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Happy September Birthdays

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R. Schott Jr.
J. Guris
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D. Hixson
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New Admissions

R. Kimmel—Navy
G. Lannen—Air Force
F. McConville—Air Force
L. Tillman—Army
J. Josey—Army
Join the Nation … thank a Vietnam veteran!

KEY MESSAGES:

- Mark your calendars! Join us May 11-13, 2023 in Washington, D.C. as Americans gather to honor Vietnam veterans and embrace the enduring legacy of their service. Visit vietnamwar50th.com for details.

- 3.3 million who served between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, and their families, have been publicly thanked by friends and neighbors during more than 23 thousand ceremonies hosted by our dedicated Commemorative Partners … but there is still more to do!

- We call on all Americans to thank the brave men and women who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War period, especially those who may be residing in care facilities, living alone or discounted by society.
These Bullard inferred cameras were donated by the Cecil Township V.F.C. #1, where IFSS Michael Kazmarski is one of two of their Incident Safety Officers for the department. These cameras will aid during all nighttime search and rescues during any CODE Norman incident that could occur here at SWVC. Inferred cameras cost approx. $5,000.00 to 10,000.00 each depending on the type of camera you purchase. The cameras that were donated cost approx. $8,000.00 each and with all the extra items that came with the cameras this equipment donation is approx. $20,000.00.

The SWVC Security Department is grateful to the Cecil Township V.F.C. #1 for their donation of the inferred cameras for the SAFETY of our residents!
SOUTHWESTERN VETERANS CENTER
GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Latrobe Elks Golf Course, Latrobe PA
$100 per golfer / 4-player scramble
11:00 am registration / 1:00 pm shotgun start

INCLUDES:
18 holes/cart/driving range & balls • Putting & Chipping Contest
Refreshments/Hot Dog/Chips • Gift Bag
Individual On-Course Skill Prizes • Chinese Auction & 50/50 Raffle
Full Dinner & Awards Afterwards at Elks Lodge Clubhouse
Unique and Handcrafted SWVC Veteran Artwork

Proceeds from this golf outing will help support the “Adapt Fore Vet Golf” program at SWVC. This program allows disabled veterans to play golf and supplies the equipment that is needed to play this great American game. All monies will be dedicated to this program only.

For information, call or email
Michael Kazmarski
(12) 412-4081
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Dear Veteran Support:

On September 10, 2022, at 11am the inaugural golf outing will be held at the Latrobe Elk’s Golf Course to support the Adapt Fore Vet golf program at the Southwestern Veterans Center. This exciting event not only provides quality instruction and support from PGA Pros in each adaptive technique, but it also provides our disabled veterans a unique opportunity to overcome physical, mental, and emotional challenges and thrive in the community with fellow veterans. This is your opportunity to participate in the program and support our veterans through your organization’s sponsorship of this golf outing. In addition to sponsorship, we are looking for gift items to include in our gift bags and giveaways.

Level of Sponsorship:

Director Sponsor ($5,000)
- 2 sponsors
- Company signage at Club House, Company logo on promotional materials, Company recognized during awards dinner
- 4 additional sponsor tickets to Awards Dinner

Director Sponsor ($1,000)
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- Company signage at Club House, Company logo on promotional materials, Company recognized during awards dinner
- 2 additional sponsor tickets to Awards Dinner

Hole-in-One Sponsor ($1,000)
- Company signage at Club House, Company logo on promotional materials, Company recognized during awards dinner
- 2 sponsor tickets to Awards Dinner

Golf Cart Sponsor ($750)
- Company logo on golf cart, Company recognized during awards dinner
- 2 sponsor tickets to Awards Dinner

Deluxe Hole-in-One Sponsor ($500)
- Company signage at driving range, company recognized during awards dinner
- 2 sponsor tickets to Awards Dinner

Putting Green Sponsor ($300)
- Company signage at putting green, company recognized during awards dinner
- 2 sponsor tickets to Awards Dinner

Ten at Dinner Sponsor ($50)
- Company signage at hole, company recognized during awards dinner

Please contact Michael Kazmarski, Chairman Golf Outing at Cell: 412-417-4081 or Email: mkazmarski@pa.gov for details.
PATRIOT DAY
Sunday September 11th

Patriot Day on September 11th honors the memory of the nearly 3,000 innocent victims who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Each year Americans dedicate this day to remembering those who died and the first responders who risked their own lives to save others.

