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The BUZZ WORD



Life is simply wonderful when you
enjoy its simple pleasures!

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Would you like to have an anecdote about your loved one in the Buzz Word? Send your story to the address or email address above.

DONATION INFORMATION

Your donations are gratefully accepted. Please make check out to Vermont Veterans' Home:

**Vermont Veterans' Home
Business Office
325 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201**

Please indicate to which fund(s) you are donating:

Members Assistance:

Directly to Veterans/Members
Furniture
Haircuts
Clothing
Other personal needs

Namaste Program Fund:

Oils for relaxation
Supplies
Equipment

Unrestricted Fund:

Facility equipment
Large purchase

Activities Fund:

Entertainment

Music & Memory Fund:

iPods
Headphones
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VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

Fulfilling the Promise

**325 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201**

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,

The answer to last months question, "What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich don't need it and if you eat it, you will surely die?" is easy if we could address the first five words, "What is greater than God?" NOTHING!!!!

Last Saturday, 11 Jul 2015 several members of American Legion Post 49 in Fair Haven visited the Veterans' Home and presented a sizeable check for the Veterans' Assistance Fund. Our Department Commander, Fred La Tour, his Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred Stebbens and members from local Post 13 were present also. This event shows clearly how our Legionnaires care about our Veterans and spouses here at the Veterans' Home and their generosity toward their needs. Kudos to Post 49. Some of you will recall that a few years ago the American Legion, Department of Vermont, came up with \$27,000 for the purchase of the five blanket warmers that are in use here in all sections. Then a couple years ago they came up with \$6500 for the new carpet in the Crispe Room. Our Legionnaires take their moto "For God and Country" seriously and their actions prove it. And let's not forget the other service organizations like the VFW, DAV, the Vietnam Veterans' Chapter and Elks who are most generous in responding to the Veterans' Home needs. God Bless them and all who remember our Veterans.

Enjoy God's presence continually by trusting him at all times.

God Bless,
Chaplain Ken



WWII Army Veteran Turns 97



Willis Knight, born in 1918 celebrated his 97th birthday with his two sons, Rich and Bob and daughter, Kathie. The family celebrated in the VVH's activity room. Bill ate cake, watched home movies and spent some much needed quality time with his family.

Bill Knight is one of our many courageous Veterans who fought in World War II. Amazingly, he was able to escape harm from enemy soldiers, water filled trenches, mortars and many other obstacles facing our troops. Thank you for your service Mr. Knight!

*From the Administrator...
Melissa Jackson*

Dear Family and Friends,

August already, where as the summer gone. We have been very busy at VVH with numerous events including picnics, concerts, and a fishing derby. August looks to be just as busy.

On August 8th and 9th, from 10am to 6pm both days, VVH will be the site of the 10th Annual Rock, Rattle and Drum Pow Wow. The two day event will feature Native American culture including: dancing, singing, drumming and crafts. The Pow Wow will honor America's Veterans each day at 1pm during the Grand Opening where Veterans and their family members are welcome to participate. If you are visiting the facility to see your family member please make those directing traffic aware of this so they do not have you park far away from the facility.

Each year our activities calendar has more events added and we have an increased need for volunteers. If you are interested in helping out at any of our events please contact Michele Burgess.

Finally I wanted each of you to be aware that the State of Vermont has changed the email addresses for all employees. They will now be firstname.lastname@vermont.gov. Our old email addresses that ended with @state.vt.us will be operable only for the next year.

Melissa A. Jackson
BSW, LNHA
CEO/Administrator



American Legion Post #49 Donation



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Vermont Veterans Home
Presentation

You are cordially invited to a presentation about the Vermont Veterans' Home and the admission process.

When:

Saturday, 22 August
1400hrs to 1500hrs

Where:

American Legion Post 1
100 Parah Drive,
St. Albans, VT 05478

Donations

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

Pieceful Valley Quilters of Cambridge NY
Bradley Babson and Family
Mrs. Vierick
Phil Sherman
Phyllis Roberts
Sacred Heart School's 6th Grade Class
Willy's Variety Store
Sandra and Peter Schryver
Purple Pride of Vermont (Chuck Seddon)
Donald Harvey
Janet Osmer
Pat Salsburg with the Piecemakers
Robert Flanders
Thomas Boudreau
Margaret and David Hale
Peter and Linda Saulters
State Line Car Club
Elks Lodge #567
Green Mountain Post VFW 9449
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50
Department of VT Ladies Auxiliary VFW
VFW Bennington County Post 1332

