

THE BUGLE

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HOME AT QUINCY

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HOME SWEET HOME

The new Quincy Domiciliary opened on Jan. 28, 2025, when 37 independent living residents were welcomed.

The building has 35 studio apartments and 45 one-bedroom suites that provide private space in a communal setting.

Photo by Dan Schwalm



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WWII	5
Korea	38
Korea and Vietnam	2
Vietnam	133
Vietnam and Gulf	4
Gulf	12
Peace Time	40
Non-Veterans	53
Total	287

*-Statistics through March 31, 2025

AGE RANGE CHART

	Men	Women
50-59	9	0
60-69	9	0
70-79	87	12
80-89	72	27
90-99	49	21
100-plus	0	1
Total	226	61

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Air Force	36
Army	119
Coast Guard	3
Marine Corps	22
Navy	54

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DOMICILIARY OPENS | THE BUGLE MAY 2025



A look at the front of the domiciliary, above, and the rear view of the dining room, patio and apartments, below (photos by Dan Schwalm).





Residents enjoyed a toast with Director of Activities Sara Colgrove and prayers of blessing from Father Chuck Edwards and Chaplain Dave Hall to kick off moving day.

RAISE A GLASS

Domiciliary is first component of \$300 million Rebuild Illinois initiative

Jan. 28, 2025, won't soon be forgotten. Thirty-seven independent living residents were officially welcomed into the new state-of-the-art Quincy Domiciliary building and now call it home.

The building features 35 studio apartments and 45 1-bedroom suites providing private space in a communal setting. Each apartment boasts large windows providing plenty of natural sunlight and views of our beautiful campus. They are equipped with a kitchenette, private bathroom, furniture, refrigerator, microwave, wall-mounted television and ample closet space. The building has common spaces for gathering and activities, a fitness room and a new dining area with floor to ceiling windows opening onto a spacious outdoor deck. The building is 80,000 square feet and stands three and a half stories tall.

This building is the first component of the \$300 million Rebuild Illinois initiative, a federal and state partnership managed by Illinois Capital Development Board. This is CDB's largest project to date and



includes a 210-bed long-term care residential facility slated to open later this year, along with campus upgrades to infrastructure, utilities, and landscaping to support the new facilities. This project modernizes the campus and significantly improves the quality of care available to Illinois veterans.

IDVA held a press release on opening day. IDVA Director Terry Prince, Administrator Chuck Newton, Chief Engineer Dave Clifford and Director of Nursing Julia Togarepi welcomed members of the media and

local dignitaries who toured the building. The move was coordinated by Golden Bridges with the support of staff, volunteers and local veteran service organizations. At the end of the day, all residents were comfortably settled into their new apartments.

Clifford said during the press conference, "Since 2021 when construction began, this has just been a building because it has been vacant. Today at 10:01 a.m., it became a home."

Home, sweet home, indeed!



The common space, above, and the dining space, below. (Photos by Dan Schwalm)



DOMICILIARY OPENS | THE BUGLE MAY 2025



From left, Keith Neville, Connie Bottorff, Kirby Wiemelt and Roger Brown toast their new home.



Residents gathered in the dining area while volunteers were moving their belongings into their apartments.

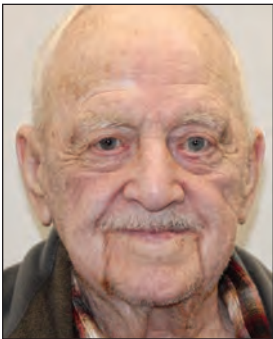


Above, the first meal served in the Quincy Domiciliary. At right, Phyllis Self and Dorothy Decker wave as they walk into their new home.

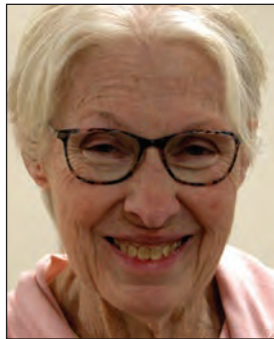


WELCOME TO THE ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME AT QUINCY

(Sept. 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)



James Carlock
From Quincy
Korean War
Marine Corps



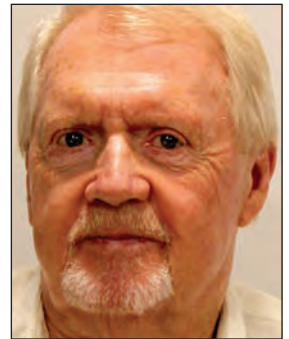
Carolyn Chaney
From Mount Sterling
Veteran Spouse



Jim Chaney
From Mount Sterling
Vietnam War
Army



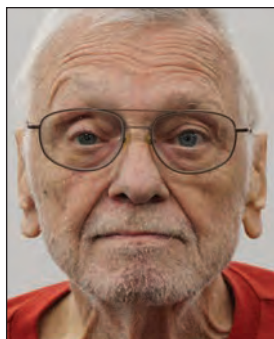
Dickie Connour
From Griggsville
Vietnam War
Army



Larry Davis
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



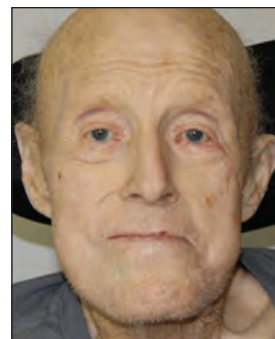
Dottie Euchler
From Algonquin
Peacetime
Navy



Larry Eyster
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



Dennis Green
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



Don Haines
From Earlville
Peacetime
Army



Bill Harter
From Pittsfield
Korean War
Navy

NEW ADMISSIONS | THE BUGLE: MAY 2025



Gerald Hull
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



Glenn Johnson
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



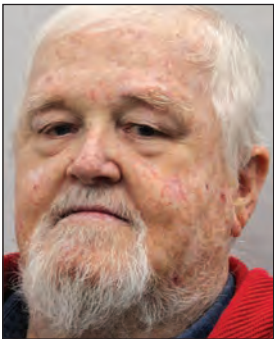
Grady Keigwin
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Marine Corps



Lexie Keigwin
From Quincy
Veteran Spouse



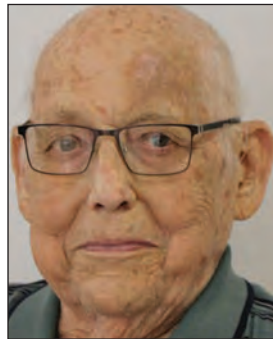
Bill LeFevre
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Air Force



Jerry Malin
From Shipman
Vietnam War
Air Force



Ken Marvel
From Mount Sterling
Vietnam War
Marine Corps



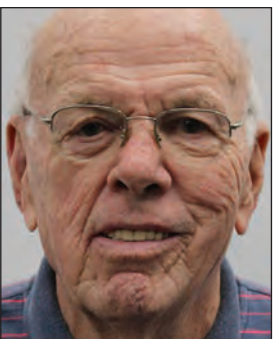
John Massie
From Carthage
Korean War
Navy



