

# ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME AT QUINCY

*PROVIDING A HOME FOR VETERANS... OVER 130 YEARS STRONG!*

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## *2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY*

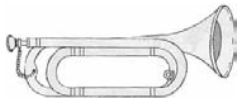
Pictured is Don O'Hara, Schapers A, with his wife, Wanda, daughter, Debbie O'Hara, and granddaughter, Amanda Oliver during the 2016 Resident and Family Christmas Party held on December 16th. Cold temperatures and the threat of snow kept attendance down but many families still attended the special event.

(See additional photos from the day starting on page #12.)

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Administrator  
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## Population Report

	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
WWII	71	3
WWII & Korea	7	0
Korea	88	5
WWII, Korea & Vietnam	2	0
Korea & Vietnam	2	0
Vietnam	87	4
Vietnam & Gulf	3	0
Gulf	5	1
Peace Time	38	0
Non-Veterans	0	61
<i>Total</i>	<b>303</b>	<b>74</b>
<i>Total Population</i>	<b>377</b>	

## Age Range Chart

	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
39 & Under	0	0
40-49	0	0
50-59	6	0
60-69	44	3
70-79	69	9
80-89	116	37
90-99	68	25
100 & Over	0	0

## Branch of Service Report

Air Force	40
Army	177
Coast Guard	2
Marine	28
Navy	75

★ These statistics were valid as of January 3, 2017

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# Administrator's Column

BY ADMINISTRATOR TROY CULBERTSON

As we close out 2016 and look forward to 2017, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the warm welcome I have been given as your new administrator. As we continue to open the doors of friendship, it is most remarkable to see the numerous activities and events throughout this campus in honor of these great Americans. I'd like to highlight a few of them that I have had the honor to see and in some cases take part in.

### TRI-STATE LUGNUTS ENDLESS CAR SHOW

For 17 years now, the Tri-State Lugnuts have conducted their Endless Summer Car Show on IVHQ grounds. September 11th marked my first show. Very impressive to say the least! Not only was the show great but the group came back on Veterans Day to present us with a check for \$4,435.64! Which means the Lugnuts have donated well in excess of \$90,000 in those 17 years. We are most grateful to the Lugnuts and look forward to their 18th annual show in 2017.

### 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOME

Though it rained just prior to the on grounds parade celebrating our 130th Anniversary on October 19th, we were able to successfully push the event back a day. The Quincy Notre Dame High School Marching Band participated in the parade, as did several staff, but my favorite part was the large turn out of residents joining the "Wheelchair Brigade"! Dozens of resident dressed and decorated in red, white, and blue joined in the fun. After the parade we did a balloon release and then headed inside Smith Hall where we all enjoyed cake. It was truly a special day!

### VETERANS PARADE, PROGRAM & A SPECIAL DONATION

For the first time in many years, residents and staff participated in the community Veterans Parade that took place in downtown Quincy on Saturday, November 5th. Several participants of the downtown parade then conducted another parade on IVHQ grounds. The special day also included a visit by Medal of Honor Recipient Roger Donlan, a performance by the Illinois Army National Guard Band, and a static display of a Chinnock helicopter on IVHQ grounds.

A few days later on November 10th, our friends from DOT Foods made a visit to drop off a couple hundred pounds of ribeye steaks that our outstanding Dietary Staff grilled for a special celebratory lunch on Veterans Day. As the local media accurately captured, the kindness of the donation was enjoyed by both the residents



receiving as well as the DOT Food employees who made the delivery.

A nice crowd filled Lippincott Hall on November 11th for the annual Veterans Day program. U.S. Army Brigadier General Roy Webb was our featured speaker while the Quincy High School Band provided an awesome medley of patriotic songs. Our sincere thanks to General Webb, the Quincy High School Band, our master of ceremonies Jeff Dorsey, and all other participants who made the event a success and a fitting tribute to all veterans. I couldn't help but be touched by the balcony full of Blessed Sacrament School students smiling and waving flags in celebration of the event. Pretty cool!

### RESIDENT AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

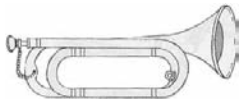
The annual Resident and Family Christmas Party was conducted on Friday, December 16th. The event was marked by a great number of family members attending, an outstanding meal, and good entertainment. We thank family members for joining us and the many volunteers and staff who made the event possible.

### PHOTOS & BUGLE TO BECOME QUARTERLY

Please note that you can find some beautiful photos from nearly all the events I have mentioned here - and others I haven't - starting on page 12 of this issue.

Beginning in 2017 the Bugle publication will go to a quarterly format. You can expect the first issue of the year to be distributed around the grounds near the middle of March.

Enjoy the rest of the Bugle and Happy New Year!



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# NEW ADMISSIONS (SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND)

## WELCOME TO IVHQ



**Dorothy Adams**  
Anderson  
From Bloomington  
Non-Veteran  
DOB is 3/30



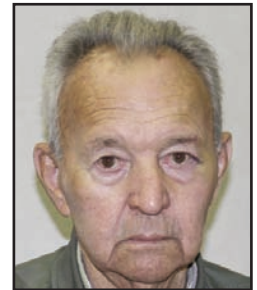
**Billy Arnold**  
Elmore East  
From Littleton  
WWII  
Marine Corps Veteran  
DOB is 7/17



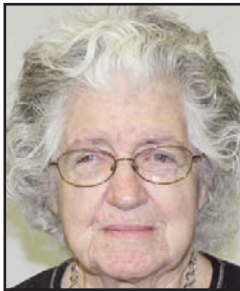
**Burl Boyd**  
Markword 2  
From Beardstown  
Korean War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 11/26



**Don Christopher**  
Markword 2  
From Bushnell  
WWII  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 9/5



**Norbert Gotway**  
Schapers B  
From Kampsville  
Peace Time  
Marine Corps Veteran  
DOB is 7/12



**Hilda Harlow**  
Anderson  
From Nebo  
Non-Veteran  
DOB is 11/12



**Lyndle Harlow**  
Anderson  
From Nebo  
Korean War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 10/28



**Henry Hebel**  
Fifer C  
From Quincy  
WWII  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 1/28



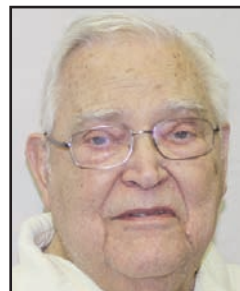
**Scooby Holdcraft**  
Fifer B  
From Macomb  
Korean War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 8/18



**Paul Kaydus**  
Fifer B  
From Girard  
WWII  
Navy Veteran  
DOB is 1/22



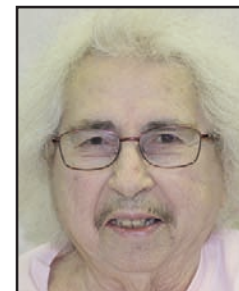
**Larry Keck**  
Elmore East  
From Quincy  
Peace Time  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 4/26



**Frank Kemp**  
Markword 2  
From Quincy  
Korean War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 3/24



**Billy Knight**  
Elmore East  
From Pleasant Hill  
Korean & Vietnam Wars  
Air Force Veteran  
DOB is 3/1



**Wilma Knight**  
Elmore East  
From Pleasant Hill  
Korean War  
Air Force Veteran  
DOB is 3/12



**Dave Marshall**  
Elmore 2  
From Dallas City  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 5/15

# NEW ADMISSIONS CONTINUED



**Tom Marvel**  
Markword 1  
From Springfield  
Persian Gulf  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 1/12



**Jay Miller**  
Fifer D  
From Port Byron  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 11/25



**Joe Provine**  
Schapers A  
From Quincy  
Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran  
DOB is 5/24



**Fred Reinking**  
Elmore East  
From Pekin  
Korean War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 4/14



**David Roehrs**  
Markword 2  
From Concord  
Peace Time  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 7/15



**Judy Roehrs**  
Somerville  
From Concord  
Non-Veteran  
DOB is 3/28



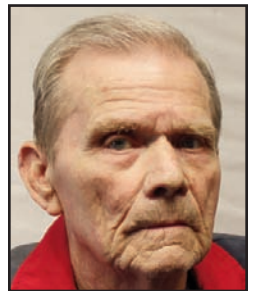
**Red Sklenka**  
Markword 2  
From Williamsville  
WWII  
Navy Veteran  
DOB is 6/20



**Don Thomas**  
Elmore West  
From Ewing MO  
VW and PG  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 11/22



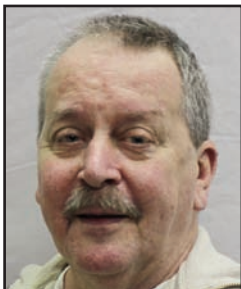
**Ron Tryon**  
Fifer B  
From Quincy  
WWII  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 1/8



**Ray Wilhite**  
Schapers B  
From Versailles  
Korean War  
Air Force Veteran  
DOB is 6/12



**Hiram Williams**  
Schapers B  
From Harvel'  
Vietnam War  
Army Veteran  
DOB is 3/7

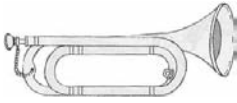


**Steve Wilson**  
Markword 1  
From Creve Coeur  
Vietnam War  
Navy Veteran  
DOB is 9/19



**Bill Winberg**  
Markword 1  
From Springfield  
Korean War  
Marine Corps Veteran  
DOB is 6/20





# Volunteer Voices

BY KELVIN ROBERTS

It seems that everyone loves to read a “Top-Ten” list about subjects they are interested in. I think we just like cutting through to what is important on a given subject without having to re-invent the wheel. These lists save us a lot of time and can be entertaining and informative as well. It seems fitting to me that we should have a top-ten list outlining the reasons why volunteering is a good thing. As I mentioned in a previous article, the subject of volunteering is not always viewed in a positive light.

