NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY

National Purple Heart Day – August 7

Commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart medal. As stated by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, it is “awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration.”

This highly respected, albeit unsought, military accolade is the oldest award still presented to American service members today. It’s origins date back to the waning days of the American Revolutionary War. On August 7, 1782, General George Washington established the “Badge of Military Merit” to honor merit among enlisted soldiers, as he was forbidden by the Continental Congress to grant commissions and promotions due to lack of funds. The award recognized soldiers who exhibited “not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way”.

The Badge of Military Merit was one of the first awards that could be given to lower-ranking, enlisted soldiers or non-commissioned officers for their outstanding service. It was truly a military medal “by the people, of the people.”

Most historians believe that only three people received the original Badge of Military Merit, all non-commissioned officers who received the award from General Washington himself.

The criteria for receiving the Purple Heart have continually evolved since its revival in 1942. Up through the United States’ early Involvement in World War II, the Purple Heart was awarded both for wounds received in action against the enemy and for meritorious performance of duty. The creation of the Legion of Merit in 1942 rendered the awarding for merit no longer necessary, and the Purple Heart became designated exclusively for wound or death in combat.

Two Purple Heart recipients, veterans of the Vietnam and Korean war conflicts who prefer not to be named publicly, are currently residents of the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. This August and throughout the year we honor these veterans for their courage and sacrifice, and wish them to know that it is a privilege to have them amongst our ranks at HVH.
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TAPS

Every month we honor and remember HVH residents who have departed our ranks.

Macie Puckett
Barbara Lilley
Flo Zupon
Barbara Battestilli

“Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.”
Welcome Wagon

New Residents
Hollidaysburg Veterans Home staff, volunteers, and residents would like to extend a special Welcome to new residents who joined us over the past month.

Dorothy Sheehan
Jane Koury
John Foight IV
Russell Stiffler
Kim Fuhrer
Michael Wertz
Donald Love
George Klinedinst Jr.

New Employees
Please join us in welcoming these new employees who started at HVH this month.

Nursing
Melody Bearer
Betty Jo Gray
Brendan Hoover

Housekeeping
Garidan Bridenbaugh
Tyson Reid

Welcome to the HVH Team!

New Volunteer
Pattie Fromknecht

Beautiful flower garden at Mac Hall entrance
Thank you housekeeping for the upkeep!
DOG SHOW 2022

HVVH held a Dog Show on 8/6/2022 in honor of the “Dog Days of Summer”. Staff members brought in their pups who got to strut their stuff for the residents. Residents judged on the following categories; Best Personality, Best Appearance, and the grand award of Best in Show. Lilly, an adopted mixed breed won Best in Show for Arnold Hall, while the sibling English Spring Spaniels, Cash and Summer won best in show for Eisenhower.

From Eisenhower Hall Winners
Left to Right Best Personality Maggie: 12 year old shih-tzu mix (Julie and Maggie) Best Appearance: Georgie: 7 month old golden retriever. Best in Show Cash & Summer 4 year old English springer spaniels.
From Arnold Hall Winners
Left to Right: Best Personality Bailey 8 year old chihuahua mix, Best Appearance Hank 5 year old reverse brindle boxer, Best in Show: Lilly 3 year old mixed breed

Residents enjoyed entertainment from the talented Miss Choo who made them all balloon animals.
Commandant’s Corner

Greetings. I am writing to provide you with an update on the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home (HVH). As always, my intent is to keep you informed of our COVID-19 status, events, and new procedures.

There is no change to the status of COVID-19 Pandemic. We continue to have positive COVID-19 test results with staff members and residents from our latest testing cycle. Currently, Blair County’s transmission rate remains “High.” As such, we remain in “outbreak” testing status. We have activated a Red Zone in Arnold Hall / East II. We will continue with weekly COVID-19 testing for both residents and staff. For Staff, you can coordinate with the Infection Control Nurses for an off-cycle test if you cannot make the prescribed testing times. Please remain vigilant with your COVID-19 precautions.

