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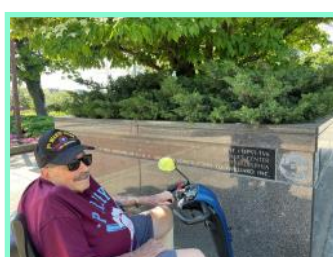
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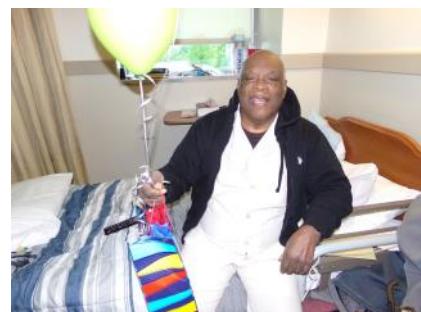
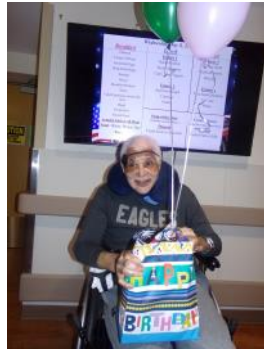
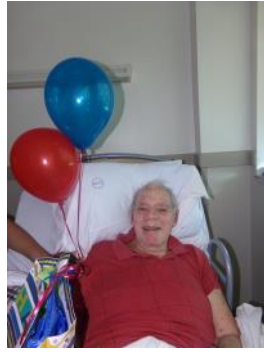


DVH Veterans visited the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to pay their respect. WWII Veteran Bill DiFrancesco, Korean War Veteran Eddie Pierce and Vietnam War Veteran & Purple Heart recipient George Rodgers shared a moment of silence to Honor all Veterans.

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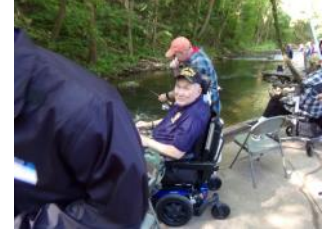
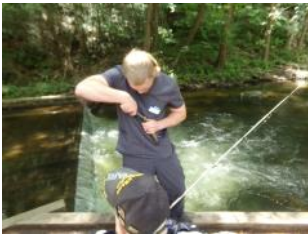


Tom Roberts from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society hosted a trip to the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

Mothers Day Luncheon



DVVH Veterans competed in the TAG's Annual fishing derby against Veterans from Southeastern Veterans' Center, and Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center. DVVH's fisherman won all 3 awards. We also want to thank the members of the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists for their support in this event.



Mother's day

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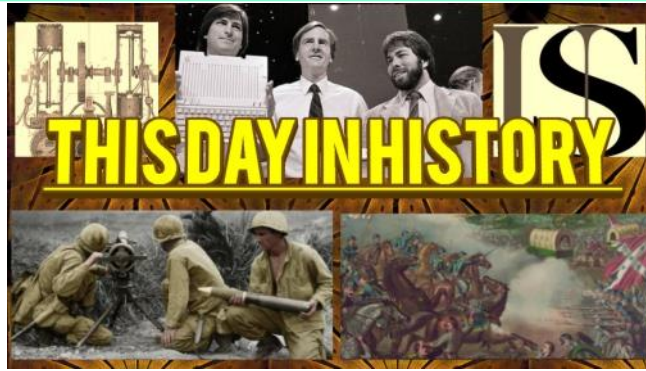
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May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East.

May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

May 11, 1969 - During the Vietnam War, the Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began. While attempting to seize the Dong Ap Bia Mountain, U.S. troops repeatedly scaled the hill over a 10-day period and engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After finally securing the objective, American military staff decided to abandon the position, which the North Vietnamese retook shortly thereafter. The battle highlighted the futility of the overall American military strategy.

May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 20, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for five years, paying just \$1.25 per acre.

May 20, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

May 22, 1947 - Congress approved the Truman Doctrine, assuring U.S. support for Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of Communism.

May 26, 1940 - The Dunkirk evacuation began in order to save the British Expeditionary Force trapped by advancing German armies on the northern coast of France. Boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel by June 2nd.

Fun Facts in May

Emerald, the birthstone for May, has been beloved for millennia, evoking rebirth and renewal. Widely regarded as the definition of green, emerald is the perfect color for spring. From the poetic description of Ireland as "the Emerald Isle" to the vibrant green of the famed gemstone itself—the May birthstone emerald has captured hearts and minds through the ages

The zodiac signs for May are **Taurus** (April 20 – May 20) & **Gemini** (May 21 - June 20).

May birth flowers are the Lily-of-the-valley, with its small, dainty, bell-shaped white flowers, is a perennial groundcover that spreads aggressively given the right conditions. The flower represent sweetness and purity. Hawthorns are flowering shrubs in the rose family with flowers that bloom in May in small white, red, or pink clusters. Small berries, called haws, sprout after the flowers. The Hawthorn is a longstanding symbol of hope.

Commandant's Corner



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June begins our kickoff to summer weather and to State Veterans Home Week! Our staff and residents have been working night and day to plan and organize a week full of fun, food, and tropical themes! We are looking forward to sharing this week, "Cruise Through the Tropics," with all our residents, family, friends and staff. Please join us Monday June 10th through Sunday June 16th for all our activities. Events calendars are located throughout the Home.

On May 30th Delaware Valley Veterans Home participated in the annual fishing derby hosted by members of Dauphin County Anglers and Conservationists. Our residents were able to enjoy a beautiful day fishing with peers and staff, not only from our home, but from our sister Homes in Scranton and Spring City. Delicious food and desserts were served in a backyard BBQ setting. And I am proud to announce we have bragging rights for a year as our residents took home all three prizes for smallest fish, most fish, and biggest fish.

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

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

Margo

Valley Voice

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Generous Sponsors & Benefactors

American Legion Posts 754/800/810

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American Legion Riders

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of PA - Sponsored monthly Birthday gifts and balloons.

Southeast District Pennsylvania Elks Association

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Legion of Mary

Military order of the Purple Heart

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society

Waco Women

Patricia Abdala



New Members of DVVH Welcome Home

Bernard Sayers – Army

Charles Davis – Marines

Bobby Malone – Air Force

Alfred Ferraro – Army

TAPS

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