For example, in the service, rank definitely has its privileges regarding volunteering. The ranking person often volunteers the lower ranking person’s time. Someone must have decided that there was a problem with subordinates deciding what to do with their free time.

In fact, I had many superiors in the Army who were eager to volunteer my time for various projects! I noticed that they did not volunteer with me very often however. Maybe they also had superiors willing to relieve them of having to manage their own free time?

Anyway, back to the top-ten list:

#10 - Volunteering rarely gets you in trouble with the IRS! You can volunteer all you want without any of the strings attached that come with making a lot of money. Volunteering will not bump you up into a higher tax bracket for example. Also, no

one will be hounding you to use direct deposit instead of getting a real paycheck.

#9 – Job security - you never have to worry about getting fired! This is a huge perk. Paid employees almost never get offered this benefit. Think of the freedom...

#8 – A volunteer generally has way more job offers than someone demanding payment for their time. You have your pick of assignments, and in many cases, you can set some of the rules regarding your work, which is another thing paid employees only dream about.

#7 – People will automatically assume you are rich. After all, who else would be crazy enough to work for free? This misperception could lead to you getting invited to important dinner meetings and other functions that rich people attend. Just imagine, you could eat all you want and refuse to pay (see #9).

#6 – Free stuff! Someone is always giving you a free ink pen or coffee mug you just could not live without.

#5 – Free on the job training. Remember, there are students out there paying for the kind of knowledge you gain while volunteering. But no student loans for you like the college kids. When you finish the volunteer work you will also have something to put on your resume. A potential employer sees that you worked for free once and so they will most likely hire you first because

they think you might work for free for them too. Don’t tell them otherwise until after they hire you!

#4 – Volunteering can relieve you of huge amounts of free time. Rather than setting at home stressing about what to do, you will be socializing with other people while being productive at the same time. Some people call this “killing two birds with one stone” – wisdom I guess. I know paid employees demand time-and-a-half for this kind of thinking.

We are getting close!!!

#3 – Volunteering makes you feel better than a night out on the town; and no hangover the next day!

#2 – You can save a lot of money while volunteering. Consider that you might be otherwise spending hundreds of dollars just to fill all that free time discussed in #4. Who knows, it might actually spare you the indignity of having to ask for a raise in your paid job. Or worse, having to come out of retirement to pay off debts you incur from all that free time spending.

Finally...

#1 – You are special and needed. Only you can fill the volunteer position that exists exclusively for you. What are you waiting for?

P.S. For those of you who do not already know, I will soon be returning to the Social Services Department and turning over the reins as director to a player - to-be-named later. I have enjoyed this position, along with the task of writing this column, but am looking forward to again working with our residents and their families.

Blessings!



# Library Notes

BY PEGGY BALLARD

The Library offers several regional and national newspapers and many popular magazine subscriptions along with large print books, over 3,800 DVDs and hundreds of music CDs. As always, if there is something you want to read, watch, or listen to, let us know and if we do not have it will make every effort to get it for you.

**E-Books / Axis 360** – Our E-Book program is so easy and offers new book releases not in our library! With one app you can search, check-out, and read your favorite books on your Kindle, I-Pad, Tablet or I-Phone. Sorry, but the Kindle Reader does not work with this program. Don't have a Kindle but still curious? Check out a Kindle from the library! Stop by and we will get you started with checking out books! The E-Book program is available to residents, retired staff, current staff and volunteers who have a library card. The app is called Axis360; you will need your library card number and pin number to check out books.

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**Website** – Did you know we have a library website? Just go to

the IVHQ home page and click on the library link, it will take you directly to the library website where you can keep up with all the new additions to the library. You may also search for items at our library or libraries within our alliance. You will need your library number to request material but that is only a phone call away! Call or visit us for more information.

## Your Library's Collection

**Books** – We've added a few new books to our collection: "Texas Sunrise" a western by Elmer Kelton; "Unseen" a murder mystery by Karin Slaughter; "The Silver Lotus" a historical romance by Thomas Steinbeck; "Runner" a mystery by Patrick Lee; and the novel "A Map of Betrayal" by Ha Jin.

**DVDs** – We recently had a large donation of classic movies and TV shows including: "Drums in the South" with Guy Madison and Barbara Peyton; Henry Silva in "White Fang to the Rescue"; Gary Cooper in "A Farewell to Arms"; William Powell and Myrna Loy in "The Thin Man", "Another Thin Man" and "Shadow of the Thin Man"; volume 2 and 3 of the "Dragnet" TV series with Jack Webb; and the 1952-53 television series "Mr. & Mrs. North".

**Films** – Did you know the library has a nice collection of foreign films? We recently went through our foreign films and placed a sticker on the front of the subtitled films indicating the language. Some of these films include: "Eat, Drink, Man, Woman" in Mandarin; "What to do

Incase of Fire" in German; "Secret Ballot" in Farsi; "Up and Down" in Czech; "Lucia, Lucia" in Spanish and "Rhapsody in August" in Japanese. We also have several foreign films dubbed or spoken in English.

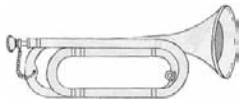
**CDs** – We are finally coming to the end of sorting our collection of over 3800 music CDs. If you receive library deliveries this should make a great improvement in receiving the music you enjoy.

**Laptop Computers:** Do not forget that your library has Laptop computers available for check out by our residents. These laptops are internet ready and are operating with Windows 7. The laptops may be checked out for a period of one week. If you have a need or desire to use a laptop, please come to the library to check one out.

**CD/DVD Player:** Need a loaner? We have CD/DVD players available to check out. If you enjoy movies we encourage you to contact the shopper and purchase your own DVD player as ours are "on loan" and not intended to be kept long term. DVD players can be found for as little as \$25.00 at Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Big-Lots and other retailers.

I am constantly looking to expand the library's reading, listening and viewing selections for your enjoyment. If you have any suggestions/requests for any books, movies, CDs, etc. that you would like to find in your library, now is the time to let your library staff know. The library is currently making final decisions on such purchases and your input is requested. Of course, not everything can be acquired, but unless you speak up, it may never be in the library!

**IVHQ-TV, Channel 2:** Please watch the IVHQ channel to keep up with what's new at the library and for special announcements.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

## Residents

## Employees

Robert Snyder	1/1	Fifer D	•	Denise Camden	1/1	Nursing
Luana Johnson	1/1	Elmore 2	•	Steve Duesterhaus	1/1	Power Plant
Tom Markovic	1/1	Somerville	•	Jo Leffler	1/1	Nursing
Paul Hunt	1/3	Markword 2	•	Holly Perrine	1/1	Nursing
Barbara Essebagger	1/3	Somerville	•	Andrew Campbell	1/2	Dietary
Ark Quinn	1/4	Markword 2	•	Chuck Eckhoff	1/2	Dietary
Jim Freiburg	1/5	Fifer D	•	Sherri Halle	1/2	Nursing
JD Downing	1/6	Elmore East	•	Jo Jackson	1/2	Nursing
Lucille Wiskirchen	1/7	Elmore West	•	Cheryl Hemphill	1/3	Shopper
Lee Jarvis	1/7	Fifer B	•	Elisabeth Rockhold	1/3	Nursing
John Borg	1/7	Schapers B	•	Tanesha Humphrey	1/5	Nursing
Ron Tryon	1/8	Fifer B	•	Paul Schreacke	1/5	Truck Garage
Walter Dodd	1/10	Elmore West	•	Bridget Eddy	1/5	Nursing
Forest Owens	1/11	Fifer D	•	Jay Gomer	1/7	Truck Garage
Tom Marvel	1/12	Markword 1	•	Erica Johnson	1/7	Nursing
Roger Baxter	1/13	Schapers B	•	Amanda Cannon	1/8	Housekeeping
Frank Gavenia	1/13	Anderson	•	Bonnie Coffman	1/8	Nursing
Mike Hildebrand	1/13	Fifer C	•	Dianna Dyer	1/8	Nursing
Cliff Atchison	1/14	Fifer D	•	Greta Frankel	1/8	Social Services
Jim Caves	1/15	Markword 1	•	Gayle Moulton	1/8	P.T.
Alan Brackensick	1/15	Fifer C	•	Amanda Wilson	1/8	Nursing
Curly Cole	1/16	Elmore East	•	Alicia Ashby	1/10	Switchboard
Bradley Centola	1/16	Markword 1	•	Tracy Brown	1/10	Business Office
Norman Phillips	1/18	Schapers B	•	Susan Dochterman	1/10	Nursing
Ernie Heierle	1/19	Fifer A	•	Bruce Hall	1/10	Paint Shop
Lyle Pool	1/19	Elmore East	•	Nan Fenton	1/13	Nursing
Audrey Gardine	1/19	Markword 1	•	Melanie Jenkins	1/16	Nursing
Marilyn Dunn	1/20	Somerville	•	Mariah Milsap	1/16	Nursing
Andres Correa	1/20	Fifer C	•	Chris Dever	1/17	Housekeeping
Paul Kaydus	1/22	Fifer B	•	Jessica Hamilton	1/17	Social Services
John Gross	1/25	Fifer C	•	Tami Carver	1/19	Nursing
Joe Theobald	1/26	Markword 2	•	Gail Harrison	1/19	Nursing
Henry Hebel	1/28	Fifer C	•	Rebecca Passmore	1/19	Housekeeping
Godfrey Rezba	1/28	Elmore West	•	Connie Deming	1/21	Nursing
Howie Lovelace	1/29	Fifer D	•	Colette Douglas	1/21	Dietary
Peter Bromberg	1/29	Fifer B	•	Paula Logsdon	1/21	Nursing
Mike Traeger	1/31	Markword 1	•	Nicole McLaughlin	1/21	Social Services
			•	Keylla Abbey	1/22	Nursing
			•	Amanda Jaco	1/23	Nursing
			•	Erin Little	1/23	Nursing
			•	Lynette Carpenter	1/24	Nursing
			•	Tina Moyer	1/24	Security
			•	Don Bangert	1/25	Electrician
			•	Cathy Baucom	1/26	Nursing
			•	Laura Akers	1/27	P.T.
			•	Fr. Don Blickhan	1/27	Chaplain
			•	Kim Crabtree	1/27	Nursing
			•	Kathy Lear	1/28	Nursing
			•	Crystal Daugherty	1/30	Nursing
			•	Mary Lancer	1/31	Dietary
			•	Sharon Smith	1/31	Nursing



