



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,

What a January we had in Norfolk! I want to give a big “shout out” to our maintenance team who spent countless hours during the month moving snow, moving it again (and again) after all the wind, and salting sidewalks and parking lots so life could remain as normal as possible at the facility. In addition, it’s important to recognize the other employees who went above and beyond during the winter weather to ensure all our members received the care they needed. The commitment of the team was very impressive!

With February upon us, we’ll be working diligently to prepare for our annual USVA survey, which is expected to occur in March. Survey time can be challenging for our team and for members, but we look forward to it being a very positive experience. The great day-to-day work done here at NVH makes survey time a lot less stressful for everyone.

Even though we still have some winter ahead of us, our activities team is already working hard to put together some great activities for the spring and summer. It was great to celebrate our activities team during Activities Professionals Week in January. We’re very fortunate to have a dedicated activities team that works well with volunteers and outside organizations that support our home.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm receptions I’ve continued to receive during my first three months at NVH. Transitioning to this new position has been challenging and rewarding! I’ve met so many wonderful members and am working hard to get to know even more. It will take some time to get up to speed completely and appreciate everyone’s patience as I learn and grow in this important position.

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



Jim B. definitely had something to celebrate this past month. On January 22nd he turned 100 years young! Jim enjoyed many visits from family and friends over the last week.

Jim is the oldest World War II veteran living at the Norfolk Veterans' Home.



The men of NVH enjoyed a "Men's Top Hat Soup luncheon."

Members attending had taco soup and cinnamon rolls.

Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) for sponsoring this activity.



HOME HAPPENINGS



B I N G O



Norfolk American Legion Family sponsored BINGO.

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

Graham Koehler
U.S. Air Force Veteran

George Vowell
U.S. Veteran

James Janssen
U.S. Veteran

Donald Knebel
U.S. Army Veteran

William "Bill" Gillette
U.S. Army Veteran



PUBLIC SERVANTS OF THE QUARTER & OF THE YEAR



Shari Fox, LPN, was selected as employee of the 2nd quarter. Her co-workers describe her as an amazing teammate demonstrating all of the core principles of excellence, integrity, advocacy, accountability, collaboration, dignity and respect. She has many years of service and experience that she uses to mentor new teammates, putting the needs of the members before anything else and uses her knowledge to educate other teammates and family members.

Shari was also selected as our **Teammate of the Year for 2023!** Congratulations Shari!



Lizzy Ruitenbergh, Staff Care Tech II, was selected as employee of the 4th quarter. She is a great asset to the Restorative Therapy Team. She is high energy and a positive influence on the people around her. Her strong skills and willingness to learn help her to provide safe, effective and therapeutic care to the members. She gets her work done well while maintaining a positive and upbeat demeanor. She is appreciated by members, teammates and contract therapy staff. Way to go Lizzy!

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Warren W.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

Reuben P.

U.S. Army Veteran

Reuben P.

U.S. Army Veteran

Charles W.

U.S. Army Veteran

NEW PUBLIC SERVANTS



Tanner Todd
Staff Care Tech II



Alexis Bartling
Staff Care Tech II



Joseph Reimers
Staff Care Tech II



Ashley Martinez
Staff Care Tech II



Maricarmen Ramirez Carrera
Staff Care Tech II



Alejandra Gonzalez
Staff Care Tech II



Jasmine Brandt
Staff Care Tech II

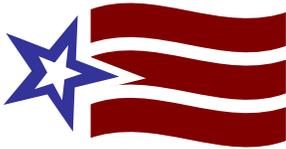
Please welcome the following new teammates to NVH.





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EOE/AA/ADA
Norfolk Veterans Home
600 E. Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
Phone: (402) 370-3330



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Bits & Pieces

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

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

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FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR
PARENTS.**

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

