



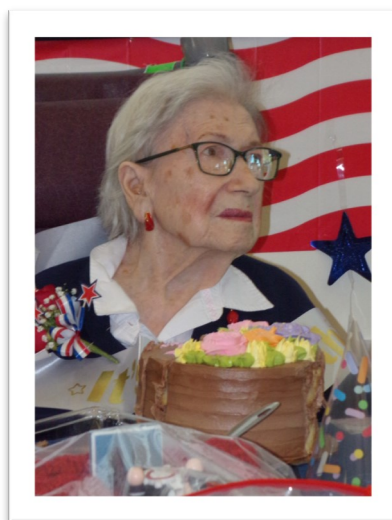
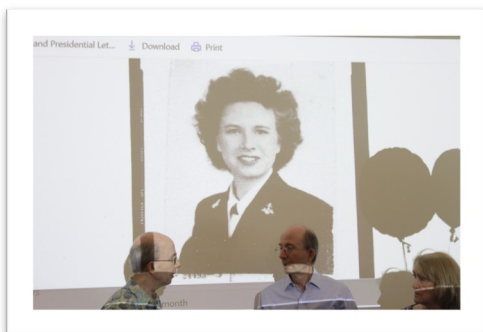
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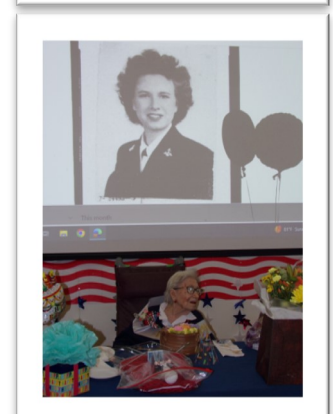
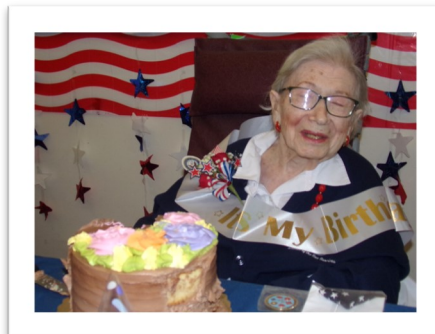
August 2025

June Marie Miskovish was born on July 21, 1924 in Donegal, PA. She is the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Miskovish. June graduated from Ramsay High School in Mount Pleasant, PA in 1943, and enlisted in the US Naval Service in 1944. Training was completed at the US Naval Technical School, Hunter College, New York City. During World War II she served in the Field Branch Business and Administration in Cleveland, OH. She achieved the rank of Yeoman First Class, and was authorized to wear the American Campaign and World War II Victory Ribbon. Her Honorable Discharge from US Naval Service was August 16, 1946. On August 24, 1946 she married Charles W. Kerrigan in Cleveland, Ohio. They had two sons, Charles and William who presently reside in the Philadelphia, PA area. During her married years, she remained active with The Waves Unit 133 in Northeast Ohio. She became a Charter Member of Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc., and attended through an Honor Flight the Dedication Ceremony on October 1977 at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.



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Commandant's Corner

As we enter the month of August, I would like to take time to observe Purple Heart Day. Purple Heart Day is observed annually on August 7th honoring the bravery and sacrifice of US Military personnel who have been wounded or killed in action. I wanted to express my sincerest gratitude to our Purple Heart recipients at DVVH, George Rodgers, Angel Agosto, Thomas Murphy, and Oreslaw Siuma for their courage and dedication to our Country.

On August 13th Delaware Valley Veterans' Home will have the honor of inducting into the Hall of Fame Mr. Sol Stark. Mr. Stark served in the U.S Army from April 1943 to April 1946 during World War II in the European Theater. His decorations include the EAME Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Stark spent many hours volunteering at Delaware Valley Veterans' Home and raised countless monetary contributions for our residents so they could enjoy Bingo, food and entertainment. Mr. Stark passed away in August of 2020 at the age of 97, his family will be present to accept the award. The Hall of Fame was established under Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and amended by H.B 30 in 1999. To learn more about our Hall of Fame please visit Hall of Fame | Department of Military and Veterans Affairs | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Department of Health and Life Safety Divisions were on campus the week of July 21st to complete their annual survey of our Home. We had very few citations identified, and efforts have already begun to work toward our plan of correction. I would like to congratulate the staff on their survey results and thank them for the hard work and devotion they give every day to support our Veterans and residents.

Delaware Valley Veterans' Homes has again been lucky to honor another resident as she turns 101 years old! June Kerrigan celebrated her day surrounded by family and friends. She enjoyed cake, music and many well wishes as she celebrated another year around the sun! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUNE!!!

As always, I would like to make a special welcome to our new staff, we are happy to have you join our Delaware Valley Veterans' Home and look forward to working with you.

The "Caught You Caring" employee of the month for August is Tina Gardner. You can find Tina working in our Nutrition department on the day shift. Thank you for the great care you provide for our residents! Congratulations Tina! Please look for the nomination forms located in front of the DVVH canteen if you would like to nominate an employee.

