



IVH Insights

1 July 2013

*Chief Operating Officer
by Jodi Tymeson*

I'm honored to be part of the IVH team, and I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed my first month here. Everyone has been friendly and helpful, especially when I've got my map out and I'm looking lost! I've enjoyed meeting many of the residents and staff, but I have so many of you yet to meet.

I started my new duties on May 28. This turned out to be perfect timing, as I was able to watch you all show your competence and caring with the Annual DIA Survey. I'm proud to be part of this mission, and you all demonstrated how proud you are, too.

My title of Chief Operating Officer describes a position that involves all aspects of the operation here at IVH. My role is to help lead and coordinate all areas toward the successful accomplishment of our mission. Every day is a new opportunity for us to excel at the care and support of our residents.

I appreciate your dedicated efforts, and I look forward to working with the entire team here at IVH.



Commandant's Corner

Every 4th of July we commemorate the birth of this great nation, marked by the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This is also a time to celebrate our independence and our freedom; neither of which we would have today if it weren't for the brave men and women who live at the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH). We will never take for granted the contributions and sacrifices they made in the effort to preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for us and our future generations. John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail "I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the

rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means." The men and women who work at the IVH remember and give thanks to all those who stood for our inalienable rights. Because of our veterans we are free to gather for picnics and parties, or stand by waving flags as parades pass by. Because of you, the residents of the IVH, we are free to stand proud as a grateful nation that will never forget those who fought for the freedoms, dreams, and happiness we experience every day. Each day we have is a celebration of our independence and I want to thank all of you for ensuring we may continue to live in freedom.

Commandant David Worley

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Iowa Veterans Home Competes in Food Drive by Kathy Shannon

The IVH staff, residents and their family and friends competed throughout the Food Box Drive week to raise cash and food donations for the Marshalltown Food Box. Fun was the name of the game as there was the cupcake war and auction that raised \$1,402.50. The Food Box Derby raised \$716.50 and 1,892 food items. The Parking Space auction was the big winner, raising \$1,709.61. The total was whopping \$3,828.61 in cash and 1,892 food items that was donated to the Food Box.



Thanks to the Food Box committee Susan Wilkinson, Brad Van Baale, Kathy Shannon, Krystal Farris, Regina West, Brad Shipley and Wayne Pierson. Thanks to everyone that donated and participated in the in the events! Look out next year for the second annual running of the Food Box Derby!

Pictured: Denise Ulery, Paul Pierron and Scot Mason as they prepare to deliver to the Food Bank



Heinz Hall Update by Margie Button

Heinz Hall has had a busy month with a current census of 106. We have welcomed many new residents as well as a new staff member, Linda Novotny. Summer rains and recent warm weather has helped our garden boxes flourish and are being enjoyed by the residents and staff in Heinz Hall. We are in the process of reconciling the resident room numbers to match the door frame numbers and will complete the process once the signage is installed. New tables are in place in the Heinz Hall LRC and we anxiously await the arrival of matching chairs. The LRC is a busy place with many fun summer activities taking place.

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Welcome New Employees by Wayne Pierson



APRIL Front (L-R) Shonna Hollis, Arianna Tichy, Melissa Ream-Schossow, Abby Reese, Tammy Coltrain, Tonya Miller, Caitlin Farley

Back (L-R) David Babinat, Shannon Bullard, Julie Hotchkin, Phyllis Smith, Cathleen Massengale, Memory Gartz, Samantha Kinney



MAY Front (L-R) Melissa Stanley, Daniel Baccam, Ashton Powers, Rachel Morrow, Claudia Fernandez, Cynthia Chavarria, Jaymee Dalbec

Middle (L-R) Christine Yukl, Sara Reece, Regan Roberts, Toni Daters, David Melde, Teresa Baarda, Cindy Fouch

Back (L-R) Anel Omeragic, Ross Hutcheson



JUNE Front (L-R) Maggie Smith, Leticia Martinez, Kaylee Clemens, Shelly Richardson, Brittney Harrelson, Jody Curren, Melissa Burke, Ashley Gartin

