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TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AT THE  
BLUE GOOSE

## GEORGIA WAR VETERANS NURSING HOME

### February 2025



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**GEORGIA WAR**  
 WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
 YOU A MONTH FILLED  
 WITH LOVE, PEACE, AND  
 JOY.

# WELCOME!

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home would like to give a warm welcome to the following new residents:

**Robert Burnam**

**Donnie Wright**

**John Carter**

## **Pinnacle Honorable Mentions January 2025**

**Dr. Richard Sams**

**Birthstone: Amethyst**

**Flowers: Violets and Irises**

**Astrology Zodiac Signs: Aquarius and Pisces**

**American Heart, Cancer Prevention & Black History Month**

**Dates to Remember:**

- 2/2 Groundhog Day**
- 2/4 World Cancer Day**
- 2/9 Super Bowl 2025**
- 2/12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**
- 2/14 Valentine's Day**
- 2/15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday**
- 2/17 Presidents' Day**



# DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

The following individuals/organizations contributed their time and/or services to GVVNH:

American Legion Department of Georgia	Snack Cakes, Razors, Body Wash, Additional Toiletries
American Legion Post 192 Auxiliary	Pies and Sweets Social
American Legion Post 205 Auxiliary	Pizza Party
Chaplain Larry Jesion	Church Service
Combat Vets Motorcycle Club	BINGO Prizes, Candy, and Motorcycle Display
Elks Lodge 205	Pizza Party
Evans VFW	Birthday Gifts
Mackey House Music	Live Music
Project Lifting Spirits	Late Night Movie, Lap Blankets, Golfing Game with Prizes and Custom Pillows
VFW Department of Georgia Auxiliary	Monthly Birthday Party
American Legion 11th District	Large Display Alarm Clocks

# DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

The following individuals/organizations made contributions to our Resident Benefit Fund:

**CSRA Chapter Military Police Association**

**Stuart Bloom**

**Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Steve Smith**



*love*





# Warrior of the Month



February, the shortest month of the year filled with one of the most powerful motivators known to humanity. Love. How we express love and how we receive love is as unique as freshly fallen snowflakes. Some people get to experience wild fantastical love stories, some have quiet slow burn love stories, some have chaotic complicated tales with many, many... many volumes with ever evolving main characters, while others spend a lifetime searching but discover the love they have to give was meant for themselves and not another person. No matter how we explore our personal love journeys each has a beginning, middle, and unfortunate end.

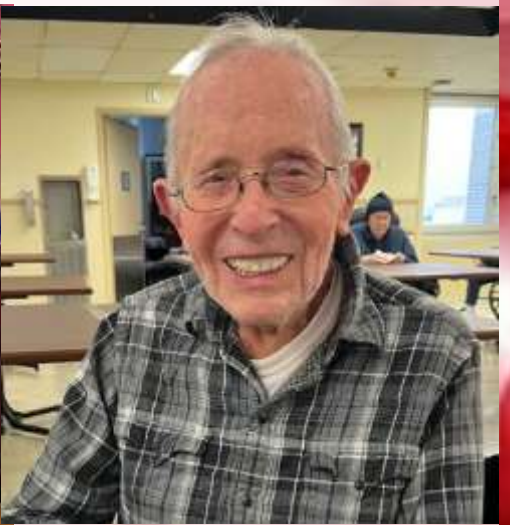
This month's Warrior of the Month, Mr. Lou Moore, had a slow burn love story with his wife 'Nita.' Meeting as young children Lou and Nita, 6 and 4 respectively, enjoyed playing in the corn field separating their homes along with their 21 collective siblings! Over the years their schoolyard hijinks and friendship morphed into something more. Lou cannot put his finger on the exact moment when the two decided to pursue each other romantically but "we got married so it happened I suppose." The two tackled every adventure life had to throw at them; from moving around the world to Australia to raising three children of their own, teaching their children to play softball, going antiquing, family trips, and art filled their home with laughter. Lou pursued a few careers over their 58 years of marriage with Nita right there beside him offering support and constructive criticism as needed. A marriage built by two people who wanted to forge their own path with love and mutual respect. When asked what advice he has for a successful marriage he simply stated, "When things get rough, just go back to when things were good and talk through the steps taken that led to the train getting off the tracks. Then you just fix it. If you cannot then that is that. You do what is best for your family. Love is great but you have to respect each other." From playing jacks as babies, lost in a sea of siblings, to becoming two adults who discovered how to conquer life on their own and defined their love in a way that fit them. Mr. Moore and his story is a wonderful example of the Veterans we have the honor of caring for and we are proud to have him be our Veteran of the Month!

