



# 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 All,

With Thanksgiving already in the rearview mirror, I hope everyone is excited about upcoming Christmas, New Year's, and other holiday activities, which always provide such wonderful opportunities to spend time with family, loved ones and friends! Celebrating the spirit of these holidays is a great reminder that we have so much to be thankful for, and that the service and sacrifice of our members, their loved ones, and those who continue to protect us every day, makes this all possible.

I have seen so many positive things in my first full month as administrator at NVH and I'm grateful for the warm welcome I've received from members, public servants and the many volunteers who come here every day. The environment of genuine caring, cooperation, collaboration, and "home" has been so impressive. Every person I've had contact with so far appears to have one mission – to make NVH a great place to work and call home. My New Year's resolution is to do everything I can to maintain the high standards that have been set here, and continuously look for ways to make it even better!

During this season, I think it's especially important to recognize our caring and committed public servants, who work hard to make this season special here, while maintaining and creating special memories for *their* families and loved ones. Many of our public servants are in different stages of life – new parents enjoying their first holidays with their children, as well as others creating new holiday traditions or renewing old ones with family, friends and loved ones of their own. I appreciate the time and commitment these public servants give, as well as the commitment from our amazing volunteers who give their time during this season.

In November we participated in our annual "mock survey," which helps us ensure we are prepared for our annual USVA survey every March. The mock survey team had wonderful things to say about our members, public servants, and the facility. They also identified several areas where we can improve, and I am thankful for the way members, public servants and others speak honestly and with open minds about how we can make NVH even better!

With that, I wish *everyone* a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to sharing a great 2024 with you all!

Best Wishes,

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

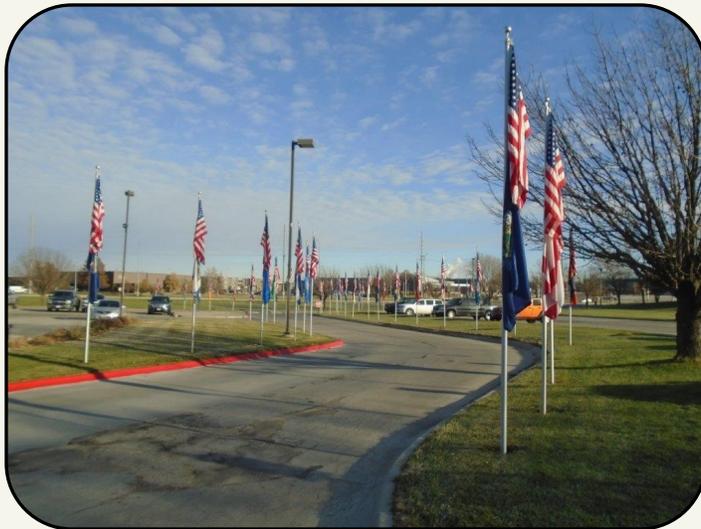
## HOME HAPPENINGS



The annual **Dollar Day program** was held in early November. This event was sponsored by the American Legion Family.



**THANK YOU  
VETERANS**



Veterans, past and present, were honored on Friday, November 10th during the **Veterans Day Ceremony** at the Norfolk Veterans' Home.

The Avenue of Flags lining the driveway were on display in honor of Veterans Day as well.



# HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



**Dreamers Place** out of Wayne, NE brought "Sweet Pea" to visit with the members.



Members enjoyed a **Fish Fry** sponsored by Dept. American Legion.



## 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 Krepel, Sr.**  
U.S. Army Veteran

**Philip Hibdon**  
U.S. Marine Corps 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 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 at the front desk and they will ensure they get taken 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 and also make sure member services are notified so they can be inventoried and labeled.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you all a very *Merry Christmas!*

# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Ronald B.**

U.S. Marine Corps. Veteran

**Craig U.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Graham K.**

U.S. Air Force Veteran



## NEW PUBLIC SERVANTS



**Cante Weathers**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Jarod Cruise**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Molly Fielding**  
RN



**Kassandra Nolan**  
Staff Care Tech II



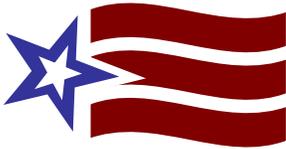
**Daisy Mora**  
Staff Care Tech II

**Please welcome the following new teammates to NVH.**





**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
EOE/AA/ADA  
Norfolk Veterans Home  
600 E. Benjamin Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
Phone: (402) 370-3330



Norfolk Veterans Home

## Bits & Pieces

CENSUS  
136

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



Norfolk Veterans' Home Observer is published monthly  
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**

