Serving Our Protectors of Freedom

In this issue, we hope to inspire you through the stories of some of our outstanding Veteran volunteers & receivers as we honor our Ocean & Monmouth Veterans.

The Protectors of Freedom Monument is a tribute to the heroism of each and every soldier. This beautiful monument was funded by the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation.

Sculpture vision & design: Brian Hanlon of Hanlon Sculpture Studios
Photo credit: Tom DeAngelis, The Production House, LLC, Toms River
Dear Friends,

When I was growing up, I loved hearing stories of my dad’s adventures in the Navy during World War II. As he got older, his favorite thing to do was to pass along these stories to my 3 boys. My dad passed away on Nov. 8, 2011, but his legacy and memory lives on in remembering his stories.

On, November 11, 2018, we celebrate the official U.S. holiday, Veterans Day. In this issue, we want to let you know that at our agency, every day is “Veterans Day.” I truly hope that you will recognize how important our outreach to Ocean and Monmouth County veterans are and appreciate our veteran volunteers who continue their mission to serve.

As we head into fall, I also want to personally thank each and every one of you for making our 25 Year Anniversary year so special. It was rewarding to take a step back in time and honor our roots. It was also gratifying to realize the tremendous growth and impact of CVCJ through the service of ALL our volunteers & supporters.

One thing remains constant – our agency exists to make life better for those wishing to remain independent as they age and provide relief to those who care for them. We are honored that you allow us into your lives and we thank you for the support you provide.

Warmest Regards,

Lynette

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**American Legion Post 129 & Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey**

**Operation: Senior Veteran Independence**

We are proud to announce our strategic partnership with American Legion Post 129 in Toms River. In keeping with the values of the American Legion and our shared commitment to assist veterans and their caregivers we will work together to enable individuals to remain independent in their homes and provide meaningful connections. Thank you to Ralph Wolff for spearheading this effort.

**If you belong to a Veteran organization, please reach out to us!**
Above: Celebrating our more than 1100 volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Below: Celebrating our talented community partners at our “Dancing with Their Stars” event.

Above: Celebrating the launch of our caring strategic partnership with Comfort Keepers of Central Jersey.

Right: Celebrating the wisdom of our receivers at our 95+ party hosted by Community Medical Center.
Lucy and Candis were matched with Faith when they joined Caregiver Canines in 2017. They visit once a month and Candis loves the way Faith smiles when Lucy gives her kisses. She says it reminds her of her mother and it makes her happy to give back. When Candis and Lucy arrive for their visit, Faith is anxiously waiting for her furry friend on the same spot on the couch each time.

Monday through Friday you can find Caregiver Canines® volunteer, Candis Kaman, in an airplane hangar on the Lakehurst Naval Base. Candis has been working on military aircraft since 1979 when she enlisted in the United States Navy. In her 10 years of service, Candis, an Aviation Mechanic Hydraulic Petty Officer 2nd class, was stationed in Tennessee, San Diego, Hawaii and then returned to New Jersey, where she was born and raised.

During her service years she worked on many different types of airplanes including C-12s. Her specialty was hydraulic systems. Women were not allowed on the boats when Candis served but one day she and her fellow servicewomen were given a trial run on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier. The men on deck were not even aware the women were present. They performed their duties well and everyone was stunned when they took off their helmets and goggles. They proved that women could do the same job as the men.

Candis left the Navy in 1989 so she could take care of her aging parents. After her father passed away Candis and her mother lived together. That is when Lucy came into her life. When Candis adopted Lucy she had no idea how much joy she would bring to her mother’s life. Lucy loved to give her mother kisses and when she passed Candis knew she needed to find another “grandma” for Lucy to love.

Caregiver Canines® provides FREE in-home visits to seniors and their caregivers who miss the joy and unconditional love that only a dog can bring. Visits are with a certified pet therapy dog and volunteer.

