Georgia War would like to wish you a wonderful month filled with happiness.

Take a peek at what’s happening here at the Blue Goose!
Welcome!

A warm welcome from Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home to the following new staff members:

- Theresa Austin
- Candice Gulley
- Chelsea Gulley
- Japonica McKinney
- Jalah Morris
- Sabrina Williams

A warm welcome from Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home to the following new residents:

- Johnnie Beggs
- Lester Flaherty
- Ignatius Sanders
- Tony Scroggs
- Frederick Stickel

Pinnacle Honorable Mentions—June 2021

- Kayleigh Cullum
- Timothy Lark
- Kay Roland

Dates to Remember:

- July 4th — Independence Day
Georgia War COVID-19 Update

Thank you for continuing to trust Georgia War with your loved one’s healthcare needs. With the positive impact of COVID-19 vaccines in our community and facility, we are pleased to announce that we will be expanding visitation inside the building beginning Monday, July 12th. The courtyard will continue to be utilized as weather permits for outdoor visitation. As we expand both visitation and services in the building, we will continue to follow all infection control procedures. Please refer to the visitation memo on the next page for more information.

Please know that we continue to do all that we can to protect our residents and staff from the spread of COVID-19 and this includes following all updated CDC and GDPH guidelines. Currently, we do not have any cases of COVID-19 for staff or residents. All future cases will be quarantined and surveillance testing will continue as required. We will also continue distributing the vaccine to all residents and staff in partnership with Augusta University.

This pandemic has impacted many of our policies and procedures over the last year, and we will continue to remain vigilant in an effort to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all residents and staff. Please know that our leadership team continues working with federal, state, and local government agencies in support of our mission. We continue to experience an amazing outpouring of support from individuals and community partners. On page 5, there is list of those who have provided Georgia War with support during this time. These groups remain committed and will continue to support Georgia War through this public health emergency. We are very fortunate and thankful for their partnership.

Thank you to all of our residents, staff, and families for your efforts and flexibility throughout this pandemic. GWVNH departments continue to step up to ensure that medical care, therapies, and ancillary support services are delivered in a safe and effective manner. Volunteering to help in ways we never imagined, staff continue to work beyond their role and job title which confirms a true commitment to our mission. Everyone should be commended for their efforts.

As we continue to navigate through this ever-changing environment at home, work, and in our communities, we know that none of the freedoms we have today would be possible without the valor and courage of those who chose to defend this great nation. These are the veteran residents who reside in our facility and our community today. We hope that you and your family will continue to remain safe.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Administration. Thank you for your support of our efforts in caring for the veterans at Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home.

Carlton Deese
Executive Director
Thank you for continuing to trust Georgia War with your loved one’s healthcare needs. Our goal is to continue protecting our residents and staff from the spread of COVID-19 as we follow all applicable guidelines from the CDC and GDPH. Indoor visitations are anticipated to resume for all residents except when circumstances require limitations due to a high risk of COVID-19 transmission. **Beginning Monday, July 12th, visitation hours will be adjusted to 9am-3pm daily. We ask that you call your unit 48 hours prior to your visit to ensure there is available space.** As we begin expanded visitation, please keep in mind the following visitor requirements:

- Visitation may be limited in duration and frequency (1-2 hours daily) to safely accommodate all residents and families. The total number of visitors in the facility will also be limited based on physical space and allowing for appropriate social distancing. Outdoor visitation may have up to three visitors per resident. Indoor visitation may have up to two visitors per resident at any given time. Visitation will be limited to only those over 18 years of age.
- Indoor visitation will occur in the common areas of each floor and in resident rooms when certain infection control criteria is met. Locations will be established ahead of each visit. Visitors should continue to remain socially distant from other residents, visitors, and staff. All visitors and residents must comply with face mask usage at all times.
  - **Vaccinated Resident and Vaccinated Visitor**: Can visit privately in resident’s room without a mask (no roommate present) Visitor must always wear a mask and practice social distancing while in common areas with other residents or staff. (Hand hygiene is required for the visit).
  - **Vaccinated Resident and Unvaccinated Visitor**: Can have a visit with close contact while social distancing from other residents and staff. Use of mask and hand hygiene is required for the visit. If resident is unable to leave the room, unvaccinated roommate cannot be present.
  - **Unvaccinated Resident and Unvaccinated/Vaccinated Visitor**: Can have a monitored visit without close contact while socially distancing from other residents and staff. Use of mask and hand hygiene is required for the visit.
- All visitors will be screened prior to meeting with their loved one. All visitors who exhibit signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or anyone that does not pass the screening, will not be permitted entry for visitation. Please avoid visiting if exhibiting signs and symptoms of any illness. Any visitor with a pending COVID test or currently under home isolation orders for COVID-19 per the health department will not be permitted to visit with a resident.
- Individuals who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the previous 14 days will not be allowed to visit, regardless of vaccination status. If a visitor, within 14 days of their visit, discovers that they have tested positive for COVID-19 or were exposed to COVID-19, please contact Administration as soon as possible so that we may begin contact tracing. This is extremely important to make sure we keep all of our residents as safe as possible.

These guidelines are required to reduce the possibility that COVID-19 may enter and spread in the facility. We strongly believe that vaccination is an essential and effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and encourage all visitors to get vaccinated. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns as we move forward with expanded visitation.