August is typically one of the hottest months of the year. Thus far we’ve not been disappointed with the weather. August is also known as the “dog days of summer” because of the severe heat. Dogs just want to lay around doing nothing and they are prone to bite when approached. Speaking of dogs, we had our very first dog show and parade here at HVH. We had nine dogs and their owners participating in the show. The dogs proudly strutted down a red carpet “catwalk” directly in front of the residents. Our very own Val Kerfoot served as the Master of Ceremonies announcing fun facts about each dog. Val played “Who Let the Dogs Out” in between canine contestants. Our residents voted to select the winner of the show. The Arnold Hall Best in Show was awarded to Lily. She is a 3-year-old mixed breed wearing a very cute outfit. Lily’s proud owner is Tracy Harella. The Eisenhower Hall Best in Show was awarded to Cash and Summer. The sibling dogs are four years old, and their breed is English Spring Spaniels. The dogs’ owner is our Deputy Commandant, Chrissy Dambeck. It was a dog gone good time. Congratulations and thank you to those who participated in the dog show. Woof!

We continue with open visitation for all residents in all three buildings. We will hold our annual POW/MIA ceremony on Friday, 16 September for the first time since the start of the Pandemic. Furthermore, we intend to hold our first ever Oktoberfest on 22 September. The Oktoberfest will be very similar to our Carnival only with a German theme. The Oktoberfest will have games, live music, dancing, and entertainment. The Oktoberfest menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, pulled pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, German potato salad, French fries, funnel cakes, Hershey’s ice cream, Bavarian soft pretzels, onion rings, popcorn, pizza, assorted drinks, desserts, etc., alcohol-free beer...Prost!! Trust me when I tell you that you won’t go home hungry. The event will be open to family members, but we ask that you invite no more than four family members. Furthermore, there will be no smoking and no pets allowed at the fest. So... break out your Lederhosen and Dirndl Dresses for an authentic German style celebration and for a good time. Tschuss!

Lastly, keep up the great work combating the COVID-19 Virus. Working together we will continue to keep our residents and staff safe and healthy. I want you to know that I am honored and pleased to be in your service as the HVH Commandant. Please contact my office if you have any questions at 696-5356. I hope you all have a great day!

Sincerely,

Cheers!

Sam
Greetings from Arnold Hall!

Hope you enjoyed the Polka music with Tom and Caroline, and also from the flute and guitar player. It was exciting to see the horse here! The horse was once a wild mustang. We celebrated the Air Force and Coast Guard Day! It was amazing watching an expert change balloons into a flower, dog, etc. Saturday the 13th is National Bowling Day. It may not be thunder you hear!

Now for a joke:

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered and found the old desk they’d shared, where Jerry had carved “I love you, Sally.” On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There she counted the money—fifty thousand dollars!

Jerry said, “We’ve got to give it back.”

Sally said, “Finders Keepers.” She put the money back it the bag and hid it in the attic.

The next day, two officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. “Pardon me. Did either of you find a bag that fell off an armored car yesterday?”

Sally said, “No.”

Jerry said, “She’s lying. She hid it up in the attic.”

Sally said, “Don’t believe him. He’s getting senile.”

The officers turned to Jerry and began to question him.

“Tell us the story from the beginning.”

Jerry said, “Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday…”

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, “We’re outta here!”

Have a nice day!

John Sewinsky
President,
Resident Council, Arnold Hall
HVH HAPPENINGS

Happy Birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard!

The U.S. Coast Guard celebrated its 230th birthday on August 4. Created by Congress as the Revenue-Marine in 1790, the Coast Guard is the oldest continuous seagoing service of the United States.

The multi-mission service is unique among our military branches for having a maritime law enforcement mission with jurisdiction in both domestic and international waters. As one of the country’s five armed services, the Coast Guard has been involved in every U.S. war from 1790 to the Iraq War and the War in Afghanistan. By the 1860s, the service was known as the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service.

The Coast Guard maintains an extensive fleet of 243 coastal and ocean-going patrol ships, tenders, tugs and icebreakers called “cutters”, and 1650 smaller boats, as well as an aviation division consisting of 201 helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. While it is the smallest of the U.S. military service branches in terms of membership, with 40,992 men and women on active duty, by itself our Coast Guard has the world’s 12th largest naval...