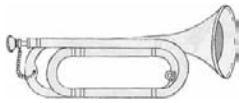
# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

## Residents

Keith Strubbe	2/2	Schapers B
Al Severt	2/5	Markword 1
Phil Faaborg	2/5	Markword 2
Charles Bacon	2/6	Fifer A
Dean Harness	2/7	Fifer B
Cliff Butterfield	2/7	Fifer C
Butch Lawson	2/8	Markword 1
Jesse Foglesong	2/9	Markword 1
Merlyn Reatherford	2/12	Fifer B
Betty Kamphaus	2/12	Fifer A
Jay Cash	2/13	Markword 1
Lyle Riggins	2/13	Fifer C
Charlie Talbert	2/14	Fifer C
George Demas	2/14	Fifer A
Mike Hodges	2/14	Schapers B
Don St. Lawrence	2/15	Markword 2
Billy Cox	2/16	Fletcher
Ann Fisk	2/17	Elmore East
Bennie Ward	2/18	Schapers B
Sharon Oday	2/19	Markword 1
Evelyn Moss	2/20	Elmore East
John Daugherty	2/20	Fifer B
Ed Hainaut	2/22	Fifer D
Bill McGraw	2/22	Schapers A
Gene Crouch	2/23	Fifer C
Jerry Walgora	2/23	Schapers A
Richard Hess	2/23	Markword 2
Jerry Stump	2/26	Elmore East
Len Kirchner	2/27	Elmore 2
Bob Wolf	2/27	Fifer A
Peter Westenberger	2/28	Elmore East

## Employees

Zeruiah Geer	2/2	Nursing
Chris Gentry	2/4	Dietary
Brian Myers	2/4	Nursing
Brenda Eldridge	2/5	Nursing
Marcie Watson	2/5	Dietary
Tom Robinson	2/6	Truck Garage
Lisa Parson	2/8	Nursing
Paul McIntosh	2/9	Nursing
John Baumgartner	2/10	Nursing
Sherry Bird	2/10	Activities
Cindy Conover	2/10	Housekeeping
Helen Keller	2/10	Facilities
Kelsey Miller	2/10	Nursing
Stacey Taylor	2/10	Nursing
Danielle Bevans	2/11	Nursing
Julie Myers	2/13	Housekeeping
Michelle Hincks	2/14	Housekeeping
Chris Holder	2/14	Nursing
Bill Llewellyn	2/15	Housekeeping
Denise Smith	2/15	Nursing
Shelby Hilgenbrinck	2/16	Nursing
Marilyn Powell	2/16	Nursing
Dory Black	2/17	Nursing
Val Klement	2/17	Nursing
Kayla Kiefer	2/18	Nursing
Rev. Dave Hall	2/19	Chaplain
Steve Lindsey	2/20	Property Control
Ed Curley	2/21	Dietary
Ashley Taber	2/21	Housekeeping
Michelle Voth	2/21	Nursing
Lisa Allen	2/22	Pharmacy
Sally Ducey	2/22	Nursing
Lucy Hankins	2/22	Nursing
Kim Brink	2/23	Nursing
Chad Ballinger	2/24	Truck Garage
Theresa Kurfman	2/24	Accounting
William Spangler	2/26	Dietary
Keith Gerhardt	2/27	General Store
Chad Roberts	2/27	Power Plant



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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

## Residents

Charlie Briddle	3/1	Fifer C
Billy Knight	3/1	Elmore East
Ed Wilking	3/2	Markword 2
John Duner	3/2	Markword 2
Al Ebbing	3/3	Markword 1
Dr. Bill Hanshaw	3/3	Fifer C
Mike Hickle	3/3	Schapers A
Virg Brewer	3/4	Elmore 2
Jo Ann Ehlers	3/5	Somerville
Hiram Williams	3/7	Schapers B
Ev Kropp	3/8	Fifer B
Fred Schudel	3/8	Fletcher
Tony Queiroli	3/12	Markword 2
Wilma Knight	3/12	Elmore East
Kenny Bettis	3/15	Schapers B
Jim Wilcoxon	3/15	Elmore East
Dave Cole	3/17	Markword 1
Bill Richards	3/20	Fifer D
Russ Reckers	3/21	Schapers A
Eva Adele	3/21	Fifer B
Wilma Taylor	3/21	Elmore East
Helen Ulm	3/23	Markword 1
Mariellen Hermes	3/23	Markword 2
Frank Kemp	3/24	Markword 2
Marvin Bilderback	3/24	Markword 1
Sam Gass	3/24	Fifer C
Marjorie Bisby	3/26	Somerville
Vern Brewster	3/27	Schapers B
Judy Roehrs	3/28	Somerville
George Foley	3/28	Elmore 2
Don Metzger	3/29	Markword 2
Dorothy Adams	3/30	Anderson
Carol Jardine	3/30	Somerville
Steve Douglas	3/30	Fletcher

## Employees

Rachael Dinklage	3/1	Nursing
Brandy Cottrell	3/3	Nursing
Jeremy Hoelscher	3/4	Housekeeping
Deana Oitker	3/4	Nursing
Stacy Trautvetter	3/4	Nursing
Lori Zimmerman	3/4	Nursing
Julee Thurman	3/5	Nursing
Kelvin Roberts	3/6	Volunteer Services
Keitha Jo Stark	3/9	Accounting
Jenna Smith	3/11	Switchboard
Dale Waterman	3/11	Power Plant
Mikhayla Gravitt	3/12	Nursing
Janese Byrd	3/14	Nursing
Bill McDonald	3/14	Nursing
Resty McDonald	3/15	Nursing
Nate Alexander	3/16	Nursing
Janet Llewellyn	3/16	Dietary
Doug Campbell	3/17	Carpenter
Bridgette Randall	3/17	Health Information
Michelle Albert	3/21	Nursing
Terri Clayton	3/21	Nursing
Samantha Anderson	3/22	Nursing
Dave Clifford	3/22	Facilities
Deanna Marshall	3/22	Activities
Macy Allen	3/23	Nursing
Stella Stubblefield	3/23	Nursing
Evelyn Mustread	3/25	Nursing
Whitley Bland	3/26	Nursing
Kelsey Terwelp	3/26	Nursing
Mandy Curfman	3/27	Nursing
Kurt Rossiter	3/30	Dietary
Cathy Houston	3/31	Nursing
Wanda Taylor	3/31	Dietary
Lisa Wand	3/31	Personnel



# Chaplain's Corner

BY REV. DAVE HALL

I have a problem with Christmas. It's not that I don't like Christmas I really love Christmas, or at least I love what Christmas is supposed to be. But it seems as if Christmas has begun to overshadow everything else. Christmas is the one holiday everyone looks forward to all year long. Kids start making Christmas lists in July. Businesses count on Christmas shoppers and Black Friday to make a profit. Employers are expected to give their employees a Christmas bonus. Employees are counting on those Christmas bonuses. Christmas is even the only chance some families ever get to spend time together. All of those are nice things. I really don't have a problem with exchanging presents, businesses making profits or showing appreciation to their employees. I think it's wonderful that families spend time together at the holidays. My problem with Christmas is that it seems to be a bigger holiday than Easter.

