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DEPARTMENT HEADS

Shannon Stevens	Executive Director	x5105
Jennifer White	Business Office Director	x5103
Cindy Black	Marketing Director	x5102
Carol Podjan	Wellness Director	x5112
Bridget Hyatt	Asst. Director of Wellness	x5166
Laura Giammona	Culinary Services Director	x5145
Frank Montone	Maintenance Director	x5136
Wendy Mills	Move-in Coordinator	x5203
Beth Chulock	Activities Director	x5306
Kitchen		x5143
Activities Department		x5305



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

GAY BRIGGS	NOV. 2ND
JUDY DITTRICH	NOV. 2ND
CAROL HYNDIS	NOV. 3RD
EMILIO MACRI	NOV. 6TH
VINCENTINA ZARUMBA	NOV. 12TH
NANCY DIXON	NOV. 16TH
FLORENCE MEZZATESTA 103!!!	NOV. 19TH

November 2025

*★ Thank you ★
Veterans*

THANK YOU TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

PHIL HUGHES	NAVY 1961-1969
PHIL MARTELLACCI	NAVY 1960-1963
JAMES RESKO	ARMY 1957-1963
SANFORD MULLET	NAVY 1958-1987
RONALD CURRIE	ARMY 1959-1961
TYRONE JONES	NAVY 1961-1965
JACK RALEIGH	ARMY 1961-1964
MAX WYSS	ARMY 1958-1959



Employee of the Month



Congrats to Nick Martakis!!

Nick is our Employee of the Month for November. He has been working at DeSoto for a year as our Maintenance Assistant/Bus Driver. He says he likes working here because he is able to engage with the residents. Nick previously worked for Xfinity for 30 years and can fix any television! When he is not working he enjoys car shows, NASCAR, cruises, concerts, football, and spending time with his family. He and his wife Karla have been married for 31 years and they have 2 sons. Nick is excited to have his 2 Mustangs in a car show this month in Lakewood Ranch. We value your hard work and dedication to our community. Thanks for all that you do!

Health News

Thanks to Walgreens for hosting our Vaccination Clinic! Our residents and staff rolled up their sleeves to protect themselves and our community from many different viruses.



WE ARE FAMILY!!!

This Thanksgiving we are grateful for our friends and our families here at DeSoto Palms. We wish you a lovely holiday to be with the ones you love!



Welcome Home



Barbara "Bobbi" Ledford was born in St. Louis but grew up near Chattanooga, Tennessee. She and her husband Kenny met and were married for 55 years! Their son, Scotty, lives in Sarasota. Bobbi did office work for a clothing company for many years. They moved to the DC area and loved it! They were avid boaters, travelling up and down the Chesapeake Bay and then moved to Punta Gorda where they lived for 20 years. The couple loved their motorhome and could be found tailgating at FSU games with their niece. Bobbi always had toy poodles and Sara is one of the best dogs that she's ever had! Bobbi likes to read, shop, and take Sara out for walks. After living in a few other ALFS, she says that DeSoto Palms is the best! We love having you as part of our community here, Welcome Home Bobbi!



Give Thanks!

Our tables are full—and so are our hearts. Thank you for being a part of our community!



THANK YOU.

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