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The BUZZ WORD

It's a beautiful day, and I can't stop myself from smiling!

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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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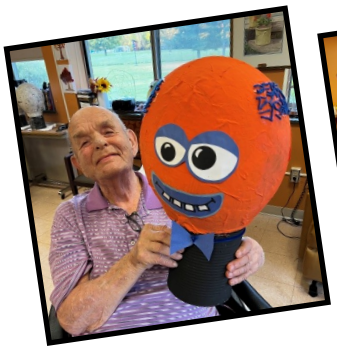
November

PAPER MACHE HALLWEEN DECORATION

Ginny and Sam of the Activities Department, led a workshop for paper mache jack-o- lanterns for Cardinal Point. Some newspaper, a little flour, salt, water, paint, balloons and

.....VOILA!!!!



From the Deputy Administrator
Asa Morin

To Our Veterans' Home Families:

In this month of Thanksgiving, there are many things that I could talk about being thankful for. What I will share is how thankful I am for the partnerships that we at the Vermont Veterans' Home have with our community. Throughout the pandemic, many partnerships had been put on hold due to Covid restrictions, however we are working to bring those back.

We have begun discussions with The Vermont Arts Exchange, who along with their partnership with the Vermont School for Girls, provided an excellent arts program for the Veterans. We hope to have more news on that in the coming months.

We currently have a couple students from the high school doing Community Based Learning here with us.

We have a new partnership with Reverend Richard Setzer who is already making a big impact on the Home with his one-on-one and group spiritual visits.

We have had Vermont Tech Nursing Students back with us for their clinical rotation. They have been fantastic working with the Veterans and Members!

We are again working with Catamount Access Televison (CAT-TV) on filming Veterans' stories which you can expect to see airing during the month of November on their channels. We will also be working with them on receiving video editing training to produce other content, film special activities here, and be able to broadcast it on our internal television channel and social media.

There are many more I could list and for that I am very thankful. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! ***Asa***

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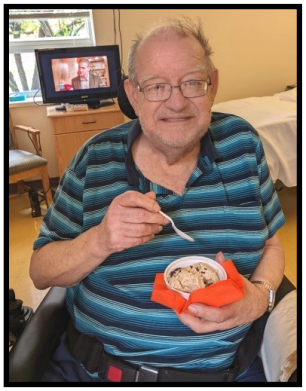
Vermont State Senator Bernie Sanders

visited the Home and spoke to our Veterans, Members and Staff

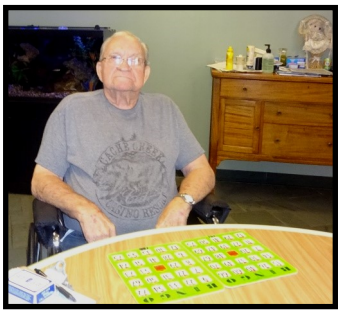


TO
Shawn Gassaway
at
Tastee Freeze
for donating ice cream

YUM….

Nothing like a summer treat in autumn.

ANYONE ?



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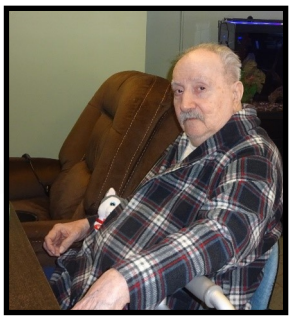

TO VETERANS, MEMBERS & FAMILIES

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

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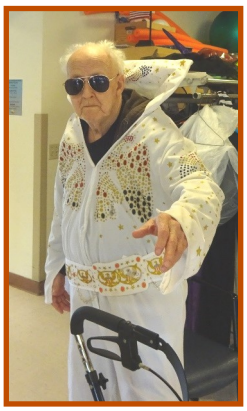
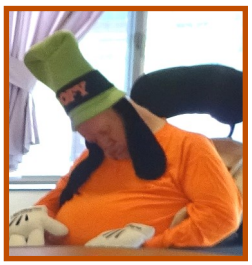
Halloween Party





American Way

ONCE A BIKER, ALWAYS A BIKER.
SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED TO
LEAVE THE MAP BEHIND AND RIDE

Jokes you probably **won't want to hear** again.

Did you hear about the chemist reading a book about helium?
He just couldn't put it down.

Or

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?
He just needed a little space.

Or

Did you hear the joke about the germ?
I'm not telling you. I don't want to spread it around.

OR

Did you hear about the ice cream truck that crashed?
He blamed it on the rocky road.

OR

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a soda can?
Good thing it was a soft drink.

On a beautiful autumn afternoon,
Veterans and Members were
"LEAF PEEPERS"
On a Fall Foliage Tour
and then visited the
Pumpkin Patch
to get pumpkins for Halloween
decorations.

Chaplain's Corner

Howdy Folks,

We're fast coming up on Veterans Day, so the message is a prayer for our Veterans, those who served in the past and those now serving to continue our freedoms. We also salute all the spouses who kept the fires burning and sacrificed so much as well.