Christmas gets a whole "Holiday Season" which seems to start somewhere around Halloween (I saw Christmas trees and decorations in stores before October 31st this year!) and doesn't end until the kids go back to school somewhere around January 4th. That's over two months! Easter only seems to get one weekend starting on Good Friday and then it's over just two days later on Easter Sunday. Maybe if you're in school you get

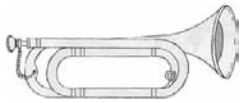
a few more days with a "Spring Break" the week before Easter, but the rest of the world is lucky to even get off from work on Good Friday. I guess you could count Lent as part of the Easter Holidays, but when was the last time you ever heard a store playing Lenten songs while you shop during the months of March or April? Besides most people, including a lot of Christians don't even know what Lent is. They think it's that stuff you find in your pocket when there is nothing else there. Easter doesn't even get its own specific date. Everyone knows that Christmas day is December 25th. But the date of Easter changes every year. (I think it has something to do with full moons and the vernal equinox?) But it's really because of Easter that Christmas is worth celebrating. You see without the story of Easter, Christmas is just a cute story about a kid born in barn 2,000 years ago. There is no way we would celebrate a kid being born in a barn if that were just any ordinary baby. But because this baby is Jesus Christ, the Savior, we do celebrate His birth. That's really why we have Christmas. It's really because of what happened at Easter that we celebrate Christmas.

Don't ever forget this. That baby isn't just a baby. That baby is the Savior. That baby grew up and died for each and every one of us. And then three days later He defeated death by coming back to life. He took the penalty for our

Sin so that we can know God and have a personal relationship with Him and eventually, when we leave this world, we can live with Him forever in heaven. That is, if we belong to Him. Contrary to popular belief, heaven is NOT for everyone. You see, not everyone just automatically goes to heaven when they die. Only those who recognize that this baby was the Savior and give Him total control of their lives will experience eternal life. But eternal life is offered to everyone and if you don't already have it, you can. Just ask.

Eternal Life! Salvation! That's a pretty big reason to celebrate! That's why Easter should be a bigger holiday than Christmas. Call me crazy, but what if we gave our employees Easter bonuses? What if we sent all of our friends and family Easter Cards? What if stores had special midnight door buster sales on Good Friday instead of Black Friday? What if the Easter Bunny were more popular than Santa Claus? But then again, maybe that would cheapen what Easter is really all about. Maybe it is a good thing that Easter hasn't been as over-commercialized as Christmas. Ok, maybe we should just leave the holidays the way they are, but don't ever forget that the little baby whose birth we celebrate at Christmas is the Savior of all mankind. Don't ever forget that because of Easter, Christmas is worth celebrating!





# Candid Shots

“Candid Shots” from around IVHQ over the past several weeks. Enjoy.



Resident and Family Christmas Party



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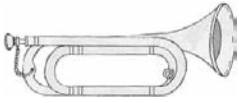
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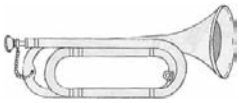
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Lugnuts Endless Summer Car Show



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Veterans Parade in Downtown Quincy



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Medal of Honor Recipient Roger Donlan



Veteran Day Program - BG Roy Webb



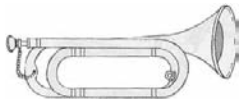
Veteran Day Program - QHS Band



Veterans Voices Christmas Concert



Virtual Reality Activity



Halloween in Markword



Halloween in Fifer



Recreation Show



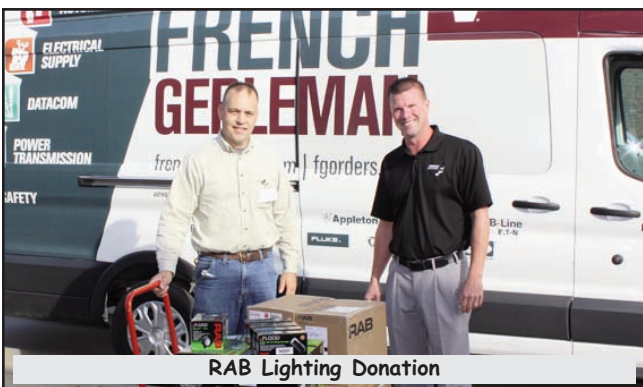
Recreation Show



Recreation Show



Friends of the Home Tree Donation



RAB Lighting Donation



Boy Scout Donation



AMVETS National and State Commanders Visit



Buddy Program



Buddy Program



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Employee Fall Family Festival



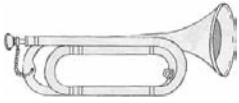
Employee Fall Family Festival



Employee Fall Family Festival



Mayor Kyle Moore Announces Hometown Heroes Program



# ON THE JOB

BY: RICK GENGENBACHER

No moss grows under Tanya Wolf's feet! Three to four times a week after she finishes her IVHQ shift, she makes the short drive to Blessing Hospital where she then puts in three to four hours of per diem work in the surgery center. A little sleep and time with family fills the rest of the day.

That work ethic, her caring way, and easy smile and laugh have made her a favorite with the residents and staff at the unit she works. These are just a few of the reasons she was selected by her peers to be the September Employee of the Month.

Tanya is a RN who works the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift at Fifer Infirmery. She sees her job in very simple terms - to make sure the residents are comfortable, safe, and all their needs are met. She also notes that taking care of the needs of her coworkers is an important part of her day as well.

Tanya and her husband, Kurt have been married 22 years and have three sons. Kurt owns and operates 104 Collision in Liberty.

Their oldest son, Connor, is a student at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville where he is studying to become a RN. Their second son, Carson, is a member of the Illinois Army National Guard and is currently attending his advanced individual training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Next spring Carson will attend South Illinois University in Carbondale to study auto mechanics. Cannen is the youngest. Cannen is seventh grader and involved in several extracurricular activities. Interesting that the two oldest are following in the footsteps of mom and dad.

Tanya came to IVHQ after her neighbor, Kevin Blewett, who works in the Power Plant, recommended she consider it. She previously worked at the Quincy Medical Group and Blessing Hospital.

When asked by why she continues to work at both IVHQ and Blessing, Tanya says enjoys the geriatrics field that IVHQ obviously offers and she continues to work at Blessing because it helps her stay up on her nursing skills. Plus, she really enjoys the surgery side of nursing. She says "it works" doing both and she plans on continuing to do so.

Tanya is quiet and humble individual who thinks she is somewhat of a "boring person" but her schedule alone tells a far different story! The residents and staff she works for and with wouldn't have her any other way!

We are lucky to have Tanya Wolf at IVHQ and On The Job!



*Tanya Wolf*

## THE WOLF PROFILE

**Birthday:** May 26th

**Family:** Husband, Kurt. Sons, Connor, 21, Carson, 18, and Cannen, 12

**Military Service:** None

**IVHQ Service:** Since May, 2010

**Vehicle:** '12 Mazda CX9

**Favorite Beverage:** Pepsi

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

**Favorite Movie:** Hallmark movies

**Favorite Actor & Actress:** Chip & Joanne Gaines from Fixer Upper

**Favorite Type of Music:** Listen to anything

**Favorite Musician or Musical Group:** None

**Favorite Sports Team:** Cardinals

**Favorite Book or Author:** Like to read magazines

**Favorite Hobby:** Shopping and spending time with family

**Proudest Accomplishment:** Receiving my BSN

**Favorite Thing about IVHQ:** The residents and my coworkers.

# ON THE JOB

BY: RICK GENGENBACHER

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 Though Art Brown works in a field traditionally populated by women, he is by all accounts a man's man. Art love's his sports, a good steak, and of course, beer!

Throw in a great sense of humor and it is easy to see why resident and staff love him. So much so they selected him to be the October Employee of the Month.

Art is the Nursing Supervisor for Markword 1 and Fletcher. He works a 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m shift. He guesstimates that out of his day he spends about 70% of his time at Markword and the other 30% at Fletcher.

When Director of Nursing Cathy Houston was named Acting Administrator for nearly two months earlier this year, Art capably served as the Acting Director of Nursing.

Art sees his responsibility as a nursing supervisor as someone who addresses resident issues and promotes good care through the staff who work for him. Art tries to get to know each resident on his units by name and as a person.

Art hit what he refers to as "paydirt" on August 6th of this year. That is the date he officially became eligible to retire but he has no immediate plans to do so. He says his boss, that would be his wife, Rita, has informed him that he can't retire until she can and since she is several years younger, Art continues to work!

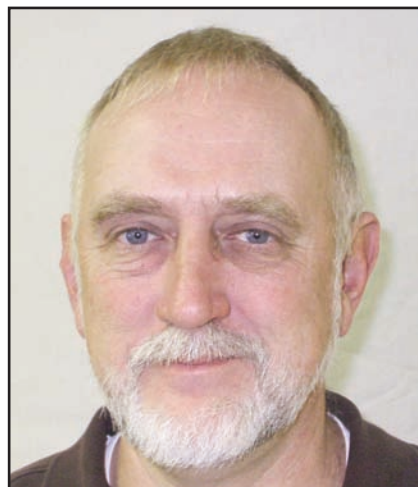
Art and Rita have been married 37 years. Rita has operated a daycare out of their home since 1992. The two have two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren ranging in ages from seven to 24. The grandchildren are two granddaughters and one grandson.

While not wishing to be boastful, Art is very proud of his athletic accomplishments. He has recorded two hole-in-ones at Westview Golf Course (holes #4 & #11) and has bowled a perfect score 300 game. Very impressive feats! Throughout the spring, summer and fall, Art usually golfs with a group of friends two times a week and he bowls during the winter months.

