

Vet Gazette

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RAY BUCHANAN Korean War Veteran

Ray Buchanan is a fun and spunky little veteran that likes to show off his dance moves from time to time. He has a spirit about him that makes you giggle when you are around him and his smile will warm your heart!

Ray grew up on a farm in rural Pennsylvania when he was a child. He would have to tend to the animals after school to help out. He eventually got a job and then was drafted to the Army where he would serve two years. He served over in Korea during the Korean War. His accolades recently earned a Peace Medal from the Korean Government!

He would then meet his love, Betty, and marry her. They were together for over 40 years and raised 3 children out in God's Country! Ray was fond of his home and property. He described how he loved the peace and quiet the area brought. He loved seeing all the animals that surrounded their home.

As for career, Ray worked many different jobs over the years including sawmills, factories, refineries, all to find better pay to support his family. He seemed disappointed that the work wasn't the career path he had hoped for. I explained that work doesn't define you, what kind of man you are does. He then smiled.

As for hobbies, he liked cars, hunting and causing mischief! He told me a story when he was a kid, he decided to stick a piece of chalk up his nose. Many were unhappy with his antics, but that troublemaker enjoyed having fun and making people laugh. To this day, Ray still likes to play tricks and have fun....and what's wrong with that?

If you haven't met Ray, please take time to visit him. If he isn't reading the Bible, he may be laughing and yelling "Awe sheeeeeet."



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Remembering Those No Longer With Us

Donald McBride

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NEW RESIDENTS

ARMY

ROBERT BARBONI

EDWARD HARP

BRIAN HORTER



NAVY

AUDREY SARDELIS



AIR FORCE

FREDERICK KERN



RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS– SEPTEMBER

Beverly Burkhardt

Gaetano Carlomagno

Richard Crossley

Ronald Dintino

Richard Driscoll

Betty Dunbar

Mariano Gaspari

Benjamin Gilinger

William Holmes

Francis Keiser

Donald Knause

Gary Moyer

Sharon Prechtl

Sean Rafferty

Dorothy Raker

Leon Remp

Alan Rogers

Frederic Shultz

James Tate

Richard Van Norman

**HAPPY 102nd
Paul Lynn !!**



RESIDENT UPDATES

SEPTEMBER PET THERAPY SCHEDULE

9/3 @10:30am– Wendy & Dinky

9/9@ 10:30– Wendy & Dinky

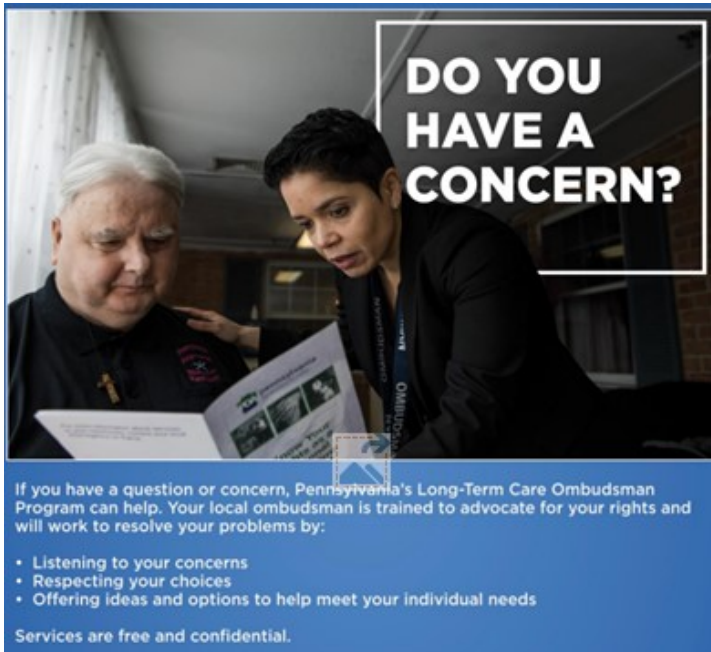
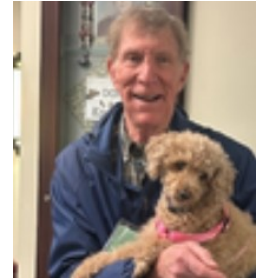
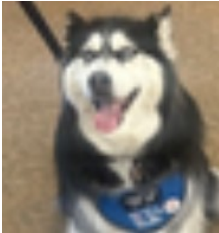
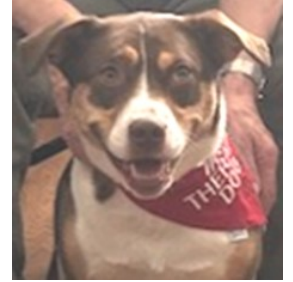
9/11@10am– Jerry & Coco

9/17@ 10:30– Wendy & Dardy

9/30@1:30pm– Cam & Ani

9/23@10:30– Wendy & Dinky

9/25@10-11:30am– Jerry & Coco



Residents, if you have a concern that isn't being addressed, you can call your Ombudsman:

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OMBUDSMAN

Ombudsman's Office is

Ph: 610-344-5004 Press #1

SEVC Ombudsman is

Jennifer Costello



Bob Smale, (right) is a new volunteer, ready to do 1:1 visits and assist with activities! If you need a friend to chat with, let the Volunteer office know! We also have Glen Deery ready to visit too!