Middle (L-R) Blaise Whitmore, Bricel Davalos, Tanja Whitmore, JaLeen Freiberg, Cassie Carter, Laura Wilkinson

Back (L-R) Gina Marcellus, Melody Spiker, Abby Nuese,

Iowa Veterans Home Retirements by Michael Hines

Retirements are a time in our lives that we may decide to spend time with our family, volunteer in the community or have the opportunity to do activities that we may not have had the time to do before. Retirements should be celebrated and not mourned as retirements are a happy period to be enjoyed to its utmost. We are grateful to salute you for your dedication of hard work here at the Iowa Veterans Home! We wish everyone a grateful future ahead after your retirement! May all your coming days be filled with many more rewards of joy and fulfillment.

Vickie had a total of 15 years of service to the Iowa Veterans Home!

Vickie Penner - Activities Assistant from 12/7/1998 to 4/29/2013



Facilities Management by Kathy Shannon

This has been quite a quarter for challenges. The Maintenance staff, Domestic Services and our good partner ABM spent some busy nights containing the water that flowed into many of our buildings. More than once! They worked hard and long to ensure the buildings were dry, safe and comfortable for the residents and staff. Kudos for all their diligence and hard work! Grounds staff is now working long and hard in an attempt to catch up from all the wet days that caused the weeds and grass to grow fast and give us fewer days to maintain the grounds.



The Dack and Malloy Renovation project continues. Demolition is continuing in Malloy and the walls on fourth have been removed and new ones are starting to go up in their place. Walls on the third floor are in the process of being removed. Some demolition has started on second floor, but not nearly as much as on third and fourth.

The second floor demolition will increase the noise level for a few weeks on the north side of main floor. The contractors will attempt to keep the noise level to a minimum as much as possible.



Concrete repairs have been the focus of attention the last few weeks. The contractors have repaired areas all over campus, but the repair that received the most attention was in the court yard. The work was completed in June and has made a big difference as the aging concrete was replaced with new smooth sections.

The construction of the new Transportation Building is scheduled to begin July 8, 2013. This building will be located on the far northern part of the campus behind the Maintenance buildings and parking lot. This building will have stalls for vehicle parking and a car wash that is big enough for the buses to utilize. This project is expected to be complete this fall.



IVH Palliative & Hospice Committee by Tammy Haren, RN, Co-Chair

Currently the Palliative and Hospice Committee is working with Carl Trask in IT on a Palliative Hospice data- base in SharePoint with an implementation goal date of July 1, 2013 for all staff use. With this data base staff will be able to view who is receiving palliative and hospice care in the facility. The RN's or social worker will be able to enter the resident's name into the data-base. Education was provided to the Palliative and Hospice Committee on June 10, 2013, RN's will be educated on June 26th at the Registered Nurse organization (RNO) meeting. In addition Kristy Kelley will be providing education for the social workers. There will also be helpful resource information in SharePoint under the "Hospice references" tab. Items under this tab will include: definition of palliative and hospice, Policy 268 Care resources, Pathways, and protocols for End of Life symptom management. We hope these resources and the data base will help teams provide optimum care to those residents needing end of life care. If questions, please contact one of the people listed below for assistance.

Current Palliative and Hospice Care Committee Coverage:

Tammy Haren, RN Co Chair, Kristy Kelley, RN NS2 Co Chair M2S
Deb Laughlin, Secretary, Sadie Wertz, RN Loftus
Bobby Jo Paige, RN Ulery West, Terry Gruetzmacher, RN Ulery North
Megan Harrell, RN NS1 Ulery South, Andrea Pratt, RN Sheeler
Darcie Lunsford, LPN M2S, Sarah Woodward, RN M3S
Natalie Fosdick, RN D2, Jolene Fredregill, RN D3
Kelley Oetker, RN NS2 D3, Melissa Sienknecht, Dietary D3
Carrie Ortiz, RN D4, Connie Paxton, SW Fox
Sarah Bruner, RN NS1 Fox, Angela Doty, Chaplain
Gladys McIntire, ARNP, Melanie Epperly, Respiratory Care



TEAMWORK!!

