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Every Family has a story to tell

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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 Deputy Administrator
Asa Morin



To Our Veterans' Home Families:

August signifies the end of summer and as I reflect on this fact, I am grateful for the many activities and moments of joy that have taken place between the Veterans, Members, their families and staff this summer. It was a much-needed time of joy following the Covid19 pandemic and a chance to breathe a communal sigh of relief.

We hope that in August "Patriot Hall" will re-open for communal dining among Veterans and Members of all neighborhoods. For those who have been admitted post Covid, this is the "main" dining room experience that is chosen by many, rather than eating on the neighborhood or in their room. It is another place to socialize, meet new people and enjoy great food!

We look forward to seeing you there to enjoy a meal with your loved one at some point.



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**Mettowee Community Preschool
from West Pawlet...**



... created a beautiful mural that now adorns a wall on Cardinal Point.

Cill Waterhouse, 2nd from right in above photo, presents CEO Melissa, COO Asa and Michele, Activities, with the work of art.

CHAPLAIN SETZER'S CORNER

AFTER YOU HAVE DONE ALL YOU CAN, JUST STAND

What do you do when you are stuck at the crossroads and you've done all you can? **Stand. You just stand.** While this advice may seem counterintuitive and illogical to those of you who may be broken and collapsed due to emotional, spiritual, relational, or even physical trials, I believe it is God's answer for you today. In this place of brokenness and pain, fear and insecurity, God teaches us how to stand again.

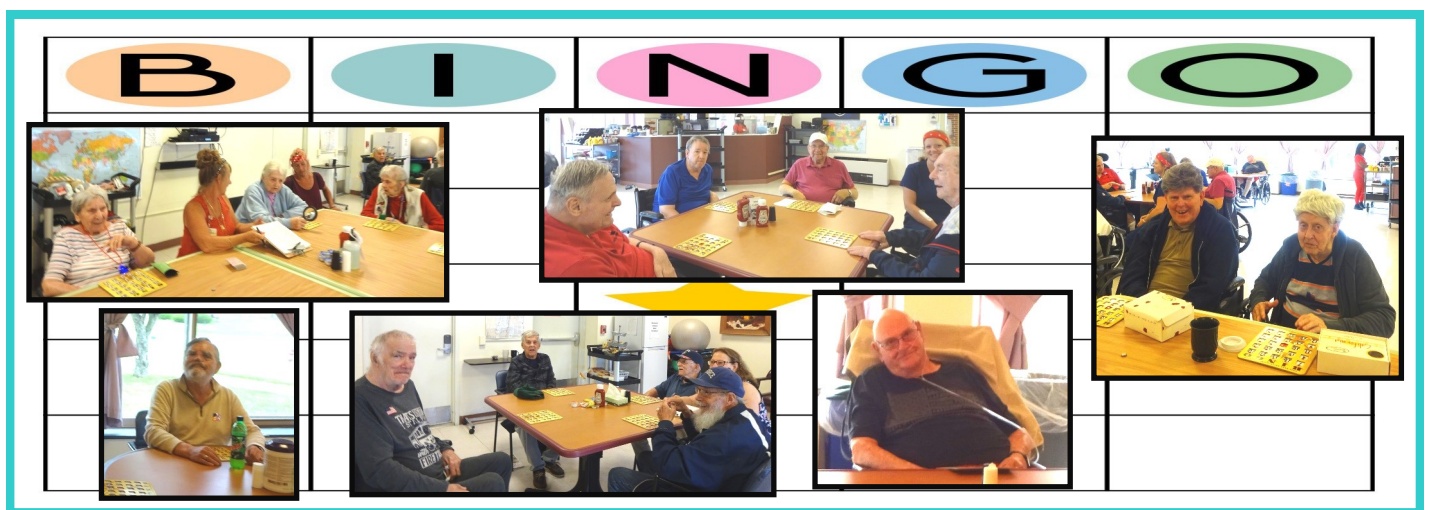
STAND is just one simple word, a fairly easy action without much thought required but it is not our "go-to" position, is it? Usually, we rely on the automatic "fight or flight" response when we face an obstacle or adversary. Sometimes we pull ourselves together, gather our resources, and prepare to fight while other times we run for cover waiting until the storm passes.

God offers an alternative in Ephesians 6:10-13 (NIV): Stand. "... be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so you can take your stand against the evil's schemes. For our struggle is... against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so... you may be able to stand your ground, **and after you have done everything, to stand.**"

Before, after, and during one of our struggles, there is never a time God tells us to stop standing. He does not give us an out. He does not say there is a time to run and hide. He does not mean that after we have given it our best, we can quit and sit down. God will use His strength and power to deliver us, we must stand firm and watch God do His work to protect us and stay by our side and never leave us alone.

Standing is difficult, especially when you don't feel like moving. It may be uncomfortable and stretch you in ways you cannot imagine. Standing may be misunderstood by others in your life but in the end, if God calls you to stand, it is precisely what you need to do.

