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THE FISHING DERBY RETURNS!!

Thanks to the efforts of Tony Antonio, the fishing derby is back in action. He is seen above holding the Derby winner for the proud Veteran. The Nursing and Activities staff have also been busy baiting hooks, casting rods and netting the catches.

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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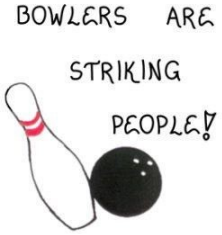
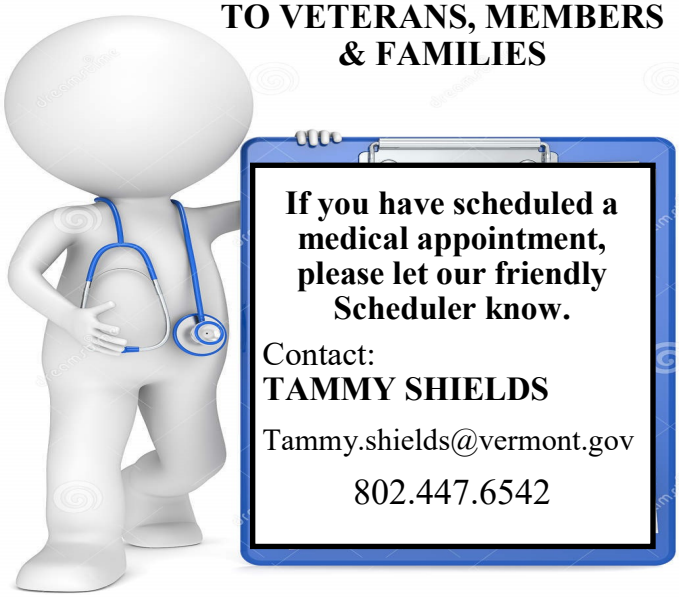


TO VETERANS, MEMBERS & FAMILIES



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

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Karen and Jim, Bennington BPOE 567, presented a generous donation as part of the Freedom Grant sponsored by the Springfield Lodge 1560 to Michele, Activities Director.

THANK YOU

From the Deputy Administrator
Asa Morin

This month we are happy to celebrate two of our departments, Environmental Services and Finance!

The Environmental Services department includes our maintenance staff as well as housekeeping, custodial and laundry staff. The men and women in this department keep our grounds beautifully maintained and our building clean and welcoming. It is not an easy task to keep up on of this 140,000 square foot building and 83-acre property! The pandemic posed new challenges to the housekeeping team, but they stepped up and are relentless in disinfecting! The most senior team member has worked here for 34 years!

The Finance team keeps our operations going. From dealing with insurances to ensuring our payroll is in order to crafting the budget, they are always helping the other various departments find ways to meet the needs of the Veterans and Members. Much of the work this team does is behind the scenes, but the work is critical for us to be successful and provide the care and services that we do. On this team, the most senior members has worked here for 12 years!

To all the dedicated employees in our Environmental Services and Finance Departments,
Thank You for all you do, everyday.

Asa

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HONORING OUR PURPLE HEART HEROES

(L) Melissa Jackson, CEO, is pictured with Michael Frappier (Air Force), Darlene Cumm, President and Donna Stone, Vice-President of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 13. Thank you cards and balloons were given to the Vietnam War Veterans and other Purple Heart recipients Bryan Craft (Navy) and Brian Riley (Marine Corps).

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

Members of the Veterans' Home participated in the 16th of August **Battle of Bennington Parade**. Kelly, Darlene and Melinda decorated the golf cart and took care of the Veterans during the entire parade down Main Street and North Street eventually ending at the Home.

THANK YOU, LADIES!!

Cecelia's Corner

Above: Spring

Below: Summer

Gardens in the Dom Courtyard - A variety in bloom

The Harmonic Duo — Paul and Herman

ARMY
VETERAN

Lulu

Chaplain's Corner

Howdy Folks,

One of the usual questions after "What is Religion" is "Where did Religion originate?"

Folks have always asked hard questions about the nature of life and our universe. How did the world begin? Can you explain good and evil? What happens after we die?

