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 Garden Life Resident Newsletter  
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## Remembering a True Hero



By: Ed Rand

It was a tall, large-boned man standing six foot two.

He had brown hair and gray eyes and a prominent nose. His shoe size was thirteen. He carried with him an air of reserve and dignity frequently possessed by tall men. People seemed to naturally respect him.

As a young man he began a career as a land surveyor.

There was however, deep inside him a love for the military and he eventually became a soldier in the militia.

His early military career was at best spotty. He engaged in several battle skirmishes and lost about as many as he won. People were convinced, however, that he was a good soldier. He simply looked the part.

He inherited the family homestead, a comfortable farm on the Potomac River. He met and married an older woman, reputed to be quite wealthy. He had a rumored love affair with a neighbor's wife. He was in short, a very human being.

As a gentlemen farmer and landowner he began to take serious interest in the political climate of the country side. He attended the state "Legislature: and he was regarded as somewhat quiet and very serious at the meetings, he impressed his fellow legislators.

As clouds of war began to envelope the country, the government, such as it was at the time, appointed him to lead their fledging army.

Ill equipped, frosting badly trained band of irregulars, he found himself in serious trouble. The enemy he opposed had one of the best armies in the world. Which eventually broke out both the military might of his enemy and the lack of training of his army put him in a terrible position. Desertions became common events and replacements for the deserters were hard to come by. Military equipment was sadly lacking and the general's lack of battle experience began to tell.

But he was very lucky and beyond that very brave. His troops remarked frequently upon his appearance, upon a white horse, a perfect target, right in the heart of battle with his men. As the war went on his experience grew and his daring and combat skill grew with it. It was said that when situations seemed hopeless his commanding the army with courage and bravery often won the day. His ability led to the final defeat of the enemy and their departure from this shore.

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But it was not to be. Like so many other retired soldiers, his country would not let go of him. Politics again called and finally in 1789 he, general George Washington was named by the electoral college as the first president of the United States of America. A new title, a new job, a new country.

Being president, when the country had never had one was no easy job. The position really could have gone in several directions some of which are frightening to consider. Washington however moved in a fair and impartial direction appointing to his brand new administration members of both political parties and trying to lead at all times with total fairness.

His efforts at impartiality caused many to criticize him as a stiff, cold, patrician and aloof man. Many of his contemporaries looked upon him as a difficult person to know. Yet it was his utter sense of dignity and awareness of the importance of the job that made Washington a good president and the author of a job description for the job that remains little changed to this day.

This tall man about whom we know so much less than many of his contemporaries, has become a legend. His own reticence and his family's penchant for giving away and destroying his papers, have left us with much to imagine and little to really know about the whole man.

Yet he remains with us in Gilbert Stuart's painting, in his picture on the dollar bill, in the stories of his chopping down the cherry tree and tossing a dollar across the Potomac, and in that little piece of doggerel we all know, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

In spite of all these little things and in this day when heroes are few and far between, Washington remains a true hero. A successful warrior, a good and honest president, a leader at a time when America really needed one. He was all these and we have every right to celebrate him.



## Did you know?

By: Jack Evett

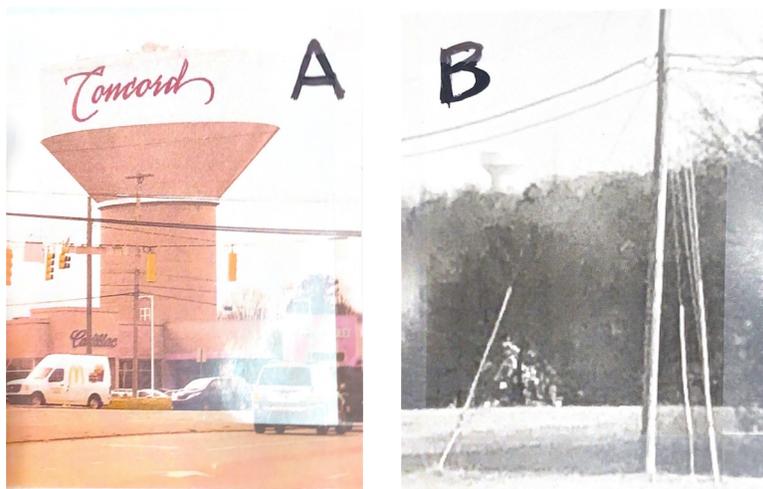
Have you ever seen the standpipe (water tower) shown in picture “A”? It is located in Concord at 287 Concord Parkway S. That is where Concord Parkway S veers to the left (traveling north) and Cabarrus Avenue W veers to the right. It is near Ben Mynatt Buick, Chevrolet and Cadillac dealerships. Second question: Did you know you can see this standpipe looking from Taylor Glen? Well, you can. Here’s how.

