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NORFOLK VETERANS HOME

#### NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Greetings,

September was a busy month at the Norfolk Veterans' Home, with a variety of activities involving members, their families, and the community. The car show was a hit as always, with everyone enjoying the classic cars and time with family and friends in the late afternoon sun. Members also enjoyed being a part of the 44th annual Lions Club parade in downtown Norfolk, as well as a variety of other activities throughout the month.

While November and December bring well-known days of remembrance (Veterans' Day and National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, for example) many members remember significant events throughout the years that occurred in the month of October. The Battle of Leyte Gulf, which took place in 1944, is widely considered the largest naval battle in modern history and was instrumental in liberating the Philippines from Japanese occupation during World War II. October also brings the anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. And many consider the invasion of Grenada in late October 1983 one of the first displays of our country's "modern" military and humanitarian influence, with the conflict restoring peace and solidifying democracy in just a few days.

I bring up these events as a reminder that NVH and the other State Veterans' Homes recognize and celebrate the commitment and sacrifices of our members and their loved ones every day, not just the recognized holidays or official days of remembrance. Each member has his or her own unique experience with service to the country, and it's important to acknowledge that and hear the stories firsthand.

One final note – the Veterans' Home Board will be holding its next quarterly meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, October 25, here at NVH in the Rec Room. This is a public meeting, open to any member who wishes to attend, as well as the public. This annual visit by the Board is a great opportunity to show off all we have to be grateful for at NVH.

All the best,

J&COZ

# HOME HAPPENINGS

# Car Show

Wednesday, Sept. 4th NVH members, families and staff spent the evening outdoors enjoying music by Happy Band and looking at an array of vehicles as well as a few motorcycles.













# HOME HAPPENINGS

Members enjoyed taking part in Norfolk's 44th annual Lion's Club Parade. Following the parade they enjoyed lunch at the VFW.













# 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

Marvin Pfiefer U.S. Army Veteran

**Keith Pinkelman** U.S. Army Veteran



### MEMORIAL SERVICE



Members who passed away were recognized during a biannual memorial service on September 11th in Heroes' park.

Left: Norfolk ALR posted colors and music was provided by Our Savior Lutheran Church (Kevin Becker & Hannah Cmeyla) Below: Emily Rogers NVH Social Work Director remembers those who passed away.





# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

#### David B.

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran



#### Marvin W.

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

## NEW STAFF



Angel Rodriguez
Staff Care Tech II



McKenzie Field Staff Care Tech II



Shanise Foster
Staff Care Tech II



Kayle Andrews
Staff Care Tech II



Bryce Hightree Staff Care Tech II



<u>Lisa Nichols</u> Staff Care Tech II



Hannah Tagel Staff Care Tech II

Please welcome the following new staff to NVH.





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#### **Bits & Pieces**

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