Howard Miller
From Quincy
Korean War
Navy



James Missen
From Quincy
Vietnam & Gulf Wars
Army & Navy



Keith Neville
From Bourbonnais
Peacetime
Marine Corps



Gene Nevius
From Pittsfield
Korean War
Army



James Nusbaum
From Keokuk, Iowa
Vietnam War
Navy



John Powell
From Springfield
Korean War
Navy



Doris Powell
From Springfield
Veteran Spouse

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Ray Ramos
From Rock Island
Vietnam War
Air Force



Charles Reeves
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



MJ Reeves
From Quincy
Veteran Spouse



Ronald Richards
From Louisiana, Mo.
Vietnam War
Army



Donald Roberts
From Clayton
Korean War
Army



Hilda Roberts
From Clayton
Veteran Spouse



Rick Rohe
From Trenton
Vietnam War and Gulf War
Air Force



Thomas Safranske
From Oglesby
Peacetime
Army



Randy Schlueter
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



Chance Shewmake
From Godfrey
Peacetime
Army



Chuck Stephens
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Navy



Fred Still
From Jacksonville
Korean War
Army



Betty Still
From Jacksonville
Veteran Spouse



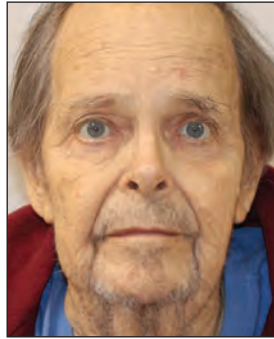
Tim Thompson
From Quincy
Korean War
Navy



Tom Thornton
From Saint Ann, Mo.
Korean War
Air Force



Andy Veile
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army



David Westenfeld
From Quincy
Peacetime
Air Force



Bobby Whitten
From Decatur
Vietnam War
Marine Corps



Bobby Wood
From Pawnee
Vietnam War
Army



Larry Wottman
From Quincy
Vietnam War
Army

THANKS TO FIFER



Hilda Harlow, a resident at Hammond Hall, presented a bald eagle and American flag to the Fifer building in honor of her late husband, Lyndle Harlow, who lived at Fifer. Hilda stitched both designs on plastic canvas. She gave the gifts in appreciation of the care he received from the staff at Fifer. Pictured from left are Ray Harlow, Hilda Harlow, Fifer Supervisor Dana Herring and Willie Harlow.

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

(Sept. 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)



Laura Akers
Nursing
40 years



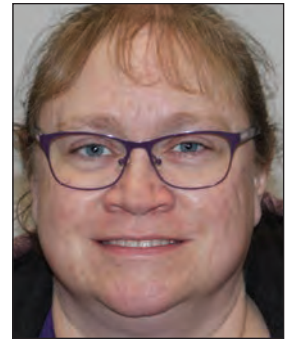
Bridgette Randall
Medical Billing
38 years



Ivan Hicks
Dietary
33 years



Kelvin Roberts
Social Services
30 years



Deanna Lefringhouse
Housekeeping
29 years



Terry Goodwin
Laundry
28 years



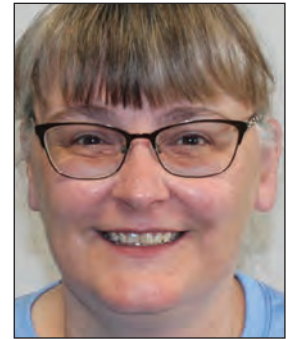
Gayle Moulton
Nursing
28 years



Tracy Brown
Medical Billing
28 years



Chad Roberts
Facilities
28 years



Paula Goodwin
Nursing
28 years

25+ Years

Laura Akers
Bridgette Randall
Ivan Hicks
Kelvin Roberts
Deanna Lefringhouse
Terry Goodwin

Nursing
Medical Billing
Dietary
Social Services
Housekeeping
Laundry

40
38
33
30
29
28

Gayle Moulton
Tracy Brown
Chad Roberts
Paula Goodwin
Angie Strang
Jim Muldoon

Nursing
Medical Billing
Facilities
Nursing
Nursing
Social Services

28
28
28
28
27
27

WORK ANNIVERSARIES | THE BUGLE MAY 2025

Doug Campbell	Carpenter	27
Lynda Melton	Nursing	26
Michelle Hincks	Housekeeping	26
Angie Bevans	Nursing	26
Lou Milhauser	Nursing	25
Mike Bevans	Facilities	25
Terri Clayton	Nursing	25
Michelle Daugherty	Nursing	25
Mary Day	Nursing	25
Jerrilyn Mason	Pharmacy	25



Angie Strang
Nursing
27 years

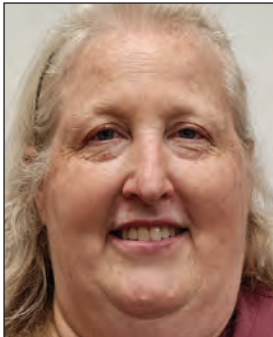


Jim Muldoon
Social Services
27 years

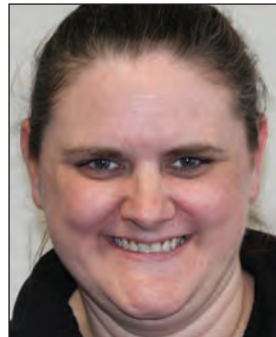


Doug Campbell
Carpenter
27 years

20+ Years		
John Frank	Facilities	24
Greta Frankel	Social Services	24
Laura Williams	Nursing	24
Kathy Bernard	Activities	24
Deb Carnes	Nursing	24
Janet Llewellyn	Dietary	24
Darin Lefringhouse	Housekeeping	23
Valerie Klement	Nursing	23
Lisa Curry	Dietary	23
Kristen Westerheide	Nursing	23
Rob Johnston	Facilities	23
Shelly Watson	Dietary	23
Carrie Veile	Laundry	23
Chris Dever	Housekeeping	23
Chad Jackson	Truck Garage	22
Scott Alberts	Activities	22
Sara Colgrove	Activities	22
Rebecca Bockhold	Nursing	22
Rebecca Davis	Nursing	22
Robin Sonethongkham	Nursing	22
James Hayes	Dietary	22
Jo Jackson	Nursing	22
Sara Deege	Nursing	22
Holly Perrine	Nursing	21
Scott Sohn	Dietary	21
Russ Whitaker	Laundry	21
Nicole McLaughlin	General Store	21
Cynthia Rees	Nursing	21
Chad Ballinger	Truck Garage	21
Judy Smith	Dietary	20
Sherri Halle	Nursing	20
Lucy Hankins	Nursing	20
Denise Rigg	Housekeeping	20
Denise Smith	Nursing	20



Lynda Melton
Nursing
26 years



Michelle Hincks
Housekeeping
26 years



Angie Bevans
Nursing
26 years



Lou Milhauser
Nursing
25 years



Mike Bevans
Facilities
25 years



Terri Clayton
Nursing
25 years

15 Year Anniversary		Date
Janie Fleer	Housekeeping	Dec. 4
Rachel Graff	Dietary	December 4
Heather McDermott	Nursing	December 4
Samantha Castle	Nursing	January 19
Sylvia Mowen	Nursing	February 1
Ashley Baker	Housekeeping	April 1

