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HERE AT THE BLUE GOOSE!**

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home

May 2026



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**GEORGIA WAR
WOULD LIKE TO
WISH YOU A
MONTH FILLED
WITH LOVE, PEACE,
AND JOY.**



Memorial Day

FOREVER REMEMBERED

IN SOLEMN SILENCE, WE GATHER NEAR,
TO HONOR HEROES WE HOLD DEAR.
THEIR COURAGE AND SACRIFICE WE RECALL,
ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, WE STAND TALL.
THEY FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM, GAVE THEIR ALL,
ANSWERED DUTY'S UNWAVERING CALL.
THEIR MEMORY WE CHERISH, HEARTS EMBRACE,
WITH GRATITUDE, LOVE, AND SOLEMN GRACE.
FOR THE FALLEN, OUR GRATITUDE WILL NEVER FADE,
ON THIS DAY, THEIR SACRIFICE FOREVER DISPLAYED.
IN THEIR HONOR, WE SOLEMNLY PRAY,
REMEMBERING THEM ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY.

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The following individuals/organizations contributed their time and or services to GWVNH:

American Legion Department of Georgia	Body wash, snack cakes, razors, toiletries, and puzzle books
American Legion Post 192 Auxiliary	Ice cream social, snack cakes, razors, body wash, additional toiletries
American Legion Post 205 Auxiliary	Ice Cream Social
Chaplain Larry Jesion	Church Service
Combat Vets Motorcycle Club	BINGO Prizes and Candy
DAV Department of Georgia	BINGO
DAV Auxiliary	Ice Cream Social
Elks Lodge 205	BINGO
Evans VFW 12190	Birthday Gifts
Mackey House Music	Live Music
Project Lifting Spirits	Evening movie, Nailed It! Outing with Chick-fil-A lunch and snacks
First Baptist Church	Sunday Church Service
VFW Auxiliary Department of Georgia	Birthday Cake & Ice Cream
American Legion Post 192	Ice Cream Sundaes & Desserts

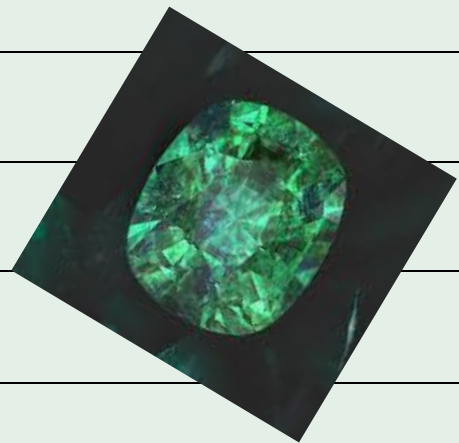
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College Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

Susan Sasser

Birthstone: Emerald	
Flowers: Lily of the Valley	
Astrology Zodiac Signs: Taurus & Gemini	
Dates to Remember:	
5/1	May Day (International Workers' Day)
5/4	Star Wars Day ("May the 4th Be With You")
5/5	Cinco De Mayo
5/10	Mother's Day
5/12	International Nurses Day
5/18	International Museum Day
5/25	Memorial Day (Offices Closed)



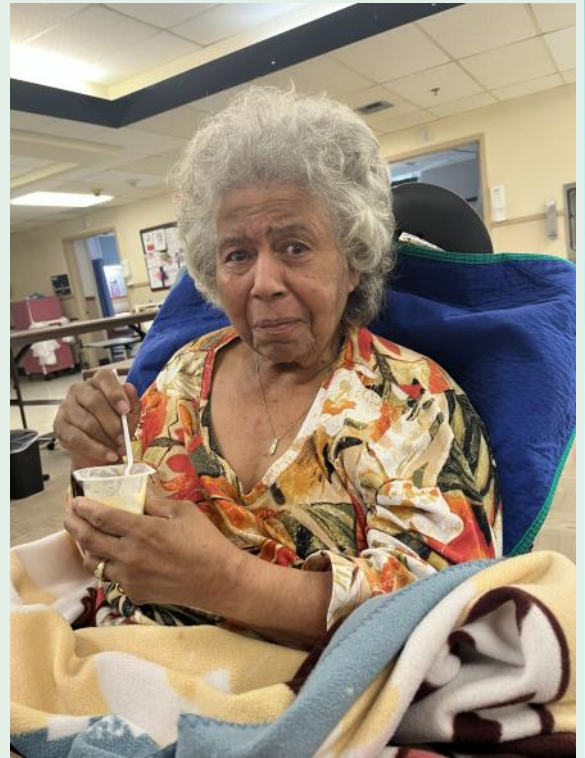
Warrior of the Month

There are some people who do not just show up to life... they roll up their sleeves and get to work. This month, we are proud to honor a woman who has spent a lifetime doing exactly that quietly, consistently, and with a heart that seems to have no off switch. Meet Mrs. Collazo, our very own Warrior of the Month for May.

