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As the holiday season approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude for choosing the Veterans Home to care for your loved one. It is a profound honor to serve America's Heroes and we consider it our duty to provide the highest level of care, respect and dignity to those who have bravely served our country.

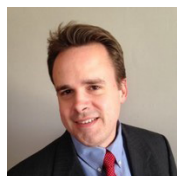
Many of you have expressed interest in recognizing our staff during this festive season. Please be advised that we have strict policies prohibiting staff from accepting personal gifts from Veterans and their families. These policies are essential to ensure fairness and integrity in the care we provide, preventing any perception of favoritism or undue influence.

However, if you wish to express your appreciation to our dedicated staff, we invite you to consider making a contribution to the Assistance League's Employee Fund. This fund is used throughout the year to show appreciation for our staff, the following are examples:

- Employee Christmas Party
- Employee Recognition Programs
- Employee T-Shirts
- Pizza Parties, Cookouts, and other team-building events

Please know that there is no obligation to contribute. Your kind words and expressions of gratitude are more than enough to uplift our team. It is our privilege to serve the men and woman who have served our nation.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous holiday season. Thank you, as always, for entrusting the care of your loved ones to MVH – Saint Louis. We remain committed to providing the highest quality care and services to our Veterans.



Thanks,

Len Rhine,
Administrator

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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

Bus Fund Campaign

Friends and Supporters of The Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis are raising money to purchase a new bus for our Veterans. We would like to get our Heroes out of the community more, and having a new bus will help us to accomplish this goal. Our Veterans Home in St. Louis, and are blessed to have access to some of the most beautiful parks in the city. We would like our Veterans to have the opportunity to enjoy these parks.

Goal Met!

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support.



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Thank You For Your Support

The St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League solicits and handles all donations for the Home. All donations (checks) shall be made out to:

**The St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League
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Our Veterans!*

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Thank You To Our Volunteers

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation to Mrs. Bootsie and Duke DuVall for their outstanding work as volunteers. Their dedication and selfless efforts have made a significant impact, and their commitment to helping others is truly inspiring. Thank you for being such incredible role models and making a difference through your volunteer service!



Also, congratulations to Mrs. Bootsie DuVall on celebrating her 99th birthday! She celebrated here at the Missouri Veterans Home with some of our Veterans and her family. Her son, Duke DuVall does a monthly Christian Service at MVH. Duke also reaches out daily with a "Word of Inspiration" that can be listened to at 1-800-939-5689, toll free. The Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis would like to thank Duke and Bootsie for all that you do.

We continue to accept volunteer applications and schedule groups to visit our veterans to allow us to bring in new, talented individuals who can contribute fresh ideas and skills. Please feel free to contact me at 314-421-8639 or Sherita.crosby@mvc.dps.mo.gov.

Sherita Crosby
Supervisor of Volunteer Services



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

In house Day @ the races
Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Veterans Day celebration

December

Christmas Food social
Family Christmas Party
Holiday light outings
Twelve Days of Christmas

January

Billikens Basketball outing
Chinese New Year celebration
In house Day @ the races





St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League

Our mission is to improve the livelihood of the men and women who fought for the freedoms we enjoy every day.

November 25, 2024

Dear Friends;

On November 11th, we will pause to give thanks for our veterans and service personnel who served and are serving with honor. On this 106th anniversary of the Armistice of World War I, each of us has the opportunity to develop a new interest and understanding within our communities to achieve a better public image of those who have served, and to help promote the ideas of freedom. We also give honor to the families who are awaiting more than 72,000 American Soldiers and civilians who are still unaccountable from World War II and more than 1,500 from Vietnam (35 Missourians).

The League sponsors activities such as bingo, poker, horse racing (in house), crafts, bar-b-ques, a Family 4th of July picnic, baseball games, trips to the Muny, a Luau, and ice cream socials. Several organizations donated funds for the bar-b-ques and ice cream socials, we **THANK YOU!!!** Individuals and Veteran organizations also continue to sponsor and donate monthly so that we may continue our regular bingo and poker events.

YOUR continued support provides activities for the Veterans. I'd like to give a special thank you to each and every one of you.

