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State Veterans Homes Week



The Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home (PSSH) celebrated the 33rd edition of State Veterans Homes Week from June 10th through June 14th with special events and activities each day.

Monday kicked off with tie-dyed t-shirts and a campfire in the evening. Tuesday featured a petting zoo along with a resident art show. Wednesday's highlight was Glow BINGO in the evening and Thursday's tradition of a cookout lunch and carnival was greeted with beautiful sunny weather.

A first of its kind performance by the Erie Philharmonic on Flag Day served as a grand finale to the week. The brass quintet played a setlist of Americana/patriotic repertoire to commemorate the day along with some brass highlights from the Wizard of Oz and West Side Story.

Throughout the week residents at the home organized a raffle auction and collected thousands of dollars' worth of prizes and gift cards to be won. Winners were drawn on Friday afternoon and all of the proceeds of the auction support the resident benefit fund.

A special thank you goes out to the staff, volunteers, and community members that contributed to a successful State Veterans Homes Week.

Commandant's Corner

Happy summer! The June solstice arrived Friday, June 21st marking the first day of summer, though the weather hasn't been much to rave about.

Fun was in full swing at PSSH for the month of June. Our State Veterans' Home Week was June 9th-June 15th, and it was a huge success. From tie-dye shirts and campfires to the SVHW Carnival Day that began with a lunch cookout and ended with snow cones, a cotton candy machine and games, fun was had by all. We are already looking forward to next year. Let us not forget the Erie Philharmonic who performed on June 14th. On June 13th we held our quarterly Advisory Council Meeting. Happy Father's Day to our Dad's out there, and in honor of all our Dad's, we celebrated with a Father's Day Bros and Tattoos social on June 16th. June 13TH – June 19th, we celebrated Certified Nursing Assistant week.

June was a busy month here at PSSH and I want to take a moment to say "Thank you" to all the staff that helped plan/execute the events that took place throughout the month. Without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you!

Safety reminder...School is out! Please be on the lookout for the children in the surrounding neighborhood as we arrive/leave the facility. Be aware of your surroundings and slow down. It is not just our elderly population but it's the younger generation that we need to be mindful of, too!

Our "Caught You Caring" employee of the month of June is Mary Crishock! Mary works first shift in our Dietary Department. She was nominated for noticing a resident that was having difficulty eating in the dining room and notified the clinical team. Mary does an amazing job and is truly irreplaceable! Congratulations Mary!

One last thought...

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."



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July Birthdays

Karen Fritts	July	1
Fortunato Strocchia	July	1
Thomas Boyle	July	4
Joseph Post	July	4
John Barger	July	15
Norman Swartzlander	July	15
Stacy Brown	July	16
Michael Quen	July	17



Angela Cherubino	July	20
Michael Stankowski	July	20
Robert Holler	July	21
Richard Speer	July	23
Dwight Weible	July	25
Scott Brown	July	25
Alderic Nathal	July	27
Shirley Nortum	July	30



Ben Scarpino: Personal Care Unit (PCU) Resident of the Month

Ben Scarpino is originally from Erie, PA and is a US Air Force veteran. Mr. Scarpino was married and has five children and eight grandchildren. He likes 50's and 60's music and enjoys watching documentaries and the news. Mr. Scarpino plays cards, poker in particular, and he loves BINGO and BINGO trips here at PSSH. Mr. Scarpino was a mechanic and worked for many auto repair shops. He was a Boy Scout Leader and rebuilt a bus for them to take trips with. Mr. Scarpino loved the time he was able to mentor youth and give back to the community. The next time you see Ben Scarpino be sure to congratulate him on being nominated PCU Resident of the Month!



Bill Fickenworth: Nursing Care Unit (NCU) Resident of the Month

Bill Fickenworth is from Erie, PA and is a US Army Veteran. He is one of 13 siblings and his brothers Ray and Joe also reside at PSSH. They are the only three living siblings. Mr. Fickenworth loves sports, especially football and enjoys going to Erie SeaWolves games. Mr. Fickenworth likes to watch Sportscenter and the occasional Western or Action movie. Country Western is his favorite type of music. Mr. Fickenworth enjoys playing cards and BINGO and he loves to go shopping and take trips. Anything that gets him outdoors and into the community makes him smile. The next time you see Bill Fickenworth, be sure to congratulate him on being nominated NCU Resident of the Month!