WORK ANNIVERSARIES | THE BUGLE MAY 2025



Michelle Daugherty
Nursing
25 years



Mary Day
Nursing
25 years



Jerrilyn Mason
Pharmacy
25 years

Brandy Cottrell	Nursing	April 1
Mark Iseminger	Security	April 1
Leon Labonte	Nursing	April 1

10 Year Anniversary		Date
Peggy Johnston	Nursing	September 8
Laurie Noble	Nursing	October 20
Nathan Alexander	Nursing	November 5
Mia Meacher	Activities	November 17
Dawn Evans	Nursing	November 19

5 Year Anniversary		Date
Jessica Campbell	Nursing	September 9
Jordan Meyer	Nursing	September 9
Tammy McCune	Nursing	December 18
Raquel Perez	Nursing	December 18
Heather Burns	Nursing	January 22
Courtney Lundberg	Nursing	February 18
Pamela Will	Nursing	February 18
Ashley Horton	General Store	March 9

NEW ADJUTANT



Amanda Bunch serves as the adjutant at IVHQ. Her career at IVHQ began in 2008 when she was hired as a VNAC. While working full-time at the home, Bunch completed her bachelor's degree, moving to the dietary department in 2016 and then to the office of the adjutant as a reimbursement officer in 2018. Bunch brings knowledge in the application, admission and benefits processes. She is skilled in helping veterans and their families transition to living at the Home. "I have dedicated my life to serving veterans and ensuring they receive the highest quality of care," Bunch said. "I look forward to continuing my career serving veterans." She lives in Quincy with her husband Shawn and their three children.

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

(Sept. 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)



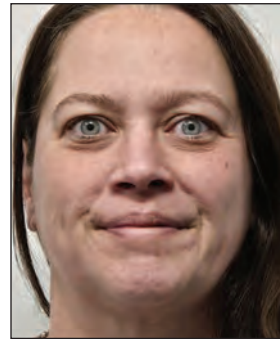
DeAnn Anders
Nursing
2/3/25



Kristy Cadwallader
Nursing
3/3/25



Father Chuck Edwards
Chaplain
11/18/24



Crystal Forsythe
Nursing
2/18/25



Phoebe Hayes
Nursing
2/3/25



Timothy Kane
HR Specialist
3/17/25



Jackson King
Nursing
2/18/25

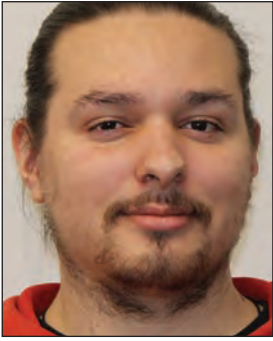


Samantha Marmolejos
Nursing
2/3/25



Baylee Page
Nursing
2/3/25

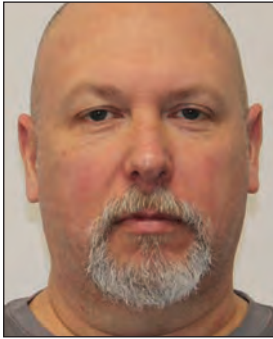
RETIREMENT CAKE



Tyriec Peoples
Nursing
2/3/25



Joseph Smith
Dietary
12/2/24



Brent Sutton
Nursing
2/3/25



McKenzie Vallee
Nursing
2/3/25



Elizabeth Van Hove
Nursing
3/3/25



Briana Wyckoff
Nursing
3/3/25



Chris Arguello, Security, retired Oct. 31, 2024 after 28 years.



Deanna Marshall, Activities, retired Feb. 28 after more than 36 years.



Lorri Booth, restorative aide at Hammond Hall, retired Oct. 31, 2024, after 25 years.



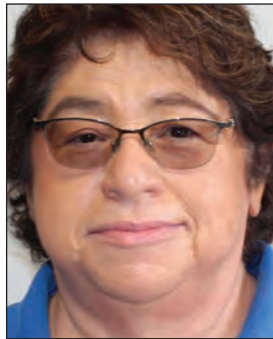
Schapers Nursing Supervisor Tammy Sullivan retired Oct. 31, 2024, after 20 years.

HANGING UP THEIR HATS

(from Sept. 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025)



Chuck Klingele retired
Sept. 30, 2024, from
facilities after 25 years



Chris Arguello retired
Oct. 31, 2024, from
security after 28 years



Lorri Booth retired
Oct. 31, 2024 from
nursing after 25 years



Tammy Sullivan retired
Oct. 31, 2024, from
nursing after 20 years



Toni Bernard retired
Dec. 31, 2024, from
nursing after 26 years



Lisa Allen retired Feb. 28,
2025, from health
information after 24 years



Deanna Marshall retired
Feb. 25, 2025, from
activities after 36 years



John Koettters retired
March 1, 2025, from
nursing after 31 years

THE BEST OF THE BEST

(September 2024 to March 2025)



September 2024
Cynthia Rees
Nursing



October 2024
Maarja Hasse
PT



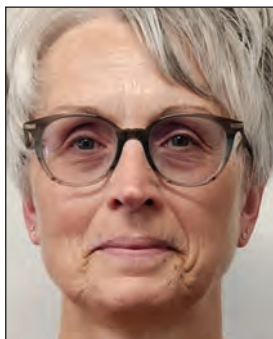
November 2024
Kerrie Hilgenbrinck
Business Office



December 2024
Sarah Starr
Nursing



January 2025
Chantel Baker
General Store



February 2025
Martha Ellefritz
Nursing



March 2025
John Wellman
Facilities

ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Advisory Council met in Smith Hall on Oct. 5 for its fall meeting. Dave Clifford led a tour of the new Domiciliary and LTC buildings still under construction. We are thankful for our Advisory Council and their support of our veterans and the home.

WELCOME, FATHER CHUCK



Father Chuck Edwards officially joined the IVHQ team in November after serving as a volunteer since July. Father Chuck was a pastor at several Catholic parishes in Quincy, St. Louis and Springfield during the past 30 years and returned to Quincy to join the staff at the home. In December, Father Chuck joined Publisher Bob Gough at Muddy River News to talk about his return to Quincy and his duties at the home. Welcome to IVHQ, Father Chuck!

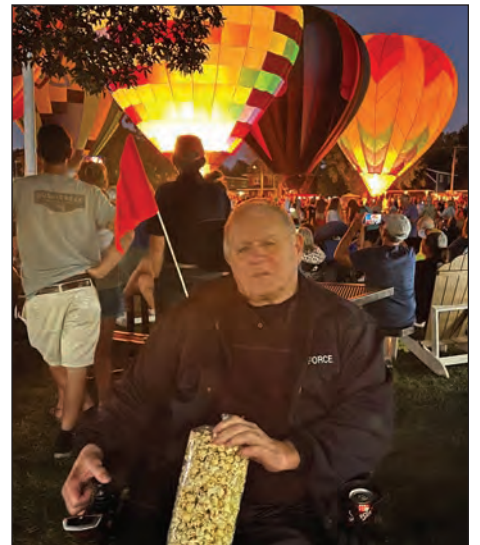


GLOW IN THE DARK

Hammond Hall residents enjoyed Quincy University's 9th annual Balloon Glow in September.