In Memory of Salvatore J Clarino Jr
Linda Lovell
Beth and William Higgins
In Memory of Harold Fair
Malcolm and Susan Debay
In Memory of Victoria Baker
Mary Jo Kwiatek
In Memory of Mabel Davis
Ken Nicholson
Jake Esh
In Memory of Norman Roark
Shirley and Charles Goodrum, Jr.
Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc
In Memory of Theresa Harrington
Carol Coulter
Eileen Bliss and Sharon Harrington
Kenneth and Elaine Coonradt
Marilynne and Richey Harrington
In Memory of George Welsch
Margaret and David Hale

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays at 2:30 pm

Located in the Chapel at the Vermont Veterans' Home

For adults living with loss due to a death. Find comfort, coping skills and support Confidentiality is always respected. No fee to attend this group.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 1:00-2:00

A. Luke Crispe Room

If you have questions, please contact: Bill MacMillan at 802-447-6524

ALS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 1:00 pm

Namaste Room on American Way

Please contact Christina Cosgrove, 802-447-2792, for more information.



*From Deputy Administrator...
Colonel Al Faxon*



Vermont Veterans' Home family and team, it sure has been a busy summer at our home of hero's.....and August just hit. Picnics, car shows, public concerts, open house, fishing derbies, motorcycle club visits, Military Service Birthdays, baby deer, and more...Wow! Almost all of the events listed above are supported in some form or fashion by our tremendous community. They do this for us because of you, the special people that live and work here.....hopefully you feel good about that.

The world continues to be a crazy place; thus, as we give thanks and recognize our Veterans for their service to our great nation.....please take the time to remember those who are currently serving and are willing to strap on the gear to meet our enemy anytime, anyplace.

Semper Fi”

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50 brought donations to the VVH, along with a few laughs. L to R: Secretary, Laura Bronson, Madeline Purdy, Debbie Lynch, Col. Al Faxon, Deputy Administrator, Phyllis Blanchard, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Betty Bishop, Sargent of Arms and Melissa Jackson, CEO of the VVH.

