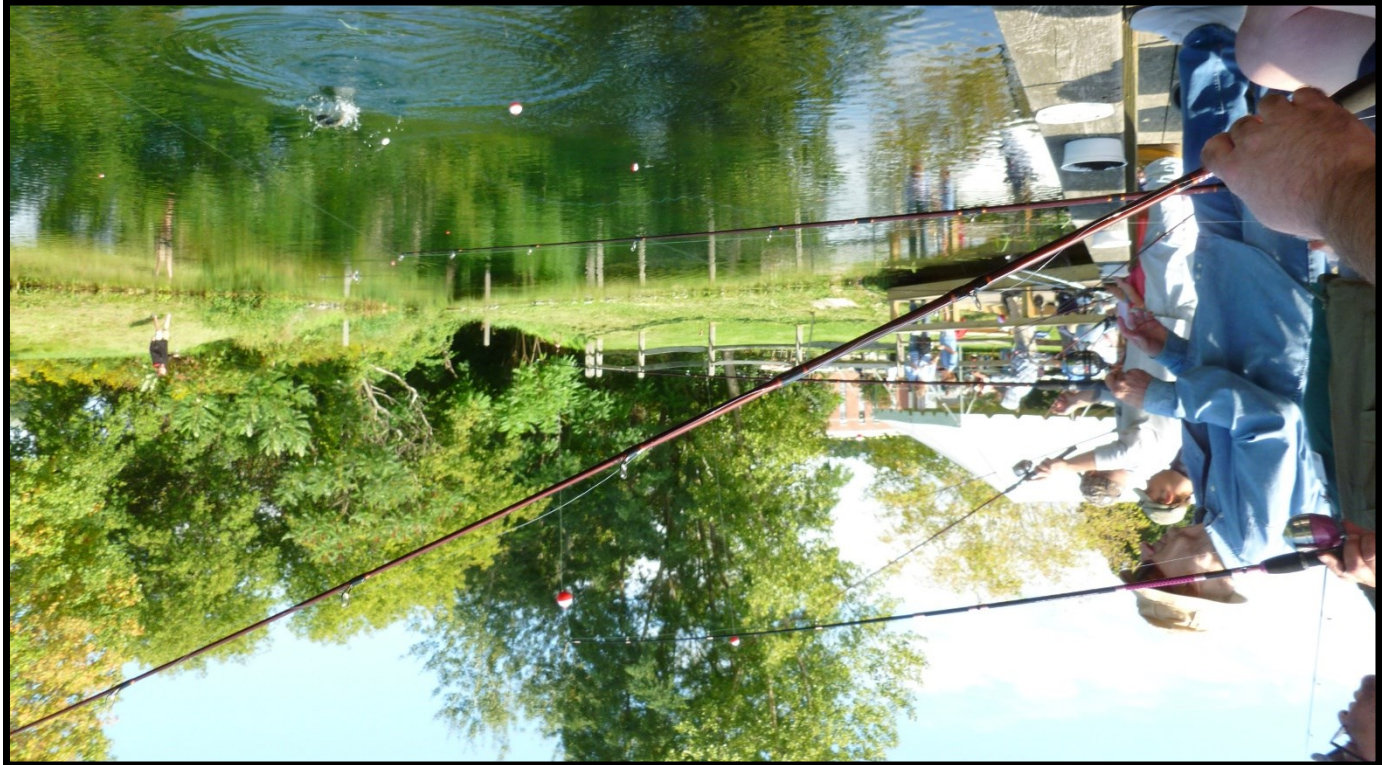




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Pictured above with Frederick Ringwood, they put on a wonderful show.

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The Vermont Veterans' Home was established in Bennington in 1884. It is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The VVH offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. VVH goals focus on insuring the dignity, independence, and the highest possible care and quality of life for each resident.

VVH is licensed to meet all levels of care for its residents and the VVH's departments and staff work together to provide those levels of care.

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Chaplain's Corner...

Howdy Folks,



Have you ever tried to commit the 23rd Psalm to memory? Or any bit of scripture to memory? I am not good at memorizing anything except the ABC's and the 123's. Actually, in my younger years I was pretty good at it.

