

NEWSLETTER

CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The spring season is full of transformations. As we prepare to welcome this beautiful weather, let's remember to celebrate our small victories. Although Covid-19 is a lingering threat, we are thankful for the things we have accomplished, the good things we have done, and the strength to move forward to a better place. Let's pat ourselves on the back, complement each other and keep moving forward to transform and give way to better beginnings. As always, stay safe.

-Zenae Merchant, MHA, LNHA

LET US ALL WELCOME



*Wanda Richardson-Waddy*  
**DIRECTOR of NURSING**

*Meet Wanda Richardson-Waddy, MA, RN, DN/CM, our new Director of Nursing. Ms. Richardson-Waddy holds an Undergraduate Degree from Rutgers University and a Master of Arts Degree from the College of Notre Dame. She is also a candidate for a Master's Degree in Nursing in 2022. Ms. Richardson-Waddy comes to us with over 9 years of experience working with the elderly population in the Hospice, Long-Term Care, and Assisted Living arenas. She also worked as a Forensics Nurse Examiner for several years. As a former educator, Ms. Richardson-Waddy is an avid proponent of educating and empowering staff to meet the needs of all residents regardless of their condition. Moreover, Ms. Richardson-Waddy is dedicated to leading the Nursing Department towards quality improvement for all residents. She believes "while teamwork is important, it can only be measured by the quality of care we provide to the residents, which is our primary goal." Let's welcome her to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home family!*

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT



LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHILIP

FORBES

US MARINE CORPS

1960-1985

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Lieutenant colonel Philip Forbes is a true-blue Southern gentleman. He volunteered in the US Marine Corps at age 21 and served for 25 years. He served as an Infantry Officer throughout his time in the Marines Corps, and he loved every day of it! Our beloved Lieutenant Colonel, who currently serves as our Resident Council President, has 8 Personal Declarations of Valor. He has a badge for parachuting and another for underwater demolition. He was also a great rifle shooter on the MC rifle team. He recalls the time he served in Cuba as "tricky" as they had to stay behind the barbed wire fence because of not having a working relationship with the locals.

He would like everyone to know how much he loves his country and his Marine Corps. The most fun he ever had was running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. He also cherishes the fantasy camp experience with the New York Yankees, where he got to play with real major league players for a week. He enjoys the facility Mardi Gras every year (he is already wearing his beads!) He used to enjoy running a lot, but nowadays he spends his free time with a good book. His favorite one is Civil War by Douglas Fredman. He loves Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca and loves listening to Dooley Wilson crooning "As Time Goes By" and Fred Astaire's version of "Night and Day." His favorite Marine Corps line is "they can kill you, but they can't eat you!!!"

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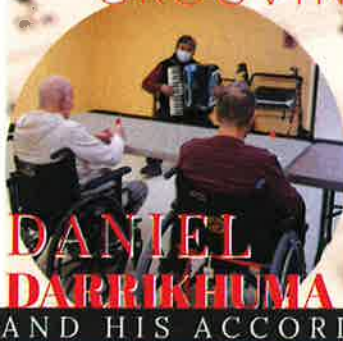
The Gift Shop officially opened on February 1. Volunteers Sheri Dayton and Kim Jones came together and led the way to its grand re-opening! Their team supported and re-trained one another so we may have a full-functioning store again. Residents, please let the volunteers know if you want a certain item sold in the store. They will be happy to get it for you.



**S&D** and Friends Entertainment



FEBRUARY MOVIN' AND GROOVIN'



**DANIEL DARRIKHUMA**  
AND HIS ACCORDION

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SNF:

- o Mardi Gras on March 1
- o Suzette Entertainment on March 15
- o Celebrate March birthday celebrants with Joe Norris entertainment on March 23

- o Joint Crab Cake Lunch on March 2

### AL:

- o Mardi Gras on March 1
- o Bruster's Real Ice Cream Outing on March 7
- o Movie Night on Murphy Hall on March 7
- o St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17
- o Picnic at the Museum on March 21

## FEATURED DEPARTMENT : BUSINESS OFFICE



Left to Right: Corinne Greene, Kimberly Johnson, Barbara Lee, Charke Goldring and Lakesha Harris

**Our business office team assists our residents and their families in the day-to-day accounting of their finances. They make sure that each and every resident is assisted with their financial needs in the home including Medicaid assistance, trust fund and monthly statements.**

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