On Wednesday, October 5th the PA Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Home (PSSH) hosted a Brass Quintet from “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. The PSSH Chapel provided the perfect backdrop for this ensemble as the horns boomed and echoed in this sacred space. Modern and classical pieces entertained a capacity audience that was performed exclusively for the veterans and families of PSSH.

Under the direction of Col. Jason K. Fettig, the Brass Quintet is a part of the US Marine Band that performed a sold-out show at Erie’s Warner Theater the evening before. Established by an act of congress in 1798, the United States Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. It was “The President’s Own” first performance in Erie in twenty-five years.

As Director from 1880-92, John Philip Sousa brought “The President’s Own” to an unprecedented level of excellence and shaped the band into a world-famous musical organization.

For more than two centuries, The United States Marine Band has been part of the events that have shaped our nation. As “The President’s Own,” its omnipresent role has made it an important thread in the fabric of American life.
As we say farewell to October, we see the beauty of autumn fading as the leaves fall and the cold days of winter creep upon us.

The month of October was a sweet one with plenty of chocolate to go around! On October 22nd the residents, families and staff were able to once again enjoy the “Trail of Treats” here at PSSH. Thank you to all the staff and family members that attended. It was truly a pleasure for our residents. October 31st, we celebrated Halloween with our NCU/ACU/PCU resident parties. It was exciting to see all the different costumes and the residents really enjoyed it!

November begins with Eastern Daylight Savings Time coming to an end. Please remember to set your clocks back before you go to bed on November 5th. Election day is November 8th. On November 11th we celebrate Veteran’s Day. Finally, on November 24th, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and the official holiday season will be underway.

Employee Appreciation Days in November...

November 10th, we celebrate our Accounting and Revenue Departments as well as Nurse Practitioner Week the 13th-19th. Thank you to each and every one of you for all the hard work you do!

Construction continues around the grounds. Please continue to be careful when driving around the building. I am pleased to announce that the PCU front entrance is completed and operational. Renovations on the PCU bathrooms are still underway as well as the unit “D” and “E” flooring project.

Our “Caught You Caring” employee of the month of September is Scott Hayes. You can find Scott working in our Nursing Department on day shift. Scott is a great asset to our PSSH team. Thank you for everything that you do for our residents and their families! Congratulations Scott!!!

One last thought... “Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”
November Birthdays

Stanley Baker    11/4
Keith Broaddus   11/17
Walter Hardy     11/19
Linda Shellito   11/29

NCU Resident of the Month: Dwight Weible

Dwight Weible is originally from Dubois (Clearfield County), Pennsylvania and is a Navy veteran. Mr. Weible volunteered extensively on the Personal Care Unit calling BINGO and working with other volunteer organizations. Upon his discharge from the Navy Mr. Weible worked as a truck driver. He enjoys playing BINGO, Pinochle, Poker and reading. Mr. Weible spends his free time watching TV, movies and listening to the radio. He like to golf, fish, and bowl and his favorite activities to participate in here at PSSH include concerts, socials, trips, and going shopping. Mr. Weible is an avid Las Vegas Raiders fan! The next time you see Dwight Weible, be sure to congratulate him on being nominated NCU Resident of the Month!
Preview of November’s Activities

Friday, 11/4, 9:30am, Girard Thanksgiving Luncheon, AL 481
Wednesday, 11/9, 2:00pm, Birthday Party w/ Music by Mike & Marie Miller
Thursday, 11/10, 1:15pm, Walmart Trip
Friday, 11/11, 10:00am, Veterans Day Ceremony (Chapel)
Saturday, 11/12, 9:30am, Residents Choice
Wednesday, 11/16, 2:00pm, Happy Hour w/ Music by Pat’s Jazz
Thursday, 11/17, 10:00am, St. Francis Usher’s Club Luncheon
Monday, 11/21, 2:30pm, Pumpkin Pie Social w/ music by Angelo & Debbie
Tuesday, 11/22, 2:00pm, BINGO
Wednesday, 11/23, 2:00pm, Name That Tune w/ Timmy
Thursday, 11/24, 2:00pm, Word Games
Friday, 11/25, 2:00pm, BINGO
Monday 11/28, 2:00pm, BINGO

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Dorothy Deluca

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New Residents
The PA Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Home would like to welcome our new residents:
NONE

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