As you come through the gate off of Pitts School Road, the road turns slightly to the left and then slightly to the right. After you make the second turn, the gold practice area will be to the right. Look out over the practice area as far as you can to the horizon and just above the trees, you can see the water tower. As you can see from picture “B”, it is between two power poles. Try it next time you enter the compound.

Now you might be wondering how I know this. Well, I was looking out that way one time while driving in and spotted the standpipe. I began to wonder where it was located. I initially thought it was the one at the speedway. Having taught surveying at UNCC for many years, I decided I should be able to figure it out. As I drove in, I stopped when I saw the tower. My internal car compass indicated my car was headed Northeast. That would be a bearing of approximately N 45 E. I then estimated the angle between the direction of my car and a line of sight to the tower to be approximately 35. That would make the bearing of the tower N 80 E.

I came home and went to [google.com/maps](http://google.com/maps) on my computer and drew a ghost line N 80 E from the location of my car when I saw the tower. If I was right, I should be able to spot the tower on my map along this line. First of all, I realized it was not the tower at the speedway. You would have to be looking south (back over the entry gate) to see it, which is impossible because of the trees. Then it dawned on me that it was the aforementioned tower at Concord. I confirmed it by using my binoculars and reading the red **Concord** written on the side of the tower. At night, the tower is lit up and can be seen from Taylor Glen. QED.

P.S. I thought I had come up with something that would stump everybody here But alas, I went out into the hall, encountered Madeleine, and told her about my “discovery”. She said she knew that already. So much for that. Well, maybe a few will not know about it and find it interesting!





# ***HE WAS FIRED BEFORE HE STARTED WORK***



**By: Jesse Myers**

Yep! Folks, it's true. He got fired before he even reported to his job to begin his first day of work. Those of us who know affable Taylor Glen resident Dave Ireland have difficulty believing this story, but Dave assures us it is true. This is how it came about.

After completing prep school in his home state of Vermont, Dave enrolled in the pre-med program at the University of Connecticut. Dave flourished over the next four years. He did well in his pre-med courses and completed his undergraduate studies on schedule. He married in his senior year at UConn and in June stood ready to pick up his diploma. He anticipated entering medical school in the fall with his goal a career in medicine. However, when he picked up his diploma, he found an additional piece of paper waiting for him as well, his draft notice. Uncle Sam needed his services in the United States Army for the next two years.

So, Dave put his medical school aspirations on hold, found a place where his young wife would be safe, and headed off to join the Army. He was assigned to the **3rd Infantry Division** which was being reactivated at Fort Benning, Georgia. Dave went through basic training and advanced individual training with the division distinguishing himself which resulted in his being appointed as an acting Sergeant. Once training and reorganization was completed, the entire division was deployed to Germany on a two- week ocean voyage to replace the 10th Infantry Division as part of NATO's first line of defense.

The **3rd Infantry Division** has a rich combat heritage and is one of the most distinguished units in the United States Army. The division fought in France in World War I. During World War II, they were part of a task force that made an amphibious assault in 1942 on the coast of Morocco to neutralize the Vichy French forces in North Africa. During July 1943, the division made another amphibious assault on the coast of Sicily and followed this up by invading Italy at Salerno in September. Following D-Day in 1944, the division was redeployed to France and fought their way across France and into Germany before the war ended in 1945. The division also fought in Korea. Over its history, 61 members of the division have been awarded the Medal of Honor making the division the most honored in the history of the United States Army.

The **3rd Infantry Division** was also noted for one of its most distinguished alumni. Audie Murphy was one of the most decorated U.S. soldiers in World War II having been awarded the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. Lieutenant Murphy became an actor after World War II ended and many of you will recall seeing him star in some of the many western movies produced during the fifties and sixties.

The time was the mid-fifties at the height of the Cold War. Nikita Khrushchev was head of the Russian Communist Party and the Iron Curtain was firmly in place. In fact, the Iron Curtain effectively split Germany into two separate countries, East Germany and West Germany. The **3rd Infantry Division** was stationed at the border, so Dave Ireland was going to find himself on the front line of the Cold War. It was good that he found himself assigned to such a distinguished fighting outfit.

Dave recalls participating in maneuvers on the border. It was very realistic with soldiers operating with strict light discipline at night to prevent the East Germans from observing their movements. He slept in a foxhole that was deeper than a man's height but had a ledge so occupants could keep their feet dry and could have a dry place to sleep when the bottom of the foxhole was filled with water during the harsh German winter. Maneuvers were meant to be realistic, testing battle plans, tactics, equipment, and men. However, they were necessary to ensure the **3rd Division** stayed ready for battle.

When not on maneuvers, Dave continued to do well in the Army. He retained his status as an acting Sergeant. His superiors quickly recognized Dave's strong intellectual abilities and assigned him to teach some of his fellow soldier's basic academic subjects such as history, math, and English to help prepare those without a high school diploma for the Graduate Equivalency Diploma testing.