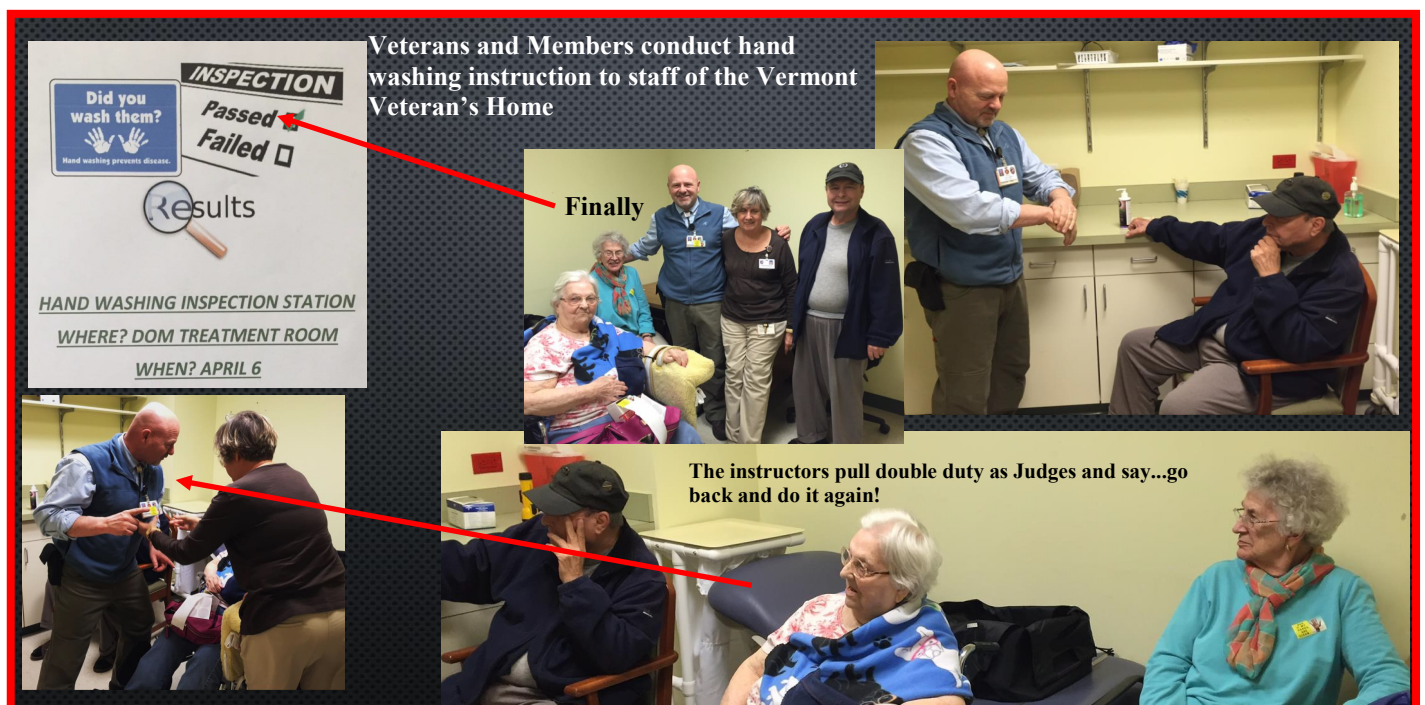
An elementary teacher tasked her students to memorize the 23rd Psalm on a Monday and be ready to come before the class to recite it on Friday. Little Johnny was terrified because he had a hard time memorizing anything. Well Friday came too soon for Johnny. But when his turn came he went before the class and after a short pause said, "The Lord is my shepherd," another short pause and he said, "that's all I need to know."

While all parts of the 23rd Psalm are important, little Johnny remembered what we all should remember: The Lord is our Shepherd no matter our circumstances. We often go off by ourselves like the stray sheep, thinking we can run our own lives until things go wrong, then we remember the Shepherd who is always ready to get us back on the right track.

Praise the Lord, Spring is here; I love it even if my allergies are killing me.

Please say a prayer for our men and women serving around the world.

God Bless
Chaplain Ken.



THE BUZZ WORD

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Those Who Have
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Members Assistance:

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Oils for relaxation
Supplies
Equipment

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Facility equipment
Large purchase

Activities Fund:

Entertainment

Music & Memory Fund:

iPods
Headphones
iTunes cards

**** We will not be accepting books or magazines at this time. THANK YOU to all who have donated to our Veterans at VVH.**

From the Administrator...
Melissa Jackson

The warmer weather has finally arrived and the use of the grounds has increased. Please be mindful of the speed limit and all stop signs on the property. In addition to our Veterans, Members, and staff there are high school sports taking place on the property and a lot of visitors to the deer park. Your extra caution and attention are greatly appreciated.

As I write this, the legislative session is coming to an end and VVH's budget took a few hits. The Legislature cut \$259,000 from our overtime budget and \$41,000 from our prescription drug budget. With one week left in the session we are not sure if these cuts will remain. I will be spending the last week of the session in Montpelier to continue to educate the Legislators on the impact of these cuts. Once the session is officially over I will update you again on the final outcome. Please rest assured that the care and services your loved ones receive at the Home will not be impacted by these cuts. Worst case is the Home will be asking for a budget adjust to have the reduced funds returned to our budget.

Take care,
Melissa



The daughters of Isabella stopped by with a very generous donation. Pictured left to right are: Al Faxon, Dot Melton, Collette Hebert, Melissa Jackson, and Shirley Boucher.



The winner of the Easter Wreath raffle by the Resident Council is Carol Meehan. She is pictured above with Richard Vachon and Audrey Jones.

Donations

**Pownal American Legion
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**On behalf of the Veterans/Members, we
sincerely thank the following for their
generous donations.**

In Memory of:

**John Colarusso
Jennifer Colarusso**



**Jim White,
David Zsido,
and Don Keelan,
shown here with
Al Faxon,
stopped by to
donate this
statue to the
Vermont
Veterans' Home.**





*From Deputy Administrator...
Colonel Al Faxon*



Below are the Core Values for those of us blessed to work at the Vermont Veterans' Home. These values are the traits and qualities that represent our top priorities, our beliefs, and core fundamental driving forces to care for our Veterans' and Members. These are the values we desire to resonate with those we serve at VVH and for those looking in from the outside.