At left, Bert Janssen. Below left, Larry Weaver.
Below right, Dannie Mowen enjoys a bag of popcorn.



BIRTHDAY WISHES



Above, Don Crabtree, Markword 2, celebrated his 95th birthday and received more than 50 birthday cards from family and friends filled with photos, jokes, poems and love.



Barbara Essebagger, left, celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at Markword. Barbara is a veteran spouse who came to IVHQ in 2009 with her husband Robert. She lived in Somerville and now resides in Markword 1. As her sweatshirt states, Barbara is "100 & Fabulous!"

NUTS ABOUT CARS



From left, Phil Alexander, Judy Starnes, Dan Starnes, Home Administrator Chuck Newton, Charlie Ledbetter, Dan Pfibsen, Dave Standbridge and Stephanie Alexander.



Resident Dannie Mowen presents the Veterans Choice Award trophy to Kevin Moore, a Marine Corps veteran from Quincy.

The 25th annual Lugsnuts Car Show was held Sept. 8 at IVHQ with 258 vehicles on display for the "It's Cool to Cruise" event. Proceeds from the event were presented during the Veterans Day program. The Lugsnuts have given more than \$126,000 to the Activity Fund over the years.



The Veterans Choice Award was given to the 1930 Ford Model A coupe owned by Kevin Moore.

BOWLED OVER



Tangerine Bowl was packed for the Pins For Patriots fundraiser on March 9, which netted a \$2,200 donation to the All-Wars Museum. IVHQ staff participated in the event which featured recognition of all veterans in attendance and music by local band Pepper Spray. From left, Melinda Ulrich, Betty Ulrich and Dave Ulrich present their donation to museum curator Roger Schwenkel and museum volunteer Tom Markovic, Domiciliary resident.



The Pink team included staff members Sylvia Mowen, Dawn Alexander and Tina Powell plus family members.



Jennifer Fantz (housekeeping), Mark Carpenter (retired) and Paula Goodwin (nursing) plus family and friends.



Bobbette Morris (dietary), the Morris Family, and Tina Bland (dietary).



Tangerine Bowl was filled with veterans and supporters.

SPRING BREAK



Thank you to Elks Lodge 100 in Quincy for hosting the Spring Break Lunch. Residents enjoyed brat patties, potato salad, baked beans, cookies and soda served in Smith Hall and delivery to Fifer, Hammond & Schapers.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

(from September 2024 to March 2025)

ACTIVITY FUND

Adams County Chapter – DAV \$250
Albert Gray Memorial \$210
All American Slots \$59.19
American Legion Auxiliary No. 1236 \$500
American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Fund \$10
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 \$100
American Legion Post 105 Decatur \$1,000
American Legion Post 543 \$350
American Legion, Eliza Roberts Baldwin's Post 1971 \$200
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary \$60
Anonymous Donations \$ 2,040
Atkinson Women's Club \$100
Bethany United Church of Christ \$200
Alexander, Floyd & Diane \$600
Billy Cadwallader Memorial \$125
BPO Macomb Lodge 1009 \$ 1,000
Bradley Stanton \$61.15
Carol Calvert \$50
Central Park Post 1028 \$100
Dale O'Hara Memorial \$20
DAR Hillsboro, IL \$500
DAR Stephen Decatur Chapter \$500
Daughters of the American Revolution - IL State Org of The National Society \$200
David Goodwin \$ 9,000
Deborah Brackensick \$500
Dept of IL VFW Auxiliary Inc \$323.86
DUVCW 1861 1865 Rantoul \$200
Edwin Corpin American Legion Post 905 \$2,500
Eva Adele Memorial \$500
Fallerans Post 121 American Legion \$1,120
Friends of the IL Veterans Home at Anna \$1,864.33
George & Shirley Thielbar \$100
George Schneider Memorial \$25
George Siepel Memorial \$955
Glenn Raines Memorial \$235

Grace Miller \$25
Harrison Pub - Chili Cook Off \$825
Howard Staffy Memorial \$490
Jack Hoskins Memorial \$270
Jacksonville Emblem Club 467 \$350
Jim Jacobs Memorial \$65
John Stephens Memorial \$50
Joseph Gallaher \$200
Katherine Dancer \$25
Korean War Veterans Association \$500
Larry Wottman Memorial \$415
LeRoy King \$70
Lisa Schuckman Memorial \$100
Martha Beck \$100
Marvin Davidson Memorial \$375
Mary Ann Ridder Memorial \$50
National Society of the DAR \$27.50
NSDAR - CPT William Penny Chapter \$207.60
Palos Park Women's Club \$55
Paul Decker Memorial \$840
Phillip Moore Memorial \$100
Pinkerton Prairie \$50
Quincy Area Coin Club \$200
Quincy Service Club \$136.88
Rocky Altgilbers Memorial \$405
Sylvia Brocksieck Memorial \$455
Tamella Pool \$200
Vanessa Miller & Al Foster \$200
Vernon Reich Memorial \$325
VFW Auxiliary Gift Shop IVHQ \$661.44
VFW Post 2257 \$500
VFW Post 2791 \$500
Wayne Myers Memorial \$20
William Mester \$100
William Wiseman Memorial \$150
Women's Overseas Service League \$30

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR RESIDENTS
10th Dist. Veterans of Foreign Wars \$300
Adams County Chapter - DAV \$500
American Legion Aux Poppy Fund Post 37 \$1,000

AMVets Post 94 \$160
Linda Wackher & Carol Drzewicki \$230
Polish Legion of American Veterans \$100
Q-City Squares \$200
Vanessa Miller & Al Foster \$200
VFW Hamilton \$150
VFW Post 5410 Camp Point, IL \$200
VFW US Grant Post 2665 Galena \$2,500

CHRISTMAS PARTY

4th Infantry Division Midwest Chapter \$100
Connie Jacobs \$100
John Vernon \$ 500
Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 138 \$250
VFW Quincy Post 5129 \$200

UTILITY TASK VEHICLE

David Goodwin \$10,000
Elks National Service Commission \$300
Elks National Veterans Service Commission, Quincy \$3,600

ALL-WARS MUSEUM

Catherine Wright \$80
Museum donation jar \$468
Pins for Patriots Bowling Fundraiser Donation \$2,235

THE BUGLE

Michael Dingerson \$25
Linda Schneider \$25
Reyne Pallai \$25
Robert Crandall \$20

COMFORT ITEMS

Dept of IL Disabled American Veterans \$1,000

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Harvey Brinton Memorial \$200

EAT, DRINK



Above: Fifer Staff hit all the marks for fun costumes.

