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## Homes Adapt In Time of Crisis



The onset of winter actually brought a brilliant light and new hope to the Ohio Veterans Homes as residents and staff members were included in Governor Mike DeWine's first phase of implementing the COVID-19 vaccine to Ohioans.

On Dec. 18, just one week before Christmas, the Governor visited but stayed outside the doors at OVH-Sandusky and Lt. Governor Jon Husted did the same at OVH-Georgetown as those inside received Pfizer/BioNTech inoculations.

"This is a very happy day, and it's certainly good to see our veterans vaccinated today," the Governor said with visible breath in the December chill, First Lady Fran

DeWine by his side. He watched and interacted with a handful of residents and employees of the Home receiving their shots while using an iPad near the Secrest entrance.

At OVH-Georgetown, Lt. Governor Husted also observed from just outside the main entrance and celebrated the moment.

"This is the foundation for the rest of the campaign to get Ohioans vaccinated – and the sooner we get everyone vaccinated, the sooner we can begin to resume the lives that we cherish," he said.

CVS Health team members administered the shots to all who chose to receive it at OVH-Sandusky on Dec. 18, 21, and 22. More opportunities arose just after the New Year. Two of the first former service members to receive the vaccine were ex-Marine Michael Jackson and 97-year-old William Highland. Mr. Highland, who served in the Army Air Corps during World

War II, received his shot with Governor DeWine observing and congratulating him.

Among the first staff members vaccinated was Air Force vet Rich Weidman, an LPN at OVH-Sandusky. His wife also is a caregiver: She works in the ICU at nearby Firelands Regional Medical Center.

As of the end of January and following three separate vaccination clinics, 93 percent of eligible residents (429 of 459) had received at least one dose of the vaccine.

ODVS Director Deborah Ashenurst strongly encouraged all inside the Homes to receive the vaccine and even voiced her enthusiasm for the program in an internal video. Administrators at both Homes are hoping for even more clinics to follow as the state recovers from a pandemic that changed our way of life in March 2020.

## THE VETERAN IS ELECTRONIC

*The Veteran* can be sent electronically.

If you would prefer to receive *The Veteran* via email or would like to be on our mailing list, please contact Kimberly Lewallen at [Kimberly.Lewallen@dvs.ohio.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Lewallen@dvs.ohio.gov) or [Hanna.Hopper@dvs.ohio.gov](mailto:Hanna.Hopper@dvs.ohio.gov).

## MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Do you wish to honor a loved one?

The Memorial Walkway is a place to honor all members of the military who gave their lives in the line of duty and in the service of this great nation, to recognize all those who have in the past or who are currently serving their country, and to acknowledge the contributions made by families, companies and organizations to the preservation of freedom.

4" x 8" brick with three lines of engraving = \$49.95

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## SANDUSKY HAPPENINGS

### Sandusky Statistics

#### Census

Veterans Hall - 123  
Nursing Home - 248

#### Demographics

Male Residents - 348  
Female Residents - 23  
Oldest - 94  
Youngest - 48

#### War Era

Gulf War - 22  
Korean War - 70  
Vietnam - 245  
WWII - 35

#### Branch of Service

Army - 187  
Marines - 35  
Navy - 89  
Air Force - 57  
Coast Guard - 4

#### County Report

Allen - 1  
Ashland - 3  
Ashtabula - 1  
Cuyahoga - 106  
Defiance - 3  
Erie - 34  
Franklin - 12  
Fulton - 1  
Geauga - 1  
Greene - 1  
Guernsey - 2  
Hamilton - 2  
Hancock - 3  
Henry - 1  
Holmes - 2  
Huron - 8  
Knox - 2  
Lake - 14  
Licking - 4  
Logan - 2  
Lorain - 31

Lucas - 6  
Mahoning - 2  
Marion - 1  
Medina - 6  
Mercer - 1  
Ottawa - 14  
Portage - 5  
Richland - 4  
Sandusky - 16  
Seneca - 8  
Stark - 6  
Summit - 8  
Trumbull - 4  
Tuscarawas - 1  
Union - 4  
Van Wert - 1  
Washington - 1  
Wayne - 2  
Williams - 1  
Wood - 6  
Wyandot - 1

### Holiday Happenings

The holiday season was a new and special time at the Ohio Veterans Homes. We give our sincere appreciation to those who remembered our veterans. The photos on the following pages represent just a few of the many groups and individuals that remembered our veterans during the holidays. Special thanks to the American Legion Gifts for Yanks, American Legion Auxiliary, AMVETS, AMVETS Auxiliary, Sons of AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, VFW, VFW Auxiliary, and Ohio Elks Association for their wonderful holiday gifts.

