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**April 2024**

Happy Saint Patrick's Day



During arts & crafts day the Veterans made and colored there own Saint Patrick themed hats.



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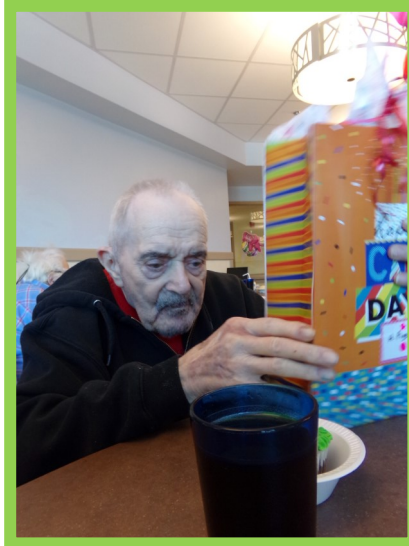
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# HAPPY



# BIRTHDAY



Edna Roberts donated hand quilted blankets in memory of her husband who was a WWII Veteran.



# Irish Shenanigans - Shamrock Shakes & Cake





Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), known as “The Lady With the Lamp,” was a British nurse, social reformer and statistician best known as the founder of modern nursing. Her experiences as a nurse during the Crimean War were foundational in her views about sanitation.

March is the third month of the year in the Gregorian calendar. It is named after the Roman god of war, Mars, and was originally the first month of the Roman calendar. March marks the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, and the start of new military campaigns in ancient times. March is also a month of many historical events, such as the first U.S. Supreme Court session, the creation of Yellowstone National Park, the completion of the Hoover Dam, and the founding of the U.S. Peace Corps.

**March 6, 1836** - Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna. The Mexicans had begun the siege of the Texas fort on February 23rd, ending it with the killing of the last defender. "Remember the Alamo" became a rallying cry for Texans who went on to defeat Santa Anna in the Battle of San Jacinto in April.

**March 12, 1994** - The Church of England ordained 32 women as its first female priests. In protest, 700 male clergy members and thousands of church members left the church and joined the Roman Catholic Church which does not allow women priests.

**March 24, 1874** - Harry Houdini (1874-1926) was born (as Erik Weisz) in Budapest, Hungary. He came to the U.S. with his family as an infant and lived in New York City. He began as a Coney Island magician, then became a world famous escape artist, known for escaping from chains, handcuffs, straightjackets, locked boxes and milk cans filled with water. He died on Halloween 1926 from a burst appendix and was buried in Queens, NY.

**March 30, 1981** - Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest while walking toward his limousine in Washington, D.C., following a speech inside a hotel. The president was then rushed into surgery to remove a 22-caliber bullet from his left lung. "I should have ducked," Reagan joked

### **Fun Facts in March**

The modern birthstone representing March is aquamarine. Famed for millennia for its pure and even blue or blue-green color, potentially large size, and sparkling clarity, the aquamarine has been a valued gem to many cultures.

The zodiac signs for March are Pisces (February 19 to March 20) and Aries (March 21-April 19)

The March birth flower is the **daffodil** or referred to as the **jonquil** (which is simply a type of daffodil). The traditional daffodil is either yellow, white or a combination of the two, but newer varieties now include pink and orange. The classic daffodil flower is made up of six petals and a trumpet or bell shaped crown that is frilled at its edge.

# Spring season

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# Commandant's Corner



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*As the month of March comes to a close, I am reminded of an Old English proverb "April Showers Bring May Flowers" it also brings Volunteer Appreciation Month. As we look forward to April, we take pride in honoring our Volunteers who through their hard work, support and unwavering dedication to our Veterans help us to provide an extra layer of Love and Friendship to our Countries Hero's! I invite you to join me at a HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all our Volunteers.*

*In March we recognized our Maintenance Department for receiving the Safety Award for their extraordinary performance in maintaining the facility in a safe and orderly manner; each employee received a safety coin and certificate. We also recognized our Employee of the Quarter, Oscar Brown, for his outstanding customer service and always going above and beyond to help our residents; Oscar received a pen set and certificate. All award recipients will be proudly displayed on the Recognition Wall located on Main Street. Congratulations!*

*As always, I would like to make a special welcome to our new staff, we are happy to have you join our Delaware Valley Veterans' Home and look forward to working with you.*

*To all residents and staff, my door is always open for you.*

Margo

## Valley Voice

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## Easter Egg Coloring



# TAPS

Delaware Valley Veterans Home extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following Veterans who had recently passed away.  
Their presence will be greatly missed.

Leighton Smith – Army

Robert Green – Army

Donald Dahlburg – Army



A **caisson** (US: / 'keɪsən /) is a two-wheeled cart designed to carry artillery ammunition; the British term is "ammunition wagon".

**Caissons** are also used to bear the casket of the deceased in some state and **military** funerals in certain Western cultures, including the United States.