LABOR DAY
Monday September 5th

Labor Day on first Monday of every September recognizes the men and women who labor to build this country. Through a time-honored tradition with roots in the coordinated efforts of the labor movement of the 1800s, we salute the American workforce.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
Friday September 16th

This day serves as a call to action, reminding the nation to rededicate our efforts. We’re responsible for bringing our patriots home and for caring for our military families awaiting word of their loved ones.

AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY
Sunday September 18th

The Air Force Birthday on September 18th commemorates the establishment of The United States Air Force.
NATIONAL DAY OF FORGIVENESS
Tuesday September 27th
Forgiveness is a potent tool on a journey of spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health. That’s why on September 27th, National Day of Forgiveness encourages us to develop realistic methods for incorporating forgiveness in our lives.

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX
Thursday September 22nd
The Autumnal Equinox in September ushers in a change of season. It is observed annually when the sun can be seen directly overhead along the equator. The day marks the end of summer and beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

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NATIONAL VFW DAY
Thursday September 29th
On September 29th, National VFW Day honors the men and women devoted to this valuable organization and those members who have served our nation.

Orange Shirt Day
Friday September 30th
Orange Shirt Day is celebrated annually on September 30 in honor of the indigenous Canadian children who were sent to residential schools and forced to assimilate into the dominant Canadian culture. This day reminds us to support the survivors and stand against all forms of racism, including systemic racism, and bullying in our societies.
Attention residents...

It is important for staff to be aware of when residents will be out of the building and to plan for medications, as well as other safety needs in a timely manner.

Security must also have advance notice and be prepared for screening upon arrival to pick up residents.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to talk to your nurse or your social worker.

**Please have your families contact your Social Worker, for your unit so they can get you to the correct person who will be completing this assessment in advance.**

If there are any residents who are in need of clothing, please let the staff know what you need as we have nice donations coming in. Please let the social worker know if you are missing anything.

**If you have lost it ...maybe we found it.**
Please ask staff if you are missing anything.

We recently had a resident fall victim to a computer phishing scam. It is never safe to give access to someone you do not know to your personal computer.

*Please reach out to your Social Worker if you think you have been scammed.*
**INVENTORY ITEMS...**

When new items are obtained, please stop at our Security desk and have a Security Officer complete an inventory form. Security will ensure the items such as clothing & blankets get sent to laundry for labeling. There are also other things that need inventoried such as TV’s/radios and chairs.

*Inventory is vital in case an item needs to be replaced.*

**If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact a Social Worker for clarification.**

If any resident needs something notarized please see your Social Worker.

Natalie Fewell is now the facility Notary if anything is needed.

I am not an attorney licensed to practice law in this Commonwealth. I am not allowed to draft legal records, give advice on legal matters, including immigration, or charge a fee for those activities.

No soy un abogado con licencia para ejercer la abogacía en esta Commonwealth. No se me permite redactar registros legales, dar asesoramiento sobre asuntos legales, incluyendo inmigración, o cobrar una tarifa por esas actividades.
RESIDENT BIRTHDAY LOVE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACKSON
2022 Pennsylvania Elections Dates

Please register your loved one with their address at our facility or notify your social worker if you need assistance with this process and would like to request an absentee ballot.

*** There will also be a trip scheduled through Activities to attend the polls, however you must be registered here at the facility address to do so. ***
Those interested in VOTING this year, please see Social Services for help with an absentee ballot request or Activities to sign up for voting at the polls.

Social Services will be at Resident Council Meeting on 9/14/22, with applications!
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Photos from Our 8/12, Luncheon Meeting on Everyone's Involvement, Acknowledgement, Thank You's on making the "Dream Green" Project, a "Reality"!
The Activities staff at SWVC strengthening bodies and minds.
SWVC hosted our Volunteer Social & Open House on Thursday August 4th to recognize all of our volunteers who have continued to support our veterans throughout the pandemic, as well as provide new potential volunteers an opportunity to experience our facility and the impact they could have on our residents.

It was an amazing luau experience thanks to Volcano Choy and huladancers.com. Both volunteers and our veterans enjoyed the island experience.

