



THE NVH OBSERVER

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

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

Greetings,

As the summer heat gives way to cooler mornings and evenings here in northeast Nebraska and we move our clocks back an hour, there's no escaping the fact that the winter months aren't too far away. Fortunately, as the pleasant summer weather retreats, the calendar brings us many other things to look forward to such as Veterans Day and the holidays.

October was busy as usual here at the Norfolk Veterans' Home, with a plethora of activities and events, none of which brings more smiles to our members' faces than the annual Halloween Trick or Treat event. It brings families and loved ones of members and NVH teammates into the facility, and it's truly special to see the joy on everyone's faces as the sights and sounds of excited children fill the hallways.

With the passing of October comes perhaps one of the more special days of recognition for our members – Veterans Day. This year's event on Monday, November 11, is sponsored by VFW #1644 and Auxiliary, American Legion Post #16 and Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, American Legion Riders and the AMVETS. In addition to the morning program, members will be treated to a special afternoon concert by the Norfolk Middle School choir and another group will be coming in to do a social following the concert.

Veterans Day serves as a reminder of the valor, dedication, and sacrifices made by American service members across all branches of the military. The day offers an opportunity for all of us to express our gratitude to those who have risked their lives to protect the freedoms and values of the country. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who died in military service, Veterans Day focuses on celebrating all veterans – living or deceased. It remains a cornerstone of national unity and respect for the service of all veterans.

Of course, Veterans Day isn't the only November day on which we give thanks. Thanksgiving is a special time at NVH and provides a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to gather. Food, family, and fellowship are well-deserved rewards for members *and* the teammates who work hard every day to serve them. In a month where we honor the service of our veterans, I think it's also important to express my thanks and gratitude for the sacrifices our teammates and their families make throughout the year to ensure NVH is a safe, caring, warm, and welcoming environment for our members.

As always, it's an honor to serve as Administrator here at NVH, and I wish everyone a wonderful month of reflection on all our blessings.

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, 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



Pumpkin Painting!



The Department of Nebraska American Legion with help from Norfolk AL & ALA treated members to a Fish Fry.

HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



A small group of members' attended a Norfolk Catholic Football game for "Veterans Night." Afterwards they took a group picture with the cheerleaders.



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 \$5.00 per ticket. (Tickets expire in 30 days.)

MEMBER BELONGINGS



New items brought to the facility after admission are to be labeled and reported to our Member Services department for inclusion on the member inventory sheet.

New clothing items should be labeled with a laundry pen prior to sending to laundry for permanent labeling.

Family members are encouraged to place their member's items in a bag labeled with the member's name. This may be left at the front desk or with any teammate to ensure they get taken to our laundry department.

Anything that includes electrical cords, need to be assessed by maintenance prior to being plugged in and also make sure member services are notified so they can be inventoried and labeled.

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



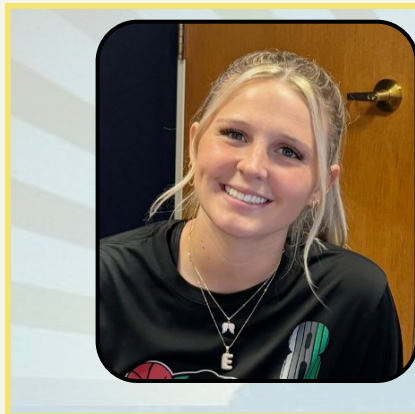
Marvin Pfiefer
U.S. Army Veteran

Leo Haddix
U.S. Army Veteran

James Koch
U.S. Army Veteran

Valera Philbrick
Spouse of a U.S. Navy
Veteran

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Emily Bolz, Staff Care Technician II, was selected as Employee of the Quarter.

Emily puts the members first and does what is best for them. She is a team player who helps out where needed. She is always upbeat and the members love her.

Congratulations Emily for being selected Employee of the Quarter!

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

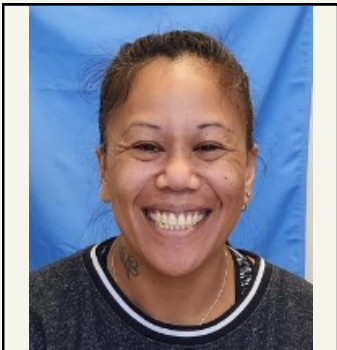
NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Jay S.
U.S. Air Force Veteran

John S.
U.S. Army Veteran

Steven J.
U.S. Army Veteran

NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



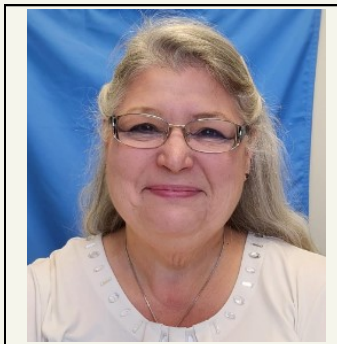
Lai Hose
Food Service Assistant



Teri Moreland
Staff Care Tech II



Maureen Carrigg
Switchboard Operator



Patti Moore
RN



Paige Kirby
LPN



Micah McGillivray
Staff Care Tech II



KayLynn Novak
Staff Care Tech II



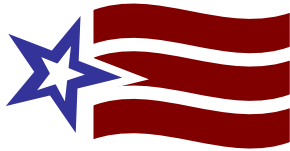
Brianna Novak
Staff Care Tech II

Please welcome the following new staff to the Norfolk Veterans' Home.





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Bits & Pieces

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Special Occasion
Reservations:
Call Activities @ (402) 370-
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for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

**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 SERVICE OFFICER OR
DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402) 370-3109**

