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May 2022

Meaningful Moments in May

-Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager

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May will be busy with a variety of activities, with a special emphasis on paying tribute to our fallen veterans at the end of the month. Here are a few highlights (check your Neighborhood calendars for more activities!):

*Mother's Day Bingo—

Monday, May 9th at 2 p.m. in Freedom Hall sponsored by the AL Auxiliary



*Kearney Barbershop Concert—Monday, May 16th at 7 p.m. in Freedom Hall

*Merrymakers Concert featuring Kim Eames at 2 p.m. in Freedom Hall sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary

*National Veterans Awareness Riders—

Saturday, May 21st—Members will gather in Freedom Hall at 3 p.m. for Bingo and go outside to the patio area to wave greetings to riders as they drive around the lake/patio areas at 4:15 p.m. (A brief ceremony is pending COVID restrictions in place on that date).

*Poppy Day—Tuesday, May 24th—9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—

ALA—Juliet Building Hearth Room—Members and teammates will have the opportunity to obtain a poppy (donations appreciated) to wear for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Donations will be split between the C.N.V.H. Activity Fund and the American Legion Auxiliary.



*Campfire & S'Mores—Tuesday, May 31st—3:00 p.m.—Members can kick off the summer season with this delicious treat. Activity staff will set up one campfire in a courtyard on each side of campus.

A special **Memorial Day Service** is scheduled to occur on **Friday, May 27th at 2 p.m. at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Memorial** site on the southeast side of the Veterans' Home campus. Members will be encouraged to gather at a designated indoor location prior to the program, to help facilitate safely escorting everyone outside just prior to the ceremony.

The ceremony will feature the keynote speaker, **Bob Harpst**, who served in the Army and National Guard. Bob also volunteered his time and energy for the creation of the Central Nebraska Veterans' Memorial, and helped coordinate the fundraising efforts to turn the idea into a reality.

The **Kearney V.F.W. and American Legion Color Guard**, coordinated by Kim Deyo, will provide the Posting and Retiring of the flags for the ceremony. McKenzie Deyo will provide **Taps**.

Special music will be performed by **Jacki Connery and Brent Roem-mich**. **Chaplain Michael Koenig** will provide the Invocation. **Dorin Vaipan**, Administrator of the Veterans' Home, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.



If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved inside the facility to the Chapel or Freedom Hall.



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DORIN C. VAIPAN

Administration Notes

CNVH Welcomes New Administrator

With our weather warming up and spring well under way, we are pleased to welcome the new Administrator of the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, **Dorin C. Vaipan**.

Dorin has 36 years of healthcare experience, the first 17 of which served as a medical doctor in Romania, firstly as a general practitioner, then as an ER doctor, followed by a high level healthcare leadership role in Public Health.



His background in healthcare and invitation by the University of South Dakota as an international guest speaker lead to the second major episode in his healthcare career. In August of 2003, he and his family, immigrated to the United States, flying straight to Omaha, Nebraska, pursuing the American Dream and main goal of becoming true American citizens.

Flash forward to today after serving 19 years as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, he is now Administrator at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home. Dorin shared that his family members are his "treasure and precious stronghold". He is a member of and has also served in leadership roles of various community healthcare organizations. When not working, he enjoys relaxing, watching movies, reading about cars, and more.

In the coming weeks, Dorin will be getting to know our members, staff, operations and what makes CNVH a spectacular place! Please extend him a warm welcome!

CELEBRATING *Generosity*

The "Sisters for Soldiers" fundraising project sponsored by the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK) Sorority "Alpha Omicron Pi" resulted in a generous monetary donation for the Recreation Department. They also made Easter cards for distribution to members. Thank you!



Member of the Month: James Boroff

James Boroff was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the C.N.V.H. Member Council. James was born in Doniphan but moved northwest of Wood River when he was 5 years old, where he attended country school, where there was only one other student in his class each year. He attended high school in Wood River and graduated with a class of 30 students.



James first met his wife, Darlene, at a birthday party when he was 10 years old, and their fathers worked together. She was his only girlfriend and they were married for 60 years, before she passed away in 2017. He states that he misses Darlene every single day. They had 3 daughters (Miriam, Rachael and Stephanie) and 3 sons (Dan, David & Jim). James now has 10 grandkids and 20 great-grandkids.

