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Recognizing the Spirit of Humble Service

Our dear foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, exemplified the volunteer spirit. She gave of herself, her home, and her heart to those who were in need without expectation or want of something in return. "We are so fortunate to have the "volunteer" spirit thriving here at Mullen Home," said Mother Patricia Mary. "The Sisters are truly indebted to all their selfless hard work and caring. Our Residents look forward to them being here each day."



Each May, members of the Association Jeanne Jugan renew their promise to be of service to the needs of the elderly and the Sisters.



A few of our volunteers being "feted" at our annual Volunteer Recognition dinner in April.



Saint Jeanne Jugan welcoming those in need into her home in Saint-Servan, France in 1839.



Student missionaries from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln spend a full week with us each April doing chores and spending time with the Residents.

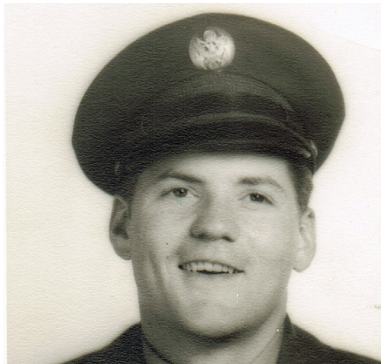
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Saluting Our Heroes – Thank you, dear Residents, for your service!

Anthony “Tony” Pisciotta – US Army

Tony served in the US Army in the 5th Armored Division from 1953 through 1955, achieving the rank of Sergeant. A member of the tank battalion, he recalls how lucky he was to be the only one to be “called out” from his battalion as his shipmates were sent off to fight in North Korea.

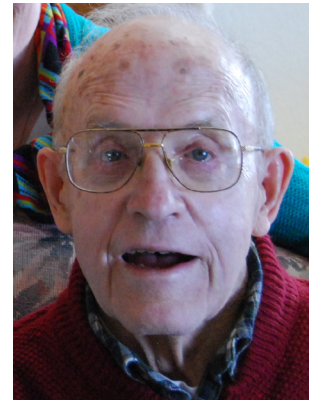
“My mother had 12 children, and by the grace of her prayers, I was sent to Ft. Hood, Texas to work for an Adjutant General. So many young American men were killed in Korea – may God rest their souls.” Thank you, Tony, for your service.



Tony in 1953 and today at age 83!

John Landrum – US Army

John joined the Army Reserves in 1951 and began active duty in 1952, attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His service in the Korean War earned him the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. John continued to serve in the US Army Reserve Medical Service Corps in Denver until his discharge in 1958. Thank you, John, for your service!



John ready for action in 1951 and today at age 88.

Thomas Cowhick – Army Air Corps

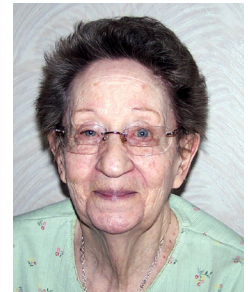
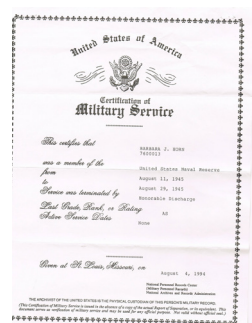


Thomas in his uniform in 1944 and today at age 90.

Thomas served in the Army Air Corps from February 1944 through October 1946 achieving the rank of Captain, and was stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado. He chose to stay in the Reserves after his active duty and served for a while in Germany. Thank you, Tom, for your service.

Barbara Metzger – Aiming to Serve!

With all good intentions, Barbara J. Horn Metzger signed up to serve in the US Navy in 1945. But the day she and several other service volunteers showed up to get their assignments, they were told they were no longer needed and were mustered out receiving Honorable Discharges. She became “famous” among her family members, providing them with lots of laughs throughout the years for having served the shortest stint in the military: August 11, 1945 to August 29, 1945! And she didn’t even get a uniform! No matter. The important thing is that you tried! Thank you, Barb, for almost serving!



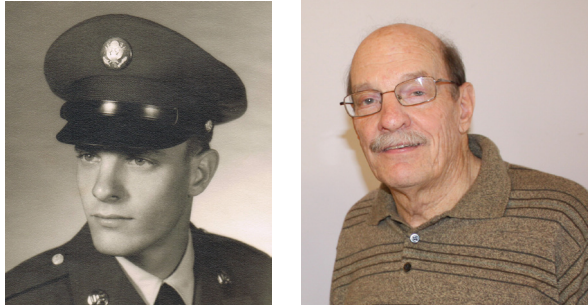
Barbara in 1945; her discharge certificate; and Barbara today at age 91!



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Timothy "Tim" Lavis – Arizona National Guard

Tim served in the Arizona National Guard from April 1960 through April 1966. He was trained as a helicopter mechanic and was stationed at Ft. Ord in California and Ft. Rucker in Alabama. He was at Ft. Rucker during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. Thank you, Tim, for your service.



