarked will be placed in the general account. St. James Missouri Veterans Home staff will take care of the ordering.

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Welcome to Missouri Veterans Home

Ronald Radeackar - 4/12
Melvin Dingler – 4/18
Richard Girardier – 4/20
Allan Docksteiner – 4/26
Merl Albright – 5/11
Tom Gill – 5/23
Jack Unger – 6/1
Loyd Engle – 6/7

MVH St. James Nursing Assistants head to Washington, D.C. in September 2005

Submitted by Nancy Maddox, SDC

The National Association of Geriatric Nursing Assistants (NAGNA) has moved its central office and annual conference location from Missouri to Washington DC. This is their 10th year as an association representing CNAs across the United States.

The CNAs at the Missouri Veterans Homes are members and have attended every year. This year they are raising funds to send five CNAs to represent our St. James facility in Washington DC September 7, 8 and 9, 2005.

NAGNA hopes to have over 1000 CNAs from across the nation attend the Senate and peacefully lobby on Capitol Hill for quality in long term care. The conference theme is "CNAs: The Frontline of Quality First."

The five CNAs attending from our facility will be: Janet Brakefield, Joyce Hewkin, Kathleen Roe, Chris Royal and Stacey Wethy. CNAs are raising money for their transportation, registration and expenses through various fund raisers. They have over half of the needed $4300.00 raised already. Janet Anderson, our Director of Nursing, will be attending with them. Our facility nominated several of our CNAs for the various NAGNA national awards to be presented September 7.

Nominees are Janet Brakefield as Quality Care Provider, Felicia Hadley for Most Thoughtful, Joyce Hewkin for the Veterans award, Kristy Kennedy for Best Attitude, Kathleen Roe for Resident/Family Services, Carah Shore for Rookie of the Year, Stacey Wethy for Preceptor of the Year, and Carla Woodcock for Professional Appearance.

Call Staff Development Coordinator Nancy Maddox at 265-3271, Extension 233, if you have any questions or want to make a donation.

Our CNAs make such a positive difference in the lives of our heroes at this home, and we are glad to recognize their specific contributions in this CNA organization.

MISSOURI VETERANS HOME

Classic Car Display

50s & 60s music
Dash plaques 1st 48 cars
Peoples Choice Awards
Attendance Prizes
50/50 drawing

To benefit

Those Who Served

Show Your Appreciation of Our Veterans
By Joining Us On This Special Day at The

Missouri Veterans Home

Just off I-44 on Highway 68 South, St. James, MO

Saturday, September 10, 2005

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entry Fee $10.00 (all proceeds go to MO Vets Home)
Sponsored by Highway 30 Car Club

Note: Highway 30 Car Club and The Veterans Home assumes no responsibility for accidents, injuries or theft.

Steve Davis selected Missouri Veterans Commission April 2005 Employee of the Month

Steven Davis, Maintenance Worker II at the St. James Missouri Veterans Home, was selected as the Missouri Veterans Commission April 2005 Employee of the Month.

Steve was recognized for his willingness to go beyond daily assigned tasks to see to the needs of residents and staff. His creative and caring demeanor exemplifies his concern for the residents and for his fellow staff member.

Family, friends, co-workers and residents gathered as Mr. Ron Taylor, MVC Executive Director, presented a couple of plaques to Steve for his achievement.

Brenda McCracken nominated Steve Davis for MVH Employee of the Month which make him eligible for the Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month and here is what she wrote about Steve.

Steve

A quiet man is he
Who is a natural I believe
We hope he never leaves
Some say that's just Steve

When Steve speaks his words are few
But you can bet they're always true
We trust that he will not deceive
Some say that's just Steve

The residents and staff he treats just the same
He's there when you need him, not for fame
The work orders he will retrieve
Some say that's just Steve

He loves his family, music and fishin
To retire to the lake is what he's a wishin
A tangled line he will never weave
Some say that's just Steve

Commission's employee of the month is he
And our good friend he will always be
A kind and common soul is he
Some say that's just Steve

Brenda also received several comments from staff and residents about Steve she shared at the ceremony.
Steve changed my tire in the rain.

He's an excellent worker. Always puts Veterans first.

Never in a bad mood. Always pleasant.

Very respectful of employees who want it fixed right now. He always makes it work somehow.

He's a sweetie.

