



To: Dick Brown-Commandant
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Subject: Holidaysburg Veterans Home
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Advisory Council Member

The Holidaysburg Veterans Home continues to be the flagship home in the state system. We continue to boast 514 beds with a 93% occupancy rate and an employment compliment of 567 employees. My latest information is that we have 493 resident beds occupied, 8 in acute care and 21vacancies on all levels.

This past year, we have continued to respond to new trends, unforeseen occurrences and climate/culture improvement. Our home continues to explore alternative ways to doing business, achieving solid results and interacting with our residents and families.

The Commandant is working with the Medical Director on an agreement with the Altoona Family Physicians Family Resident program. HVH would be a site for their physicians to receive training and experience in long term care. We have finalized an agreement with St. Francis University to have an OT student come to the HVH to complete internship.

HVH is in the process of replacing the elevators in Eisenhower hall which is a very extensive project. Still awaiting completion are updates to electrical system and sewer. Our pharmacy department has been redesigned and re located affording larger quarters.

We continue to enjoy the volunteer's and all the organizations that come to our home to entertain our residents. They have a full calendar.

The council elected a new council president. Mr. Larry Holman, JWV, will take that position at our next meeting, July 16, 2009 at 1000.

Respectively submitted
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Advisory Council member