What can we say, but "THANK YOU!!!" for everyone's help in preparing and moving Malloy 2 North to the Sheeler building! The experience was challenging but exhilarating at the same time. We saw teamwork in action... to the fullest extent!!! It was fun working side by side with every department and getting to know each of you better. The building looks clean, home-like and inviting ...we are so proud of the entire IVH team for pulling together to make it nice for us. Your attitudes were positive, your flexibility appreciated, your support was truly amazing. Our residents, unit staff and IRCC team have also been exceptional and resilient through it all! The residents seem to be settling in pretty quickly to their new environment. The staff are working together to find solutions to organize the unit. As a team, we will continue to find ways to make our unit run smoothly. We are so proud of each of you, and more committed than ever to our mission. This experience has definitely proven that "WORKING TOGETHER WORKS!"

Candy Hunt, Sheeler
Unit Manager and Valari
Beurskens, Sheeler
NS1

Iowa Veterans Home Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
4	July	10:00 a.m.	4 th of July Picnic	Malloy LRC
4	July	10:30 a.m.	RBI Band	Malloy LRC
4	July	7:30 p.m.	Fireworks - Residents	Marshalltown
6	July	10:00 a.m.	Kat Daddy Music Program	Malloy LRC
12	July	10:00 a.m.	Blank Park Zoo	Malloy LRC
13	July	1:00 p.m.	Red Hat Ladies Convention	Marshalltown
14	July	1:30 p.m.	WW II Pillars of Honor	Malloy LRC
20	July	8:30 a.m.	Promise Keepers	Cedar Falls
27	July	10:00 a.m.	Corn Flake Cloggers	Malloy LRC
3	August	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Tama City ALA Picnic	Malloy LRC
10	August	2:00 p.m.	Jerry Beauchamp	Malloy LRC
12-15	August	TBA	Residents to Iowa State Fair	Des Moines

LOCAL ANNUAL FESTIVALS

Meskwaki Pow Wow
August 2013
Meskwaki Settlement
(641) 484-4678
www.Meskwaki.org

Linn Creek Arts Festival
21 July 2013
Fisher Community Center
(641) 754-5616
www.LinnCreekArtsFestival.com

Iowa State Fair Dates
8 Aug through 18 Aug

Central Iowa Fair
10 July through 14 July
1308 East Olive Street

Oktemberfest
September 26-29
Main Street
(641) 752-4895
www.Oktemberfest.com



Marshalltown, Iowa
www.CentralIowaFairGrounds.com
(641) 753-3671

Employee Spotlight by Margie Button, RN, Unit Manager for Heinz Hall

I am pleased to present Ann Henze to the IVH community in the Employee Spotlight. Ann is the unit coordinator in Heinz Hall and is the “Go To” person for staff and residents alike. Ann is a role model for all in customer service and consistently goes above and beyond to assure that the needs of the residents are being met and the unit is running smoothly. Ann states that she loves her job in Heinz Hall and it is certainly evident! Ann has worked at IVH for 14 years and has spent time in Nursing, Central Supply and now Heinz Hall.

Ann is married to former IVH Plumber/HVAC employee Roger Henze. They have 5 children together and 9 grandchildren. Family is very important to Ann and she enjoys spending time with her family as well as fishing and gardening. She also has a love of animals and raises chickens and cats on their acreage south of town.

Please join me and the Heinz Hall team recognizing Ann.



Sheeler Resident, Bill Burns is being honored this month. Bill arrived at IVH on 7.6.2010. He served in the Army from 12.7.50-11.19.52. He was stationed in Tokyo as an M.P and the supervisor of the motor pool, where all workers were Japanese. Bill's life story will be told by him, in an article he wrote for his class reunion, 12 years ago.

"It all started back in 1928 when I was born in Lawler to Pat and Nell Burns.

Eventually I had 6 siblings, I was the middle. I started my education in a country school, where I was the only one in my grade for the first 3 years. Then I went to St. Joe's in New Hampton. Would you believe this was the first time I used a shower? I was a senior when we got electricity on the farm. Man, did we ever think that was progress!