Steve is very efficient and never draws attention to himself. So I'm glad he's employee of the month. Steve reflects the performance of the entire maintenance staff.

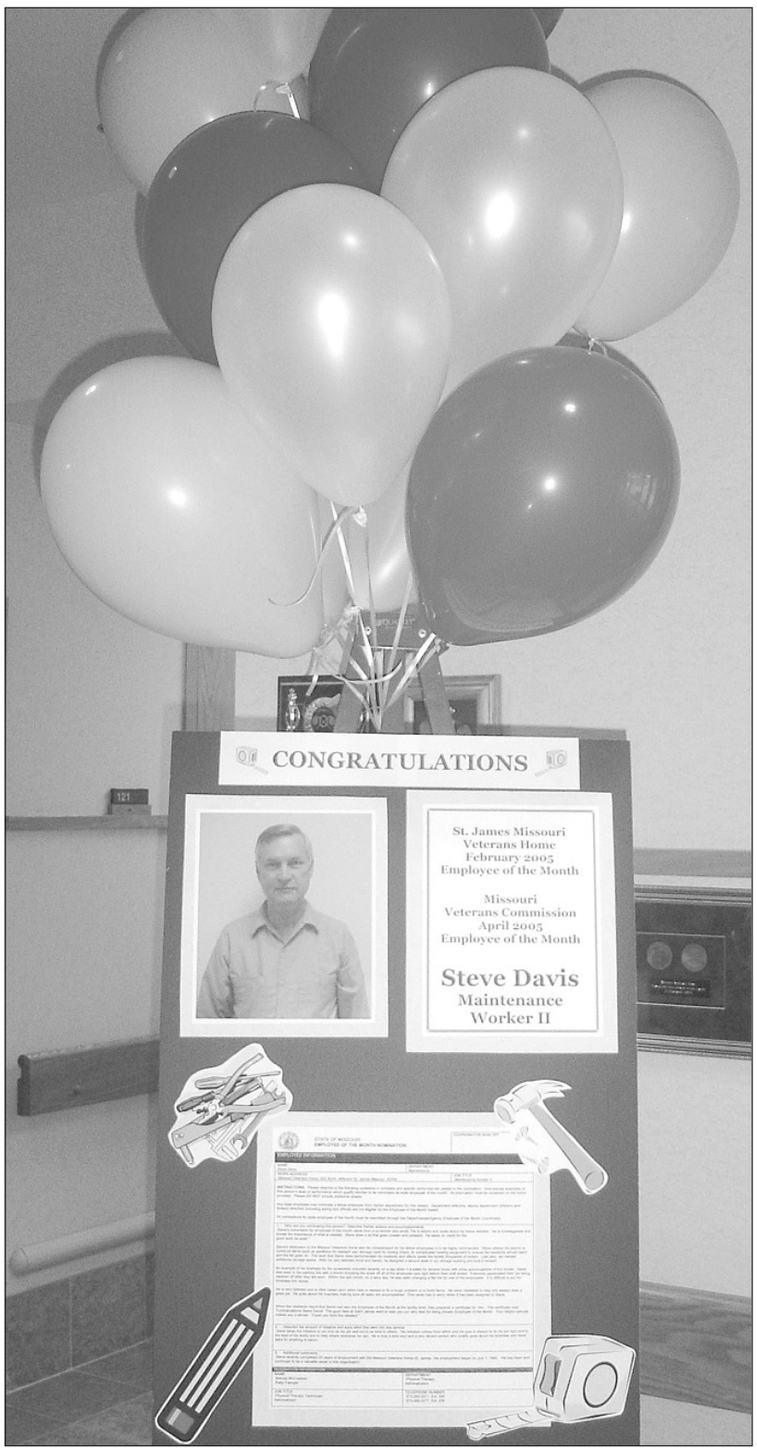
If I have a question, he is always willing to check it out and answer my question. Steve always takes the time. Very knowledgeable.

Truly appreciates Steve cleaning the snow and ice off my vehicle.

Anytime you ask him to do something, he does it. But what makes him stand out is, he wants no praise.

Once upon a time I had trouble with my platform walker. I told Steve, he looked at it and said " I can fix that" So he made some bends in the part, painted it to look like it came from the factory. It works great. Steve assesses the situation and takes action.