Here, Bob is enjoying time with Mike Reilly and Cecil Johnson!



WELFARE FUND MEETING

This meeting is for those that serve on the committee.

Our next meeting is: 9/25.

STAFF UPDATES

MILESTONES

Sarah Asante – CNA – 15 years
Christopher Bohannon – CNA – 10 years
Micheal Walker – FSS – 10 years
Richard Moesser – CW2 – 5 years
Julia Barbati – LPN – 5 years

PROMOTIONS

Andre Kaplan – CW1 to CW2
Sarah Corse-Campion – SW1 to SW2
William Freese – CW1 to TAA



NEW HIRES

Ciera McBride– LPN PT1
Frederick London– TAA
Rebecca Eckenrode– TAA
Ronald Evans– MR2
Rodney Green– SSL
Cierra Hesse -CW1
Sean O'Malley—CW1
William Saunders– CW1
Brad Jacoby– Cook 1
Kimberly Oliveira– FSW1
Jordan Navarro– Clerk Asst 2
Hannah Neiss– Clerk Asst 2



**Schedule your *Know Your Numbers*
Wellness Screening Today**
July 1 – December 31, 2025

Get valuable health information with the Get Healthy Program!

Complete a Wellness Screening before December 31, 2025.

Don't delay. **Employees enrolled in PEBTF medical and/or prescription drug benefits** must complete a wellness screening to save money on the employee health care contribution from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

DMVA Webstore

Attention Staff!

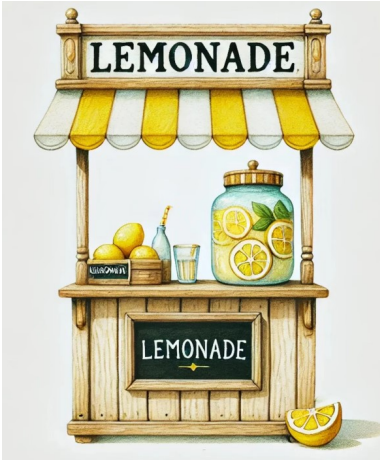
The DMVA Store is open! There are 8 different logo options which include; all six Veterans Homes, a standard DMVA logo, and a FTIG training grounds logo.

www.padmva.busybeeembroidery.com



SEVC UPDATES

COATES CANTEEN EVENTS



JOIN US

Sunday, September 7th

Lemonade Stand!

10am-11:30

**Sponsored by the Bullard
Family!**

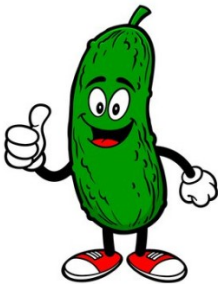
Coates Hall entrance



Kick Off to Football

**Soft Pretzel Day sponsored
by SKG –Sept 12th**

2nd ANNUAL



PICKLE FEST

SEPTEMBER 30

COATES CANTEEN

Purchase flights of pickles!

1-3pm

Raffles, Prizes & Pickle flight tastings!

SEVC BISTRO



**The last Bistro of the Season will fall on
September 24th. Join the fun!**

PERSONAL CARE PICNIC



Elks of Pottstown will hold their
annual picnic on Sept 17th in
Tilghman Hall for Personal Care!



ITALIAN DELITE IS BACK

Hoagies, Wraps & Soup

Tuesday, Sept 16

KOREAN WAR TRIBUTE



To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the ending of The Korean War, we decided to have a Cocktails with Sinatra event! Rich DeSimone performed classic Frank songs as Laura Feola, DAR, volunteered as our bartender! She provide delicious Old Fashioneds, Martini's, Pina Coladas, and Manhattan's for our residents!

Other sponsors that provided donations and time:

- **VFW Aux-Dept of PA**
- **VFW Trappe**
- **DAR -Valley Forge**
- **SKG**
- **MOAA**



Recipients of the Korean Peace Medal Award by The Korean Government:

Guy Wolfe

Harry Rothkugel III

Joe Delaurentis

Ray Buchanan

Bill Holmes

Ann Marie Grimes

Roy Phenegar

PAUL ZIELINSKI



We did have 20 other vets that served during that time that received The Korean War pin from MOAA.

ACTIVITIES



Our resident fishermen enjoyed a lovely afternoon feasting on the fish they caught during the adventurous fishing trips endured this summer. Dietary cooked all the fish they caught and enjoyed a special afternoon with friends, fish and beer!

Thanks to Rachael and team!



We Love Ice Cream!

We love it so much that we had two fun Sundae events. Thank you to Episcopal Academy for coming to do Saturday Sundaes!