Right: Rodney Wolkitt, Donnie McQueen, Gordie Ringlien and Denny Hull sporting their tie die t-shirts at the Groovy Party in Hammond Hall.



Hammond Activity Staff, from left, Kathy Bernard, Whittany Flambeau and Mia Meacher are the grooviest.



Markword Dalmatians: From left, Eldon Vaughn, Rachel Stuckman, Charlie Doan and his daughter Janet Green, John Bradford and Deanna Marshall.

AND BE SCARY



Halloween isn't just for kids. The staff and residents at IVHQ enjoy it just as much. Some units pick a theme and stick to it. Other units leave it up to the imagination of the person in costume.

Above: Markword's Cruella De Vil with her minions and dalmatians.

Below: Cruella De Vil (Deanna Marshall) and Denny Beeler.



Left: Fifer residents partying on Halloween.

Below: Hammond was groovy with a 1970s theme. From left, Shirley Pieper, Kathy Bernard, Betty Bradshaw, Dolly Parton (Supervisor Tracy Alexander) and Vivian Henry.





Residents with activity staff members Tammy Baehr and Susan Nowell.

TURKEY TIME

Schapers residents enjoyed making (and eating!) turkey treats for Thanksgiving



Left: Jerry Malin and his wife Claudia enjoyed the turkey treats.

SING A SONG



Sweet voices filled the air with song when the first grade classes from the Liberty School District visited Markword to sing Christmas carols for the residents. It's always fun when a bus full of children visits the campus!



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Bobby Whitten opens a Christmas bag filled with gifts.



Larry Eyster, above, and Ron Camerer, below, show off their fleece jackets that were gifts from the home.



At left, Damian Wuellner is all smiles at Christmas.

Above, Ron Schwartz's gifts included new clothes.

OPEN YOUR GIFTS



Hammond Hall residents — seated in front, Dennie Hull, Bert Janssen and Rodney Wolkitt — visited with Knapheide employees who delivered gifts to Hammond Hall.



Betty Bradshaw with a lovely handmade gift.



Chuck Vespa received a sweet gift.



‘TIS THE SEASON

The Christmas Party was held Dec. 12 and featured a hot cocoa bar with sweet and salty snacks. Parties were held in each unit. Residents placed orders for cups of cocoa with various toppings, which were prepared and served by volunteers, veteran service organizations and activity staff. Music, dancing, food and drinks – all the ingredients necessary to celebrate a Merry Christmas!

LEFT: Administrator Chuck Newton and Adjutant Amanda Bunch sing Christmas carols at the Markword party in Smith Hall.



ABOVE: Jaclyn and Ron Farmer (Schapers). RIGHT: Santa Claus visiting with the Schapers veterans.



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Markword activity staff – from left, Deanna Marshall, Rachel Stuckman and Marikkia Velez – with their decadent treat table in Smith Hall.



Above left, Santa shakes hands with Jack Gabel (Schapers). Above right, volunteers from the American Legion Post 37 enjoyed serving the made-to-order hot cocoa bar for Markword in Smith Hall.



Left, Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoyed visiting with David Flesner and Mary Ann Mountain in Fifer.

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Ed Johnson promises Santa he has been good this year (Fifer).



John Sass is all smiles with Santa (Fifer).



Do you think Santa believes that Paul Altgibers has been good this year (Fifer)?



Santa visits with Robert and Marge Cross (Markword).



Bill Richards does not believe that Santa is giving him a lump of coal this year, but he and Santa are still friends (Markword).



Bill Postiglione tells Santa about his Christmas list (Hammond).

DECK THE HALLS



Domiciliary residents Rich Fischer, Betty and Mike Smith, and Roger Brown partied with Santa.



Activity therapist Mia Meacher and Santa (Hammond).



Bert Janssen never misses an opportunity to dance, especially with Mrs. Claus (Hammond).



Above, Bill Starkey and his buddy with their gingerbread house. Right, Howard Staffy with his gingerbread house.

BUDDY SYSTEM

The Buddy program continued with fun activities and interaction between St. Dominic fifth grade students and residents.



The Quincy Service Club sponsors the Buddy Program and provides transportation to the home and refreshments. Residents enjoy spending time with the students and the relationships that form during the school year.

Above, Smith Hall was full for the October scarecrow craft day.

Left, Robert and JoAn Kakac and their Buddy crafting scarecrows.

TREE DONATION

American Legion Post 37 and member Andy Morrison donated a white pine tree planted near the committal shelter in Sunset Cemetery. Morrison worked in Facilities at IVHQ and continues to support the home in retirement. From left, Richard Redmond, Mrs. Newbanks, Barb Girouard, Roger Schwengel, George Newbanks, Andy Morrison, Darrell Schrage, Tom McKenney, Keith Gerhardt and Les Lair.



\$40,000 RAISED



The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's was held at IVHQ on Sept. 21. It was the perfect day to walk, and 125 walkers, including IVHQ staff and residents, raised \$40,000. The colorful flowers symbolize supporting a world without Alzheimer's (orange); caring for someone with Alzheimer's (yellow); living with Alzheimer's or dementia (blue); or lost someone to Alzheimer's or dementia (purple).

DENMAN VISITORS



Fifth grade students from Denman Elementary School in Quincy visited Hammond Hall in November. The students brought residents homemade patriotic wreaths and cards signed by all students in the school.

HISTORY LESSON



Founders Day is celebrated on Oct. 19, the date the home was dedicated in 1886. On this 138th anniversary, Deanna Marshall and Rachel Stuckman from the activity staff dressed in period clothing and gave a program about the history of the home.

CARRY A TUNE

Musical performances are always enjoyed at IVHQ. Thanks to Anshu Podaralla for performing a piano concert in the Markword dining room with her instructor Patty Littleton.



HUT HUT HIKE!



John Briggs played college football and was all smiles during the football throwing contest at Schapers to kick off the college football season.

DECK THE HALLS



Martha Ellefritz and Kayla Dingerson “decked the halls” of Markword 2 to celebrate the Christmas season. These ladies brought in their own decorations and spent time lovingly decorating for the final holiday season in the Markword building, which is slated for demolition when the construction is completed and residents move into the new building.



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Director of Activities Sara Colgrove and Leroy King



David Self



Tammy Baehr, Activity staff, and Joe Elmore



Bert Janssen and Sara Colgrove



The IVHQ Bus and van participated in the parade.

CAMPUS VISIT



The Quincy Veterans Day Parade was held in downtown Quincy on Nov. 9. Although the day was rainy, spirits were high. After the parade concluded downtown, participants traveled to the home and did another parade on campus, driving past each unit for the enjoyment of the veterans.

Above, parade entries lined up by the administration building for the parade around campus. Left, Happy Veterans Day float in parade.



Left below, a highlight of the day came when Illinois National Guard did a flyover of the parade, then landed a CH-47 model Chinook helicopter on our campus! It was a 40-minute flight from Peoria for the three-man crew, and they didn't let the rain stop them from coming to Quincy. Crewmen opened the helicopter for tours and answered questions about the aircraft. Residents, staff and visitors enjoyed seeing the Chinook up close and walking into the aircraft.

