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I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Veteran's, families and staff that continue to make our Veterans Home such a special place. Caring for those who have served our nation is both an honor and responsibility that we take seriously. We will continue to stay focused on creating a culture that promotes dignity, respect and comfort for our Veterans.

These last few months has brought many opportunities for connection, activity and meaningful moments. May 11th through May 15th we celebrated National Nursing Home Week! This week provided many opportunities for teambuilding activities for team members. Our theme this week was Casino Royale "All in for our Vet's". Also, in May we honor the men and woman who died while serving our Country.

We continue to stay committed to enhancing the quality of life for each Veteran that we have in our care. Our core values are Integrity First, Service before self, and Excellence in all We Do. Thank you for your ongoing trust, support and partnership.



Len Rhine,
Administrator



Principia Band members
love posing with our Veterans



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More information

If you are looking for more information on the Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis on how to donate, volunteer, or would like a speaker for your next event, please contact the recreation manager Sherita Crosby at 314-421-8639, sherita.crosby@mvc.dps.mo.gov or visit us at www.stlvhal.org

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Thanks To Our Veterans!

Thank You To Our Volunteers

The month of May holds a special place in American history, especially within the military and Veterans community. It is a time of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude for the brave men and women who have served our nation.

One of the most significant observances during May is Memorial Day, a holiday dedicated to honoring military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Over time, Memorial Day became a National Day of Remembrance observed on the last Monday of May.

May is also recognized as Military Appreciation Month, a time to celebrate active – duty service members, Veterans, and military families who continue to support our armed forces. Throughout the month of May communities across the country host parades, events and ceremonies for our military heroes.

As we reflect on this month in history, we are reminded that freedom is never free. The courage and sacrifice of our Veterans and service members continue to inspire generations. This history deserves to be remembered not only in the month of May, but every day. To all who have served and sacrificed, I thank you.

To all our volunteers and the Assistance League – thank you for your dedication, compassion, and unwavering support. The Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis is stronger because of you. We are always continuing to accept volunteer applications. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our incredible team, please reach out we would love to have you with us. Please contact me at 314-421-8639 or email Sherita.crosby@mvc.dps.mo.gov.



Sherita Crosby
Supervisor of Volunteer Services



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- Hoots Baseball Game
- Cardinals Game
- Father's Day
- Family Day 4th of July
- Flag Day



JULY

- Cardinals Baseball Game
- Day@the races
- Muny
- Christmas in July
- Aquarium outing
- St. Louis Foods



AUGUST

- Cardinals Baseball Game
- Luau
- Muny



SEPTEMBER

- Cardinals Baseball Game
- Day @ the races
- Sports outing
- Arcade Day
- Ice Cream Social



OCTOBER

- Fall Festival
- Petting zoo
- Western Week
- Let it Glow





Employee Spotlight



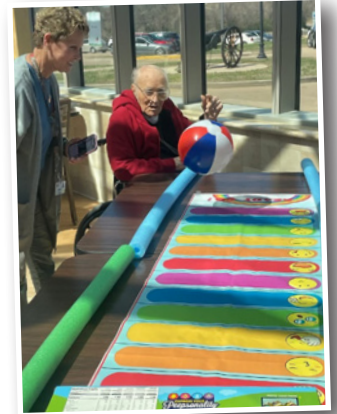
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



MARCH

Lenora Harris

Lenora is a new addition to the custodial team and has set an outstanding example in the housekeeping department through her tireless work ethic, dedication and commitment to excellence. She ensures a welcoming, spotless environment for guests and colleagues by cleaning the front lobby furniture, consistently wiping surfaces to prevent the spread of infections. She goes above and beyond to assist with other special projects such as buffing old flooring back to life. Lenora brings a positive, energetic attitude to work everyday with her smiles, laughter and her courteous attitude towards guest, co-workers and Veterans.



APRIL

Brandi Williams

Brandi Williams is the homes scheduler. She is an amazing spokesperson for the St. Louis team and for MVC. She is a true professional and always supports the entire MVC team with her positive energy and knowledge. We love having her on our team.



