PSSH Residents to Receive Cold War Medal

The Pennsylvania Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Home Flag Day Ceremony will feature a special recognition for Cold War Veterans. Colonel Bob DeSousa, State Director for U.S. Senator Pat Toomey, will provide the keynote address at the annual commemoration scheduled for Friday, June 14th at 9:30am at the Gazebo. Colonel DeSousa will also issue Cold War Recognition Medals to all eligible residents in attendance for their service during this era which has been defined from September 2, 1945 - December 26, 1991.

During the Cold War 325 Americans died as a result of hostile action; More than 200 airmen were killed by Communist air defenses, and more than 40 American intelligence aircraft were shot down, killing 64 Cryptologists and 40 crew members. Countless other Americans had their lives disrupted through military service in support of the Cold War. The Cold War was punctuated by such crises as the Berlin Airlift, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Berlin Wall, each of which brought the world to the brink of disaster. The tide turned on November 9, 1989, when it became officially legal for people to come and go as they pleased into West Berlin; the next day they began to tear the wall down. Finally, on Christmas day in 1991, the Soviet Union collapsed, and the cold war ended. Through the dedication and persistence of an entire generation of Americans and their allies, a catastrophic nuclear war with the Soviet Union was averted, and principles of democracy ultimately began to take root in Eastern Europe. The Cold War medal celebrates this epoch, which will ultimately be regarded as one of the great events of the Twentieth Century.

The medals are sponsored through a generous donation from the Millcreek American Legion Post 773 and have been provided by Foxfall Medals in Madison, Virginia.
Commandant’s Corner

As spring is blooming, I am personally looking forward to the upcoming days full of sunshine and warmer temperatures. With nicer weather comes many fun-filled events that happen here at PSSH!

Safety, safety, safety! I cannot express it enough, but sunshine equals sun exposure. Please utilize sunscreen on our residents before they go outside as they are super sensitive and will burn easily. Encourage them to drink plenty of fluids and to not stay in the direct sun for long periods of time. Prevention is key!

First, I would like to wish our ladies a Happy Mother’s Day! In honor of the beautiful women both resident’s and staff, our Mother’s Day Social was on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. Secondly, Memorial Day was officially observed on May 27th. Our annual Memorial Day service here at PSSH was held on Sunday, May 26th. As always, a cookout followed the service that began @ 1:30 p.m. Thank you to everyone of you that volunteered for our service to help honor the veterans and their families.

After the ill effects of winter have slowly worn off, the garden and facility grounds are coming along quite nicely. Kudos to our residents and maintenance crew for the hard work that they do to make PSSH a beautiful place to live/work.

The Chapel renovation is forthcoming...more details to follow.

Coming up for the month of June...

Quarterly Advisory Board Meeting is going to be on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. followed by the Veteran’s Commission Meeting. Let’s welcome Deputy Adjutant General Weller and Brigadier General Regan of the PA National Guard. They will be visiting our facility, as well as, the Advisory Council members.

Salute to Veterans’ Home Week that runs Sunday, June 9th through Saturday, June 15th. Many activities planned to include music, a silent auction, bingo and more. Again, thank you to everyone that are giving their time and effort to help make this week a success!

Father’s Day celebration on June 16th, which is followed by the first official day of Summer on June 21st.

Our “Caught You Caring” employee of the month for April is Letitia Roberts. Letitia is a Restorative Aide on first shift. She was nominated for the great care she provides to our residents. If you see Letitia, congratulate her on the exceptional job she does here at PSSH!

One last thought...

Take a moment to sit back and enjoy the warmth of the sun, the touch of a hand, or the smile of a passerby as it is the little things in life that we lose sight of that often bring the greatest of joy to our hearts.

Barb Raymond
Commandant
New Residents
The PA Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Home would like to welcome our new residents:

Sarah Addessi 5/3  James Gearhart 5/9  John Gibson 5/14
Russ Clark 5/30  Joseph Downs 5/30

June Birthday’s

Edwin Vesely  June 1
Judith Hewitt  June 4
James Brown  June 4
William Rose  June 6
Leatrice Young  June 6
Michael Yanick  June 7
Gordon Hayes  June 11
David Burns  June 13
Dennis Pollard  June 14
Robert Benim  June 16
Robert Delp  June 17
Leslie Einipple  June 17
Carl Lesuer  June 23
Louis Zullo Jr.  June 23
William Kruszewski  June 24
Philip Moskalczyk  June 29

Kenneth Klein: NCU Resident of the Month
Kenneth Klein was born in Erie, PA and served in the US Navy. Mr. Klein worked as a security guard for 16 years, a St. Vincent Medical Technologist for six years and with his family business Electro Plating. He enjoys reading science and technical books and magazines along with historical biographies. One of Mr. Klein’s favorite hobbies is horseback riding. Congratulations to Kenneth Klein, NCU resident of the month!

Bill Wolfe: PCU Resident of the Month
Bill Wolfe was born in Erie, PA and grew up on East 9th Street between German and Holland Streets. He graduated from Cathedral Prep High School in 1961 where he played football, baseball, and ran track and field. Mr. Wolfe joined the Navy in 1967 and served on active duty for two and a half years aboard the USS Douglas H. Fox under Commanding Officer Francis R Horn and then as a reservist here in Erie until 1973. Following his service Mr. Wolfe worked 37 years for the Pennsylvania Electric Company. At PSSH he enjoys BINGO, outings, music, and playing cards. Congratulations to Bill Wolfe, PCU resident of the month!
Preview of June’s Activities

Thursday, 6/6, 2 pm, D Day Remembrance, Nursing Home Dining Room
Friday, 6/7, 9 am, Walmart Trip
Friday, 6/7, 2 pm, Bowling, Nursing Home Dining Room
Saturday, 6/8, 6 am, Sheffield Fishing Derby
Monday, 6/10, 8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-3:00 pm, Tie-Dye T-Shirts
Tuesday, 6/11, 1:00-3:00 pm, SVHW Carnival
Wednesday, 6/12, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Blue Razz Trio
Thursday, 6/13, 2:00 pm, Re Creation, Personal Care Dining Room
Friday, 6/14, 9:30 am, Flag Day Ceremony, Gazebo
Sunday, 6/16, 2:30 pm, Father’s Day Social, Nursing Home Dining Room
Monday, 6/17, 2:00 pm, Happy Hour w/ Music by Angelo, Nursing Home Dining Room
Tuesday, 6/18, 9 am, Crazy Knitting in Unit A Lounge
Wednesday, 6/19, 11 am, Erie Sea Wolves Game
Thursday, 6/20, 7 pm, Bingo with VFWA 470, Nursing Home Dining Room
Friday, 6/21, 2 pm, Bowling, Nursing Home Dining Room
Saturday, 6/22, 10:30 am, Erie Elks Picnic
Monday, 6/24, 7 pm, Siebenbuerger Singers, Nursing Home Dining Room
Tuesday, 6/25, 6:30 pm, Campfire
Friday, 6/28, 2 pm, Birthday Party with Music by Angelo, Nursing Home Dining Room
Sunday, 6/30, 2:30 pm, Root Beer Float Social, Nursing Home Dining Room

TAPS

Kay Kraus 5/4
William Crabb 5/16
Paul Stiles 5/17
Joe Gandziarski 5/17
Alex Wisniewski 5/24
Bronislaus Janiuk 5/31

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