To all residents and staff, my door is always open for you.

Margo



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Copies of the Newsletter are available on
our website and outside the Canteen.

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EMPLOYEE
— OF —
THE MONTH



Act of Caring employee 'Caught' doing:

Tina Gardner

Act of Caring employee Caught' doing: Tina is always taking her money buying residents ice cream, or anything they would like. Tina works on Delta Drive, many times she works by herself, always getting the job done, with a smile and pleasant words to say to her co-workers and residents.

DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS' HOME

August 2025

“Caught You Caring”

With the new year comes a new employee recognition program for employee of the month. The program is called “Caught You Caring” This initiative will recognize employees for their extra efforts in maintaining the health and wellbeing of our Veterans and residents.

Employees may be recognized by fellow peers, supervisors, managers, volunteers, visitors, residents, and vendors. Please look for the nomination forms located in front of the DVVH canteen if you would like to nominate an employee.

Nominees: Robert Sanxhaku (Security), Activities staff – All of them



EMPLOYEE CREED:

We, the employees, believe and strive to show our Residents and their families that:

You are The Most Important People at Delaware Valley Veterans’ Home

You are NOT dependent on us ~WE are dependent on you

You do NOT disrupt our work ~you are the REASON for it. You do US a favor when you ask for our help~ it is our *HONOR* to serve YOU

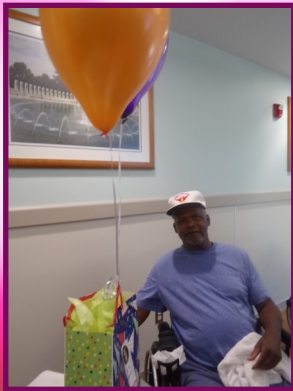
You are the most essential part of Delaware Valley Veterans’ Home~ this is YOUR home~ you invite US in

You are not an assortment of charts, prescriptions and bills you are living~ breathing human beings with feelings and emotions like our own

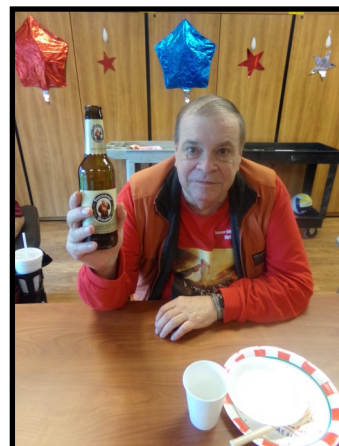
You are not to be argued with~ you bring us your desires~ it is our job to fill those desires

You are deserving of the most Considerate and Compassionate treatment we can give

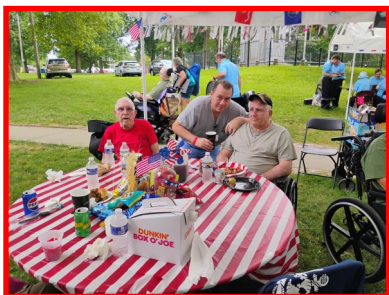
You are the treasure of the Delaware Valley Veterans’ Home, the reason we are here is to Care for you.



Residents enjoy a Taste of Germany with different Ale's and snacks



Veterans Tribute Concert & Picnic at Gorgas Park

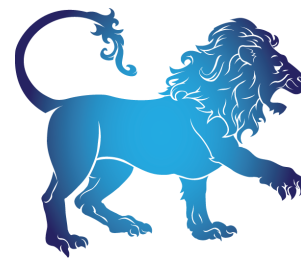


Christmas in July party hosted by American Legion Post 148 Auxiliary & Santa Visit





Cancer (June 21 – July 22)



Leo (July 23 - August 22)

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by over-producing oil and driving prices down on the world market. An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup, and later the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.

August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber Enola Gay. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 9, 1974 - Effective at noon, Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal. Nixon had appeared on television the night before and announced his decision to the American people. Facing possible impeachment by Congress, he became the only U.S. President ever to resign.

August 14, 1935 - President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act establishing the system which guarantees pensions to those who retire at age 65. The Social Security system also aids states in providing financial aid to dependent children, the blind and others, as well as administering a system of unemployment insurance.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous I Have a Dream speech.

www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/august.htm

Fun Facts in August

The birthstone representing August are peridot, spinel and sardonyx. The peridot birthstone is known for being formed under extreme conditions, as it can be found in the hardened lava that carried it from deep within Earth's mantle as well as in meteorites that traveled from outer space. The spinel birthstone was underappreciated until recently, as today's consumers look for an alternative to ruby, a gem with which red spinel was mistaken for centuries. Sardonyx is the original August birthstone, with a history that dates back more than 4,000 years.

August ~ Gladiolus & Poppy The primary August birth flower is the gladiolus and the secondary flower is the poppy. The gladiolus is a member of the Iris family (Iridaceae) and is native to Africa, the Mediterranean, and southern Europe, with more than 300 species that come in a range of vibrant colors. The flower has long been a symbol of strength, victory, healing, and honor. It has also been associated with moral character, remembrance, and intelligence.



