

# **New Hampshire Veterans Home**

Tilton, New Hampshire || Est. 1890 "For those who served"

> **Annual Report** Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

September, 2017 ♦ Pursuant to RSA 119:13 Committed to providing meaningful quality of life for veterans of past, present and future generations. (This page intentionally left blank)

# State of New Hampshire



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# New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers 2016-2017

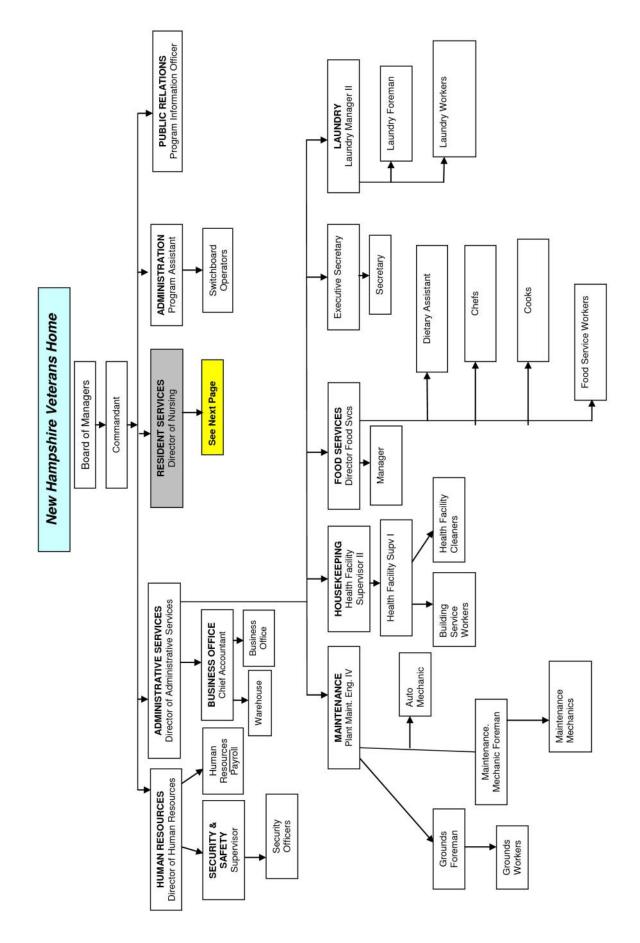
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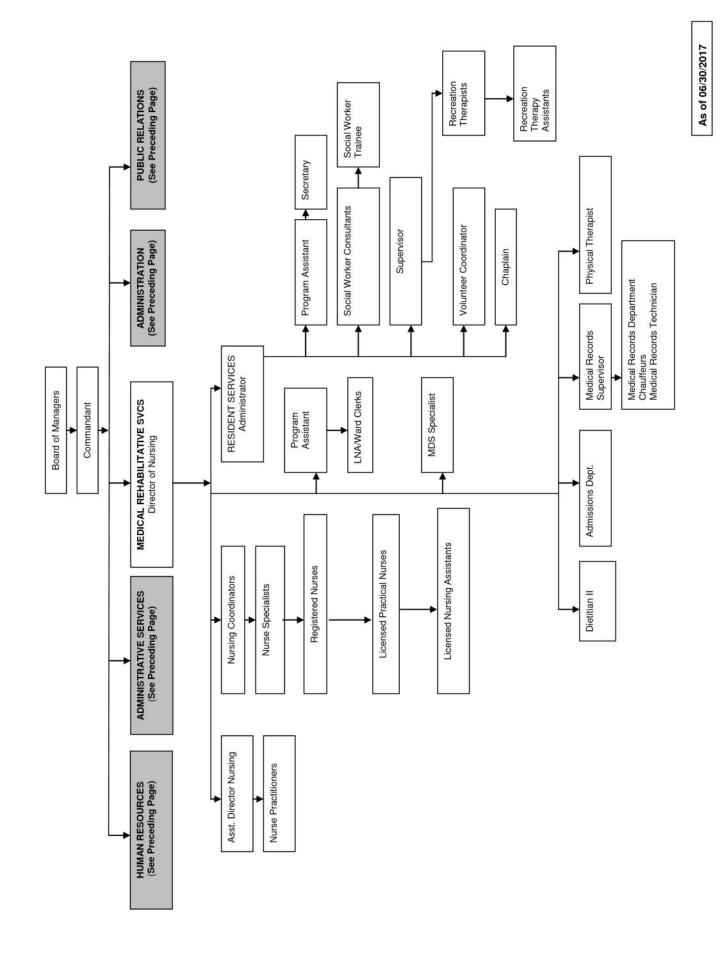
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Commandant