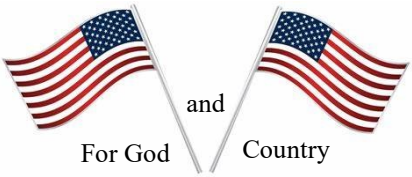
Maybe religion began as one of the ways of answering many of these questions. Some religions, such as Hinduism, were founded on ancient myths that tell of powerful creator gods and forces of destruction. Initial humankind worshipped these gods in attempt to win their favor because they believed gods controlled the forces of nature. Other religions, such as Christianity, Islam and Buddhism originated because of the work of prominent spiritual leaders or prophets. Jesus, Muhammad, the Buddha and Jewish prophets of the Bible were all spiritual leaders who inspired their followers and stimulated the spread of religious movements that are still alive today.

Kudos to those who planned the children's activity at The Vermont Veterans' Home (VVH) during Bennington Battle Day ceremonies. Community service continues to be a strong side of the VVH. Praise the Lord.

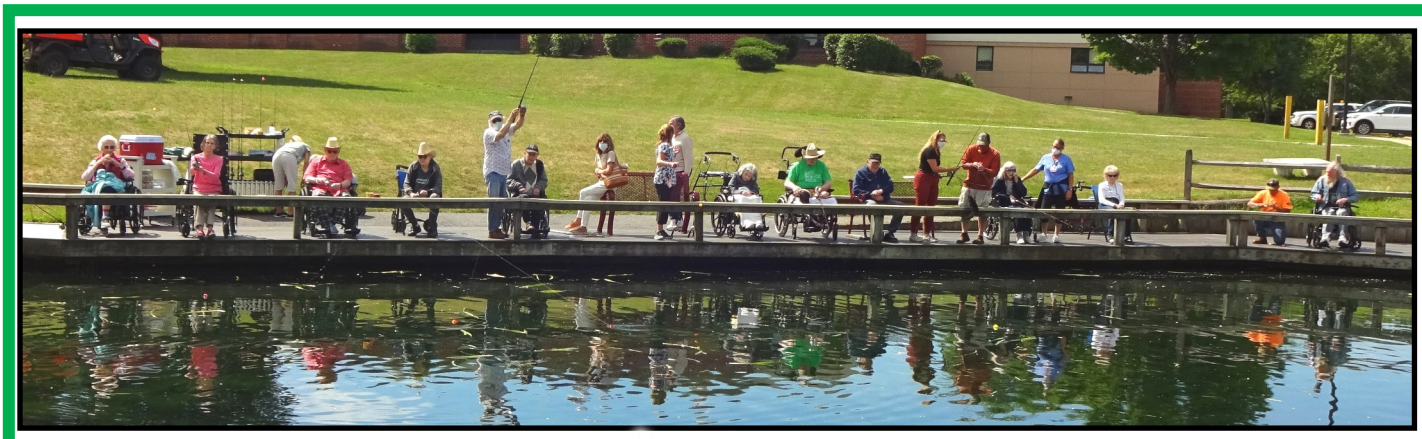
Veterans and spouses, be thankful to God for the VVH staff and all the work they do to keep you well and as "at home like" as possible.

Please pray for our troops.

Chaplain Ken



Barb Greenia (R front row) and Jeff Schake (plaid shirt) of ReSOURCE, in partnership with HireAbility, donated two beautifully crafted Adirondack chairs and two sturdy picnic tables made by members of the programs.



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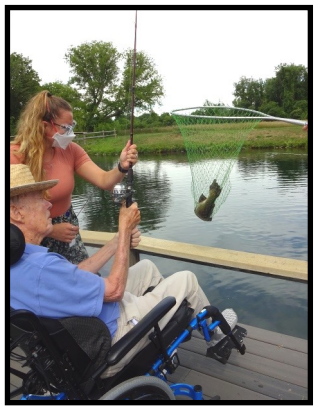

