

# THE BUGLE

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HOME AT QUINCY

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America's veterans for  
more than 138 years

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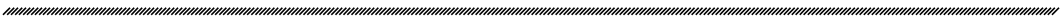
## SALUTE!



The roundabout at the end of the boulevard was completed and opened to traffic on Sept. 8. The boulevard is the gateway to the campus. We can't wait for you to see the new construction on the other side!

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### POPULATION REPORT

<b>WWII</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Korea</b>	38
<b>Korea and Vietnam</b>	3
<b>Vietnam</b>	129
<b>Vietnam and Gulf</b>	2
<b>Gulf</b>	13
<b>Peace Time</b>	44
<b>Non-Veterans</b>	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>

\*-Statistics through August 31, 2024

### AGE RANGE CHART

	Men	Women
<b>50-59</b>	10	0
<b>60-69</b>	9	0
<b>70-79</b>	92	11
<b>80-89</b>	70	27
<b>90-99</b>	47	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>61</b>

### BRANCH OF SERVICE

<b>Air Force</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Army</b>	122
<b>Coast Guard</b>	4
<b>Marine Corps</b>	18
<b>Navy</b>	<b>55</b>

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# Welcome to Chuck Newton, new administrator at IVH

Charles (Chuck) Newton joined the Veterans' Home at Quincy on Dec. 18, 2023 as its new administrator.

With more than 35 years of experience in senior living, Newton has worked to improve the quality of life for seniors through his service in communities dedicated to the mission of caring. He has worked in a variety of organizations throughout the state, including Good Samaritan Home in Quincy.

"Through his leadership, the home will continue delivering high-quality, individual, compassionate care while also carrying out the final phases of the transformative construction project. Chuck brings experience, understanding, and dedication to the Veterans' Home at Quincy," IDVA Director Terry Prince said.

Newton and his wife, Lea, have two children and two grandchildren. He lives in Quincy. He enjoys auto mechanics, travel and the opportunity to spend time with his family. Welcome to IVHQ, Chuck!



Chuck Newton

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## RED, BITE AND BLUE

Niemann's, a grocery store in Quincy, set up more than 2,000 decorated cupcakes to make a beautiful flag display in the store. Cupcakes were sold during the July 4 weekend. From left, Somerville residents Jeff Carnahan, Richard Fisher and James Elkins, along with Director of Activities Sara Colgrove, were at the store to greet customers and assist with packaging cupcakes for purchase.





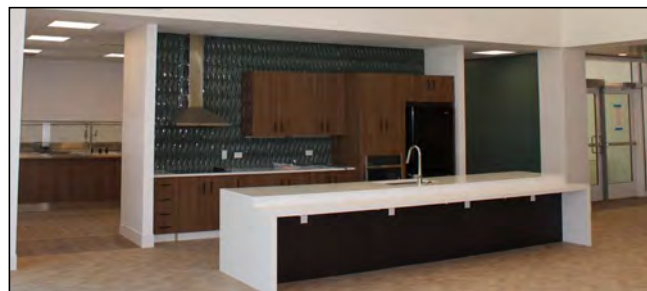
# DOMICILIARY

## Progress made on two new IVHQ buildings

Work is wrapping up on the new domiciliary both inside and out. We will be punch-listing this building in September. We anticipate taking possession of this building in late December 2024 or January 2025. This building is an 80-bed unit with studio apartments and single bedroom apartments.

This new building will provide many amenities for our residents such as individual kitchenettes (with refrigerator, freezer, microwave, sink and cabinets), walk-in showers, built-in closets, fully furnished rooms and individual thermostat heating and cooling control, just like at home.

Other amenities in this building will be resident laundry rooms, storage areas, lighting controls, beautiful common spaces, buffet dining and outdoor verandas. Be on the lookout for defined dates as completion nears.





# LONG-TERM CARE



The lion's share of the construction staff is now working on this building to bring it to completion by mid-2025. This building is a 210-room skilled care unit. Wings A, D and E are the most complete areas of the building. These areas are on the north end of the massive structure. This building has numerous room and care amenities with private rooms, oversized rooms for married couples and bariatric rooms. The building features walk-in showers, bathing spas, two-way communication nurse call system, overhead lifts, sliding doors to private bathrooms, vinyl tile floors, swing-down assist bars at commodes and large TVs in every room. Common area amenities are a chapel, movie theater, pub, café, large activity rooms, barber and beauty shop, buffet dining for both indoor and outdoor seating, sheltered courtyards, outdoor verandas and climate controlled access to our Multi-Therapy building that offers a swimming pool and several clinics. Partial occupancy in this building is anticipated in spring 2025.

# MUDDY RIVER GEMS



Muddy River Gems shines a spotlight on area attractions every month, and the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy was featured in June 2024. A group gathered with host Mark McDonald and videographer Randy Phillips to tour the \$230 million construction project.

The state-of-the-art construction in nursing home design is the largest project ever done by Illinois' Capital Development Board to date. IDVA Director Terry Prince said that once the work is completed, "the Quincy home will be the newest, most modern veterans home in America."

Somerville resident Jeff Carnahan was interviewed in the story as well as Chief Engineer Dave Clifford, Administrator Chuck Newton, Chris MacGibbon from the Capital Development Board, Alberici Constructors Senior Project Manager Austin Davis and Prince.

Enormous progress has been made since this was filmed. Anticipation continues to grow as we move toward occupancy of the new buildings later this year and in 2025.

To watch this segment and get a birds-eye view of our campus and the footprint of the new buildings, visit the Muddy River News website ([muddyrivernews.com](http://muddyrivernews.com)) and search for Muddy River Gems/Illinois Veterans Home.



# EASY RIDERS



Residents enjoyed a visit from the American Legion Post 32 Riders in July. It was fun to see the motorcycles up close and visit with the riders. Michael Lee presented Sara Colgrove with a donation to the Activity Fund during their visit (below right).



# WELCOME TO THE ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME AT QUINCY

(April 2023 through Aug. 31, 2024)



**Paul Altgilbers**  
From Quincy  
Peace Time  
Army Veteran



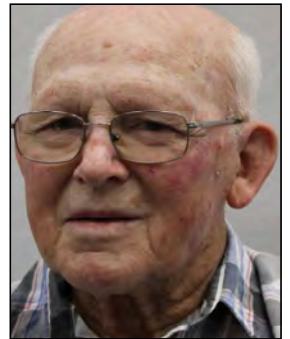
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From Hannibal, Mo.  
Veteran Spouse



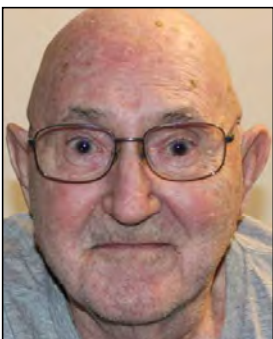
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Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



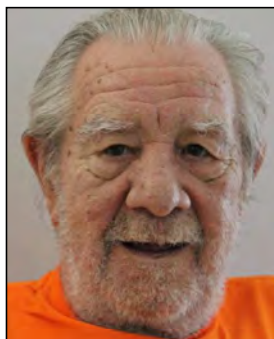
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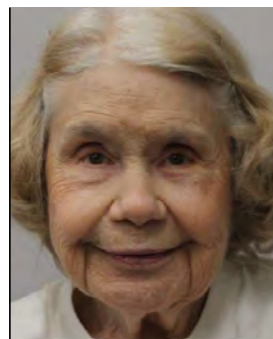
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Army Veteran



**Sonny Barnes**  
From Quincy  
Korean War/Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran



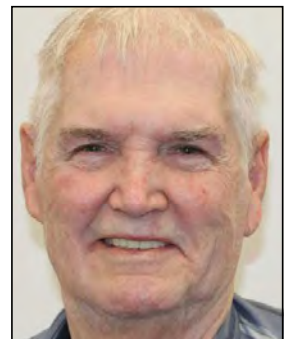
**Larry "Skip" Black**  
From Oreana  
Vietnam War  
Marine Corps Veteran