Happy Retirement … Mary

Happy retirement to Mary Lingenfelter after 21 years in food service. She will be missed but will be spoiling her six grandsons and traveling. Enjoy!
John Zanella from Victory Therapeutic Horsemanship visited HVH to share with residents about his program.

Founded in 2015, Victory Therapeutic Horsemanship was established to offer veterans the opportunity to overcome their service-connected disabilities by harnessing the healing properties of working with horses.

VTH is one of the few therapeutic riding organizations in the country that serve veterans exclusively. This program is founded and ran by John, who is a combat veteran that has experienced firsthand the benefits of healing with horses.

Currently, there are 8 horses in his program.

“Dutchess” is the name of this horse, and she has a personality of her own. “Dutchess” had residents laughing many times throughout the program, and the residents enjoyed interacting with her. This program brought back many memories, as many of our residents loved horseback riding.
HVH HAPPENINGS FOR AUGUST 2022

August 2, 2022 National Ice Cream Sandwich day
A nice treat for the residents and employees.

August 10, 2022 National S’mores Day.
Thank you for all your hard work!
Sports Corner

Little League World Series: Congratulations Tigers!

HVF would like to congratulate the local hometown Hollidaysburg Little League team on an amazing season! Hollidaysburg became the first team from Blair County to reach the Little League World Series tournament this August. With their win on Friday, Aug. 12, Hollidaysburg, won the sixth Mid-Atlantic Championship for Pennsylvania, tying them with New York state.

Following the 8-4 loss to Texas this past week, Hollidaysburg’s historic season has come to an end. The team finishes 3-2 in the Little League World Series. Hollidaysburg finishes in 4th place among United States teams. The team lost their first elimination game after winning 10 straight.

Texas will go on to play Nolensville, Tennessee on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. for a chance to play Honolulu, Hawaii in the United State’s title game.

HOW THEY GOT THERE:
Hollidaysburg advanced to its first-ever Little League World Series by going 3-1 in the Mid-Atlantic region. Defeating Washington D.C. 7-3 in the first game, they fell to Delaware in game two 5-4. They bounced back though, defeating Washington D.C. 13-0 and got revenge against Delaware, winning 7-3. On Thursday, Aug. 19, Hollidaysburg lost round one to Pearland Texas 8-3. On Saturday, Aug. 20, Hollidaysburg continued their fight, defeating Middleboro, Massachusetts 7-5 to advance in the tournament. Hollidaysburg was still alive after defeating Massapequa, New York Monday, 7-1. Hollidaysburg won in just 4 innings on Tuesday after defeating Hagerstown, Indiana 10-0. They looked to get revenge against Pearland, Texas, who defeated them in the first round of the Little League World Series.

Norm Certified Therapy Dog Beredoodle
Francis & Robert Zerbee Memorial Bridge Dedication

Bridge Key 360, located on Route 36 over Clearfield Creek, Ashville Borough, Cambria County, was dedicated in honor of brothers Francis and Robert Zerbee. The bridge dedication was Senate Bill # 1210, introduced May 3, 2022.

Private First Class Francis Zerbee served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 318 Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. He was fatally wounded November 26, 1944, and received a Purple Heart for his service.

Corporal Robert Zerbee also served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Tank Battalion in Anzio Beachhead, Italy, and was fatally wounded on May 24, 1944.

These two veterans are Uncles of Mark Wharton in our team of Housekeepers.
This Month in History

**August 13, 1961** - The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West. The barbed wire was replaced by a 12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles around the perimeter of West Berlin. It became a notorious symbol of the Cold War. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan made notable appearances at the wall accompanied by speeches denouncing Communism. The wall was finally opened by an East German governmental decree in November 1989 and torn down by the end of 1990.

**August 15, 1969** - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people.

**August 18, 1920** - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

**August 27, 1910** - Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was born (as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) in Skopje, Yugoslavia. She founded a religious order of nuns in Calcutta, India, called the Missionaries of Charity and spent her life working to help the poor and sick of India.