Please see the donation section for a list of all our holiday donors, community groups, churches, schools, and individuals who took up collections of gifts, personal care items, and monetary donations.

# SANDUSKY HAPPENINGS

## Holiday Activities



Bradner American Legion Auxiliary Wish Tree Donation



VFW & VFWA Holiday donation. Every DOM resident received a gift!



AMVETS Auxiliary Rep. Cindy Rice with a holiday donation of zip-up hoodies and treats.



AMVETS Rep. Eric Scherer with a holiday donation of zip-up hoodies and treats.



The Grinch and his Elf hand out holiday treats to residents.



Amy Grogg and Erica Wilson treating residents to holiday goodies!

## Sandusky Taps

9/8	Thomas Kieper
9/9	George Eyestone
9/9	Robert Stager
9/11	Jordan Turizziani
9/13	Roy Basham
9/14	Thomas Blaum
9/17	Edgar Hughes
9/22	Theodore Barniak
9/22	Richard Wingfield
9/24	Eugene Nagorski
10/3	Gerald Meeker
10/4	Raul Rendon
10/5	William Reese
10/6	James Elmer
10/10	Robert Davison
10/11	Donald Smith
10/13	Charles Jesberger
10/16	Karl Gelfer
10/21	Raymond Nowak
10/28	Ivan Garn
10/31	Edward Cook
11/6	Paul Smith
11/8	Raymond Dittman
11/10	Harry Stiger
11/11	Leonard Round
11/14	Donald Henning
11/15	Thomas Lambert
11/18	Adolphus Rodgers
11/19	Richard Fairall
11/19	Ronald Stevens
11/20	Roy Gilbert
11/22	Jimmie Williams
11/29	Jack Ferdinandsen
11/29	Timothy Beard

## SANDUSKY HAPPENINGS

### Written Inspirations

For the fifth year, greeting card entrepreneur Heather Bodle was able to share a personal Veterans Day message with the veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home - Sandusky.

During a year of social distancing, Written Inspirations was able to donate thousands of cards in honor of Veterans Day, including a card for every resident at our

Home.

In addition, \$848 was also generously donated to the Ohio Veterans Home Resident Benefit Fund.

Our sincerest thanks to Heather and all those who participated in the Veterans Day program. Your continued dedication is truly an inspiration.



### Petal Pushers



Veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky were blessed for Veterans Day this year after Mandy Stoll, owner of Petal

Pushers by Mandy, facilitated community members to "Adopt a Veteran."

Additionally, Ms. Stoll requested local teachers assist with students making handmade cards.

There was an amazing response for the project. Ms. Stoll delivered over 250 gift bags, 260 poinsettias, and many Veterans Day cards for our veterans.

It was a perfect day for our veterans and we send out a huge thank you to all who adopted a veteran!

# SANDUSKY HAPPENINGS

## Wreaths Across America

The Lake Erie Shores chapter of the Blue Star Mothers once again did a phenomenal job in obtaining donations and orders for the annual Wreaths Across America program.

Although this year's event was not able to proceed as normal, the staff at the Ohio Veterans Home organized the laying of well-over 2,000 wreaths in the

OVH cemetery.

In honor of their continued support and dedication, a small group of Blue Star Mothers were able to briefly view the results of their hard work. Each member, while masked and distanced, was able to place a wreath and pay honor to the fallen.

It is our hope to be able to return to an in-person ceremony in December 2021.

The Blue Star Mothers hope to one day raise enough money to place a wreath on every grave at the Ohio Veterans Home.

We thank you for your support and dedication to the Ohio Veterans Home.



## Mad River Harley Davidson Salutes Vets

Mad River Harley Davidson coordinated a fundraiser and ride through the grounds of the Ohio Veterans Home - Sandusky in honor of Veterans Day.

