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EDITOR'S CORNER: As always, we have some exciting new veterans to introduce you to this month. I hope you find this newsletter informative, interesting and fun. Don't forget. You can get **all the past newsletters** by going to our website "selwvh" and then going to "Activities". Don't miss the photos from our January 26th Talent Show at the very end. We had a blast!

Ms. Kerry Ermon, MSW, LCSW

*Director of Social Services & Admissions
Newsletter Creator & Editor*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: I am behind one month in photos for



Veteran of the Month. So sorry. **December's Veteran of the Month**, chosen by the veterans themselves, was **Thomas Moreau**, a Marine Korean War veteran. Tommy is also our Resident Council Chairman and our #1 tour guide for those visiting our facility. Thanks, Tommy, for all you do for the veterans and staff. **January's Veteran of the Month**, chosen by the veterans themselves, is Murphy

"Tiger" Laurent, a Navy WW II veteran and Iwo Jima survivor. Please congratulate these two incredible veterans on this special honor.



Our present census count, as of January 29, 2008 was at 114.

MEET OUR VETERANS



VETERAN #201: TILEY MCCHESENEY, A NAVY, WW II VETERAN, was awarded the Victory Ribbon and the American Area Ribbon. With a degree in Accounting from Tulane, McChesney was a banker, trust officer, Director and Vice President of the First National Bank of Jefferson Parish for 20 years. Born in New Orleans, Mr. McChesney has two children: Kathleen and Charles and three grandchildren. His favorite pastime was playing golf at the Colonial Country Club in Harahan. Welcome aboard, Sailor!



VETERAN #202: EVERETT ARCHILLE, AN ARMY WW II VETERAN,

served during the New Guinea Campaign earning the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Post military, Mr. Archille, or “Chille” (pronounced like hot dogs with **chili**) as he prefers to be called, was a Plant Foreman for a seafood factory, Sidney Fabre and Son for 25+ years in Barataria. Later, he became a Security Guard for Mosbey Enterprises of Louisiana in Harvey, La. and then for Camcraft Enterprises in Crown Point. Born in Baldwin, La., Chilli

has been married for 63 years (Wow!) to Juanita Burkes and has four children: Everett, Jr., Cheryl, Marilyn and Melanie as well as two grandchildren. His hobbies included carpentry work (making cabinets and repairs around the house) and watching CNN News. Chilli was a star baseball player, a pitcher for the Jax Ramblers from Barataria, La. Welcome, Mr. Archille.



VETERAN #203: CORNELIUS WILLIAMS, SR., AN ARMY WW II

VETERAN, fortunately never saw combat. Post military, Mr. Williams was a truck driver for Avondale Shipyards for 34 years. Most of his adult life, Williams also was “ a backyard, under-the-pecan tree” mechanic. Describes one of his children. Born in Vacherie, La., Williams, as a child, had 13 brothers and sisters. Married for 62 years to his lovely bride, Lillian Roussel (now deceased), Mr. Williams has ten children: Brenda, Shirley, Cornelius, Jr., Leroy (deceased), Gabriel, Allen (deceased), Geneva, Lois, Jason (deceased) and Earline (deceased), 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Mr. Williams is a member of the American Legion Post

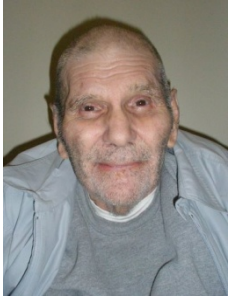
0565. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Vacherie, La. Hunting and fishing as well as gardening were three of his favorite pastimes. Welcome, Mr. Williams.



