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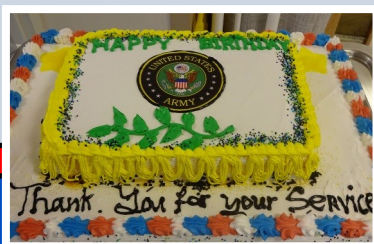
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## ***"FULFILLING THE PROMISE"***



Army Birthday



Car Show



Fishing Derby



VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

*Fulfilling the Promise*

**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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## *From the Administrator... Melissa Jackson*



Happy Birthday America!!

I hope each of you has a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Speaking of safety after a few delays our driveway and parking lot have been repaved. This has removed the natural speed reduction potholes and has resulted in some visitors to the property using the new driveway as the start to a NASCAR race. Within the next month or two speed bumps will be installed as well as additional stop signs. Please be mindful of your speed on the property as our Veterans, Members, Staff, and Visitors are often outside during this warm weather. Visitor parking spots will also be clearly marked.

***For safety purposes we ask that you do not park/leave you are in the circular driveway in front of the building.*** Cars left in this area make it very difficult for emergency service vehicles and VVH vehicles transporting Veterans and Members to access the front entrance. Although it is not something, we would want to do but if needed vehicles will be towed from this area if they are not moved.

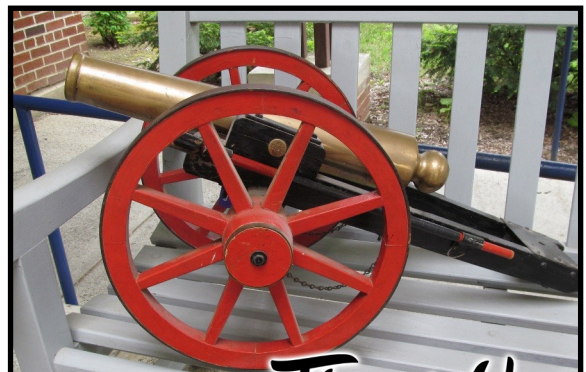
I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events. Remember your sunscreen and stay hydrated as you enjoy the summer weather.

*Melissa A. Jackson, BSW, LNHA*  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
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Picture Jim White, Mike diMonda, Bill Nichols, Dave Zsido, Al Faxon, Bob Martin

## **Dave Zsido Canon Donation**



*Thank You*

## Chaplain's Corner

Howdy Folks,

The Christian Holy Day of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early Church.

In Eastern Christianity, Pentecost can also refer to the entire fifty days of Easter through Pentecost inclusive; hence the book containing the liturgical texts is called the "Pentecostarion". Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast.

The holy day is also called "White Sunday" or "Whitsunday", especially in the United Kingdom, where traditionally the next day, Whit Monday, was also a public holiday (now fixed by statute on the last Monday in May). In Germany Pentecost is called "Pfingsten" and often coincides with scholastic holidays and the beginning of many outdoor and springtime activities, such as festivals and organized outdoor activities by youth organizations. The Monday after Pentecost is a legal holiday in many European nations.

We have celebrated the events of Easter by recalling the sacrificial death of the Lord, His victorious resurrection, and His entrance, by means of His ascension, into His Father's eternity. There, events took place so that the Holy Spirit could become our portion. The goal was to redeem the world and the human beings in it, and to give God himself to the redeemed world.

The reason why the glowing love of the Father and of the Son has descended into our hearts, is that the Father's own Son has brought our humanity back in to the Father's light. The reason why we can live God's own life in the Holy Spirit is that the Son of man died according to the flesh. The Holy Spirit of the eternal God has come. He is here, He lives in us, He sanctifies us, He strengthens us, He consoles us. He is the pledge of eternal life, the earnest of absolute triumph.

The Holy Spirit is ours. He is in each heart that calls Him in humble faith. He is ours to such an extent that, strictly speaking, we can no longer say what the human being is if we omit the fact that God himself is in our personal possession. God is our God, that is the glad tidings of Pentecost.

God Bless,

Chaplain Ken



*Thank you,*  
**Marine Gordon Metcalfe**  
For your generous donation of the  
**Jupiter Queen**  
token operated slot machine.





