



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

I hope the New Year is off to a good start for all of you and this newsletter finds you safe and in good health. I know we all have great expectations that 2021 will be a much better year from many perspectives, first and foremost on the Covid front! With that in mind, Norfolk Veterans Home held our second round of Covid vaccine clinics in our facility activity room. The clinic was overseen by pharmacy personnel from CVS Pharmacy and took place from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, January 30, 2021. The clinic was held for both members and teammates at the same time.

We continue to battle the Covid virus every day at NVH. The great news is that our numbers of positive teammates and members has dropped to nearly zero. The other wonderful news is that our dedicated and caring teammates continue to show up, ready to provide needed care to our members no matter what. We continue to test our teammates on an every two day schedule, meaning that if you report for duty and have not been tested in the prior two days, you are required to be tested. This ensures that we are providing testing at a level above that of private industry. One of the challenges that a lot of families and members are currently experiencing is the fact that they have not been able to have a face to face visit with their loved ones in some cases for a long period of time. We can allow family members to have compassionate care visits with their loved one while keeping safety as a top priority. The compassionate care visits are mainly reserved for families of members who are deemed to be actively dying.

We have also initiated what we are calling our Member Support Companion Program. This program is designed for members that our interdisciplinary team determines would benefit from having, in most cases, a spouse fill out an application to be trained and then scheduled to come in to the facility. Once approved for the program, the visits will require that the companion be tested for Covid and have successfully completed a training program. This program does not involve providing direct care to their loved one. For additional information on this program please contact Emily Rodgers, Social Work Supervisor at 402-370-3515, RoseAnn Ross at 402-370-3160 or Vicki Ambroz at 402-370-4462.

While the encouraging news of Covid vaccine distribution to our members and teammates is welcomed we must continue to be vigilant and not let our guard down. Wearing masks, social distancing, hand washing and not participating in large gatherings will continue to be recommended even after vaccine distribution has been completed.

I hope you all are experiencing a safe and wonderful New Year and I'm sure we are all looking forward to a better 2021!

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
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

HOME HAPPENINGS



NVH members Tommy and Jerilyn Rieken had no idea when heading down to the window visit area to see their daughter Lisa they would be witnessing her and fiancée Jeff Beerbohm do a wedding rehearsal.

Lisa and Jeff had planned on getting married last April in the NVH chapel then COVID hit making them change their plans. The couples pastor was present to recite their vows. Rings and a kiss were also exchanged. The couple even had their first dance in the foyer area all for Tommy and Jeri to witness. The official wedding took place on Saturday, January 23, 2021.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Wesley Preston
U.S. Navy Veteran

Richard Promes
U.S. Army Veteran

Joyann Nathan
Spouse U.S. Army Veteran

Michael Hampton
U.S. Air Force Veteran



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Thomas W.

U.S. Army Veteran

Keith W.

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Delores N.

Spouse of a U.S. Air Force Veteran

John T.

U.S. Army Veteran

Leonard B.

U.S. Army Veteran

Judith T.

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

Deane H.

U.S. Army Veteran

Sharon T.

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Want to find out what's happening at the Norfolk Veterans' Home?

Go to the State Veterans' homes website at <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/homes>
Here you will have access to the activity calendar and a multitude of other information regarding the State Veterans' Homes.

NEW TEAMMATES



Kylie Merry
Staff Care Tech. II



Sonia King
Food Service Cook

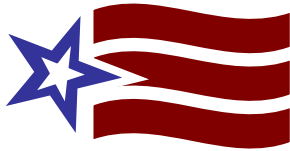


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Bits & Pieces

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Due to COVID-19 we are not taking any room or meal reservations at this time. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Happy Valentine's Day

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Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.