VETERAN #204 : EVANDER “MORGAN” STUART, JR., A NAVY WW II

VETERAN, Seaman First Class, earned the Victory Ribbon. Post military, Mr. Stuart received a Master’s in Physics from LSU Baton Rouge. (He must be smart!) He then worked as a Physicist at Chance-Vault Aeronautical Company in California and then, returned to the great state of Louisiana to work as a physicist for Kaiser Aluminum for the next 30 years until his retirement. Born in Donaldsonville, La., Mr. Stuart has been married to Judy Vinz, his second wife, for 38 years. He has nine children (calm down, let me explain)...five birth children and four step-children: Mary (deceased), Van (deceased), Joe, Mike, Pres, Vicky, Jimmy, Terri “Pooky” and Glenn and eight

grandchildren. His hobbies included singing in two church choirs (St. Thomas More and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Choir, both in Baton Rouge). He also loved to travel and study Catholicism. Welcome aboard, Sailor!



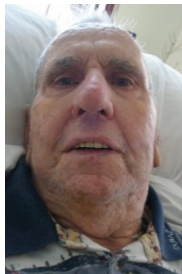
VETERAN #205: GERALD WEBRE, AN ARMY & NAVY NAVY KOREAN WAR VETERAN, fortunately never saw combat. Post military, Webre was a diesel mechanic for a variety of companies in the Morgan City and Amalie area. Born in Thibodaux, Mr. Webre was married for 49 years to Toyoka Uchibori (recently deceased) whom he met while in the military in Japan. He has two sons, James and Eric, three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. His favorite pastime

was salt-water fishing with his wife in Grand Isle. We're happy to have you, Sir.



VETERAN #206: JOE HENRY MOORE, AN ARMY WW II VETERAN, was wounded while fighting for our freedom at Pearl Harbor. Mr. Moore fought both at **PEARL HARBOR** and in Europe earning a number of honors including: the Post Pearl Harbor Service Medal, the Bronze Battle Star for Normandy, France, the Good Conduct Medal, the EAMETO medal and the Victory Medal. Impressive. Post military, Mr. Moore was a Harbor Police officer in New Orleans and also trained police dogs. Born in Greenville, Mississippi, Mr.

Moore has six children: JoeAnn (private joke), Felix, George, Steven, Karl and Kimbur as well as five grandchildren. Mr. Moore is a 33rd degree Mason and an ordained Deacon. He was also a member of the VFW in Lawton, Oklahoma. Mr. Joe loves cooking (was a Master Chef in the Army), gardening (flowers, vegetables and fruit) and flirtin' with the ladies! Behave, Mr. Moore! We are ecstatic and proud to care for our second Pearl Harbor survivor here at our War Veteran Home. Welcome!

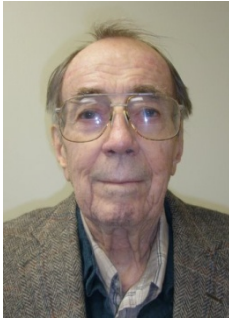


VETERAN #207: CLEVELAND "PIP" HEBERT, AN ARMY WW II VETERAN, fortunately never saw combat but did earn the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon, the Philippine Independence Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Victory Ribbon and two Overseas Service Bars. Post military, Pip was a dragline operator for Freeport Sulphur in Port Sulphur, La. for 23 years and

worked for the City of Thibodaux in the Maintenance Department for 10 years. Pip was a volunteer fireman for the West Thibodaux Fire Department under Mr. Doodie (Wilbert Bernard-see December's newsletter). Born in Thibodaux, Pip was married for 26 years to Bessie Soignet (deceased) and has five children:

John, Paul, Ray, Bessie and Karen, ten grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. His lone hobby was fishing in the Gulf. Mr. Hebert was a member of the VFW Post 5097 in Thibodaux, the American Legion Post 0011 (Thibodaux) and Woodmen of the World. Welcome, Mr. Hebert!