James served in the U.S. Army immediately after high school, where he was an E-5, and worked on desert warfare and drove tanks. Upon return to civilian life, he was a propane driver and farmer. He planted corn and had up to 150 head of cattle. He enjoyed farming also near the Veterans’ Home when it was located in Grand Island.

James was a Member of the Wood River V.F.W. and also the Wood River Lutheran Church, where he served as the Head Usher. Some of James’ hobbies include watching baseball and football, car racing, reading Zane Gray books, country music, and classic movies. His favorites include Ford vehicles, the color red, and potatoes and gravy.

When asked what he likes best about living at the Central Nebraska Veterans’ Home, James stated that he loves the closeness of all of the members. Congratulations, James, for being selected “Member of the Month”!

In Memoriam

Hazel Fisher

Clifford Arnold

Dennis Moore

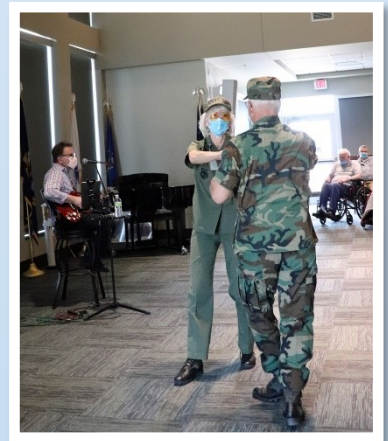
Michael Mattingly



Merrymakers Concert & Spring Tea Sponsored By American Legion & Auxiliary



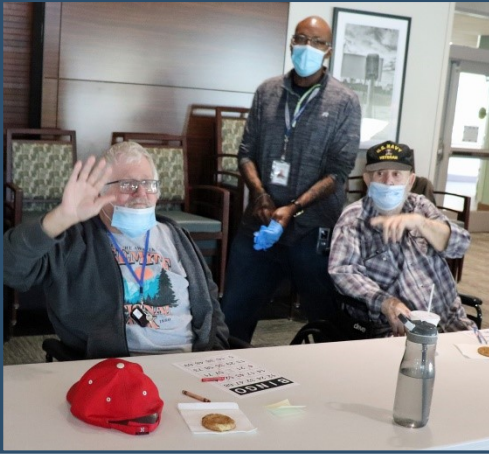
The American Legion & Auxiliary sponsor the monthly Merrymakers Concerts which features a professional musician performing (instrumentally due to COVID restrictions) for everyone's enjoyment.



The Custer County American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the "Spring Tea" which featured several garden themed bingo games, and delicious pie and ice cream.



“This & That” - More Fun Filled Days!



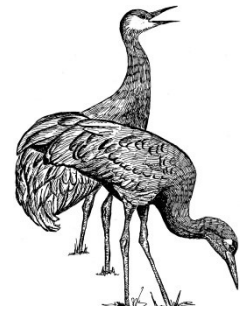
New admissions to the Veterans' Home are introduced at “Welcome Bingo & Tea” now scheduled monthly so that we can all get acquainted with our new members.



Activity staff made homemade waffles for each of the Neighborhoods during April, which everyone enjoyed. These meals were sponsored through donations by the Kearney Elks.



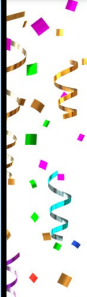
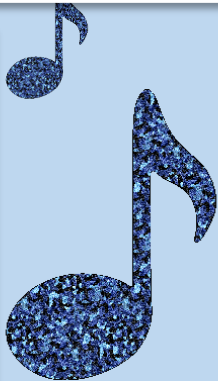
Members enjoyed going on bus outings to see the Sandhill Cranes that were migrating through Nebraska during the month of March.



Many members' previous leisure interests included gardening and baking, so these are popular activities at C.N.V.H. Whether baking brownies (left) or planting seeds in our mini greenhouses in preparation of transplanting them into planters (right), members continue to have opportunities to engage in these meaningful activities.



Variety Show Spectacular!



So Many Fun Acts!



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Jim Boroff

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Al Ardon

Employee of the Month



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