I think Steve is a wonderful person and I think he deserves the award. He's a good fixer.



We recently received word from the Missouri Veterans Commission that Steve was selected by the Dept. of Public Safety Division Directors for the DPS Meritorious Award for July 2005.

Congratulations Steve!

Missouri Veterans Home receives DAV Grant

The St. James Missouri Veterans Home recently received a $32,000.00 grant from the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust.

The Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust awards grant money to be used strictly for medical equipment as outlined in the submitted grant application.

The veterans and staff are thankful to have organizations such as the DAV Charitable Service Trust that continuously sees to the needs of veterans throughout the United States.

The following items were listed in the submitted grant for consideration:

(2) Basic Power Trainers
(5) Oygen Conservers
(9) High-low beds
(4) Sets of Bath Trolley Cushions
(1) Alenti Chair Lift
(2) Vera Lifts (standing lifts)
(2) Vander Lifts
(11) Mesh slings for Vander Lifts

The grant received was short a few thousand dollars needed to purchase everything listed on the grant application. However, Terry Sheffield, Supply Manager, is working with all her resources in hopes to find the best prices so that we can purchase the most from the grant money.

Support the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League with a Memorial in the Name of a Loved One

St. James Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League
A Memorial Remembrance

Date _____

Should you wish to present a gift in the memory of a Loved One to the St. James Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League, please use this form. Your Memorial Donation will be placed into the Assistance League that will aiding thte St. James Missouri Veterans Home.

I would like to present a gift of $_____ to the St. James Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League.

In The Memory Of

_____

Send Card to:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Donor's Name:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send your memorials to:

Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League
620 North Jefferson, St. James, MO 65559

Weekly Morning Church Services

Main Dining Room — 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

July
6 - First Assembly of God
13 - Church of God
20 - Ralph and Nancy Theobald
27 - First Baptist Church

August
3 - Solid Rock Christian Church
10 - United Methodist
17 - First Assembly of God
24 - Church of God
31 - Ralph and Nancy Theobald

September
7 - First Baptist Church
14 - Solid Rock Christian Church
21 - United Methodist
28 - First Assembly of God

Sunday Church Services — Main Dining Room 2-2:30 p.m.

1st Sunday of the month — Major Ed Lowe
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month — Ralph and Nancy Theobald
3rd Sunday of the month — Don Lowery - Calvary Apostlic Church
5th Sunday of the month — Ralph & Nancy Theobald – Communion Sunday

Sister Virginia's visitations to all Catholic residents every other Thursday starting at 10 a.m. Catholic Mass the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning at 10 a.m.

Employee Council Corner

Employee of the Month

May 2005

Lisa Carter, Office Support Assistant -Scheduler

The Employee Council is pleased to announce Lisa Caster was selected Employee of the month by her co-workers for the month of May. She received $25.00 cash and the opportunity to park in the special designated spot for the entire month.

Lisa began her employment at the Missouri Veterans Home on June 2, 2003 as a Clerk Typist II.

Lisa's co-workers have the following to say about her. Lisa is a busy lady and does her best at making out the schedules. If someone has a problem or finds a mistake with the schedule, Lisa fixes the mistake and does a great job at trying to fix the problem. Lisa is always an easy person to find if you need to talk to her.

Lisa will answer any scheduling questions you have and if she doesn't know the answer she will quickly find the answer for you. Lisa is a friendly person and is always smiling. Lisa is one employee who treats everyone as an equal, and if she sees you or a visitor she is always prompt at greeting you and making sure you have been helped.

Congratulations Lisa and keep up the good work.

June 2005

Kathy Roe, CNA

The Employee Council is pleased to announce Kathy Roe has been selected at June Employee of the Month. Kathy received $25.00 cash from the Employee Council and the privilege to park in the special designated spot for the month of June.

Kathy began her employment at the Missouri Veterans Home as a CNA on February 13, 2004.

Kathy was nominated by one of her co-workers. Her co-workers stated "Kathy is always on time and willing to accept any assignment given to her. She is always there to lend a helping hand if only you ask. She also volunteers to work extra shifts when needed.

For instance, on resident on F-hall looked her up and with a smile on his face said are you hiding from me, she replied no with a smile on her face then he said you wanna feed me? She said sure. Another family member said I know my husband is in good hands when Kathy is on this hall I can be at ease. Kathy is very deserving of this nomination. She gives TLC with dignity and respect. I'm proud you are a CNA here with me giving your best!"