Heather Nichols,  
Activities Director





# FUN AT GEORGIA WAR





# HAPPY NEW YEAR



**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR FROM  
THE GA WAR  
FAMILY AND  
STAFF!!!!**



*Happy*  
**NEW YEAR**  
**2025**





# ACTIVITIES WITH OUR VETS





# MORE FUN AT THE BLUE GOOSE





# PICTURES WITH THE CLAUSES





# PICTURES WITH THE CLAUSES





# CHRISTMAS PARTY



Thomas Haakinson





# HAPPY RETIREMENT



**1989-2025**      *36 Years*



**2012-2025**      *13 Years*





# JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION





# COLORING PAGE



## COLORING PAGE





# WORD SEARCH

Solution on page 24



## Valentine's Day

February 14th

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

T	S	E	R	A	E	D	D	I	P	U	C	E	Z	C
S	T	S	S	E	E	B	E	O	M	U	W	V	H	D
T	R	R	S	N	N	N	E	B	S	O	K	O	J	N
F	A	E	E	I	G	M	E	M	R	N	C	L	B	E
I	E	W	C	T	A	S	W	R	I	O	R	H	O	I
G	H	O	N	N	P	A	A	P	L	N	O	R	Y	R
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L	U	F	M	L	A	F	T	B	G	D	D	X	R	L
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U	R	O	S	E	S	N	K	I	S	S	G	A	Q	A
E	C	A	N	D	Y	D	E	V	O	L	E	B	E	R

ADORE

AFFECTION

ARROW

BE MINE

BELOVED

BOYFRIEND

CANDY

CHAMPAGNE

CHERUB

CHOCOLATE

CUPID

DARLING

DEAREST

FLOWERS

GIFTS

GIRLFRIEND

HEARTS

HUG

I LOVE YOU

KISS

LOVE

PINK

POEM

RED

ROMANCE

ROSES

SWEETHEART

VALENTINE



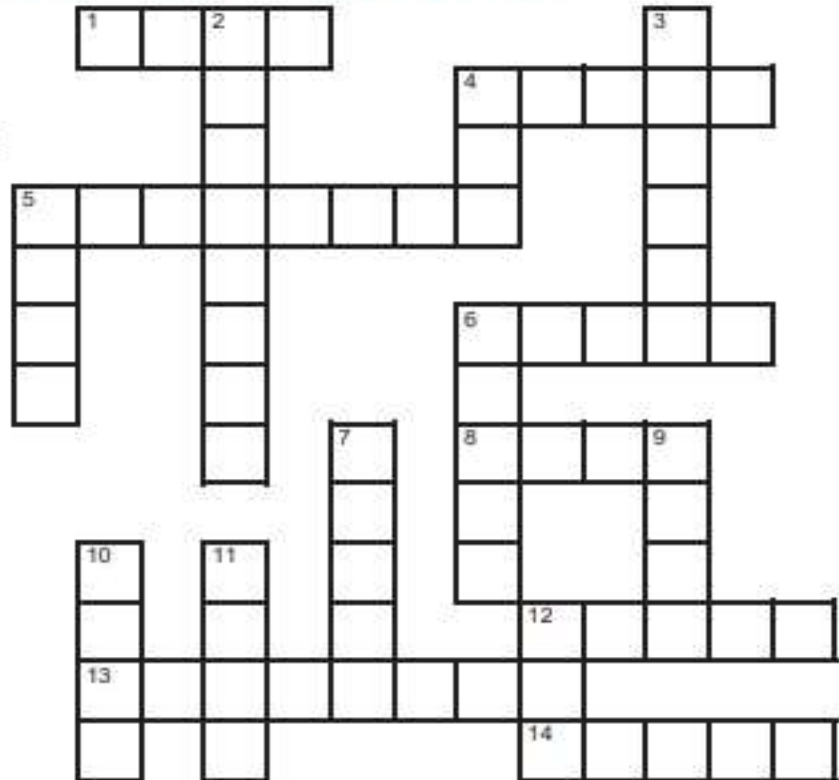
# VALENTINE'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Solution on page 25