Margaret D. LaBrecque





# **Physical Plant and Property**



The accessible fishing and recreation deck at the on-site pond, completely rebuilt by maintenance staff following heavy winter damage.

Physical Plant	\$36,882,833
Equipment	\$257,775
Highway/Roads	\$95,000
<b>Total Plant and Property</b>	\$37,235,558

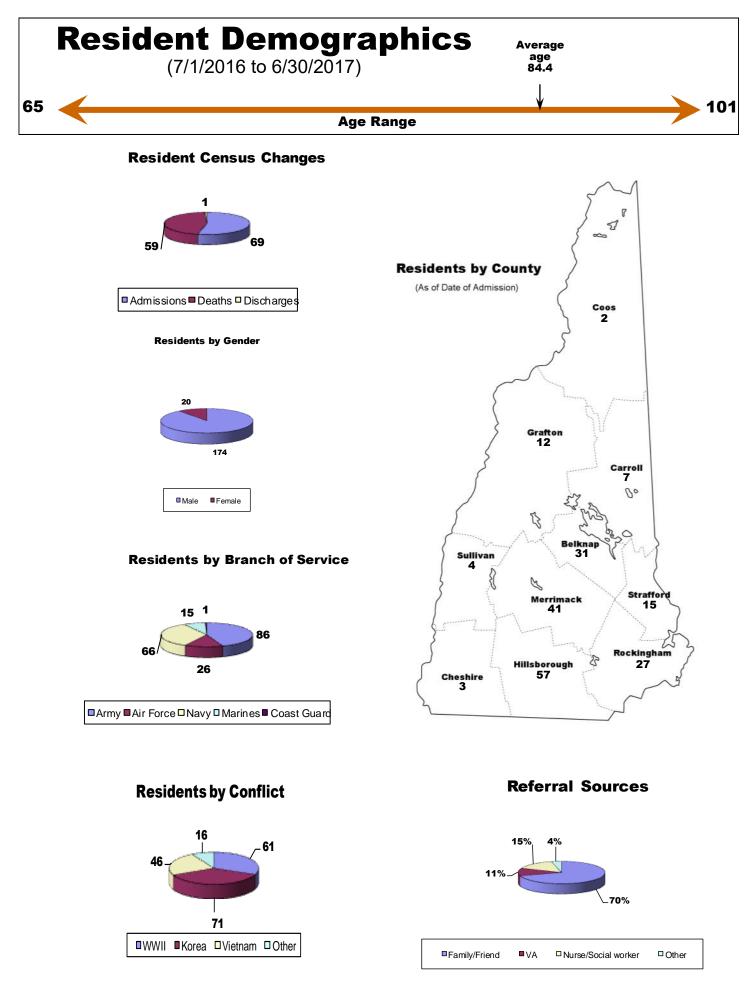
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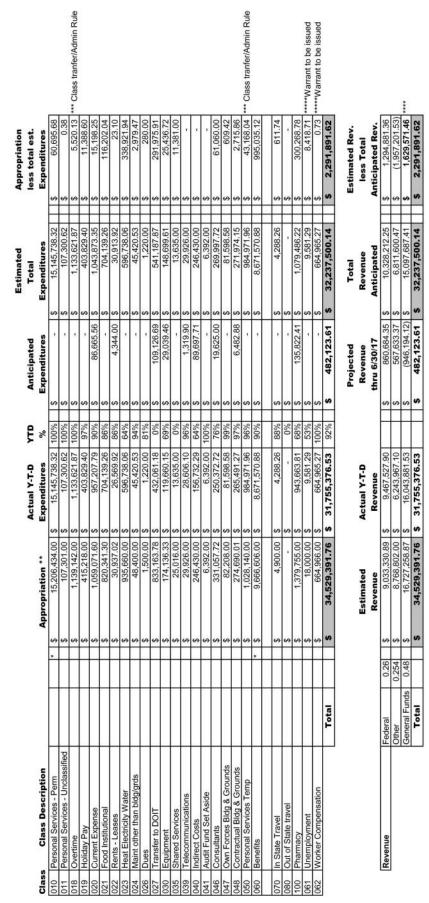
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**Classified 381** 