**Dorothy Brinton**  
From Galesburg  
Veteran Spouse



**Sylvia Brocksieck**  
From Quincy  
Veteran Spouse



**Roger Brown**  
From Macomb  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran

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Korean War  
Marine Corps Veteran



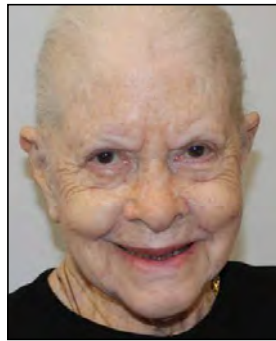
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Navy Veteran



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Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



**Jerry Buffington**  
From Mendon  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



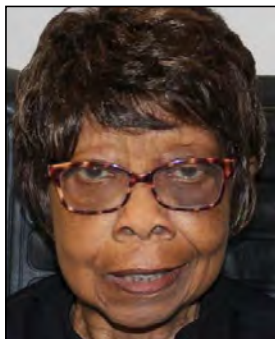
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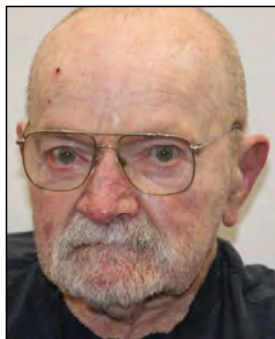
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Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



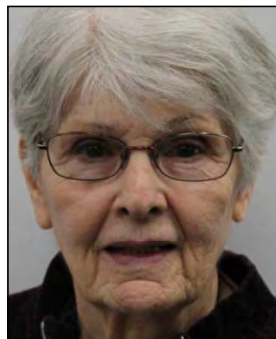
**Bobby Bynum**  
From Manteno  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



**Lovetta Bynum**  
From Manteno  
Veteran Spouse



**Billy Cadwallader**  
From Quincy  
Peacetime  
Army Veteran



**Gail Campbell**  
From Pittsfield  
Peacetime  
Navy Veteran



**Bob Chumley**  
From Jacksonville  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



**Charles Colgrove**  
From Hull  
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Navy Veteran



**Don Crabtree**  
From Glen Carbon  
Korean War  
Army Veteran

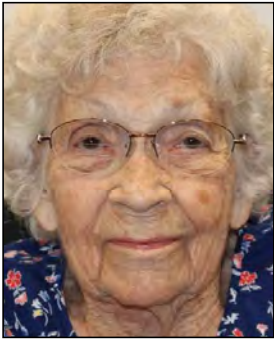


**Charlie Crim**  
From Quincy  
Korean War  
Army Veteran



**Bob Cross**  
From Barry  
Korean War  
Army Veteran

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**Marge Cross**  
From Barry  
Veteran Spouse



**Robert "Toot" Ewalt**  
From Quincy  
Peacetime  
Navy Veteran



**Ronald Farmer**  
From Jacksonville  
Vietnam War  
Marine Corps Veteran



**Cameron Ferguson**  
From Forsyth  
Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



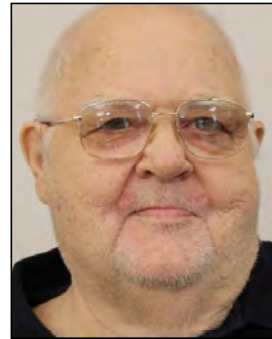
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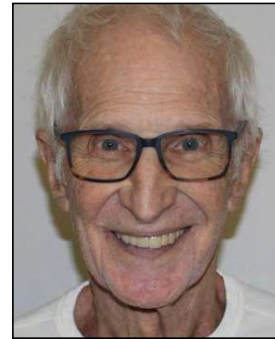
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Army Veteran



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Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



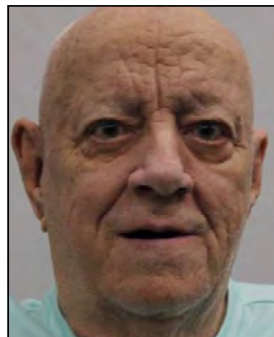
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Coast Guard Veteran



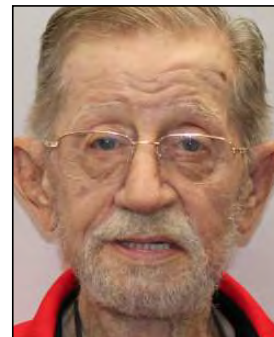
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Navy Veteran



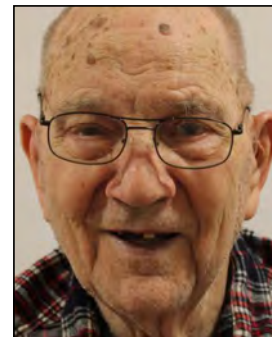
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Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



**Don Heeger**  
From Quincy  
Peacetime  
Army Veteran



**Terry Hess**  
From Quincy  
Peacetime  
Army Veteran



**Zach Hooker**  
From Griggsville  
Korean War  
Army Veteran



**Jerry Hughes**  
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Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran



**Dennie Hull**  
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Vietnam War  
Army Veteran

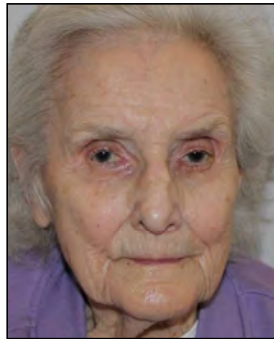
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Korean War  
Navy Veteran



**John Hymes**  
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Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



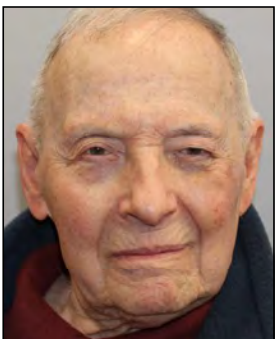
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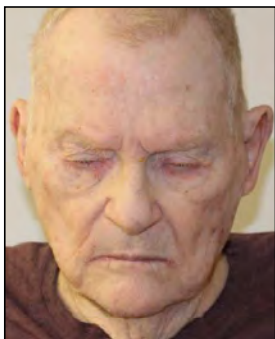
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Army Veteran



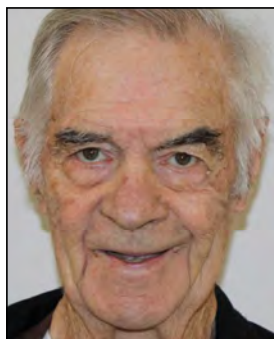
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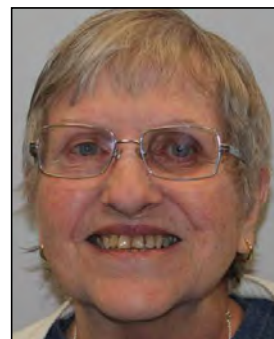
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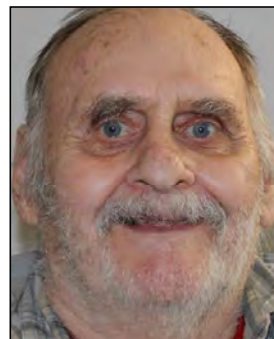
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Air Force Veteran



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From Serena  
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**Vicki Kurtz**  
From Quincy  
Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



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Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran



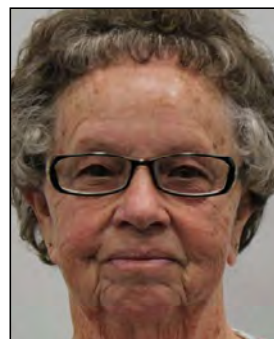
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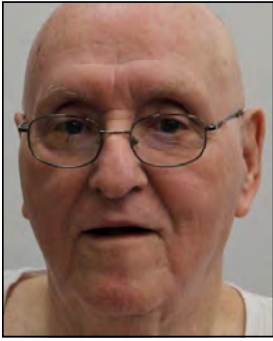


**David Marshall**  
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Persian Gulf  
Air Force Veteran



**Anna McDonald**  
From New Canton  
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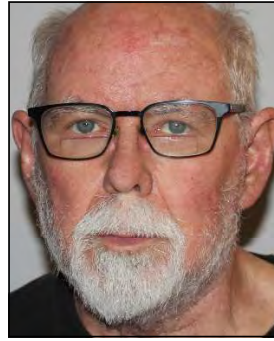
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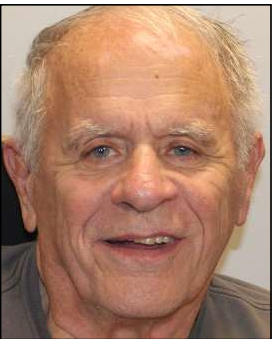
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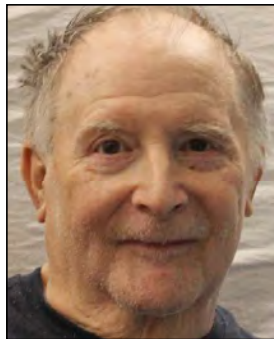
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Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



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Peacetime  
Army Veteran



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Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



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Persian Gulf War  
Air Force Veteran



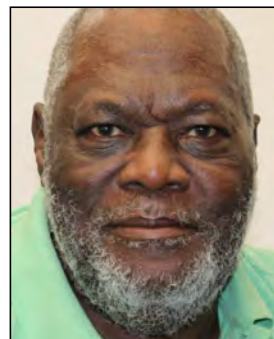
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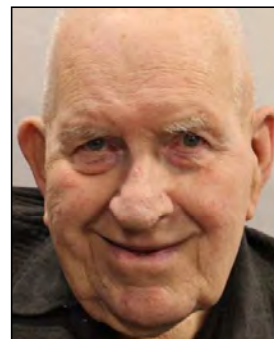
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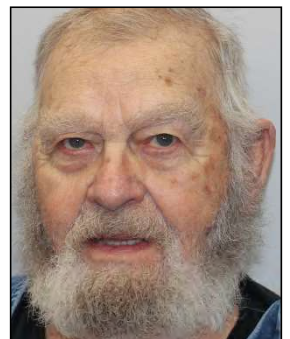
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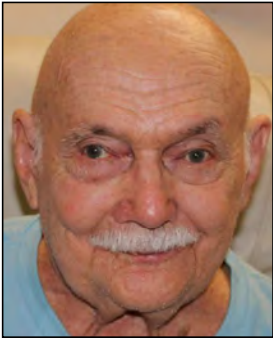


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Army Veteran



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From Mount Olive  
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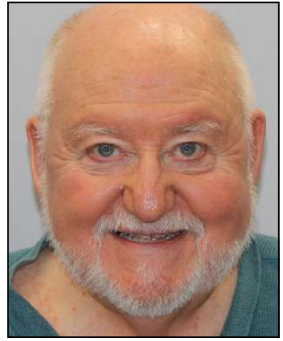
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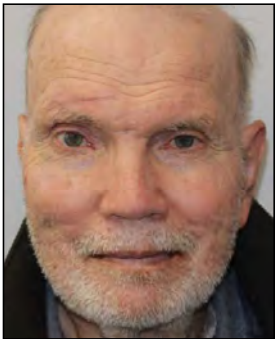
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Army Veteran



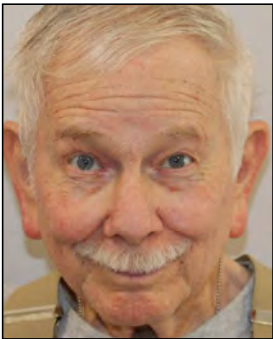
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Air Force Veteran



**Phyllis Self**  
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**Tom Shafer**  
From Glendale Heights  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran



**Jim Shank**  
From Macomb  
Vietnam War  
Air Force Veteran



**John Slattery III**  
From Orland Park  
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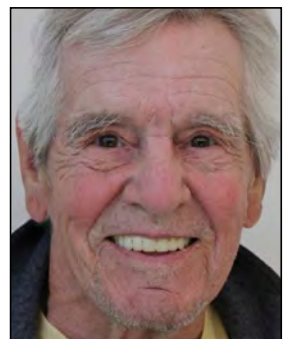
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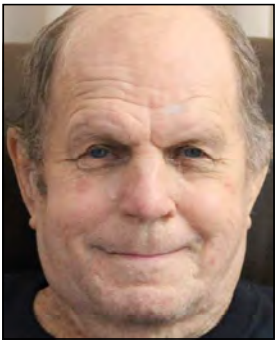


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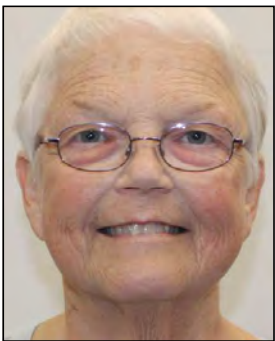
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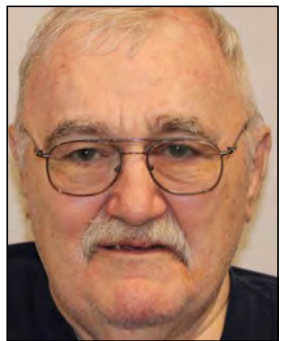
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Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran



**Rodney Wolkitt**  
From Quincy  
Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran



**Damian Wuellner**  
From Alton  
Persian Gulf War  
Army Veteran



**Frank York**  
From Rockport  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran

# EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

(April 2023 through August 2024)



**Laura Akers**  
Nursing  
39 years



**Bridgette Randall**  
Medical Billing  
38 years



**Deanna Marshall**  
Activities  
35 years



**Ivan Hicks**  
Dietary  
32 years



**John Koettters**  
Nursing  
31 years

## 20-Plus Years

Terri Clayton	Nursing	24
Michelle Daugherty	Nursing	24
Mary Day	Nursing	24
Jerrilyn Mason	Pharmacy	24
John Frank	Facilities	24
June Newbold	Laundry	24
Greta Frankel	Social Services	23
Laura Williams	Nursing	23
Kathy Bernard	Activities	23
Deb Carnes	Nursing	23
Janet Llewellyn	Dietary	23
Darin Lefringhouse	Housekeeping	23
Valerie Klement	Nursing	22
Lisa Curry	Dietary	22
Kristen Westerheide	Nursing	22
Rob Johnston	Facilities	22
Shelly Watson	Dietary	22
Carrie Veile	Laundry	22
Chris Dever	Housekeeping	22
Chad Jackson	Truck Garage	22
Scott Alberts	Activities	22
Sara Colgrove	Activities	21
Rebecca Bockhold	Nursing	21
Rebecca Davis	Nursing	21
Robin Sonethongkham	Nursing	21
James Hayes	Dietary	21



**Kelvin Roberts**  
Social Services  
29 years



**Deanna Lefringhouse**  
Housekeeping  
28 years



**Chris Arguello**  
Security  
28 years

Lisa Allen	Health Information	21
Jo Jackson	Nursing	21
Sara Deege	Nursing	21
Holly Perrine	Nursing	21
Scott Sohn	Dietary	21
Russ Whitaker	Laundry	21
Nicole McLaughlin	General Store	21
Cynthia Rees	Nursing	20
Chad Ballinger	Truck Garage	20
Tammy Sullivan	Nursing	20
Judy Smith	Dietary	20