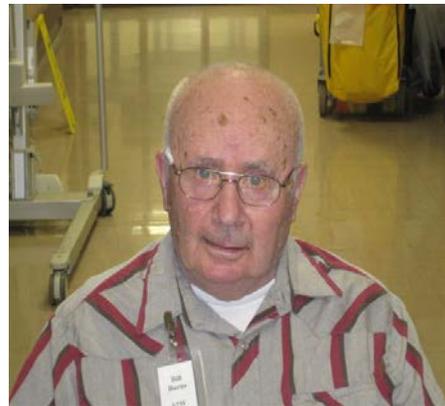
While I was growing up, we moved from farm to farm. My parents lost their first farm in the Depression and had a hard time recovering. Over time, we lived on 5 different farms, but never got more than 8 miles from New Hampton. My older brother, Jim went off to service in WWII. This left us short-handed. We had a lot of livestock and 420 acres for planting, so I was needed on the farm. That made going to school difficult, but I didn't want to quit entirely like many of my friends had done. When I was a sophomore and junior, my parents and the school principal worked out a plan: when there was work to be done on the farm, I would only go to school on Mondays and rainy days. My mother had been a teacher before she married so she was able to help me keep caught up with my class.

After graduating from high school, I farmed with my dad and brother, Jim. Then in 1949, it was my turn to go into the service. I spent most of 2 years in Tokyo, Japan, with the military police group. When I returned home, I married my best friend, Leota Miller, a good German lady from North Washington. Just what every Irishman needs! The economy had changed so much in the past 2 years while I was gone that we decided not to even attempt farming. Instead, we moved to Cedar Rapids. I used my GI Bill to get educated in the auto body and fender repair trade. I worked in that field for 12 years before I decided that I didn't want to spend my life working for someone else.

I knew nothing about printing, but my wife and I bought a printing press, put it in the basement and taught ourselves how to use it. The Bill Burns Printing Co. was born in 1964. In 1998 we sold 80% of our equipment, but we kept 2 small presses and continued to work 4 hours a day.

My wife and I have been married for 50 years and have 5 children—Joyce, June, David, Dan and Doug (lost at birth). We have 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. As I'm writing this, I'm reminded of how blessed I've been with a good and humorous life."

Family have also added that along with the printing business, Bill's family was also involved in photography. Bill had to work very hard to prove himself against discrimination because he was Irish and Catholic. One of his "joys" was his 1965 Nash Rambler that he and his wife, Leota, would drive in parades. Bill has scrapbooks full of military photos that he would enjoy sharing if anyone was interested.



IVH Family Members Serving Our Country!!



Cpl. Jesse Frost, center, an Albion, Iowa, native and vehicle mechanic with Company D, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, attached to 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th IBCT, was recognized as the Vanguard Soldier of the Week by Col. Kimo Gallahue, right, and Command. Sgt. Maj. Alan Hummel, the Vanguard Brigade command team, June 8, 2013, on Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan. Frost recovered 17 vehicles and more than \$15 million worth of sensitive components through adverse terrain and was directly engaged by enemy fire twice. His technical competence and dedication to the mission distinguished him as a great asset to the Vanguard Brigade. Jesse is the son of Kim and Judy Dostal, Albion. Judy is a social worker in Heinz Hall and Ulery.

Mission: It is important to recognize that the service and sacrifice of our military extends to the whole family.

In this light, we at IVH want to support family members within our IVH family. All IVH staff and residents that have a family member currently serving in the military outside of the U.S.A. are asked to submit information to Michael Hines and we will design a "wall of support" to recognize and support families for their service and sacrifices.





VOLUNTEERS Making a difference In the lives of others

Don't miss out....