Part-time/per diem 71







FY17 Financial Summary of the New Hampshire Veterans Home (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017) as of June 30, 2017

The FY 17 Appropriation column includes prior year balance forwards As explained: CLASS 18/Overtime and CLASS 50/Temp is adjusted as determined necessary thru Administrative Rule 316

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					Exhibit C							
						ļ			Estimated		Appropriation	
			5	Continuing Resolution	Actual Y-T-D	Ē		Anticipated	Total 		less total est.	
Class	ss Class Description	•	-	Appropriation	Expenditures	1	-	Expenditures	Expenditures	•	Expenditures	
010	Personal Services - Perm	k	0	16,845,304.00 \$	1,149,994.10	+	0		14,	0	1,895,380.70	
011	Personal Services - Unclassified		s	109,559.00 \$		-	S	100,579.68 \$		S	597.68	
018	Overtime		\$	175,883.00 \$	116,711.83	66%	\$	1,400,541.96 \$	1,517,253.79	S	(1,341,370.79)	(1,341,370.79) *** Class tranfer/Admin Rule
019	Holiday Pay		s	419,371.00 \$	39,381.00	6%	\$	393,810.00 \$	433,191.00	s	(13,820.00)	(13,820.00) *** Class tranfer/Admin Rule
020	Current Expense		s	1,133,866.56 \$	45,663.28	4%	ŝ	1,088,202.00 \$	1,133,865.28	S	1.28	
021	Food Institutional		s	820,152.00 \$	45,863.68	6%	s	774,288.00 \$	820,151.68	S	0.32	
022	Rents - Leases		s	33,574.00 \$	1,616.00	5%	s	31,958.00 \$	33,574.00	S		
023	Heat Electricity Water		s	945,017.00 \$	72,956.17	8%	s	875,474.04 \$	948,430.21	\$	(3,413.21)	
024	Maint other than bldg/grds		s	40,000.00 \$	58.50	%0	\$	39,941.00 \$	39,999.50	\$	0.50	
026	Dues		s	1,500.00 \$		%0	s	8 00.006	900.006	S	600.00	
027	Transfer to DOIT		s	768,699.69 \$	78,731.63	%0	s	689,968.00 \$	768,699.63	s	0.06	
030	Equipment		s	218,510.46 \$	1,113.20	1%	ŝ	217,397.00 \$	218,510.20	s	0.26	
			s	•		%0	ŝ	· .		\$		
037	Technology - Hardware		s	1,500.00 \$			s	1,500.00 \$	1,500.00	S		
039	Telecommunications		s	29,926.00 \$		%0	s	29,926.00 \$	29,926.00	S	•	
040	Indirect Costs		s	148,089.00 \$		%0	ŝ	148,089.00 \$	148,089.00	s	t	
041	Audit Fund Set Aside		s	6,392.00 \$		%0	s	6,392.00 \$	6,392.00	s		
046	Consultants		s	325,345.00 \$	22,925.00	7%	\$	237,330.00 \$	260,255.00	s	65,090.00	
047	Own Forces Bldg & Grounds		s	120,500.00 \$	65.00	%0	s	120,435.00 \$	120,500.00	S		
048	Contractual Bldg & Grounds		s	551,627.88 \$	6,946.05	1%	S	544,681.83 \$	551,627.88	s		
020	Personal Services Temp		s	937,421.00 \$	72,760.06	8%	\$	884,497.55 \$	957,257.61	\$	(19,836.61)	(19,836.61) *** Class tranfer/Admin Rule
090	Benefits	*	s	10,046,378.00 \$	677,826.44	7%	s	8,133,917.28 \$	8,811,743.72	s	1,234,634.28	
010	In State Travel		\$	6,510.00 \$	423.72	7%	\$	8,089.64 \$	8,513.36	\$	(2,003.36)	
080	Out of State travel		s	4,000.00 \$		%0	ŝ	4,000.00 \$		s		
100	Pharmacy		s	1,382,565.00	101,382.90	7%	s	1,216,594.80 \$	1,317,977.70	s	64,587.30	
061	Unemployment		\$	18,000.00 \$		%0	\$	18,000.00 \$	18,000.00	s		*****Warrant to be issued
062	Worker Compensation		s	390,000.00 \$	3	%0	s	390,000.00 \$	390,000.00	s		****Warrant to be issued
		Total	s	35,479,690.59 \$	\$ 2,442,800.20	%L	\$	31,156,441.98 \$	\$ 33,599,242.18	\$	1,880,448.41	
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								Projected	Total		Estimated Rev.	
				Estimated	Actual Y-T-D			Revenue	Revenue		less Total	
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FY18 Financial Summary of the New Hampshire Veterans Home (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) as of July 31, 2017

