

## **Atria Spirit of 45 Plans**

### **Aquidneck**

We are having musical entertainment by Kate Grana with appetizers served that would have been served during that time period, shrimp cocktail, pigs in a blanket, crudité, etc. Also, our town council President, Joseph Robicheau, will be joining to give the proclamation. I have submitted to the press release to our local papers.

### **Baypoint Village**

We have an entertainer coming that day. He will focus on 40's music. We will also do a champagne toast during the party. I have made a display board that tells the story of the kiss. We are going to have the couple pose in the "kiss" style and take pictures. We are also asking them to tell us their story as to where they were on that date in time.

### **Bayshore**

Here in Bay Shore we are having a Spirit of '45 party! August 12 from 2:30 -4:30 pm. I ordered the Spirit of '45 banner with our community name on it. Live musical entertainment (hits from the 40's big band style) from 2:30 -3:30 followed by wine, fruit, cheese & crackers. A DVD presentation (3:30-4:30) of all our veterans & spouses, along with other famous photos from that year. It includes all the wedding photos that we already have up on our wedding wall, AP photos from the press & the cover of a few magazines during that year. We will not be joining the group in Manhattan but we will be celebrating with them in spirit.

### **Bayspring Village**

We are looking forward to a reception for our veterans and the veterans in the community. The press release went out inviting them to the event Sunday at 2:00 and asking them to bring any of their memorabilia to show. I asked Charles Brule to attend. He's a former officer, retired Barrington Police Chief and active with the local VFW. He's in charge of asking those guys to come. I will invite the local paper to come as well as the editor of the Barrington Patch. Looking forward to a special afternoon.

### **Bethlehem**

We will be putting together our own video together and presenting to the residents all the photos we had gathered of our their wedding and veterans photos. Along with that we will be gathering to recognize our fallen soldiers; husbands and wives of the residents.

### **Briarcliff Manor**

We are having a Spirit of '45 Ceremony on the 12th followed by piano playing and a patriotic sing along. The ceremony will have a history professor from Manhattanville College speaking about the World War II time period as well as a representative of the American Legion. I have contacted the local boy scouts and color guards, so hopefully we will have young people at the ceremony to make it more of an intergenerational program. I am planning on giving our veterans certificates for their service to the country. I am also going to try to collect wedding pictures from the residents and display them on a table during the ceremony.

### **Carrollton**

We will have Cameo Showcase Entertainment.

### **Chandler Villas**

We will be celebrating our WWII heroes on the 12th with a USO themed Brunch, complete with live entertainment. We will use patriotic decorations and current pictures of all of our Veterans. We really enjoyed being a part of "The Kiss Tour" and are looking forward to the unveiling of the photo mosaic on the 14th.

### **Chateau Gardens**

We are having a Celebration & Dance Party. I have a Vaudevillian named Tony Castle coming in dressed as FDR to give a historical presentation, re-enactment. Then my friends who are swing dancers will come in to perform, and get our dance party started. I just reserved a driver so that evening we can take some residents to the San Jose Giants baseball game where it is Spirit of '45 night and there will be a fireworks display. I am also taking my friends (the swing dancers) to the game to "pay" them for their performance. I am looking forward to it!

### **Covell Gardens**

On August 12-we will have a performance at 2pm. The singers will be doing patriotic songs and songs that were popular at that time. We will have a table of memorabilia and a table with resident responses of "What were you doing on that day?"

### **Cutter Mill**

We are having an "Old Time Summer Fair" on Sunday 8/12 from 1-4 pm, with musical entertainment by Savannah Sky (my country-western band) - focusing on classic country music from the 1940s and including patriotic songs. We will have some intergenerational games, a clown doing balloon animals, and some vendors to go along with the country fair theme, and we are selling hot dogs and ices/ice cream at the fair and all proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. I am also putting together a program using the materials downloaded from the spiritof45.org website and will open the event with a ceremony from 1-1:30 pm using the templates provided; I also contacted the Mayor of Great Neck Plaza and she will be issuing a proclamation (again, downloaded from the website) and coming over to present it to us. I am looking for a bugler or trumpet player to come and play "Taps" also.

### **Cypresswood**

We are decorating the whole dining room in Red White & Blue and displaying the picture. Trivia about WWII and discussions in afternoon.