Then we celebrated again with Jordan Bingo! Jordan, one of our volunteers, (right), had a birthday. We honored her special day by having sundaes during Bingo!

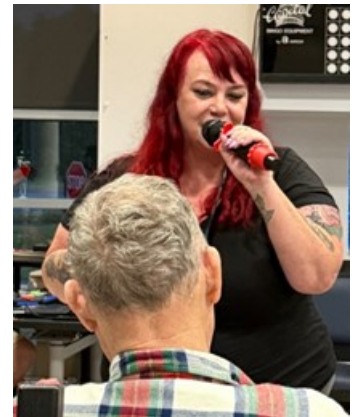


ACTIVITIES

KARAOKE NIGHT

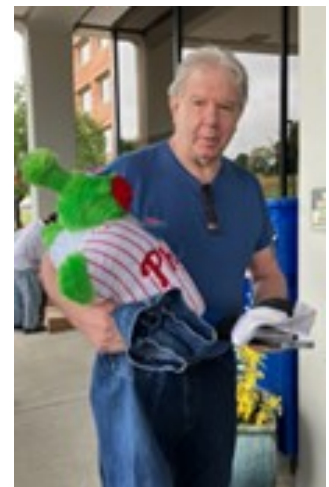
A special thanks to Valorie and Ciera from Activities for coordinating Karaoke night with Professional Karaoke friends. It was a successful night with over 30 residents singing their hearts out. Even staff got into it.

They plan on doing this more often since everyone had such fun. Even Steve Decker jammed out with this guitar!



We had another **Free** Yard Sale at the Coates entrance this past month! We had so many donations, that we displayed on tables for residents to shop for what they need and want!

We will do another one between November and January~ Stay tuned for more details.



UPCOMING EVENTS



WAFFLES & ICE CREAM DAY

Wednesday, Sept 3rd

1pm-3:15pm

Philly Waffle Cabin is visiting SEVC for waffles & ice cream.

Residents can choose from 4 choices of ice cream with or without a homemade Belgium waffle! Staff can purchase once the residents have ordered.

Thank you to our Sponsor,

VFW Lansdale!

WAFFLE MENU

The Classic - Belgian waffle, chocolate drizzle & your choice ice cream

Caramel Delight- Belgian waffle, caramel sauce & " your choice of ice cream

The Banana Foster -Belgian Waffle, Banana ice cream& chocolate drizzle

The Unicorn - Belgian waffle, Vanilla or Strawberry ice cream and rainbow sprinkles



CASINO DAY

SEPTEMBER 9th



We welcome employees from **Fujirebio!**

They are helping at Casino Day for a day of service! They have gift cards as prizes! We will have lots of help and dealers, so come down and play!

If you want to donate to our future Casino Days, we are accepting Beer, Non alcoholic beer and snacks!

Just call Tara for drop off!

610.948.2418



Above is Paul Lynn signing Tyler Bolland's rifle honoring the WWII Vets that Tyler as met and interviewed over the years. Paul also signed a M1 Garand that was submitted to the Smithsonian for display. The presentation of the MI will be on Veterans Day this November at The Smithsonian!

SEVC MAJOR EVENTS

CAR SHOW

Mark your calendars!

Our Annual Car & Motorcycle Show is set for October 4th!

1-3pm at the Coates Entrance of SEVC

If you want to register your car/cycle, call Randi @

610.948.2416

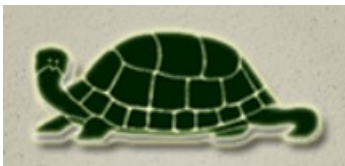
Trophies awarded!



SEVC GOLF EVENT

Let's Golf September 5th

If you love to golf and help veterans, then the SEVC Golf Tournament is for you! This is sponsored by The American Legion of Spring City! Proceeds go to our vets at SEVC. You can scan the bar-code to the right and sign up for a 4 person team! Prizes and food available!



At Turtle Creek



VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

Welcome New Volunteers!



Bob Horning



Molly Storm



Casey Glennon



Glen Deery

If you are interested in donating to SEVC, we could use:



- TV Tray sets (easier for movie nights)
- Electric Razors
- Headphones
- Cases of Beer for some upcoming events
- Buckets of Ice Cream or Water ice
- Snacks! Boxes of variety chips, cookies, Hershey Bars
- Gift Cards for shopping: Walmart, Amazon, Dollar Tree, Center City Pizza, Rossi's Pizza, Mayflower, or Giant



We are trying to book the Rat Pack for a future event at SEVC. Since Frank Sinatra was such a hit, we want to continue our *Cocktails with Sinatra* event series!

If any group is willing to donate to defray the cost, please reach out to Tara. We are trying to have this event late Fall or early Winter!

Contact Tara at 610.948.2418.



FUN PAGES



Fall Word Search

FALL
AUTUMN
LEAVES
HARVEST
PUMPKIN
HALLOWEEN
THANKSGIVING
FOOTBALL
SWEATER
APPLE CIDER
SCHOOL
ACORN
ORANGE
YELLOW
BROWN

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