Supporters on 120 bikes, 16 classic cars, and the Erie County Fair Royalty float, along with the Ohio Veterans Home and Perkins Township Police Departments, rode through the grounds waving to OVH residents and

staff.

A total of \$685 was raised and donated to the Ohio Veterans Home.



# Sandusky Acknowledgements

## MONETARY DONATIONS

### Activities

Ohio Elks Association, Fremont  
Francis & Richard Birkner, Columbus  
George & Nancy Eyestone, Nevada  
Lois Kolesar, AZ  
AMVETS Aux. Department of Ohio  
American Legion Auxiliary #29, Zanesville  
Disabled American Veterans, Bucyrus

### General Fund

Stanley Harris, Sandusky  
Justin Booth, Nelsonville  
Kenneth & Judith Cudnik, Wickliffe  
Tucker Knaggs, Toledo  
Steven Montell, Mount Gilead  
Kimberly Riffle, Fairview Park  
North Coast Estate Planning, Norwalk  
Allen Eiry Senior Center, Tiffin  
American Ex-POW's, Sugar Grove  
American Legion #211, Avon Lake  
AMVETS # 1312, Columbus  
AMVETS #1991, Defiance  
Disabled American Veterans # 81, Ashland  
Homen & Pearce Attorneys at Law, Clyde  
Sons of AMVETS, Upper Sandusky  
Sons of AMVETS #1991, Defiance  
VFW #4736, Columbus  
VFW #8598, Columbus  
VFW #9693, Bay Village  
VFW #3338, Rossford  
VFW #4736, Columbus  
VFW #4027, Columbus  
VFW #6676, Columbus  
MOCA Grand of Ohio, Parma Heights

## MONETARY DONATIONS

### Birthday/Holiday Cards

Westlake Community Services  
Carmen Marin, Westlake  
Elaine Beck, Galion  
Ruth Steele, Sandusky  
Darlene Michalski, Amherst  
American Legion Auxiliary #83  
Galion Elks #1191, Galion  
Judy Sanders, Galion  
VFW #7424, Wauseon  
First Presbyterian Church, Perysville  
Daughters of Union Veterans, Galion  
American Legion Aux. 240, Luckey  
AMVETS #1979, Galion  
Darlene Michalski, Amherst  
Highland Middle School, Marengo  
Norwalk Middle School, Norwalk  
Mrs. Tucker, Columbus  
VFW #1662, Amherst  
Jennifer Demarest, Parma  
Debbie Papay, Maumee  
Monroeville High Teen Leadership Corps  
Joyce & Jim Hermon, Powell  
Susan Schofield-Fratino, Mentor  
Charlotte Adkins, Reedsville  
Jackie Palumbo, Hudson  
Carole Leaman, Lakewood  
Donald Thompson, Sandusky  
Beth Norris, Powell  
Jeanne Zucker, Fremont  
Kelly Larsen, Akron  
AMVETS #22, Elyria  
Lucky Clover 4-H Club, Marion  
Riley Criswell, WV  
VFW #3740, Lima  
Becky Perrin, Lima  
Jane Yeager, Plymouth  
DUVCW, Elida  
Denise Hammond, D.C.  
Kelly Faires, Marietta  
Teva Lehman, Dayton

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

Huron High School Government Class  
VFWA #5356, St. Clairsville  
Beverly Benner, MI  
Amy Shepker, Akron  
Church of the Open Door, Vermilion  
VFWA #6878, Proctorville  
Marlene Richards, OH  
St. Raphael School, Bay Village  
Jessica Benz, Hilliard  
Sunset Village Veterans Group, Sylvania  
Bobbie Jo Morales, Lafferty  
The Gale Family, Berlin Heights  
Donald Thompson, Sandusky  
Carole Leaman, Lakewood  
Glenn Killy, Toledo  
Dominc Peck, Bowling Green  
Saint Rose School, Perrysburg  
Corbin Hinson, MI  
VFWA, Zanesville  
VFW 2898 Youth Group, Toledo  
Bob & Cathy Adorni, Pt. Clinton  
Katherine Brooks, Grove City  
Joyce Herman, Powell  
Mrs. Norwell's 5th Grade Class, Huron  
Olivia Pazerunas, IL  
Judith Ruenm Ottawa  
Mary Amorganos, Warren  
Terri McCabe, GA  
Mary Bartok, Sheffield Twp.  
Stephen & Cheri Thompson, IN  
Jocelyn Nguyen, IL  
Zoe Dybowski, IL  
Saint Anslem Schools, Chesterland  
American Legion Auxiliary #279, Leipsic  
Florence Schroeder, Leipsic  
Eastwood Middle School, Pemberville