Commitment - We must be fully dedicated to becoming the very best at our jobs in order to carry out the mission of the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Stewardship - We will ensure responsible stewardship of our Veterans and Members, financial resources, natural resources, as well as the data and information entrusted to us.

Team Work - We all must work together in a positive and productive manner to accomplish the mission and goals of the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Respect - We must respect and preserve the dignity of every Veteran and Member, their families, visitors, volunteers, and employees we come in contact with.

Integrity - First and foremost, we must always strive to do what is right and in the best interest of our Veterans and Members.

Professionalism - Must be on display at all times; our success depends on maintaining a highly-skilled and compassionate workforce.

Excellence - We must strive to attain the highest level of quality and satisfaction in delivering person-centered care to our Veterans and Members.

Service - We will treat all Veterans and their families with the utmost dignity and compassion; and consistently demonstrate care, concern, and understanding in every encounter.

I am proud to say....our staff at the Vermont Veterans' Home strives to meet these values each and every day.

Kitchen construction continued...



Plumbing, electrical and duct work are mostly finished and the drywall is being installed. Only the finishing touches: painting, tile work etc, remain for this massive kitchen remodel.

Elks Lodge 567
Dinner
May 7



Memorial Day
Parade
May 29



Southern Vermont Storm
Spaghetti Supper
May 10



National Nursing Home Week May 14th - May 20th

Sunday - May 14th - **Mothers Day Luncheon**
Flowers
Mother's Day Tea 1:30-3

Monday - May 15th - **Indoor picnic**
Military Appreciation
One Man band 1:30

Tuesday - May 16th - **Support your favorite Baseball or**
Nascar team.
Popcorn cart

Wednesday - May 17th - **Staff Luncheon 11 am-1pm**
Super Bingo 1:30pm

Thursday - May 18th - **Employee/Veteran Pool Tournament**
Search for the Helmets.

Friday - May 19th - **RED WHITE BLUE day**
Ice cream social 2 PM

Saturday - May 20th - **Armed Forces Day**

Vicki and Gene Siliski
from the Springfield VT
Elks Lodge 1560,
stopped by with a
donation of wall clocks
for Veterans' rooms.

Pictured left to right are:
Al Faxon, Vicki & Gene
Siliski and Melissa
Jackson.

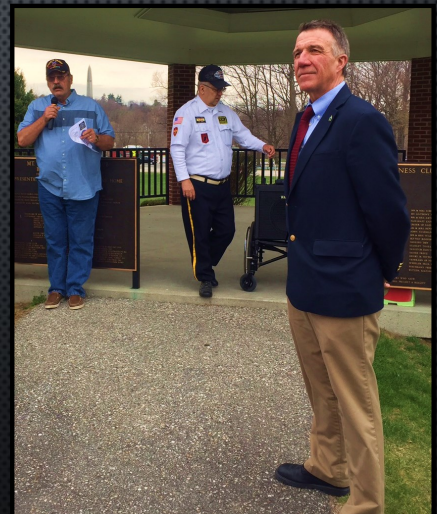




Miss Teen USO Show



Governor Scott visits the Vermont Veterans' Home to honor our Vietnam War Veterans and all who have served this great nation



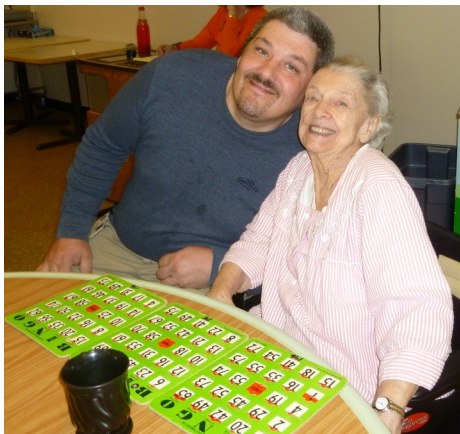
Las Vegas Day



A Huge thank
you to the
ELKS for all
their hard work
putting on Las
Vegas Day.



Super Bingo
with Barb Reilly
as the caller



5 years



Toni Peters



Lynn Bushee

Employee Recognition



5 years

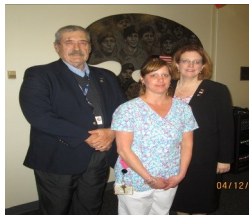


Steve McLafferty



Nicholas Parker

10 years



Amy Harrington

15 years



Michael Nicoll

25 Years



Jackolyn Sullivan

26 Years



Jennie LaBrake

28 Years



Denise Chiorgno

Fall Prevention Recognition



James Kinney, Tammy Lorette, Lynn Andrews

Retirement Colleen Dewey, 14 years



Dementia Certification



Jennie LaBrake, Denise Chiorgno



Dyeing Eggs