### **Daly City**

Decorate for Red white and blue day. Comedy and humor 11:00, themed for the day. Spirit of 1945 luncheon 11:45, oldies music. Friendship Day Social of remembrance 2:30. Dinner 5:00 PM: The mayor is coming to present a proclamation to our community and read it with city council members in attendance, toast at dessert.

### **Darien**

Atria Darien will be hosting an event for the Darien community from 2:00 – 4:00. All veterans residing in the Town of Darien along with Atria veterans have been invited to this event. Music (1945 era) will be provided by Joe Holmes, a portion of the musical entertainment will be a sing-a-long. The local media has been invited. Recognition Ceremony – To begin at 2:30 with special guest speaker US Senator Richard Blumenthal who will present each veteran with a citation; Congressman Jim Himes will speak and present a letter to each veteran; State Senators Carlo Leone and Bob Duff along with State Representative Terrie Wood will read a citation recognizing the veterans along with Atria's support for them; Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson will read a proclamation. The ceremony will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and conclude with God Bless America. The names of all of the veterans will be read at the ceremony, as well. Celebration – Will continue after the Recognition Ceremony. This will be a time for all of our guests to mingle with family, friends and elected officials; enjoy some finger foods and desserts.

### **Draper Place**

I have arranged for antique cars (from the 40's era, and hopefully a bright sunny day) to come to our community, plus there will be a pianist who will play the tunes from the 40's. All the Veterans will be recognized and then celebrate with cake.

## **El Camino Gardens**

We have ordered several banners for our community for visuals. Celebratory cakes will be shared with all residents, staff, and visitors on Spirit Day (cake will have the photo we took of our residents when the kiss statue came here. In addition we are...Doing an "Interactive Walk Through History" with Rosie the Riveters and Home Front Workers and Veterans. These folks will share about the jobs they held during the War (some sporting Rosie scarves, others with war time visuals including uniforms, medals ration books and various treasures. They will share their personal stories upon being "activated". Residents and visitors will walk through a staged area stopping at different stations to hear each individual story. Very interactive program- residents are excited to share their legacy. "Entertaining the Troops '45" Variety Show. Engage Life team will replicate the famous Bob Hope visits and comedic acts for the troops, while residents and staff share individual talents. Highlighting wartime products through "commercials" during the show. Atria Rhythm Band and Atria singers both have parts in the variety show.

## **East Northport**

We will have entertainment with a 40's theme during lunch August 12th...lunch will feature some fad foods of the 40's (SPAM was really popular, but I think we're avoiding it)...corn dogs, m&m's, coco-cola etc... On the day of the Spirit of 45' (the 14th) we got this great book with paraphernalia of WWII....postcards, photos, maps, letters etc.....

## **Elizabethtown**

Elizabethtown is having a concert with the Ladies for Liberty performing for our residents, staff and families. We have also ordered camouflage Atria shirts for them to wear.

## **Evergreen Woods**

We will be celebrating the Spirit of '45 Celebration by hosting a party with music from one of our local entertainers Tony D. We will be serving a patriotic punch & a Spirit of '45 cake. We will also be decorated in red, white, & blue.

## **Grapevine**

We are having an afternoon ice cream social sponsored by local home health agency, recognition of our Veterans and patriotic music. Earlier in the a.m. of the 14th I am planning to take some of our Veterans to the "Step Back in Time! Keep the Spirit of 45 Alive" Celebration being put on by Vitas at the Vintage Flying Museum in FW, TX.

## **Fairhaven**

We will be having a Spirit of 45 Party along with a display of the resident pictures that were submitted to the Spirit of 45. The Culinary team will be providing a delicious cake to be served at the party as well.

## **Golden Creek**

At 1:00 we will be having a "We Honor You reception" We will be serving some scrumptious desserts; I have ordered American Flag pins that we will hand out to our veterans. We will be playing music from the 1940's and I ordered a banner that we will be displaying.

## **Hamilton Heights**

We are having a "toast" of Prosecco during our Happy Hour honoring and remembering the loves of our resident's lives. I have my laptop available for the residents to see what the event is all about. I have created the "buzz" in our community and we are having our own reminiscing and senior show and tell event for them to share their love stories.