Art came to IVHQ at the urging of his brother-in-law, Roy Hummelsheim. Roy, retired since 2002, was the Home's Business Administrator. Art explains that his wife, more than him, actually made the decision for him to seek employment at the Home after Roy explained the many benefits!

Art has a strong faith in God and prayer is a big part of his life. This has helped keep him grounded and it shows in the manner in which he lives.

We are lucky to have Art Brown at IVHQ and On The Job!



*Art Brown*

## THE BROWN PROFILE

**Birthday:** July 9th

**Family:** Wife, Rita. Daughters, Stephanie and Molly. Son, Braxton, 26. Three grandchildren.

**Military Service:** None

**IVHQ Service:** Since 1994.

**Vehicle:** '07 Toyota Tacoma Truck

**Favorite Beverage:** Beer

**Favorite Food:** Steak and Maid Rites

**Favorite Movie:** El Cid

**Favorite Actor:** Charlton Heston or John Wayne

**Favorite Actress:** Maureen O'Hara

**Favorite Type of Music:** Rock & Roll

**Favorite Musical Group:** Kiss

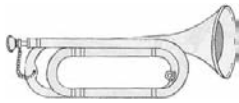
**Favorite Sports Team:** Cardinals, Cowboys, and Celtics

**Favorite Book or Author:** Dallas Cowboy Weekly

**Favorite Hobby:** Golf and Gardening

**Proudest Accomplishment:** Other than my family, getting my RN degree.

**Favorite Thing about IVHQ:** The staff that display true care for the residents and the residents themselves.



# ANNIVERSARY DATES (NOVEMBER & DECEMBER)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE!**



**Laura Akers**  
Physical Therapy  
32 years on 12/3



**Marsha Fry**  
Nursing  
32 years on 12/3



**Ivan Hicks**  
Dietary  
25 years on 12/3

## 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Tracy Brown                      Med. Billing                      Dec. 2nd

## 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Carrie Veile                      Housekeeping                      Dec. 12th



**Deanna Marshall**  
Activities  
28 years on 11/22



**Andy Morrison**  
Power Plant  
28 years on 11/22



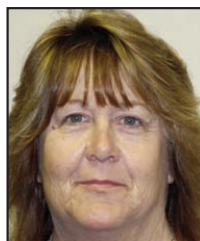
**Rex Smith**  
Dietary  
34 years on 12/10

## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Pam Warning                      Personnel                      Nov. 13th  
Sherri Abbott                      Nursing                      Nov. 16th  
Amy Campbell                      Nursing                      Nov. 16th  
Julee Thurman                      Nursing                      Nov. 16th  
Dr. Zorian Trusewych                      Medical Staff                      Nov. 27th



**Tawnya Tenhouse**  
Laundry  
25 years on 12/3



**Marlene Whipple**  
Nursing  
31 years on 12/23

## 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Peggy Ballard                      Library                      Dec. 12th  
Wes Powell                      Dietary                      Dec. 12th  
Jennifer Seals                      Nursing                      Dec. 12th  
Jamie Wooden                      Nursing                      Dec. 12th  
George Schrage                      Switchboard                      Dec. 14th

# CONGRATULATIONS!

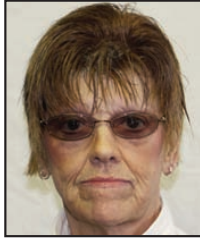
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!**

# ANNIVERSARY DATES (JANUARY & FEBRUARY)

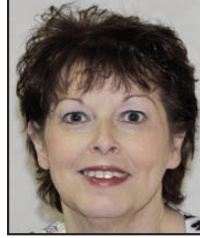
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**Lynette Carpenter**  
Nursing  
26 years on 1/9



**Cheryl Hemphill**  
Shopper  
35 years on 2/24



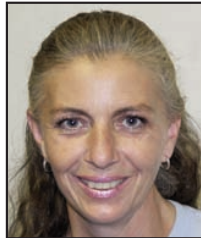
**Devin Huner**  
Dietary  
34 years on 1/10

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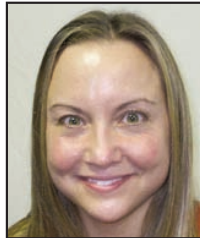
Donetta Jansen	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Kirk Rueb	Security	Jan. 2nd
Dale Waterman	Power Plant	Feb. 19th

## 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Johnston	Nursing	Jan. 7th
Linda Miller	Nursing	Jan. 7th
Shelly Watson	Dietary	Feb. 25th



**Tami Jenkins**  
Laundry  
25 years on 1/2



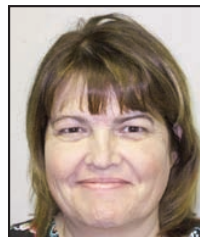
**Chris Rose**  
Social Services  
25 years on 2/4



**Lori Stark**  
Physical Therapy  
26 years on 1/10

## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Susan Archambo	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Amy Barrington	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Sherry Bird	Activities	Jan. 2nd
Michelle Cooley	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Kathy Goehl	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Shearie Harmon	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Lindsey Kelley	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Megan Rainbolt	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Kathy Wright	Nursing	Jan. 2nd
Brandon Holder	Laundry	Jan. 2nd

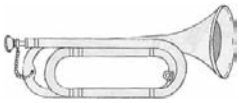


**Susan Veihl**  
Nursing  
27 years on 1/16

## 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Leslie Alfred	Nursing	Jan. 3rd
Greg Flachs	Nursing	Jan. 3rd
Todd Breuer	Nursing	Feb. 14th
Brandon Brod	Nursing	Feb. 14th
Angie Clark	Nursing	Feb. 14th
Steve Lindsey	Property Control	Feb. 14th
Kayla Long	Dietary	Feb. 14th
John Freidinger	Power Plant	Feb. 14th

Anniversary dates are printed at the 5, 10, 15, and 20 year anniversaries. Starting at 25 years (and all those above) employees will have their photo published as well. Congratulations to all celebrating anniversaries during these two months!



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held on Friday, September 9th



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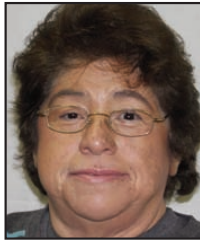


# NEW EMPLOYEES (SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH DECEMBER 29TH)

*RESIDENTS AND FELLOW STAFF WELCOME YOU TO IVHQ!*



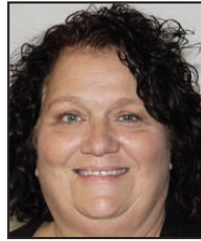
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Nursing - 12/5



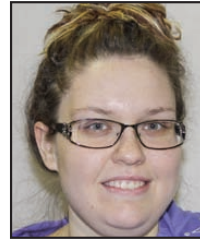
**Chris Arguello**  
Security - 12/19



**Hillary Beck**  
Nursing - 12/19



**Lisa Bohan**  
Nursing - 11/2



**Brittany Bouchez**  
Nursing - 12/19



**Richard Bouchez**  
Dietary - 12/19



**Janese Byrd**  
Nursing - 12/5



**Sam Catterson**  
Nursing - 12/19



**Mary Craft**  
Nursing - 12/19



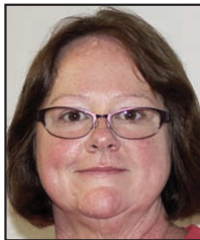
**Jasmine Freeman**  
Nursing - 12/5



**Stacey Gravitter**  
Nursing - 11/2



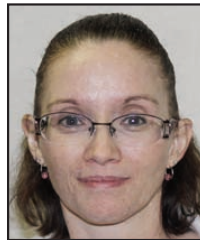
**Amanda Harness**  
Nursing - 12/19



**Melanie Jenkins**  
Nursing - 12/5



**Jo Leffler**  
Nursing - 12/5



**Khristy Lovan**  
Nursing - 12/19



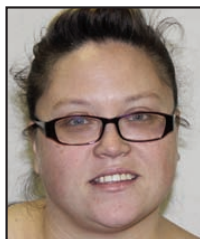
**Mike Mace**  
Nursing - 12/5



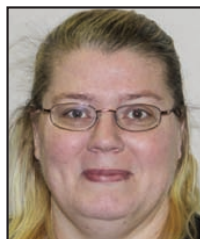
**Amy Maltby**  
Nursing - 11/2



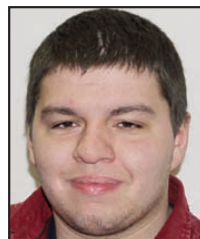
**Daniel Nicholson**  
Dietary - 10/17



**Jessica Raleigh**  
Nursing - 12/19



**DeAnna Robinson**  
Nursing - 12/19



**Dakota Smith**  
Nursing - 12/19



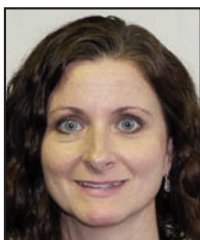
**Angel Smith**  
Volunteer Services - 10/17



**Kari Terry**  
Nursing - 12/5

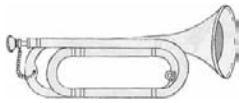


**Lilly White**  
Social Services - 10/1



**Jessica Williams**  
Personnel - 10/17





# ON THE JOB

BY: RICK GENGENBACHER

Tena Hodges is fun to be around. She almost always has a smile on her face and enjoys joking with the residents she serves and the staff she works with. Tena is one of those refreshingly special people who can “give it” and “take it” when it comes to joking.

