



THE NVH OBSERVER

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BUSINESS NAME

From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

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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

Greetings,

As we leave behind a very busy October at the Norfolk Veterans' Home, we look forward to the upcoming holiday season and the plethora of events that await us. Despite the chill in the air, it certainly is exciting to look forward to celebrations with friends, families and loved ones.

Before we officially say farewell to October, I want to take this opportunity to thank the team here at NVH for their commitment to caring for members – a commitment demonstrated by the results of our recent five-year DHHS Licensing survey. The unannounced survey took up the better part of two weeks in October and was incredibly successful. One issue was identified during the survey that is in the process of being corrected.

When you consider the totality of the work done here by our team – passing tens of thousands of medications, providing complicated medical interventions on a daily (if not hourly) basis, preparing and serving thousands of meals – a comprehensive survey with only one identified and easily resolved issue is something to celebrate!

Before closing out the month of October, I also want to highlight that the members and staff enjoyed another wonderful Halloween celebration. It's always exciting to see member families and the other children coming through NVH trick-or-treating. It brings a different energy to the home – as well as lots of smiles to members' faces when they see the various costumes.

Things will not slow down in November, as NVH will participate in a variety of activities, including the annual Dollar Days program on Thursday, November 6th, and the annual Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 11th. Veterans Day will also include a performance for members by the Norfolk Middle School Choir. And, of course, football, volleyball and the Thanksgiving holiday always add to the excitement of the month.

As always, please accept my THANK YOU on behalf of the NVH team for the role each of you play in making the month of November a special month for our members. The community's commitment to NVH is unmatched and is especially meaningful during the holidays.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS



Members gathered in Heroes' Park for a special fishing event hosted by the Norfolk American Legion family and Department American Legion. Pierce High School cheerleaders volunteered for the afternoon, entertaining the members by trying to catch fish by hand.



HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



Members enjoyed painting pumpkins for Halloween. The pumpkins are now on display throughout the building.



Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?

Contact Mary at (402) 370-3102

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HOME HAPPENINGS



The **Northeast Community College (NECC) Veterinary Technology Club** recently paid a special visit to the Norfolk Veterans' Home — and they didn't come empty-handed! The students brought along some furry friends, including ferrets and guinea pigs for the members' to enjoy.

The visit was filled with laughter and smiles as the members interacted with the animals. The therapeutic benefits of animal visits were clear — brightening the day and sparking fond memories of pets from years past.



The **Norfolk Department American Legion** proudly sponsored a delicious **Fish Fry** at the **Norfolk Veterans' Home**. Members enjoyed a hearty meal of golden fried fish, French fries and ice cream. Thank-you to the Legion members and volunteers who made this possible!

HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Trick or Treating at NVH



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

Robert "Bob" Moore

U.S. Navy Veteran

Gerald Dahlkoetter

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Caroline Kruse

Spouse of a U.S. Air Force Veteran

Bert Crum

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

James Garbers

U.S. Navy 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: meal tickets expire 30 days after date of purchase.***

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.

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

DeVern B.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

Dennis V.

U.S. Army Veteran

Calvin K.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

Roy J.

U.S. Army Veteran

William R.

U.S. Navy Veteran

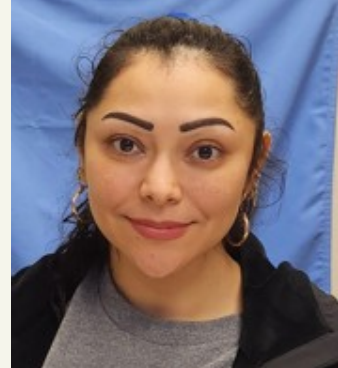
NEW NVH EMPLOYEES

**Shelli Goedert**

QA/Infection Control Coordinator

**Madeline Hernandez**

Staff Care Tech II

**Janette Andrade**

Staff Care Tech II

**Shyann Halsey**

Staff Care Tech II

**Jazmin Haller**

Staff Care Tech II

**Cindy Holton**

Switchboard Operator

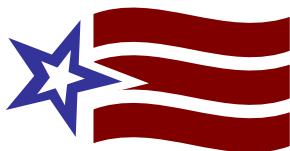
Please welcome the following new staff to the Norfolk Veterans' Home.



WELCOME



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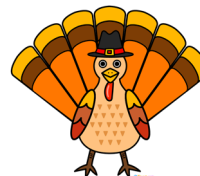


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Special Occasion
Reservations:
Call Activities @ (402) 370-
3110



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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**