11th HOUR, 11TH DAY

Veterans Day was observed with a formal program on Nov. 11. Keynote speaker Brian Canfield, a 28-year Army veteran and President/CEO of Blessing Health, shared thoughts on Veterans Day and military service. The Quincy High School marching band performed musical selections, including the military marches of every service branch and a performance of their marching cadences. Markword resident and Army veteran Eldon Vaughn, who spent 2 1/2 years in Korea during the Korean conflict, performed the wreath laying ceremony in a formal sign of respect to honor and remember fallen United States veterans. The program concluded at 11 a.m. with a rifle salute and the haunting Taps melody.



Above, Lippincott Hall was the setting for the Veterans Day program. Below, the Quincy High School marching band performed.



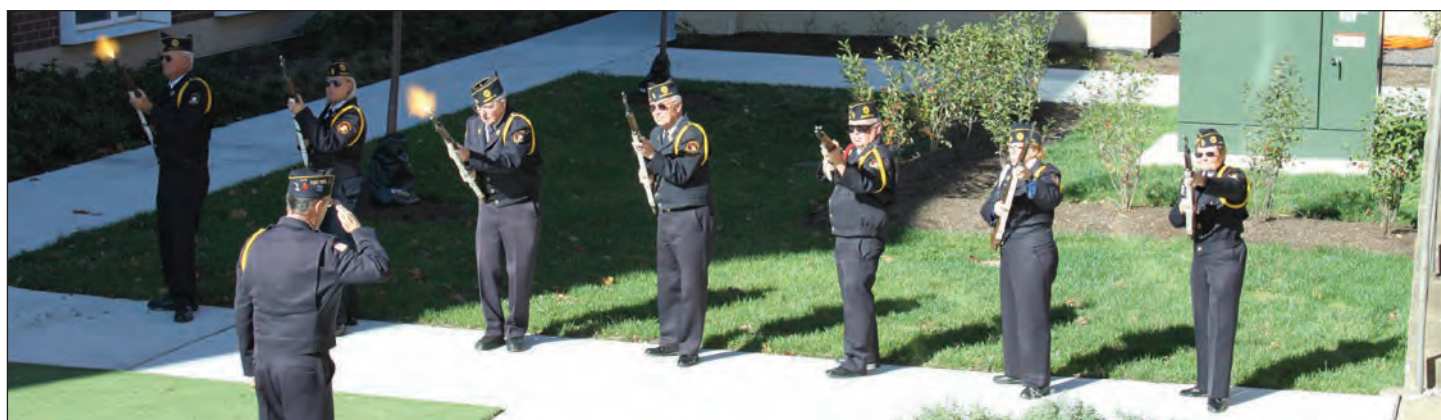
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Above, Eldon Vaughn (seated) and his family – Ronald and Annette Vaughn, Donald Vaughn, Beth Stambaugh and Gary Vaughn.

Left above, bugler Jeff Schuecking plays Taps to conclude the program.

Left below, American Legion Post 37 Honor Guard.



THANKS, VETS

In honor of Veterans Day, the whole team from Veterans United Constructors decorated the fencing around the LTC building with a thank you for our veterans. Thank you, VUC team!



PRIVATE VISIT



Schapers residents enjoyed a meet and greet with Army Pvt. 2nd Class Austyn Nowell and Marine Corps Pvt. 1st Class Dakota Miller. Nowell is the son of Susan Nowell, activity therapist at Schapers. Both men started basic training in July 2024. The veterans enjoyed socializing with active-duty men in late December. From left are John Winbigler, Toot Ewalt, Flea Hatfield, Jerry Malin, Bob Chumley, Nowell and Miller.

SUPERHERO DAY

Residents enjoyed an outing to a Quincy University football game celebrating Local Superhero Day. Our veterans are superheroes for sure! Pictured from left are Betty Smith (Navy), Mike Smith (Air Force) and David Reid (Navy, seated), who were escorted to the game by Kirk Rueb.



TIME FOR LUNCH



The Mid-Managers team was treated to a Christmas luncheon hosted by Administrator Chuck Newton and Carla Trautvetter in the new Domiciliary dining room. It was a fun hour of socializing, enjoying a delicious lunch and soaking in the atmosphere in the new building.

ALL ABOARD



Residents always enjoy trolley rides around campus on beautiful days.

CONCERT TREAT



Hammond Hall scored free tickets to the Holiday Spectacular concert by the Quincy Symphony Orchestra/Chorus in December. Above, Larry Weaver, Bert Janssen, Betty Bradshaw and Dannie Mowen. Left, the concert was amazing, but the fun didn't end there. The group, along with activity staff Whittany Flambeau, stopped for ice cream on the way home.

TASTE TEST

The Employee Recognition Committee hosted the Taste of IVHQ soup cook-off and dessert bake-off event on St. Patrick's Day. Attendees sampled six soups and five desserts, then voted for their favorite in each category. Winning entries were Green Enchilada Chicken Soup made by Carla Trautvetter and Shamrock Lasagna made by Bobbi Mock. Carla and Bobbi received patriotic IVHQ drink tumblers.



Above, Sara Colgrove wears many hats and celebrates every holiday in style. Right, Janie Flee, Cindy Klingele and Jessica Kennedy enjoyed sampling several soups and desserts.



Above, Sandy Heaton, Erin Baker, Dave Hall and Carla Trautvetter set up the soup sampling table.



In addition to sampling soups and desserts, chili soup was served for lunch. Left side front to back, Mary Day, Megan Tipton and Tiffany Seaver. Right side front to back, Kayla Crabtree, Kim Niekamp, Colette Douglas, Dr. Pawson and his son.

SPREADING CHEER



Volunteer Voices is a group of volunteers through RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). They practice at JWCC and give holiday and spring concerts on Fridays at long-term care facilities in Quincy. The current group is comprised of 20 members, the largest group in the last few years. Peg Seeley has been with the group for 14 years, serving as choir director for 9 of those years. She also is a volunteer at the IVHQ library.

Volunteer voices performed on campus at the Patriotic Picnic, Fifer, Schapers, the Domiciliary building and sang carols at Hammond.

Thank you to the Volunteer Voices for bringing music and spreading cheer around campus.



BOOT CAMP

Nursing Boot Camp was established at IVHQ in January 2020 to allow nursing staff to complete their annual skills review in a group setting with educators specializing in different areas of care. This format allows nurses to ask questions, receive hands-on training from instructors and provide suggestions for upgrades needed in care services. Topics covered are “how to” sessions on equipment utilized to care for veterans, respiratory therapy, infection prevention, restorative measures and wound care. Boot Camp was held in multiple sessions at Hammond Hall.



Amanda Tournear (EHR/MDS Nursing Supervisor), Janet Llewellyn (Dietician) and Lindsey Kelley (Infection Preventionist Supervisor) provided valuable information during Boot Camp.



