



THE NVH OBSERVER

N O R F O L K V E T E R A N S H O M E

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

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 2022 will be a much better year from many perspectives, first and foremost on the Covid front! This has the ring of Deja vu as this is the same sentiment I expressed in last December's Newsletter.

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. We try our best to look at all possible avenues for family members to visit or take their loved one on an outing while keeping safety as the top priority. Our teammates work hard every day to ensure that infection control practices are being followed in an effort to stop the spread of Covid and help keep member living areas out of quarantine status. Wearing masks, social distancing, and hand washing and not participating in large gatherings will continue to be recommended for members and teammates alike for the foreseeable future.

One bright spot in our Covid focused day to day is the new and improved incentive and pay plan that NDVA rolled out on November 8th of this year. Norfolk Veterans Home immediately experienced an uptick in applications and as a result, have been able to hire and fill many key positions. While open positions remain, we continue to field applications and are optimistic that more teammates will be joining our ranks soon!

During December, NVH was also the recipient of a brand new Ford T350 XL Jumbo Passenger Van equipped with a bariatric lift and fully wrapped with each service branch proudly displayed! Thanks once again to the Norfolk Veterans Home Foundation, Elkhorn Valley Bank, Agri-City Insurance and our service organizations for making this donation possible. Our members can't wait to "take it out on the town!"

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful New Year and I'm sure we are all looking forward to a better 2022!

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

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JOHN HILGERT**

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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

HOME HAPPENINGS



Members kept busy this past month with various holiday activities including helping teammates set up the many Christmas trees located throughout the facility. Making and painting Christmas ornaments. The ladies got together and enjoyed a special festive Red Hat Christmas tea. Our annual Yanks Who Gave program was held on December 10th. Members also enjoyed going on Christmas light outings around Norfolk and nearby communities. An oyster soup lunch was greatly enjoyed and sponsored by the DAVA. Members were also treated to Christmas parties on each of their units. They wrapped up the year with a New Year's Eve party in the recreation room on the 30th.



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

**Charles "Leonard"
Mahlendorf**
U.S. Army Veteran

Deane Hadwiger
U.S. Army Veteran

Gail Harrison
Spouse of a U.S. Navy Veteran



NEW TEAMMATES



Kimberly Lewis
Food Service Asst.



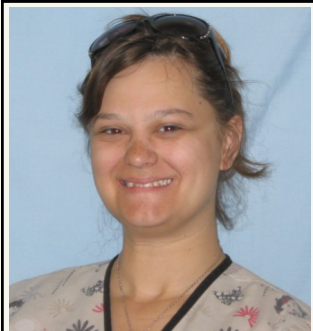
Miles Nelson
Staff Care Tech II



Lizette Estrada Contreras
Food Service Asst.



Jodi Tinker
LPN



Elizabeth Ruitenberg
Staff Care Tech II



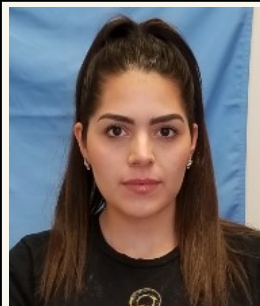
LaCash Howard
RN



Lori Lewis
Staff Care Tech II



Morgan Quinn
Staff Care Tech II



Daisy Mora
Staff Care Tech II



Scott Caauwe
Food Service Cook



Hannah Baumert
Staff Care Tech II



Ashytn Magnussen
Food Service Asst.

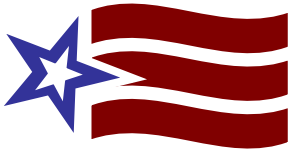


Brittany Bartusch
Staff Care Tech II

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Want to find out what's happening at the Norfolk Veterans' Home?
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FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE
NEBRASKA VETERANS.**

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