Mahalo!
Volunteer Department
In honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day on Friday September 16th,

Southwestern Veterans’ Center will host the Veterans Resource Fair from 10am – 4pm. Dozens of various veteran service organization and support services will be on site to help military veterans and their families.

VA PHS will plan to provide Covid Vaccination Clinic on site. Food trucks will be available. Family friendly event. Music & more.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors, Humana & Good Deeds Closings, Inc.
Tuesday, August 23rd

SWVC hosted a group of Pitt Business School Grad Students as they volunteered their time to help weed the hillside of our Chapel Courtyard.

The University of Pittsburgh has maintained a great relationship with SWVC as they continue to encourage their students & faculty to seek out opportunities of community engagement and civic duty.
On Saturday August 20th, SWVC hosted the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club for the "Thank You Veterans' Cruise". Our residents were able to enjoy the sunshine while listening to the soothing sounds of fuel-injected American muscle. Our Veterans had the chance to vote for their favorite car. It's no surprise that the winner was a Sweet Red GTO.

A big THANK YOU to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club & the owners of all of the vehicles who participated.
Volunteer Department
SWVC residents Salute to Service Scrimmage – Pitt Football – August 13th
Canteen hours – Monday – Friday 10am-1pm

***Pittsburgh Jaguar Club – Car Show – September 11th 11am-2pm***

 Volunteer Orientation (3rd Tuesday every month)
 September 20th 12pm-1pm
 Please contact me if you would like to attend.

Special Thanks to our AARP Volunteers who are apart of our Canteen Crew.
Our Veterans & Staff are very thankful for all they do! If you would like to join the Canteen Crew, please contact me. We are looking for additional volunteer support so we can extend our hours of operation during the weekdays and possibly on the weekends.

New Products in the Canteen:
We have more than Cookies & Pretzels. Now we have Egg Rolls & Pizza Logs, cheese filled soft pretzels, candy, chips, and drinks.
We even have various military apparel such as hats, shirts, decals, key chains, flags, etc.

Stop in – visit our Canteen Crew – support our Veterans Fund!

THANK YOU BRIAN BEACH, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
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Sudoku is a logic-based, number-placement puzzle. The objective of Sudoku is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

**Sudoku**
John W. "Jack" Black

January 15, 1924 - August 14, 2022

John W. "Jack" Black passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Jack was born in Logan’s Ferry on January 15, 1924 to the late John and Mary Robertson Black. He was raised by his brother and sister as his parents both died before he was six years old.

In December of 1941 at age 17, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and was based in Georgia working on their forestry projects. He enlisted in the United States Army in March of 1943 and was shipped to France immediately following the completion of basic training.

While there he drove a truck as a part of the logistics team and was frequently requested as a driver/escort for senior military officers. After his military service, Jack worked in the coal mines of Logans-ferry and Harmarville and eventually saved enough money to buy a tavern in the Parnassus area of New Kensington and called it Jack Black's Bar. He continued to work in the coal mines for a number of years while operating the bar. He married his wife Lillian in 1964 and together they eventually owned The Fireside Tavern, The Sixpence Pub and King Kone custard stand all located in New Kensington. He was predeceased by Lillian, his loving wife of 47 years in 2011, and was most recently a resident at The Southwestern Center of the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans and Military Affairs. He was the proud and devoted father of his son Jason W. Black in Los Angeles and Norfolk VA, his stepson Neil Kazan in Bernardsville New Jersey and stepdaughter Susan Kowalkowski in New York City. Jack was the grandfather of seven and great grandfather of four. Jack will always be remembered for his hearty laughter and sense of humor, his overwhelming kindness, generosity and willingness to help anyone in need.
Edward J. Pyszka, Jr.

October 16, 1930 — August 3, 2022

Edward J. Pyszka, Jr., 91, a man of faith and family, died peacefully on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Ed, formerly of LaSalle, Illinois; Florida and Pittsburgh, was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Mildred Heilstedt Pyszka. A Korean War veteran, Ed held a degree in business from Bradley University. He began his professional career with U.S. Steel and retired from National Steel as the manager of operations, analysis and cost control. He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Sylvia Szymski Pyszka. Ed enjoyed spending time with his family, playing golf and celebrating Notre Dame football. He is survived by his children, Karen Pyszka, Bob (Cindy) Pyszka, Nancy (Jim) Joiner, Janet Pyszka; his grandchildren, Sara, Kala, Molly, Michael, Steven; and two great grandchildren. Ed was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Flossie Pyszka; his brother Gerald Pyszka; his nephew, Stephen Pyszka.

