

NEWSLETTER
CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME

FROM THE
ADMINISTRATOR

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Here at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, we are incredibly grateful for our front-line staff at every level in our organization. Amid the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases our community experienced last month, our staff rushed in, putting others before themselves to "Serve Those Who Served." We know that the current situation around COVID-19 is unnerving and overwhelming. Still, I am incredibly proud of our staff as they work long, strenuous hours to provide care to our nation's heroes. As we continue to do everything to keep our staff safe, they are doing everything in their power to care for our veterans. Not only do we want to acknowledge their commitment, please know we never want to take that for granted. The strength, restless sacrifice, compassion around us, and the level our staff has come together through this pandemic have been extraordinary and inspiring. While we all hope that this pandemic will end soon, until it does, we are all in this together. I have never been more proud to work with this team. As always, stay safe.

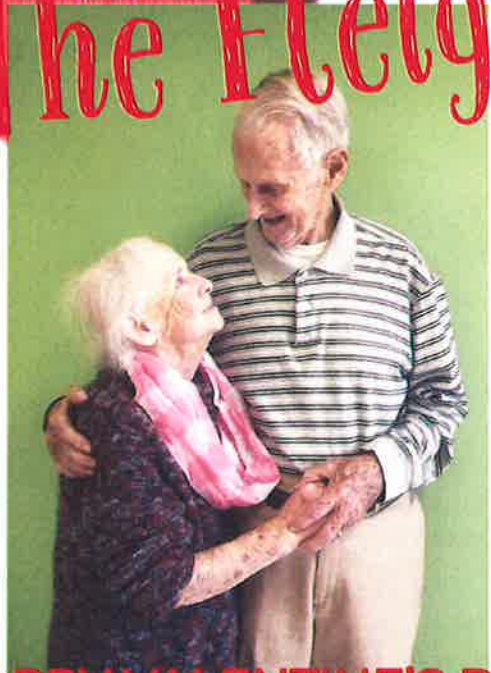
-Zena Merchant, MHA, LNHA

LET US ALL CELEBRATE:

Our dedicated employees
 and their years of service.

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| Erin Winfrey, 14 | Allo Peterkin, 11 |
| Michael Quade, 13 | Robin Jordan, 11 |
| Anthony Claggett, 13 | Clovette Pratt, 11 |
| Carolonda Henry, 13 | Stacey Kane, 11 |
| Arthur Dorsey, 13 | Patricia Bennett, 11 |
| Mary Rye, 13 | Elwin Rose, 11 |
| Lakesha Harris, 13 | Sophia Jones, 10 |
| Chontay Holt, 13 | Amy St Clair, 10 |
| Audrey Courtney, 13 | Elikem Konu, 10 |
| Natasha Berry, 13 | Donna Young, 10 |
| Theresa Courtney, 13 | Jean Palmer, 10 |
| Rhonda Adams, 12 | Nneka Nickens, 10 |
| Douglas Hamilton, 12 | Adrian Thomas, 10 |
| Teresa Randolph, 12 | Katina Johnson, 10 |
| Naa Dimson, 12 | Hailey Parlett, 10 |
| Stacy Frye, 12 | Claire Davis, 10 |
| Dorothy Short, 12 | Donna Thompson, 10 |
| Catherine Bradley, 11 | Sally Henriques, 10 |

The Fleigs



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Gail and Jack Fleig have been married for 70 years! They started their relationship early on. Gail recalls being around ten years old when she met Jack. Jack's two sisters were Gail's friends. Neither Jack nor Gail remember precisely when they started dating, but Gail says that while she had other boyfriends, Jack was the "only serious boyfriend I had." The two decided to elope when they married at a Presbyterian church in Alexandria, Va. They had one son, John Jr., who they call "Johnny." They have many grand and great-grandchildren now. They have good memories of traveling together. They both recall Alaska and Italy as being favorite destinations. When asked if they could do it all over again, would they choose to be together, they both ecstatically exclaimed, "Absolutely!" and "Yes, I would"! Gail finished up by saying, "It's been an excellent marriage, as far as I'm concerned anyway!"

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OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY



Community Volunteers

We welcomed our beloved volunteers back into the facility after 20 months of hiatus from CHVH because of the restrictions brought about by the COVID pandemic. We conducted two volunteer orientations in January and will have more this month! Pictured here are our ever-smiling Recreational Services team and Mr. Wes Simpkins, our 4x awarded volunteer of the year!

Sharon Staph brings in her dog Shy and her other pet therapy animals (Pets on Wheels) for the residents to enjoy. Sharon has been doing this for a very long time and the residents love to see the animals come through.



Pets on Wheels

FEATURED DEPARTMENT



ADMISSIONS

Our team is often the first point of contact a new resident and their families have at CHVH. We are with them during the application process and through the actual day of admission, and often long after that because we have developed a relationship with them.

Pictured:

**Gail Wilcox, RN,
Director**

**Lisa Murphy, LCSW
Coordinator**

**Nicole Watson, Navy Veteran
Assistant**

Other members are:

Janina Serafin,

Weekend Administrator and evening Admissions Assistant

Lisa Donor, VSO

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