



## FINAL ROLL CALL



Burnus Gene Ramsey, age 76, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018 at the East Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard, KY. Burnus was a retired coal miner, truck driver, a member of the Church of Christ, and he also served his country honorably in the United States Marines.



Leo Lykins, age 94, of Hazard, KY passed away on December 30, 2018. Leo was a United States Army Veteran and a retired coal miner.

## OUR MISSION

**We are committed to serving Kentucky's veterans, by fostering independence, preserving dignity, and providing compassionate care.**

Paul E. Patton  
Eastern Kentucky  
Veterans Center



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# EKVC News

## A LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello 2019, here's to a new year and new beginnings! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with friends and family. Thanks to everyone who helped with the many activities during the holidays.

We are gearing up for a great year here at EKVC. If you get a chance stop by the Pavilion and check out the Labyrinth, Chaplain Tammy has worked hard on bringing this project to light.

We have several outings planned for this month that are sure to bring smiles to the faces of our Veterans. Our new Activities Director has started up several clubs for our residents to participate in throughout the month.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by and get your challenge coin, stop by anytime. If I can be of any assistance to you let me know.

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays with family and friends and feeling refreshed and ready to start the New Year off with a bang! I'm excited to see what 2019 holds for EKVC! We're continuously making improvements and changes in an effort to keep up with the all the changes in Long Term Care Regulations. I'm proud to say that we have done a pretty good job and being a 5 Star facility is proof of all our hard work! I want to personally take this opportunity to thank each and every employee who takes pride in what you do each and every day! Everyone stay focused in 2019 and keep on working to meet our mission and stay committed to serving Kentucky's Veterans by fostering independence, preserving dignity and providing compassionate care!



## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Avoid waiting for your W-2 to arrive via USPS by opting for the online version at [KHRIS.ky.gov](http://KHRIS.ky.gov) by January 10, 2019.

Download the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet mobile app. The app provides quick access to your benefits, leave balances, pay statements and much more.

Don't let your New Year's commitment to exercise go un-noted! Verify your workout and get the Go365 points you deserve. Learn more at [go365.com](http://go365.com).

### Upcoming Holiday

January 21—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### NEW STAFF



Patrick Stidham— NASR I



Marissa Cornett— NASR I

## RESIDENT & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Kimberly Dewees	Jan. 1	Everett Campbell	Jan. 25
Berlin Patrick	Jan. 1	Bobby Comstock	Jan. 27
Andrew Perkins	Jan. 1	Harold Minnix	Jan. 27
Orville Shepherd	Jan. 1	Manuel Davis	Jan. 28
Amanda Bray	Jan. 2	Harold Burriss	Jan. 30
David Ballew	Jan. 4	Jennifer Young	Jan. 31
Jeanette King	Jan. 7		
Andrea Pilkin	Jan. 9		
Angela Dean	Jan. 16		
Karen Godsey	Jan. 21		



## HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY



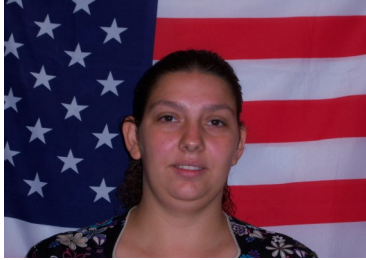
## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



### OAKLEY "OAK" HACKER

Mr. Hacker is a new resident at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center and is currently residing in the Adams Unit. He prefers to be called "Oak" and is a native of Kentucky from Bernice, Clay County. Oak is our oldest resident at 102 years of age and is full of wonderful stories covering the last century of our great country. He is a Navy veteran and served our nation in the Pacific campaign during WWII. Only a hand full of people living today can tell some of the stories that "Oak" experienced during his life. Like witnessing the dropping of both Atom bombs on Japan at the end of WWII. He is an extremely kind individual that truly enjoys when the staff and residents take a few moments and talk to him about his past experiences. I hope that everyone gives "Oak" a warm welcome to the facility and takes the time to sit and visit with him even for a few minutes.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



### WENDY JACOBS

Wendy has been an employee here at EKVC for over 10 years. She was a great asset to us in attaining our 5 star rating with our VA survey this year. Wendy is dependable, charismatic, respectful and well-liked by resident's, families, and staff. Wendy can easily brighten the day of others with her joking and comradery. She is a vital and necessary part of the Madison Neighborhood Family, for which we are extremely happy.

**CONGRATULATIONS WENDY!**

**WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK!**

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the nomination process. We also want to recognize other honorable mentions for this month's nominations :

Adam Lewis  
Denise Trent  
Stacy Feltner  
Carmelita Williams



Michael Winkler was nominated as December's Employee of the Month, he was presented his certificate and gift card by Neil Napier, Administrator.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### JANUARY TRAININGS

Monthly NASR VIP

Monthly Licensed Staff Pharmacology

Point Click Care—Interact Transfer Form

- January 7th—Radio Eye at 1:00pm
- January 9th—Memorial Service at 10am
- January 10th—Leather Workshop at 10:30am
- January 14th—Rubber Ducky Day/Contest 10:00am-4:00pm
- January 18th—Indoor Fleamarket 1:00-4:00pm
- January 21st—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 22nd—Chili Cook-Off 12:00-1:30pm
- January 25th—Harley Davidson Outing
- January 31st—Resident Council Meeting at 2:00pm.

**FEBRUARY NOMINATIONS FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH WILL BEGIN**

**JANUARY 4th AND END JANUARY 25th.**

**DEPARTMENT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:  
ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE & SECURITY**



PUZZLE TIME

# Winter Word Search



COAT  
COLD  
FROST  
ICE

IGLOO  
SCARF  
SNOW  
WINTER





## Spirituality **Encountering The Divine**

*“Lord, teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1)* Perhaps our most direct method of communication to God, prayer is the arrow we shoot from our bow filled with urgent needs and hesitant hopes. Prayers as simple as “Help!” and “Thank you!” carry such nuance it hardly classifies as simple. I have found that it is easy to “simplify” prayer in quick statements that we shoot off to God without taking the time to name all the ways we need help from our Savior, and consider ways God intervenes in our lives prompting us to shoot from our bows a huge, “Thank you!” As a chaplain, I often wonder if the depth of our prayers are ever voiced or realized.

This month we’re going to explore ways that we can be more intentional about our relationship with the Holy. Throughout the month of January, all are invited to “walk” the labyrinth located in the courtyard.

There are many themes to choose from to help you through your journey; forgiveness, letting go, reconciliation, and finding peace are some of the themes that are provided. The only goal is to slow down and spend time with God.

Then, we’re going to explore prayer using our taste buds. There are several spiritual connections between God and food; manna in the wilderness, Elisha and the ravens, Jesus feeding the thousands, etc. We’ll see how spiritual food can enrich our prayer lives.

Let’s not forget about the beauty of the earth. God’s handiwork is evident in the delicacy of a spider web as well as in the spray from a mighty waterfall. We’ll explore outdoors to inspire our prayer lives.

There is no “one size fits all” approach to one’s relationship with God. There is no formula that fits everyone. Some individuals thrive when gathered as a community of believers for worship. Others take a solo approach. Why should our prayer lives be any different?

I hope you can participate in this month’s activities as we explore ways to connect with God that fit your individual needs. Maybe, then, we can listen to our Creator’s voice as we learn all the many ways God’s voice speaks to our soul.

Chaplain Tammy Schmidt

