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who stand up  
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# Liberty Express

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Member Council  
Salute

As we move into the Fall season members will have the opportunity to for an Autumn Fall bus tour to see leaves changing and harvesting being done in the field. The October calendar is full of great facility and neighborhood programming that the members can participate in as they wish.

Our October Facility Programming will kick off with:

- **2:30 Tailgate Party w/Bingo-** Freedom Hall on Friday October 7th.



- **2:30 Merrymakers Concert—Joyce Torchia-** Freedom Hall on Tuesday October 11th. This activity is sponsored by the ALA; come down and enjoy some music.

- **9:00-3:30 Classic Car Display-Around The Lake-Weather Permitting** on Wednesday October 12th.

- **2:30 Apple Pie & Ice Cream Social-**Freedom Hall on Wednesday October 12th This is sponsored by the ALA.



- **3:00 Happy Hour and Appetizers-**Freedom Hall on Tuesday October 18th. This activity is sponsored by the SAL & ALA. Enjoy a cold drink and some appetizers before supper.



- **2:00 Classic Car Bingo-** Freedom Hall on Tuesday October 18th. This activity is sponsored by the ALA. Come join us for some bingo!



- **2:00 Halloween Party—”Boos and Brews”-**Freedom Hall on Thursday October 27th. This activity is sponsored by the SAL and ALA. Come celebrate Halloween with us!



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## Message from the Administrator

Central Nebraska Veterans' Home pursues excellence in quality care knowing our veterans, Nebraska heroes, have sacrificed much in service to this great country and deserve our best!

In September, we had the annual survey conducted by the State Fire Marshal regarding the compliance with the Life Safety Code. Once again, we are deficiency-free, a true attestation of the measures put in place by the Maintenance Department and all our teammates in order to keep members safe and free from hazards. Congratulations to you all for such impressive results!

Covid-19 pandemic affected all industries, including Long Term Care, with significant shortages in staffing of all professions and increased costs of supplies and production. CNVH put a good fight against these constraints and registered constant victories throughout this time. One such "victory" is that we have hired the sufficient number of Food Services staff necessary for the production of all members' meals 24/7!

As we move into the fall season, we are not pessimistically thinking to chillier and shorter days but to the beautiful fall colors and the bountiful harvests given to this land by the Mighty Power of our Creator! God Bless America!

- Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator



## Trick Roping On The Wild West Shows!



Members enjoyed a show where Joan Wells performed all of her rope tricks and shared the history of Trick Roping. This activity was made possible by Nebraska Humanities and the DAV Department of Nebraska!



***Member of the Month:***  
***Laverne “Bud” Knispel***



Bud Knispel was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Bud was born in Cozad Nebraska and was raised in Eddyville, Nebraska.

Throughout his life he lived west of Eddyville and was a Rancher on 800 acres. He didn’t have any children of his own but has 4 nephews, 5 nieces and 1 sister.

Bud enlisted at the age of 18 into the Navy during the Korean War. He was in the service for 5 years, 3 months and 12 days. Bud has received 2 Battle Stars. Bud was responsible for running the small boats and the maintenance. His ship was the first ship to fire on an enemy after WWII.

Bud enjoyed playing the keyboard, pool and messing with things on the farm in his free time. He was involved with the VFW and the American Legion in Oconto. Bud’s favorite thing about living at CNVH is it feels like home, and the staff are great that work here. Congratulations, Bud, on being selected “Member of the Month”!



***In Memoriam***

**William Tucker**  
**Verna Meyer**





# Music To Our Ears at CNVH....



## Marching Bands

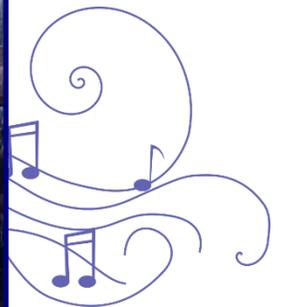


The members were outside one afternoon watching the Middle Schools 8th Graders and UNK marching bands as they marched around our circular drive!

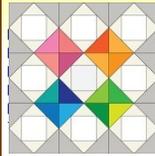


## Stan Pollman Gospel Music Concert

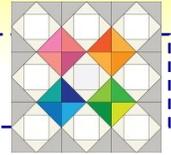
Members gathered in Freedom Hall to listen to a special performance by Stan Pollman!



# September Quilts of Valor



**George Huey**



George was in the US Navy. He served from 8/24/55-7/29/59. George served during Peacetime, his rank was AD2. He worked on airplanes and helicopter motors while aboard an aircraft carrier (USS Princeton). He traveled to Guam and Okinawa Japan. George was given an award for Good Conduct Medal. Following the service he worked for KRCG\_TV Station for 45 years as an electrical engineer.



# Constitution Day Bingo Program



Members joined the Nation in ringing bells in celebration of Constitution Day, with the bingo also sponsored by the D.A.R.



# Oktoberfest Polka Party!



Members enjoyed music by the "Polkaholics" band!



Delicious kolaches and root beer were served for this activity!

The Oktoberfest Polka Party was sponsored by the Kearney Elks!



# The Fun Continues at CNVH.....

## Harvest Time Bingo



We have many farmers that live here at CNVH, so we enjoyed playing Harvest Time Bingo and learned about some different kinds of tractors. This activity was sponsored by the ALA.



## Golfing Fun

Members trying out their golfing skills on a new golfing mat which was purchased using a donation given to CNVH for activities.



**CNVH Member Council Honors:  
Member of the Month  
Laverne "Bud" Knispel**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:  
Employee of the Month  
Scott Mason**



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