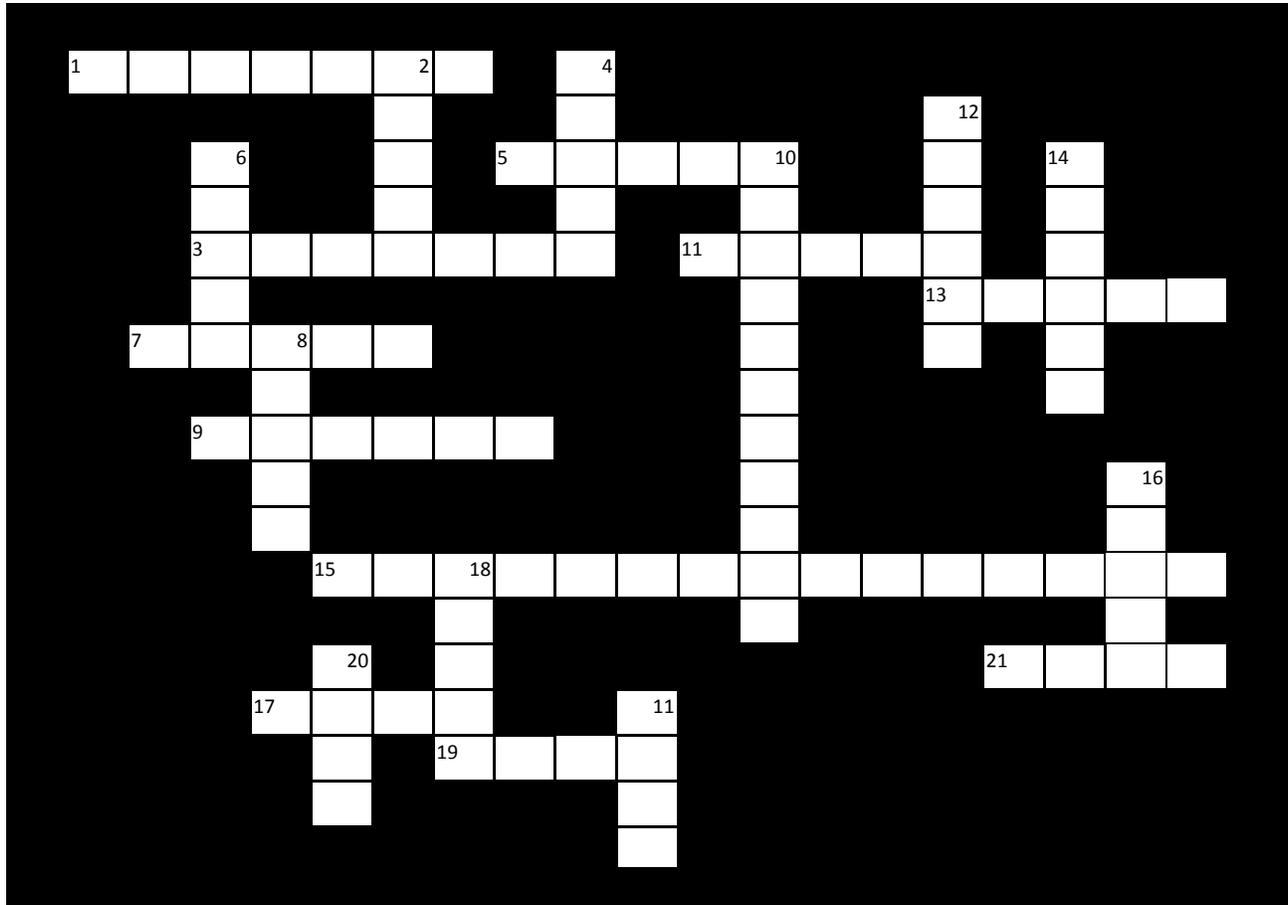
VALOR



Fidel Mareno, speaks to Veterans, Members and individuals from the community during the Valor presentation, “American Indian Warriors in American U.S. Military Campaigns”.



A Little Bit of This...



Across

- 1) Delighted
- 3) Distress Call
- 5) Got some shut eye
- 7) Composed on a keyboard
- 9) Turn on an axis
- 11) Plane reservations
- 13) Type of energy or eclipse
- 15) Like solar panels
- 17) A corner in Monopoly
- 19) Part of BYOB
- 21) Ran up a tab

Down

- 2) Dog- _____ (well worn, as page)
- 4) They are stuck in the bathroom
- 6) Familiar and cozy
- 8) Prefix with "type" or "plasma"
- 10) Two decades
- 12) Andre of tennis fame
- 14) Apollo theater locale
- 16) Having a feeling
- 18) Before due date
- 20) Hair on a horses neck

Answers: (Across) 1) enjoyed 3) Maydays 5) slept 7) typed 9) rotate 11) seats 13) solar 15) energyproducing 17) jail 19) your 21) owed (Down) 2) eared 4) tiles 6) homey 8) proto 10) twentyyears 12) Agassi 14) harlem 16) sense 18) early 20) mane 22) tip

VERMONT STATE VFW DONATION



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THANKS
YOU FOR
ALL YOU DO
FOR US!

L to R: Steve Leach, VT State VFW Veterans' Home Chairman, Col. Al Faxon, Deputy Administrator, Melissa Jackson, CEO of the Vermont Veterans' Home, Don Dockter, State VFW Commander, and Sue Tallman, State VFW Auxiliary President.



Left Picture: Veterans, Willy Rimany and Rich Vachon stand in front of a donation made by the Vermont State VFW. The beautiful marble stone can be seen out front of the VVH.



Right Picture: The VFW picnic crew. They put on a wonderful picnic.

Board of Trustees Employee Recognition



L to R: Joseph Krawzyk, President of the Board of Trustees., Richard Cottrell, and Melissa Jackson, CEO.

Richard was recognized for his 10 years of service to the Vermont Veterans' Home.

L to R: Joseph Krawzyk, President of the Board of Trustees, Mary Longtin, and Melissa Jackson, CEO.

Mary was recognized for her 24 years of service to the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Thank you both for your dedication to our Veterans.