Preview of July's Activities

Wednesday, 7/3 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Mike & Marie Miller
Thursday, 7/4, 2:00pm, July 4th BINGO
Friday, 7/5, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Julia Hamilton Trio
Tuesday, 7/9, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Beach Boys Tribute
Friday, 7/12, 9:30am, Coffee Talk
Saturday, 7/13, 2:00pm, BINGO
Monday, 7/15, 2:00pm, BINGO
Tuesday, 7/16, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Jam Stars
Friday, 7/19, 2:00pm, BINGO
Sunday, 7/21, 2:00pm, Freestyle Activities
Thursday, 7/25, 2:00pm, Christmas in July Party w/ music by Angelo
Friday, 7/26, 9:30am, Olympic Torch Ceremony
Sunday, 7/28, 11:45am, SAL Picnic Fairview Legion
Wednesday, 7/31, 7:00pm, BINGO



TAPS

Clyde Zappitella
Frank Chylinski
Donald Klingensmith
John Wonner

Newsletter Info

If you have an idea or would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please contact:



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New Residents

The PA Soldiers' & Sailors' Home would like to welcome our new residents:

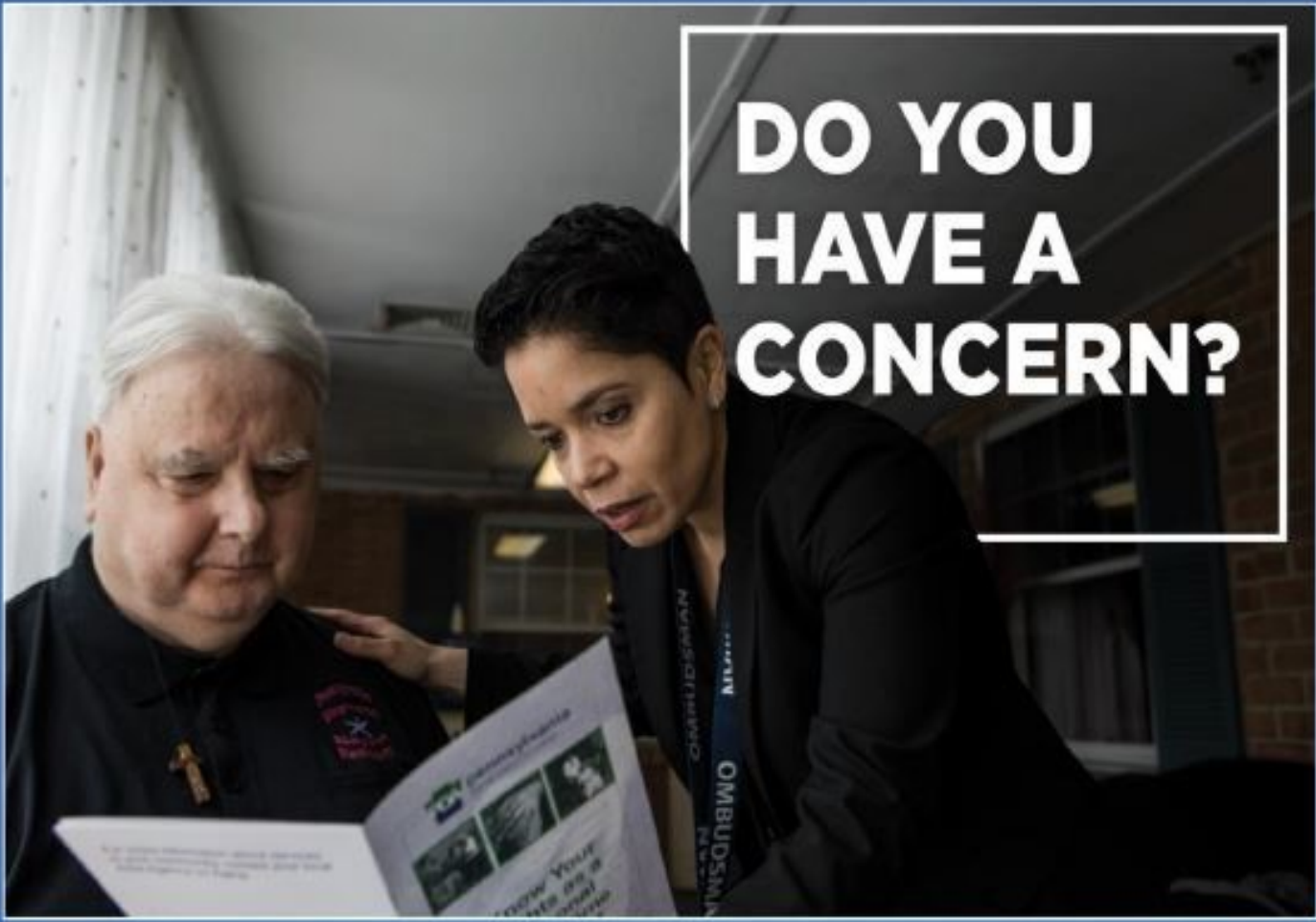
Lawrence Robertson



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

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CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OMBUDSMAN

Our local ombudsman is Amanda Tren

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