

NEWSLETTER CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME

LET US ALL CELEBRATE

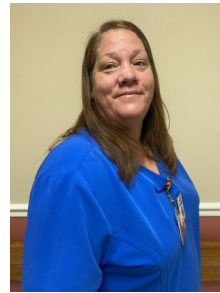
These individuals have committed between 25 to 29 years of service to CHVH! We thank you for your devotion to the CHVH mission! Your talents and skills are what keeps our community thriving!



Gail Wilcox
1993



Brenda Wathen
1993



Bonna McCarthy
1995



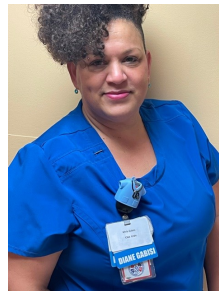
Julia Thomas
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Jeffery Chase
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Bill Dyson
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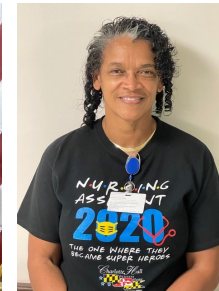
Miria Gabisi
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Carminita
Commodore 1996



Leslie Steffy
1996



Denise Hartridge
1996



Rachael DiPardo
1996

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." - Theodore Roosevelt

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



August 13th is Rally Talley Day, our annual Ed Childress Memorial HMR Employee Assistance Fund fundraiser. This fundraising challenge aims to encourage support for our workforce through friendly competition amongst all HMR facilities. The EAF was created to provide financial assistance for members of our staff who experience financial hardships. Since its inception, the fund has been a vital resource to employees on numerous occasions, and Rally Talley Day helps to make sure that resource remains available. Help us continue to make a difference and keep the memory of Mr. Talley "Ed" Childress alive. Please consider contributing to show your CHVH Pride. Thank you so much for being so supportive.

As we continue our fight against novel coronavirus (COVID-19), we are proud to announce that we have no positive cases amongst our resident population or our entire workforce. We are in a good place as we remain vigilant in keeping the virus out of our home. The ability to host communal activities, reopen our D-wing dining room, welcome back select volunteers, and allow less restrictive visitation guidelines is a direct result of the joint efforts of our staff, residents, and community. To ensure we continue in the right direction, vaccines remain readily available in-house, and we continue to host monthly vaccination clinics for all staff and residents.

As always, stay safe!

-Zenae Merchant, MHA, LNHA

PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY

The US Military Vets Motorcycle Club, Southern MD Chapter, was chartered 20 years ago. As a National MC, we strive to provide a club for qualified military veterans that offer brotherhood and an opportunity to establish relationships with other military veterans who have served in defense of the United States of America. To establish and support a strong sense of pride in having served in the active military service of the United States of America. Improve the image of military veterans and bikers to the general public.

Because we are a motorcycle club comprised solely of veterans, we are determined that the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home residents were one of the most worthy causes in our area. We wanted to ensure that their most basic needs were taken care of and then help improve the residents' quality of life with any excess funds from our event. We have purchased clothing, personal hygiene items, wheelchair pads, electric razors, laundry detergent, three-wheeled bicycles, and countless other things over the years.

The 18th Annual Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Poker Run will be held on August 14th, 2021. Signup is from 1100-1215 at Mission BBQ in California, MD. This isn't just one of the oldest and largest poker runs in the area, but it also has the best prizes and the most supportive participants.

You can Google search the event for the Facebook event page by typing; 18th Annual Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Poker Run, or contact Jethro at 410-430-4561.

-Jethro, President, US Military Vets MC Southern MD



FEATURED DEPARTMENT



The CHVH Transportation Department Director, Sadie Dickerson, leads three drivers and five transportation aides. The department is responsible for over 300 local and VAMC appointments and over 100 in-house schedules each month. Not only do they transport to and from, but they arrange each of these appointments. The department also covers dialysis transportation three times a week. "All of these appointments are carried through by my hard-working and dedicated staff!," Mrs. Dickerson says.

Have you ever been driving down the road and passed a bus with the CHVH logo on the side? Next time, be sure to give a wave to our transportation team!

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

My name is Willie Gray. I am a Vietnam Army Veteran and was a part of the Wolfhounds 25th infantry division. I was wounded by friendly fire when I was about six months into our assignment. My injuries gave me 13 stitches to my head, and my calf and knee were maimed. I was honorably discharged soon after. Soon after, I went to Pensacola, Florida, for my degree in criminal justice and was recruited by the Pensacola Police Department. I was a police officer in Florida for seven years and became a chief detective in Tuskegee, Alabama. Subsequently, the DEA recruited me, leaving Alabama to relocate to New York as a group supervisor. As a supervisor, my team and



I helped educate struggling communities on the dangers of drug activity. I was also involved in organized crime investigations involving money laundering, drug importation, and other criminal activity.



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