When off duty, Dave took advantage of the rich cultural and travel opportunities available in Germany. After three months in Europe, Dave brought his wife over and they found adequate lodging off post in the local German economy. They immersed themselves in the local culture and made good friends with some of their German neighbors. It had been just 12 years since the end of World War II. For Germany, it was a bitter end and many of the inhabitants were reluctant to interact with American troops. Dave recalls one friend who warned him before inviting Dave and his wife to his home, "Don't feel insulted if my father gets up and leaves the room when I introduce you. He still has bitter memories of the war." And, in fact, this is what happened. But over the next year, Dave and his wife emerged as ambassadors for Americans and became fast friends with the son AND the father. They became friends to the extent that later, the father threw a huge party for Dave's wife on her birthday. Still later, the father visited Dave in New York after he returned to the United States.

As the months passed Dave's commitment to military service grew short. It became time for him to look at the next phase in his family's life together. He was married now, of course, and his first child, a daughter, had been born in Germany. At this point, the prospects for four years of medical school while supporting his young family seemed bleak, so Dave began looking for other opportunities. He knew from his Army experience he was a good teacher and he had always loved football so when an opportunity surfaced for coaching football and teaching at an upstate New York high school, Dave applied and was hired. The only problem was High School football starts in August and Dave's enlistment was not over until later in the fall. He applied for an early release from the Army, and it was granted. A month before he was to depart Germany, Dave flew his wife and daughter home to the United States. Dave followed a month later, taking a two-week boat trip.

While Dave was enroute, things were happening at the high school in upstate New York. The coach at a rival high school either lost his job or was fired. Regardless, he was looking for a job and knew the high school that had hired Dave had been looking for a coach earlier, so he went to them and told them he was immediately available to start the job if they wished to reconsider. Experiencing a major lapse in integrity, the school hired the coach from the rival school and rescinded their offer to Dave.

They were not able to communicate with Dave while he was on the boat so he was unaware of the loss of his job until he stepped off the boat in New York and met his father. His father's first words to him were, "You've been fired". Certainly, these were disappointing words for a young man who had been serving his country, but young Dave was undaunted. He returned to his hometown in Vermont and found work to support his family. After eight months working there, he found an opportunity in the specialty wire cable industry which became his life's work. So, in the end, all is well that ends well. We don't know the degree of success enjoyed by the football team coached by Dave's usurper, but we know that Dave prospered in his new vocation and eventually found his way to us here at Taylor Glen where we are delighted to have him as a neighbor.

## **What is Happening in Marketing in January?**

**We have 3 new couples coming to live with us here in January. You will be seeing their BIO's soon in the mailroom. I hope you can get to meet them and know them as they transition into our home and family here at Taylor Glen.**

**Happy New Year to everyone from your friendly marketing department!  
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!**



# January Outings



## NC Transportation Museum



**On January 6th @ 9:45 am** we are leaving to go to the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer! This museum has a wonderful collection of automobiles, aircraft, and rail way vehicles. After we spend some time at the museum, we will go have lunch at Hendrix BBQ.

## Main Street Cups & Cones



**Lets go get ice cream! On January 9th @ 1:00 pm** we are leaving to go to Main Street Cups & Cones in Locust. At this ice cream shop, they also have a variety of different ice cream flavors to choose from as well as coffee.

## Pippa's Café



**On January 23rd, we will be leaving Taylor Glen @ 11:00 am** to go to Pippa's Café in Concord. Menu will be posted in the mailroom.

## NASCAR Hall of Fame & Lunch



**On January 30th, we are leaving at 10:30 am** to go to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte. We will go to the museum first and learn about the history of NASCAR. After touring the museum, we will then get lunch at Duckworth's Grill and Taphouse in Charlotte. Tickets are \$24.00 at the door.

# Meet our New Chaplain & Spiritual Opportunities



I was born in Whiteville, N. C. which is in Columbus County in the southeastern part of the state. My family moved to Charlotte in 1968 and, except for a couple of moves, this area has been home since. My wife is Jo Anne. We have been blessed with two sons, David, and Matt, and now six grandchildren, 4 boys and 2 girls.

After spending some time as a radio announcer, I responded to God's call to ministry in 1981. I received a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from UNC Charlotte, and then a Masters of Divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. I also did some post-graduate study at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. I was called to the first church I served as pastor in 1987. It was the Perry's Chapel Baptist Church in a small community between Franklinton and Louisburg, N.C. In 1990, I accepted a call to serve the Hopewell Baptist Church in Davidson, N. C. I was there until I retired from the full-time pastorate in June of 2021.

I enjoy watching sports, though not playing since I have zero athletic ability. Most of my spare time is spent with my grandchildren. They pretty much have control of my "social calendar."

