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As we move into April the weather will start getting nice and members will start going outside to enjoy the beautiful campus. The neighborhoods are getting their greenhouse plants started so when we can we will start planting our garden boxes on the patios.

The week of April 23rd to April 29th is National Volunteer Week. We have many volunteers that come into our facility to help with different activities. We have individual volunteers and group volunteers. If you see a volunteer this month, please say thank you for coming out and helping us. We couldn't do the activities that we do without our volunteers.



*We will be having our
Variety Show this
year on Wednesday
April 19th at 2:00
p.m. in Freedom Hall.
If you have a talent please let
your Activity Specialist know so
that we can showcase you!*

Here are just some of the facility activities for the month of April. Please refer to your neighborhood calendar for the remaining facility activities and also activities scheduled in your neighborhoods.

Tuesday April 4th at
2:00 p.m. **Easter Bin-
go**-Freedom Hall-
sponsored by the
ALA.



Tuesday April 11th at
2:00 p.m. **Spring Tea-
Pie and Ice Cream**-
Freedom Hall-
sponsored by Custer
County ALA.

Tuesday April 25th at 3:00 p.m.
Social Hour and Appetizers-
Freedom Hall-
sponsored by the
SAL and ALA



*Location of activities may
change depending on if there is
a Covid outbreak status in the
building. Posters will be posted
of any changes.*



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Message from the Administrator

Did you know, due to high winds that easily tear flying flags, our flags' average life span is around three weeks? We fly the U.S. Flag, State of Nebraska flag, and POW/MIA flags at the CNVH main entrance and at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Memorial on a 24/7 basis. In addition, the 16 U.S. flags on smaller poles around the memorial will be flown on the dates listed below:

Persian Gulf War Day	January 16
National Freedom Day	February 1
Flag Raised on Iwo Jima	February 23
Vietnam War Veterans Day	March 29
VE Day	May 8
Armed Forces Day	May 20
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Flag Day	June 14
Korean War	June 25
Independence Day	July 4
Purple Heart Day	August 7
VJ Day	September 2
Patriot Day	September 11
POW/MIA Recognition Day	Third Friday in September
Veterans Day	November 11
Pearl Harbor Day	December 7



March Quilt of Valor John Finkner

Our Quilt of Valor recipient, John, is a World War II Navy Veteran and his rank was Pharmacist's Mate 3rd class. He worked at a Naval Hospital, Ammunition Depot, First Aid and Medical Records. Following the service he was a doctor and had a medical practice in Minden. He retired in 2003 after 50 years.



Member of the Month: Leonard Ginder



Leonard was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Leonard has lived at Central Nebraska Veterans’ Home for about one year. Leonard’s wife's name is Jolayne and they have one son and three daughters. They have three grandkids and they live in Minden. Leonard was born in Kearney, then he spent 2 1/2 years in an orphanage in Lincoln before moving to Oregon. Leonard and his family then moved back to Nebraska when Leonard was in the 11th grade.

Leonard is a United States Marine Veteran and served in the Vietnam War. Leonard joined the service at a young age. Leonard went to Vietnam, Okinawa, California, San Diego and finished his service in Hawaii.

Leonard enjoys spending his leisure time playing card games on the computer, horse races, jigsaw puzzles, poker club on Monday nights in Minden, and spending time with his family. Leonard also enjoys 50’s rock and roll music and listening to Louis L’Amour audio books.

When asked what the best thing about living at CNVH was he responded “I like my room, the stuff the staff helps me with for my health problems. I also love giving the staff a hard time”.

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

In Memoriam

William James

Robert Larson

Dale Trompke

Kenneth Lovejoy

Neil Avery

Leroy Fisher



St Patrick's Day Bingo Party

Members enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day bingo party, sponsored by the ALA!



Fun Activities Across Campus.....

M & M Bingo Party



How many M&M's are produced each day and where?

There are over 400 million produced each day. In the U.S. they are made in New Jersey and Tennessee. Sadly, they do not offer any tours of the food factory.



*The members enjoyed playing M & M Bingo and wining M & M's!
This was sponsored by the ALA!*

Library Fun



The Library topic for the month was "*Luck of the Irish*" and members could make sure they were "*Pinch Proof*" by checking out a *Green Book or Movie!* They enjoyed seeing the wide variety of books and movies in the library that were green!

More Activities Across Campus.....

Waffles? Yes, please!

Members have enjoyed waffles at different times this last month in their neighborhoods! The waffles were sponsored by the Platte Valley Medical Group.



Sandhill Cranes Bingo and Scavenger Hunt

Members played bingo, participated in sandhill crane races and a scavenger hunt. Each neighborhood has also taken sandhill crane bus tour out to see the cranes this month.



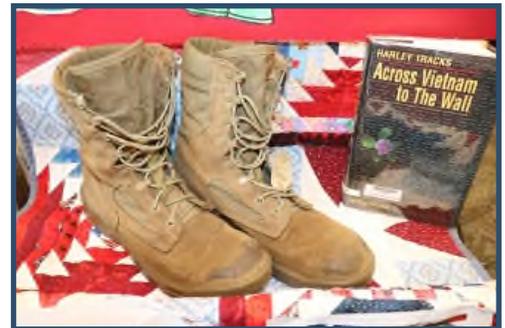
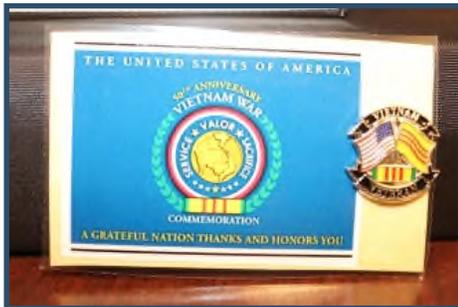
Moxie's Birthday Party



Members helped celebrate Moxie's Birthday!

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29th, 2023 was the 50th anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This date commemorates when the last combat troops left South Vietnam. Vietnam Veterans received a Certificate and a pin.



WWII Veteran Turns 102



On March 19th, Wilma turned 102! Wilma is a WWII Army Veteran, and she served as an Army nurse in England, France, and Belgium! Wilma continued being a nurse after the service. The Nebraska Nurse Honor Guard stopped by to do a tribute to Wilma!



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Leonard Ginder

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Idara Gibson

Employee of the Month



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