In a world that often celebrates grand gestures, Mrs. Collazo's strength is found in something even more powerful: showing up when it matters. Whether it was lending a hand with the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, delivering meals through Meals on Wheels, or serving faithfully at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, Mrs. Collazo answered the call wherever there was a need. No spotlight required, no fanfare expected just a deep-rooted belief that helping others is simply what you do.

And that is where her story beautifully intertwines with the spirit of Mother's Day.

Motherhood, in all its forms, is built on that same quiet resilience. It is the early mornings, the steady hands, the unwavering presence. It is strength that does not always announce itself but is felt in every act of care, every sacrifice, every moment of "I've got you." Mrs. Collazo embodies that spirit not only within her family, but in the way she has mothered her community through service, compassion, and generosity.



But do not mistake her kindness for softness alone. Mrs. Collazo is also a woman of adventure. She and her husband shared a love of travel that carried them across the globe, collecting memories like postcards. From walking the historic shores of Normandy to standing before Notre Dame after the fire witnessing both its scars and its enduring beauty Mrs. Collazo has seen the world in all its complexity.

Her story stretches across continents and cultures. Mrs. Collazo and her family lived in France, England, and Spain, and also made homes in California and Las Vegas. Each place leaving its mark, each experience adding another thread to the rich tapestry of her life.

When she was not out volunteering or traveling, Mrs. Collazo found joy in the simple, steady rhythms of home. She played softball, stitched beauty into fabric through sewing and embroidery, and kept her mind sharp with books, crossword puzzles, and Sudoku. A woman equally at ease on a softball field, behind a sewing needle, or solving a puzzle Mrs. Collazo proves that strength comes in many forms.

This Mother's Day, as we celebrate the women who shape our lives, we recognize Mrs. Collazo as a shining example of what it means to lead with heart. Her legacy is not just in the places she has been, but in the lives she has touched along the way.

Some people leave footprints. Mrs. Collazo leaves pathways others can follow toward kindness, service, and a life lived with purpose.

Congratulations to our Warrior of the Month, Mrs. Collazo the "Volunteer Queen".

Heather D. Nichols, Director of Activities

Visit from the Easter Bunny



Pine Needle Garden Club



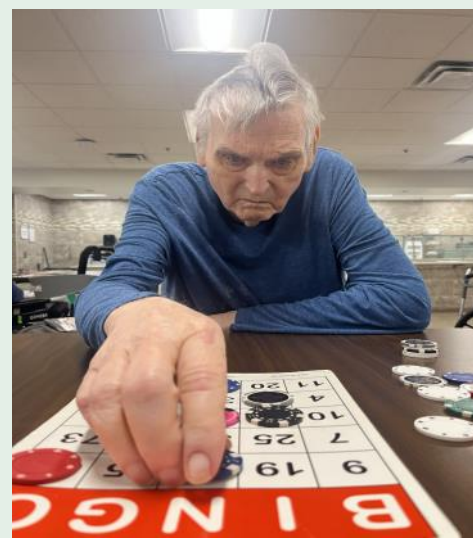
Visit from Miss Rodeo USA 2026



Sunshine Therapy



BINGO!



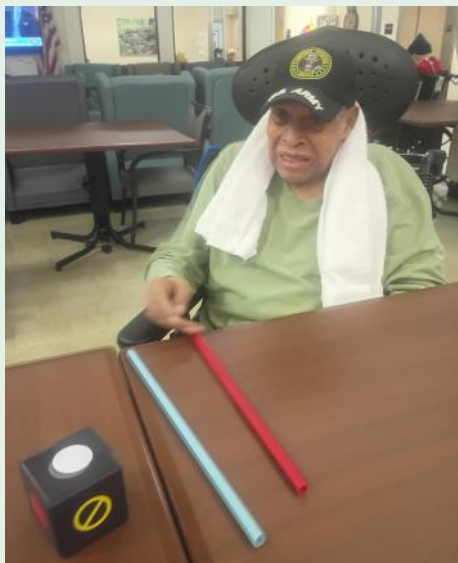
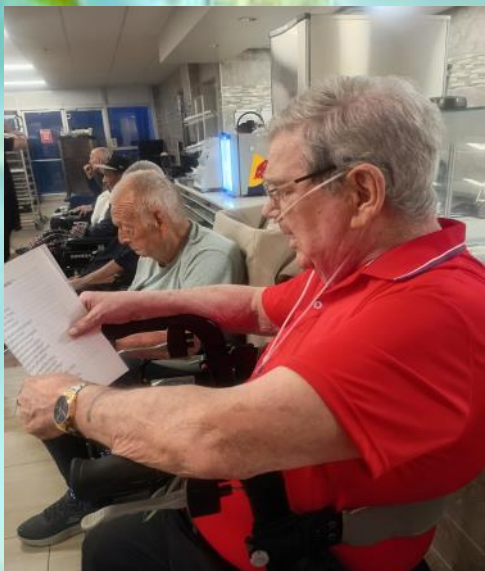
BINGO at American Legion Post 192