Nurse educator Robin Sonethongkham.



Tracy Ford, wound specialist, discusses wound care with Qinghui Liu.



Markword residents watching the rockets explode.

UP, UP AND AWAY

Hammond and Markword enjoyed bottle rocket explosions with showers of water on a beautiful fall day.
IVHQ Activity staff blow it out of the water every day!



Sara Colgrove and Leonard Jarrett anticipate the rocket launch.



Hammond Hall launched bottle rockets in the courtyard.

GONE FISHIN'

The fifth annual Hammond Hall Fish Fry was held in September. Nursing Supervisor Tracy Alexander started the fish fry for the enjoyment of the residents and to share the bounty of fishing excursions with her husband John. It was a perfect fall day to enjoy food and fellowship in the tent set up in the parking lot. A big thank you to Roger and Larry Dietrich, who fried the fish and homemade chips to perfection for the large crowd. We appreciate their donation of food, equipment, time and smiles. Additional food donations of cornbread muffins, potato salad, slaw, fresh tomatoes, pasta salad, cookies and pumpkin bars completed the menu.



Hammond Nursing Supervisor Tracy Alexander, center, with her son Nathan Alexander on the left and husband John on the right.



Hammond staff Heather McDermott, Mary Hoelscher, Kathy Bernard and Lora Stolte serving up lunch with a smile.

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Roger and Larry
Dietrich, patriotic
chefs of the day.



WELLNESS VISIT

IVHQ staff had an opportunity to visit with state and local vendors during the Employee Wellness Fair in Lippincott on Feb. 27. The purpose of the event was to give staff the opportunity to engage with wellness vendors, speak with benefits experts from CMS, improve health through Be Well Illinois programs, visit with union representatives and score prizes and giveaways.



Scott Witt and Isaiah Aschemann at the event. Aschemann took drinks back to Hammond Hall for his co-workers.

BACK IN TIME

The newest creations of librarian Bobbi Mock displayed in the window at Smith Hall included displays of vintage IVHQ Christmas items, Valentines Day memories and a tribute to Richard "Hap" Northern, approved by the man himself.



DIETARY DEPARTMENT MOVE | THE BUGLE MAY 2025



Above, Adjutant Amanda Bunch thanked the dietary team for their hard work throughout the weeks leading up to and since the new kitchen opened.

At left and below, "bread cutting" ceremonies were held instead of ribbon cutting ceremonies.



BREAKING BREAD

A dream was realized on Oct. 29, 2024, when the dietary department prepared the last meal in the Nielsen kitchen and operations were moved to the new kitchen in the basement of the long-term care building. They never missed a beat when accomplishing this giant task, and breakfast was served on time the next day. Adjutant Amanda Bunch, who supervises the dietary department, and acting Dietary Manager Janet Llewellyn, along with their staff, the truck garage team and other volunteers worked all night and into the early hours of the next day to make sure the move went seamlessly. In lieu of a ribbon cutting, it was only fitting to hold a bread-cutting ceremony to christen the new kitchen. Three groups of dietary staff members took turns "breaking bread" for all to enjoy. Chaplain Dave Hall blessed the new kitchen with the words of Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing!" Congratulations to the dietary department. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it happen.



Tray line staff in the new kitchen.



Dietary cooks cut bread to the cheers of staff attending the ceremony.



Amanda Bunch, Janet Llewellyn and Shaun Moore, consultant with Arena Food Service.

PATRIOTIC PICNIC

Adams County RSVP sponsored a patriotic picnic that was enjoyed by all who attended. The menu offered hot dogs, chips, baked beans and cookies. Wonderful patriotic music by the Volunteer Voices group complimented the event. It was a perfect day in the pavilion on Lake Illinois.



Deanna Marshall driving the golf cart shuttle for JoAn Kacak (front seat), Larry Robinson and John Hymes (back seat).



Scott Alberts, Fifer activity staff, chauffeured Walt Hubbert in style driving the Deuce and a Half UTV.



Eldon Vaughn and his daughter, Beth Stambaugh.





American Legion riders salute Markword residents.

EASY RIDERS



Markword resident Paul Decker enjoyed the visit from the riders.

Motorcycle riders with American Legion Post 55 from Farmer City rolled into campus in September. Residents enjoyed seeing the bikes and visiting with the riders.



Bikes lined up along the circle drive in front of Fifer.

LEGION POST 55 MOTORCYCLES | THE BUGLE MAY 2025



Riders parked their bikes to visit with Markword residents.



Left, Jen Hudelson with Richard Hatfield and Kenneth Walker (seated on bench) greeted the riders on the lawn outside of Schapers. Below, motorcycles were parked so riders could spend time chatting with residents.



CORPORAL SALUTE

Carolyn Redenius of Quincy presented a heartfelt plaque to the All-Wars Museum honoring her late brother David Gary Redenius. Cpl. Redenius served in the Marine Corps "Walking Dead" unit and was tragically killed in action in Vietnam in April 1968 at the age of 20.

In 2007, a tourist found Gary Redenius' dog tag in the dust of Hill 689 while touring Vietnam. Years later, he contacted the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Public Information Officer Maureen Hartigan, who traced the family and connected with Carolyn and her sister Beverly Warning.

In a ceremony held at Smith Hall on the IVHQ campus in April 2022, the dog tag was presented to the sisters who eventually donated it to the Kibbe Museum



in Carthage, along with Gary's medals, photo and flag.

Carolyn also felt it would be fitting to honor Gary's memory with a display in the All-Wars

Museum. In October, Carolyn Redenius and friends presented the display in memory and honor of David Gary Redenius.

Gone but never forgotten.

Above, Judi and Tom Schutte (seated in front), Joe and Carolyn Koettters, and Carolyn Redenius in the All-Wars Museum.

STRIKE UP THE BAND!



Quincy Salvation Army Brass Band performed in December for a large crowd at Markword.

CURATOR CHANGE

It was a bittersweet changing of the guard at the All-Wars Museum in October when museum curator Bob Craig handed the reins over to Roger Schwengel. Craig served as curator for more than 23 years. He is a Vietnam War Marine Corps veteran and an accomplished artist who painted the large murals displayed in the museum honoring Medal of Honor recipients. Thank you to Bob for his creative genius and his passion for making the All-Wars Museum such a wonderful treasure trove of artifacts and stories of the men and women who served in the military.

Schwengel stepped into the position with ease and has put his own creative touches into museum displays, as well as working to clean up areas of the museum and storage areas. He served in the reserve component of the Army and Air Force for more than 20 years and is actively involved with American Legion Post 37, having served as the Honor Guard commander and service officer for several years. Roger's passion is the weapons that won the wars, and he has already secured donations to add various firearms to



many of the displays.

The theme of the All-Wars Museum is United States military history, with displays spanning all major conflicts in American history, from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm. Stop in to visit with greeters and spend time looking at the many displays featuring uniforms, models of battleships and aircraft, flags, weapons, currency, a replica Revolutionary War cannon and

numerous medals and patches, including the Medal of Honor awarded to the late Cpl. Lester Hammond of Quincy.