## Be My Valentine

### Across

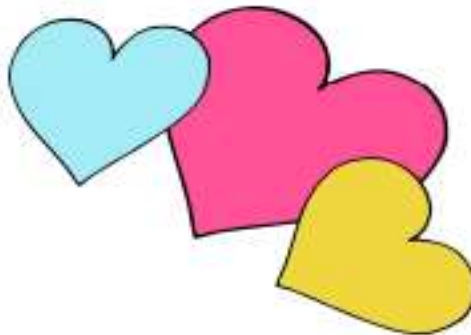
1. A special item given to show love and appreciation.
4. A symbol commonly associated with love and emotion.
5. The act of pursuing someone romantically.
6. Sweet treats that come in various flavors and shapes.
8. A color often associated with love and romance.
12. Beautiful and fragrant plants often associated with love.
13. A container for sending a special message or gift.
14. Symbolic birds representing love and peace.



### Down

2. The month that celebrates love and Valentine's Day.
3. A close companion with whom one shares affection and trust.
4. A gesture of affection where two people embrace tightly.
5. A small piece of paper with a heartfelt message.
6. The Roman god of love, often depicted with bow and arrow.
7. A heavenly being often depicted with wings and a halo.
9. A gentle touch of lips as a sign of affection.

10. A heartfelt piece of writing expressing emotions.
11. A feeling of deep affection and care.
12. A vibrant color symbolizing love and passion.



Angel  
Candy  
Card  
Courting  
Cupid  
Doves  
Envelope  
February  
Friend  
Gift  
Heart  
Hug  
Kiss  
Love  
Pink  
Poem  
Red  
Roses



# VALENTINE ANAGRAM

Solution on page 26

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Valentine's Day Anagram

Hidden Word

(solve the circled letters):

\_\_\_\_\_



a c d r \_\_\_\_\_

e f l o r s w \_\_\_\_\_

d e r \_\_\_\_\_

f g i t \_\_\_\_\_

a c c e h l o o t \_\_\_\_\_

a c d n y \_\_\_\_\_

i k n p \_\_\_\_\_

a e h r t \_\_\_\_\_

e l v o \_\_\_\_\_



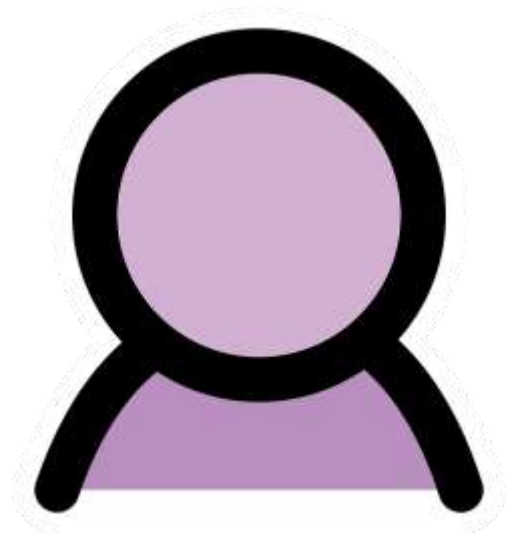
# HIDDEN NAME CONTEST

## Congratulations!

### January 2025 Hidden Name Contest Winners



**Wayne Batterman**



**Oops! Our staff winner did not  
find their name!**

Somewhere in this issue, we have hidden the names of one Georgia War Resident and one Staff Member.

If you find your name, please call the Activities Office to claim your prize.

Each month, we will randomly pick the name of one resident and one staff member. Be sure to carefully review each issue to see if your name is hidden somewhere within.

**Good Luck!**





## Let's Celebrate

### Prayer for 2025

As we swiftly move through the second month of the year, I want to share a prayer that Aaron, a priest, and the brother of Moses, prayed in Numbers 6:24–26 AMP. “May the LORD bless you, and keep you [protect you, sustain you, and guard you]; May the LORD make His face shine upon you [with favor], And be gracious to you [surrounding you with lovingkindness]; May the LORD lift up His countenance (face) upon you [with divine approval], And give you peace [a tranquil heart and life] ...”

This is also my prayer for you in 2025. I sincerely hope that you and your family are doing well. I have been reflecting on how fortunate and blessed we are as a people and nation and how sometimes we fail to recognize or value this fact. Sometimes I do not show appreciation for some things the good Lord has prevented from happening in my life.

