



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine that face masks would become a day to day topic of conversation or that I would see Andy Reid, coach of the Kansas City Chiefs walking the sideline fogging up a face shield. In my weekly family update letter this past week I indicated that we are looking at October 9th as the potential date the facility could move from Phase II to Phase III. I want to be very transparent with all of our family members and members.

We have gone from Phase I to Phase II and with completion of required COVID testing, we can go into Phase III ONLY after 28 days from the last COVID Positive Member or 14 Days from the last COVID Positive Staff has passed. Since we recently had a member who tested positive for COVID, we are required to wait 28 days from that occurrence. This would be the October 9th date that I referenced earlier. Other factors I did not mention in my family/member letter that might hamper our ability to move to Phase III on October 9 are hospital bed availability and community transmission rates at that time. As of the end of September, Madison County had a COVID Test Positivity Classification that would have prevented us from moving to Phase III. If that rate remains unchanged on October 9, we will not be able to proceed to Phase III on that date.

When we are able to move to Phase III, scheduled family visits (two family members at a time) could be scheduled with your loved one. You would need to pass a health screen, have your temperature taken and wear a mask at all times. You would then be escorted to a "clean room" where you could visit with your loved one, practicing social distancing between you and your loved one AT ALL TIMES. Our goal remains the same; TO LESSEN RESTRICTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND AT THE SAME TIME KEEP THEM AND OUR TEAMMATES SAFE.

We have been very fortunate at Norfolk Veterans Home to have had only one COVID positive member to this point. It is a daily battle to stay ahead of all the potential threats that can quickly turn the tide. As of the end of September, we are required to conduct weekly COVID testing on all Teammates and contract employees. We continue to enforce and double our efforts to keep our members and teammates safe. I do understand how frustrating this pandemic is for all of us, members, families and our teammates. I am very proud of the vigilance our teammates have shown and their daily efforts to follow procedures and safeguards that have been put in place. We will get through this and come out stronger on the other side.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

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**NEBRASKA
DEPT. OF VETERANS'
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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



Another well attended round of drive arounds were held in September.

Bottom left: Zelma D. enjoys bubble painting with Activity Assistant MaKayla.

Below: Michelle Pod E Activity Assistant sits with Lyla F. as she plays the piano for the unit.



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

LeRoy Janssen
U.S. Navy Veteran

James VanCleave
U.S. Air Force Veteran

John "Jack Rupprecht
U.S. Army Veteran

Isolde Cutshall
Spouse of a U.S. Air Force
Veteran



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBER

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU



Kenneth B.
U.S. Navy Veteran

Wesley B.
U.S. Army Veteran

Victor L.
U.S. Army Veteran

Wesley P.
U.S. Navy Veteran

Richard P.
U.S. Army Veteran

Russell S.
U.S. Army Veteran



David F.
U.S. Army Veteran

Theresa R.
Spouse of a U.S Navy Veteran

NEW TEAMMATES



Amber Erickson
RN



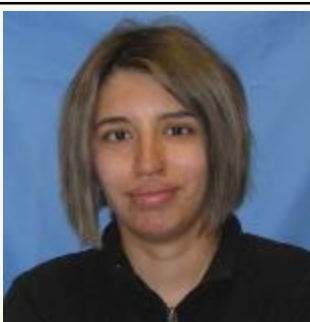
Emily Lenox
Staff Care Tech. II



Holly Swanson
Staff Care Tech. II



Cynthia Willard
Staff Care Tech. II



Rocío Rayas Gaona
Staff Care Tech. II



Rachel Waggoner
Custodian/Hskpg.



Lindsey Roberts
Staff Care Tech. II

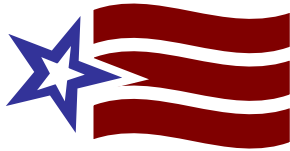


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Bits & Pieces

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There will be **NO** room and meal reservations for the holidays this year. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.