## **Harborhill**

At Harborhill we are having a special salutation to our WWII Veterans. I am putting together a commemorative book for each resident that will have vintage photograph(s) of each veteran. If there is no photograph each vet will be listed with their years of service. Afterwards a special Happy Hour with appetizers etc.

## **Hearthstone East**

Hearthstone east will be having a reception on the afternoon of August 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Spirit of 45.

## **Hudson**

We are doing a Spirit of '45 Celebration and Dance to highlight couples in our community. Hudson has turned into the Love Boat lately with new couples emerging each day, and new married couple move-ins so here is a chance for them to dance and celebrate together while reminiscing about the end of WWII.

## **Huntington**

All local families, friends and members of the Greatest Generation are invited on Sunday, August 12 at 3:00pm to join the Spirit of '45 Day celebration. The celebration will include a champagne toast, a chocolate fountain for dipping wonderful sweets, and the opportunity to hear poems and stories told by those who wish to share their experiences and memories during one of the biggest moments in history.

## **Kennebunk**

Sunday August 12th we are having a social with wine, cheese, crackers, fresh fruit and shrimp cocktail. French singer and musician, Lucille Therrien, will be entertaining at 2:00 pm. She will be singing a variety of wedding/ love songs to tie the theme together. The main entrance will have framed photographs of our married couples from 45'. We will dress the table very nice for people to look at and admire. One couple is still married to this day and their photograph will be centered as "then and now". Friends, family and community are all invited. At the end we will ask that Paul and Ethel Doaris (our couple), come up to the front for a congratulatory toast.

## **Kew Gardens**

Atria Kew Gardens will celebrate the "**Spirit of '45'**" with an afternoon of events, entertainment and refreshments. Highlights include a presentation to our Veterans participating in the Veterans History Project of DVDs containing their individual interviews for themselves and their families; live performances of American and patriotic music; portraits of our Veterans in uniform created at the event by artist Rick Bleier; and, of course, a traditional BBQ dinner on our Patio. Also, everyone in our community is being encouraged to wear Red, White & Blue. I already ordered a banner from the 'Spirit of '45' which will be the centerpiece of our decorations.

## **Kingwood**

Here at Kingwood We are having a band to play big band music, all of our veterans will hold their poster sized pictures of them during the war in their uniforms. My program instructor is going to sing the national anthem, one of our residents is going to wear his uniform to raise the flag while everyone else salutes while raising the flag. We will have the spirit of 45 banner, the 45 cake, finger foods and refreshments. We will have it decorated all red, white & blue. We have also contacted all media about our event along with outside contacts and family members.

## **Lakewood**

For our Spirit of '45 Day, we are hosting a party from 2-4pm at our community. Staff and residents are encouraged to come dressed in their 40's attire, while we listen/dance to music from the time period and enjoy Colorado peach desserts. Because peaches are in season here in Colorado, our chef has created 9 different peach recipes for everyone to try. We also will have a television set up, in the background, that will be playing a dvd of 1940's nostalgia, which includes commercials, and facts about the time (such as what movies were released, how much gas cost, technological inventions that were developed then, etc.). Our residents will have the opportunity to share stories about what role they played during this important time in history. Also, our maintenance director will read the proclamation from the mayor about the Spirit of '45 Day. All in all, we are hoping to essentially bring the "spirit of 1945" to our community.

## **Longmeadow Place**

Slideshow of photos, reminiscing, and cookies and punch

## **Longmont**

I have created a patriotic poster with all the pictures of our couples who were married during the time between 1940 and 1945. Becky will be reading and leading a discussion from the book, "**CHICKEN SOUP for the SOUL of AMERICA**". The truths in this book will inspire and comfort you, and also shed light on the lives of people we lost, whose ultimate sacrifice will live in our hearts forever. These stories remind us what it means to be a hero; of the strength of America's democracy, and that our **SPIRIT** cannot be destroyed nor our resolve defeated. This compelling book speaks to the kindness of strangers, the courage of ordinary people and what it truly means to be member of the AMERICAN human family.

## **Lynbrook**

Party that day with families giving all Veterans pins and having a surf and turf dinner for everyone.