Staying Busy at Georgia War



Staying Busy at Georgia War



Celebrating Administrative Professionals



Crossword Puzzle

Solutions on Pg. 24

Name: _____ Date: _____

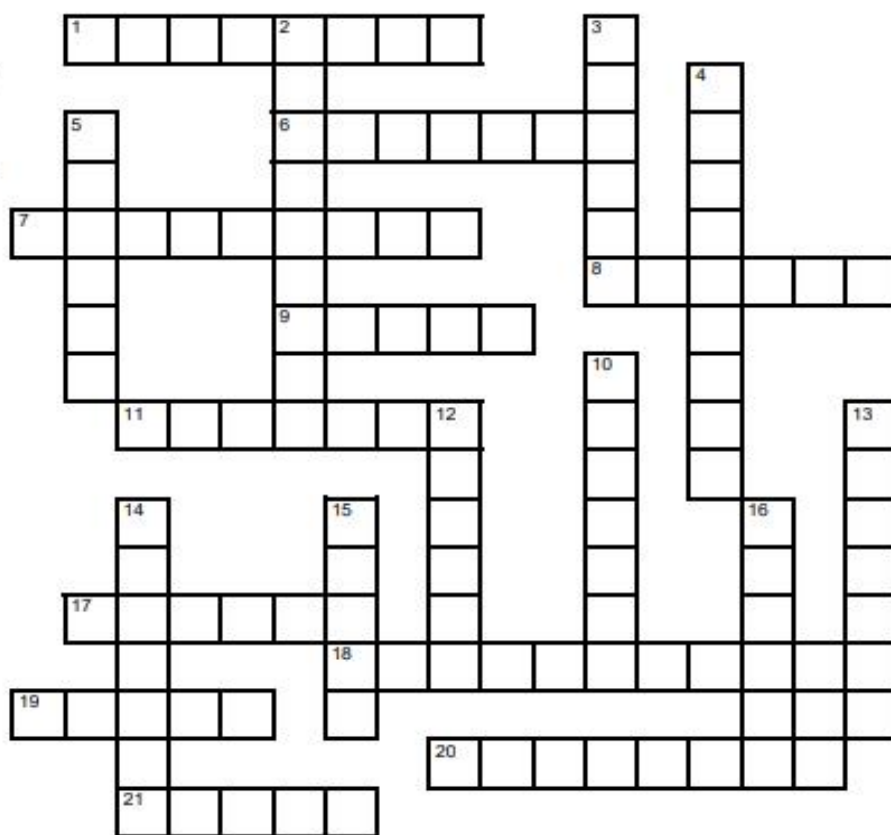
ACROSS

1. Sport played on a diamond.
6. ___ Appreciation Day falls on Tuesday of the first full week in May.
7. Buzzing insect.
8. Astrological sign for the end of May (twins).
9. May is the ___ month of the year.
11. Small red insect with black dots.
17. She is celebrated on the second Sunday in May.
18. Annual Mexican celebration on May 5th.
19. Most lawns are this color in May.
20. Celebrated on the last Monday in May: ___ Day.
21. Plant these and you may get some flowers.

DOWN

2. What a caterpillar becomes.
3. Season in which May falls in the Northern Hemisphere.
4. Use this to trim the lawn.
5. Astrological sign for the start of May (bull).
10. May birthstone.
12. Place where you might grow flowers.
13. Flower of a plant.
14. Tulips, daisies, roses, etc.
15. May the ___ be with you.
16. Might be filled with candy and broken as part of a May celebration.

Merry Month of May



- | | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Baseball | Green |
| Blossom | Ladybug |
| Bumblebee | Lawnmower |
| Butterfly | Memorial |
| Cinco de Mayo | Mother |
| Emerald | Pinata |
| Fifth | Seeds |
| Flowers | Spring |
| Force | Taurus |
| Garden | Teacher |
| Gemini | |



Word Search

Solutions on Pg. 25

Name: Quincy Wooden Jr.

Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Word Search



BASEBALL

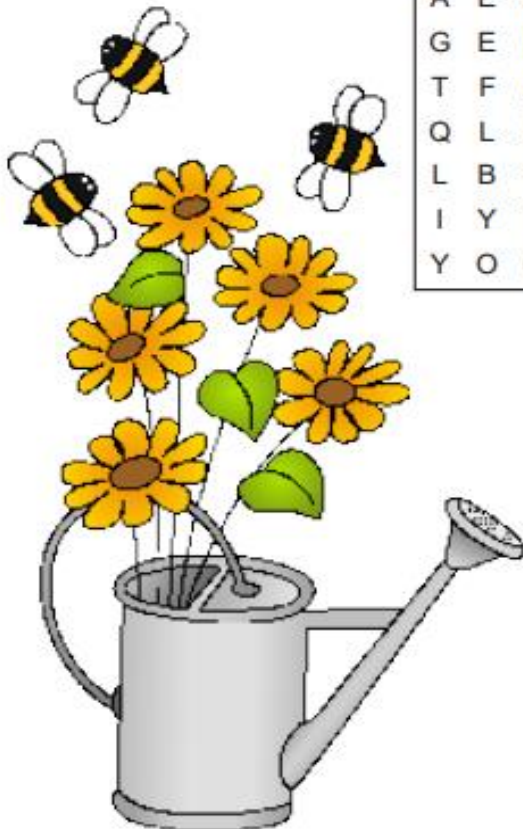
BLOSSOM

BUMBLEBEE

BUTTERFLY

CINCO DE MAYO

FLOWERS



GARDEN

GEMINI

GREEN

LADYBUG

LAWNMOWER

MAYPOLE

MEMORIAL DAY

MOM

MOTHER'S DAY

PIÑATA

PLANT

SEEDS

SPRING

SUNSHINE

TAURUS

TEACHER

Word Scramble

Solutions Pg. 26

Name: _____ Date: _____



Word Scramble

In the Northern Hemisphere, May is a month when flowers bloom, the weather gets warmer, and school starts to wind down for the summer. Can you figure out the seasonal vocabulary words by unscrambling the letters?

