

VETERAN CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY AND FELLOW VETERANS

On September 14, WWII Veteran Sullivan “Sully” Cherichetti celebrated a milestone at the Sgt. Joseph George Kusick Community Living Center with an abundance of family, friends, staff, volunteers and fellow Veterans. He celebrated his 100th birthday. Sully is the first Veteran in the Community Living Center to celebrate this milestone.

Cherichetti enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in September 1941 and was assigned to an Artillery Division. After the attack on Pearl Harbor later that same year, Cherichetti spent the remainder of his military service fighting in the Asiatic and South Pacific theatre.

Discharged in 1945, Cherichetti remained in the Butler County area doing odd jobs. He moved his family to New Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1950 and settled into a career as a barber, a career he would enjoy for 35 years. Though he retired in 1985, he remained an active member within the community until his placement in the Community Living Center two years ago.

“What some people don’t know is that Dad was a patient here long ago when this facility was called the Deshon General Hospital,” comments Sully’s son, Paul Cherichetti. “He received his discharge from Deshon Hospital.” Cherichetti

suffered hearing loss as a result of his work with the Artillery Division and was being treated at Deshon Hospital.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began construction on the Western Pennsylvania Tuberculosis Sanatorium in May 1938. The Army Medical Department took over the hospital in October 1942 and the building was renamed Deshon General Hospital. Deshon General Hospital served the Army as a general medical and surgical facility, with a specialty center for soldiers with hearing impairments. The Hard of Hearing Section was one of three Army hearing centers in the U.S. during World War II. Following the end of WWII, Deshon General Hospital closed in June 1946. The Department of Veterans Affairs took over the facility a year later.

When asked about any goals beyond 100, Paul Cherichetti stated that his dad never thought he would make it this far. “His eyesight and hearing aren’t great anymore, but he still manages to participate in activities at the facility and enjoys getting out and meeting people.” His dad’s goal right now is to take one day at a time and spend as much of it with his family.



“Take one day at a time and spend as much of it with family.” - Sullivan “Sully” Cherichetti

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...NOVEMBER

- 1 Vietnam Conflict Began (1955)
- 8 X-Rays were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen (1895)
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)
- 15 The Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress (1777)
- 19 President Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address (1863) and the Cold War Formally ended (1990)
- 22 President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in his motorcade in Dallas, Texas (1963)



VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Veterans in crisis, or anyone who is concerned about a Veteran, should call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and then press 1. **Please share this information with everyone you know and ask them to save it in their mobile phones.** You can also text to 838255 or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.



NOVEMBER FLU CLINICS

The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year. As these are the final clinics of the year, Veterans are encouraged to attend one of these clinics this month. Veterans may also receive their flu shot from their primary care provider.

November 1, 2019 • 10am-2pm
Tanglewood Center
10 Austin Ave, Lyndora, PA 16045

November 5, 2019 • 10am-2pm
VFW Post 894
894 Veterans Lane, Natrona Heights, PA 15065

November 13, 2019 • 10am-2pm
Mercer County's 5th Annual Veterans
Stand Down and Resource Fair
Hickory VFW Post 6166
5550 East State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148

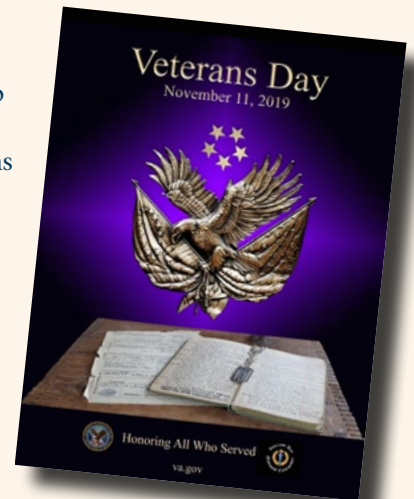
November 14, 2019 • 8am-12pm
Abie Abraham VA Health Care Center,
2nd Floor Lobby
353 North Duff Road, Butler, PA 16001

VA STRENGTHENS CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM, EXPANDS TIMELINE OF THE PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

(O)n September 25, 2019, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced in a press release actions to strengthen the Caregiver Support Program and establish a timeline for expanding the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers in accordance with section 161 of the VA MISSION Act of 2018 to Veterans of all eras. The expansion will occur in two phases, beginning in the summer of 2020. To learn more about the many support services available for caregivers of Veterans, visit www.caregiver.va.gov or call the Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274.

NOVEMBER DESIGNATED VETERANS AND FAMILIES MONTH

(O)n November 1, 2017, President Donald Trump signed a proclamation establishing November as Veterans and Military Families Month. This was the first time America celebrated Veterans and military families month, not just Veterans Day. As we recognize and thank our Veterans, we also recognize and thank their families for their service. We should never forget that families also live through difficult times and take on the heavy load of keeping the home fires burning. **Thank you Veterans and families.**



We want to hear from you! Email amanda.kurtz2@va.gov to share your story with us!

EVENTS

- 11 Butler County Stand Down**
Friday, November 1 • 10am-2pm
Tanglewood Senior Center,
10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora, PA
- 11 Veterans Day**
Monday, November 11 *Federal Holiday*
- 12 Veterans Leadership Program Reel
Women Film Series "Lioness"**
Tuesday, November 12 • 6pm-8:30pm,
Abie Abraham VA Health Care Center
*For more information and to reserve a seat,
call 878-271-6492.*
- 28 Thanksgiving Day**
Thursday, November 28 *Federal Holiday*



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