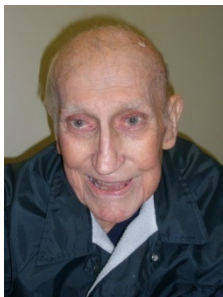




VETERAN #208: ALBERT "AL" DECKERT, JR., AN ARMY AIR CORP WW II VETERAN, holds a Bachelor's of Engineering Degree from LSU (Baton Rouge). Gooooo Tigers! Post military, Deckert was a self-employed engineer for 40 years. Born in New Orleans, Mr. Deckert has three children: Mark, Jonathan (deceased) and Laura and two grandchildren. His hobbies included fishing, hunting and sailing. Welcome to our war veterans home, Mr. D! (Photo of Mr. D (left) with his brother, Warren, who was in the



Navy.) Mr. Deckert is a member of the VFW (Old Metairie).



VETERAN #209: MELVILLE "MEL" OLIPHANT, AN ARMY WW II VETERAN, is a **PURPLE HEART** recipient. Mr. Oliphant was injured in a minefield, shrapnel to the leg, while carrying ammunition to the troops in Germany. Oliphant served in the Army under General Omar Bradley. His job was to throw explosives into the German "pill" boxes (see below). Oliphant earned, in addition to the Purple Heart, the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon, one Bronze Battle Star and the Good Conduct Medal. Post military, Oliphant held a variety of different jobs including delivering coffee for the Royal Company on Tchoupitoulas St. in New Orleans and

as a restaurant manager for St. Regis Restaurant on Shrewsbury Road and Airline Highway in Metairie. Born in New Orleans, Mr. Oliphant was married for 52 years to Joyce Latuso. They had no children. His hobbies included the Abita Men's Club, the Covington Lodge #188 and playing Bingo. We are honored and proud to have you, Mr. Oliphant. Welcome.



German Pill Boxes were military bunkers/shelters often buried partly or fully underground. They were designed to protect the inhabitants from falling bombs or other attacks. They were used extensively in World War I, World War II, and the Cold War for weapons facilities, command and control centers, and storage facilities.



VETERAN #210: CHARLES P. FERGUSON, A NAVY WW II VETERAN, a gunner's mate, although in combat, fortunately was not injured. Ferguson earned the Good Conduct medal, the National Defense Service medal, WW II Victory Medal, American Theatre Ribbon and EAMETO medal. Ferguson's additional job in the Navy was with the Experimental Deep Sea Diving Division* (see below). Post military, Mr. Ferguson was a diver/tender for McDermott for 20 years. Born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Ferguson has four children: Shauncee, Rose, Roxanne and Charles, Jr. as well as seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Ferguson was a member of the Fleet Reserves.

*The US Navy is the forerunner in the development of modern diving and underwater operations. The general requirements of national defense and the specific requirements of underwater reconnaissance, demolition, ordnance disposal, construction, ship maintenance, search, rescue, and salvage operations repeatedly give impetus to training and development.

The early history of diving in the US Navy parallels that of the other navies of the world. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, the Navy has employed divers in salvage and repair of ships in construction work and in military operations. For the most part, early Navy divers were swimmers and skin divers with techniques and missions unchanged since the days of Alexander the Great. During the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay, swimmers were sent ahead of Admiral Farragut's ships to locate and disarm Confederate mines that had been planted to block the entrance to the bay. In 1898, Navy divers were briefly involved in an international crisis when the second-class armored battleship USS Maine was sunk by a mysterious explosion while anchored in the harbor at Havana, Cuba. Navy divers were sent from Key West to study and report on the wreck. Until 1912, US Navy divers rarely went below 60 fsw (feet of seawater). In that year, Chief Gunner George D. Stillson set up a program to test Haldane's diving tables and methods of stage decompression. In the following years, EDU (Experimental Divers Unit) developed the US Navy Air Decompression Tables, which have become the accepted world standard, and continued developmental work in helium-oxygen breathing mixtures for deeper diving. **World War II:** Navy divers were plunged into the war with the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor. The raid began at 0755, 7 December 1941. By 0915 that same morning, the first salvage teams were cutting through the hull of the overturned battleship USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37) to rescue trapped sailors. Teams of divers were put to work recovering ammunition from the magazines of sunken ships to be ready in the event of a second attack. The immense salvage effort that followed at Pearl Harbor was highly successful. There were 101 ships in the harbor at the time of the attack and most sustained damage. The hardest hit were the battleships, being one of the primary targets of the Japanese raid. Six battleships were sunk and one was heavily damaged. Four of these were salvaged and returned to the fleet for combat duty; the USS *Oklahoma* was righted and refloated but sank en route to a shipyard in the United States. Only the USS *Arizona* (BB-39) and the former battleship USS *Utah* (AG-16) could not be salvaged. In the course of the Pearl Harbor effort, Navy divers spent 16,000 hours underwater during 4,000 dives. The combat diving mission was the same in World War II as it had been in previous wars: to remove obstacles from enemy waters and to gather intelligence. The Navy's Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT) were created when bomb disposal experts and SeaBees (combat engineers) teamed together in 1943 to devise methods for removing obstacles that the Germans were placing off the beaches of France.