Please join me in congratulating Kathy. Thank you Kathy for your dedication to our veterans.

Upcoming Employee Council Events

July 18th – Silent Auction
August 16th – Baked Goods Silent Auction and BBQ
September 30th – Third Quarter Birthday Celebration

Holiday Basket Winners

Father's Day Basket winner was Stacy Wethy.
We raised $151.00 on this fundraiser.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held April 22 at MVH

The Missouri Veterans Home volunteers were recognized at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held on April 22nd. Members of the management team, along with the Activity staff, worked together bringing an enjoyable afternoon for all.

A delicious and beautiful buffet consisting of shrimp, grilled chicken, baked potato, broccoli with cheese sauce, green bean casserole, cheese garlic biscuits, assorted cakes were prepared by Food Service Manager, Bob Terry. Everyone complimented the excellent food.

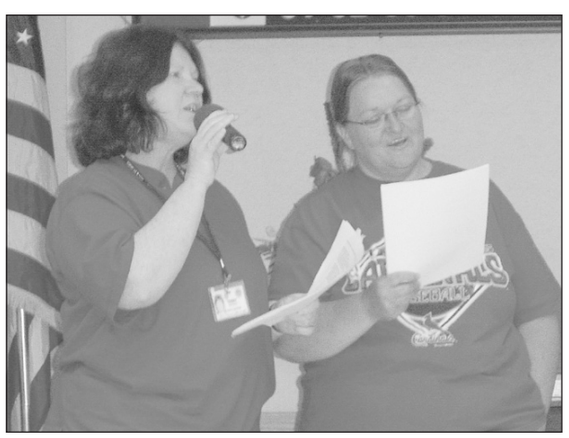
After lunch was served Terry Sheffield, Supply Manager, and Brenda McCracken, Therapy Manager, took center stage. They were singing some ole familiar tunes with not so familiar words bringing a special touch focusing in on our great volunteers. I wish I had room to share all the great tunes Terry reworded to fit our special occasion, but we don't so I will share one of my favorites of the afternoon. Just so you know they were all great. This old familiar song "You've Got a Friend", Terry titled "They've Got a Friend" and was basically sung to all our volunteers who provide our veterans with companionship.

They've Got a Friend

When residents get lonely
And some times just bored to tears
And bedtime, yes bedtime, is so far away
Let's play dominoes or gab, they say
Whatever you want, they'll hear
These volunteers brighten up a sad day.

You just call out their name
And you know wherever they are
They'll come running to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you got to do is call
And They'll be there
You've got a friend.

Thanks to Terry and Brenda for sharing their wonderful talents and Terry's awesome creativity.



We also had our very own talented "Minnie Pearl" – Karen Malone, Recreation Therapist, and her two hillbilly cousins Lily Mae – Bev Lenox, Activity Therapist and Susie Jean – Verlee Foust, Activity Aide. They entertained us with one laugh right after another. If you have not had the opportunity to see MVH's own Minnie Pearl in action it is a must, you won't be disappointed.

Once the entertainment came to a close it was time for more serious business. Patty Faenger, Administrator, assisted with the presentation of certificates, pin and hour bars. It was now time for special awards. The following special awards were presented:

Amber Werdehausen, Bob Gorsuch, Don Casteel and Charles Backman were presented the **"WELCOME ABOARD"** award for joining the MVH volunteer team in 2005 to serving our heroes by giving of their talents and hard work. Thank you for your commitment.

Kordell Sanders, resident volunteer, was presented the **"MAILMAN OF MVH"** award for assisting with the delivery of the daily mail run to our veterans. Thank you for your service to continue to serve your fellow veterans.

Ralph and Nancy Theobald were presented the **"YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!"** award for sharing the WORD with our veterans and the desire to serve the Lord in a moment's notice. Thank you for allowing us to always count on you in a time of need.

Ophelia "Fee" Parkinson was presented the **"VOLUNTEERS WORK WONDERS"** award for her wonder working abilities in serving our veterans. Thank you for giving your all.

Welton "Tony" Kinsey was presented the **"WHATEVER IT TAKES"** award for his willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job at hand done. Thanks for your compassionate desire to serve our veterans.