# WORK ANNIVERSARIES | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024

## 15 Years

Barbara Risley	Nursing	16
Jeremy Hoelscher	Security	16
Ronda Rehfeldt	Housekeeping	16
Amanda Bunch	Member Services	16
Michelle Albert	Nursing	15
Jennifer Whitaker	Nursing	15
Teresa Allensworth	Medical Services	15
Brooke Thomas	Nursing	15
Colette Douglas	Housekeeping	15
Bonnie Coffman	Physical Therapy	15
Candace Bell	Nursing	15
Tori Dameron	Nursing	15
Tamala Huston	Nursing	15



**Terry Goodwin**  
Laundry  
28 years



**Gayle Moulton**  
Nursing  
27 years



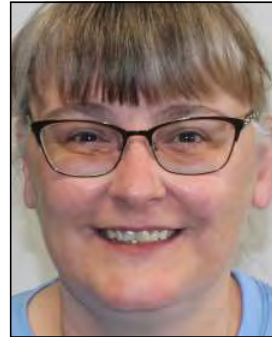
**Tracy Brown**  
Medical Billing  
27 years

## 10 Years

Cory Naderhoff	Facilities	11
Theresa Banner	Nursing	11
Sierra Burcham	Human Resources	11
Lacey Chontal	Nursing	10
Marikkia Velez	Activities	10
Summer Prenger	General Store	10
Sandra Binger	Switchboard	10
Madeline Jezierski	Nursing	10
Jennifer Hudelson	Nursing	10
Kelsey Miller	Nursing	10
Jon Kammerer	Nursing	10
Sandra Nelson	Nursing	10
Amy Sandidge	Physical Therapy	10
Amanda Tournear	Nursing	10
Crystal Young	Nursing	10
Mary Hoelscher	Housekeeping	10
Julius Young	Dietary	10
Barbara Christy	Nursing	10
Elisabeth Rockhold	Nursing	10
Joshua Cisneros	Nursing	10
Margaret Schuermann	Nursing	10
David Batterton	Housekeeping	10
Russell Robinson	Truck Garage	10
Valerie Adams	Switchboard	10
Ken Barner	Truck Garage	10
Jeff Campbell	Security	10
Denise Thoenen	Nursing	10
Beverly McPike	Housekeeping	10
Jessica McDermott	Nursing	10
Jonita Brunier	Nursing	10
Gail Harrison	Nursing	10
Teghan Lee	Nursing	10



**Chad Roberts**  
Facilities  
27 years



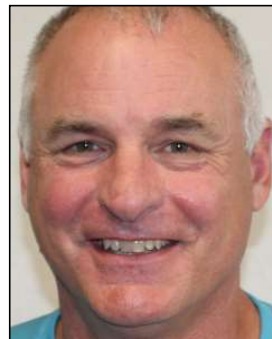
**Paula Goodwin**  
Nursing  
27 years



**Angie Strang**  
Nursing  
26 years



**Jim Muldoon**  
Social Services  
26 years



**Doug Campbell**  
Carpenter  
26 years



**Toni Bernard**  
Nursing  
26 years

## WORK ANNIVERSARIES | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024



**Lynda Melton**  
Nursing  
25 years



**Michelle Hincks**  
Housekeeping  
25 years



**Angie Bevans**  
Nursing  
25 years



**Lorri Booth**  
Nursing  
25 years



**Lou Milhauser**  
Nursing  
25 years



**Mike Bevans**  
Facilities  
25 years



**Chuck Klingele**  
Facilities  
25 years

### 5 Years

Luke Gittings	Pharmacy	6
Amy Haley	Nursing	6
Tonya Mosley	Nursing	6
Brianna Risley	Nursing	6
Denesa Smith	Nursing	6
Carl Maple	Pharmacy	6
Susan Christner	Administration	6
Rob Edwards	Electrician	6
Scott Witt	Housekeeping	6
Albert Brocksieck	Dietary	5
Laura Anderson	Nursing	5
Tiffany Ellis	Nursing	5
Linda Garner	Nursing	5
Zack Perrine	Nursing	5
Brenna Zanger	Dietician	5
Sidney Sutton	Nursing	5
Amanda Beswick	Nursing	5
April Gallaher	Nursing	5
Maarja Hasse	PT	5
CJ Crow	Dietary	5
Randy McClelland	Dietary	5
Larry Bugh	Facilities	5
Darien Burcham	General Store	5
Amanda Hubner	Medical Staff	5
Alan Sparrow	Dietary	5
Autumn England	Nursing	5
Tara Smith	Nursing	5
Alberta Johnson	Nursing	5
Lora Stolte	Nursing	5
Judge Cobern	Security	5
Eric Couchman	Dietary	5

# NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

(from April 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024)



**Brandon Baker**  
Dietary  
5/1/24



**Bayland Barnes**  
Dietary  
8/1/24



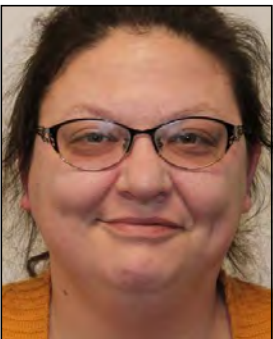
**Tina Bland**  
Dietary  
2/16/24



**Kyle Brigman**  
Dietary  
2/16/24



**Michelle Brocksieck**  
Nursing  
7/6/23



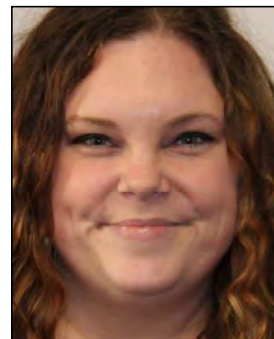
**Jennifer Brown**  
Dietary  
2/16/24



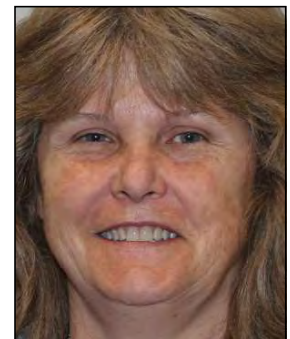
**Jen Cassens**  
Nursing  
6/26/23



**Tanner Cox**  
Dietary  
6/17/24



**Rheagan DeVerger**  
Nursing  
1/2/24



**Stacey Dierker**  
Nursing  
9/25/23

**NEW EMPLOYEES | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024**

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**Destiny Dolbeare**  
Dietary  
4/3/23