## **Manresa**

Plan at 2:30pm popular music from the War years will be played as folks enter the activity area. Guests will be escorted to their seats by Midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy. Welcome to guests . Presentation of the Flag - Pledge of Allegiance. National Anthem - Guest singer to lead. Invocation given by our Bible Study volunteer minister who is a senior himself. Introduction including the history and background of the Spirit of '45 Project. Reading of local proclamations. Salute to our resident & guest veterans - Medley of service songs, Salute to home front workers - Song - Keep the Home Fires Burning. Individual stories of what residents were doing when they heard the war was over. Moment of silence as Tribute to the Fallen.... Taps Salute to the entire WWII generation and the values they inspire us with today Thank you to the volunteer midshipmen and salute to the future of our country in their hands. Patriotic cookies, snacks and drinks served. Guests invited to socialize and dance to music of the 40's with midshipmen dance partners.

## **Maplewood Place**

We are having a luncheon; we are decorating our dining room with posters from WWII including the kiss seen around the world. Our culinary chef is making a cake with the words "Spirit of '45" written in frosting on it. We also have a WWII veteran resident that is going to make a speech, as well as Patriotic music. The public is invited and we are trying to get the Mayor of Malden to attend. It should be fun!

### **Marina Place**

So far I have a History professor from Stonehill college coming to our community to present a lecture on "the Spirit of 45" following the lecture we have a wine and cheese social for our residents to share photos and memories

### **Merrimack Place**

We are having a celebration at 3:30 pm in our Pub. We are ordering a banner to be hung, I have ordered three individual photos which I will frame of the three wedding photos submitted to me by my residents; these will be displayed on the three Pub tables (much like at a wedding reception). I am making centerpieces and serving hors d'oeuvres which were popular in the mid 40's (my Culinary Director and I are researching this). I have a CD of music for singing along to which includes Rosie the Riveter and like songs. We have champagne flutes and will toast to the Spirit of '45! I have also alerted the press and hope they will be there as well. My ELPI will be there and I plan on coming in for this and will take photos. Good times ahead!

### **Meridian**

At Meridian, our plans include a themed & decorated party with entertainment singing the songs of the time. I am also moving the Veterans' wall posters to the party for display.

### **Merrywood**

MerryWood is celebrating the "Spirit of '45" with music, food and memorabilia from that era. David Jennings' a popular pianist from Charlotte will be performing music from the 40's. We will also have displayed memorabilia from the 40's that our residents have kept close to their hearts. Several foods such as canapés', monkey bread etc. will served (popular from 40's). We begin at 2:00pm.

### **Montego Heights**

We here at Montego will be having a special Kiss re-enactment with our resident couples. We have a Dixie land band coming in to provide music and for the most part we will be interviewing the resident couples asking them about their time together and memory of the famous kiss. Should be a fun event!!!

### **Newburgh**

We have invited our Veterans family members in and we're going to have an intimate session recognizing our Vets and sharing stories of honor. Family members are going to speak about how proud they are of their mom/dad, grandma/grandpa, etc.

### **Northgate Park**

Spirit of 45' Soda Fountain Party, Music from the era, staff dressed in costume along with residents, Comedian and magician John Louis, Dressed up soda fountain. 3-5 on August 12.



### **Regency**

Regency will be having an Old Fashion Soda Party. The residents will be able to make their own Floats, sundaes, and ice cream cones. I have some volunteers who will be dressed up as "soda jerks" to serve refreshments and listen to music from the 40's and the 50's. The residents and staff are looking forward to this event.

### **Riverdale**

Noon - 2 PM: Outdoor BBQ with our WWII veterans, Atria residents, friends and families to honor the legacy of our greatest generation. 2:15 PM: Remarks by WWII Veteran and Atria Resident Gene Malkis (or TBD); Reading of the names of Atria residents who served in WWII, their branch of service and position; Unveiling of the new Veterans Wall of portraits in the front lobby area. 2:30 PM: Ceremonies will conclude with a performance of "Taps" performed by Jorge Lopez, volunteer from Buglers Across America, representing the US Army. Entertainment: Singer, Jacques LeBas, will sing selections from the 1930's and 40's

### **Roslyn**

Roslyn will be doing a couple of things. We will be playing matinee and evening films related to the WW II theme, for example Robert Mitchum in "The Story of GI JOE," and James Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy." A political discussion group will feature Frank Capra's "Why We Fight" series. This prestigious film series was made by Capra, who at that time was a major in the US Army Signal Corps. We will run a program "Historic Headlines" with reprints of headlines from the events that took place in August 1945 as reported in the New York Times. This will be a catalyst for conversation about where our residents were at the time, etc. We'll take a group photo of Veteran residents at cocktail hour, which will be replete with Red, White and Blue smoothies. (The drinks are smoothies, but so are our guys.)

