The BUZZ WORD

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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

Happy New Year!!

As I sit down to write this letter to you, we are anticipating the start of COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. I for one am very excited about the vaccine but I also realize it will be quite sometime before VVH returns to any semblance of pre-COVID life. For the foreseeable future, visits will be limited, staff will be screened and be required to wear the appropriate PPE. How we conduct visits is solely based on the prevalence of COVID-19 in the Bennington community. Currently the community prevalence is high, and we will continue with window visits until we see a sustained decrease in the community prevalence.

Al Faxon retired at the end of the year. He will be greatly missed but has promised to come back and volunteer once COVID is under control. We have dedicated the Rifle Range in his honor and will have a formal dedication ceremony, hopefully in the spring. I am actively recruiting for a new Chief Operating Officer and hope to make an announcement soon.

The next round of Family Zoom Meetings will take place January 13th at 4pm and January 14th at 6pm. Meeting links can be found on our webpage under the Coronavirus tab.

Thank you again for your continued support of the VVH staff and your understanding with the constant change in your ability to visit.

Take Care,

Melissa A. Jackson, MBA, FACHCA
Chief Executive Officer
Vermont Veterans' Home
www.Vvh.vermont.gov

Home for the holidays—thank you to Activities & Environmental Services

Cardinal Point Christmas

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON NORTH VILLAGE

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Folks,

In the Book of Luke, Chapter 2, verse 7, we read of Mary, "and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn." We remember that nine months earlier the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

We have to remember that God was not pleased with the wickedness of the Israelites and surrounding areas so He needed to do something drastic to get everyone's attention. God bundled Himself up as a Baby and came down to earth to live among His people. Outside of the Creation, this was the greatest gift to mankind. I urge you to open your Bible and read the Book of Luke for the rest of the story.

Can you imagine what God gave up when He came into our world as a baby. God set aside His Glory so that He could identify with mankind. He accepted the limitations of infancy under the most appalling conditions ~ a filthy stable. That was a dark night for God, even though the angels lit up the sky proclaiming "Glory!" to the awestruck shepherds.

Let us be thankful for the COVID-19 vaccine that is being distributed around the world and thank God for having given us the strength to endure the pandemic. May those who succumbed to the virus rest in peace in God's kingdom.

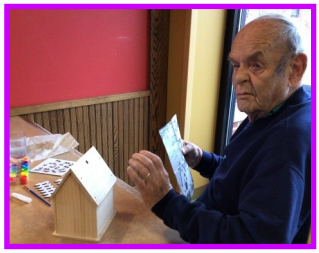
Please pray for our troops protecting our freedoms.

We give God the praise and Glory!

For God and Country
God bless, Chaplain Ken

EDNA'S ART GALLERY

ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO



Ugly Sweater Day
Staff gets into the spirit of the day

"...Shining in the night, let it bring us goodness and light."
Vermont Veterans' Cemetery

SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT GROUP

VVH SUPPORT GROUP

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First and Third Tuesday of each month
2 pm via Zoom

JANUARY MEETINGS
Tuesday, January 5 & January 19

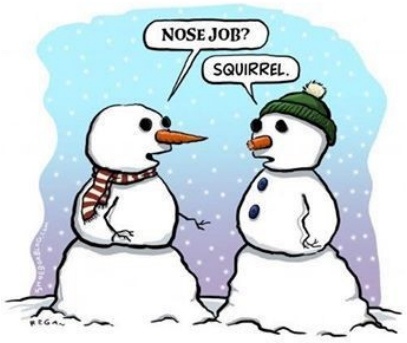
FEBRUARY MEETINGS
Tuesday, February 2 & February 16

Share concerns, experience, strength, hope, and to lend support to those who have a family member or friend at our nursing home.

Humor provided by: Beth Anderson

A man bought a box of animal crackers, read the warning that said “discard if seal is broken”.

Sure enough, he opened the box and found that the seal was broken so he threw away the box!



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

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Mrs. Gail Grote
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Re-Creation
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In Loving Memory of Daryl Roy
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Seline Skoug
Clark, Lu, Nicky, Christian, & Chloe French
Jane S. Childs

In Loving Memory of Robert J. Hannah
Staff at Bennington Probation & Parole Office
Gerald & Helen Wood

In Loving Memory of Gabriel P. Kissell, Jr.
Green Mountain Chapter GE Retirees
A.W. Perkins Company

VVH Staff Recognition Years of Service

Melissa Jackson, CEO 10 years

Cleaning, Housekeeping & Laundry

Delores Burdick	19
Dawn Leonard	9
Lena Sterns	2
Matthew Martinez	1

Dietary

Lawrence Goldwyn	16
Lynn Buonasera	9
Nicholas Parker	9
Paul Yerke	1

Nursing

Dawn Keus	27
Kimbery Denny-Telford	13
Therese Armstrong	3
Laura Wood	8
Sheila Floyd	5
Ann Carbin	5
Anne Hatton	4
Sara Woodie-Pacheco	3
Kayla Perkins	3
Toree Alexander	2
Mikayla Leonard	1

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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:

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Bennington, VT 05201

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VVH WISH LIST

I-Pod Shuffles
(4th Generation)

Neck Pillows
Stamps
CD Players
I-Tune Cards
Costume Jewelry
Body Pillows
Newspaper Subscriptions
Outdoor Benches
Earphones for TV and Music
Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags

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

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Your donations are gratefully accepted.
THANK YOU

Due to COVID–19, we are not able to accept: books, CDs, puzzles or used clothing. We will keep you posted when changes are made. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

DONATION INFORMATION

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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

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Established by the Board of Trustees in 2012, The Day of Remembrance is a memorial to Veterans, Members and employees who have passed away since December 2019.

A virtual service is available on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNHxxoG8I9udf9KxUX4JQkg

DONATIONS

Melissa Jackson accepts a check from Art Charron and Charlie Boyle, Bennington Elks #567. Al Faxon gives the thumbs up in the background.

Don Keelan donates the annual tree for the front porch.

Green Mountain Bull Dawg Chapter of the Antique Truck Club of America members Perry Young and Fred Chase donate Christmas Challenge Coins.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont came with variety of wonderful gifts.

R: On behalf of the VFW, Bill Jones & Steve Leach present a check for the Veterans & Members.

thank you

Pizza

and Dessert

Staff Lunch

Wings

Salads

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

The holiday season brings thoughts of joy and gratitude, and there is no better time to express our thanks and sincere appreciation for having faith in us for taking care of your loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Staff at the Vermont Veterans' Home

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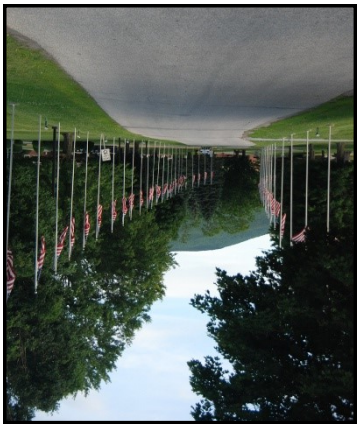
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