



THE NVH OBSERVER

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STATE OF NEBRASKA - DHHS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

This is without a doubt the most difficult newsletter article I have ever written. After a forty-two-year career as a licensed nursing home administrator, I am retiring November 1, 2023. In many ways, Norfolk Veterans Home, our teammates, members and volunteers have been like a second family to me for the past fifteen years. I have talked to many individuals who have or are about to retire and they count the days until retirement. I can truthfully say I am not one of them.

I will enjoy spending more time with my wife and the opportunity to visit my adult children, take up golf again and hopefully get to do a little traveling. I feel very blessed that I can count on one hand the number of days over the past forty-two years that I dreaded going to work. Confucius stated, "Choose a job you love, and you will never work a day in your life". I was fortunate to have chosen just such a job.

To me, being an administrator is not so much about "being the boss" as it is letting people do their job, providing guidance and support, and trusting that they will do the right thing. I think what I will miss most is the daily interaction with an amazing group of individuals. From our central office staff, our sister facilities, the Veterans Home Board members and especially everyone at NVH! When I first arrived fifteen years ago, with over twenty-five years of experience, my expectation was that there was not a lot to learn. Boy, was I wrong! Learning how state government functions and the politics that goes with it is a whole new world. Thankfully, Director Hilgert provided the guidance and understanding I needed to survive.

I will truly miss all of you and I wish you all the very best life has to offer! It has been an honor and privilege serving our veterans and their families. Happy trails...

God Bless
Jerry Eisenhauer
Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

**GOVERNOR:
JIM PILLEN**

**NEBRASKA
DEPT. OF VETERANS'
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR:
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 traveled to Decatur, NE for lunch at Pop N' Docs. This was one of many outings taken this month.

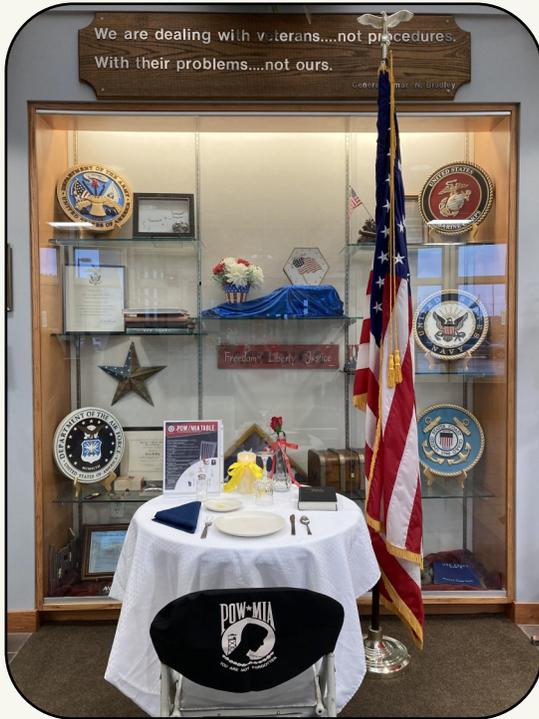


POP-n-DOC'S
Decatur Marina

Above: NVH members Carl B. and Mark S. along with NVH teammate RaeAnn Smith, attended a Norfolk High football game and were recognized along with other community Veterans for Veterans Night.

HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

POW MIA Day 9-15-2023



Members, families and teammates enjoyed live music with Stone House during the car show. Thank you to Dept. American Legion for sponsoring this event. Over 25 vehicles were on display.

Above: Shetland pony Sweet Pea and member Verona T.

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

Gus Katrouzos
U.S. Army Veteran



Joseph "Joe" Alvarez
Alaire Anderson
Cletus Becker
Alan Beller
Ivan Beller
Darlene Bretschneider
George Hancock
Maxine Haugen
Matthew "Matt" Hynes
William Kelly

Donald "Don" Kirkland
Danny Klein
David Kort
Billie "Bill" Marcellus
Ruth Ann McGill
Daniel Novak
Arleigh Papstein
Kenneth Ring
Richard Saalfeld
Frank Wright

Past NVH members were remembered during a special Memorial Service on September 13th, 2023

HOLIDAY ROOM AND MEAL RESERVATIONS

The holidays are approaching fast!
The Activity Dept. will be taking room and meal reservations for Thanksgiving and Christmas beginning October 1, 2023
Contact Stephanie Eckert at 370-3110 for reservations

As a reminder the number of guests a member can have for holiday meals is limited to four (4). Requests for more than the 4 guests must have the Food Service Director approval prior to the meal. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Dani Fischer, Food Service Director
Jerry Eisenhauer, Administrator



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Robert B.

U.S. Navy Veteran



Gladys "Gunny" N.

U.S. Air Force Veteran



Merlin M.

U.S. Navy Veteran



NEW TEAMMATES



Bailee Gillespie
Staff Care Tech II



Hannah Ross
LPN



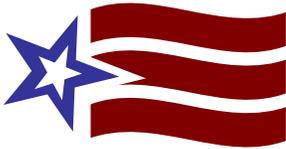
Katie Heyen
Food Service Assistant

Please welcome the following new teammates to NVH.





NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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Norfolk Veterans Home
600 E. Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
Phone: (402) 370-3330



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Bits & Pieces

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Special Occasion
Reservations:
Call Activities @ (402) 370-
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FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR
PARENTS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING
ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER OR
DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109**

