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GROW NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA – MISSION:
CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH
MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE
EFFICIENT,
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED
STATE GOVERNMENT

Greetings,

It seems like just yesterday that we were ready for the start of summer; and now we find ourselves officially in Fall! Fortunately, we haven't seen too much chilly weather – but here in Nebraska we know that will come in no time at all.

September was an exciting month here at the Norfolk Veterans' Home, filled with meal outings to communities all over the area and various other activities. The annual car show was a tremendous success, with more cars, members and visitors than I can recall. We were very fortunate to have "cooperative" weather most of the summer, so our activities plans were not disrupted in the way they have been in past years.

October is also going to be a busy month, with a plethora of activities taking place, including fishing and beverages in Heroes' Park and events planned for Halloween that will bring ghosts and ghouls, young and old, to NVH later this month. In addition, the calendar is filled with Husker football and volleyball in October, which is something many members look forward to gathering to watch.

NVH will also be hosting a number of guests later in the month, including the directors of nursing from all of Nebraska's veterans' homes, as well as administrators and Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs central office leadership. The Veterans' Home Board will make its annual visit on Friday, October 23. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Rec Room and all members are invited to attend.

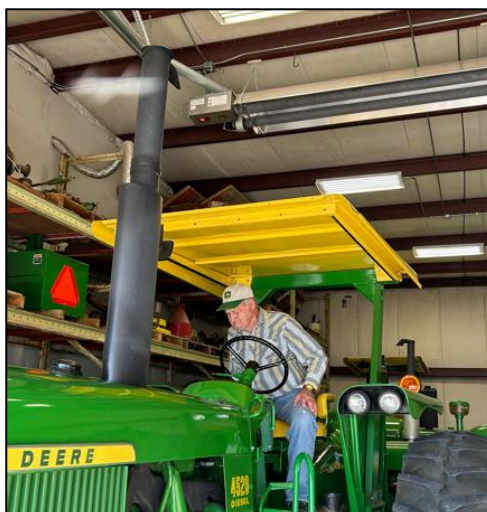
Finally, while the year's major holidays approach, team members here at NVH won't be slowing down. All departments are preparing for the annual mock survey that will take place during the first week of November. This is always a great opportunity to display the wonderful work we do to make NVH the best veterans' home in the state! Of course, it's also an opportunity to learn and grow as we prepare for our 2027 USVA annual survey, which typically happens in March.

I hope everyone has a wonderful October and that the moderate temperatures and pleasant weather will be with us for at least another month.

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS



Our members took a trip to Lindsay, NE, to check out an impressive John Deere tractor collection! Everyone got an up-close look at both scale models and full-sized equipment.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE



A heartfelt **Memorial Service** was held on September 9th in Heroes' Park to honor and remember past NVH members who have passed away.

Left: Emily Rogers, NVH Social Work Director, speaks at the program.

The service was led by Rev. Josh Alloway. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posted colors and musical accompaniment was provided by Pastor Todd Kollbaum.



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

The following members were remembered:

Donald "Don" Bazyn, Charles "Roger" Brokaw, Robert "Bob" Faltys, Judith "Judy" Hahne, Lucille Kieckhafer, Carol Orr, Howard Pelc, William "Bill" Richardson, James "Doc" Ridgeway, Timothy "Tim" Rollman, Norman Sellin, Robert "Bob" Simpson, Sharon Synovec, Craig Umland, and Jacob "Jack" Weber.



HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

NVH HALLOWEEN PARTY



Families of our members and staff are welcome to attend in costume for our **Trick or Treat** event on Tuesday, October 27th, 4:00 to 5:30pm.

Games will be sponsored by the JOI kids club. Refreshment and snacks are provided by individual and various service organizations!



POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026



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.



Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?
Contact Brooke at (402)370-3102
E-mail: brooke.hilpipre@nebraska.gov

In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

No person was even honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. – Calvin Coolidge

Milton Schwartz

U.S. Army Veteran

Stanley Fairbanks

U.S. Army Veteran

Martha Detlefsen

Spouse of a U.S. Army
Veteran

Sharon Veskrna

Spouse of a U.S. Army
Veteran



HEALTHCARE FOODSERVICE WORKERS WEEK

Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week is celebrated annually October 4th – 10th. This week is dedicated to honoring the vital role that food service professionals play in 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.

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, 2026.

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. Meal tickets can be purchased ahead of time in the Canteen.

Dani Fischer, Food Service Director
Josh Stafursky, Administrator

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Dale "Pete" B.

U.S. Army Veteran

Thomas "Tom" M.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

Donald K.

U.S. Army Veteran

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.

NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



Alexa Wamberg
Staff Care Technician



Dana Wright
Custodian



John Pendergast
Supply Technician



Mindy Dahlheim
Laundry Worker



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FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR
PARENTS.**

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DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109**

