

# CHARLOTTE HALL VETERAN'S HOME

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### A LETTER FROM: OUR INTERIM-ADMINISTRATOR

We want to thank Ms. Zenae Merchant for serving the veterans of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and for leading the facility through our recent V.A. and state surveys. Zenae was committed to the care of our residents and will be missed for her dedication to our home.



As the former Administrator and Current VP of Operations, I am returning to Charlotte Hall as the Interim-Administrator. I am excited to return to many familiar faces, including both residents and staff. With pandemic-related restrictions slowly winding down, it is time to focus on restoring normalcy in our daily activities. During my time as Interim-Administrator, while recruiting a new and dedicated leader for Charlotte Hall, I will be working with our residents and staff to develop a strategy to return our home to the pre-pandemic environment we knew and loved. While we do understand that some compromise to meet current infection control regulations will occur, we will work diligently to develop strategies geared towards putting this pandemic behind us.

I look forward to working with everyone over the next several weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 5108 as we begin this journey together.

*- Russell Keogler 😊*

### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:

## William Chesley



Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home will need to prepare themselves because "Bad Boy Billy" is turning 99 on October 5th! William Chesley is a St. Mary's County native who had a "good childhood" alongside his 6 siblings. The old folks in his community gave him the nickname because he was mischievous, but the words of his father, "treat your mother right or get sent to the bad boy school," Cheltenham, always stuck with him. William attended Banneker High School in Loveville and then was drafted into the Air Force. He spent his service at Daniel Field in Augusta, Georgia, Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi,

then another base in Naples, Italy, where he enjoyed being a crane operator who loaded bombs on trucks for delivery to planes. After serving in the military, he got a job at the National Museum, where the "hope diamond" was housed. Later he worked for the National Institute of Health, then retired from the U.S. Department of Commerce after 42 years of service. A wish of his is to visit the current stadium of his favorite football team, The Commanders, because he had only been to their previous stadium in D.C. when he worked there part-time. His words of wisdom are to "trust in God and he will take care of you. I've been very fortunate to live as long as I have lived. I feel good physically and hope to make it to 100. I hope the people coming up under me will live a good life too."

### LET US WELCOME

Meet our new Director of Human Resources, Kristina Scribner! She has over 30 years of experience in healthcare with 20 years in management and 5 in Long Term Care. She has come from a line of veterans, which is why they will always have a special place in her heart. Kristina was born and raised in Southern Maryland. She's been married to her husband, Dennis, for 16 years now, and they have 5 children, 5 granddaughters, and a Cane Corso named Bella. "I look forward to meeting every employee here at CHVH."



Here is our new Director of Maintenance, Bill Thompson! He has worked in the healthcare industry since 2014: at Sunrise Senior Living for 6 years and then Vincent Hall Retirement Community the next 2 years. He obtained his

OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety and Health Certification and a certificate in mid-managers course from Leading Age Virginia. Bill is married with four children and a lot of animals: dogs, fish, chickens, and reptiles! "I look forward to helping make Charlotte Hall a place we all are proud of with good vibes and great maintenance."

And please welcome the new Director of Social Services, Brandy Hunter, to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home! She has a Master's degree in Social Work and has worked in the field for 10 years. Brandy is family-oriented and enjoys



spending time with both her freinds and family. She and her husband have been blessed with a 1-year-old, and a 2-year-old that keeps them on their toes. Welcome to the team, Brandy!

# OUR PARTNER IN THE COMMUNITY: CRUISIN' SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Founded in 2012, Cruisin' Southern Maryland, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization comprised of automotive enthusiasts and local car clubs that come together throughout the year to plan local events. Its mission is to raise money for worthy causes in the Southern Maryland community. Each year Cruisin' hosts a 100+ mile Car Cruise & Car Shows traveling through Southern Maryland. This year's event will end at our facility and primarily benefit the veterans at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. "We have set the bar high as our goal is to now donate \$25,000 per year to this very worthy cause. Two years ago, we also started the annual Wiley Tolbert Veterans Parade specifically for the residents of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home residents. This annual event is held the Sunday after Veterans Day and is very well attended. Both events bring great joy to our Veterans and the participants, with lots of great cars, and great friends, all while creating amazing memories for everyone involved." Thank you Cruisin' Southern Maryland for always keeping us in mind! We look forward to seeing you on November 12th for this year's "Cruisin' SOMD For Veterans" event!



# FEATURED DEPARTMENT: MEDICAL RECORDS



These two lovely ladies maintain our paper and electronic medical records while organizing, planning, and reviewing charts daily. Donna is our Medical Records Director / Credentialing Specialist who completes various background checks and works directly with providers, lawyers, Medicare, funeral homes, and different insurance companies. Mary is our Medical Records Specialist who files and reviews the residents' charts while maintaining the information of those who were discharged. "Our department gets a request for Medical Records daily, so we have to be well organized. If there is any information you cannot find, our department will find it for you!" Donna has been with CHVH for over 10 years but Mary is an institution, having served CHVH for 36 years and running!

# A GLIMPSE AT LAST MONTH



Its feeling like fall here at CHVH! Leaves and decorations are changing but the smiles have stayed the same. Here are photos from our Oktoberfest celebration!

# EVENTS CALENDAR

Voices of Vets on the 7th

Marine Corps League Fall Cook-In on the 8th

Pop-Up Shop ft. Calvert Kettle Corn & A Heavenly Taste Bakery on the 11th

U.S. Navy Birthday Celebrations on the 13th

Purple Heart Bingo on the 13th

Maryland General Election Voting on the 14th

Twin Reverb Concert on the 15th

Leonardtown Wildcats Youth League Scrimmage on the 16th

SAL Bingo in the 17th

Greenwell Miniature Ponies on the 18th

SMECO Bingo on the 18th

AL Red Hat Society Brunch on the 21st

Cooking Class: Enchiladas on the 25th

McDonald's Cheeseburgers Social on the 25th

Doc Lohn Entertainment on the 29th

Pets on Wheels Halloween Parade on the 30th

Halloween Party on the 31st

And a variety of musical entertainment, activities, and outings held throughout the month!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OUR 2022 HOLIDAY WISH LIST HAS BEEN POSTED ONLINE!

THE 10TH ANNUAL CRUISIN' SOUTHERN MARYLAND FOR VETERANS CAR SHOW IS RESCHEDULED TO NOV 12 AT 1:30PM

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