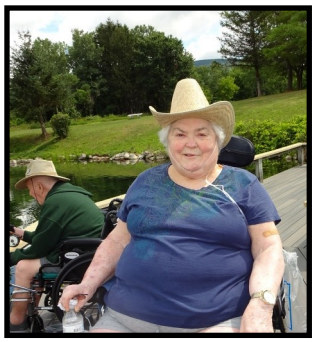

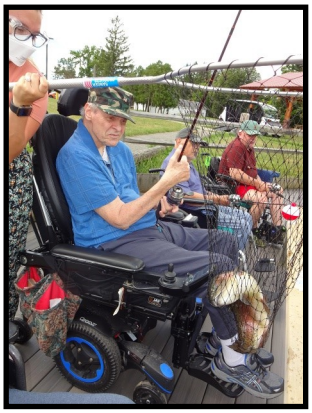

Thank You So Much

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

Phyllis & Rhonda Roberts

Steve Leach

Family of Frances Hart

Springfield Elks 1560

George "Happy" Whitman

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13

Family of Harold Crane

Stella Stevens

Jeff Schake
Barb Greenia and ReSOURCE Crew

Children of Vacation Bible School—
New Horizons Baptist Church

In Memory of Michelle Meyer

Judy Bryan

VVH Staff Recognition
Years of Service

ACTIVITIES
Michele Burgess — 46 years
Leslie Bayetis — 1 year

ADMINISTRATION
Tonya Goodell —- 15 years
Robyn Boland — 5 years

CLEANING/HOUSEKEEPING/ LAUNDRY
Terry Belville — 34 years

NURSING
Judy Ann Baker — 25 years
Donna Ottaviano — 17 years
Kyleen Norse — 13 years
Alexis Kane — 7 years
Heather Daigneault — 6 years
Alexis Martin — 4 years
Mary Baillargeon — 3 years

GREAT STAFF
GREAT TEAM

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WEEK
September 11—17, 2022

This week has been designated to show appreciation for the dedicated EVS personnel that ensure our healthcare facility is a clean, safe place for our residents, their families and other staff members. We thank the following for their service and dedication to our Veterans and Members.

Jon Endres, Director
Anthony Antonio
Steve Bennett
Francis Bosson
John Boulger, Jr.
George Dickie
Mark Jaeger
James Kinney
Robert LaBrake
Dale Lampman
Josh LaPoint
H. Jamie Percey, Jr

Together We Make A Difference
ENVIRONMENTAL Services

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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
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- Email
- Mailing List (postal)

To be added to our lists please contact:

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VVH WISH LIST

I-Pod Shuffles
(4th Generation)

Newspaper Subscriptions
Bingo Prizes
Crafts
Neck Pillows
Stamps
CD Players
I-Tune Cards
Body Pillows
Costume Jewelry
Outdoor Benches
Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags

Please make the 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

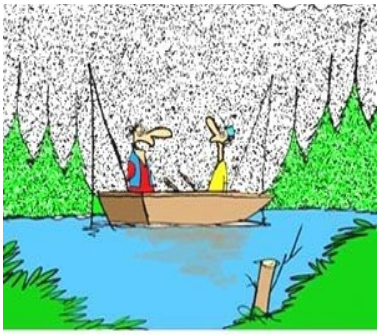
Unrestricted Fund:
Facility equipment
Large purchase

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

Two retired gentlemen are sitting on a park bench. One says to the other:
My wife asked me what I was going to do today.
I told her, "Nothing".
She said, "You did that yesterday"
I said, "I wasn't finished".



"You're not going to let a few bugs bother you are you? Besides, the fish are just starting to bite."

Finance Appreciation Week
September 26-30
Meet the Team

L-R: Althea Kane, Steve McClafferty, Tina Norman, Jodie Coon and Darlene Eriksen

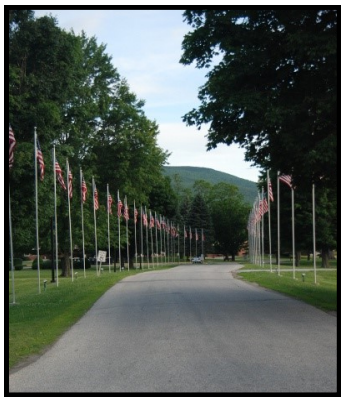
Althea Kane-With over 20 years in billing, I bill the insurance companies and the VA for services provided to our residents.

Steve McClafferty-Finance Director, I have been here for over 10 years and have worked in healthcare for over 35 years for large teaching hospitals to community hospitals in Vermont and Massachusetts. Working at VVH gets one up close and personal with people and their families.

Tina Norman-I started at the VVH 12 years ago and have been in the Finance Department for 11 years and currently I am responsible for Payroll and Accounts Payable.

Jodie Coon-I take care of the member trust and resident shopping, and keep track of the donation account. I also do the census and work with the VA for payments.

Darlene Eriksen-I am the Purchasing Specialist and work with other departments to order their supplies and equipment. I also track State contracts and am responsible for Accounts Payable.

"FULFILLING THE PROMISE: Caring for the Veterans of Vermont and their families"

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