EENRG _____

GHITL _____

LLAIC _____

ASRSG _____

BTRUTELYF _____

OBLMO _____

SDSEE _____

AOEMYLP _____

ICPINC _____

RESO _____

SRDIB _____

IHSNNSUE _____

ATRSUU _____

LOFREW _____

OMSSLOB _____

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MBULEEBBE _____

EGADNR _____

ISNRGP _____

OERTHM _____

AHTWMR _____

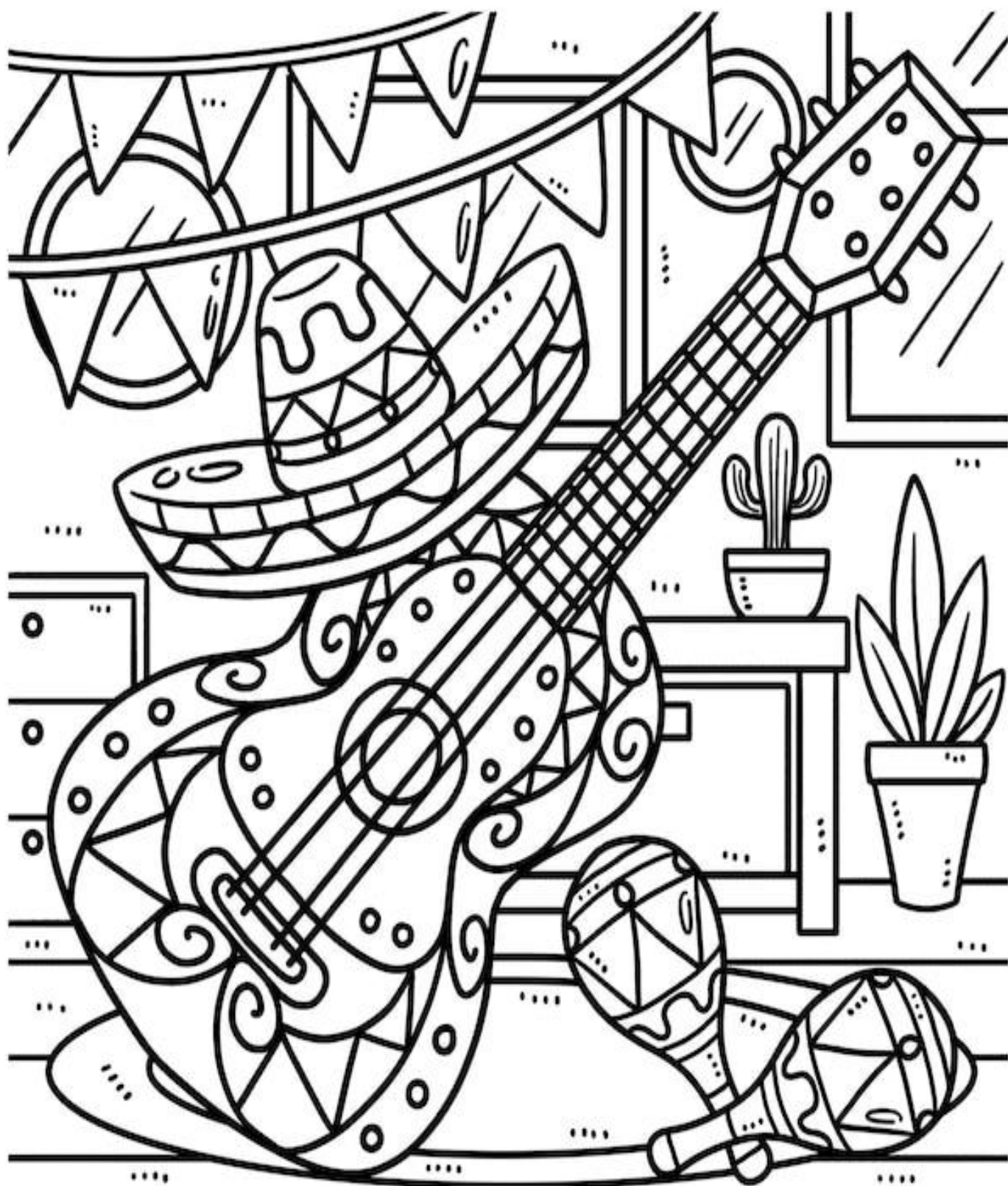
PUITL _____

AELBALBS _____

Coloring Page



Coloring Page



Coloring Page



Hidden Name Contest

Congratulations!

April 2026 Hidden Names



Staff Winner:

Shannon Strippy



Resident Winner:

Richard Miller

Somewhere in this issue, we have hidden the names of one Georgia War Resident and one Staff Member.

If you find your name, please call the Activities Office to claim your prize.

Each month, we will randomly pick the name of one resident and one staff member. Be sure to carefully review each issue to see if your name is hidden somewhere within.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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WITH CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY LARK

Beauty of the Season

As we step into the month of May and get ready for summer, we are reminded of both the beauty of the season and the deep meaning it holds—especially for those who have served our country. May is a time of reflection, gratitude, and honor. It is also a time to celebrate life, faith, and the strong bonds we share as a community.

One of the most significant observances this month is Memorial Day. This is a sacred time when we pause to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. For many of our veterans, this day is deeply personal. You have walked alongside fellow soldiers, formed lifelong bonds, and understood the true cost of freedom. We honor not only those who were lost, but also you our veterans—who carry their memories forward.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” – John 15:13

Life in this season can bring both reflection and challenge. Yet God’s Word reminds us that we are never alone in our journey. Whether you are feeling strong or struggling, God promises to sustain you. Your life, your service, and your story still matter.

Isaiah 40:29 says: “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

To each of you who wore the uniform: thank you. Your courage, sacrifice, and dedication have made a lasting impact. Even now, your life continues to be a testimony of strength and resilience. You are not forgotten. You are honored. You are appreciated.

May is also a time of renewal. As flowers bloom and the world around us comes alive, we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life—even in places that once felt empty. If you are carrying burdens, remember this: “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7

As we move through this month, may we hold onto gratitude—for our country, for one another, and for the faith that sustains us. We look forward to sharing this time with you through our services, devotions, and moments of fellowship.

May God bless you, keep you, and fill your days with peace.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” – Psalm 33:12

Chaplain

Timothy E. Lark

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WITH CHAPLAIN TIMOTHY LARK

Not to Keep

Robert Frost

They sent him back to her. The letter came
Saying ... and she could have him. And before
She could be sure there was no hidden ill
Under the formal writing, he was in her sight—
Living.— They gave him back to her alive—
How else? They are not known to send the dead—
And not disfigured visibly. His face?—
His hands? She had to look—to ask,
“What was it, dear?” And she had given all
And still she had all—they had—they the lucky!
Wasn't she glad now? Everything seemed won,
And all the rest for them permissible ease.
She had to ask, “What was it, dear?”

“Enough, Yet not enough. A bullet through and through,
High in the breast. Nothing but what good care
And medicine and rest—and you a week,
Can cure me of to go again.” The same
Grim giving to do over for them both.
She dared no more than ask him with her eyes
How was it with him for a second trial.
And with his eyes he asked her not to ask.
They had given him back to her, but not to keep.

In Memory of:

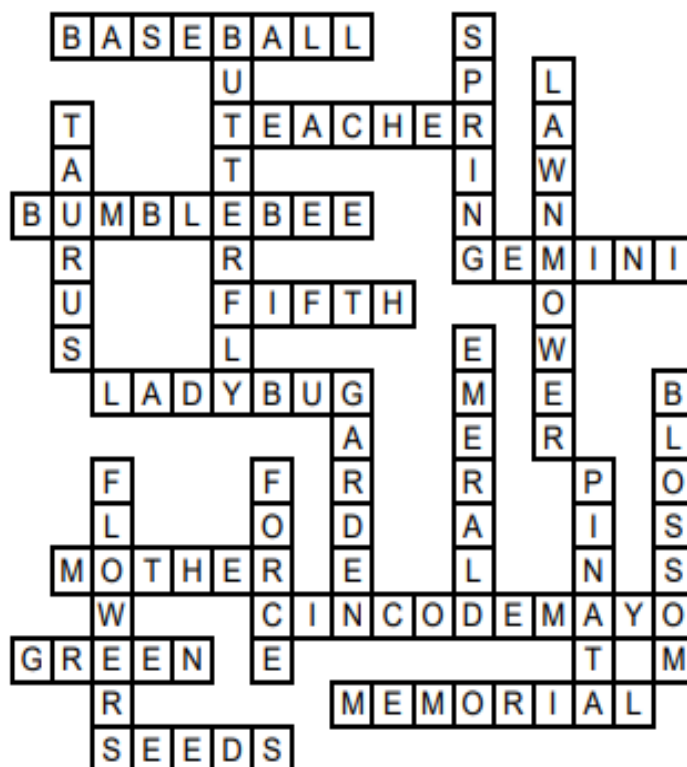
Mr. Lewis Romero

Crossword Puzzle Solutions

Month of May

Crossword

SOLUTION

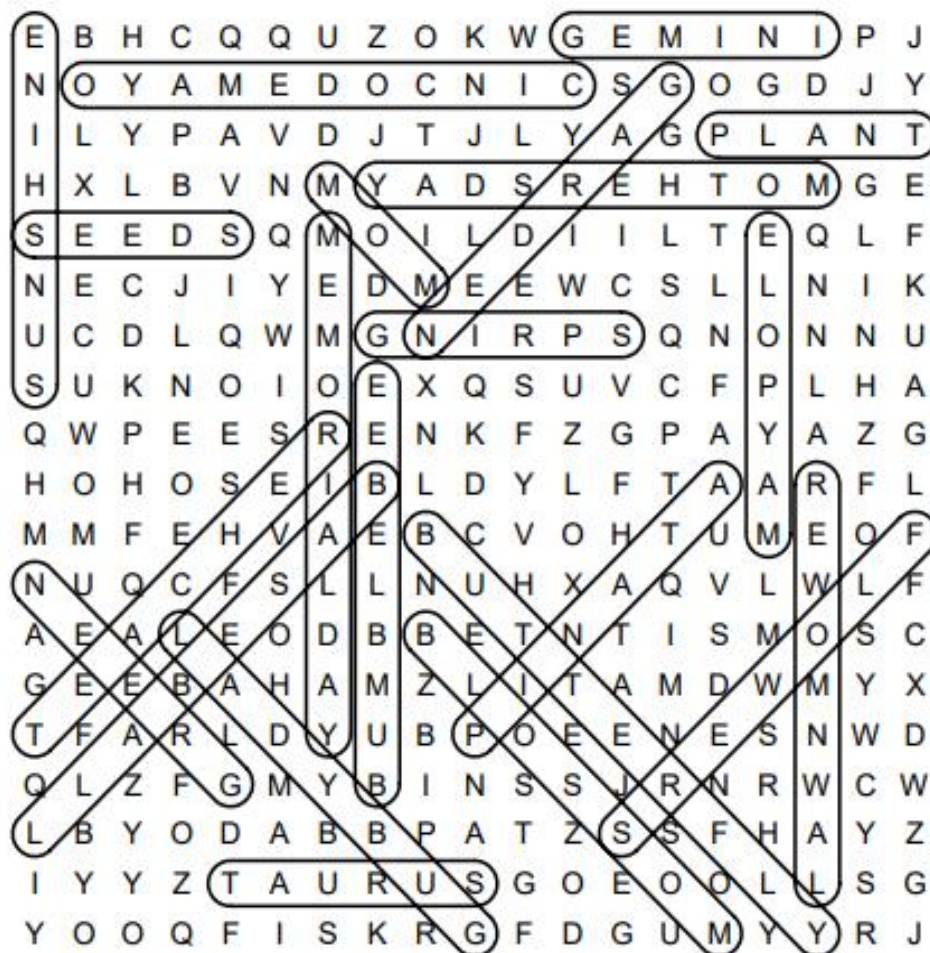


Word Search Solutions

MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Word Search

SOLUTION



Word Scramble Solutions

May

Word Scramble

SOLUTION

EENRG

GREEN

GHITL

LIGHT

LLAIC

LILAC

ASRSG

GRASS

BTRUTELYF

BUTTERFLY

OBLMO

BLOOM

SDSEE

SEEDS

AOEMYLP

MAYPOLE

ICPINC

PICNIC

RESO

ROSE

SRDIB

BIRDS

IHSNNSUE

SUNSHINE

ATRSUU

TAURUS

LOFREW

FLOWER

OMSSLOB

BLOSSOM

LDABGUY

LADYBUG

PATLN

PLANT

MBULEEBBE

BUMBLEBEE

EGADNR

GARDEN

ISNRGP

SPRING

OERTHM

MOTHER

AHTWMR

WARMTH

PUITL

TULIP

AELBALBS

BASEBALL

WISHING THESE WONDERFUL RESIDENTS AND STAFF
A HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH!

