



Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation

June 2023 Foundation Update

That Special June Feeling

Whatever your age, no one ever forgets that glorious feeling when June rolls around – when school's out, summer officially begins, days are long and the weather is warm. For us in the Foundation, we feel the same way about June: It's a great time of year! This month, we are pleased to share how art is flourishing at VHRC, thanks to your donations to the Innovation & Enhancement Fund, which supported a new display of resident art in Arleigh Burke Pavilion. In the great outdoors on campus, new flowers are blooming in our Never Forget Garden, a gift from the Daughters of the American Revolution's local chapter who continues to maintain it for our community. In addition to building our partnership with DAR, the Foundation celebrates another community connection with the Woman's Club of McLean, an organization who recently gave us a \$1,000 donation. To keep everyone abreast of all these and many other happenings at VHRC, check out VHRC's Facebook page. Maintained by the Office of Philanthropy & Engagement, VHRC's Facebook page features all the latest campus news and photos in posts throughout each week. Finally, if you haven't already done so, remember to save the date for NMCGRF's 27th Annual Gala, which will be held on September 16. Tickets go on sale July 10. We have some very special surprises in store for this year's Gala, which you won't want to miss! Read all about these stories below – and happy June to all!

Foundation Funds Resident Artwork Display Across Campus

We have amazing artists at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, and the Foundation was pleased this month to be able to spread the word – and their artwork – across campus. Earlier this year, VHRC's newly formed Visual Arts

Committee began displaying resident art in the Penthouse Dining Room and Corridor Gallery. These displays of original art created quite a stir on campus. "Analisse Vasquez-Soto, Senior Director of Arleigh Burke Pavilion, asked us if we could do the same thing in ABP's dining room and common areas," said Maureen Kammerer, chair of the Visual Arts Committee. "I said, 'We can do that!'"



Coming up with the artwork was no problem. The committee chose 10 original 18-by-24-inch works by seven resident artists to be displayed at ABP. Now all they needed were the frames.

The Foundation stepped in with a grant from the Innovation & Enhancement Fund to purchase the 10 plain wood frames. Last week, the paintings were hung at Arleigh Burke in the dining areas and hallways. "We couldn't have done it without the Foundation's help," said Maureen. "The best part is that the artists who work in our Art Center at Vinson Hall now have their work in other buildings, so the whole campus is filled with our residents' own original art." Many thanks to these VHRC artists for sharing their artistic talents! Sue Berkey, Lonnie Cullers, Ann Dietrich, Sally Fellowes, Maureen Kammerer, Betty Ochenrider and Emmy Simmons!



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A Gift of New Plants from the Daughters of the American Revolution



A few weeks ago, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Freedom Hill Chapter added more flowering perennials to our Never Forget Garden. This garden and marker, a gift to VHRC from DAR in 2021, is part of the nationwide initiative by the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, to plant gardens honoring America's veterans. As the marker states: "This garden is a living tribute to all of

America's veterans and their families ... a place to remember why millions of Americans have fought and died for our liberty and our freedom." It is our honor at NMCGRF to be building this partnership with our friends at the Daughters of the American Revolution in support of our remarkable community, and thank them for maintaining and adding to this very special garden.



Philanthropy & Engagement Provides Resident Connections Through Facebook

Did you know that Vinson Hall Retirement Community has a Facebook page? As part of our ongoing efforts

to keep our community connected – with each other and with our friends and family – the Office of Philanthropy & Engagement manages the VHRC Facebook page. We post several times a week about everything from special events and activities to the arts on campus, classes, field trips, and more. Check out the VHRC Facebook page to see photos of friends and family! Recent posts feature resident talent at the VHRC's Art Show and in a performance by the Vinson Hall Players, cultural celebrations such as an inside look at a Greek Orthodox Church and a special Ukrainian dinner, talks by experts on subjects like the space industry and Artificial Intelligence, and just plain fun at putting contests and birthday teas. It's easy to access our Facebook page. [Click here](#) – or go to your browser and type in Facebook.com, then search for "Vinson Hall Retirement Community."



Woman's Club of McLean Supports NMCGRF



We are grateful to have received a donation of \$1,000 recently from our friends at the Woman's Club of McLean. The Foundation and the Woman's Club have enjoyed a long, mutually supportive partnership to benefit our missions in the community. For years, VHRC has been pleased to provide our buses and drivers as part of the shuttle service to support the Woman's Club's annual Holiday Homes Tour event in the fall. They, in turn, have been consistent supporters of NMCGRF, particularly our Wounded Warrior Transition Fund. We are very pleased to receive this support and thank the Woman's Club for our decades-long connection!

NMCGRF's Annual Gala – Tickets Go on Sale in July!

NMCGRF's Annual Gala is just three months away – Mark your calendars for **Saturday,**

September 16, 2023! Tickets go on sale in July, which is also when we will reveal the theme of this year's event. We can't wait to tell you all about it! Watch for your invitation in the mail, and check out our website in July to purchase tickets! We hope you'll join us for this very special evening – all in support of a great cause!



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