In my opinion, God continuously provides for us when we are unable to. He does so in a number of ways when we cannot sustain ourselves. Even when we do not care for ourselves, he looks after us. Have you or someone you know ever been in a situation where God intervened, and the outcome was entirely different from what was anticipated? How many accidents or incidents did you avoid because of divine intervention? An accident is an event that has unintentionally happened that results in damage, injury, or harm. An incident is an event that has unintentionally happened, but this may not result in damage, harm, or injury. Most of the time, we do not think about that or even consider what could have happened or maybe should have happened to us along life's journey. As a civilian or veteran, how many times have you been in harm's way and somehow made it through or out of what I would call a close call? I can recall a few times while driving when I drifted into another car's lane, and I had someone cross those double lines and veered into mine as well. Knowing what could have happened made my heart race.

Do not take life or one another for granted is what I wish to emphasize. Love the people God has put in your life since we do not know how long any of us have left. We can all get annoyed with one another at some point, but we cannot let that ruin our relationship. While there is still breath in your body, make amends, show love, forgive, and seek forgiveness. Make it an incredible day!

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Lark Chaplain



## Fallen Heroes

by Joyce Atkinson

From the time I was conceived God had  
 for me a plan  
 He wanted me to get involved to help my  
 fellow man  
 I know some were against it but God  
 knows what is best  
 Since the day He took me home I've had  
 perfect rest  
 Heaven is so beautiful I'm walking  
 streets of gold  
 Now I'm serving others including saints  
 of old  
 I know some still have anger about the  
 way I died  
 But God and I both have seen the many  
 tears you've cried  
 He is a God of comfort whose love will  
 never cease  
 Give your feelings to Him and He will  
 give you peace  
 As difficult as it may be please don't hold  
 a grudge  
 Remember this my loved ones God alone  
 will judge  
 Then on that resurrection day when all  
 the dead will rise;  
 the Lord will reunite us together in the  
 skies  
 So don't give up my loved ones my  
 memory is still alive  
 Put your trust in the Lord; I know you will  
 survive!

## Chaplain's Corner

### in Memory of:

Welborn Spencer  
 Samuel Woodard  
 Gee Chalker  
 Marvin Armour  
 William Bentley

## Donations in Memory of Franklin Pearson:

Lois Maat Roberts



# Happy Birthday

## Residents

James Venable	2/4	James Russell Jr.	2/16
Raymond Frei	2/5	Samuel McFadden	2/18
Donnie Wright	2/7	Dale Grimstead	2/23
Thomas Burris	2/9	Charles Jenkins	2/24
William Deason	2/10	Francis Legrand	2/24
Frank Williams	2/15		

## Staff

Heather Nichols	2/1	Belinda Howard	2/24
Jermecca Doyle	2/7	Mary Palmer	2/24
Constance Jones	2/8	Dierdre Jackson	2/25
Everald Clarke	2/10	Cheryl Owens	2/26
Shaquita Howard	2/11	David Williams	2/26
Kayla Mealing	2/16	Cornelius Roberson	2/27
Arzoumma Ouedraogo	2/22	Mark Boatwright	2/28
Geor'Nyia Williams	2/23		

Wishing these wonderful residents and staff a Happy Birthday month!