MAY

Jessica Altman

Jessica has outstanding dedication, compassion and teamwork. She consistently goes above and beyond in providing exceptional care to our Veterans. She demonstrates genuine compassion, patience and respect in every interaction, ensuring that each Veteran feels valued, comfortable and well cared for. Her strong work ethic and positive attitude make a tremendous impact on both the Veterans and staff. Jessica is also an excellent team player who is always willing to assist her coworkers whenever needed. Whether helping during busy shifts, going to other units to help when needed, stepping in to support the team, or encouraging others with her positive spirit, she consistently shows professionalism and dedication to excellence.



Recreation Happenings

What a wonderful time of the year and the time has quickly gone. Many thanks go out to the Assistance League and all the amazing volunteers and donors. We appreciate all the thoughtful phone calls, cards, groups, donations, and support that we received during this time. Our Veterans are truly spoiled!

We started in March with our National pancake day. The veterans got to go to Ihop and enjoy pancakes and those that were in the home got pancakes made by the recreation team on the floors. Our veterans got to experience St. Patrick's Day at VFW post 4105 and had a lunch provided by the group. We had our first Shamrock Shuffle in the building and the veterans had a "lucky charm drink", eat yummy cookies and cupcakes, get tattooed up and enjoy some beads and wrist bands. We had various music entertainments come to the home, with Debroah Scott, Alex Reynas, and Joe Powell. They got to enjoy Cardinals Home opener with Jeff Lefton performing magic acts and keeping our veterans on their toes. They were able to watch on TV a winning game eating popcorn, nachos, and ice cream. We had our spring fling for the veterans, and they enjoyed playing the games and watching the kids look for Easter eggs. The veterans went to see Biloxi Blues at the Florissant James J. Eagen center. We also had the CHAMP therapy dogs come up to the home to visit the veterans.

In April and May the veterans saw two Battlehawks game. The veterans attended the Ms. Missouri Senior pageant. Members of the cameo were singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments throughout the pageant. The youth circus came and performed for the veterans as well. The veterans enjoyed presentations from STLC library. They talked about the Radio flyer turning 100, Great rescue stories, and learned about the history of the pretzel. The veterans had Eastern Shore Baptist church youth choir, the Gateway Harmonicas perform, Principia High School band, the Larke's, St. Peters 4th graders, and Lutheran North High school come into the home for our veterans. We had our Cinco De Mayo pub crawl at in house where the veterans got to visit different stations in the dining room. In May for National Nursing home week, we got to celebrate the veterans to the theme of the "Casino". Each day of the week the veterans got to play different casino games during the week and have a special mocktail playing the games. Some outings that the veterans look forward to is going to the casino, going fishing, Grant's Farm, Target, and visiting other VFWs.

Some upcoming activities that the veterans will look forward to are going to Cardinals games, attending O Fallon Hoots games, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Family picnic, going to the Munny, the Luau, petting zoo, Western Day, Aquarium, Ice cream socials, Arcade days, and Boo fest/ Fall festival .

We could use your support as we continue to celebrate our Veterans. These activities are not possible without the support from the community and the St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League. We are continually grateful for EVERY donation.

If you would like to sponsor any activity. You may send your donation for recreation activities made payable to the:

STL Veterans Home Assistance League or STVHAL
10600 Lewis & Clark Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63136

Also, please make a note on what activity you would like to sponsor. Thank you very much.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Melissa.Fishman@mvc.dps.mo.gov



Melissa Fishman
Director of Recreation



Donations

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those individuals, groups, organizations and companies that donated in the second quarter of 2026 to ensure our heroes "live life to the fullest." The STL Veterans Home Assistance League is grateful to be part of this united effort on behalf of our Veterans. Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization has unintentionally been left off this list.

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Annual Memorial Remembrance Campaign 2026

We pay tribute to our friends and loved ones who served in the armed forces of our nation during war and peace and the members of their family that are now with God.



Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living

Donations Have Been Made In The Memory and Honor Of Friends And Loved Ones

Your remembrance of a loved one, friend, post or auxiliary member will impact those who live on—our Veterans who reside at the Missouri Veterans' Home – St. Louis. Thank you all for supporting this worthy cause with your kindness and generosity. Please accept our apology if you and/or your organization has unintentionally been left off this list.

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STL Veterans Home Assistance League

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for year-end giving.**

**Kindly consider a gift
to SLVHAL in honor
of our Veterans.**

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- \$30
- \$60
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Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis

is home to Veterans from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, and peacetime. We have many volunteer opportunities available and would love to have you join our team. For more information, please contact me by email at Sherita.Crosby@mvc.dps.mo.gov

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