Betty Sachs was presented the **"EXCELLENCE"** award for taking great pride in everything you do. Your performance of excellence is a valuable asset to us all at MVH.

Aileen Van DerBeck was presented the **"OUTSTANDING"** award for taking the extra special care it requires to work on our Alzheimer's Unit. Your tender and compassionate ways of bringing joy to our veterans lives is OUTSTANDING. Thank you.

Lila Kulp and Avenell Richards were presented the **"ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING"** award for demonstrating the most positive and caring attitude at all times regardless of the situation or task assigned to you.

Gwen Bullock was presented the **"SHOP TIL YOU DROP"** award for her excellent shopping abilities in assisting our veterans with their personal needs. Thanks for making spending money such a joy for our guys.

Max and Betty Pitts were presented the **"I MAKE A DIFFERENCE"** award. A little snack here, a little snack there makes a difference when our afternoon canteen workers are here. Thanks for your hours in preparing schedules, ensuring we have volunteers to mind the store, then filling in whenever needed.

We truly appreciate each and every one of our volunteers. They touch the lives of our veterans in so many wonderful ways. Thanks to you all for caring so much to share your lives with our veterans.

If you would like to join the MVH volunteer team, please call Sandy at 573-265-3271, Extension 257. We would love to have you.

Staff Appreciation/Development Fund

If you would like to express your appreciation to the MVH staff, you can do so by contributing to the Staff Appreciation Development Fund. These funds will be used to provide all staff an annual appreciation recognition, developmental incentives as well as special recognition throughout the year such as the holidays.

No one is obligated to contribute. As gifts to individual staff members are against policy, many ask throughout the year what they can do to show their appreciation. This is one way you can do so.

Should you choose to make a contribution, make checks payable to MVH Assistance League and earmark your check Staff Appreciation. Please send to the attention of Sandy Pauley, Volunteer Services.

THANK YOU!

Wheelchair bags are needed

We are looking for individuals or a ladies' organization to make us some wheelchair bags.

This bags need to be 14 inches wide and 10 inches in depth. They need to have ties on each side so they can be tied to a wheelchair.

Bags can be with or without front pockets. They need to be made out of heavy washable material.

If interested or questions, please contact Sandy at 573-265-3271, Ext. 257.

Volunteers always needed at MVH

The Missouri Veterans Home has a few specific openings for volunteers. If you have a few hours a day, week, or even during the month to give back to those who gave so much for you—our veterans, the Missouri Veterans Home needs you.

Specific openings are (but not limited to) Clerical Volunteers, Canteen Volunteers, Information Desk Volunteers, Outings and Activities Volunteers.

There are also many other opportunities for individuals who have time and would like to volunteer by serving our veterans.

Stop by and pick up an application or call Sandy Pauley, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at 573-265-3271, Ext. 257. We welcome all new volunteers.

Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday God Bless You
Happy Birthday to you!

July

07/01 Richard Sullentrup
07/06 Charles Evilsizer
07/08 Nellie Tetley
07/08 Robert Wilson
07/08 William Penny
07/10 Oral Thompson
07/13 Jesse Lorts
07/15 Richard Hart
07/15 Douglas St. Arnold
07/16 Kenneth Clark
07/18 Melvin Dingler
07/20 Rowe Poor
07/20 Russell Kleinschmidt
07/20 Robert Feldhaus
07/22 Herbert Rice
07/23 Walter Bunners
07/23 Robert Anderson
07/24 Donald Harrison
07/25 Harry Sims
07/25 Harry DeClue

August

08/01 Robert Dubowski
08/04 Charles McCoy
08/08 James Walsh
08/10 Glenn Townsend
08/12 Charles Brown
08/13 John Kuzma
08/16 Clark Davis
08/16 Randy Rankin
08/16 Terry Wiggins
08/19 William Reeser
08/20 John Basore
08/24 Louie Drabczyk
08/25 Duey Mounce
08/26 James Wayne
08/29 Arthur Dyer

September

09/02 Leland Tuepker
09/06 Arthur Gray
09/08 Raymond Blackwell
09/14 Allan Docksteiner
09/16 Stanley Zita
09/17 Robert Elder
09/19 Claude Phelps
09/21 Merton Brooks
09/21 Charles Gunter
09/27 Ernest Warren
09/29 Ernest Goggin