Along with the fact that she is a darn good nurse, Tena is naturally one of the favorites at IVHQ. So much so her peers selected her to be the November Employee of the Month.

Tena is a Licensed Practical Nurse who works the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift at Markword

Outside of floating to other units for a day at a time, Tena has spent her entire 26 year IVHQ career serving the residents of Markword. Tena says she has met great people all over the grounds. She especially notes the employees who always pull together to get the job done and done right for the betterment of the residents.

Tena suffered a terrible loss in 2012 when her husband and best friend, Mark, died unexpectedly from a heart attack. Mark was just 51 years old. The two had been married 29 years. While the past four years have been a daily struggle for Tena, she believes she is starting to step toward happiness again. She has even started dating which has been a big step!

Tena enjoys being outdoors. Fishing is her favorite activity and the means by which she relieves stress. Even when the fish aren't biting she finds fishing relaxing. She says she is not a professional but she knows how to “catch'em, clean'em, and cook'em!”

She also enjoys shooting trap which she does two to three times a week. Tena shoots in West Quincy during the good weather and in leagues at South Side Boat Club and North Side Boat Club. She is part of a family team in which her 82 year old father still participates.

When she was raising her children, she and Mark packed up and headed camping almost every other weekend. Henry Seaver Lake in Newark, MO, was their favorite destination.

Tena has two daughters, a son, four grandchildren and one great grandchild that she loves spending time with. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren range from 15 to four in age.

Though Tena has known great sorrow, she continues to look on the bright side of life and be a joy for those who know her.

We are lucky to have Tena Hodges at IVHQ and On The Job!



Tena Hodges

## THE HODGES PROFILE

**Birthday:** July 13th

**Family:** Daughters, Nicole and Angie. Son, Mark Jr. Four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**Military Service:** None

**IVHQ Service:** Since 1990

**Vehicle:** '12 Toyota Tundra

**Favorite Beverage:** Bill's Highland Grog Coffee and Budweiser too!

**Favorite Food:** Mom's homemade Chop Suey

**Favorite Movie:** Outlaw Josie Wales

**Favorite Actor:** Tom Hanks

**Favorite Actress:** Renee Zellweger

**Favorite Type of Music:** 80's Rock

**Favorite Musicians:** AC/DC and George Strait

**Favorite Sports Team:** Cubs

**Favorite Book:** Outlander series

**Favorite Hobby:** Fishing!

**Proudest Accomplishment:** My family, no doubt!

**Favorite Thing about IVHQ:** It is not just A home but many feel like it is THEIR home. Employees often feel like these residents are as close as family, and vice-versa. We have a great thing going on here!

# ON THE JOB

BY: RICK GENGENBACHER

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Nearly 600 people work at the Illinois Veterans Home and you can imagine all the different types of personalities . There are those who are outgoing on one end of the spectrum and those who pretty much keep to themselves on the other end. And of course, the great majority fall somewhere in the middle.

Perhaps the shyest of the shy, if that makes sense, is Shanna Bangert. While Shanna isn't much of a talker, her actions, gentleness, and kind deeds speak volumes on her behalf. Fifer residents and her peers have taken note and thus selected her as the December Employee of the Month.

Shanna is a Support Service Worker in Housekeeping. She is assigned to Fifer where she works a 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift.

Shanna started her nearly ten years of IVHQ employment as a VNAC. She worked in Nursing for about two years before transferring to Dietary so she could spend more time with her husband and young children. She worked in Dietary for about five years before transferring to Housekeeping.

Shanna and her husband, Michael have been married 13 years and have their hands full with four beautiful daughters who are involved in everything from dance and gymnastics to volleyball, drama, and habitat (gardening).

Mike works in the maintenance department at Premium Waters located two miles east from IVHQ. Premium Waters is a bottled water manufacturer.

Shanna and Mike take the girls to Chattanooga each spring to visit Shanna's sister and her family while making a stop in Nashville to visit her brother and his family.

The Bangert family currently lives in Camp Point but are anxiously awaiting a move to their new home; an old farm house that sits on approximately two and a half acres in Golden. The girls are excited because the house has six bedrooms meaning they will each get their own room. In addition, the bigger house and acreage means more room for Shanna to garden and for the family pets. Right now they have three dogs and four cats but Shanna sees the number of animals growing with the move!

Though Shanna is extremely shy, her ever present smile lights up a room and her gentle way warms the hearts of those she works for and with.

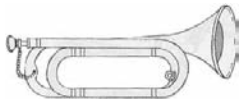
We are lucky to have Shanna Bangert at IVHQ and On The Job!



*Shanna Bangert*

## THE BANGERT PROFILE

- Birthday:** September 13th
- Family:** Husband, Michael. Daughters, Avalynn, 13, Berlynn, 11, Cailynn, 7, and Xylynn, 4.
- Military Service:** None
- IVHQ Service:** Since 2007
- Vehicle:** '06 Chevrolet Yukon
- Favorite Beverage:** Coffee
- Favorite Food:** Steak
- Favorite Movie:** How to Lose A Guy in 10 Days and Sweet Home Alabama
- Favorite Actor:** Jean Claude Von Dam
- Favorite Actress:** Kate Hudson
- Favorite Type of Music:** Rock & Roll
- Favorite Musician:** Bryan Adams
- Favorite Sports Team:** Central Panthers
- Favorite Hobby:** Camping, gardening, running, and traveling.
- Proudest Accomplishment:** My children.
- Favorite Thing about IVHQ:** The residents.



# Pastoral Reflections

BY FR. DON BLICKHAN

## GIVING THANKS

Of all the holidays and observances through the year, I believe that Thanksgiving must be my favorite. That was all the more true this year. All the other celebrations seem to have been tarnished in some way with an excess of activity or commercialism. But this one retains its fundamental dignity. It warms the heart, looks heaven-ward and indeed is a spiritual experience. What a great way to start the end-of-year holiday season.



A good part of what makes this day special is that family and friends gather together. In the rush of life the fabric of our relationships is often frayed. But getting together, relaxing, catching up and sharing, we remember again what we most treasure in life, those other people who have walked life's road with us. We "remember," slowly weaving the fabric of our lives back together again. We begin to feel a certain peace and wholeness, regaining our perspective and a sense of what is really important. All of this naturally leads us to turn our hearts in gratitude to God giving Him thanks. In every sense it is a time of genuine prayer.

And with a prayer of gratitude the proper hierarchy of the

universe is slowly restored as we come to realize that God is again the Lord and center of the universe – not ourselves. We can let down our compulsion to control everything. As the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once advised: "Adopt the pace of nature. Her secret is patience."

The act of giving thanks is truly a sacred action, a time when we realize that we are blessed by God. And to be "blessed" means to be actually touched by God. In the very gesture of giving thanks to God, God Himself reaches across and touches us. He blesses us still more!

Rabbi Abraham Heschel shares how God's blessing flows naturally from the prayer of thanks:

*To pray is to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margin in all attainments. Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living. It is all we can offer in return for the mystery by which we live. Who is worthy to be present at the constant unfolding of time? Amidst the meditation of mountains, the humility of flowers - wiser than all alphabets - clouds that die constantly for the sake of His glory, we are hating, hunting, hurting. Suddenly we feel ashamed of our clashes and complaints in the face of the tacit glory in nature. It is so embarrassing to live! How strange we are in the world, and how pre-*

*sumptuous our doings! Only one response can maintain us: gratefulness for witnessing the wonder, for the gift of our unearned right to serve, to adore, and to fulfill.*

*It is gratefulness which makes the soul great!*

And part of the movement of giving thanks is a call to be grateful for everything that has happened in our lives, both the good and the bad. And that can be an emotional challenge. As Henri Nouwen noted:

*To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections - that requires hard spiritual work.*



Still, we are only grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for. Let's not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God.

Most of us carry painful memories of being hurt in some way over the years. We have been on the receiving end of an injustice, and perhaps carry some level of bitterness in our hearts. To bring ourselves to be thankful

for those experiences seems to be asking too much.

But giving thanks for everything leads us to recognize the Lord's providence — that He is looking after us in every circumstance in life. As Saint Paul pointed out "...that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV).

Letting go of painful memories and even coming to give thanks for them will free us and allow us to move forward in life with our heads up.

It takes time. Perhaps you may want to think about it. In the meantime God holds us tenderly in his hands. For that we are grateful.

Wishing you the best in 2017!

**Editor's Note:**

Please note that this issue of the Bugle was intended to be out prior to Thanksgiving but unfortunately that did not happen. Even though Fr. Don Blickhan's article is focused on Thanksgiving, his message is a great one and certainly still relevant during this Christmas season. For that matter, all year long! Thank you, Fr. Don.

# RETIREMENTS (SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND)

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO IVHQ! WE WISH YOU THE BEST!*



**Susan Archambo** retired at the end of December with nine years of service.



**Steve Clair** retired at the end of November from the General Store with 27 years of service.



**Pat Flachs** retired at the end of December from the Power Plant with 30 years of service.



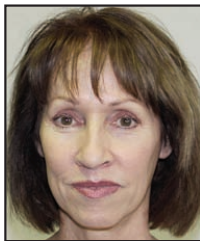
**Marsha Fry** retired at the end of December from Nursing with 32 years of service.



