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Tank delivers treats to veterans

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The Lest We Forget Activity Cart was created by the activities staff at the Carl M. Brashear Radcliff Veterans Center as a submission for a contest held by the International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. According to the staff, the project only took 12 hours to complete and the supplies only cost \$20. Spray paint and spray adhesive were purchased to help create the tank. Submitted photo

Residents of the Carl M. Brashear Radcliff Veterans Center last week got their snacks delivered by a tank.

According to Life Enrichment Director Amy Dupin, the tank was created as a submission for a contest held by the International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

They challenged senior communities across the globe to show off their creativity by creating unique carts.

With the award being \$1,000, Dupin said they jumped at the opportunity to enter.

The snack tank idea came from staff member Brandy Small, Dupin said. Thus began the creation of the Lest We Forget Activity Cart, a name that was suggested by a group of residents.

Several members of the staff assisted in the tank's creation, including Recreation Leader Jennifer Beal, Cosmetologist Trisha Silber and Dupin.

The project took 12 hours to complete and cost \$20. Only spray paint and spray adhesive were purchased to create the tank.

Dupin said the faces of residents when they saw the tank were "amazing."

"Their smiles were from ear to ear," she said, noting they also played music as they delivered the snacks last week.

Unfortunately, Dupin said they did not place in the contest.

Dupin said they plan to use The Lest We Forget Activity Cart for future events, such as Halloween and Christmas.

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