**Brandon Echavarry**  
Nursing  
3/18/24



**Mika Gravitt**  
Nursing  
2/1/24



**Diana Harris**  
Nursing  
4/1/24



**Aryn Hills**  
Dietary  
5/2/23



**Drew Hutmacher**  
Dietary  
8/1/23



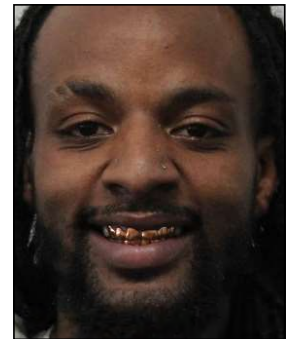
**Emily Kiple**  
Nursing  
7/6/23



**Cindy Klingele**  
Housekeeping  
3/28/23



**Qinghui Liu**  
Nursing  
7/18/23



**Ronnie McKenzie**  
Nursing  
4/26/24



**Kayla McNary**  
Dietary  
8/16/24



**Suzanne Mittermeyer**  
Nursing  
4/1/24



**Rebekah Mowen**  
Nursing  
12/18/23



**Stacey Mulch**  
Dietary  
8/1/24

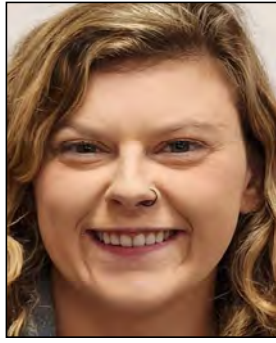


**Chuck Newton**  
Administration  
12/18/23

## NEW EMPLOYEES: THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024



**Deanna Oitker**  
Nursing  
6/16/23



**Kasey Osment**  
Dietary  
8/1/23



**Chanel-Charrise Palmer**  
Nursing  
8/16/24



**Melony Parsons**  
Dietary  
8/1/24



**Dr. Phillip Pawson**  
Physician  
5/16/24



**Keagan Pontecorvo**  
Nursing  
2/16/24



**Stormi Schultz**  
Nursing  
2/1/24



**Tony Spilker**  
Dietary  
10/2/23



**Patty Spillman**  
Dietary  
8/1/23



**Tyler Streeter**  
Nursing  
8/29/23



**Milina Talton**  
Dietary  
8/1/24



**Tracy Womack**  
Painter  
12/18/23



**Thomeisha Woodson-El**  
Dietary  
8/1/24

# **THE BEST OF THE BEST**

**(from April 2023 through August 2024)**



**April 2023  
Jonita Brunier  
Nursing**



**May 2023  
Lisa Bohan  
Nursing  
Nurse of the Year**



**June 2023  
Denise Smith  
Nursing  
CNA of the Year**



**July 2023  
Tiffany Seaver  
Medical Staff Office**



**August 2023  
Lexi White  
Nursing**



**September 2023  
Kayla Crabtree  
Nursing**



**October 2023  
Linn Dingerson  
Nursing**



**November 2023  
Heidi Ludwig  
Medical Staff**



**December 2023  
Julius Young  
Dietary**



**January 2024  
Mandy Curfman  
Nursing**

## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH / UPCOMING EVENTS | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024



February 2024  
Kathy Bernard  
Activities



March 2024  
Zack Perrine  
Nursing



April 2024  
Byron Saathoff  
Banker



May 2024  
Michele Hogan  
Nursing  
Nurse of the Year



June 2024  
Amanda Tournear  
Nursing



July 2024  
Resty McDonald  
Nursing  
CNA of the Year



August 2024  
Janet Llewellyn  
Dietician

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

### **November 9**

Quincy Veterans Day Parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Quincy and at the home at 1 p.m.

### **November 11**

Veterans Day Program at Lip-pincott Hall at 10 a.m. Keynote speaker - Brian Canfield. Music

by Quincy High School Marching Band. Rifle salute and Taps by American Legion Post 37.

### **December 4**

American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop. Residents can select a \$10 gift card to be sent to a loved one as a Christmas gift.

### **December 12**

Resident & Family Christmas Party. 2 p.m. at each unit. Hot cocoa bar with sweet and salty snacks. Santa will be here to deliver gifts to residents. Musical entertainment.

# HANGING UP THEIR HATS

(from April 2023 through August 2024)



Evelyn Mustread retired April 1, 2023, from nursing after 11 years



Dr. Dave Hirstius retired May 31, 2023, as a physician after 18 years



Paul McIntosh retired July 31, 2023 from house-keeping after 20 years



Becky Hartley retired Aug. 31, 2023 from nursing after 22 years



Doug Mason retired Aug. 31, 2023 from security after 30 years



Brad Gibson retired Sept. 30, 2023, from Medicare billing after 36 years



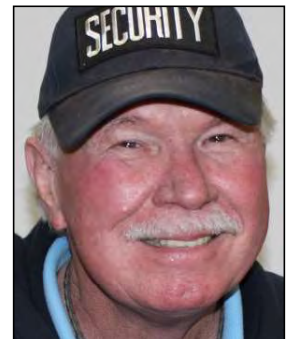
Darla Ingels retired Oct. 31, 2023 from dietary after 10 years



Rick Gengenbacher retired Nov. 30, 2023, as adjutant after 33 years



Vicky Zanger retired Dec. 31, 2023, from activities after 26 years



Don Lohmeyer retired Dec. 31, 2023, from security after 15 years



Rene Orr retired Jan. 31, 2024 from dietary after 21 years



Cindy Root retired Jan. 31, 2024, from social services after 9 years

## RETIREMENTS | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024



Rebecca Mitchell retired Feb. 29, 2024 from nursing after 30 years



Marcie Watson retired Feb. 29, 2024, from laundry after 23 years



Connie Deming retired Feb. 29, 2024, from nursing after 28 years



Renee Glass retired Feb. 29, 2024, from nursing after 19 years



Lisa Wand retired March 31, 2024, from human resources after 20 years



Lori Zimmerman retired March 31, 2024, from nursing after 23 years



Troy Sheffler retired March 31, 2024, from facilities after 20 years



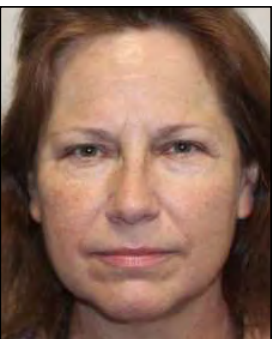
Gloria Fulk retired April 30, 2024, from house-keeping after 10 years



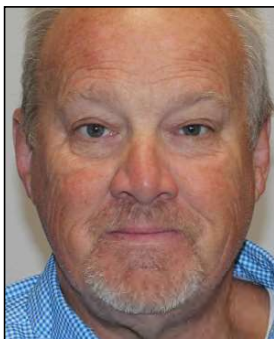
Richard Tournear retired May 1, 2024, from house-keeping after 21 years



Tammy Marshall retired May 31, 2024, from house-keeping after 23 years



Cathy Baucom retired May 31, 2024, from nursing after 24 years



Byron Saathoff retired June 30, 2024, from banking after 36 years



Chris Tipton retired July 31, 2024, from the General Store after 23 years



Stacy Trautvetter retired July 31, 2024, from nursing after 30 years



Tawnya Tenhouse retired July 31, 2024, from laundry after 33 years

# SPECIAL SQUADRON



October 2023 brought a fun exhibit to the Quincy Regional Airport. Several residents were able to enjoy the Tuskegee Airmen display. The traveling exhibit has a 53-foot mobile theater to tell the stories of the men and women who served in this squadron. The highlight of the display is a fully restored P-51C Mustang aircraft flown by the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

**TUSKEGEE AIRMEN | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024**



# FIRING UP THE GRILL



The American Legion District 15 Past Commanders Picnic was held in July. Thank you to all who provided this delicious picnic lunch. The menu consisted of grilled hamburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh tomatoes, cake and ice cream.



# BAITING THE HOOK



Fishing For Freedom was held at Lake Illinois in June. It was perfect weather since the rain stopped just in time for fishing to begin. Thirty-nine residents fished in the event, and more than 60 fish were caught. Congratulations to Markword 1 residents who caught the most fish. They will display the traveling fishing trophy again for the next year.



# WALK THE TALK



The Quincy Veterans Home float took home the Mayor's Award at the Dogwood Festival parade in May. Thanks to all who worked on the float and participated in the parade.

# HAND OVER HEART



A beautiful American flag was displayed at Sunset Cemetery for the funeral services of local Marine Corps veteran Jerry Stoddard in November.

# READY TO MOVE IN

A great group of female veterans are residing in the cottages and are really looking forward to moving into the new building.

From left are Violet Connoyer, U.S. Army veteran; Betty Shankman Smith, U.S. Navy veteran; and Vicki Kurtz, U.S. Air Force veteran.