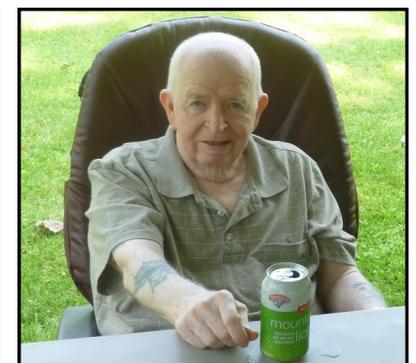
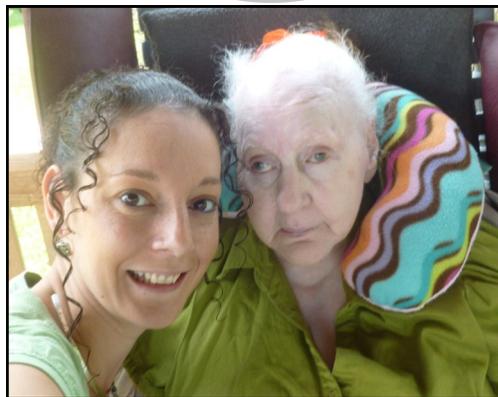
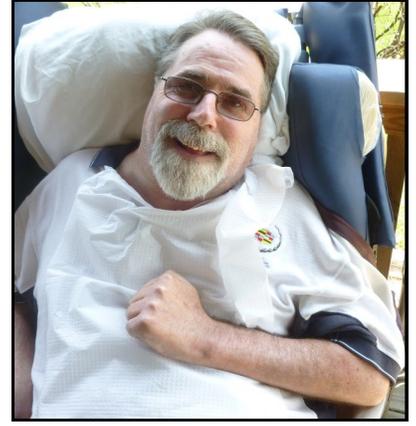
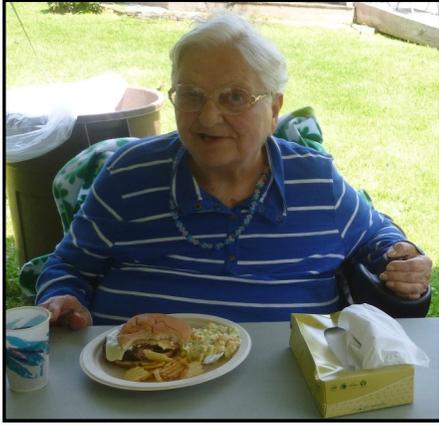


JUST FOR LAUGHS....

One of my husband's duties as a novice drill instructor at Fort Jackson, S.C., was to escort new recruits to the mess hall. After everyone had made it through the chow line, he sat them down and told them "There are three rules in this mess hall: Shut up! Eat up! Get up!" Checking to see that he had everyone's attention, he asked, "What is the first rule?" Much to the amusement of the other instructors, 60 privates yelled in unison, "Shut up, Drill Sergeant!"



VERMONT STATE VFW SUMMER PICNIC



Upcoming Events

F.Y.I.

Native American Pow Wow

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday August 9, 2015
Located on VVH grounds

Picnic

Sponsored by the USS Bennington
Friday, August 14, 2015 at 12:00 pm
Located ?

Patriot Brass Ensemble

Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 10:00 am
Located in Patriot Hall

Fishing Derby

Sponsored by the Elks
Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 10:00 am
Located at Charron Pond

Guest Information

Join your loved one for a meal at the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Meals tickets may be purchased from the Receptionist.

Please present your receipt to the server at the time of your seating.

Guest Meals:

Breakfast: \$ 7.00

Lunch: \$ 10.00

Dinner: \$ 7.00

Valor Presents:

Revival and Revolution: The Legacy of Ireland's 'Easter Rising' of 1916

By: James J. Kennelly, Ph.D.

Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2:00 pm
Located in Patriot Hall
Open to the Community

In his lecture, Professor Jim Kennelly from Skidmore College will discuss the conditions that led to the Rising, the revolution itself, and the a important question: does the Ireland of today really represent the dreams and ideals for which the founders sacrificed so much?



JIM KENNELLY is Professor of International Business and the Courtney and Steven Ross Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. He served in the United States Air Force from 1971-1975, and later went to college on the G.I. Bill, earning an MBA and Ph.D. from the Stern School of Business at New York University.



Volunteers Needed

Shopping Trip Companion
(with our transportation)

Bingo Helper

Off Campus Event Companion

In House Event Helper

And More!



If you have a skill you would like to share with our Veterans, please let us know.

For more information about our Volunteer Program, please call Michelle Burgess at 802-447-6520.

Dedicate some time to a Veteran. It's a rewarding experience.