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NORFOLK VETERANS HOME

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STATE OF NEBRASKA VISION: GROW NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA – MISSION: CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE EFFICIENT, AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED STATE GOVERNMENT Greetings,

Norfolk Veterans' Home's 2025 Memorial Day program was a great success – attended by members, their families, friends, NVH staff and community members alike. Despite the unusually cool and damp weather, which curtailed some of the outdoor activities, the community came through by filling the Rec Room to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year's program was presented by VFW Post #1644 and Auxiliary, American Legion Post #16 and Auxiliary, American Legion Riders, and the AMVETS.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank members of the NVH activities, maintenance, and housekeeping teams who go above and beyond to ensure this facility, and its grounds represent the best of the best – one simple way we can demonstrate our gratitude for all of those who have sacrificed so much.

In events held at NVH and across the United States, millions of people gathered for one purpose on this day of remembrance; to honor our war dead, pay homage to their sacrifice and courage, and to recall the selflessness that embodies military service. Memorial Day began in the 1860's when Americans began decorating the graves of Civil War dead with the flowers that abound this time of the spring. This seemingly simple gesture quickly spread to all corners of our nation.

Our greatest duty to the men and women who have died in service to our country is to *always remember* what they have done for each of us—and what they have done for us as a nation. The freedoms we enjoy every day can never be taken for granted. Events such as Memorial Day must continue to highlight the sacrifices required to maintain our freedoms at home and abroad.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer and enjoy our many freedoms!

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

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## HOME HAPPENINGS



Dreamers Place from Wayne, Nebraska stopped by for a pet visit.



A perfect afternoon in the gazebo — warm sunshine, sweet cookies and tea was enjoyed by Pod D members Charli T. and Delores P.



### HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



Memorial Day Program was held on Monday, May 26th with a flag raising at 9:15 following by an indoor program at 9:30am. Far left: Guest Speaker Ken Von Kampen Below: Norfolk VFWA lay the wreath. Far left: Members of the Norfolk Legion family posted colors.





National Nursing Home week was held May 12th –16th. NVH staff members were treated to fun activities over the week including cookies, popcorn, a special employee meal, spring time drinks and ice cream. Thank you for everything you do for our Veterans!



# In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. ~Calvin Coolidge

Marion Slusarski U.S. Army Veteran Mary Seibert Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran



# NURSES WEEK CELEBRATED MAY 5TH - 9TH



### SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Albert S.

Larry V.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

U.S. Army Veteran

Alfred "Al" F.

**Dorothy F.** 

U.S. Navy Veteran

Spouse of a U.S. Navy Veteran

#### **Norfolk Veterans Home Gift Cards**

Available in any amount from \$1 to \$25

May be used to purchase any item sold in the Canteen including meal tickets

Available for staff & members

convenience

Meal tickets can be purchased in the canteen or NVH Accounting Window and are now \$5.00 per ticket. \*note these meal tickets expire 30 days after date of purchase.

## NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



Jennifer Amen
Health Information Tech.



Kenna Houser Food Service Assistant



<u>Gaylen Freeman</u> Custodian/Housekeeper

Please welcome the following new staff to the Norfolk Veterans' Home.





### NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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### **Bits & Pieces**

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