Seated is Carol Jardine, U.S. Navy veteran.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

(from April 2023 to August 2024)

## DONATIONS for ACTIVITIES

Amvets Ladies Auxiliary Unit 169,  
\$358.30

American Legion Auxiliary Wil-  
liamsfield Unit 371, \$600

George Herendeen Estate, \$1,000  
Abraham Lincoln Chapter NSDAR,  
\$50

Adams County American Legion  
Council, \$400

American Legion Auxiliary District  
22, \$475

American Legion Auxiliary 1236,  
\$500

American Legion Department of  
Illinois, \$300

American Legion, Central Park Post  
1028, \$100

American Legion, Eliza Roberts  
Baldwin's, \$200

Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 169,  
\$338.96

Marshall Ayers & Dick Nash, \$100  
Bank of Springfield, \$375

Bethany United Church of Christ,  
\$200

Bethel Assembly of God Church,  
\$100

Bethel Men of Valor Group, \$100

Bowlers to Veterans, \$1059.20

Alan & Deborah Brackensick, \$200

Bruce Crawford, \$50

Business Office Coffee Money, \$5

Daughters of the American Revolu-  
tion Decatur Chapter, \$500

Daughters of the American Revolu-  
tion Hillsboro Chapter, \$500

Daughters of the American Revolu-  
tion Waterloo Chapter, \$200

Daughters of Union Veterans of the  
Civil War 1861-1865 Illinois, \$182

Disabled American Veterans Post  
9545, \$500

Disabled American Veterans #60  
McLean, \$1,000

Martin Doherty, \$1,000

Elks National Veterans Service Com-  
mission, \$300

First Christian Church, \$100

Floyd & Diane Alexander, \$300

Friends of the Anna Veterans Home,  
\$10,177.14

Glenda Hackemack, \$3,500

Harrison Pub (Rob & Cheryl Beebe),  
\$4,427.50

Larry & Joyce Hasler, \$100

Health Care Service Corporation,  
\$2,000

Stanley & Kay Jenks, \$50

Joseph Gallaher, \$700

Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg,  
\$100

Lutheran Women's League, \$10

Marrs-Meyer Auxiliary Unit #991,  
\$1,000

McHenry County Marine Corps  
League, \$500

Memorial Gerald Hackemack, \$395

Memorial Glen Allison, \$30

Memorial Anita Laaker, \$1,230

Memorial Audrey Egerton, \$605

Memorial Brian Lee Caley, \$415

Memorial Richard Fernandes, \$580

Memorial Don Gall, \$255

Memorial Charles Grider, \$100.39

Memorial George Harris, \$10

Memorial Jiggs & Mariellen  
Hermes, \$500

Memorial Richard Hess, \$270

Memorial Pat Hoskins, \$215

Memorial Albert "Abe" Huber, \$475

Memorial William Ishmael, \$500

Memorial David Jansen, \$180

Memorial Charles "Shorty"

Kirchner, \$740

Memorial Thomas Meleski, \$875

Memorial Patty Willard, \$120

Memorial Glenn Raines, \$10

Memorial Charlie & Carol Reddick,  
\$2,010

Memorial Donna Rischar, \$330

Memorial Ronald Morrison, \$476

Memorial Gale Roosa, \$1,395

Memorial Terry Schaffnit, \$10

Memorial Eva Wellman, \$500

Memorial James Jacobs, \$1,010

Memorial Bob Keller, \$25

Memorial Eino Rauman, \$365

Memorial Jim Atkins, \$545

Memorial Robert & Kathy Bolte,  
\$200

Memorial Herschel Carl Enloe, \$220

Memorial Verna Felker, \$20

Memorial Miller Foster, \$200

Memorial Jack Gustison, \$1,070

Memorial Marvin Hufford, \$390

Memorial Shirley Marold, \$160

Memorial John Maxwell, \$725

Memorial Ron Morrison, \$25

Memorial Larry Mosley, \$20

Memorial Alice Obert, \$25

Memorial Jule Peck, \$440

Memorial Martha Reich, \$100

Memorial Herman "Fred" Reinking,  
\$410

Memorial Pat Robinson, \$925

Memorial Robert Sassman, \$310

Memorial John Schlueter, \$325

Memorial Don & Norma Seward,  
\$410

Memorial Bobby Tipton, \$165

Memorial Wayne Walbring, \$1,185

Memorial Bill Wilcox, \$50

Memorial William Wiseman, \$100

Memorial Virginia Williams, \$1000

Brandan Volk, \$250

Wanda O'Hara, \$1000

Williamsfield American Legion Post  
#371, \$400

Floyd & Diane Alexander, \$1,400

Alter Metal, \$178.50

American Legion Auxiliary, \$500

American Legion Auxiliary Bishop  
Post #1, \$500

American Legion Auxiliary

Bloomington, \$500

American Legion Auxiliary Post  
278, \$150

## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125, \$100  
 American Legion Riders Chapter 32, \$450  
 American Legion Peoria Post 2, \$4,000  
 American Legion Post 1048, \$1,000  
 AmVets Post 104, \$70  
 Anonymous Donations, \$5,183  
 Atkinson's Women's Organization Club, \$100  
 Martha Beck, \$100  
 Betty & Lorie Turner, \$80  
 Connie Bottorff, \$50  
 Gunnar & Kimberly Caster, \$207  
 Robert Comfort, \$9.65  
 Daughters of the American Revolution Nancy Ross Chapter, \$500  
 Robert DeBerard, \$312  
 Gary & Beverly Delong, \$200  
 Department of IL VFW Auxiliary Somonauk, \$345.12  
 Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary Chicago, \$300  
 State of IL VFW Auxiliary Quincy, \$400.15  
 Marilyn Downs, \$25  
 Eldred American Legion Auxiliary Post 1135, \$1,402.04  
 First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, \$100  
 Larry Fleck, \$50  
 Friends of the McHenry Public Library, \$500  
 Joseph Gallaher, \$700  
 Thea & Alex Gengenbacher, \$40  
 David Goodwin, \$17,768  
 Grace Whipple Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #312, \$700  
 Hardin's Sorority Ladies, \$150  
 Jacksonville Emblem Club 467, \$100  
 Mavis Knowles, \$50  
 Marine League Department of Illinois, \$350  
 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Elijah Smith Chapter, \$550  
 Niemann Foods, \$3,100  
 Niemann Foods Cupcake Benefit, \$1,050  
 Polish Legion of American Veterans Dept of IL, \$100  
 Polish Legion of American Veterans Unity in Heritage, \$100  
 E.J. & Darla Pullins, \$50  
 Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, \$100  
 Quincy Table Tennis Club, \$400  
 Ted Ridder, Author Book Proceeds,

\$248.87  
 Betty Shankman Smith, \$70  
 St. Dominic School, \$58  
 Beth Stambaugh, \$20  
 George & Shirley Thielbar, \$50  
 John Verson, \$500  
 Veterans Foundation of Illinois, \$2,888  
 Veterans Foundations of IL Springfield, \$113  
 Veterans Of Foreign Wars, \$500  
 Veterans United Constructors, River City & Alberici, \$3,400  
 VFW Post 5691, \$710  
 West Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades, \$500  
 R.L. & Pamela Wheeler, \$25  
 James & Marilyn Wort, \$100

### DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS & CHRISTMAS PARTY

American Legion Edwin Corpin Post 905, \$2,500  
 Anonymous Donations, \$1,055  
 Chad Ballinger, \$30  
 Karen Bohnstedt, \$20  
 Hubert & Rose Craven, \$50  
 Rick & Kathy Curfman, \$20  
 Daughters of the American Revolution Dorothy Chapter Quincy, \$50  
 Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33, \$750  
 Carol Drzewicki, \$100  
 Ray & Bonnie Fitch, \$100  
 John Hoy, \$100  
 Illinois National 4th Infantry Division Association, \$100  
 Deborah Lambeth, \$20  
 Marcy Lyons, \$10  
 Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 138, \$250  
 Bradford & Peggy Miracle, \$30  
 National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 216, \$1,000  
 Wanda O'Hara, \$50  
 Randy & Laura Peterson, \$100  
 James Ponsot, \$15  
 Christmas Dinner Donations, \$75  
 VFW Quincy Post 5129, \$200  
 VFW U.S. Grant Post 2665, Galena IL, \$1,000  
 Linda Wackher & Carol Drzewicki, \$130  
 Polish Legion of American Veterans Dept of IL, \$100  
 John Vernon & Family, \$100  
 AmVets Post 94, \$400  
 B.P.O. Elks Macomb Lodge 1009, \$1,000