# Sandusky Acknowledgements

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

### Miscellaneous Items

Ken Eauduson, Elyria  
 Mary Wheatley, Lorain  
 Florida Elks Association, FL  
 DAVA, Medina  
 Monroeville High Teen Leadership Corps, Monroeville  
 Carl Seibert, FL  
 Kathy Kolasinki, Medina  
 Jeanne Zucker, Fremont  
 Kelly Larsen, Akron  
 AMVETS #22, Elyria  
 Preston White, Lakewood  
 Korean Consulate, IL  
 Donald Myers, Sandusky  
 Jo Ballard, Huron  
 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio  
 Texas Roadhouse, Sandusky  
 Carla Kirby, ID  
 Ladies Auxiliary #22, Vermilion  
 Zion Lutheran Church, Genoa  
 Huron High School Government Class  
 Jill Orosz, Cleveland  
 VFW #9340, Columbia Station  
 VFWA #22, Vermilion  
 Josie Cook, Vermilion  
 Blue Star Mothers Lake Erie Chapter  
 Kathryn Smith, Sandusky  
 Ronald Gedrich, Marblehead  
 AMVETS Juniors, Vermilion  
 AMVETS Auxiliary Department of Ohio  
 Beth Proctor, Collins  
 David Cann, FL  
 Gertie Trowbridge, OH  
 Bill Seagraves, Canal Winchester  
 Marcus Guhl, Jackson  
 American Legion Auxiliary #279, Elmore  
 VFWA #1662, Amherst  
 VFWA #7572, Marblehead

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

Gretchen Miller, Lorain  
 VFW #2523, Cleveland  
 Quilting Girls, Willard & Milan  
 Lisa Hall, Warren  
 Charles Braymiller, Vermilion  
 VFW District 10, Galion  
 Shelley Webb, Norwalk  
 Matt & Dawn Smith, Castalia  
 Carol McCullough, Willoughby

### Personal Care Items

Hannah Crawford Elementary School, Crestline  
 Kelly Larsen, Akron  
 AMVETS #22, Elyria  
 Zion Lutheran Church, Genoa  
 Ten Point O Gymnastics, N. Ridgeville  
 St. Anthony's Church, Milan  
 Lori Starner, Nevada  
 AMVETS #711, Bowling Green  
 Elks Lodge #53, Toledo

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### In Memory of William Morris

Rita Thayer, Milan  
 Barbara Wagner, Sandusky  
 Carol & Clayton Cline, Vermilion  
 Bonnie Majoy, Huron  
 Margaret Kuhl, Sandusky

### In Memory of Donald Murray

Bradley Adair, Cortland  
 Robert & Lisa Blevins, Vienna  
 William & Candy Falkner, Cortland  
 Donald & Patricia Murray, Warren  
 Rebecca Watts, Warren  
 Christ Episcopal Church, Warren

### In Memory of George Nugent

Sarah Adams, Columbus

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### In Memory of Mary Corso

Phyllis Almeida, MA  
 Joe & Bertha Corso, Sandusky  
 Joan Giovino, MA  
 Julia Neeley, TX  
 Marlene Pasqualini, Sandusky  
 Emily Platte, Sandusky  
 Constance Rockwell, Milan  
 Donna Van Auken, Sandusky  
 Mary Ellen Wilken, Sandusky

### In Memory of Dan Sturbaum

Larry & Kathy Bales, Vickery  
 Richard & Annette Gallagher, Sandusky  
 Thomas & Linda MacGregor, CT  
 Jack & Julianna MacGregor, Sandusky

