

We Honor Veterans Newsletter



Veterans Day 2023 Special Edition

This is a special Veterans Day edition of Gilchrist's We Honor Veterans newsletter.

The observance of Veterans Day on November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This past Veterans Day, Gilchrist military veteran volunteers, ROTC cadets, Young Marines as well as active-duty military personnel and Gilchrist staff celebrated over 400 veterans and their families in 15 residential care communities. These Veterans Day ceremonies included the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem and God Bless America, Veterans Day readings, recognition and pinning of veterans, military and patriotic music, and a formal salute presented by the military veteran volunteers, military personnel, ROTC cadets and Young Marines.

Here are some photos from some of the Veterans Day events conducted by Gilchrist staff and volunteers.



William Sommers, US Navy and US Marine Corps Veteran with Gilchrist Team at College Manor.



Gilchrist team honoring veterans at Springwell Assisted Living.



Beverly Gayhardt worked for the US Army and her husband James served in the Army, and Harold Thompson WWII Navy Veteran with the Gilchrist team at Maryland Masonic.



Gilchrist team at Symphony Hall.



Coast Guard Veteran Barbara Fagan being pinned by Gilchrist volunteer Ken Knutson at Brightview Perry Hall.



Gilchrist team saluting veterans at Brightview Perry Hall.



Gilchrist team at Keswick.



John Lipinski being honored at Brightview Annapolis. John served in the US Navy from 1951-1989, retiring at the rank of Commander.



Mary Stuart, 100-year-old Marine, being pinned at Oak Crest.



Gilchrist volunteer Linda Henderson pinning a veteran at Oak Crest.



Gilchrist volunteer Joe Ciesla saluting a veteran at Oak Crest.



Gilchrist Team Saluting Veterans at Charlestown.



Bernard Vine, 100-year-old Army Veteran, with the Gilchrist team at North Oaks.



Frank Bressi, WWII medic at the Battle of the Bulge, being pinned by Gilchrist volunteer and Marine Corps/Vietnam Veteran Virgil Wright at Harmony Hall.



Members of VFW Post 7472, Ellicott City, MD, raising a new American Flag at Harmony Hall as part of the Veterans Day celebration.



Gilchrist Team at The Village at Augsburg



Gilchrist music therapists playing the Armed Forces Medley as part of the Veterans Day celebration at The Village at Augsburg.

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Looking For a Few Good Volunteers

Would you like to be a Gilchrist volunteer? We are always looking for volunteers – especially those who have military experience. Our military veteran volunteers are involved in Salute to Service Tributes for veterans under hospice care, visiting public schools to talk about military service, meeting with veterans to talk about their military service, supporting our annual Welcome Home event for Vietnam Veterans, and many other activities.

If you would like to learn how to become a volunteer, contact Gilchrist at kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org.

We Want Your Input

If you have suggestions for content you would like to see in future issues of the Gilchrist We Honor Veterans Newsletter, please contact us at kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org.



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