**Kristie McNay** retired at the end of December from the Business Office with 20 years of service.



**Sheila Nokes Deming** retired at the end of September from Laundry with over 41 years of service.



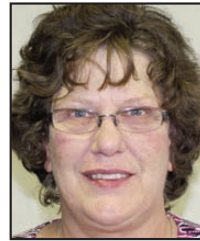
**Chris Reuschel** retired at the end of December from the Business Office with 20 years of service.



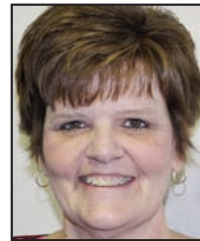
**Tom Schrand** retired at the end of September from IT with 20 years of service.



**Chuck Taylor** retired at the end of September from Laundry with over 33 years of service.

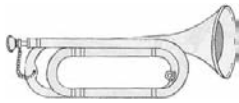


**Ginny Waterman** retired at the end of September from Nursing with over 28 years of service.



**Jane Wolf** retired at the end of November from the Adjutant's Office with over 30 years of service.





# TAPS (SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND)

*GOD BLESS THESE SPECIAL MEN AND WOMEN, OUR COMRADES...*



**Harley Adams**, 95, died December 18th. Harley was a WWII Army Veteran and a resident since 11/21/16.



**Rich Alford**, 69, died November 26th. Rich was a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran and a resident since 11/10/14.



**Gene Anderson**, 92, died December 22nd. Gene was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 4/20/10.



**Joe Battaglia**, 82, died October 8th. Joe was a Peace Time Navy Veteran and a resident since 4/7/14.



**Harold Berghaus**, 83, died November 26th. Harold was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 10/13/15.



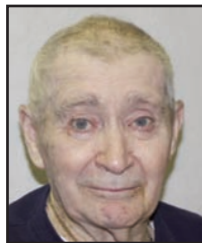
**Earl Carriger**, 83, died December 25th. Earl was a Korean War Air Force Veteran and a resident since 12/28/07.



**Art Claytor**, 95, died November 8th. Art was a WWII Marine Corps Veteran and a resident since 5/12/16.



**Peggy Cook**, 91, died December 20th. Peggy was a Non-Veteran and a resident since 5/26/15.



**Max Danner**, 88, died December 19th. Max was a Korean War Marine Corps Veteran and a resident since 7/7/15.



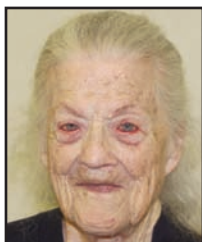
**Don Davenport**, 81, died November 21st. Don was a Peace Time Army Veteran and a resident since 12/16/15.



**Gene Foltz**, 83, died October 6th. Gene was a Korean War Navy Veteran and a resident since 7/20/93.



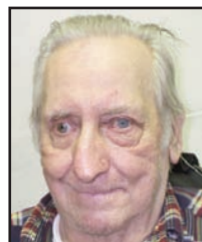
**Bob Fox**, 84, died December 26th. Bob was a Korean War Marine Corps Veteran and a resident since 6/11/08.



**Iola Gambach**, 95, died December 9th. Iola was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 11/16/15.



**Harold Hagenow**, 90, died November 26th. Harold was a WWII Army Veteran and a resident since 8/27/12.



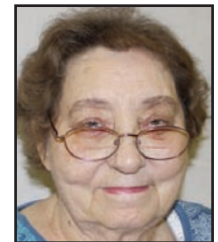
**Wally Krozel**, 85, died November 8th. Wally was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 1/26/11.



**Fred Mainer**, 91, died December 21st. Fred was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 9/14/16.



**John Massey**, 87, died December 24th. John was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 9/17/12.



**Edna McAfee**, 84, died November 15th. Edna was a Non-Veteran and a resident since 4/9/91.

# TAPS

*GOD BLESS THESE SPECIAL MEN AND WOMEN, OUR COMRADES...*



**Jack Metternich**, 95, died November 24th. Jack was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 6/2/10.



**Ambrose Meyer**, 88, died December 22nd. Ambrose was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 2/26/14.



**John Perry**, 85, died October 16th. John was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 6/26/06.



**Jerry Rose**, 83, died November 14th. Jerry was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 11/24/14.



**Ed Smith**, 84, died October 14th. Ed was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 3/20/13.



**Sey Spiro**, 90, died December 7th. Sey was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 1/29/15.



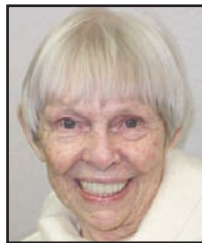
**Florence Tanner**, died December 12th. Florence was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 10/26/12.



**Andy Taylor**, 89, died December 11th. Andy was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 5/8/14.



**Luke Vaughn**, 88, died October 7th. Luke was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 1/8/16.



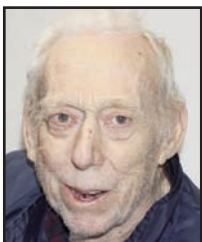
**Dorothy Vredenburgh**, 93, died October 9th. Dorothy was a WWII Marine Corps Veteran and a resident since 1/29/10.



**Rattler Wagner**, 89, Died December 14th. Rattler was a WWII Army veteran and a resident since 9/10/13.



**Walter Walsh**, 97, died December 30th. Walter was a WWII Navy Veteran and a resident since 10/7/09.



**Lynn Wellburn**, 84, died October 9th. Lynn was a Korean War and Vietnam War Coast Guard Veteran and a resident since 5/3/16.

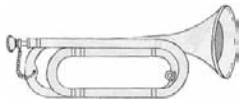


**Jim Winston**, 86, died December 5th. Jim was a Korean War Army Veteran and a resident since 3/16/16.

## GOD BLESS THE SOULS OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

The burial prayer often used at military burials:

Man who is born of woman is of a few days and is full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down. He fleath also as a shadow and continuith not. For as much as God has taken the soul of our departed comrade we now commit his body to the ground to sleep and his soul to endless peace to rest. The dust returneth to the earth as it was, and the Spirit returneth to God who gave it.



## WISH LIST

# CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (since last issue)

The Bob Kehl Memorial donated \$450.00 to the Activity Fund

The Jeff Barnhill Memorial donated \$25 to the Activity Fund

The Frank Eck Memorial donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund

The Harry Hendricks Memorial donated \$305 to the Activity Fund

Macomb Ladies Auxiliary donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund for the Christmas Party

Mary McElfresh donated \$10.00 to the Bugle Fund

VFW Aux Gift Shop donated \$180.00 to the Activity Fund

The Lloyd Flora Memorial donated \$45 to the Activity Fund

Tri-State Lugnuts donated \$154.57 to the Activity Fund for popcorn

Floyd & Diane Alexander donated \$400.00 to the Activity Fund

Arnie & Judy Eichorst donated \$400.00 to the Tree Fund

Maria & Raymond Knowles donated \$25.00 to the Activity Fund

Sam Gass donated \$2000.00 to the Activity Fund

Merle & Judy Sims donated \$200.00 to the Bugle Fund

Donald & Eileen Bone donated \$5.00 to the Activity Fund

The Esther Barkley Memorial donated \$540.00 to the Activity Fund

The James Johnson Memorial donated \$35.00 to the Activity Fund

Noah Stull - Eagle Project donated \$170.02 to the Activity Fund

Carol Davis donated \$10.00 to the Activity Fund

VFW Auxiliary Gift Shop donated \$1,813.75 to the Activity Fund

The John McNamara Memorial donated \$250.00 to the Activity Fund

The Shirley Scheuermann Memorial donated \$380.00 to the Activity Fund

The Lester Althoff Memorial donated \$45.00 to the Activity Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crandall donated \$20.00 to the Bugle Fund

Bethany United Church of Christ donated \$100.00 to the Activity Fund

Catholic War Veterans

Post #1933 donated \$65.00 to the Activity Fund for Markword Bingos

AMVETS Post #104 donated \$65.00 to the Activity Fund for Markword Bingos

Department of Illinois, VFW Ladies Auxiliary donated \$110.52 to the Activity Fund for Red Hat Party

Tri-State Lugnuts donated \$963.64 for the new gazabo at Schapers

Robert Zalazinski donated \$1,199.00 for Elmore Patio Furniture

The Wesley Herman Memorial donated \$155.00 to the Activity Fund

The Charles Brown Memorial donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund

The Jerry Cravens Memorial donated \$100.00 to the Activity Fund

Elks National Veterans Service Commission donated \$300.00 to the Tree Fund and \$600.00 to the Adopt-a-Chair Fund

Catholic War Veterans donated \$300.00 to the Activity Fund for Bingos

Various Families donated \$1,705.00 to the Activity Fund

George & Bessie Pempek donated \$30.00 to the Bugle Fund

Department of Illinois, American Legion Auxiliary donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund

Catholic War Veterans Inc. donated \$500.00 to the Activity Fund

K.W.V.A. Sangamon Co. Chapter donated \$550.00 to the Activity Fund

The David Wilson Memorial donated \$10.00 to the Activity Fund

The Paul Winslow Memorial donated \$75.00 to the Activity Fund

Don & Martha Beck donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund and \$50.00 to the Bugle Fund

