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On June 6, 1944 more than 156,000 American, British and Canadian troops stormed 50 miles of Normandy's beaches in Northern France. Johnnie McCloud is one of those American heroes who lived through one of the fiercest battles in World War II. Read his story inside this edition of Parlor Talk.

An American Hero Lives Here

Mr. McCloud is a resident here at the Widows Home of Dayton. He came here following his 100th birthday and is approaching his 101st!

Mr. McCloud is a proud World War II veteran and will regale you with stories from when he served. He served as a Tech-5 in Company C, 331st Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Division (U.S. Army).

His tour of duty began April 1942 and he served until he was honorably discharged in January of 1946. Throughout his military career, he was awarded a Bronze Star, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Medal Badge, and a bar for being a Marksman and Rifle Sharpshooter. His proudest accomplishment was being one of the first soldiers to land in Normandy, France and receiving the Battle and Confidence Award and the French Jubile de la Liberté medal. According to his nephew, Mr. McCloud not only survived D-Day, but he was also on a ship heading towards Japan when the war ended. (Thanks to the family for sharing his information.)



Johnnie McCloud
331st Regiment - Company C
83rd Infantry Division

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A Few Upgrades

Thanks to several donors and foundations, we've been able to make a few upgrades here at the Widows Home.

Thanks to the Fred and Alice Wallace Memorial Charitable Foundation for their donation of \$10,000 which paid for new dining room chairs and tabletops! We were able to stretch their dollars by only replacing the tabletops as the bases were perfectly fine. Now our dining room is fresh and stylish! Speaking of the kitchen ...

The Physicians Foundation of the Miami Valley donated funds for much needed kitchen upgrades that included a new kitchen sink and tray return. This donation has improved the entire kitchen process and enables us to have greater efficiencies and cleaning practices.

We also want to thank everyone who contributed to our porch donation request. Thanks to the generous donations, all new patio furniture, décor, and curtains have been purchased and put in place.

Donations from people like you help keep the "Home" in Widows Home. We thank all of our donors for every contribution. Did you know if you donate just \$12 a month, you will help fill the gap between Medicaid and private pay resident for two weeks? Monthly donations are easy, just visit www.widowshome.org and click the "Donate Now" button in the upper righthand corner!

~ STAFF SPOTLIGHT ~



It's Where I Was Meant to Be

Karl Zalar has been with Widows Home for three years now, and even though he was plucked out of retirement to come here, he doesn't see himself leaving anytime soon. Karl serves as the Home's Administrator and, as such, he oversees the department heads and is the primary leader of the facility.

Karl began working with seniors in a rehabilitation hospital and nursing home. His career path kept him in health care but solely on the business side. He wanted to be closer to the residents/patients and the staff serving them. Long-term care seemed to be the perfect fit. Karl says, "It is where I was meant to be!"

When asked about COVID-19, Karl responded, "COVID-19 is something no one can ever prepare for. It is pushing every health care professional to limits we have never seen. I will say the individuals I work with have been resilient, caring, flexible and downright hard-working people. There have been struggles and challenges, but we have persevered."

Karl is a graduate of State University of New York and holds two Masters Degrees: one in Rehabilitation from Bowling Green and the other in Management from Antioch University Midwest. He originally hails from Tiffin, Ohio, and now lives in Huber Heights with his lovely wife, Julie. He and Julie have four children and six grandchildren.

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Mr. McCloud is a quiet man that spends time in his room, but when he's up to it and, of course, prior to COVID-19, you could find him walking the halls, or sitting in his favorite recliner in one of the day rooms. All the staff enjoy listening to his stories especially about his time in France where he states, "I almost married a little French gal there and wonder what happened to her."

Mr. McCloud was married to his lovely wife, Nellie Faye for 63 years! They both worked at Delco Moraine and both retired in 1976. They loved their home on Huffman Avenue and hosted many a party and celebration there.

Mr. McCloud is a true treasure, not only to our community and country, but to have at the Widows Home. It is our honor and pleasure to assist in his health care. Your ongoing support and contributions make this place more than just a nursing home. It is really a home, and your gifts keep it that way.



In Memoriam

As we reflect on this difficult year, our hearts break over those we lost.
It is with great sorrow and sadness that we say goodbye to so many.

George Barnett

Dwayne Lumpkin

Howard Perkins

Daryl Eillson

Donnie Nelms

Mary Shelton

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Home for the Holidays

During these uncertain times and living during a worldwide pandemic, the Widows Home wants the best holiday season possible for all our residents. You can support our efforts by adopting one of our residents for the Holidays and buying their Christmas gifts. Call Tatiana at **937.252.1661** to adopt a resident today! You'll be making Christmas bright for someone very special.

