

CHARLOTTE HALL VETERAN'S HOME

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:

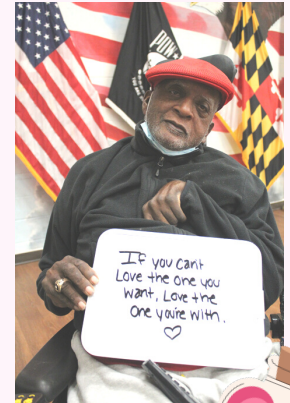
ARTIS "MAC" MCNEIL



Meet our Air Force Veteran who served 22 years, 2 Months, and 29 days in the military! Artis McNeil started in the military because he was "tired of that mule" and wanted to leave the farm. The United States Air Force took him to Japan, Ozark Island, Newfoundland, Korea, Texas, and No Name Island. "The experience I had is what was different about each deployment." One of his most memorable experiences while in the military was serving under President John F. Kennedy while keeping guard at the hotel, in Fort Worth, Texas, he stayed. His most memorable achievement was receiving the "Tiger Award" from Colonel Roger Merrick for three days and two nights of continuous service without sleep. Artis spent his free time fishing with friends while they were deployed. They also played pranks on each other by "short sheeting" one another. "When someone would come back drunk, the other soldiers would fold the bed's legs halfway in, pull the sheets back, and pour water on the mattress. When that person would get into the bed, it would collapse on the floor. "It was funny when it happened to someone else, but it wasn't funny when it happened to you." He recalled fond memories of a man named Nathaniel Quarterman with whom he served on multiple deployments and stations. If you know Nathaniel, tell him Artis says "Hello!" Mr. McNeil retired in 1978 and learned that the military taught him how to become more responsible. To those considering entering the military, "have a positive attitude." To those who are transitioning out of the military, "know why you want to leave and make sure you have a plan." In August 1998, he spent four days at the registration table for The Tuskegee Airmen 27th National Convention. As they signed in to the event, Artis had a poster ready for them to sign as well. Artis is very proud of his project and displays it in his room. Someday he would love to share it with everyone at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home displayed for all to enjoy.

WORDS ON LOVE AND KINDNESS

"Random Acts of Kindness Day" is February, 17th. In order to spread love, we asked our residents if they would like to share their kind words .

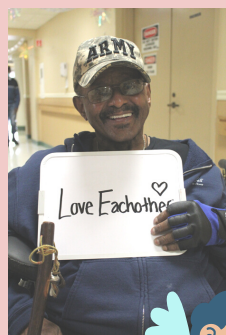
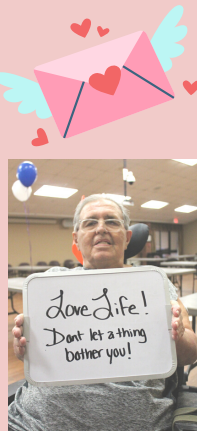
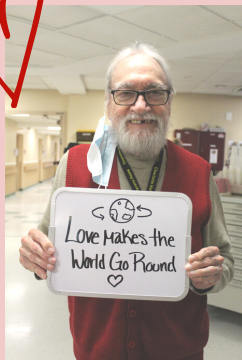


A LETTER FROM: *Maria Allen* OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

I am glad to be serving those who served for the second time in my career. The first time I served veterans was in a retirement community located in Fairfax, Virginia. The latter experience taught me to be customer and service-oriented. I have over 25 years of experience as a licensed administrator and have managed a variety of healthcare organizations; from stand-alone skilled nursing facilities to facilities in retirement communities including assisted living and memory care units. Throughout my career, I have focused on the provision of compassion and excellence in care for residents while maintaining a supportive work environment where staff is equipped with the training, guidance, and resources to succeed. One of my goals as the administrator, at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, is to build a competent customer-oriented interdisciplinary team, that is focused on quality care and service for our residents. Another goal is to know the residents and staff by visiting the units, attending activities, and participating in the care process. On a personal note, I am a mother to two adult women and a grandmother to a 20-month-old boy. At home, I have a Double Doodle dog and a Burmese cat to keep me company and enhance my quality of life.



MORE WORDS ON LOVE AND KINDNESS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIVIA

- When were the Tuskegee Airmen established?
 - a - 1939
 - b - 1940
 - c - 1941
- Which man does not have a school, located in St. Mary's County Maryland, named after him?
 - a - Frederick Douglas
 - b - George Washington Carver
 - c - Benjamin Banneker
- When did segregation within the armed forces end?
 - a - July, 26, 1948
 - b - May 17, 1954
 - c - July 2, 1964
- True or False: In 1866, the first black female soldier enlisted in the army.

c - 1941

a - Frederick Douglas

a - July 26, 1948

True - Her name was Cathay Williams

A GLIMPSE AT LAST MONTH

We started our year off right with a variety of activities! The facility was turned into a casino, auction hall, bowling alley, and a studio! Our residents enjoyed a variety of games, crafts, and food items...***



EVENTS CALENDAR

- Bingo Mania! on the 7th
 - Red Hat Society Visit, "Galentines Day" on the 8th
 - Apple Jacks Pet Visits on the 8th
 - Pets on Wheels on the 9th
 - Doc Lohn Evening Performance on the 9th
 - AL February Birthday Celebration on the 10th
 - Pax River Youth Group Valentine's Delivery on the 10th
 - Vacation 4 Vets: Valentine's Day at Camp Maria on the 11th
 - Key Sorority Ice Cream Social on the 11th
 - Super Bowl Party on the 12th
 - Valentine's Pop-Up Shop on the 13th
 - Greg Floberg Music Hour on the 13th
 - Valentine's Day / Sweetheart BINGO on the 14th
 - Resident Raffle on the 15th
 - President's Day Silent Auction on the 20th
 - Sons of American Legion, BINGO! on the 20th
 - Mardi Gras Pancake Social on the 21st
 - SMECO Marti Gras Bingo on the 21st
 - Catholic Lenten Ashes Service on the 23rd
 - Lunchtime Entertainment w/ Daniel on the 23rd
 - Cooking Class: Homemade Ice Cream on the 28th
- And a variety of musical entertainment, activities, and outings held throughout the month!