As God advises us to stand, we should draw strength from the knowledge that America has always stood, and still stands for, what it believes to be right and just.



Resident

Council

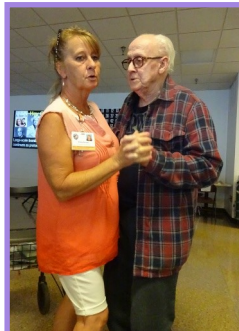
Cookout



Upper Left - With help from Paul and Carla (standing), a “resident chef” is ready to get cooking. Upper Right - another resident collects the payment due when staff were placing their orders. Both Lower - Staff take advantage of the good weather and the GREAT FOOD hot off the grill. Money raised went to the Resident Council.

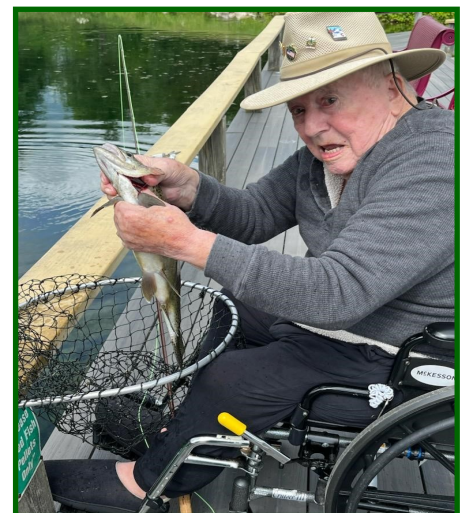


John Gilmore, a modern day troubadour, entertains the Veterans and Residents with his one-man show “**Tribute to Veterans.**”



NOT ANOTHER “FISH STORY”

A Veteran shows off this prize trout he caught while practicing for an upcoming Fishing Derby being held at Charron Pond.



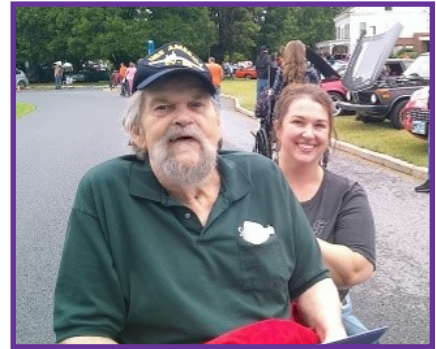


STATE LINE CAR SHOW





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Melissa, CEO,
(center) accepts a
generous donation
from Steve Betit
and Chad Heald of
the American
Legion Riders Post
39 of Putney, VT.



Cardinal Point feeds the birds??



Oranges painted with peanut
butter and sprinkled with bird
seed made tasty treats for the
birds.....

and squirrel !!

Nothing better



than Ice Cream



Eagles Concert Band from Pittsfield, MA



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



Phyllis & Rhonda Roberts
Crime Stoppers/Wish Come True/USI Alliance
Bob Houran and State Line Car Club
Ed Maroney
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In Memory of Donald E. Ward

Ronald and Gloria Costello
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VVH Staff Recognition Years of Service

CLEANING, HOUSEKEEPING, LAUNDRY

Barbara Paddock — 14 years

NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Sarah Gaucher — 2 years

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Josh LaPointe — 18 years

NURSING

Lori Russell — 16 years

Marianne Burnham — 6 years

Alexis Martin — 5 years

Kiona Kinney — 5 years

Joshua Aldrich — 4 years

Kasey Mossey — 4 years

Lisa Gaudette — 4 years

Mary Driscoll — 4 years

Jean Cody — 3 years

Zach Brace — 2 years

Doreen Kinney — 2 years

Marcia Ethier — 2 years

John O'Dell — 2 years

Jeffrey Toplyn — 2 years

Maria Lytton — 1 year

Kaela Yager — 1 year



On behalf of the State Line Car Club, Father's Day weekend car show, Bob Houran presents a very generous donation for the Activities Fund to COO Asa Morin.



THE BUZZ WORD

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www.vvh.vermont.gov

Click on About Our Home
Click on The Buzz Word

- ♦ Email
- ♦ Mailing List (postal)

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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

**We are now accepting
only new or like-new**
Books and Puzzles

Fidget Blankets
Craft Items or Kits
Neck Pillows
Aromatherapy Lotions
Relaxation Oils



THANK YOU

Your donations are gratefully accepted.

Please make the check for monetary donations to:

**Vermont Veterans' Home
Business Office
325 North Street
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Please include the purpose in the "memo".

We are still not accepting: CDs 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.

MONETARY 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 Players

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
wreaths for the wreath-laying ceremony

Freedom Park:

Cardinal Point outdoor area
enhancement and improvement

What do you call a woman
between 2 posts?
Annette

What do you call a monkey
that loves potato chips?
A chipmonk

What do you call fake potatoes?
Imitaters

What do you call a camel with no hump?
Humpfrey

welcome
to the
groan
zone



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