The family would like to thank the staff at Southwestern Veterans’ Center and H.J. Heinz VA Medical Center for thoughtfulness and dedication.

Kenneth Louis Hoerner

Passed away at 96 years old. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Louis and Elizabeth (Stebler) Hoerner. His High School education was interrupted by World War II and delayed graduation until 1946. He attended South Vocation, Fifth Avenue, Taylor Allendale and Shaler Township High School. He began his career as a machinist in 1946 with Miller Printing Machinery Company of Pittsburgh. In 1948, he continued the machinist career as an Assistant Laboratory Technician in the Experimental Department of Chalmers until 1959 with one interruption for the Korean Conflict. As a child, he loved to build model planes and joined the Air Force in 1944. He was a “Nose-Gunner” during World War II, survived two airplane crashes and returned home in 1946 to complete his Shaler High School education. He maintained his Reserve affiliation and in 1950 was recalled to active military service as an individual machinist. In 1952, he was assigned machine duty at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport as the Foreman. He retired as Ed Master Sergeant Hoerner after 26 years of military service. He was elected President of the Pittsburgh Chapter #129 Air Force Association, was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, member of the VFW, American Legion, American Security Council and the Lutheran Church of Penn Hills and Dubois. Citation: “Sgt. Kenneth L. Hoerner has distinguished himself as the ‘AFRES Maintenance Man of the Year’. Sgt Hoerner’s contributions to the 911 Tactical Airlift Group have been extensive, particularly in his application of original, long, safety record. The accomplishments of Sgt Hoerner reflect most favorably upon himself, his unit and the United States Air Force Reserve.” He was dearly loved for his wit and kindness and will be greatly missed by his wife, seven children and spouses, and his many grand and great-grandchildren. Growing up became an accomplished trumpet player even playing in the “Drum and Bugle Corps.” Last Friday, he was asked if he was a good musician. He replied “Damn Good!”… He served his country and his family well…. We love you Dad!! Arrangements by SCHELLAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES.
Teresa Ann DeLuca
August 8, 2022

Obituary

Teresa Ann DeLuca, 93, of Glenshaw, went peacefully with the Lord on August 8, 2022. Teresa was the daughter of the late John and Anna Legori and wife of the late Lawrence DeLuca Sr.
Throughout her long life, Teresa was devoted to her faith and church, taking pride in her roles as Eucharistic Minister at St. Bonaventure Church and for patients at Passavant Hospital. Associate at Sisters of Divine Providence, and Active Member of Ladies of Charity and Christian Mothers. She was also known as a wonderful cook of many Christmas Eve dinners and fudge-frosted cakes. Above all else, Teresa was a proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.
Teresa was preceded in death by two sons, Lawrence DeLuca Jr. and Thomas DeLuca, and siblings Virginia ‘Ginny’ Harms, Richard Ladesic, Jack Ladesic, Marie “Mitzi” Ladesic, Donald Ladesic, and Judy Shoop. Survivors include children Loraine (Tarmo) DeLuca, Gary (Susan) DeLuca, and Janice (Barry) Hedge, grandchildren Anthony DeLuca, Lynn Revak, Jayne DeLuca, Samuel Segal, Nicole Segal, Adina Segal, Aimee DeLuca, Kathryn DeLuca, Michaela Hedge, and Mason Hedge, and cherished great-grandchildren Quinn, Jayden, Sonja, Eliot, and John. Those who knew her will miss her generosity, festiveness, and love that came in a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck.

November 8, 1928—August 8, 2022

GEORGE J. SUFAK

April 12, 1927—August 18, 2022


George was a past Commander of Etna-Shaler VFW, Post 9197. A special Thank You to the Southwestern Veterans Center and Kindred Care for the kind and loving care of George.
In Memory of our Comrades-In-Arms

Teresa A. Deluca
John W. Black
George Sufak

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