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

From The Desk of Josh Stafursky
NVH Administrator

Greetings,

As the days and evenings get a little cooler in Norfolk, folks at the Norfolk Veterans' Home are moving "full steam ahead" preparing for one of the busiest times of the year, with remembrances, milestones and celebrations on tap over the next couple of months.

Of course, Veterans Day is right around the corner – and this year's Veterans' Day program will be held Wednesday, Nov. 11th. Sponsored by the Norfolk VFW, the program is a wonderful opportunity to recognize those who have served and are serving to protect our freedom. Those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice are always on our minds, as well, during events such as these.

In addition to Veterans Day, November brings other traditional events such as the annual Dollar Days program sponsored by Dept. ALA, scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5th. This is the traditional "kickoff" to the holiday season here at NVH, ushering in two months of celebrations among members and their families and loved ones. None of these events would be possible without the tremendous support we receive from veterans' organizations and donors across the area who make sure the holidays are special for everyone here. NVH during the holidays – with all the decorations, events and the hustle and bustle of visitors – is a special time.

November also brings a milestone for our facility – the 25th anniversary of the opening of the "new" NVH. Members and staff who were part of that move (yes, there are still many here!) remember all the preparation and hard work that went into the move from "the hill" to 600 E. Benjamin Ave. One of the greatest compliments I can give our staff here – particularly maintenance and housekeeping staff over the years – is that this building does not look anywhere near 25 years old! It's always fun (and a great source of pride) to see the surprise on people's faces when they're told this building is about to turn 25. That's a testament to the hundreds of staff over the years who have committed themselves to providing such a wonderful and welcoming environment for our members.

I hope everyone has a wonderful November filled with lots of laughs and holiday spirit.

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

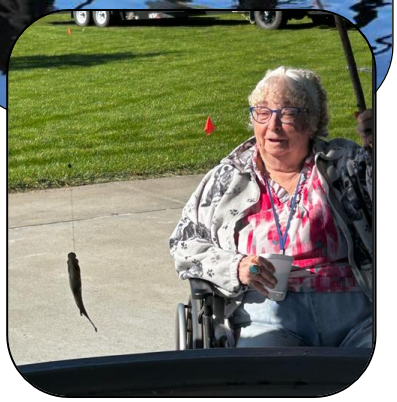
Home Happenings

Nebraska Department American Legion members and the Norfolk American Legion family recently teamed up to host a fantastic afternoon of Fishing & Happy Hour!
Members took full advantage of the beautiful weather to drop a line, kick back to some great music, and enjoy a refreshing drink.















Unit E Members enjoyed painting pumpkins.

Home Happenings continued







Members enjoyed multiple musical groups this past month. Special thanks to Dave Merkel, James Hintz, Gaylin Zimmerman, and the students from Pierce Jr./Sr. High School for sharing their talent with us.









On Tuesday, October 27th NVH hosted **T.O.T.S.** (Trick or Treat Safely.) This year we had 86 trick-or treaters. Thank you to our families, the members volunteers and staff for making this event fun for everyone.

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

Inez Blum
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

Gerald Leffers
U.S. Army Veteran

Charles Watson
U.S. Army Veteran

Galan Gibbs
U.S. Army Veteran

Walter Muhs
U.S. Navy Veteran

Ruth Galitz
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

Holiday Reminder

With the Christmas gift giving season upon us we want to remind and encourage everyone that all member items must be identified and inventoried by Member Services staff before being given to the member.

New items brought to the facility after admission are to be labeled and reported to Member Services 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 with front desk staff, and they will ensure items get delivered to laundry.

Family members who know prior to Christmas that new clothing items are the appropriate size, color, etc., may bring the items in early to be marked.

Any gifts that include electrical cords must be assessed by maintenance prior to being plugged in. Also, please make sure Member Services is notified so they can be inventoried and labeled.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season.

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Jesse R.
U.S. Army Veteran

William "Bill" C.
U.S. Army Veteran

Raymond S.
U.S. Army Veteran

William "Bill" D.
U.S. Army Veteran

Michael M.
U.S. Air Force Veteran

Employee of the Quarter



Emmanuel Soto, Food Service Assistant, was selected as Employee of the Quarter!

Emmanuel brings passion, pride, and a positive attitude to his work every day. He consistently goes above and beyond to make sure each member receives exactly what they need and is always willing to take the extra time to accommodate special requests. Even when working under pressure or with limited staffing, Emmanuel remains focused, determined, and committed to providing excellent service.

One of the things that truly stands out about Emmanuel is the positive energy he brings to NVH. He always has a smile, a friendly hello, or a quick wave for members, staff, and visitors. No matter what situation he encounters, he maintains his professionalism and treats everyone with respect and kindness.

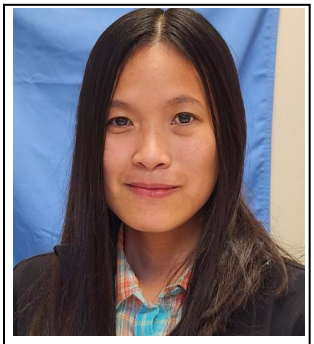
Emmanuel demonstrates Excellence through his strong work ethic, reliability, teamwork, and integrity. He works well independently and as part of a team, stays proactive, and never hesitates to lend a helping hand. His dedication and genuine care for our members make him a valued member of the NVH team.

Congratulations, Emmanuel, and thank you for the positivity, dedication, and excellence you bring to NVH every day!

NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



Luz Romero Hidalgo
Custodian



Jennifer Whitehead
Food Service Assistant



Breanna Borjheiinck
Custodian



Sophia Lauck
Staff Care Technician



Nicole Haselhorst
Food Service Assistant



Sara Acosta-Bravo
Staff Care Technician



Brynne Stohr
Staff Care Technician



Diedra Mead Juarez
Food Service Cook



Irma Reyna
Staff Care Technician



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



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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