You may Adopt-A-Vet for as little as \$30.00, which will provide funds for one Veteran to participate in activities throughout the year. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We rely solely on the generosity of individual caring donors and supporting organizations.

We want to thank the faithful volunteers of the Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis who have given their time, talent, and love to support our organization's mission. We are deeply grateful for all you do in support of the residents at the home. You do make a real difference in the lives of the Veterans we all serve. Please take care of yourself and be safe.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie W. Hauck

Rosemarie W. Hauck, President



Rosemarie W. Hauck
Assistance League President





Department Spotlight

Nestled in the heart of the Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis, the therapy department sparks hope and healing through its dual approach. Skilled therapy comprises physical, occupational, and speech therapy and sets the stage for transformative growth. Restorative therapy then takes the reins, ensuring residents retain their newfound abilities and confidence. This collaborative care model fuels resilience, restores vitality, and fosters a brighter future. The Skilled Therapy department consists of Physical Therapist-Brittany Lamb; Physical Therapy Assistant-Randi Frey; Speech Language Pathologist-Samantha Ray; Occupational Therapy Assistant-Latina Ray and Aja Bethany-Occupational Therapist/Director of Rehab. The Restorative department consist of Jaqueta Seawood-Restorative Therapy Director; and Restorative Aides-Anna Sprous and Angela McKinney.



Jaqueta Seawood
Restorative Therapy
Director

Employee Spotlight

Amanda Fields has shown outstanding service to MO-Vets, always making sure the special needs of the veterans are met and always willing to step in when needed.

She always goes above and beyond her job expectations making sure her nurses are supported, and keeping a positive professional work attitude. We appreciate her dedication and what she does to boost morale at the Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis.

Buffy Huffman, BSW, LNHA
Assistant Administrator



Recreation Happenings

Many thanks go out to the Assistance League and all the amazing volunteers and donors. We have appreciated all the thoughtful phone calls, cards, groups, donations, and support that we received during this time. Our Veterans are truly spoiled!

We had a great time as the veterans got to experience the solar eclipse and have BBQ's from different groups. We celebrated a Rock N Roll Day and the veterans loved listening to the music and reminiscing the golden years. They also enjoyed having the 4th graders from St. Peters to help with BINGO. Time is never boring at the home when the barbershop quartet came to sing to our veterans. Some of the outings that the veterans were able to do was going to the Florissant Elks for dinner & BINGO, going to Lotawata Creek, the National Blues Museum, Golden Corral, attending Cardinals baseball games, Veronica May performing, and having the Luau with hula dancers. The veterans also enjoyed their BINGO, Big Bucks BINGO, and Poker games. For nursing home week, the veterans participated in the "Olympics". The veterans were able to pick a country that they wanted to represent and created their own flag to represent themselves. Then the veterans competed in a corn hole competition, target toss, shot put, and opening and closing ceremonies. The family picnic was a great hit. The veterans were able to spend time with their families. The activities included a face painter, balloon artist, a caricature artist, dunking booth, bounce house, and BBQ. Then they could cool off from the heat and enjoy music from the after-hours band. The Fall Festival was a wonderful time for the veterans. We had s'mores, chili, delicious pies, games, and music.

It is always a busy time with the veterans. They enjoyed visits from the CHAMP therapy dogs Frankie Georgia Pearl, Bessie Lou, and the therapy cat. We had a new therapy dog start visiting the veterans. They enjoy talking with the owner of "Snoopy" because he is also a veteran. The next few months are packed with more fun. The activities include Witches Brew, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Dinner, 12 Days of Christmas, and the Family Christmas Party.

We could use your support as we continue to celebrate our Veterans. These activities are not possible without the support from the community. 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
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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 third quarter of 2024 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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STL Veterans Home Assistance League

Services Rendered To All Eligible Veterans Without Regard To Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Age, Handicap, Or National Origin.



Adopt ★ A ★ Vet

**It's not too late
for year-end giving.**

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

Yes! I/we would like to help our veterans. My donation will help provide each veteran a gift and also be utilized for other special events throughout the year.

- \$30
- \$60
- \$90
- \$180

Donation of Any Amount \$ _____



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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