Staff

Sabrina Miller	5/18
Sharon Neely	5/21
Jamaya Gist	5/23
Tiwanna Ferguson	5/26
Pamela Parker	5/27
Irma Prescott	5/28
Shannon Strippy	5/30



Residents

Mark Knebelsberger	5/3
Colous Lynch Sr.	5/5
Palmer Lewis	5/13
Wilford Hutson	5/14
Isaac Johnson	5/14
Harry Pappas	5/16
Lofton Reeves Jr.	5/20
Calvin Payne	5/26
Bobby Andress	5/28
Jimmie Collins Jr.	5/31



Resident Menu – May 2026

Sunday 5/03	Monday 5/04	Tuesday 5/05	Wednesday 5/06	Thursday 5/07	Friday 5/08	Saturday 5/09
BREAKFAST						
Fruit Scrambled Eggs Corned Beef Hash Grits	Pears Scrambled Eggs Sausage Crispy Hash Browns	Fruit Scrambled Eggs Sliced Ham Pancakes	Pineapple Scrambled Eggs Biscuit with Sausage Gravy	Peaches Scrambled Eggs Pork Bacon French Toast	Strawberries Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Casserole Toast	Fruit Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty Banana Muffin
LUNCH						
Baked Ham Cornbread Stuffing Green Beans Chocolate Cake Dinner Roll	Smothered Pork Chop Roasted Yams Green Peas Fruit Cobbler Dinner Roll	Baked Ziti Garlic Bread Spinach Jell-O	Fried Shrimp Hushpuppies Coleslaw Cookie	Country Fried Steak Baked Sweet Potato Steamed Cabbage Snickerdoodle Cookie Dinner Roll	Fried Chicken Roasted Potatoes Collard Greens Pudding Cornbread	Sausage, Peppers & Onions Vegetable Medley Jell-O Dinner Roll
DINNER						
Grilled Chicken Lima Beans Glazed Carrots Vanilla Pudding	Cheeseburger Fries Peaches Coleslaw	Italian Pork Loin Pinto Beans Squash & Red Peppers Pudding	Lemon Pepper Chicken Roasted Potatoes Spinach Rice Krispie Treat	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Fruit	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread Grapes	Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Steamed Carrots Ice Cream
Sunday 5/10						
BREAKFAST						
Fresh Blueberries Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Toast	Peaches Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Pork Sausage Patty	Biscuit Grits Scrambled Eggs Grilled Ham Berries	Pineapple French Toast Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty	Fruit Grits Scrambled Eggs Bacon Toast	Strawberries Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Casserole Toast	Pears Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Toast
LUNCH						
Based Swiss Steak Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Berry Cobbler Dinner Roll	Baked Chicken Baked Potatoes Turnip Greens Pound Cake Dinner Roll	Roasted Ginger Pork Rice Pilaf Asian Vegetables Banana Pudding Dinner Roll	Spaghetti with Meatballs Green Beans Yellow Cake Garlic Bread	Roasted Turkey With Gravy Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Brownie Dinner Roll	Fried Fish Rice Pilaf Collard Greens Apple Pie Dinner Roll	BBQ Chicken Roasted Sweet Potatoes Zucchini Angel Food Cake Dinner Roll
DINNER						
Grilled Pork Chop Mexican Rice Mixed Vegetables Jell-O Dinner Roll	Philly Cheesesteak Sweet Potato Fries Coleslaw Chocolate Cake	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Soup Fruit Salad Crackers	Tuna Noodle Casserole Zucchini & Squash Ice Cream Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Sugar Cookie	Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables Jell-O	Baked Ham Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll

Menu items are subject to change based on supply and availability.

