

The BUZZ

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Did you hear about the guy
who invented lifesavers?



Yeah—They say he
made a mint.



A good friend is like a four-leaf clover,
hard to find and lucky to have.

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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 ensuring 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

Veterans, Members, and Families:

Happy Spring! As the weather gets warmer, I am looking forward to seeing more Veterans, Members and family members enjoying our grounds. Please remember to watch your speed on the property.



This month I want to take a few minutes to talk about a very serious problem facing many health care organizations, and that is abusive and aggressive behavior. Examples of abuse or aggressive behavior include but are not limited to:

- Shouting or talking loudly/disrespectfully
- Threatening language
- Foul language
- Verbal harassment, threats or abusive language
- Gestures
- Racist or derogatory comments directed at others
- Sexual comments
- Inappropriate touching
- Physical assault

The safety of those who live, work and visit VVH is our number one priority. Therefore, VVH has adopted a Zero Tolerance policy for these types of behaviors. There is no doubt having a loved one in a nursing home is a stressful experience for all involved but this does not give us the right to treat each other disrespectfully.

Staff will provide a reminder to visitors, if necessary, and they have been educated to direct any visitors exhibiting these behaviors to leave the facility immediately. They also have the right to contact local law enforcement.


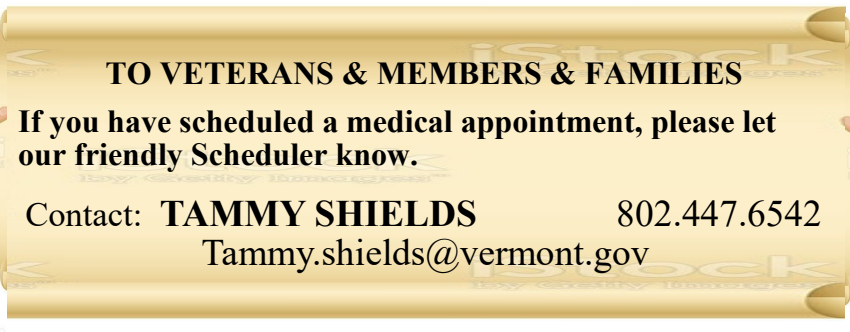

The staff and I appreciate your understanding and compliance with this new policy.

Take Care, Melissa

Melissa A. Jackson, MBA, FACHCA

Chief Executive Officer

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TO VETERANS & MEMBERS & FAMILIES

If you have scheduled a medical appointment, please let our friendly Scheduler know.

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*From the Deputy Administrator
Asa Morin*



Happy April!

There are many exciting things happening at the Veterans' Home this Spring. Families and friends are encouraged to come and enjoy with their loved ones!

Wednesday April 5th at 2 pm the Hill Country Cloggers will be putting on a tremendous show in Patriot Hall.

On Friday April 7th, staff and Veterans and Members will form teams to compete in a facility-wide Easter Egg Hunt!



Thursday April 13th, we will welcome some very special guests, **BABY GOATS!**

Stay tuned for information about the Mothers' Day Tea in May and The Fathers' Day Car Show in June.

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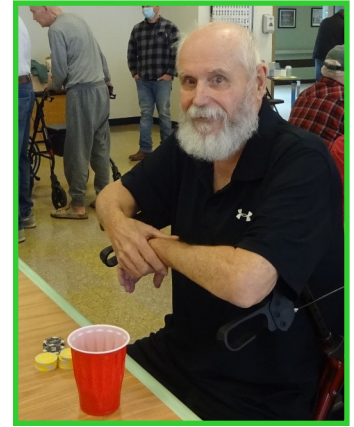
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Melissa, CEO (left) and Asa, COO (far right) accept a donation from the American Legion Auxiliary Post 13 and the VFW Auxiliary Post 1332.





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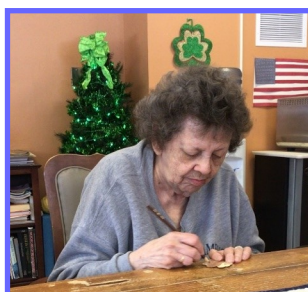


Sponsored by the Bennington Elks Lodge #567. Thank you to the volunteer black jack dealers, wheel spinners, prize donors and consultants.