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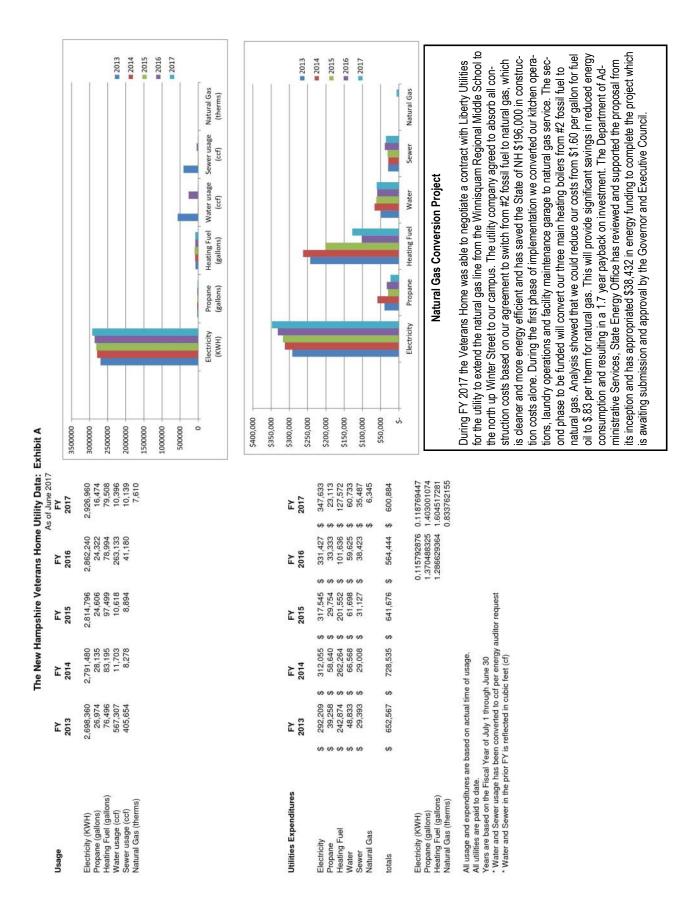
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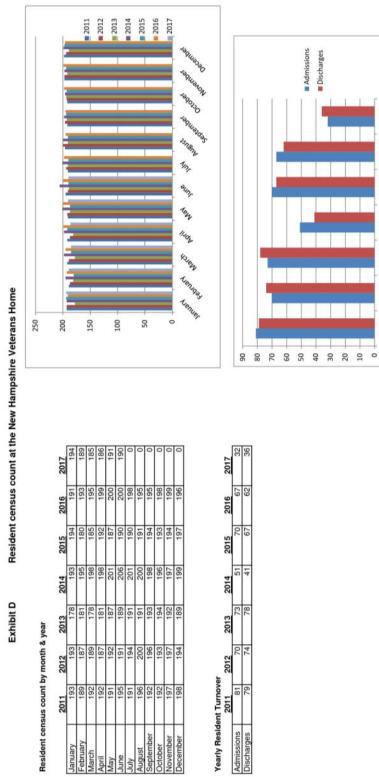
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# A Walk Down Main Street

A key element that has set the New Hampshire Veterans Home apart from similar-sized health-care facilities is our unique "Main Street" approach to providing our residents with some of the comforts and services they'd find in the small towns they called home before coming to Tilton, reducing the need for outside transportation.