### **Rye Brook**

We will be having local boy scouts and Eagle scout honor our Veterans along with a flag ceremony. We will also be having a program " Where were you during the ending of the War"

### **Salisbury**

We are having our celebration before dinner at 4pm....it will be a cocktail hour with wine, cheese, and hordourves. We will honor all our Veterans during this hour.

### **San Pablo**

Spirit of '45 Day at 3:30pm, we are having a "USO" Themed Party. Live entertainment will be provided by Bethany Paolini who sings all the music from the 1940's. She even has the big microphone and comes in costume looking like one of the Andrews Sisters. We will be serving foods from the 40's. Spam, cheese & crackers, little tuna casserole cups, cocktail sausages, cranberry mocktails and martini's (Shaken, not stirred). Also, we have printed in black and white all of the couple pictures and military pictures that we collected from all of our residents between the years of 1940-1945. We are posting them on a wall and our residents are going to try and guess Who's Who. The winner will win a prize. But the fun is really in finding out Who's Who!

### **Seville**

The WWII Veterans will be honored as our way to celebrate the end of WWII and to remember the joy of that day in 1945. We will be taking a group photo that will be enlarged for our Veterans Wall of Honor and can be sent to the press. We invited Congressman Joe Heck to be here for this photo opportunity and to present a certificate of Appreciation to "The WWII Veterans of Atria Seville". Immediately following this we will begin a happy hour with "old fashioned" drinks and move into our game room for Casino-style games with the residents. It is the kick-off day for our charitable school supplies drive that will benefit Street Teens. We are having, Karen, our Marketing Director placed this Free event online for the public, especially WWII Veterans, to attend, and to learn about the school supplies drive as well. We emailed the Spirit of 45 website

### **South Setauket**

On Spirit of 45 Day we are having an Entertainer that specializes in Film. He is doing a presentation on Abbott and Costello. They are the ultimate in WWII era comedians; in fact the first part of their career was dedicated to making pre-war propaganda comedies for the U.S. Army. The whole day is 40's theme....my department will be dressed 40's (trying to get all staff)....40's music and all meals will be based on the 1940's with dinner served like a TV Dinner. All Veteran's will receive a boutonniere to honor them.

### **Springdale**

We are having a party at 3:00 on Sunday, August 12 to celebrate. There will be food and music. We are inviting family, friends, anyone is welcome to attend.

### **St. Matthews**

We are going to have a nice celebration with food and drinks and I have a historical video to show that day also cause many of our residents like to watch films about the war so it fits in great with this.

### **Stonybrook**

Since we had the "Kiss" Statue here this summer and we did a big event with Beauty Queens, WWII vintage Jeeps and trucks, breakfast, music, etc. I thought I would keep this event a little simpler. We are going to turn the dining room into a WWII USO club. I plan to do a Happy Hour Bar and Big Band music for dancing. I am working on getting service uniforms or at least hats for the staff to wear and decorate the balcony of the dining room with Bunting. We usually do something to celebrate veterans day too so I'm trying to keep them a little different.

### **Summit Hills**

At Summit Hills we are having the Jeannine Groh Trio come and perform a patriotic show for our residents and families. We will also recognize our residents who served in the military and the resident wives who had husbands overseas, a display table of war photos and other memorabilia and promote the Veteran's History Project.

### **Summit Ridge**

We are doing our event in the evening; I have booked entertainment, a 30 woman accapela group who are going to do a patriotic tribute show for our residents. I am also having the professional photographs we had taken when the statue stopped in our community printed and framed for each of the residents for their rooms to commemorate the day. I am toying with the idea of doing a video montage of each of the residents recounting their memory of where they were on August 14, 1945...and mixing it in with veteran's photos...I think I can do it with the i-pad.

