



# THE NVH OBSERVER

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

## From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

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STATE OF NEBRASKA VISION:  
GROW NEBRASKA

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CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE  
EFFECTIVE, MORE  
EFFICIENT,  
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED  
STATE GOVERNMENT

Greetings,

With summer officially giving way to fall late last month, the Norfolk Veterans' Home is preparing for a flurry of activity in October. Things will be hopping as we hope to stretch out the nice weather for as long as we can!

While the federal government may be shut down for the time being, work continues at Nebraska's State Veterans' Homes, including here at NVH. Our dedicated team will continue to provide all services and assistance to our members, families, and others while our federal representatives and partners work through what we all hope will be a short shutdown.

Columbus Day is Monday, October 13, which is also the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the United States Navy. This will serve as a great opportunity to give a special thanks to the Navy veterans who are members here at NVH.

On Tuesday, October 14, NVH will be hosting the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services and public servants from various state agencies as part of the annual "Years of Service" recognition program. This event will be held in the Rec Room, and we are expecting a big turnout, including several employees from our facility who will be recognized for their longstanding commitment to service here at NVH. Due to the size of the event, it will be limited to public servants and their families.

The Veterans' Homes Board is also scheduled to hold its quarterly meeting right here at NVH in the Rec Room on Friday, October 24, beginning at 9 a.m. Members, as always, are invited to attend the public portion of this meeting and have an opportunity to speak to the board during a designated time on the agenda. The following week, we will be participating in a Mock Survey as we prepare for our annual USVA survey, scheduled for early next year.

Finally, we are expecting work to finish this month on the new outdoor seating area located near our main entrance. Concrete has been poured, and we are awaiting the addition of a pergola, which will provide some shade for the area. Seating will be added, and we hope this will serve as a nice outdoor gathering space when completed. Thank you, again, to the NVH Foundation for donating this wonderful space for our members, families, guests, and others.

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

## HOME HAPPENINGS

### Klunker CAR SHOW

On Sept. 3rd, NVH members, families, and staff spent the evening outdoors enjoying music by Music Therapy, and looking at an array of vehicles as well as a few motorcycles.





## HOME HAPPENINGS

### MEMORIAL SERVICE



A heartfelt **Memorial Service** was held on September 10th in Heroes' Park to honor and remember past NVH members who have passed away.

Above: Rev. Josh Alloway and Emily Rogers, NVH Social Work Director, lit candles in a touching tribute to those we have lost.

The Norfolk American Legion (AL) posted colors and musical accompaniment was provided by Todd Kollbaum.



*"We salute the courage, honor, and bravery of our veterans' today, tomorrow and always."*



The following members were remembered:

Kennth "Whitey" Arlt  
Henry Bigge  
Ben Burton  
Linda Dahlkoetter  
Dwayne Dunn  
Frances Faltys  
Donald "Don" Galusha  
Wesley Hansen  
Donald "Don" Hoffmann  
Dean Kruse

Richard Allen Louis  
Raymond "Ray" Mielke  
Mary Ann Siebert  
Wayne Seibert  
Russell "Russ" Sila  
Marion Slusarski  
James "Jim:" Stewart  
Willard Vyhldal  
Marvin Werkmeister  
Max Young

## MILITARY APPRECIATION



A group of Veterans from NVH attended the Norfolk High Football game for **Military Appreciation Night** on September 18th. Veterans attending were recognized during halftime and had their picture taken with the cheerleaders.



## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2025



The **POW/MIA** table (also known as the Missing Man Table) was on display in the front entry for members and staff to take a moment to reflect on its special meaning.





## CHEERLEADERS VISIT NVH



Cheerleaders from Pierce High School joined our members for an afternoon of bingo.



After several rounds of bingo, the cheerleaders treated everyone to a spirited performance, showcasing their school pride.

A heartfelt thank you to the Pierce cheer squad for sharing your time, talent, and cheer with us and to the Wakefield ALA for sponsoring bingo.

## NVH HALLOWEEN PARTY



## HEALTHCARE FOODSERVICE WORKERS WEEK

**Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week** is celebrated annually October 5th-11th. This week is dedicated to honoring the vital role that food service professionals play in healthcare settings. These individuals are responsible not only for preparing and serving meals but also for contributing significantly to patient care, recovery, and overall wellness. We want to say thank you to our dedicated Food Service workers for all you do for our Veterans.



## NATIONAL VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT VISITS NVH



The Norfolk Veterans' Home (NVH) was honored to welcome a distinguished guest this month: **Lois Callahan**, National President of the **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary of the United States**, from Little Rock, Arkansas.

President Callahan was joined by **Nebraska VFW Auxiliary President Liz Davis**, who also serves as a dedicated receptionist at NVH. Together, they toured the facility, then met with members and staff, gaining firsthand insight into the care and services provided to Nebraska's veterans.

### Norfolk Veterans Home Gift Cards

**Available in any amount from  
\$1 to \$25**

**May be used to purchase any item sold in the Canteen including meal tickets**

**Available for staff & members'  
convenience**

**Meal tickets can be purchased in the canteen or NVH Accounting Window and are now \$5.00 per ticket. \*Note these meal tickets expire 30 days after date of purchase.**

## 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, 2025

Contact Stephanie Eckert at 370-3110 for reservations

(\*Please note reservations are usually only taken three months in advance)

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  
Josh Stafursky, Administrator



# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Janice “Jan” R.**

U.S. Air Force Veteran

**Merton “Mert” H.**

U.S. Army Veteran

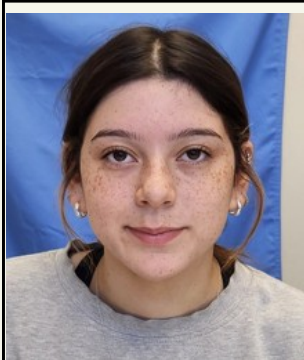
**Judith “Judy” H.**

Spouse of the U.S. Army Veteran

## NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



**Taylor Mazuch**  
Food Service Assistant



**Evi Reese**  
Food Service Assistant



**Ella Bolling**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Katelyn Hurlbert**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Toni Leathers**  
RN



**Kylee Allen**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Marissa Zelms**  
Staff Care Tech II



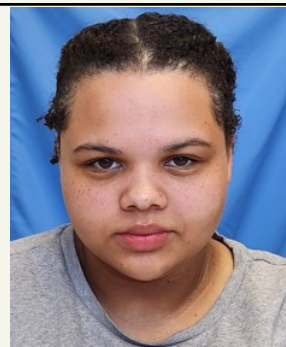
**Ashuntia Jones**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Reyna Gonzalez**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Rclaudia Hicklin**  
Staff Care Tech II



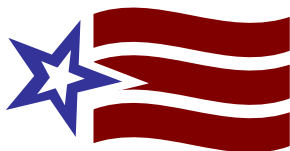
**Emma Hebert**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Olivia McKeough**  
Staff Care Tech II



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## Bits & Pieces

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Special Occasion  
Reservations:  
Call Activities @ (402) 370-  
3110



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**THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE-OPERATED  
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 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER OR  
DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402) 370-3109**

