



## 67 YEARS OF VA CARE

Army Veteran John R. Love's positive attitude and real courage during WWII battles earned him several honors from American military authorities. Recently John was also honored by France for his contribution to the liberation of France during WWII. He was made Knight in the Order of the French Legion of Honor.

John served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. At age 19, he participated in his first battle in Anzio, Italy. He was honorably

discharged in January 1946, and went to work for General Motors Co. making motors and transmissions for military tanks.

John has been receiving care from the VA for 67 years. His VA care started when he was in the military service in France in 1944 and it has continued all his life. "I just turned 86 and have had many health problems over the years. The VA is a blessing for all Veterans," John said.

John receives his Primary Care from

VA Butler Healthcare. He has used Physical Therapy services for fitted knee braces, shoes, and a walking cane. He also receives his eye exams from VA Butler, and his prescription eye glasses.

"I know for a fact that I would not be able to afford the many medications that I need to take each day if it wasn't for the VA," said John. John receives all of his medications through VA Butler's Pharmacy. "I receive my medications through the mail; I find this a wonderful service to Veterans." ★

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...JULY

- 2 Army Air Corps is established (1926)
- 20 In "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the moon (1969)
- 21 The Veterans Administration is created (1930)
- 23 Air Force Colonel Eileen M. Collins becomes the first woman to command a space shuttle (1999)
- 27 Armistice ends the Korean War (1953)
- 28 World War I begins (1914)
- 30 President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Medicare bill (1965)



**National Therapeutic Recreation Week is July 10-16.**

Every day the Recreation Therapy Program at VA Butler Healthcare provides care to improve the overall well being of our Veterans.

# Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

“The most patriotic day of the year! The signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 – makes me think of how good a country the U.S.A is and fills me full of gratitude that I had the chance to serve my country. I also like hot dogs, watermelon, fireworks, get togethers with family and friends. It is just a good all-American day.”

**Bobby K, Navy Veteran**

“To me, the fourth of July is a time to remember and celebrate the fact that the U.S. is a free nation. It still truly is the land of opportunity.”

**Denny D, Air Force Veteran**

“I have the freedom to serve my country not only as an active duty service member but also as a VA employee. It means that our predecessors fought and died for our rights to freedom and I show my appreciation and respect for them when I celebrate Independence Day.”

**Erika N, Navy Veteran**

“Quite simply, the fourth of July symbolizes the time that we, as a county (in 1776) declared our independence from Great Britain. It is essentially nothing short of being our great nation’s birthday. This is without a doubt something all Americans should celebrate with vigor each and every year.”

**Jeff D, Marine Corps Veteran**

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your story with us!



## JULY IS UV SAFETY MONTH

*Wear Your Shades!*

**U**ltraviolet (UV) radiation is the main cause of skin cancer. UV rays can also damage your eyes. The sun’s UV rays can burn the cornea of your eyes, which can result in cataracts that may ultimately cause blindness.

Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job is to protect your eyes from the sun’s UV rays. To protect your eyes, wear sunglasses that have 100 percent UV protection. If you have any questions, talk to your health care team at VA Butler Healthcare.★

## WOMEN VETERAN LIAISONS

**Y**ou served; you deserve the best care anywhere. VA Butler Healthcare now has Women Veteran Program Manager Liaisons available at all five VA Outpatient Clinics, as well as various departments in the main facility for our women Veterans. The Liaisons serve as points of contact for the Women Veteran Program Manager to ensure that the needs of women Veterans are

addressed. The Liaisons are available to provide information and answer any questions you may have about our women’s health care at VA Butler.

For more information, contact VA Butler’s Women Veterans Coordinator at 800.362.8262, ext. 2756 or visit us online at [www.butler.va.gov/services/womenvets.asp](http://www.butler.va.gov/services/womenvets.asp) ★

## EVENTS

7 July Podcast • Family Caregivers  
Thursday, July 7 • 12-12:30 pm  
Chat link: [talkshoe.com/tc/85029](http://talkshoe.com/tc/85029)  
or Call in: 724.444.7444 (Call ID: 85029)

16 Bikers for Vets Rally  
Saturday, July 16  
Registration 10:30 – 11:15 am  
*Rain date – Sunday July 17*  
*Supports Homeless Veterans*



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