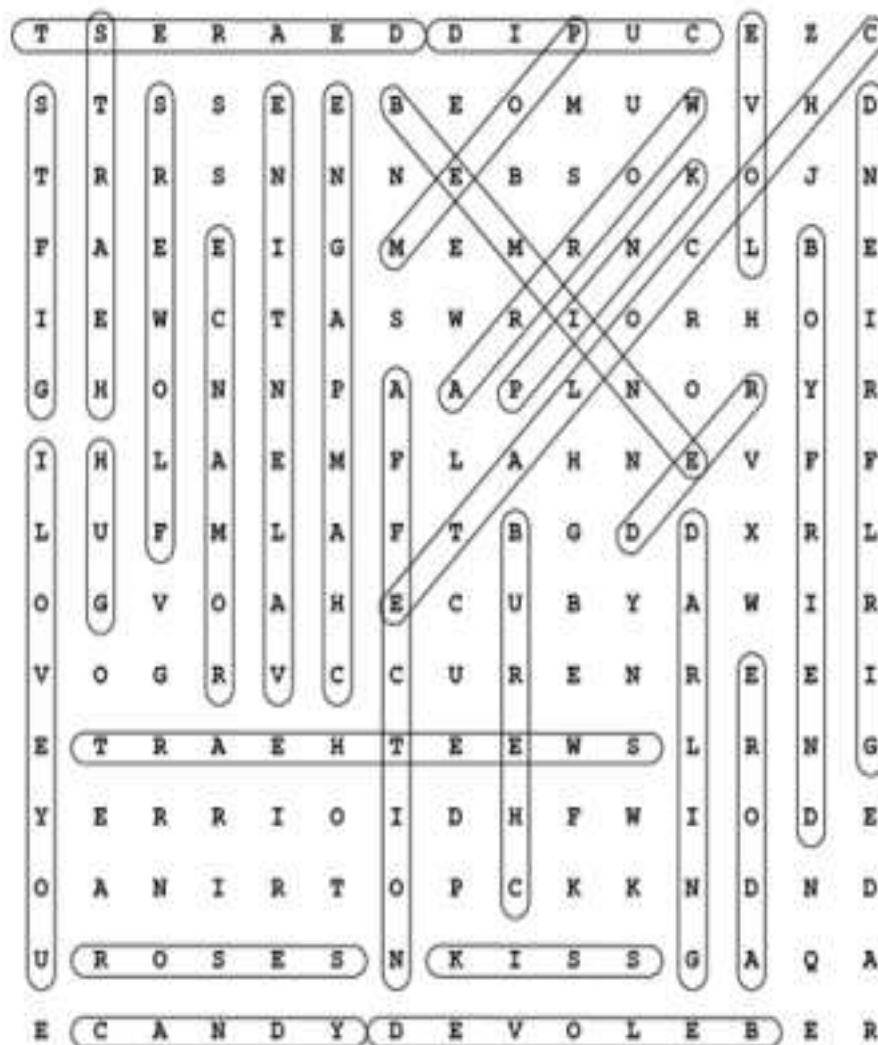


## WORD SEARCH SOLUTIONS

# Valentine's Day

## Word Search

### SOLUTION



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

## Be My Valentine

Crossword

SOLUTION





# Valentine Anagram Solution

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Valentine's Day Anagram

Hidden Word  
(solve the circled letters):

valentine



a c d r

card

e f l o r s w

flowers

d e r

red

f g i t

gift

a c c e h l o o t

chocolate

a c d n y

candy

i k n p

pink

a e h r t




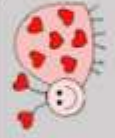


heart

e l v o

love

# FEBRUARY 2025



Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
 <b>2</b> Family Visits  <b>Faith Baptist Church @ 2:00</b>	 <b>3</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Music in Motion 2:30 BINGO	 <b>4</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 Courtyard Walk & Games! 7:00 BINGO with CMVA Riders	 <b>5</b> 8:30 Barber – 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor 10:00 Coffee & Donuts 2:30 Balloon Boxing 7:00 BINGO with DAV	 <b>6</b> 9:00 Movie & Popcorn on each unit 2:30 Ice Cream Social with DAV	 <b>7</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Bean Bag Fling	<b>1</b> Family Visits
<b>9</b> Family Visits	<b>10</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Music in Motion 2:30 BINGO with Well Care	<b>11</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 Miss Honey the Parrot	<b>12</b> 8:30 Barber – 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor 10:00 Chaplain Larry 10:00 Pine Needle Garden Club 2:30 Social with Elks Lodge	<b>13</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Valentines Crafts 2:30 Valentine's Day with Project Lifting Spirits	<b>14</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Valentine's Day Celebration	<b>15</b> Family Visits
<b>16</b> Family Visits  <b>Mackey House Music @ 2:30</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Music in Motion 2:30 Smallwood Bible Study 7:00 Evening BINGO	<b>18</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 BINGO	<b>19</b> 8:30 Barber – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Let's Make a Pinatal 2:30 Food for Thought	<b>20</b> 9:00 Movie & Popcorn on each unit 2:30 Social with AL Post 192 7:00 Evening Movie in Dining Room	<b>21</b> 9:00 Coffee Club 10:00 Let's Break a Pinatal 2:30 Octoband Stretch!	<b>22</b> Family Visits
<b>23</b> Family Visits  <b>Church of Christ @ 2:30</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Music in Motion 2:30 BINGO	<b>25</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 Social with AL Post 205	<b>26</b> 8:30 Barber – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Chaplain Larry 2:30 Birthday Party with VFW	<b>27</b> 9:00 Movie & Popcorn on each unit 2:30 Puzzle Palooza	<b>28</b> 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Octoband Stretch!	

Activities are subject to change based on Resident interest and safety. One-on-one activities occur on each floor





# Thank you

*To all of our Veterans, families, friends,  
and staff.*

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