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

I hope you were able to celebrate the holiday season in a safe and joyful manner. I know we all have great expectations that 2021 will be a much better year from many perspectives, first and foremost on the Covid front! With that in mind, Norfolk Veterans Home is preparing to hold a Covid vaccine clinic in our facility activity room. The clinic is overseen by pharmacy personnel from CVS Pharmacy and will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, January 9, 2021. The clinic will be held for both members and teammates at the same time. If you are the POA or Responsible Party for your loved one you should have received either via email or snail mail a "Covid-19 Responsible Party Consent Form". It is vitally important that we have the signed, dated form back to us by no later than January 5, 2021. If we do not have the form back to us by that date, your loved one will not be able to receive the vaccine!

We continue to battle the Covid virus every day at NVH. Our dedicated and caring teammates continue to show up, ready to provide needed care to our members no matter what. We continue to test our teammates on a weekly basis and are discussing more frequent testing. One of the challenges that a lot of families and members are currently experiencing is the fact that our members have been in quarantine in some cases for a long period of time. Our agency is also discussing potential ways we can allow family members to have compassionate care visits with their loved one while keeping safety as a top priority. Our teammates are working hard every day to ensure that infection control practices are being followed in an effort to stop the spread of Covid and help to get member living areas out of quarantine status. While the encouraging news of Covid vaccine distribution to our members and teammates is welcomed we must continue to be vigilant and not let our guard down. Wearing masks, social distancing, hand washing and not participating in large gatherings will continue to be recommended even after vaccine distribution has been completed.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful New Year and I'm sure we are all looking forward to a better 2021!

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer

Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS





Spreading Christmas Cheer Inside and Out

NVH Teammates dressed in ugly sweaters and caroled through out the halls. Many members joined right in feeling the Christmas joy. Proceeds went to the Charitable Giving Committee. Thank you to all who participated.

Love Signs and Metgreen Solutions helped spread Christmas cheer on the outside as well as the inside of NVH. They decorated each and every members window with large white snow-flakes and shimmery garland plus gave each member socks and a blanket.

To the many groups and organizations who donated Christmas cards, goodies, etc. thank you so much for remembering our Veterans.



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Jerry HulitU.S. Air Force Veteran

Aurther "Wayne" Conley U.S. Army Veteran

Joseph Reinert U.S. Navy Veteran





George "Bill" H. U.S. Navy Veteran

Gail H. Spouse of a U.S. Navy Veteran

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Want to find out what's happening at the Norfolk Veterans' Home?

Go to the State Veterans' homes website at https://veterans.nebraska.gov/homes
Here you will have access to the activity calendar and a multitude of other information regarding the State Veterans' Homes.

NEW TEAMMATES



Leizel Ahrenholtz Staff Care Tech. II



Jasmine Winters Food Service Assistant



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Bits & Pieces

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Due to COVID-19 we are not taking any room or meal reservations at this time. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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