Centerpieces for the Dirk's Room



Making Lucky Charms for St. Patrick's Day



C A R D I N A L S T R I K E R S



**STEP 1
SHAVING CREAM**



**STEP 2
ADD PAINT**



**STEP 3
SWIRL IT**

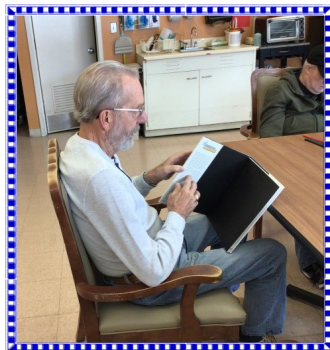


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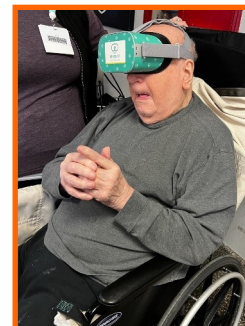
**TARGET
PRACTICE**



Always something to do at the VVH



Happiness
is being busy
doing the things
YOU LOVE!

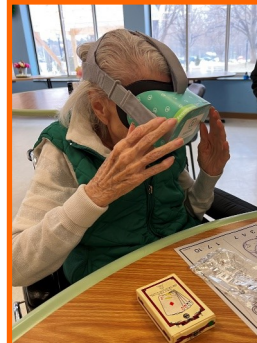


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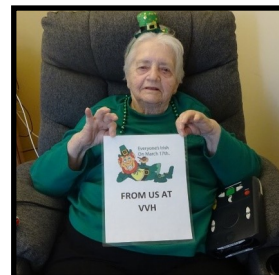


During the winter months, residents enjoyed a tour of Bennington without having to leave their chairs.





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IRISH?



On behalf of the
Veterans and Members,
we sincerely thank the
following for their very
generous donations:



Phyllis and Rhonda Roberts
Steve Leach
RK & SS Coyle
John Moxley
Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Joel Whiting
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In Memory of Stephen Jeski

John & Mary Cassarino
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Kathryn Parker & Lon Smith
John Pelchat

In Memory of Donald Fisher

James & Maryan Murphy

In Memory of John Hamilton

Kenneth & Elaine Coonradt
Dennis & Marcelaine McCarthy

In Memory of Eugene Barrows

Bob & Carol Abrahamson

We Apologize

We wish to apologize to, and also thank,
Jean Letendre for the donation in memory of
her brother, Stephen Jeski. Her name had
been inadvertently misspelled in the March
edition of the Buzzword.

VVH Staff Recognition Years of Service

CLEANING, HOUSEKEEPING, LAUNDRY

Patricia Brochu — 3 years

DIETARY

Michael Lampron — 7 years

Paul Krasselt — 1 year

Kerry McGuire — 1 year

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

James Kinney — 17 years

NURSING

Denise Chiorgno — 34 years

Amy Harrington — 16 years

Jared Amidon — 12 years

Christine Lanfair — 3 years

Stacey Whitten — 2 years

Colleen Moore — 1 year



THE BUZZ WORD

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

- ♦ Vermont Veterans' Home website:
www.vvh.vermont.gov

Click on About Our Home
Click on Newsletters

- ♦ Email
- ♦ Mailing List (postal)

To be added to our lists please contact:

The Buzz Word
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VVH WISH LIST

"Music and Memory" Players

A monetary donation of \$30.00 provides a customized music player to a Veteran or Member.

Fidget Blankets

Crafts

Neck Pillows

Aromatherapy Lotions

Relaxation Oils

Your donations are gratefully accepted.



THANK YOU

Please make the check for monetary donations to:

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

Please include the purpose in the "memo".

Due to COVID-19, we are still not able to accept:
books, CDs, puzzles or used clothing.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT
DVDs due to modern technology of TV's and
streaming availability.**

We will keep you posted when changes are made.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

DONATION INFORMATION

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

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Please indicate in the memo area of the check 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:

Memory Music Player

Veteran's Mobility Trail

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

Wreaths for Veterans

Donations will go towards the purchase of a \$15
wreath for the wreath-laying ceremony



Did you hear the story about the pizza?
I thought it was a little cheesy.

Did you hear about the two
thieves who stole a calendar?
They each got 6 months.

Did you hear about the kidnapping in the school?
The teacher woke him up.

Did you hear about the chicken who could
only lay eggs in the winter?
She was no spring chicken.

Did you hear about the magic tractor?
It turned into a field.



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***“FULFILLING THE PROMISE: Caring for the
Veterans of Vermont and their families”***

VVH
WELCOMES
THE NEW
PRESIDENT
OF THE
VFW



Jane Reape, (3rd from left) was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 109th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is joined by L-R: Gail Beauregard, Annette Brown, Jane, Melissa Jackson, CEO of the VVH, Gordon Brown (Department VFW Auxiliary President), and Lorraine Wilkins (PDP).

Melissa led the entourage on a tour of the facility and they were met by Veterans, Members and Staff.