### In Memory of Albert Linhart

James & Phyllis Barger, Findlay  
 Margaret Linhart, Findlay  
 Marilyn Linhart, Findlay  
 Ken & Linda McMillan, Upper Sandusky  
 Jane Pahl, Findlay  
 Michael & Angela Tesnow, Findlay  
 Carla Tooman, Leipsic  
 Gary & Brenda Zimmerman, N. Baltimore  
 CP-DP, Findlay

### In Memory of Thomas Kieper

Marilyn & Robyn Beatty, Batavia  
 Tom & Kathy Belcik, Perrysburg  
 Andrew Hemminger, Ohio  
 James & Christina Kieper, Luckey  
 Arthur & Brenda Michaelis, Toledo  
 David & Linda Polzin, Perrysburg  
 Brian & Leslie Myers, Pemberville  
 Michael & Donna Schuessler, Bowling Green

*Thank you for your generosity and support. You are deeply appreciated by the veterans, families and staff at the Home. These gifts will enhance the quality of life of our residents.*

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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### **In Memory of Gordon Sandwisch**

Julie & Richard Blackmore, Perrysburg  
 Marlene Deuschle, Oregon  
 Jim & Jo Dombusch, Oak Harbor  
 Veda Jacobs, Oak Harbor  
 Joan McCoy, Woodville  
 Dustin & Melissa Schimmoeller, Perrysburg  
 Judy Verb, Oak Harbor  
 Roger & Kay Wadsworth, Oak Harbor

### **In Memory of Earl Scheid**

Marjorie Brookover, Wakeman  
 Douglas Grubola, Huron  
 Sharon Kenney, Huron  
 Richard & Marlene Long, Huron  
 Dale & Sharon Scheid, Monroeville  
 Edward & Elizabeth Scheid, Monroeville  
 Ronald Schoder, Sandusky  
 James & Linda Wilson, Pt. Clinton  
 Linda Zimbeck, WA

### **In Memory of Willys Zibbel**

Gary & Mary Lou Cooper, Clyde

### **In Memory of Joseph Dibling**

Tony Dibling, IL

### **In Memory of John Coffman**

Andrea Diemert Coffman, Sandusky

### **In Memory of Michael Schneider**

Marlene Evans, Whitehouse

### **In Memory of William Reese**

Donald & Kathleen Fischer, Vermillion

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### **In Memory of Edgar Hughes**

Gloria Hughes, Akron

### **In Memory of Mary Stapleton**

Mark & Mary Kozlok, Pt. Clinton  
 Teddy & Tanya Kozlok, Pt. Clinton  
 Janet Rosiar, Pt. Clinton  
 Michael & Julie Rosiar, Pt. Clinton  
 Mike & Bobbie Rounds, Oak Harbor

### **In Memory of Thomas Miller**

Diane Miller, Vermilion

### **In Memory of Joseph Duta**

Kathy Petras, Medina

### **In Memory of Theodore Barniak**

Clifford Ruggles, Marblehead

### **In Memory of John Schott**

Thomas Schlachter, Toledo

### **In Memory of Kenneth Orris**

Lloyd Schneider, Millbury

### **In Memory of Lester Lee**

Roy & Nancy Shook, Canfield

### **In Memory of Lawrence Pensis**

Michelle Sumner, Brunswick

### **In Memory of George Valentik**

Marie Valentik, Hudson

### **In Memory of John Lawrence**

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Vondrak, Sagamore Hills  
 Nancy Vondrak, Sagamore  
 Gary Yanus, Lakewood

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### **In Memory of Kenneth Van Ness**

AAW Farms, Sandusky

### **In Memory of Robert Stager**

Batdorff Real Estate, Oak Harbor

### **In Memory of Betty Shrider**

VFW Auxiliary #421, Fostoria

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## A Message from Linda Slone, Nursing Home Administrator

When we talk about our care partners here at OVH-Georgetown, we often use the phrase "Serving Those Who Served." This past month as we celebrated the retirement of two beloved employees, this phrase kept ringing true in my mind.

The first employee to retire was our Dietary Manager John Ansell. John came to work at OVH in 2003 and was part of the opening team for the home. John served on active duty for the U.S. Coast Guard for 5 years and one in the Army reserves. He went on the work as a Department of Defense civilian employee for 18 years before joining the OVH staff as a Dietary Supervisor. In 2013, he advanced to become the Dietary Manager.