**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.
PIZZA PARTY AT MAC HALL

Thank you VFW Auxiliary Department of PA ... Volunteer Gail Blattenberger

Hungry Veterans waiting for yummy pizza
Mac Hall Happenings

Please enjoy this August update to the MacArthur Wall bulletin board, courtesy of Mac Hall Resident Council officers and the Activities Department.

MacArthur Wall—August 2022 Honorees

Combat Resident - David West
Medal Recipient - Clifford Delahanty ...Good Conduct Medal
Senior Resident - Lester Stoudt (95 years old)
Officer - Pete Johnston (1 LT)
Highest Ranking Enlisted - Jonathan Martin (E6)
Mac Hall Happenings

Please enjoy these meaningful drawings that are displayed throughout the halls of MacArthur Hall, courtesy of talented resident Mr. Bob Fink.
Resident Birthdays

_HVH_ would like to wish a very _Happy Birthday_ to all of our residents with birthdays in August and September.

### August
- David Roush
- Robert Andrews
- George Best
- Raymond Mission
- Aaron Ager
- Robert Latta
- Clayton Pownell
- Joseph Kuhar
- William Hamilton
- Denny Cuthall
- Harriet Davis
- George Prestach
- Stanley Orlosky
- Carol Tharidson
- Bruce Woodbury
- Arlene Gordon
- Tom Frampton
- Michael Barnum
- Frank Davis
- Malcom Lehman
- Helen (Virginia)
- Noel
- Louise Harpster
- Ken Hoover
- William Myers
- Jane Koury

### September
- Robert Marko
- Robert Schaub
- John Servinsky
- George Kliedinst
- Carl Lucas
- Robert Posenal
- Judd Stehley
- John Foight IV
- Cathy Knapp
- Ronald Dintino
- Robert Schweigart
- Delford Turner
- Martha Seymore
- Daniel Brenneman
- Donald Love
- Raymond Harding
- Robert Fink
- George Bopp Jr.
- William Grant
- James Knight
- Michael Mateljan

Pastor David Miller singing praises with the residents
Donations

The Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home would like to acknowledge all of the organizations and individuals who donated money or items to the home throughout the month of July 2022. Your generosity helps our residents to enjoy life-enriching activities and the comforts of home here at HVH. Thank you!

American Legion Post # 623 Beech Creek
Calvary United Methodist Church Bellwood
Catholic Daughters Duncansville
United States Armed Forces Mothers Altoona
VFW Post # 7043 Coalport
VFW Post # 9842 Curwensville
West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church Belleville

Mr. Ed Coble
Commander Joseph M. Fromknecht
Trisha Gates
Dottie Gonsman
Neil & Lucretia Miller

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we must be selective in the donated items we accept and continue to limit public access to our campus for the safety of our residents and staff. Therefore HVH can only accept clothing and other items that are brand new, and by appointment only.

Please contact the Volunteer Services Office in advance to check if there is a need for the items you wish to donate. Thank you for supporting our Veterans!

Questions about donating or volunteering? Contact the Volunteer Services Department:

Emily McDowell & Amy Harshbarger
814-696-5371 814-696-5276
Hollidaysburg Veterans’ Home

**HVH’s Mission:** Ensure the Veterans of the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home (HVH) receive superior care and support while complying with State & Federal laws and policies for health care and veterans’ programs.

**HVH’s Goals**
- Ensure the Veterans of HVH receive superior care and support
- Ensure compliance with State & Federal laws and policies for health care and veterans’ programs
- Capture and implement best business practices and innovative concepts for support functions
- Manage, train, develop and care for employees – foster a team environment
- Oversee budget process and proper stewardship of funds
- Strive for excellence

[http://www.dmva.pa.gov/stateveteranshomes/hollidaysburg-veterans-home/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dmva.pa.gov/stateveteranshomes/hollidaysburg-veterans-home/Pages/default.aspx)

“We Care About Our Veterans!”

HEROES LIVE HERE AND WORK HERE