VETERAN #211: WILLIAM SCOTT, AN ARMY VIETNAM WAR VETERAN, fortunately, never saw combat. Post military, Mr. Scott held a variety of different positions with the Chalmette Refinery in St. Bernard Parish including welding, fueling trucks and as a maintenance worker. He and his ex-wife also ran a cleaning business for twenty years. Born in Hillsboro, Indiana, Mr. Scott has no children. His hobbies included fishing, boating and dining out. We are happy to have you, Mr. Scott.



MEMORIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2008

“Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved with mankind. And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls... it tolls for thee” By: John Donne (Poet)

The staff & veterans of the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans home would like to acknowledge the passing of the following veterans who once shared our home & family:

FRANK SMITH, NAVY, WW II (PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR) (JANUARY 10, 2009)

WILLIE DAIGLE, AN ARMY WW II VETERAN (JANUARY 15, 2009)

WELCOME, MR. OBAMA

I end most of my biographies on the veterans with a welcome. As of January 20, 2009, we have a new **national** leader. Regardless of political party or views, we are ALL Americans. Strengthen our nation by supporting our new Commander-in-Chief. Send good wishes and positive thoughts toward progress for our country. Negative thoughts and negative thinking will only bring negative results. Let’s welcome our new president into our thoughts, our home and our hearts. One of my favorite quotes (and I am paraphrasing) says: A mind is like a parachute. It functions best when open. I don’t know the brilliant author of that thought, please forgive me. But it’s a daunting yet worthwhile task, in my opinion, to try to keep an open mind about everything in your life. Some of you won’t be up for the challenge of having an open mind. For others, this will be a great opportunity to try to become a more positive person. Positive people are more pleasant to be around. I hope you will join me in supporting the new individual living in the White House; our new President of the United States. Welcome, Mr. President.

***Point to Ponder:** Have you ever seen a clogged drain or perhaps a photograph of a clogged artery for a high cholesterol advertisement? Our minds work in virtually the same way as a pipe or artery. When a pipe in our bathroom or kitchen gets clogged, the water we need can’t come through. When an artery becomes clogged with cholesterol, blood cannot pass and a stroke is then likely to occur. When our brains are clogged with negative thoughts, prejudice and trash, good things are blocked from entering our hearts and body. It’s still January. There’s time to add to your list of New Year’s resolutions to keep an open mind and allow nutritious thoughts in. KE*

Time for All to Pitch in and Save

Veterans and Staff: Please help our facility spend our monies wisely by turning out any unnecessary lights in your room/office as well as turning off your T.V. when not in use. Please submit your ideas to me, whether you are staff or veteran, as to how we at the Southeast Louisiana War Veteran Home can save on electricity and I might present your idea in a future newsletter.