Daughters of the American Revolution Spoon River Chapter, \$225  
 Elks National Veterans Service Commission, \$2,100  
 Elks National Veterans Service Commission Quincy, \$300  
 Illinois Elks Association West Central District, \$500  
 Lynn & Connie Jacobs, \$200  
 Mary Blickhan, \$60  
 Memorial Miller & Foster, \$200  
 Military Order of Purple Heart, \$250  
 Darrel Mink, \$450  
 Q-City Square Dance Club, \$200  
 Veterans Of Foreign Wars 8th District, \$150  
 Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 2061, \$400  
 Wanda O'Hara, \$100

### DONATIONS for MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY PICNIC

Robert & Linda Bailey, \$20  
 Randy & Laura Peterson, \$50  
 Diane Zalazinski, \$100  
 Bradford & Peggy Miracle, \$25  
 Linda Smith, \$25  
 Roderick & Kathy Humphry, \$40  
 Carol Kirchner, \$25  
 Darrel Mink, \$250  
 Donnie McDonald Trucking, \$75  
 Eva Adele, \$500  
 Memorial Day Picnic Donations, \$1729.09  
 Nancy Hall, \$40  
 Anonymous, \$500  
 Vernon & Robert Reich, \$50

### DONATIONS for ALL-WARS MUSEUM

All-Wars Museum Donation Jar, \$589.17  
 Private Joe Golf Fundraiser, \$2,260.20  
 Charles Vespa, \$1,000

### DONATIONS for LUCYNT GAMING SYSTEM/PROJECTOR

Adams County Democratic Central Committee, \$100  
 Int'l Assoc. of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Trans Workers Local 91, \$1,000  
 Int'l Assn of Bridge, Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers Local 46, \$100  
 Iron Workers Local 577, \$250  
 Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25, \$5,500  
 Veterans United Constructors, River

# CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED / ADVISORY COUNCIL | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024

City & Alberici, \$7,745

## **DONATIONS for The BUGLE**

Adams County 40 and 8, Voiture #255, \$184.29  
Gerald Mast, \$100  
John & Marie Baumgartner, \$25  
Louise Seaver, \$25  
Lynn & Connie Jacobs, \$25  
Mark Blickhan, \$15  
Wanda O'Hara, \$100

Harvey & Luann Sloniger, \$100  
George & Shirley Thielbar, \$50

## **DONATIONS for UTILITY TASK VEHICLE**

Elks National Veterans Service Commission, \$2,400  
David Goodwin, \$21,500

## **DONATIONS for SPECIALTY PROJECTS**

Armed Forces Day Donations, \$1,115.10  
Disabled American Veterans Springfield Unit for Comfort Care, \$1,000  
Rotary Club of Quincy for the Library, \$750  
Williamsfield American Legion Auxiliary Unit 371 for Nordic Chair, \$400  
David Goodwin for Trees, \$680

# CONSTRUCTION TOUR



The Advisory Council met April 13, 2024, and enjoyed a tour of the new construction led by Chief Engineer Dave Clifford after the business meeting concluded. The council meets twice every year in April and October. We want to thank all the service organizations and people who sit on the Advisory Council. Their support of the home, and especially the support of our veterans, is valuable to the smooth operation and success of special events and projects at the home.



# EYES IN THE SKY



Residents enjoyed being outside sporting special glasses to view the Great North American Eclipse on April 8. Watch parties were held at all units, and activity staff members made sure it was a memorable event. Terry Prince, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, was on campus and enjoyed the viewing party with Fifer residents.

# IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME



The Centennial Celebration of the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy was on October 26, 1986, with the dedication of the Century Circle monument located at the end of the boulevard. The final project of the celebration was accomplished when all materials relating to the Centennial Year were on hand, and a time capsule was buried on April 11, 1987.

The Century Circle Monument and the

time capsule were temporarily removed this spring for construction of the boulevard roundabout. A crew from Keeley Construction excavated the time capsule, which saw the light of day for the first time in 37 years. The metal box was carefully removed from the cement pedestal that housed the time capsule and placed in the hands of Security Chief Mark Iseminger for safekeeping (see photo above).

When the roundabout was almost complete in September 2024, the time capsule was retrieved and carefully tucked back into the ground in the center of the roundabout. The Century Circle monument is again in place over the vault that holds the time capsule for another 62 years. It will be opened in October 2086, which will mark the 200th anniversary of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy.

# TIME CAPSULE | THE BUGLE OCTOBER 2024



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The time capsule was returned to the center of the roundabout in September 2024.



The Bugle cover from April 1987 shows Superintendent Richard "Hap" Northern and IDVA Director David Knox placing a time capsule into the ground during the home's Centennial Celebration.



# HORSIN' AROUND



The Mounted Patriots (Darla Pullins and Susie Weiss) rode into IVHQ in August on their paint horses, Fancy & Misty. Darla's father, Marvin Hufford, and Susie's parents, Charlie and Carol Reddick, were residents at the home. Everyone enjoyed the visit from the Mounted Patriots.





# DANCE PARTY



Residents celebrated Armed Forces Day with a picnic in the American Legion pavilion on May 17. Everyone enjoyed the food, music and fellowship. The hosts were the American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, VFW and VFW Auxiliary.





# LET FREEDOM RING



The Memorial Day Program and Family Picnic was held on May 24, 2024. Inclement weather dictated moving the program from a tent outside of Markword into Smith Hall, but it didn't dampen the patriotic spirit and meaningful program. Keynote speaker Jared Ogden, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a Navy SEAL veteran, shared powerful and emotional words with the standing room-only crowd. June Huff, a resident of Somerville, was assisted by Miss Gem City for the wreath laying ceremony in honor of her husband Bill Huff and all veterans. The American Legion Post 37 Color Guard presented and retired the colors, performed a rifle salute and played Taps. Music was provided by Back in the Saddle band, which led the crowd in singing Lee Greenwood's "Proud To Be An American" to close the program. The band continued to play during the picnic. Additional programs were held at Fifer, Schapers and Hammond Hall.



# THE ELEVENTH DAY

A meaningful Veterans Day program was held November 11, 2023, in Lippincott Hall. Rick Gengenbacher, adjutant of the home, was the master of ceremonies for this event, held just prior to his retirement after 33 years of employment at the home.

The keynote speaker was Vietnam-era Navy veteran Reg Ankrom. Musical selections were performed by the Quincy Notre Dame band and chorus. The crowd enjoyed the medley of Armed Forces service songs and proudly stood during the playing of the anthem for each branch of service. Vietnam War veteran resident Chuck Vespa led the wreath-laying ceremony. The program concluded with a rifle salute by the American Legion Post 37 Honor Guard and the touching melody of Taps played by bugler Jeff Schuecking.



# D-DAY MEMORIES



Enlistment photo

World War 2 Navy Veteran James Ponsot was interviewed by WGEM News to honor and remember the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Although James was not present on that fateful day in Normandy, France, he shared his remembrances of World War II.



# WINDOWS OF TIME



Librarian Bobbi Mock has created several beautiful, meaningful and fun window displays in Smith Hall throughout the year. At left is a Pearl Harbor remembrance, and at right is a Memorial Day display.