Main Street starts at the café and store area. The store is open several hours every day, and offers everything from commemorative T-shirts and pins to snacks, candy and ice cream.

There's an ATM nearby, comfortable seating to chat with friends or family members, and a big video screen showing a continual slideshow of recent activities.

The barbershop is right down the "street." No need to go out for a haircut or perm: two longtime vendors are onsite three days a week — some to check residents' vision days for the men, some for the health.



The store and café area awaiting customers on a sunny morning.

ladies. The barbershop also does double-duty as a doctor's therapy, where the Home's full office for the monthly visits of -time physical therapist and an ophthalmologist who comes assistants, and some independ-

ent practitioners help residents with issues of strength, flexi-



Debbie, who has cut hair at NHVH for years, gives resident a trim.

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Across the way is physical bility and mobility.

In a separate space across the building, there's a dental chair used by the dentists and hygienists who come to care for residents' teeth that also serves the monthly foot-care clinics where a nurse pays particular attention to residents with diabetes.

Next door to physical therapy is the volunteer-staffed library stocked with books, magazines and audio-books. The collection recently underwent a thorough "spring cleaning" and reorganization to make materials more accessible to mobility-impaired residents.

The nearby chapel serves all of the seven or eight denominations represented in our population with at least a halfdozen services a week. That includes Protestant interfaith services, Bible readings and studies, Catholic Rosary services and alternating Mass/ Communion services.

The Home's staff chaplain coordinates the busy schedule for the several ordained clergy and the laypeople who also



Gretchen Putnam/Union Leader

#### **Volunteer Spotlight**

An amazing corps of volunteers is a big part of the what makes the Veterans Home a special place, and Dale Knapschafer, shown at left with his late wife Kathryn – who everyone knew as "Kay" -- is one great example.

Kay – who served in the Coast Guard during World War II and had been at the Veterans Home for about five years – passed away in early 2017.

Dale, who served in the Navy himself near the end of the war in 1944, is still coming to the Home regularly, carrying on his volunteer efforts in her memory. He reads aloud to some residents with vision challenges and has spirited book discussions; plays cards with other residents and helps out with organizing the library.

The Home is grateful for his continuing generosity of spirit.

minister to the residents.

The bright and airy recreation center has a pool table, a big-screen television that's also used for activities like Wii bowling and computer word games, and some sunny tables by the windows favored by the Home's cribbage addicts.

At the end of the street is Town Hall, a huge auditorium/ multipurpose space that hosts everything from morning taichi stretching to evening Bingo games, movies and public events such as the Home's 9/11 commemoration, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Keeping these activities and services as close and convenient as possible is a major plus for the comfort and quality of life of our residents.



A resident getting attention during the monthly foot-care clinic.



◄Town Hall set up for the annual NHVH Volunteer Recognition ceremony.

The Chapel is ready for the monthly memorial service. ►



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#### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

#### **Quality of Life**

An important part of our residents' lives is the quality of recreational activities at the New Hampshire Veterans Home. There are many daily activities available for partipation in-house, as well as several trips into the community each week.

The Home's annual Classic Car Cruise Night in early August provided a full evening of fun and excitement for residents.

The event is always wellattended by residents, thanks to the many extra volunteers who show up to help transport them outside to the pavilion to view the cars. Residents vote on the awards, including Best in Show, Veterans Choice, and "Most Likely to Get a Ticket."

Summer also gave us beautiful weather for the use of our adaptive bicycles.

In September, a Veterans Home team participated in the Memory Walk in September at Arms Park in Manchester, NH to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

The Veterans Home's long -running Intergenerational and Volunteer programs continued successfully, drawing in students and members of the public from around the region.

Students from the Tilton School, a longtime partner, and the New Hampton School visited regularly, and groups of residents also participated in a yearlong mentorship program at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School, making weekly trips down the hill on Winter Street to interact with the students.

Volunteer help was also key in staging some of our most popular traditional events: Grandparents Day ice cream social in September and Christmas visits from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus in December.

Volunteers contribute more than 4,500 hours of their time to the Veterans Home every year, saving more than \$107,000 in labor costs.