Would you like a Doggie visit?
Contact Danielle at (732) 505-2273, ext. 202 or e-mail daniellem@caregivervolunteers.org
Two Monmouth County combat veterans from different generations form a friendship late in life, Bill, a Marine who served in Vietnam and Bob who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Bill, began volunteering for CVCJ in February and was eager to visit with a fellow veteran. We knew right away that he would be a perfect match for Bob!

Bob had recently been in the hospital, so it took some “recon” on Bill’s part to locate him, but once they met, they became fast friends. They both get so much from visiting each other. Bob is a terrific story teller and at 96 his memory and recollection of names, dates and specific events is truly remarkable! Bill says he is absolutely captivated by Bob’s stories and wants to document as many of them as possible, while there’s still time.

One thing that Bob has been passionate about over the years is his hand-made, wood model airplane collection. They connect him to his past and his memories of service to his country. In his room where we had our visit, he had 3 of his models displayed (pictured left to right below) -- the B25, the B24 that Bob worked on and flew in as a flight engineer, and the P38.

The relationship that Bill and Bob share, transcends the generations, like so many of our Vet to Vet connections we’ve made over the years. They both enjoy the companionship and camaraderie they share. As we concluded our visit, Bill and Bob saluted each other as a sign of respect and brotherhood.

Our Vet to Vet program in Monmouth County is just getting started. We are actively seeking veteran organizations in Monmouth County to help us share the message about our services and recruit volunteers. We’re fighting a war on loneliness and isolation and as Uncle Sam used to say...We Need You!
Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ) is dedicated to providing vital assistance to the elderly, disabled, veterans and those who care for them. Our goal is to enable individuals to remain independent and to allow them to live with dignity and joy.

**Our Mission**

To live in a world where our elders are cared for and honored.

**Our Vision**

I Have Decided To Stick With LOVE

Hate Is Too Great A Burden To Bear.

~ Dr. Martin Luther King

- Christ the King Parish, Long Branch
- Marlboro Jewish Center
- Sons of Israel, Manalapan
- The Church of the Nativity, Fair Haven

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**A Warm Welcome To Our New Interfaith Coalition Members**

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!
Thank you to our generous supporters for their assistance in keeping Monmouth & Ocean County Seniors in their homes.

Your Support Makes A Difference

Special Thank You To Our 2018 Partners In Caring

Affiliated Foot & Ankle Center, LLC
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(Contributions such as meeting space, hosting an event, etc.)

Angela Scozzari, CVCJ Carereceiver
Brandywine Senior Living at The Gables & Reflections
Brick High School NHS Students
Calgo Gardens
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Central Printing
Cherished Memory Photography
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Community Medical Center
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Monmouth Community Development Block Grant
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Suez Water Toms River
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Toms River Chamber of Commerce
Toms River Community Development Block Grant
United Methodist Communities-Homeworks
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Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey continues to be blessed by donations from our clients and their families and by the financial support of our friends in the community. We are grateful for their generosity, which enables Caregivers to fulfill our mission. This list includes in memoriam & honorarium donations through the month of July. Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this list. Kindly forward any additions or corrections to the CVCJ office to be listed in the next newsletter.

**In Memory of:**

Nunzio Alfano  
Columbus Aragon  
Joseph Baptista  
Georgina Barton  
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**In Lieu of Flowers…**

We offer our sincere condolences and gratitude to the families of:

**Salvatore Grillo**  
**Steve Pardes**  
**Judith Senett**  
**Mary Whiteman**

for designating Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey to receive donations in lieu of flowers.