Valley Voice Team

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DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN?

If you have a question or concern, Pennsylvania's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program can help. Your local ombudsman is trained to advocate for your rights and will work to resolve your problems by:

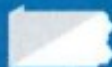
- Listening to your concerns
- Respecting your choices
- Offering ideas and options to help meet your individual needs

Services are free and confidential.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OMBUDSMAN

Center in the Park
5818 Germantown Ave
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 Morning News 10:00 St. Anslem Virtual Mass 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:00 Entertainer: Wing N Prayer 1:1 Visits	4 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Word Games 10:00 Jeff L (A Unit) 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Coast Guard Birthday Party with "Swinging Humans"	5 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Resident Council 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 BINGO Hosted by: Engine 22/Ladder 31	6 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Picnic Hosted By VFW State Aux 2:30 Music Therapy 6:00 BINGO	7 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Target Games	8 9:30 Morning Hymns 10:00 Table Top Shuffleboard 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 BINGO sponsored by: Military Order of the Purple Heart	9 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Philadelphia Christian Center 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:00 Movie: The Bodyguard
10 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Washington Catholic Mass 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:35 Phillies vs Rangers 4:00 1:1 Visits	11 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Where In The World Have You Been 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Karaoke	12 WCC 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Happy hydration 2:00 BINGO Hosted by: VFW 6495 Aux	13 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 10:00 Music Therapy (A Unit) 11:15 Hall of Fame Celebration 2:30 Table Top Horse Racing Hosted by VFW 6495 6:00 Ball Games	14 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Mass Hosted by Saint Anslem Church	15 9:30 Meditation Music 10:00 Devotions w/ Chappy 11:00 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 BINGO Sponsored by: VIA	16 9:30 1:1 Visits 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:00 BINGO Hosted by AL 800
17 9:30 Morning News 10:00 St. Anslem Virtual Mass 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:00 Taste of Greece	18 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Rosary (Chapel) 10:00 Trivia 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Karaoke	19 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 BINGO Hosted by: VFW 6617	20 9:30 Unit Activity 11:00 Safety Fair 1:30 Unit Activity 6:00 Chair Yoga	21 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Lunch and A Movie Hosted by VVMS 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Music Club: Rod Stewart	22 9:30 Morning Hymns 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 BINGO Sponsored by: VFW State Aux	23 9:30 1:1 Visits 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:00 Craft Kits 4:00 1:1 Visits
24 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Washington Catholic Mass 2:00 Karaoke with Paul L	25 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Word Games 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Game Stations	26 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 1:1 Visits 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Unit Activity 4:00 1:1 Visits	27 9:30 Unit Activity 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 Birthday Bash with John Conklin 6:00 Movie: Roy Rodgers	28 9:30 Morning News 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 1:1 Visits 2:00 BINGO Hosted by AL Aux 148	29 9:30 Morning Hymns 10:00 Travelogue 1:00 Happy Hydration 2:00 BINGO Hosted by DAV & AL 738	30 9:30 1:1 Visits 1:00 Music Appreciation 2:00 Movie: The Greatest Showman
31 9:30 Music Appreciation 10:00 St. Anslem Service 2:00 Trivia 3:00 Lambertville Brass Band Concert						

AB= Alcoholic Beverage

Calendar subject to change

Trips

8-Aug
Walnut

13-Aug
Trenton
Thunder

20-Aug
Parx Racetrack

24-Aug
Bucks County
Playhouse

27-Aug
Outback
Steakhouse

Generous Sponsors & Benefactors

Military Order of the Purple Heart, Rich Quinn Chapter 4, Warminster PA

Knights of Columbus Archbishop Wood Assembly 1680

Saint Anslem's Church

American legion Post 754 (Richard (Doc) Junod memory bench donation)

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society (Richard (Doc) Junod memory bench donation)

American Legion Posts 148, 263, 366, 738, 754, 800, & 810

American Legion Auxiliary Post 148 & 810

Sons of the American Legion Post 810

DAV Chapter 15

Dept of PA Veterans of Foreign Wars

VFW Post 6495 & 6617, VFW Auxiliary Post 6493 & 6495

Bristol Elks

Fairless Hills Elks

Veterans of Andalusia, PA

Gertrude Waters

Paula Lizzi

Rose Marie Reinhart Donation/ In memory of Ed McDevitt

Larry Holman

Lisa Gess

David Darr

Marykate Zeleznock

Tessa Bresnen

Rachel Vennitti

Elizabeth Keenan

Britnee Smith

Patrick Keenan

Thank you for your generosity and support. You are deeply appreciated by the veterans, families and staff at DVVH.

DVVH Welcomes our New Residents

TAPS



Delaware Valley Veterans' Home extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following Veterans who had recently passed away. Their presence will be greatly missed.

Galen Hoover

Kelley Daniel

Donald Nash



A **caisson** (US: / 'keɪsən /) is a two-wheeled cart designed to carry artillery ammunition; the British term is "ammunition wagon".

Caissons are also used to bear the casket of the deceased in some state and **military** funerals in certain Western cultures, including the United States.