

Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

In addition to some heartwarming information about a professional photographer who'll be on campus next week, which most of you already have heard about directly from our Activities Director, Clay Lindsey, I'm writing to let you know that one additional staff member tested positive for COVID-19 today. They are self-isolating at home for the recommended time frame before returning to work. All residents are subsequently being tested and so far, all are negative.

We continue to follow the most current infection control and prevention recommendations from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Department of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians are working seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

Visitation: No changes to current protocols. All visitors must screen in PRIOR to visiting their loved one. **Remember... we now have new screening kiosks in place in the house entrances (and the Community Center) for visitors and employees.** If you're having trouble using a kiosk, please let a staff person know so that we can assist. Because this is a healthcare facility, masks are still required on campus for all visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff.

Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations: All WWVH staff are fully vaccinated, currently being tested twice a week, and screened for symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures upon arrival to the facility using the new kiosks.

In addition to email notifications, this information is personally distributed to all residents, and hard copies are mailed to residents' primary representative who prefer that form of communication. ***Please remember to forward these notifications to any other family member(s) you think would benefit from receiving the information as we only distribute them directly to the residents and primary contact persons.*** You may also access up to date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting: www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN A BIT FURTHER FOR INFO ON NEXT WEEK'S VERY SPECIAL PLANS...

Lonna Leno, Administrator

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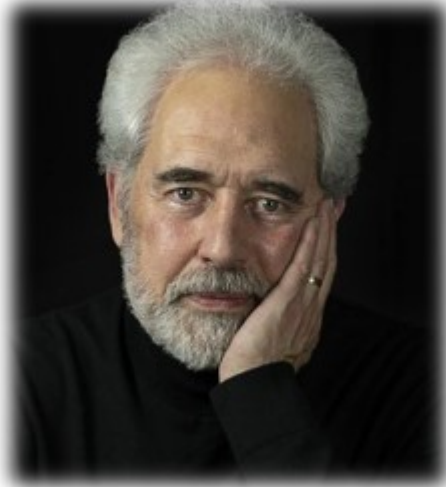
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We are very pleased to share that Retired U.S. Army Brigadier General, Robert ("Bob") Reese, will be on campus August 29 - September 2, 2022. Bob has graciously offered to volunteer his professional photography expertise for the residents of WWVH. These portraits will be provided at no cost to our Veterans and their spouses. Residents and their families have all been notified and are encouraged to contact our

Activities Department to schedule a photo session with Bob!

Bob has been a photographer for more than five decades and was able to use his GI bill benefits to earn a photography degree. Bob's compassion and tremendous respect for fellow Veterans propelled him into always looking for opportunities to serve them. In that light, Bob's goal here at WWVH is to serve our Veterans by providing them and their loved ones with professional portraits that honor the Veteran beyond the immediately visible, portraits that really capture and portray the Veteran's character and strength, with dignity.

Here are some links to learn more about Bob Reese:

<https://robertjreese.myportfolio.com/about-me>

<https://sites.google.com/ever.../evccphotoafa21/robert-reese>