Resident Menu – May 2026

Sunday 5/17	Monday 5/18	Tuesday 5/19	Wednesday 5/20	Thursday 5/21	Friday 5/22	Saturday 5/23
Fresh Blueberries Scrambled Eggs Pork Bacon Pancakes	Pineapple Scrambled Eggs Corned Beef Hash Grits	Strawberries Scrambled Eggs Sliced Ham Breakfast Potatoes	Fruit Scrambled Eggs Pork Sausage Patty French Toast	Fruit Cup Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Hash Browns	Pears Scrambled Eggs Biscuit with Sausage Gravy	Grapes Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty Pancakes
Country Fried Steak Steamed Potatoes Green Beans Key Lime Pie Dinner Roll	Chicken Pot Pie Brussels Sprouts Cobbler Dinner Roll	BBQ Pork Loin Butter Beans Cabbage Rice Krispie Treat Cornbread	Shrimp Creole White Rice Lemon Meringue Pie Dinner Roll	Pork Chop Black Eyed Peas Green Beans Cornbread Chocolate Cake	Crispy Baked Tilapia Hushpuppies Collard Greens Banana Pudding Cornbread	Chicken & Dumplings Steamed Broccoli Apple Pie
Fried Chicken Sweet Potato Squash Ice Cream Cornbread	Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Asian Slaw Chocolate Pudding	Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Garlic Bread Chocolate Chip Cookie	Lasagna Steamed Spinach Peaches Garlic Bread	Brunswick Stew Rice Ice Cream Dinner Roll	Chicken Tenders French Fries Mixed Vegetables Peanut Butter Cookie	Cheeseburger Potato Salad Green Beans Fruit Cup
Sunday 5/24	Monday 5/25	Tuesday 5/26	Wednesday 5/27	Thursday 5/28	Friday 5/29	Saturday 5/30
Blueberries French Toast Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Links	Fruit Cup Biscuit with Gravy Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon	Pears Grits Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Toast	Peaches Banana Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon	Applesauce Grits Potato Vegetable Skillet Bacon	Pears Scrambled Eggs Oatmeal with Berries Turkey Sausage Toast	Fruit Cup Hash Browns Scrambled Eggs Sausage Toast
Southwest Chicken Thighs Black Beans & Rice Grilled Peppers & Onions Banana Pudding Dinner Roll	Surf & Turf Sautéed Vegetable Mashed Potatoes Pie	BBQ Pork Loin Roasted Potatoes Spinach Vanilla Pudding Cornbread Muffin	Chicken Marsala Fettuccine Noodles Broccoli Ice Cream Garlic Bread	Lemon Pepper Chicken Orzo Green Beans Pound Cake Bread	Beef Stew Rice Brussels Sprouts Peach Cobbler Dinner Roll	Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Dinner Roll
Shepherd's Pie Apple Pie Dinner Roll	Pasta Roll Broccoli Sugar Cookies	Tuna Noodle Casserole Zucchini & Squash Ice Cream Dinner Roll	Turkey Burger Potato Wedges Apple with Cinnamon	Hot Dog Coleslaw Brownie	BBQ Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Rice Krispie Treat	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Pie



Menu items are subject to change based on supply and availability.

Alternate Menu

- **Sandwich - Turkey, Ham, Peanut Butter & Jelly**
- **Hot Sandwiches - Hamburger, Hot Dog, Grilled Cheese, Grilled Ham & Cheese**
- **Soup - Tomato, Vegetable, & Chicken Noodle**
- **Chicken Tenders**
- **Chicken Pot Pie**
- **Chef Salad**



May 2026

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
31 Family Visits					1 9:30 Today in History 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Indoor Games & Gadgets	2 Family Visits
3 Faith Baptist Church @ 2:30	4 9:30 Monday Music 10:00 Bike Club 2:30 BINGO	5 9:30 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 Parachute Pop 7:00 CVMA Riders BINGO	6 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Puzzle Packs 2:30 DAV BINGO 	7 9:00 Movie & Popcom on each unit 2:30 DAV Ice Cream Social	8 8:30 4th Floor Barber 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Sunshine Therapy	9 Faith Out Reach (2nd Floor) @ 10:00
10 	11 9:30 Monday Music 10:00 Stack Attack! 2:30 BINGO 6:00 Augusta Choral	12 9:30 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 Sweet Treats Snow Cones	13 8:30 3rd Floor Barber 10:00 Flower Club (4th) 10:00 Chaplain Larry 2:30 Elks Lodge 205 BINGO (5th)	14 9:30 Walk-A-Thon 2:30 Courtyard in Bloom 7:00 Late Night Movie	15 9:30 Today in History 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Healing Harmony 2:30 Over-Grown Games!	16 Youth Group Visit @ 10:00
17 Mackey House Music @ 2:30	18 9:30 Monday Music 10:00 Bike Club 2:30 Tilting Tower 7:00 BINGO	19 9:30 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 Bonus BINGO!	20 8:30 2nd Floor Barber 10:00 Chaplain Larry 2:30 Fun & Games	21 9:00 Movie & Popcom on each unit 2:30 AL Post 192 Social (2nd)	22 9:30 Today in History 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Healing Harmony	23 Family Visits
24 Church of Christ @ 2:30pm	25 	26 9:30 Coffee & News 10:00 Game Shows with Friends 2:30 AL Post 205 Social (2nd)	27 9:30 5th Floor Barber 10:00 Spring Planting 2:30 Birthday Party With VFW	28 9:00 Movie & Popcom on each unit 2:30 Karaoke!	29 9:30 Today in History 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Axe Throwing!	30 Family Visits

Activities are subject to change based on Resident interest and safety. One-on-one activities occur on each floor.

Thank you

*To all of our Veterans, families, friends,
and staff.*



GEORGIA WAR VETERANS NURSING HOME