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER! AN HONOR TO UPHOLD-GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL HONORS
OUR OWN, GEORGE LEZU**



PHOTO: Mr. George Lezu, an Army Korean War veteran, received his long overdue, prestigious Purple Heart from Governor Bobby Jindal at a big celebration in his honor on January 28th, 2009, 57 years after being awarded (on paper) the award. Congratulations, Mr. Lezu! See his biography in the March 2008 newsletter.



Greta Perry of Soldier's Angels shows Marine Veteran Michael Perret his new voice-activated laptop computer, compliments of...yup, Soldier's Angels. (They really are angels!) Greta brought us a van full of coffee, too, from the good folks at Community Coffee. We are very grateful for all that Soldier's Angels do for our veterans. (See next story)

Soldier's Angels inundates our veterans with cards and good wishes!

Another chapter of Soldier's Angels brought hope and good cheer to two of our lucky veterans by sending them cards from all over the country. Here is just a few excerpts from various Soldier's Angels to our veteran, Michael Perret:

"Thank you for your service and personal sacrifice. Our military is the best in the world because of awesome guys like you. I appreciate the sacrifices you have made to protect our freedom. Thank you for your service, dedication and sacrifice for our country. You are greatly appreciated by all of us who enjoy our personal freedom every day. We thank you beyond belief for giving so much so that everyone else can be safe."

Staff agree. We thank each and every one of our veterans here for their part in securing our freedom. Freedom is invaluable. Just ask the man, woman and child who doesn't have it! KE



Al Grimmer (left), Department Commander and Charles Holdeman, Comander, Capitol City, Chapter 5 (Baton Rouge/Denham Springs) hand a check for \$5,000 donated by DAV, Department of Louisiana to our happy and smiling Administrator, Jon Salter (center) to be used toward a fishing pier and gazebo for our facility. To all Louisiana DAV members:

We are most grateful for this generous and thoughtful donation. Our veterans now and for years to come will benefit from your kind act.

Rise Above It

(from a February 12, 1995 St. Anthony Church in Gretna, bulletin)

A mule named Della fell into a cistern about thirty feet deep. There was no way the owner could get the mule out. The owner didn't want her to stay down there and starve to death so he decided to get a shovel and cover her up. It would be cruel, indeed, but not as cruel as letting her die a slow, agonizing death from starvation. He took a shovel of dirt and threw it down into the cistern. Every time a shovelful of dirt would hit old Della, she would shake the dirt off and stomp it. It wasn't long before Della had shaken off enough dirt and stomped it that she was high enough to jump out of the cistern. Everyone has problems. One of the most important questions in life is how we handle our problems. Either they can smother us or, like Della, we can keep trampling them under our feet until we rise above them.

Quotes/Points to Ponder:

"If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with a little rain." Dolly Parton

"Each of us will one day be judged by our standard of life, not by our standard of living; by our measure of giving, not by our measure of wealth; by our simple goodness, not by our seeming greatness." William A. Ward

"If the outlook is not good, try the uplook. It's always good." Helen Keller

We're human. We're flawed. But we can strive to improve on our imperfections and better ourselves if we're willing to look at those flaws honestly and with a desire to work on areas of weakness. Strive to improve those weaknesses and become the best you can be. KE

"If you have a tendency to brag, just remember: it's not the whistle that pulls the train." By: O.F. Nichols

Ever notice that those things you have worked the hardest for seem to take on more meaning and pride? If it caused a little sweat for you, it just made it that more worthwhile. KE

WHERE DID "THOUSAND ISLAND" DRESSING GET ITS NAME?