## Army Birthday Celebration



## Car Show





## Music with Sheila



## Pin-Ups on Tour





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

Brunswick Harley Davidson, Inc.  
Joel Whiting  
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VFW Post 1332  
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Stephen A. Leech  
David & Mary McKeighan  
Janet Nido  
Sons of the American Legion, Detachment  
of Vermont  
Janet & Russell Sleigh  
Sharon L Corey &  
American Legion Auxiliary



## Events

**10 July -The Eagles Concert Band**

*Free Concert Event—  
Berkshire County's Oldest Continuous  
Performance Ensemble.*

**6:30 pm at the Vermont Veterans' Home**

**14 July- State of Vermont VFW Picnic**

**18 July -Barbershop Quartet**

**8 Sept. - Grandparent's Day Fishing  
Derby**

### Show your Support at the VVH Apparel Store!

T-Shirts-\$15

Sweatshirts-\$25

Sweatpants-\$20

Zip Hoodie-\$35

Polo Shirts-\$25

Baseball Cap-\$20

Winter Hat-\$12

Scarf-\$12

Ornaments- \$8

VVH Pens-\$3

Small Totes- \$15

Large Totes-\$20

Wind Breakers: Unlined-\$23-\$27

Lined—\$27-\$31



### *From Deputy Administrator—Colonel Al Faxon*

Summer has finally arrived at The Vermont Veterans' Home and it sure was slow getting here!  
Picnics....Car Shows....Fishing Derby's....Concerts ....Service Birthdays ....etc.  
....incredible!

We are a true community - we have more events and activities at VVH during the summer than most of the surrounding towns!

These events require considerable organization and effort, so to all our great employees involved in these happenings; thank you for making our home [special](#) .

I want to recognize those of you who keep and maintain the Vermont Veterans' Home in the state of cleanliness it is **ALWAYS** in. Individuals within the House Keeping Department do an Amazing job! I am proud to walk and tour people through our home, and this is mostly because of your efforts!

Thanks  
Semper Fi'  
AF



### *Fishing Derby*





### **THE BUZZ WORD**

Three ways for you to receive the Vermont Veterans' Home monthly newsletter:

- ♦ Vermont Veterans' Home website:  
    [www.vvh.vermont.gov](http://www.vvh.vermont.gov)  
    Click on About Our Home  
    Click on Newsletters
- ♦ Email
- ♦ Mailing List

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### **VVH WISH LIST**

Mittens  
Pinball Machine/Game  
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Newspaper Subscriptions  
Costume Jewelry   or   Stamps  
(New) Men's Belts and Suspenders  
Earphones for TV and Music  
Outdoor Benches

**Your donations are gratefully accepted.**

**Please make check for monetary donations  
out to Vermont Veterans' Home:**

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

**THANK YOU**

We are looking for people with music talent and or special talents of any kind who would like to give time to our veteran's and members on our special care unit. Please contact Michele Burgess at [michele.burgess@vermont.gov](mailto:michele.burgess@vermont.gov) or call 802-447-6520.

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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, iTunes cards

#### **NEW: Veteran's Mobility Trail**

Monetary donations toward  
a paved walkway around  
the perimeter of the VVH

PLEASE NOTE:

**\*\* We will NOT BE ACCEPTING  
books, magazines, VCR tapes or  
clothing at this time. THANK YOU  
to all who have donated to our  
Veterans at VVH.**

## TWIG REMEMBERS...Tim Mock

His daughter, Jess, was a year behind my middle girl, Lauren, and they played two years of soccer and basketball together. Tim was a special sort of educator. At one point he held a special title (like Headmaster) at a very exclusive private school near Brattleboro (Putney). He also had a very special hobby that he excelled at: He was one of the very best trout fishermen in all of Poultney.

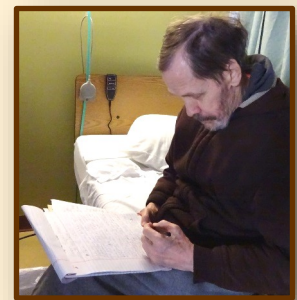
One day we were at a soccer game in Fair Haven and they were playing Mount Anthony. Now Jess was our enforcer, but mostly by the rules. The other team's enforcer would use any method. They had just had an encounter and Jess was in the open trotting and the girl came up and cracked an elbow to her cheek. You could hear the crack of a bone and Jess hobbled. Jess had to come out of the game. Tim was right in that coach's face: "You were right there watching the whole thing and you never said a word." I talked him into watching the rest of the game.

One day Tim came into the Hardware Store with this large creel and pulls me off in a dark corner. "I'm going to show only you so be quiet." I put my hand over my mouth and said some profanity. Not being a fisherman, I said quietly "Where the heck did you get that?" He responded "Twig, if I told you, I'd have to kill you." I start whistling the music theme to The Godfather and he's loving it.

May God need a trout guide when you get there. God Bless Tim Mock.

You get what I mean... "Twig Remembers"  
God bless,

Twig



Robert "Twig" Canfield





# GERM TEAM



## QUALIDIGM

Congratulations from the New England QIN QIO on your successes during the CMS 11th Scope of Work.

This award recognizes the outstanding work you did in sharing best practices with other homes in New England in the areas of Resident Engagement and Infection Control

We continue to highlight your “Germ Team” video on our website.

## GERM TEAM HAND WASHING INSERVICE



The Germ Team utilizes ‘GLO GERM’ (a lotion based simulated germ product) and a special Ultra Violet light to determine their training effectiveness during Inservice Training.