# OUR BUDDIES



The Buddy Program pairs fifth graders from St. Dominic School with Illinois Veterans Home residents for events such as sporting games, board games and making gingerbread houses. Events are held at the home for an hour once a month during the school year. The program concludes in May with a picnic at the American Legion Pavilion and fishing in Lake Illinois. The Quincy Service Club sponsors the Buddy Program and provides transportation to the home and refreshments. Residents enjoy spending time with the students and the relationships that form during the school year.



The Fall Carnival held outside Markword was a success and a fun event for residents and staff. Residents enjoyed games, prizes, treats and even a little dancing on a beautiful Friday afternoon.

# FALL FUN





The annual resident and family Christmas Party was held Dec. 15, 2023. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited each unit riding in the new Deuce and A Half UTV. A meal was served to residents and their guests. Games and entertainment were enjoyed, and each resident was given an IVHQ fleece jacket.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



# FLIGHTLESS FLIGHT



Ten residents took the trip of a lifetime in June on a Flightless Honor Flight in Lippincott Hall, thanks to the efforts of the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight from Springfield with assistance from the Great River Honor Flight in Quincy.

The event began with formal photographs of each veteran. A special program and video presentation showed footage from an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. Nine monuments were highlighted in the video. Everyone enjoyed seeing the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

After the video, mail call was done. Each veteran received a patriotic bag containing letters from family, staff and friends to honor their service and participation in the event. Refreshments were served, and each veteran was presented with a quilt and goody bag. The veterans were "welcomed home" as they returned to their units.



# IN GOOD HANDS



Above: From left, Chuck Newton, 2024 CNA of the Year and July Employee of the Month Resty McDonald and Julia Togarepi



Top left: 2023 CNA of the Year Denise Smith with Troy Culbertson.

Bottom left: 2024 Patty Goehl Award for Excellence in Nursing and May Employee of the Month Michele Hogan (holding plaque) with Terry Prince

Bottom: 2023 Patty Goehl Award for Excellence in Nursing and May Employee of the Month Lisa Bohan (holding plaque)



# JOBS WELL DONE



We want to give special recognition to each of these employees for over 30 years of service to the home. We wish them the best in retirement.

Stacy Trautvetter (holding plaque above) is pictured with family members who attended her retirement reception. She retired in July 2024 after more than 30 years at the home as the ward clerk in the Fifer building.

Byron Saathoff (right) is pictured with his wife Susie. He retired in June 2024 after more than 36 years of employment. He was the banker at the Illinois Veterans Home.

Rick Gengenbacher (far right) retired in November 2023 after 33 years of full-time employment at the home. He was the director of marketing for many years and retired as adjutant of the home.



# RESTING PLACE



Sunset Cemetery, which is as old as the Home itself, is beautifully decorated every Memorial Day with an American flag placed at every one of the more than 8,200 stones. Thank you to local Boy Scouts, American Legion members and individual volunteers for paying tribute to the veterans and family members who are laid to rest in Sunset Cemetery.

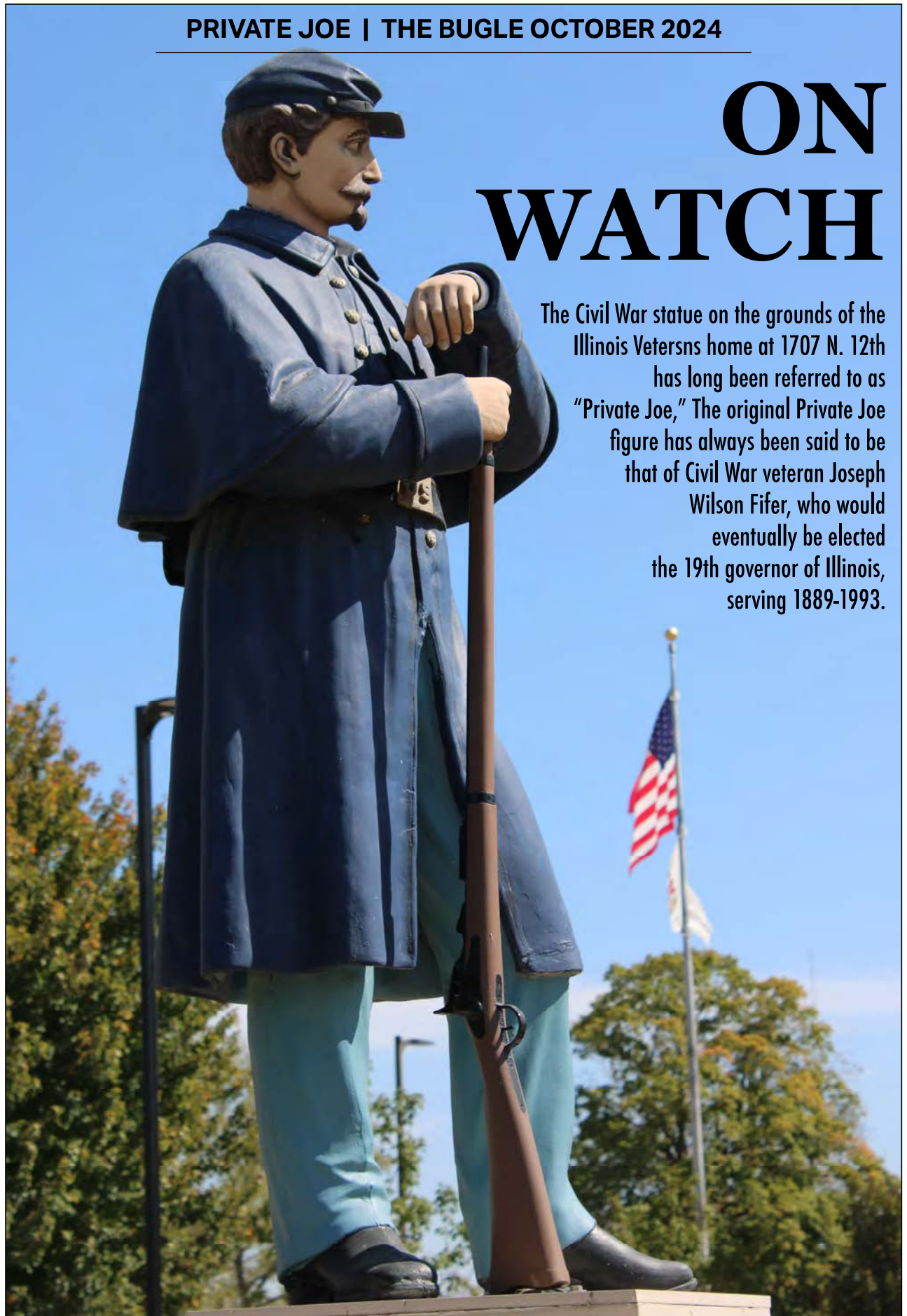


## REMEMBERING JOE

One month after celebrating his 100th birthday, World War II Army veteran Joe Wenskus toured the LST325 ship that travelled down the Mississippi River and made a stop in Hannibal, Mo. The LST325, a 328-foot long landing ship, was in the invasion at Omaha Beach on D-Day on June 6, 1944. Wenskus died a few months after this photo was taken.

# ON WATCH

The Civil War statue on the grounds of the Illinois Veterans home at 1707 N. 12th has long been referred to as "Private Joe." The original Private Joe figure has always been said to be that of Civil War veteran Joseph Wilson Fifer, who would eventually be elected the 19th governor of Illinois, serving 1889-1993.



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# DEUCE AND A HALF



The Quincy Veterans Home realized a dream coming true on Sept. 19, 2023, when a Deuce and a Half utility task vehicle (UTV) was delivered to the home. This vehicle was funded by donations from individuals and veteran service organizations. This vehicle, specially made for the home, can transport two electric wheelchairs plus additional passengers. The UTV was custom-built to look like a Deuce and a Half military transport vehicle. It allows staff to quickly load and transport residents in wheelchairs around campus in a fun and safe manner.