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The August calendar is full of activities for members to find moments of joy at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home.

The summer has been hot but the members have still been enjoying the beautiful campus we have! All of the patios in the homes have shade structures that the staff utilize to have safe outdoor activities.



This is a great opportunity to remind everyone to be sure to apply sunscreen before going outside, wear long sleeve shirts when possible and wear a hat. Be sure to stay hydrated this summer and drink plenty of water. Don't forget the bug spray too! Sunscreen and bug spray are located at the Control Points and staff will be happy to assist with applying them as needed.



Be sure to watch for the excessive heat signs on the neighborhood doors when the heat index is above 90. We encourage you to stay inside or limit your outside exposure during these times.

While there are facility activities scheduled, we also have many neighborhood activities for members to enjoy. So please refer to your neighborhood calendars for more information. Among August activities, here are some highlights:

-Tuesday August 8th at 3:00 pm
Happy Hour and Appetizers-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by SAL and ALA.

-Thursday August 10th
at 7:00 pm **Bingo** w/
Kearney VFW-Freedom
Hall



-Tuesday August 15th at 2:00 pm
Bingo-Freedom Hall-Sponsored
by the Kearney Rotatory Club

-Thursday August 17th at 7:00
pm **Bingo** w/Kearney DAV-
Freedom Hall

-Monday August 21st at 2:00 pm
Merrymakers Concert with
Dave Ames-Freedom Hall-
Sponsored by ALA

-Tuesday August 22nd at 2:30 **Ice
Cream Social**-Freedom Hall-
Sponsored by ALA

-Thursday August 24th at 2:00 pm
Kool Aid Day Bingo-Freedom
Hall-Sponsored by ALA



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Message from the Administrator

In July I attended the quarterly Veterans Homes' Team meetings (VHT) as well as the Veterans Homes' Board meeting (VHB), which took place at the Western Nebraska Veterans' Home in Scottsbluff, NE.

The Board meeting was focused on approving the new applications of Nebraska veterans applying to be placed in one of the four State Veterans' Homes (SVH) as well as on reviewing the quarterly operational reports of each of the four SVH.

The VHT meetings focused on addressing plans of improvements meant to successfully support the operations of the SVHs in the years to come. Such discussed topics were:

- Engaging with a contractor that can assess the Call Light System in all four SVHs and formulate corrective recommendations that will be presented in a grant request to the US Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Prepare the database for the soon-to-come member and family satisfaction surveys.
- Pharmacist coverage and backup support for all four SVHs.
- The review of the Voice of Customers questionnaire results regarding the use of the current Electronic Medical System and proposed next steps.
- Overall review of the Quality Measures per NDVA agency and needed improvements.
- Different HR topics but mainly focusing on soon-to-implement at CNVH the 12-hour shifts for RNs and LPNs and the Preceptor Program in Nursing Department, both geared to sustain the overall staffing retention.

Outside the scheduled meeting time, we were able to visit shortly the beautiful Scottsbluff's surroundings, including the National Monument pictured below.

If at any time you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me by email or by phone. Thank you!

Dorin C. Vaipan
CNVH Administrator



Member Council Employee of the Month HEIDI DARBY of ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Heidi Darby joined our CNVH family four years ago. Heidi has a dog named Moxie that loves to come to work with her. They enjoy spending time with members and bringing smiles to their faces. She enjoys working with our volunteers and growing the volunteer program to enrich the lives of the members. Heidi stated the best thing about working here is "getting to know our members and having fun with them at activities".

Member of the Month: Merlin Haberer



Merlin Haberer was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Merlin is married to Noel and they have one daughter, Lisa. Merlin and Noel have been married for almost 70 years. Merlin was born in Wayne, Nebraska but moved to Hastings when he was ten years old.

A United States Air Force Veteran, Merlin served during Korea, as an admin clerk and was stationed in Washington and Japan. Merlin worked for 20 years as a salesman, selling equipment to farmers and ranchers. Prior to being a salesperson he worked for a bread company for 20 years.

Merlin enjoys walks outside when the weather is nice. He enjoys attending activities where there are big crowds of people, and being around people. Helping during cooking and baking activities are also things he enjoys.

Congratulations, Merlin on being selected “Member of the Month”!

In Memoriam

Alvin Mangers

Duane Ray

Gary Karnatz



Happenings Across Campus

District 10 ALA Bingo and Ice Cream Social



Members enjoyed a Sunday afternoon with Bingo and an Ice Cream Social in Freedom Hall sponsored by the District American Legion Auxiliary.



Outdoor Activities



Just a few of the outdoor activities members have been participating in were Root Beer Floats and Water Balloon Tosses!



Buffalo County Fair

Members entered their ceramic or woodshop pieces in Open Class at the Buffalo County Fair. Their entries did great and all got first place! The pieces will go on to the State Fair in August.



Music To Our Ears...

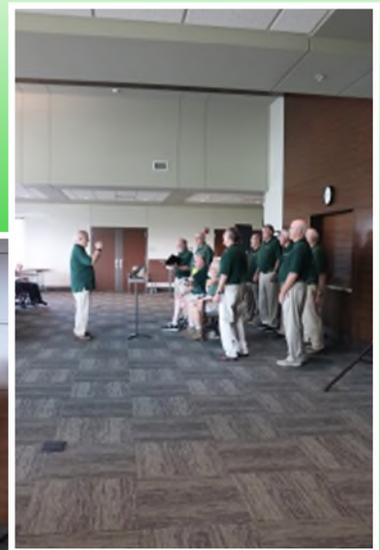
Merrymakers Concert: Joe Taylor "Mr. Memories"



The performer for July was Joe Taylor "Mr. Memories". Members enjoyed singing along with the songs.

This activity was sponsored by the ALA.

1733 Kearney Barbershop Chorus



Kearney Cruise Night



The 36th annual Kearney Cruise Night Parade was a great success! On Wednesday, July 12th the classic cars cruised around Central Nebraska Veterans' Home putting on a fantastic display of approximately 225 vehicles for members to see. Members enjoyed reminiscing about the cars.



Kearney Cruise Night Continued...



Cruising through the years at CNVH!

CNVH Member Council Honors:

Merlin Haberer

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Heidi Darby

Employee of the Month



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