The second employee who retired this past month was one of our cooks, Tosca Stuckey. Tosca began service to OVH in 2004. Although Tosca has been in the workforce since high school, she has only work at two places. She began her career at Young's Dairy in Yellow Springs. Tosca remained there for 27 years until joining the OVH team as a food service worker. She then advanced to one of department's full-time cook position.

Both of these employees will be

missed, but we are so excited to celebrate so many years of service with them. In comparison to our sister home in Sandusky, Georgetown is young. But we are honored that we have so many employees, like John and Tosca, who have grown with us since the very beginning of this beautiful journey.

Although our home is still young in comparison, there are always updates that need to be done. Although we have been in the middle of a pandemic, our home has continued to move forward on several projects we have going to keep our home in the best condition possible. This of course took a lot of planning to ensure safety of our veterans and staff, but these projects are so important to keep the condition of our home up to the standard that our Ohio veterans deserve. The first of those projects was the new roof, fire alarm replacement, and some electrical distribution improvements. These projects are close to completion and we are excited to say we are ready to move on to some future projects we are planning. The next phase are interior spaces, including new flooring in our residents rooms as well as adding electrical outlets in each room to give more access to our veterans. These projects will take time to complete safely, but



we are so excited for these changes!

These changes are just small ways we keep pushing toward our ultimate goal of providing wonderful care to our veterans that live in our home. As we continue to fight back against COVID-19 and look forward in 2021, I know that my staff and I are ready to continue to bring joy to our veterans we have the pleasure of serving every day here at OVH-Georgetown.

*Your Administrator Linda Slone  
and the staff at OVH-G*

## Georgetown Taps

9/1	Stanley Robinson
9/6	Lawrence Case
9/11	Joseph Farrell
9/12	Roger Burdorf
9/22	Glenn Martin
9/23	Frank Bachman
9/25	Lyman Smith
10/1	Robert Prater
10/4	William Stone
10/7	John Bauer
10/10	Mary Baxter
10/17	Robert Sterling
11/2	Carl Sims
11/4	Raymond Philhower
11/5	George Henson
11/15	James Chadwick
11/20	Thomas Wheeler
11/22	Dennis Bailey
11/27	William Zimmer

## GEORGETOWN HAPPENINGS

### Admissions

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio Veterans Home welcomed no new residents to our Georgetown home this quarter.

### Georgetown Statistics

Census	War Era	Branch of Service
Nursing Home - 106	Gulf War - 1	Army - 58
<b>Demographics</b>	Korean War - 35	Marines - 11
Male Residents - 101	Vietnam - 47	Navy - 21
Female Residents - 5	WWII - 21	Air Force - 16
Oldest - 103		Coast Guard - 1
Youngest - 49		

### County Report

Adams-4	Fairfield-1	Morrow-1
Brown-8	Franklin-7	Noble-1
Butler-3	Gallia-1	Ottawa-1
Champaign-1	Greene-1	Ross-1
Clermont-17	Guernsey-1	Scioto-1
Clinton-3	Hamilton-13	Summit-1
Cuyahoga-1	Highland-6	Warren-3
Delaware-1	Licking-1	Washington-1
Erie-3	Montgomery-3	

# GEORGETOWN HAPPENINGS

## Halloween Activities

Although our veterans missed the annual trick-or-treating this year due to COVID-19 precautions, it didn't stop them from having a good time this Halloween. The staff helped make the year festive by participating in various activities to bring joy to our veterans. There were several contests, including a unit and door decorating contest, a pumpkin uncarving contest, and a costume contest. The decorations were wonderful throughout the facility and several of our staff participated in the other activities. Due to restrictions, our staff couldn't go throughout the building to show off their costumes, but we were able to have a costume

parade in our Great Room which we showed on our local channel for all of our veterans to see.

We also awarded a "Spirit of Halloween" award to the department that participated and showed the most Halloween spirit. This was awarded to the dietary department, which decorated the cafeteria and had several staff members who participated in the other activities.

Thank you to all of the staff who participated and helped make this year's Halloween one to remember for our veterans living at OVH-Georgetown.