Tim in his uniform in 1960, and today at age 74.

Kathryn "Kitty" Sednek – WACS & US Army

Kitty joined the Women's Army Corp (WACS) on September 25, 1942 as a member of the band, playing the drums. A year later she transferred over to the regular Army and worked with the medics as a surgical technician in the Army medical hospital. She earned three stripes and reached the level of sergeant. Kittie was honorably discharged on December 23, 1944. Thank you, Kitty, for your service!



Kitty on her wedding day October 1944, and today at 95!

Robert "Bob" Crandell – US Army

Bob served in the Army Medical Corps as a combat medic from 1942 until 1944, attaining the rank of Corporal. He fought in the South Pacific, including the Philippines, Guadal Canal, and New Britain. He earned several medals, including 2 Asiatic Pacific Campaign medals, Philippines Liberation Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Bronze Star, and the WWII Victory Medal. Thank you, Bob, for your service!



Bob in 1942 and today at age 93.

Joseph N. Padilla Sr. – US Navy

Joseph entered the US Navy in 1942 at the age of 17. He received five stars for his service in the Pacific Theater during World War II. When he served on the USS California, Joseph experienced multiple brushes with death, including a ship to ship collision and multiple kamikaze strikes. He would have died in the collision had he been where he was scheduled to be, but he had fortuitously accepted a different command for a shipmate who was ill, saving his life. Joseph refused the Purple Heart for his acts of courage saying, "My brothers who paid the ultimate price were the true heroes." Thank you, Joseph, for your service!



Joseph in 1942 and today at age 90.

James "Jim" McClernon – US Navy



Jim in 1950 and today at age 84.

Jim enlisted in the US Navy in August 1950 and served as Petty Officer 3rd Class. He was discharged June 4, 1954. Jim served in the South Pacific Theaters which included Hawaii, Japan, China, Formosa, and Australia with the majority of time spent in Korea at the Alameda Naval Air Station and on the USS Taussig, a DD746 destroyer. During his service, Jim received 6 medals and ribbons including the Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Korean Occupation Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal. Thank you, Jim, for your service.

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends

I hope you enjoyed reading about some of our dedicated Residents in the military!

It reminds me during this “Year of Mercy” that the Lord is asking us to *love* and *care* for one another always, in good and in bad times. Cardinal Sean O’Malley of Boston said: “When we see with the eyes of mercy, we open the doors of our hearts. We can no longer be indifferent and focused only on our own challenges. We open doors and serve others who desire to encounter God’s mercy.” Mullen Home is alive with so many Residents, staff, families, volunteers and Little Sisters who share God’s merciful love with others. How beautiful to give and receive God’s Love. Thank you for your interest and help in serving the needs of Mullen Home. Truly you have entered into the heart of the Gospel!

Before the arrival of our next newsletter, spring will blend into the summer months. Take time to enjoy God’s natural gifts to us in the beauty and magnificence of nature. Thank Him!

May your summer be blessed with joy and renewed strength. Please be assured of our prayers for your many intentions.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Sr. Patricia Mary

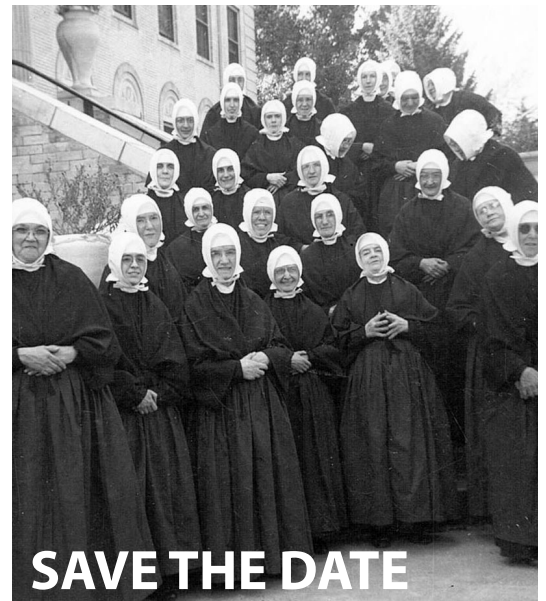
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From the Archives... Reaping a Mullen Harvest

It’s not unusual for Mullen Home Residents to pitch in when and where needed! And the Little Sisters and staff appreciate your service! Here, in the 1970s, Resident Dan Hoare helps Sister Joseph Marie assess the right time for harvest in the bountiful garden grown on the beautiful acreage surrounding the Home.



SAVE THE DATE

September 16, 2017

**Celebrating a Century
1917-2017**

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Little Sisters of the Poor and
Mullen Home for the Aged.

Details to come.

REMINDER! Still time to purchase your raffle tickets.

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*A win-win Opportunity:
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1st Place Winner -- \$7,500

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**Purchase your tickets now:
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Drawing will be held on July 4th at 12:30 p.m. at Mullen Home.

You need not be present to win.



Resident Griselda Mejias with Sister Mary Grace.