Tunnel Rats Motorcycle Club donated \$100.00 to the All Wars Museum

USI Alliance/Senior Crime Stoppers donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund

Harvey & Luann Sloniger donated \$50.00 to the Bugle Fund

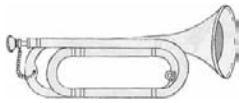
The Robert Bowman Memorial donated \$135.00 to the Activity Fund

The Gene Foltz Memorial donated \$580.00 to the Activity Fund



The Robert E. Vaughn Memorial donated \$195.00 to the Activity Fund	Marrs-Meyer Auxiliary donated \$1,000.00 to the Activity Fund	Association donated \$500.00 to the Christmas Party Fund	Envi Solutions donated \$100.00 to the Christmas Party Fund
Ted Willer donated \$100.00 to the Bugle Fund	Military Order of Purple Heart donated \$100.00 to the Christmas Activity Fund	Illinois NSDAR donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund	Alvie Land donated \$20.00 to the Activity Fund
Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund	Stitch & Stir HCE donated \$20.00 for Phone Cards	VFW, P.F.C. Ted Stempien Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Activity Fund	The Robert Reynolds Memorial donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund
Eldred Post donated \$25.00 to the Bugle Fund	Mary Sheehan donated \$20.00 to the Bugle Fund	American Legion, Archer Highland donated \$100.00 to the Activity Fund	DAV Auxiliary Hall Hagler Unit 15 donated \$300.00 to the Activity Fund
Jump River Electric Coop donated \$26.44 to the Activity Fund	Anna Brown donated \$2,000.00 to the Tree Fund	Piasa Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund	Hamilton VFW Auxiliary 5256 donated \$1,300.00 to the Activity Fund
The Dorothy Vredenburg Memorial donated \$30.00 to the Activity Fund	American Legion Edwin Corpin donated \$2,000.00 to the Christmas Activity Fund	DAV 90 Jack Graichen Memorial donated \$500.00 to the Activity Fund	Atkinson Womens Organization donated \$100.00 to the Activity Fund
National Society of the DAR donated \$120.00 to the Activity Fund	North Dupage VFW donated \$500.00 for Comfort Items	Athens United Methodist Women donated \$400.00 to the Wish List Fund	American Legion Peoria County Council donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund
Daughters of the American Revolution donated \$500.00 for Christmas Gifts for Veterans	Larry & Jacqueline Stoldt donated \$40.00 to the Activity Fund	George & Shirley Thielbar donated \$75.00 to the Activity Fund and \$25.00 Bugle Fund	Jacksonville Emblem Club donated \$150.00 to the Activity Fund
The Joseph Canavan Memorial donated \$100.00 to the Activity Fund	The Thelbert Niehoff Memorial donated \$20.00 to the Activity Fund	M. Buesking & B. Buesking donated \$150.00 to the Bugle Fund	The Monty Foster & John R. Miller Memorial donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund
The Bernie Sharp Memorial donated \$25.00 to the Activity Fund	The Gerald Rose Memorial donated \$835.00 to the Activity Fund	Carol & John Drzewicki donated \$50.00 to the Activity Fund	VFW Post 6871 donated \$260.00 to the Activity Fund
The Arthur Claytor Memorial donated \$265.00 to the Activity Fund	Then Edna McAfee Memorial donated \$10.00 to the Activity Fund	Leslie & Linda Wackher donated \$100.00 to the Christmas Party and \$30.00 Bugle Fund)	Ricky & Margaret Hamann donated \$50.00 Christmas Party and \$25.00 to the Bugle Fund
Elks Ladies #158 donated \$200.00 to the Activity Fund	Alvera Bardon donated \$20.00 to the Bugle Fund	Combined Veterans Assoc. of Illinois donated \$200.00 to the Christmas Activity Fund	Springfield IL Chapter 39 donated \$160.00 for Christmas Gifts for Veterans
	Korean War Veterans Association donated \$1,000.00 for Christmas Gifts for Veterans		
	Korean War Veterans		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**



**ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME AT QUINCY**

**Wish List**



These items currently cannot be funded through the regular budget process but are nonetheless worthy projects. If you or your organization are interested in funding a portion or an entire project, simply contact Administrator Troy Culbertson at (217) 222-8641, ext. #202 or Director of Marketing Rick Gengenbacher at ext. #380. All contributions, no matter the size, will be noted in the Bugle with the Wish List. These items will remain on the list until we have received enough funds to purchase them. New items will be added from time to time. (Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Veterans Home. Please write the name of the project you wish to adopt in the memo note.) **THIS LIST IS IN PRIORITY ORDER.** As always, thank you for your time and consideration.

**NEW WISH LIST ITEM...**

**REQUESTED: A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR EACH RESIDENT**

**REASON:** *This past Christmas we once again provided a Christmas Gift for every IVHQ resident - a special stadium blanket with each resident's branch of service beautifully stitched on it. Even though Christmas has passed you can help replenish this fund so we can continue this great tradition in 2017 and beyond.*

**PRICE:** \$12.50 will sponsor one resident.

**NEW WISH LIST ITEM...**

**REQUESTED: AIR MATTRESS FOR RESIDENTS**

**REASON:** *These special mattresses are critical in our efforts to provide high-caliber wound care healing and in the prevention of such wounds. These particular air mattresses would be used by residents who meet the criteria for this special care but who are not medicare eligible.*

**PRICE :** Approximately \$2,000 per mattress. Requesting two mattresses.

**NEW WISH LIST ITEM...**

**REQUESTED: PERMANENT SHELTER FOR SUNSET CEMETERY**

**REASON:** *IVHQ is looking to erect a permanent shelter in Sunset Cemetery that will be used for during the many burial services (veterans from IVHQ as well as eligible veterans from the community) at Sunset. Currently a tent is put up and taken down each time. The thought on this project is to erect a permanent, open-air, structure that we can attached three sides to during inclement weather.*

**PRICE :** To be determined.

**REQUESTED: TRANSPORT VEHICLE**

**REASON:** *This vehicle will be utilized to transport residents to and from off-grounds medical appoints. The last time we replaced a transport vehicle was 2012. This vehicle will likely replace a 2002 wheel-chair bus that has over 125,000 miles, is rusting out, and requires constant and costly repairs.*

**PRICE:** \$42,000.

**REQUESTED: DONATIONS TO REPLACE CANOPIES AT SCHAPERS AND MARKWORD**

**REASON:** *The canopies in Schapers Courtyard and the Markword 2 patio were both destroyed during the July 13, 2015, windstorm. We would like to replace both canopies so residents can enjoy the Schapers Courtyard and patio at Markword 2 when the weather turns more suitable for outside activities and enjoyment.*

**PRICE:** Total cost for the two canopies is \$50,000.

**REQUESTED: HOMELIKE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT - ADOPT-A-CHAIR PROGRAM**

**REASON:** *Living environments influence quality of life and many studies have been done regarding the impact the environment around us has on our health; physical, and emotional well-being. Such things as wall coverings/color, window coverings, lighting, and wall art influence us whether we realize it or not. These things help humanize healthcare environments and can make a setting more reminiscent of home; that's our goal with this endeavor, to create a more homelike environment for our residents starting with the dining room chairs.*

**PRICE:** \$325 to Adopt-a-Chair

**REQUESTED: DONATIONS TO COVER PRINTING & MAILING EXPENSE FOR THE BUGLE**

**REASON:** *Donations are requested to help offset a portion of the annual expenses for the bi-monthly publication which, between printing and postage will exceed \$20,000.00 per year.*

**PRICE:** ONGOING FUND -- Donations of all sizes are appreciated.

**REQUESTED: DONATIONS TO THE RESIDENTS BENEFIT (ACTIVITIES) FUND**

**REASON:** *Daily activities for residents and all special events (such as the Family Picnic and the Christmas Party) are funded out of the Residents Benefit Fund. Donations of all sizes are always welcome as our Activities Department continues to provide first-class events and reaches out to all residents through a variety of activities.*

**PRICE:** ONGOING FUND -- Donations of all sizes are appreciated.

***Thank You For Your Consideration!!!***

## **Wives of Schapers B & Markword 2**

*Friends often ask us how we chose Illinois Veterans Home Quincy. We tell them that the care here is equal to or better than for-profit homes and that some staff here have worked in private facilities. Staff certifications and skills and experiences are impressive. Residents pay as they are able, which is fair and those of us who are "full-pay" still find it a bargain. If IVHQ were not top-notch, our loved ones would quickly go elsewhere! Another feature we love is the generous donations made for our veterans, some for gratitude, some for altruistic reasons, and some in memory. i.e. there is a lovely new maple tree in the Schapers courtyard replacing a tree lost in last year's storm, donated in-memory of a loved one. Are we fortunate, or what!*

*Betty, Nancy, Ann, & Bev*

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## *Thank You, Tri-State Lugnuts!*



Administrator Troy Culbertson accepts a \$4,435.64 check from the Tri-State Lugnuts Car Club prior to the Veterans Day Program on November 11th. The donation was the proceeds from the Lugnuts 17th Annual Endless Summer Show conducted on IVHQ grounds on September 11th. Over those 17 years, the Lugnuts have donated over \$90,000 to the Home. Thank you, Lugnuts!