My mother loves Thousand Island Dressing. Recently, while lathering her salad with it, I told my husband I have always wondered where the name "Thousand Island" came from. Perhaps you have wondered this, as well. Well, wonder no more. Here's the story! KE

At the turn-of-the-century, George C. Boldt was the millionaire proprietor of the world famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City and the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia. Legend has it that while cruising aboard his yacht amongst the 1000 Islands on the St. Lawrence River, his

steward, Oscar, while preparing lunch, realized that some of the ingredients normally used in his dressings were not available. Oscar was forced to prepare a dressing using a variety of ingredients which Boldt found so pleasing that he decided to have it served in his hotels. It was named 1000 Island Dressing in honor of the beautiful area where it was first prepared. The steward was promoted to work at the Waldorf Astoria and subsequently rose to international fame as Oscar of the Waldorf. (The tidbits you can learn just from reading a war veteran home newsletter! Amazing!)

A NURSE'S PRAYER

Lord, give me grace on this and every day, to do my work the best, not simplest way. And to remember that in all I do, the very smallest task is seen by you. Grant me courage, Lord, when things go wrong, to stop and think, and not rush blindly on. And though the task I'm set may not seem fair, may I remember that Thou art there. Give me a humble heart, that I may know that things worthwhile are not just things that show. For though efficiency and skill mean much, the greatest gift of all is human touch. Fill me with love, that I may know, the suffering and pain that round me lies. And grant each day that I may seek to share the burdens of the people in my care. Lord, give me strength to help me play my part, to make my work the essence of my heart. And show me patience and true kindness, Lord, that I may spread Thy radiance through my ward. So when at night I come back to my rest, I pray that I may feel I've done my best. And Lord, at times I know I forget Thee, but please forgive and always be with me. By Alwyn M. Law (This prayer is not only appropriate for nurses but for all of us who are in the helping or medical field or who, as a family member, care for someone in need. KE)

HEALTH CORNER: Osteoporosis is a bone disease that affects women more than men. To lower your risk, take enough calcium and vitamin D, exercise, DON'T SMOKE and limit alcohol intake.

Humor Corner: "A Love Story" (The following was submitted by veteran Hewitt "Jap" Robert)

An 80 year-old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge in Cincinnati, he asked her, "What did you steal?" She replied, "A can of peaches." The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied, "Because I was hungry."

The judge then asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied, "Six". The judge responded, "I'm going to give you 6 days in jail then."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge permission to speak. The judge asked what it was he wanted to say to which the husband replied, "She also stole a can of peas!"

One commuter to another: "Actually, my mother-in-law and I have a lot in common. We both wish my wife had married someone else." H. Bosch

Living with Alzheimer's - January 2009

Talk about role reversal! I now am caring for my Mother in the exact way she cared for me. For instance, I: Scare those "nasty monsters away" that frighten her in the middle of the night; drive her to every doctor/medical appointment (missing work) and basically, taxi her wherever she needs to go; get up at 4:00 am in order to make her a deluxe breakfast with all her favorite foods; feed, water, entertain and exercise her cat and dog; rush home after work each day to buy her groceries; rush from the grocery to her house to cook her a bountiful dinner (have I ever mentioned that I "hate" to cook!); wash her clothes each day while mine piles up; clean her house and dishes while mine gets worse by the day; dole out her many medicines (kiss the inventor of those twice-a-day pill dispersers for me!); tell her bedtime stories on those nights she can't sleep; give her the better egg while I take the one that cracked in the pan; make "her" café au lait each morning as she did for me as a teen and young adult; give her the good fork while I take the bent one that should have been thrown out years ago; stick my head outside her front door to make sure I am dressing her warm enough; tuck her in each night with those cutesy phrases like "Are you snuggly warm, Mother?"; give her a vitamin each day; change the toilet paper roll each morning; limit my social engagements with friends and at parties.

Lucky for "her" I've been a good pupil. On second thought, lucky for me, I HAD A GOOD TEACHER! KE

More Quotes/Points to Ponder:

Call your parent, child or special friend now. Life is unpredictable. Don't dely. Even if there has been a wedge between the two of you, "Today" you must move that wedge out of the way. Contact them NOW and tell them you love them, you forgive them or just tell them "hello"...I was just thinking about you and wanted you to know how much you mean to me." KE

Hoping means seeing that the outcome you want is possible and then working for it." Bernie Siegel, M.D.