The museum is open from March 1 through the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Tuesday through Saturday hours are 9-noon and 1-4 p.m., Sunday 1-4 p.m. and closed on Mondays.

Above, Bob Craig, left, and Roger Schwengel, curators of the All-Wars Museum.

NEW LOOK LOGO

The All-Wars Museum has a new logo thanks to the efforts of Quincy University professor Gary Meacher and his Creative Citizens graphic design class. The class selected the museum as the recipient of their creative skills this semester. A lot of thought went into the six different designs the students crafted and presented, and this design was selected by IDVA. The font and colors used in the logo are a bold reminder of the seriousness and



impact of war. The 6 stars represent the 6 branches of the military and are symbolic of

the stars on the American flag. The 3 stripes represent the 3 original branches of the U.S. military and are symbolic of the stripes on the American flag. The new logo is a combination of military elements and reflective design choices that celebrates the military achievements and the somber remembrance of loss and sacrifice. Look for new signage featuring this design coming soon. Great job by Meacher and Quincy University students!

FLAG FOLDERS

Girl Scout Troop 5892 from Quincy visited the All-Wars Museum in March. After the girls explored the museum displays, Curator Roger Schwen-
gel and American Legion Post 37 Honor Guard Commander Darrell Schrage taught them how to properly fold a flag. The girls enjoyed taking
turns folding the flag and earned their flag merit badge from the visit.



LAKE AT NIGHT



A night-time view of Lake Illinois with the pavilion and new long term care building in the background.

SUNSET IN SNOW



Sunset Cemetery is as old as the Illinois Veterans Home itself. The cemetery sits on 32 acres, with 12 acres currently utilized for burials, with approximately 8,260 gravestones to date. Sunset is beautiful in every season, even with a light dusting of snow.

HONORING HAP

A new display in the All-Wars Museum celebrates Richard "Hap" Northern's service to his country and his devotion to the Quincy Veteran's Home.

He was the superintendent/commanding officer of the home from January 1969 to February 1973 and again from February 1977 to January 1995. He served as chief of security for seven years before he was named administrator of the home. Hap served for 39 years in the Illinois National Guard, retiring in 1987 with the rank of brigadier general.

The Northern Guest House on campus was named in his honor and the Northern Memorial Garden named in honor of his late wife, Shirlee. Although the guest house was demolished to make way for the new construction, Hap's identity lives on at the



Home.

At age 97, he still lives in Quincy and visits the Home often. Above, Hap Northern

and Curator Roger Schwengel stand by the display honoring Mr. Northern.

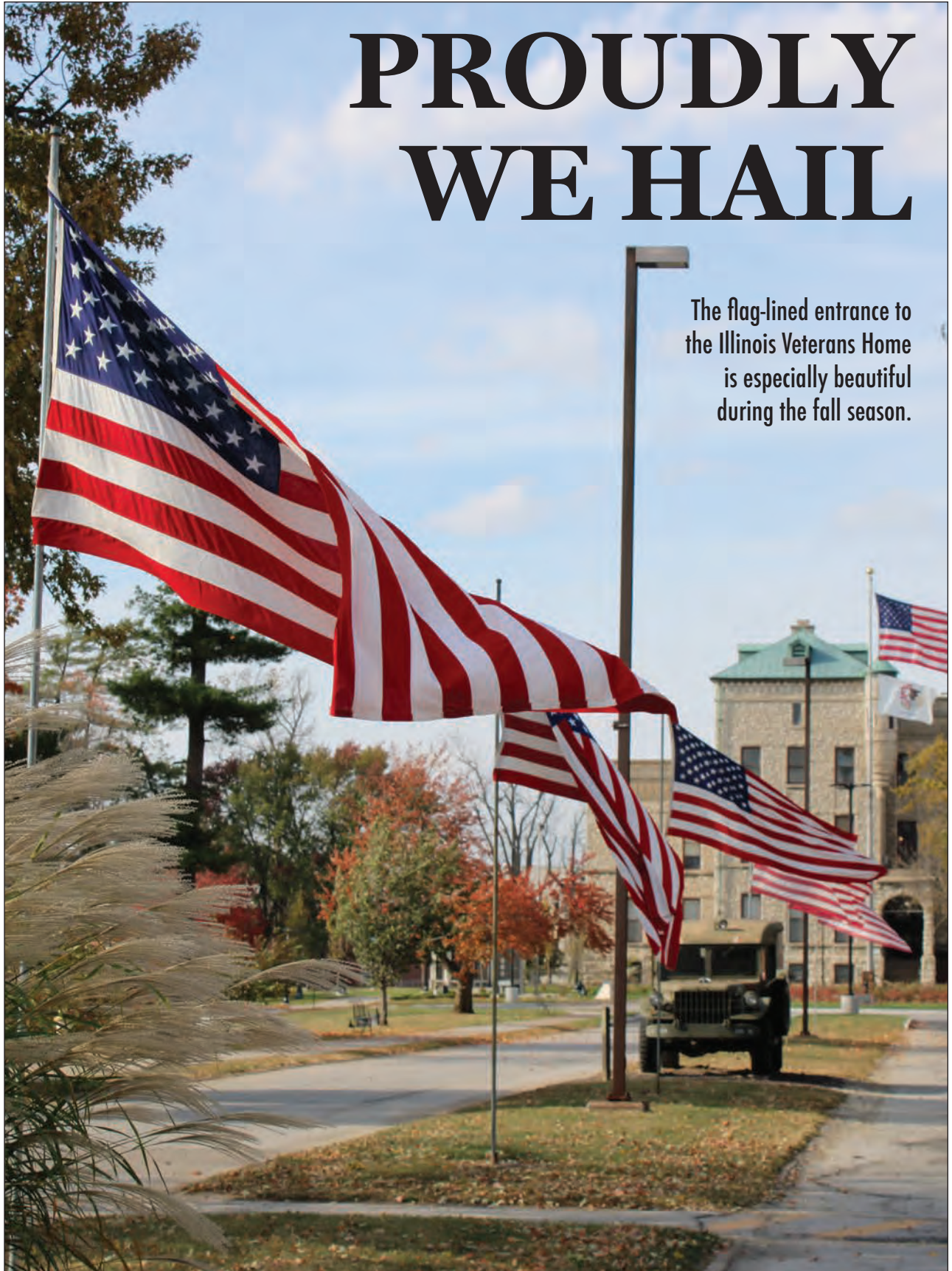


FALL FLAIR

IVHQ Staff work hard every day to make this campus a Home, including putting together fall decorations for the residents to enjoy.

PROUDLY WE HAIL

The flag-lined entrance to the Illinois Veterans Home is especially beautiful during the fall season.



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COLORFUL CARS



An aerial view of the 25th annual Lugnuts Car Show, held Sept. 8, 2024, at IVHQ with 258 vehicles on display for the "It's Cool to Cruise" event. Proceeds from the event were presented during the Veterans Day program.

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