**Pillars of Honor:
Traveling WW II Memorial**



Sunday, July 14 at 1:30 pm in the Malloy LRC.
Open to the Public



Deloris Clayton, Marge Dietz, & Laurel Phipps
Honored at the 2013 Governor's Awards

Celebrate

2013 Volunteer Awards Celebration



Pictured is Adian Reischauer
Receiving the Youth Award from
Commandant David Worley



George and Kay Bell—2013 Recipients
of the Commandant's Award

Welcome Aboard to Our New Volunteers!!

Ashton Baardseth
Trevor Lewis
Gary Harrington
Marcella Stewart
Jerry Sell
TJ Snyder
Mallory McKay
Sarah Taylor
Sophie Baccam

Liz Adams
Debi Estabrook
Kaelin Lents
Thad Lents
Foster McDowell
Rachel Rohach
Austin Tullis
Serena Mann
Richard Drummer

Volunteers needed in the following areas—Contact Aimee @ 753-4406

Activity Centers . Recreation Activities . Gift Shop . Chapel . One-on-One

Why Mike Ball Volunteers @ IVH

I volunteer at the Veterans Home because I see how much it means to the Veterans to have someone to do something with or for them. There are a lot of Veterans that have no family or friends and you can see in their faces how much it means to have someone just talk to or listen to.

The Vets never treat you like a stranger and it never ceases to amaze me how something as little as talking to them as you help get them to an event can mean so much to them.

I know I speak for my fellow Legion Riders when I say we get as much out of what little we do at the Veterans Home as the Veterans and we feel a little more complete when we leave. We have made many friends through our visits and hope to make many more.

And while they have some of the best care that can be given, even with various challenges, we should remember that they served our nation and should not be forgotten. ~ Mike Ball, American Legion Rider



American Legion Riders at the UAW Vet's Day Picnic
Left to Right Chad Rumbaugh, Karen Kessler, Randy Kessler, Terry Birmingham, Jake Kessler, Kevin Baker, Rob Pieart, Rob Hasspels, Nikkie Goodell, and Mike Ball.

In loving Memory

The Iowa Veterans Home extends its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the following residents who recently passed away. We are grateful for the time that they spent with the IVH family. Their presence will be greatly missed.

TAPS



Veterans

Robert Shiffer
Steven Balaski
Erwin Mueller
Raymond Rhodes
Floyd Woodruff
Giles Kline
Samuel Walthour
William VanArsdol
David Timm
Donald Crosser
Kenneth Earnest
Stephan Julius
John DenBleyker
Gary Innis
Cecil Schriber
Burton Stensrud
Nels Hansen
Harold Hammersland
Harold Krizan
Marvin Farni
John Brennecke
Carl Smith
Darrell LaFon
Joseph Rock
Norman Elliot
Roger Nason



Donations

The Iowa Veterans Home is grateful for all donations that are donated and purchased for the residents. Many of these items are a luxury. All items on the list enhance the quality of life that the veterans and spouses enjoy. Your help in obtaining these items will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Note: The home is requesting money in support of the following:

- Special Activities Account
- Memorial Account
- Monetary Donation for 32" Flat Screen
- Library Support
- Christmas Fund
- Clothing Fund

Iowa Veterans Home Memorial Fund

The Iowa Veterans Home gladly accepts memorial funds from individuals, organizations and businesses that can be used for our residents and facility. If you are interested in making a donation in memory of a loved one please contact Mike Hines at (641) 753-4309 or e- mail

michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us

Iowa Veterans Home Longevity Awards

5 Years

Jo Donaldson
Mark McNeece
Juanita Buffington
Kristalinn Dietrich
Angela Rodriguez
April Bogue
Rion England
Dennis Shannahan
Connie Paxton
Jessica Sunstrom

10 Years

Vickie Krantman
Miranda Yoemans
Heidi Tuttle
Joel Freland
Craig Nelson

15 Years

Jim Garske
Shona Pennington-Otto
Prince Thomas
Amanda Thill
Joyce Jung

20 Years

Phil Koester
Teresa Bartusek
Chris Daniel
David Winjum
Cindy Smoldt

30 Years

Sue Sumpter

35 Years

Deb Peterson
Deb Buchwald



Iowa Veterans Home Donations & Events!!