Elizabeth Frantz/Concord Monitor

A group of residents — including World War II pilot Walter Pierce, right — toured the New Hampshire National Guard Aviation Support Facility in Concord.

#### Education

"Don't Cross the Line," a new training program on elder abuse and neglect, resident rights and professional boundaries, was developed by Veterans Home social workers. All employees completed the mandatory course in June, and it will be offered regularly in the future.



Adaptive biking around the pavilion.

The Staff Development department continues to provide enrichment opportunities to staff. These offerings advance our staff's knowledge and practice by investing in each employee, providing them with the most current curriculum available and enhancing care of our residents.

Offerings this year included American Heart Association CPR certification, the Pathway to LNA III educational series, and dementia training.

The Veterans Home is also a community partner with a number of educational institutions in the area. We are currently a clinical experience site for Lakes Region Community College, LNA Career Pathways, and the Huot Technical Center in Laconia.

The Veterans Home also has partnered with Plymouth State University and UNH to host social work interns. The Veterans Home values these partnerships, which provide the opportunity for future healthcare providers to become educated on the specialized care provided to our veterans.

Keeping staff morale high is a vital element of providing excellent care.

The Home celebrated Staff Appreciation Day in October, with an ice-cream truck on site that handed out free treats to all shifts, and free pizza, served with a side of humor by several members of the Home's Board of Managers.

#### Survey

Our annual Veterans Administration site survey took place during the week of April 24.

This year the was deficiency-free on both the clinical and life safety sides.

Members of the Ascellon team, who travel the country surveying state veterans homes, said in their comments that NHVH stands apart from others because the Flu Season staff truly exhibits that they care for each resident as a person, something they said was readily visible in each and every interaction that they witnessed.



Dishing up the pizza on Staff Appreciation Day.

Flu season was mild this year as compared to other years. While several residents had flu-like symptoms, there were no confirmed cases. Due Medical Records to great cooperation on part of

staff and residents, there were no restrictions on admissions or visitors this year.

Electronic

The facility adoption of an electronic medical record (EMR) system continues to progress. The first phase of implementation started in Oc-

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## **Resident council:**

Representing veterans' interests

The New Hampshire Veterans Home's Resident Council has been instrumental in advocating for meaningful changes that impact the Quality of Life at the Home. Its purpose is:

- To suggest improvements and help the administration provide better programs, surroundings, and services;
- To give residents a greater participation in affairs within the facility;
- To promote friendship and understanding among residents; and
- To provide and receive necessary information for the benefit of all residents.

The Council meets monthly. The officers plan an

agenda, but it is flexible and the residents are always invited to express their opinions on any subject. The officers, elected by secret ballot for two-year terms, include President, first Vice President, second Vice President, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.



The 2016-2017 elected officers are, from left: David Clark, chaplain; Bill Bertholdt, president; Gary Simard, first vice president; Elaine Baker, second vice president; Richard Milyaro, sergeant -at-arms.

Resident Council Officers work with our Social Work staff to implement as many recommendations as possible. Residents also are represented on many decision-making committees: Board of Managers, Safety Committee, Leadership Team, Art Committee, and Palliative Care Committee.



Veteran Robert Vallieres' "Healing Through Birds" continues to be one of the most popular programs.

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tober 2015 with the use of the Point Click Care's Minimum Data Set 3.0 assessment, clinical assessments, and care planning modules. This implementation required the training of over 30 staff members in multiple disciplines in the use of the new program that will bring ease of care planning and improved patient care to our veterans.

The next phase of implementation will be the EMAR, electronic medication record. This will integrate physician orders entry with the pharmacy to streamline order transcription and medication administration. This requires the training



# NHVH residents remain active in local, state and national elections.

of over 100 additional staff members as well as wiring access points throughout the facility. The roll out was expected in Fall 2017 as the vendors and software companies complete systems integration.

#### About the Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home was established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans.

The modern facility is home to 200 men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire Citizens.

Its mission is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to New Hampshire's elderly and disabled veterans with compassion, respect and dignity.

It is the state's only long-term care facility dedicated exclusively to veterans.



Golf cart from ES Riders has let residents get out and enjoy the Home's beautiful grounds.

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