

Cloverleaf Connection

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Celebrating May

Family Month

Arthritis Awareness Month

Personal History Month

Global Love Day

May 1

Intergalactic Star Wars Day

May 5

Cinco de Mayo

May 6–8

Mother's Day

May 8

**National Third Shift Worker's
Day**

May 11

Nursing Home Week

May 8 - 14

Memorial Day

May 30

Employee Spotlight



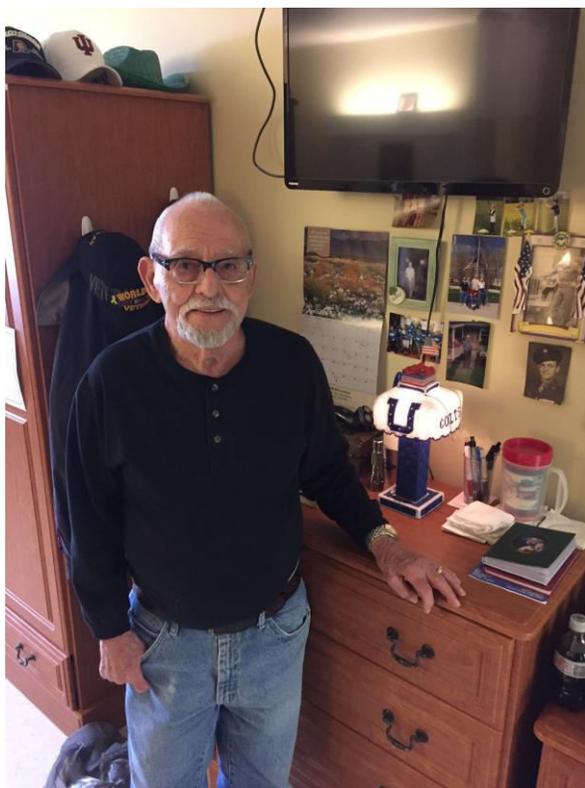
Phyllis Siples has been a mainstay at Cloverleaf Healthcare for the last 18 years. Phyllis' relationship with Cloverleaf started when her mom became a resident at Cloverleaf. Phyllis was at Cloverleaf so much with her mom that Nita Mayle and Dottie Burgess (former Admissions Director) felt that they should just go ahead and employ her.

Originally hired to assist with activities, Phyllis has moved on to help with every department. Wherever she was needed, Phyllis was never shy to lend a helping hand. That includes dietary, laundry, housekeeping – you name it. Her current role includes assisting with community projects and taking lunch and dinner orders for the residents.

Phyllis takes a lot of pride in Cloverleaf Healthcare. She has always said, "I want the residents to be treated as I wanted my mom to be treated." She considers Cloverleaf's residents to be an extension of her family.

Outside of Cloverleaf Phyllis is active in her church, and she enjoys spending time with her family. Phyllis has two sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Riding with Jim



With May marking the end of the calendar school year, we asked Jim Lawrence to tell us about his time serving his community as a school bus driver and maintenance man for the Clay Community School Corporation. However, after talking with Jim for a while he has served more than just his local community.

While Jim was still attending Brazil High School in the early 40's, he received a letter in the mail that a lot of young men his age received. Uncle Sam had called him to fulfill his civic duty, and fight the powers of tyranny in the U.S. Army. Jim accepted the call to serve in WWII, and served the Army as a military policeman. During his early days in the military while he was still stateside, Jim went on a short furlough. During that time, his division was deployed to Europe. When Jim got back, he was sent off to San Diego to meet up with his new division of MP's. Soon after he was deployed to the South Pacific. Jim served the U.S. Army from 1943-1946 before being discharged.

When Jim got back from his stint in the military, he got a job working in Terre Haute for Commercial Solvents. He worked there for several years before they went out of business. Jim then went on to work construction, and while he was doing that Jim was approached by the Transportation Director for Clay Community Schools. The Transportation Director asked Jim if he wanted to drive a school bus. He thought it would be the perfect job for Jim, since he was busy during the summers with construction and had the time during the winters. However, Jim had never driven a school bus, and he didn't know how comfortable he would be driving one. The Transportation Director told Jim to take one of the buses and drive it around town for the day. Jim did, and he drove a school bus for the next 37 years.