> Lord God of Hosts, with grateful hearts we come before you this Veterans Day and give you thanks for the men and women of our Armed Forces. May these, the "Pride of Our Nation", truly know how much we appreciate their loyal and faithful service.
>
> For those who have fought for freedom, those who have voluntarily laid down their lives for others, for those who have endured suffering of mind and/or body, and for those who have brought their best skills, gifts and talents at time of grave National crisis, we give you thanks.
>
> We recall these words of Sacred Scripture – "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (1)
>
> Lord, bless our Veterans here at The Vermont Veterans' Home and their spouses, and our wonderful staff of caring individuals who truly love each and every one of them.
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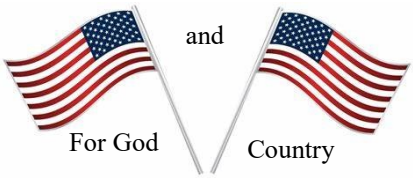
> God of Nations, continue to be our strength and shield, and bless the Nation with freedoms, peace and unity. Amen.



God bless,

Chaplain Ken

(1) Phrase used by President F.D. Roosevelt on his D-Day Prayer on June 6th, 1944

Brandon Boulevard gets into the spirit of Halloween complete with cobwebs and ghouls.

Putting on the Ritz

On a dare from Vets on American Way, Steve McClafferty, Finance Director, serves it up in a tux and a top hat.

Please welcome Rev. Richard Setzer Sr.

Rev. Richard Setzer, Sr. is a new Chaplain at the Vermont Veterans' Home and has pastored at Jacob's Well Family Worship Center in Cambridge, NY for the past 17 years. He prefers to be called Rick.

He is a native of Bennington where he grew up, attended local schools and was a member of the United Methodist Church. Rick graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Pastoral Care and Theology.

Rick joined the US Navy in 1976 and was assigned to the USS William H. Standley DLG/CG-32 after attending BT School in 1977. He was deployed twice during the three and a half years he was aboard. In 1979, he was deployed to the Indian Ocean as part of the Iranian Hostage Crisis providing support during the failed mission to rescue the Hostages. In that same year, before leaving on deployment, he married his elementary school sweetheart, Priscilla, and now have two grown adult children and three grandsons. He and his wife enjoy driving around the back roads of Vermont, going to yard sales and flea markets and are kept busy by their very active their grandsons.

Rick has a special connection with the VVH as his father has been a resident for the past 5 years.

Rick will be ministering at the Home Wednesdays on Cardinal Point, Thursdays on American Way, Fridays on North Village and a day yet to be determined for Brandon Boulevard.

The **GERM TEAM** is back.

After a long hiatus, they are back in action.
Willy has the paperwork before the vaccine…

FIGHT GET THE SHOT FLU

... Audrey has the reward goodies
(if you don't yell or cry)

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

VFW Post 1332
VFW Auxiliary Unit 1332
Joel Whiting
Kathleen Praetorius
Michael Lemieux
Dona Hoard
Phyllis & Rhonda Roberts
Steve Leach
Manchester Auxiliary Unit
Carol Clevenger
Chicks with Sticks
Willard's Mountain Chapter DAR
Nona Babich
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2467
Bell Jar

In Memory of Arthur Charron

C. Elizabeth Blower
Marilyn & Charles Boyle
Terese & Michael Comar
Gary & Kaye Daigneault
Michael & Carmela Kovage

VVH Staff Recognition
Years of Service

ACTIVITIES
Virginia Harrington — 12 years
Holly Bahan — 4 years

ADMINISTRATION
Joyce Santacross —- 18 years
Sharon Sausville — 10 years

DIETARY
Kim Harrington — 10 years
Stephan Palmer — 6 years

FINANCE
Darlene Eriksen — 15 years
Jodie Coon — 6 years

NURSING
Winnie Rose — 24 years
Lynn Andrews — 22 years
Kimberly Murphy — 6 years
Tara Powers — 3 years
Jeanine Squires — 3 years

TEAM AWESOME

Thank You!

Carol Clevenger, of New Jersey, donated her prize winning blue ribbon lap blankets.

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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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VVH WISH LIST

"Music and Memory" Players

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

Bingo Prizes
Costume Jewelry
Crafts
Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags
Neck Pillows

Fidget Blankets

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

Michele Burgess, center, accepts a very generous donation from the Hoosick Falls Fraternal Order of Eagles 2467

The Vermont Veterans' Home Mission: The Vermont Veterans' Home provides best of class healthcare services and advocacy for Veterans, their spouses and gold star parents while honoring their choices and respecting their right of self-determination.

The Vermont Veterans' Home Vision: "Fulfilling the Promise: caring for the veterans of Vermont and their families."

We honor those who have served and also their spouses. Let us renew our promise to our Veterans and their families who have persevered with the American spirit to ensure our Freedoms.

Statistics for the Veterans currently residing at our Home:

Branch of Service
US Air Force — 11
US Army — 44
US Marine Corps — 10
US Navy — 21
Multiple Branches — 3
Unknown — 1

Military Conflicts
Desert Storm/Desert Shield — 1
Gulf War — 4
Peacetime — 13
Vietnam War — 46
WW II — 7
Multiple —3
Unknown — 1

Male Veterans: 86
Female Veterans: 3
Spouses: 17

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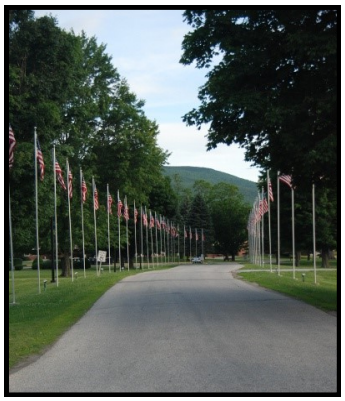
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