



Friends of Mid-Missouri Fisher House

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# NEWSLETTER

*Winter 2022-23*

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS!



Beginning the first week of July, the Fisher House Foundation construction contractor began construction of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House near the main entrance of Truman VA Hospital. Much of the exterior work has been completed, and the contractor is now finishing up the interior spaces and installing the plumbing, electrical, HVAC, elevator, walls, ceiling and flooring. Once the construction is completed, all furnishings including a full kitchen and laundry will be installed.

Upon completion, hopefully by May 2023, the House will be donated to the Truman VA Hospital, which will then assume responsibility for staffing, utilities, maintenance and operations. The Mid-Missouri Fisher House will include 16 family suites, a kitchen, laundry area and dining and living rooms. That means 16-32 family members can be served at any time. We hope to begin receiving guests this summer!

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# New Fisher House Manager on board!

## Meet Truman VA's New Fisher House Manager!

Terry Woodcock, MAED, currently serves as Fisher House Manager at Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital. Mr. Woodcock assumed his new position on Jan. 15, 2023.

Prior to his new role, Mr. Woodcock served in several leadership positions within the U.S. Department of Defense/Commander Naval Installations Command. These include Area Manager of Family Housing for Commander Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan; Installation N9 for the Commander of Fleet Activities, Okinawa, Japan; Lodging Manager of Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, Okinawa, Japan; Command Master Chief for the Commander of Fleet Activities, Okinawa, Japan; Command Master Chief, USS John S. McCain DDG-56, Yokosuka, Japan.



Born in St. Kitts, West Indies, Mr. Woodcock immigrated with his parents at an early age to the U.S. Virgin Islands where he completed his primary and secondary education. He joined the U.S. Navy after high school and went to basic training (boot camp) in Orlando, Florida. He attended Hospital Corpsman "A" school in Great Lakes, Illinois, followed by Field Medical Service School in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. After that training, he was assigned to the labor and delivery ward of U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Numerous other assignments followed, to include Military Entrance Processing Station, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Laboratory School in San Antonio.

During his Navy career, Mr. Woodcock also served on numerous ships to include the USS Hewitt DD-966, USS Essex LHD-2, USS Belleau Wood LHA-3, USS San Jose AFS-7, USS Niagara Falls AFS-3, USS White Plains AFS-4, and USS John S. McCain DDG-56. These ship tours allowed him to travel to numerous locations around the world to include Asia (such as Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, and the Philippines), South America, the Middle East (such as Egypt), Europe (such as Italy), the Red Sea, Djibouti, Mexico (such as Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta), and Hawaii - to name a few.

Mr. Woodcock retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer from the U.S. Navy in 2010 after 31 years of honorable service.

An avid cyclist, he spends most of his free time exploring the country on one of his bikes. He also enjoys playing the piano and organ.

Welcome aboard Terry!

## Outreach and Fundraising Continue

We are always busy working to get the word out about the Mid-Missouri Fisher House and what it will mean to veterans and their families. Below are some of our activities:



On March 2, Terry Woodcock (our new House Manager) and Stephen Gaither (Board Chairman) made a presentation to the Fulton Kiwanis Club.

On March 15, Stephen Gaither made a presentation to the Boonville Kiwanis Club speaking about the Truman Veterans' Memorial Hospital, Fisher House Foundation and the Mid-Missouri Fisher House.

On March 21, board member Gary Powell made a presentation to the Columbia Women's Club describing the Mid-Missouri Fisher House and the services that it will provide when it opens later this summer.



We again participated in the CoMoGives campaign that raises donations for local mid-Missouri non-profit organizations. The Friends of Mid-Missouri Fisher House received a total of \$2,715 in donations!!! Thanks to all who supported us in this very important fundraiser!!

We continue to receive generous donations from many individuals, but we would especially like to thank the following companies, foundations and organizations for their continued support in the last several months.