Don't let anyone stop you from pursuing your dreams. Be prepared to accept reality but strive to reach your fullest potential. KE

There is no such thing as no chance! Henry Ford

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by each experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." Eleanor Roosevelt

"I used to take my health and life for granted until I thought mine was in jeopardy. Now every day is a gift and I am grateful that I have this time." Kimberly Stoliker

"You can't hold a man down without staying down with him." Booker T. Washington

"Words of encouragement may cost nothing to give but they are priceless to the receiver." From *Bits and Pieces Magazine*

Say something encouraging or complimentary today. KE

"Sometimes, a change of focus is all it takes to help us appreciate what's good in our lives." *Bits and Pieces Magazine*

Get in the habit of looking on the bright side of things. List three things that are going right in your life right now....Today! KE

Does someone need or deserve a kind word or compliment? Today's a good day to give it. KE

FROM: THE FISHERMAN'S GUIDE TO LIFE BY CRISWELL FREEMAN:

The two best times to go fishing is when it's raining and when it is not." Fisherman's Saying

"A bad day fishing still beats a good day working." Fisherman's Saying

"If fishing interferes with your business, give up your business." Sparse Hackle

"Fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of a brook or with the shimmer of the sun on blue water." Herbert Hoover

"When there is no fish in one spot, cast your hook in another." Chinese Proverb

"The greatest fishing secret ever....Patience" Donald Anderson

TOTALLY Useless Information:

There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and 'facetious.'

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand. And 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand.

The Gettysburg Address contains 362 words and 302 of them are one syllable. From: Something to Smile About by Zig Ziglar

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.

The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (called “palindromes”).

The drink “Gatorade” was named after the University of Florida Gators and was first developed at that school.

SELWVH HOLDS ITS FIRST TALENT SHOW

If you missed our January 26, 2009 Talent Show, you missed a fun time. How many other nursing facilities have an Administrator and Assistant Administrator willing to dress up as “The Supremes” just to bring entertainment to our retired “troops”. NONE! Both staff and veterans participated. It was truly a day to remember.



Jon Salter, Administrator (left) **Me** (center, as Diana Ross) **Paul Hiestand**, Assist Admin (rt)



I played the flute and my husband, **Kerry Cox**, played along with his lute.

Megan Dillon, Janelle’s daughter, performed some pretty impressive Marshal Arts moves for our facility.





Elmer Fudd sang the Pointer Sisters “Fire” accompanied by Mr. **Kerry Cox**.



Veteran **Edward Arceneaux** (right) dances to Tish’s (**Tanesha Mitchell**’s) performance of Aretha Franklin’s “Respect”. (Tish on left)



Lateisha Belvin, CNA, “gets down” playing her saxophone.

Sonya and Rick Denson made some beautiful music together singing their duets. (right)



*Veteran **George Lezu** gets a welcomed visit from his extended family who tell me “we all love him very much.” We love you, too, Mr. Lezu.*

Administrative Staff and Directors:

Jon Salter, Administrator
Dr. Karl Pinter, Medical Director
Paul R. Hiestand, Assistant Administrator
Kerry Ermon, Admissions and Social Services
Patty Cortez, Director of Nursing
Penny Kennedy, Asst. Director of Nursing
Sonya Aucoin, Activities and Recreation
Edward Dunigan, Housekeeping
Starlette Gordon, Fiscal
Cathy Sullivan, Human Resources
Roger Chatelain, Maintenance
Robert Becnel, Pharmacist
Angela Montgomery, Dietary
Veronica Cambre, Administrative Assistant IV
Raymond Walters, Safety Officer

“Each of us should recognize that every time a veteran walks through those doors, a chapter of history as unique as a Rembrandt painting or a Mozart composition is entering our lives.” Kerry Ermon

THE END