**Nursing Unit Numbers:**

- **2nd Floor**: 706-721-2416
- **3rd Floor**: 706-721-2512
- **4th Floor**: 706-721-2765
- **5th Floor**: 706-721-2826
Donations and Contributions

The following individuals/organizations contributed their time and/or services to GVWNH:

- American Legion Auxiliary
- Elks Lodge 205
- Family of Robert J. Rodgers, US Air Force
- Georgia VFW Auxiliary
- Joyce Shurling
- Kelley Appliance
- Target
- VFW Post 190

- American Legion Auxiliary: Pizza Party
- Elks Lodge 205: Outdoor Theater System, Box Candy, DVD’s, Blu-ray Speaker, Popcorn Bags
- Georgia VFW Auxiliary: Birthday Party
- Joyce Shurling: Cakes
- Kelley Appliance: Boxes for Movie on the Lawn
- Target: Cereal
- VFW Post 190: Professional Electric Trimmers

The following individuals/organizations made contributions to our Resident Benefit Fund:

- Don Barton & Nancy Moore
- Carlton Dillard
- Paulding County Post 111
- Elks Lodge 205
Georgia War recognizes the invaluable role of Nursing Assistants during “National Nursing Assistants Week.” National Nursing Assistants Week celebrates the vital supporting role Nursing Assistants play in the delivery of quality care.

Thank you for all that you do.
National CNA Week Celebration cont.
Staying Busy at Georgia War

Family Visits

Bingo

Visit From the Barber

Resident Garden
Staying Busy at Georgia War cont.

Making pizzas and sandwiches with produce from the Resident Garden
Staying Busy at Georgia War cont.

Staying Cool with Watermelon
Staying Busy at Georgia War cont.

Spa Day
Staying Busy at Georgia War cont.

Memorial Day

Puzzles
Staying Busy at Georgia War cont.

Therapy Work Out

Enjoying the Day
Three Little Pigs Hidden Objects

Can you find the 15 hidden items?
July Coloring Page
June 2021 Recipe Winner

Congratulations
“Blue Plate Patty”
If you, or someone you know, is interested in submitting a recipe for a chance to be published in the Vet Com and win a prize, please submit the recipe one of the following ways:

Send us a letter:
Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home
ATTN: Business Services
1101 15th Street
Augusta, GA 30901

Use this QR Code

OR

Hidden Name Contest

Congratulations!
June 2021 Hidden Name Contest Winners

Santwania Baskett
Carlton Dillard Jr.

Somewhere in this issue, we have hidden the names of one Georgia War Resident and one Staff Member.
If you find your name, please call the Activities Office to claim your prize.
Each month, we will randomly pick the name of one resident and one staff member. Be sure to carefully review each issue to see if your name is hidden somewhere within.

Good Luck!
While we find ourselves preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July (Independence Day) in our own way, I would ask that you contemplate what Independence means to you. This federal holiday commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776, is very significant because the Continental Congress declared the 13 American colonies no longer subject to the British monarch. As much as I would think about Independence (defined as free from outside control; not depending on another’s authority) and the quest for freedom, I have to think about dependence (defined as the state of relying on or being controlled by someone or something else).

Dependence on God is much more of a benefit than the dependence we have on one another. You will find in a passage where Jesus said, “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” in John 15:5. Like a branch’s dependence on the vine, our dependence on God is the necessary connection with Him to draw us into a life of peace and fruitfulness. Having a genuine love for God will cause us to center our dependency upon Him. We observe in Deuteronomy 6:5, “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might” and again in Mark 12:30, “and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might” and again in Mark 12:30, “and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.” Therefore, though we celebrate Independence Day, let us always stay dependent upon God.

Covid Reminder:
When you hear or read “Proceed with Caution,” what do those words cause you to feel? I decided to look up some synonyms for those three words. Here are a few of them: beware, watch out, look out, be wary, take heed, be cautious, be careful, be on alert, keep an eye out, pay attention to, play safe, tread lightly, be vigilant, heads up, and I’ll say “move forward carefully!”

As I have observed people over the last couple of months, since mask mandates have eased and many restrictions have lifted, I find that many seem to think that COVID-19 has retreated and gone into hiding and we can now go back to business as usual! I believe it is still imperative that we remain diligent and don’t drop our guards just yet. The fight is not over! I have read that the vaccination by itself will not prevent the spread of the virus. There must still be mitigative measures in place to limit exposures. We do not want to aggravate the situation by being nonchalant in our daily routine.

Thank you all for your continued efforts to help protect and keep our residents and staff safe here at Georgia War. As we slowly start to have a little more normalcy in our day-to-day routine, please be cautious and careful.

- Chaplain Timothy E. Lark
Chaplain’s Corner in Memory of:

George Bennett   James Broadwater
David Gardiner   Ronald Sanders
Charles Schauss  Frederick Stickel

Nothing Gold Can Stay
by Robert Frost

Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf,
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day
Nothing gold can stay.

We would like to thank the following individuals for their donations:

In Memory of James T. Jenkins - Eugene & EvaNell Ellison

Source: http://transactionswithbeauty.com/home/10poemsforloss
These wonderful people are the residents and staff who will be celebrating birthdays in July!

**Residents**

- Charles Cook 7/2
- Charles Carroll 7/2
- Johnny Beard 7/3
- Robert Argroves 7/4
- John McDaniel 7/9
- Robert Smith 7/10
- Edgar Bollinger 7/13
- Millege Enfinger 7/15
- Stuart Bloom 7/17
- William Glidewell 7/17
- Jackie Spivey 7/17
- Roy Williams 7/17
- Coleman Wingate 7/21
- Clide Sherrod 7/25
- Steve Crawford 7/26
- King Hall 7/26
- Bernice Daniels 7/27

**Staff**

- Asia Marshall 7/1
- Christopher Hobbs 7/11
- Shenia Williams 7/11
- Kalilah Jones 7/19
- Shannon Black 7/21
- Amy Green 7/22
- Roberto Alicea 7/29
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Thank you

To all of our Veterans, families, friends, staff, faculty, and contributors.

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