- **American Legion Post 510** -- Laddonia
- **American Legion Riders Post 5** -- Jefferson City
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- **Boone County Government Employees** – Columbia
- **Central Missouri Mustang and Ford Club**
- **DogMaster Distillery** – Columbia

- Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #1529 – Columbia
- Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly #0583 – Columbia
- Millersburg Community Club -- Millersburg
- Missouri State Employees through the MSECC
- Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club – Columbia
- Texas Roadhouse – Jefferson City and Columbia
- Throttle Masters – Columbia
- Veterans United Foundation – Columbia
- VFW Post 2654 Auxiliary – Moberly
- VFW Post 3772 – Mexico
- VFW Riders from Post 2657 – Fulton
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- Westran Public Schools, National Honor Society & Middle School Council -- Huntsville
- Exhibit Expressions – Centennial, CO
- Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624 -- Sunrise Beach



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*In Support of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House*

### PIT BOSS PRO SERIES II 850 WOOD PELLET GRILL



**You can win this Pit Boss Grill!** *(Sorry - Food, Drink and Dude not included)*  
---Grill is fully assembled---

- With 850 square inches of adjustable, crosshatch porcelain-coated cast iron cooking grids, you don't have to worry about running out of cooking space
- With Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, you have all the power to connect your Pro Series to a smart device for a more controlled cooking experience
- The 20 lb Hopper gives you enough fuel to cook even the lowest and slowest dishes
- The digital PID control board is fully programmable, allowing you to reach temperatures from 180°-500°F

The Pit Boss Pro Series II 850 is Bigger. Hotter. Heavier... and Now Smarter! The PB850PS2 Wood Pellet Grill features a digital PID control board and advanced technology for even temperatures, more all-natural hardwood smoke, and convenient Wi-Fi and Bluetooth compatibility. Using our **Pit Boss Grills app** with Grill Connect™ Technology, get ready to maximize your grilling experience, control temperature settings, monitor your grill's meat probes, and more. The PB850PS2 delivers our renowned 8-in-1 versatility to sear, smoke, barbecue, roast, char-grill, braise, bake, and grill. With a temperature range of 180° – 500°F and our patented Simple Slide-Plate Flame Broiler allowing direct flame searing up to 1,000°F. The PB850PS2 Wood Pellet Grill has an 850 square inch cooking area with two tiers of removable cooking grids. This powerful machine delivers unbeatable results using 100% all-natural hardwood fuel.

**Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$25 - available from any Board member.**

**Message us on Facebook or go to our webpage ([www.midmofisherhouse.org](http://www.midmofisherhouse.org)).**

**Drawing: May 8, 2023. Winner responsible for pick up in Columbia MO**

**We are raffling off a brand-new Pit Boss grill! If you wish to buy one or more chances, you may contact any of our board members, message us on Facebook, or go to our webpage at: <https://www.midmofisherhouse.org/donate.html>**

*Purchase value \$550. Thanks to Lowe's in Jefferson City Missouri for the generous donation!*

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You can now make a donation to us through Venmo. Find us on the Venmo app at "Friends of Mid-Missouri Fisher House."

**Please note:** Due to limitations by Venmo, we are unable to send a receipt to donors as Venmo does not provide contact information of donors. If you make a Venmo donation and require an IRS tax deduction receipt, please contact us (email or phone) and provide us with your name, mailing address, donation amount, and date of donation.

## Don't miss these Upcoming Events!

**12th Annual Wagons For Warriors**  
 Wagons for warriors INC. is a non profit 501(c)3 not associated with any national organization. All staff are volunteers drawing no salary.

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**Saturday, May 27 2023**  
**Cowan Civic Center**  
**Lebanon Fairgrounds**  
**Lunch 12:00 pm**  
**Authentic Chuck Wagons from 8 states**  
**\$15.00 donation to assist veterans**  
**5 & under Free**

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**South Fork Regulators**  
 Wild West Regulators  
 Lebanon MO

**COMFORT FOOD THE COWBOY WAY**  
 Kent & Shannon Rollins  
 Best Rollins Cooking Class

**Chuckwagon Parade through Lebanon Friday, May 26th 11:00 am**

**Best Rollins cooking class May 26th, 1:00 pm. Buttermilk Biscuits, Gravy & Cowboy Coffee. \$30 each to attend. 200 spots available. Contact Mitch or Charlene Morgan for reservations @ 417-288-9910 or 417-288-8197**

**Live auction after dinner...all proceeds go to assist local veterans**

**Cowboy Church at the wagons Sunday May 28th, 9:00 am**

**Mitch Morgan 417-288-9910**

**Steve Hull 417-588-5210**

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September 4, 2023

Presented by **BooneHealth**



**FISH FRY**  
**May 6, 2023**

**Zack Wheat**  
**American Legion**  
**Post 624**  
**Sunrise Beach MO**

**Friends of Mid-MO Fisher House presents**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Monday, July 24, 2023**  
**10 a.m. Shotgun Start**  
**Country Club of Missouri**  
**4 - Person Scramble**



**FISHER HOUSE HELPING MILITARY FAMILIES**