**In Honor of:**

Steve Pardes  
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Mario Pavia  
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John Reape  
Anthony Ricardi  
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Judith Senett  
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Larry & Nancy Akin’s  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Robert Alberding  
Tess Badala  
Ray Barton  
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William Belluzzi  
Florence Braun  
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C. Cattley  
Mary Collica  
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Neil John Esposito  
Rose Fillbrunn  
Anna Franke  
Robert Goodyear  
Nancy Gordon  
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Donna Jandersit  
Stella Kaminski  
Robert & Carol  
Kenderes’  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Ann Kleiner  
Peter Lewis  
Elaine Long  
Dorothy Lord  
Hans Lorenzen  
Meryl Markowitz’s  
Birthday  
Barbara McGoff  
Florence Monaco  
Jerry Naron’s 90th  
Birthday  
Pat Newman  
Maryann O’Grady  
Grace Otto-Kurak  
James Pacicca  
Donna Palmer  
Giovanna Putrino  
Donald Schwerdt’s 90th  
Birthday  
Roger Sharkey  
Miriam Sodergren  
Paul Tortorici  
Mary Troy  
Albert Tutko  
Ana Valentine  
Van’s Birthday  
John Vescuso  
Santina Villari  
Carole Wood  
Grace Young

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The official definition of Legacy is...a gift by will especially of money or other personal property. My definition is... leaving my resources to keep alive the organization that provides help to the elderly so they can remain independent. So why would I want my Legacy to be inherited by Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ)? There is one basic reason... I truly believe in the organization that for the past 13 years my husband and I have volunteered for.

Leaving money to an organization in your will is a very personal decision, but an important one. Mike and I are presently retired and worked all our lives to get to the point where we feel financially secure. In today’s economic climate we still have to be cautious. Although we would love to give a large sum of money to CVCJ, this is not something we can do at this time.

So here is what we decided to do... we named CVCJ in our will to receive a legacy gift. We always say we will probably be worth more when we are gone. That is true of so many of us because we have been careful to prepare for the unexpected and hopefully it doesn’t happen. An individual’s estate might include a home, investments, insurance and many other personal items that would leave a substantial Legacy gift.

Mike and I feel great knowing that a legacy gift to CVCJ is something that will ensure their mission of care (which I know many of you love and respect as well) will continue for years to come. Think about joining my husband and me in Caregiver’s “Legacy of Care Society”. It’s so easy to do and you will feel wonderful knowing your legacy will live on and on to help others in need.

To request a copy of the Creating Your Legacy brochure and to learn more about making a gift in your Will or living trust that will impact lives for years to come, please contact Lynette Whiteman at 732.505.2273 or lynettew@caregivervolunteers.org
Save The Date
Saturday, November 17th
6:00-10:00pm

Please Join Us and Our 2018 Distinguished Honorees:

CVCJ Legacy Awards
Jay and Linda Grunin
The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation

Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation

Outstanding Business Partner
Atlantic Physical Therapy Center

Interfaith Visionary Leadership Awards
Msgr. Casimir Ladzinski
Msgr. Sam Siriani

The Versailles Ballroom
at the Ramada of Toms River
2373 Route 9
Toms River, NJ 08755

Tickets are: $125.00
Includes:
Four hour open bar, cocktail hour w/ butler passed hors d’oeuvres, sit down dinner with choice of entrée, dessert & dancing w/ DJ John from Gem Sounds.

Visit caregivervolunteers.org/events or contact Linda at 732-505-2273, ext. 203 for additional information.
The CVCJ Champion was a ten-week long challenge held in November 2017 to raise money for, and awareness of, the organization. Teams competed to raise the most money for CVCJ, through events or fundraisers they hosted. Crossroads Realty won the challenge by raising over $7000 for Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey.

See our website for more information on our 2018 Champion Winner.
Save The Date
Bada Bing Bada Bang
Murder Mystery Dinner

November 3, 2018 ~ 6-10pm

Tickets are: $40
Includes: Buffet dinner & Interactive Murder Mystery

Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine
61 Georgia Road Freehold, NJ 07728

(There will be a small gift auction & 50/50)
Contact Annmarie at (732) 876-3900 or annmariec@caregivervolunteers.org for more information.

Join Us!
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
1:00-2:30PM

Meet representatives offering FREE services to the Senior Community in Ocean County

St. Maximillian Kolbe
Community Room
130 St. Maximillian Lane, Toms River

For additional information, contact Mary at (732) 505-2273, ext. 211
marym@caregivervolunteers.org