



Roosevelt Care Center at Old Bridge Recognizes Armed Forces Day



It's a national day of commemoration that's too often overlooked. Be that as it may, Armed Forces Day received its due recognition from residents, staff and visitors at Roosevelt Care Center in Old Bridge on May 16.

The hour-plus long event, led by bereavement manager Fred Whitehurst of Vitas Hospice Care, featured slideshows, prayer, poems, quotes, patriotic songs and more.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman, along with Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, established Armed Forces Day by combining the separate branch celebrations into a single day of tribute.

"It was a day to honor and acknowledge these men and women," Whitehurst told a packed multi-purpose room at the long-term care facility.

Many of his audience members were former service members or spouses of those who had served in the military.

"This day is relevant to so many of our residents," said Roosevelt Care Center at Old Bridge's Administrator Alan Fialka. "They were there, heard Truman's speech, watched the parades and paid their respects to those who had made so many sacrifices for their country."