Not only would Jim drive a bus for Staunton Schools, he was also hired on as a maintenance man for Clay Community Schools. Jim would eventually move on to drive for the Brazil Schools when the school districts started to consolidate. Staunton was sorry to lose Jim as their bus driver. When he left, he received a plaque from the school and the band for his service. Jim also received an award from Governor Frank O'Bannon for his safety record as a bus driver.

Jim always enjoyed driving a bus for the Clay Community Schools. Whether it was driving kids to and from school or driving athletes to a local game, Jim just liked being around the teachers, parents, and students. Jim enjoyed it so much that after he retired from the maintenance department of 25 years, he continued to drive a bus for another 12 years.

Jim has been a resident at Cloverleaf for the last year. He has been at three different nursing facilities, but Cloverleaf is the only place he would recommend. He thinks Cloverleaf is a good place where everyone is nice and friendly.

2nd Lieutenant Bill Lynch



With Memorial Day approaching at the end of May, we asked Bill Lynch to talk about his time in the service. Bill was more than happy to talk about his time serving his country overseas.

Bill Lynch was drafted by the U.S. Army just after graduating High School. Bill was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. At that time the government had a program to increase the amount of engineers in the United States since many had already been sent to WWII. When Bill arrived at Fort Benjamin Harrison, he was asked to complete an IQ test. Apparently Bill did well enough on the test that he was sent to Louisiana State University to study engineering.

While studying engineering at LSU, Bill was living in student housing located in the Football Stadium. Every morning Bill would wake up to Mike the Tiger (LSU's school mascot) roaring as he was being fed breakfast. Bill's time studying engineering was short-lived. After about 1 ½ years, the demands of WWII were increasing and the U.S. government did away with the engineering program.

Bill was then sent to Fort Gruber in Muskogee, Oklahoma to complete basic training in November of 1944. He was to serve the Army Infantry's 42nd division as Private First Class. While in basic training and before being deployed overseas, Bill was ready to marry his girlfriend Elizabeth Bailey. Due to Elizabeth being in nursing school (which didn't allow nursing students to be married), Bill and Elizabeth were forced to elope. Soon after eloping with Elizabeth, Bill was deployed to Europe.

Bill and his division boarded a ship in New York Harbor and made way across the Atlantic. They passed through the Strait of Gibraltar, into the Mediterranean Sea, and docking at Marseille, France. They headed to Strasbourg Germany and set up next to the Rhine River with Germans on the opposing bank. Bill and his division were there for 5 months before being sent further north to join The Battle of the Bulge.

After The Battle of the Bulge, the Army had lost many officers. Bill had caught the eye of a commanding officer and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. Bill's duties involved acting as a Liaison between the 222nd Regiment and the 2nd Battalion. One day while performing his duties, Bill's Jeep ran over a land mine. Bill spend the next 71 days in a French hospital. By the time he was released from the hospital, the war had ended.

After the war ended, Bill stayed in Europe performing special duty on the post-WWII European infrastructure. Bill eventually returned to the U.S. and was discharged from active duty in 1946. He would stay enlisted with the Army Reserves for another 5 years. Bill was based in Terre Haute with the Army's 70th Division. When asked about his military service, Bill said, "There was a job to be done, and we did it."

Customer Service Superstar



Sandy Jones has been cooking our home-style breakfast and lunch meals for 15 years. If you stop in the kitchen you'll see her hard at work. She doesn't miss a beat, and will seldom take a break. Sandy might not know all of our residents by face, but she can tell you their diet, likes and dislikes off the top of her head. Sandy is a hard worker, and we want her to know how much her dedication and work ethic means to us.

Sandy likes routines and there have been many times in her 15 years that we've interfered with her routine. Even though it probably drove her crazy, she manages to stay positive and continue to provide tasteful and appealing meals to our Residents, visitors, staff members, and families. Sandy you are beautiful inside and out and we appreciate all you do and thank you for your 15 years of excellence.

Employee of the Month



Hila Depoy has been an employee at Cloverleaf for about 8 months. A co-worker describes her as a hard worker, dependable, and trustworthy. Hila is always willing to work any hall and any shift as needed. She has a good rapport with our Residents and her fellow staff members. Hila takes her time and has a lot of patience. Residents have stated that she takes her time with them and goes the extra mile to make sure they have what they need. Hila is the true definition of a caregiver, and we are honored she is a part of our family.