TAPS

Melvin Stoner
May 12, 1922 - April 14, 2005
US Air Force

Lloyd Kirk
March 12, 1915 - May 5, 2005
US Army

Merl Albright
June 22, 1922 - May 16, 2005
US Army

Travis Tallent
August 10, 1922 - May 16, 2005
US Navy

Clarence Havelka
December 18, 1918 - June 1, 2005
US Navy

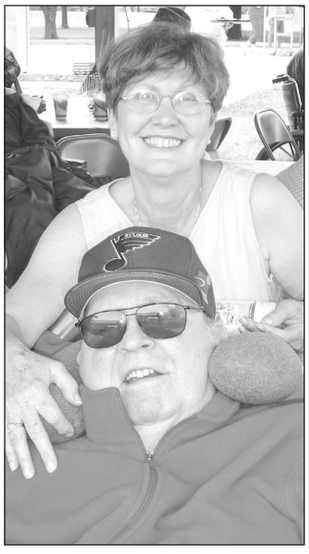
Murvin Baker
November 2, 1918 - June 7, 2005
US Marine Corps

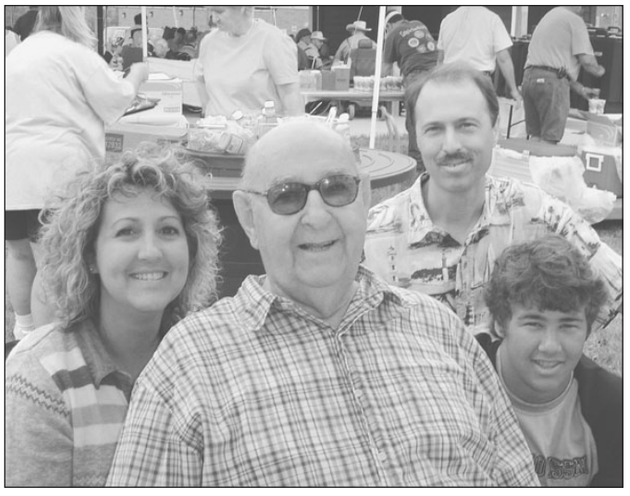
Earl Edinger
October 27, 1913 - June 15, 2005
US Air Corps

Carl Gillespie
August 5, 1930 - June 21, 2005
US Air Force

The St. James Missouri Veterans Home wishes to extend condolences to the family and friends of these veterans who passed away recently.

Resident/Family 5th Annual Picnic Highlights





Meeting dates and times

Resident Council meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Recreation Room at 1 p.m. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Family Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th at 1:30 pm in the MVH chapel. Any questions please contact Brenda Acosta at 573-265-3271 Extension 259.

Change of address

Any change of address for veterans' family members need to be forwarded to either Linda Spurgeon, Licensed Clinical Social Worker at 573-265-3271, Ext. 254 or Brenda Acosta, Clinical Caseworker II at 573-265-3271, Ext. 259 at the time of the change.

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us with keeping your veterans' records current at all times.

Updated insurance information needed

Residents and families, it is that time of year again. Please update the resident's insurance information.

We are requesting you do the following: Send a copy of the front and back of all your insurance cards. This is to make sure all charges are billed properly.

Please submit copies to:
Christina Steen,
Admission Coordinator
Missouri Veterans Home
620 North Jefferson
St. James MO 65559

Any questions, please feel free to call Christina at 573-265-3271, Extension 246.

Aviary for sale at MVH

The Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League has a custom built aviary for sale. This is a large aviary with measurements of: 7 feet 10 1/8 inches long, 6 feet high and 2 feet 8 inches wide.

If you are interested in purchasing this item or want more information, please contact Patty Faenger at 573-265-3271, Extension 226.

THANK YOU!

April, May & June Donations

Thanks to our generous donors for their monetary and/or material contributions.

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James & Verna Rickman
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VFW Post 5923
Kendall Healthcare
Ladies Auxiliary Post 3168
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Cowtown USA, Inc.
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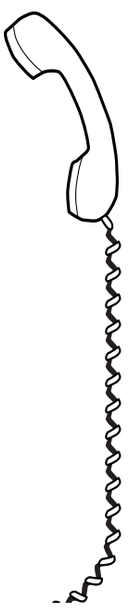
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