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## Veterans Day

Veterans' Day at OVH-Georgetown was different than in years past. We weren't able to have a large ceremony with a lot of people in attendance, but our veterans did get to enjoy some recognition from some local students. Students from Eastern Local Brown County Schools made videos to share with our veterans. They took the things they would typically do for their school's ceremony (which had to be virtual this year) and recorded it in videos so we could put it together for our veterans to enjoy. There were heartwarming messages of gratitude, poems, songs, and even a class performing the POW/MIA table ceremony. Also included was the Eastern Brown Band which performed various military songs for our veterans to enjoy.

Students from Eastern also collected snacks for our veterans and made signs for us to hang up throughout our facility to show their appreciation for our veterans living at OVH-Georgetown.

Our veterans also got to enjoy a video put together from the students at St. Veronica's school, which joined us in person back in 2018 and 2019. Although they were not here in person this year, they still shared some of their wonderful music with our veterans who always look forward to seeing the kids every year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Veterans Day enjoyable for our veterans living at OVH-Georgetown!



## Operation Santa's Sleigh Visits OVH-Georgetown

Operation Santa's Sleigh took place on December 23 at the Ohio Veteran's Home in Georgetown. This event, put on by Light Ohio Blue, was one meant to bring Christmas cheer to our veterans who couldn't go out to see Christmas lights this year due to COVID-19 precautions. Police, Fire, and EMS from local agencies came to the OVH parking lot and light up the sky for a wonderful light display for our veterans. At a time when many of our veterans are missing their loved ones and a sense of normalcy, it is so great to see our community coming together to bring them joy.

Thank you to everyone who helped put together this wonderful event for our veterans to enjoy!



# GEORGETOWN HAPPENINGS

## Christmas Donations

With the COVID-19 Pandemic, holidays were different this year. Typically, our home would be flooded with visitors from various organizations and most would bring gifts to celebrate the holidays with our veterans. However, to ensure the safety of our veterans this year, that could not happen. Still, our activities staff along with all the staff at OVH-Georgetown made sure that our veterans did not feel forgotten. We arranged drop-offs of donations from various organizations. These donations included Christmas gifts, food items, gift cards, and even some monetary donations. These donations helped enrich the lives of our veterans and allow them enjoy some Christmas cheer.

We thank all of our organizations that helped make this holiday season a special one for our veterans. We appreciate your willingness to adjust to this year's standards and help make this year as special as every year before.



# GEORGETOWN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## GENERAL FUND

### General Fund

AMVETS Post 1312, Columbus  
DAV, Fairfield  
VFW Post 4736, Greenfield  
VFW of Ohio  
VFW Auxiliary 6069, Lebanon  
Armed Forces of American Motorcycle Club, New Concord  
Linden Chapter #348 OES, Loveland  
Am Legion Auxiliary #17, Gibsonburg  
Dept of Ohio Korean War Veterans Association, Columbus

### Birthday/Holiday Cards

DAR, Georgetown  
Hamersville Baptist Church, Hamersville  
DAV Aux Chapter #63, Clermont  
VFW Auxiliary 8202, Morrow

### Christmas Fund

VFW, Hillsboro  
Fairview Church Women's Guild, Georgetown

### Veterans Trust Fund

VFW of the US, Columbus  
Ohio Air National Guard, Cincinnati  
DAV #63, Clermont Co

### Activities Fund

American Legion Riders, Loveland

### In-Kind Donations

Diane Cochran, Utica  
Carl Seibert, Florida Elks Association  
Russellville Elementary  
Sardinia Elementary  
St. Veronica School, Cincinnati  
First National Bank, Waverly  
Kairi Strickland, Georgetown  
John Harris, Maineville  
Bill Robinson, Sardinia  
Louiso Feed and Seed, Batavia

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### In Memory of Glenn Moore

Lynn and Patricia Sonner, Hillsboro

### In Memory of Raymond Philhower

Robert and Carol Taylor, Cincinnati  
Eb Ax and Karen Hodge, Kings Mills  
Charles and Bonna Philhower, Cincinnati  
Terry and Shirley Retzler, Cincinnati  
John and Victoria Aicholtz, Cincinnati

### In Memory of Mary Ann Baxter

Douglas and Judy Rich, Cincinnati  
Gregory and Phyllis Wene, Loveland  
Loveland Christian Church  
Mark and Patricia Schiefer, Loveland  
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