### **Sunnyvale**

I would like to host in the AM "Remembering 1945" a time for those that participated in the photo project to share their photos and for people to reminisce.

Then screen "Anchors Aweigh" with Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra in the evening w/ M&M as a snack (since that was an academy award winner of that year and M&Ms were new and had historical significance- which we will talk about in the AM group).

### **Tamalpais Creek**

In my community we are planning to put up the photos we submitted of couples who were married- others will try to guess who the resident is. After lunch I will read some of the history about the end of the war and a few selected residents will share what they remember about the day the war ended. We will honor those in our community who served. I have invited the Fighter Pilot's Wife to come and speak- she is a local author and a married couple who have come to our community before. They have not accepted the invitation yet. We will be playing up beat swing music and celebrating with songs and dance. We have also invited friends of our community to share in our celebration.

### **Tanglewood**

On August 11th, we will be having a lecture on the Spirit of '45 by a resident favorite, Tom Newby. On August 12th, we will be doing a photo contest, asking residents to bring down wedding photos which will all be displayed, and residents will have the opportunity to guess who it is in each photo. We will also have a social to follow.

### **Tinton Falls**

For the Spirit of '45 Day, Tinton Falls has already scheduled a '50s style sock hop complete with old cars, music, soda shop drinks, food and entertainment. This event is open to the residents, staff and even the Tinton Falls Community. Engage Life will piggy back off of this great event. We will take an area of the sock hop, preferably at the entrance for great visual by all who walk by as well as for chronological reasons. In that area my plan is to move our Veteran's Wall outside. I have spoken to our Maintenance Director and he will build a wall out of plywood so that all veterans will have their photo on the mobile Wall. Additionally, I plan to put small US flags around the area and request silence from all visitors who visit the area. I will ask the entertainer to let visitors/residents August 12th is the Spirit of '45 day and to sing a few patriotic songs to commemorate. I will also be asking the veterans for WWII memorabilia so I may display it at the mobile Veteran's Wall.

### **Valley Manor**

We are having an event Sunday night. A gathering with remembrances treats and we will be showing the movie *Casablanca*.

### **Virginia Beach**

I have contacted our local VFW here in VA Beach asking them to come out and help us do a dedication ceremony of our "Wall of Honor". We have a lots of Veteran's in our community and we have always wanted to hold a dedication on the wall so this presents the perfect opportunity.

### **West 86<sup>th</sup> St**

Celebrate "The Greatest Generation" with Atria West 86th on Sunday, August 12th at 2:00PM. Join lecturer Paul White as he facilitates a patriotic discussion looking back to WWII and the events that shaped our nation. Afterwards, Patriotic Sundaes will be served.

### **Willow Glen**

We are planning an outdoor concert for August 12th-featuring singer Ken Sosa and Big Band Music. Besides residents and families, we are inviting other community members too. This will be an after dinner event (6:30pm)-and we will offer cookies and refreshments. We are planning to show off the pictures we took from our visit with the Kiss statue and make our own collage of Veteran and couple photos.

**Woodbriar**

We are planning to have a speaker from the Veteran's Association speak about World War II and what the end of the war meant. We will also honor and recognize our vets in house and have a flag ceremony.

**Woodbridge**

We will have two residents and the two robots recreate the kiss. The robots and residents will be dressed in costumes. We are working on the voice box of both robots now. When the voice boxes are finished both will speak briefly about returning from the war. After the kiss we have some residents that are going to speak about the WW2 experiences, and then we will host a celebration. Staff, residents and family members will be encouraged to dress up. I also ordered the spirit of 45 banner with the sailor and nurse for the background.

**Woodbridge Place**

celebrating by having one of our entertainers come in and play all the popular songs from the 40's. After our Spirit of 45 day I framed all of our wedding pictures to 11X17 and blew-up the great group picture that we took. There is a special wall on our tour path that we dedicated to the Spirit of 45! The residents love it. I thought after the music we would have our residents talk about their memories from back then. We also are going to have a special Champaign toast!

**Woodlands**

For Spirit of '45 celebration, we will be screening the actual United News Release about Japan's Final Surrender. It is about 1 hour long. That will be followed by a celebratory dessert hour and an interactive discussion group entitled "Where were you on August 14, 1945?"