

Kentucky Veteran donates WWII letter to the Holocaust Museum

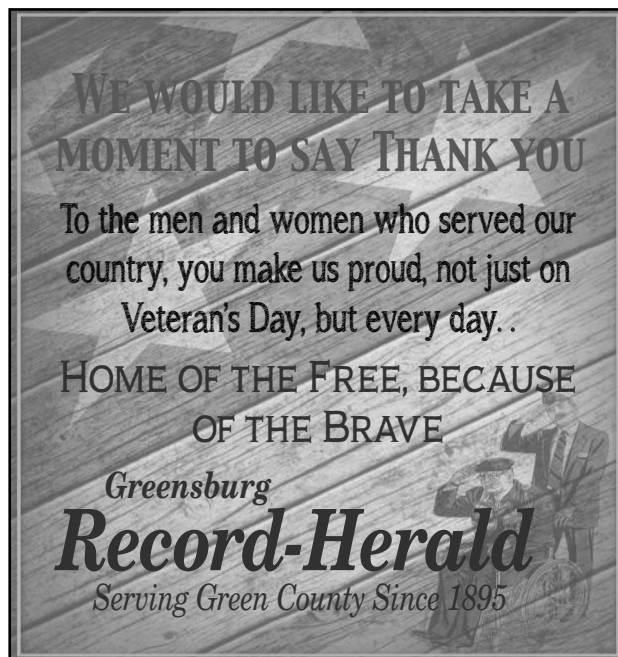
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A Hardin County veteran has donated an artifact to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Dave Jarrett recently donated a letter written on Adolf Hitler's stationery to the museum. The letter was by his uncle, Sherman Carpenter, who served with the U.S. Army during World War II. Carpenter was a member of the 45th Infantry Division and served in the U.S. Army division that liberated the Dachau concentration camp in 1945. Jarrett said his uncle remained in Munich after V-E Day and was out by himself and wandered into Adolf Hitler's office. "He knew it was Hitler's office because when he opened the door, it was a nice hard-

wood floor, a desk, two chairs ... (and) a stand-up framed painting of Hitler," Jarrett said. Jarrett said Carpenter opened a desk drawer and found Hitler's personal stationery and then wrote three letters: one to his wife, who was Jarrett's aunt, his Baptist minister and another nephew. The one to the Baptist minister described the conditions of the Dachau concentration camp and was dated 1945. The minister gave the letter back to Carpenter once he returned from the war. More than 188,000 people were imprisoned and at least 28,000 died in the camp with the full number unlikely to be known, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Prisoners were forced into labor and were worked to

death. Many also died of hunger and cold. "I wish every American could witness this sight in order to be really convinced what we were fighting. This was one of many such camps in Germany," a passage from the letter read. Jarrett, who is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, said he received the letter from his uncle about 40 years ago and kept it framed and in a safe. Jarrett, 72, said he didn't want the artifact to go to waste. "I don't want to die with this piece of history sitting in a pile of paper and somebody picks it up and throws it away," he said. Jarrett reached out to the Holocaust Museum earlier this year and administrators indicated they were interested in the artifact. "The letter is amazing in what my uncle

wrote in there," he said. Jarrett donated the letter in late October when he visited Washington, D.C. It is physical proof the Holocaust happened, debunking the false claims the Holocaust never occurred, Jarrett said. "I tell you there was no conspiracy. It happened," he said.



ECTCS Veterans Affairs to host benefits briefing

The Veterans Affairs Office at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College's main campus will host a briefing for anyone interested in learning about Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits. Debt management problems. The VA Work-Study Program. The briefings will be held on November 11th at 10 a.m. and 2

p.m., in room 142 of the Regional Postsecondary Center on the ECTC main campus, and will last about an hour. These sessions are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the ECTC VA OFFICE at (270)706-8815 or by email at ElizabethtownVeteransAffairsOffice@kctcs.edu.

All four Kentucky state Veterans Centers receive five-star rating

All of Kentucky's state Veterans Long-Term Care Centers have earned the top rating from the federal agency that oversees long-term care facilities. "The very highest standard of care for our veterans is not just our goal but what we expect from our superb, dedicated staff every day," said Benjamin Adams, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, which operates four state veterans centers. "We are gratified to receive the Five-Star rating that recognizes the consistently high quality of care for our veterans. Congratulations to everyone at our veterans centers in Wilmore, Hazard, Hanson and Radcliff on this accomplishment." The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas about which you may want to ask questions. The Nursing Home Compare Web site features a quality rating system that gives each nursing home a rating of between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with 5 stars are considered to have much above average quality, and nursing homes with 1 star are considered to have much below average quality. There is one overall 5-star rating for each nursing home, and a separate rating for each of the following three

sources of information: Health Inspections - The health inspection rating contains the three most recent health inspections and investigations due to complaints. This information is gathered by trained, objective inspectors who go onsite to the nursing home and follow a specific process to determine the extent to which a nursing home has met Medicaid and Medicare's minimum quality requirements. The most recent survey findings are weighted more than the prior year. Staffing - The staffing rating has information about the number of hours of care provided on average to each resident each day by nursing staff. This rating considers differences in the levels of residents' care need in each nursing home. For example, a nursing home with resi-

dents who had more severe needs would be expected to have more nursing staff than a nursing home where the resident needs were not as high. Quality Measures (QMs) - The quality measure rating has information on 15 different physical and clinical measures for nursing home residents. The QMs offer information about how well nursing homes are caring for their residents' physical and clinical needs. Kentucky's four state Veterans Long-Term Care Centers include: - Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, - Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard, - Joseph E. "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, and - Carl M. Brashear Radcliff Veterans Center in Radcliff.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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