I'm excited for the opportunity to be the chaplain at Taylor Glen. I look forward to what lies ahead. Please let me know how I can serve you as we move forward.



## **Tuesday Bible Studies w/ Sammy in the Auditorium**

- January 3rd @ 1:30 pm
- January 10th @ 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
- January 17th @ 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
- January 24th @ 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
- January 31st @ 10:30 am and 1:30 pm

## **Thursday Devotionals w/ Sammy in the Auditorium @ 3:00 pm**

- January 5th
- January 12th
- January 19th
- January 26th

## **Coffee Talk w/ Chaplain Sammy**

January 5th— Special Men's & Women's Coffee: Meet and Greet with Chaplain Sammy in the Card Room.

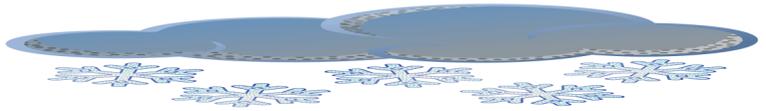
January 19th— Men's Coffee @ 9:30 am in the Card Room.

January 26th— Women's Coffee @ 9:30 am in the Card Room.

## **Sunday Worship Services**

- Memorial Service: January 8th @ 6:00 pm
- January 15th @ 6:00 pm
- January 22nd @ 6:00 pm
- January 29th @ 6:00 pm

# Winter Games



## Monday



1:00 Poker  
1:00 Canasta

## Tuesday



6:30 Mahjong

## Wednesday

1:00 Billiard Battles  
2:30 Scrabble  
6:30 Dominos

## Saturday Night BINGO

@ 6:30



## Thursday

1:30 Bridge



# THIS AND THAT



## Monthly Events

### Wellness Class

January 11th @ 3:30 pm in the auditorium.

### HOE Group

**(Hooked on Electronics)**

January 16th @ 3:30 pm in the library.

### Blood Pressure Clinic

January 17th @ 11:00 am in the library.

### Wellness Breakfast

January 24th @ 9:00 am in the dining room.

### Social Lites

January 20th @ 11:00 am in the Card Room.

### Cheese & "SPIRITS" Social

**Fridays @ 3:00 pm**

Join us in the Activity Room for a fun afternoon enjoying cheese, crackers, grapes and your favorite beverage!

### New Resident Orientation

January 26th @ 11:00 am in the Card Room



All ladies are invited to join us as we continue to look at the stories of the Women of the Bible.

### January Program

Bathsheba

"Queen Mother of Israel"

Join us in the Auditorium

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th - 10:30 am**

Light refreshments at 10:15 am

### Book Club

Please come and discuss books with your Taylor Glen residents.

We meet the last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library.

January Book Selection: An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor

February Book Selection: The Boys From Biloxi by John Grishom

March Book Selection: Life Of an Ordinary Man by Paul Newman

# January's Nifty Ninties

## Jean Weathers, 90

Mrs. Weathers says she kept her life natural. She didn't drink, or smoke. Her children kept her going. She always stayed active in the yard and playing the piano.



## Gladys Berkawitz, 90

Gladys enjoyed life, traveling, and spending time with her children and husband. She enjoyed exercising. All these things made her happy and that's how she has loved to be healthy and happy in in her 90s.



## Bobby Ranson, 94

I would say my parents influenced me the most growing up. They taught me how important honesty is and how words are suppose to mean something. The most rewarding thing for me about getting older is I don't have to go to work.



## Pat O'Neil, 92



If I had any advice to pass along it would be to “never sweat the small stuff.” One of the most rewarding things about getting older is watching my children grow up and become successful.

# January's Nifty Nineties Cont.



Betty Caylor, 96



What a blessing to live to see another year. Life has been good to me and Paul. Having a strong faith in God and a wonderful husband has made my life complete. I look forward to what the new year has to bring.

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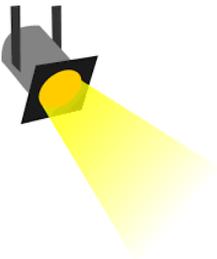
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# Employee's of the Month

January 2023



## Ravonda Campbell, Nursing



“My employment at Taylor Glen is helping me to fulfill my purpose in life. It is such a joy to be a part of an amazing team!”

## Patience Springs, Dietary



“I love Taylor Glen because they are very respectful and they really care about their residents.”

### *Happy Birthday!*

**Karenetta McCormick 4th**

**Catherine Gilsbach 6th**

**Aacelia Hill 7th**

**Scott Rinehardt 8th**

**Maria Locklear 14th**

**Ashley Grant 15th**

**Ischia Moddy 15th**

**Ryzarian Woodruff 26th**

**Darlene Rhodes 30th**

**Walter Stark 30th**

