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# Liberty Express

February 2024

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## Love In The Air At Central Nebraska Veterans' Home -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

As we move into the month of February at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, the calendar is full of activity opportunities for members to participate in throughout the month. Some of the facility activities are listed below. Please refer to your neighborhood calendars for activities taking place in your neighborhoods. Please join us for:



\*Thursday February 1st at 10:30 **Welcome Tea & Bingo**-Freedom Hall

\*Thursday February 1st 2:30—**Member Council Meeting**—Freedom Hall

\*Monday February 5th at 2:30 **Merymakers Concert-Joyce Torchia**-Freedom Hall-ALA

\*Sunday February 11th at 2:00—**Valentine Parties & Gift Distribution**—VFW/Cooties & Aux.— In Your Neighborhoods

\*Monday February 12 at 10:00 **The Cheng's-Valentine's Concert**-Freedom Hall-ALA



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\*Monday, February 12, at 2:30 p.m., **Mardi Gras Bingo Party**-Freedom Hall-ALA and with UNK Health Science Club



\*Wednesday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m., **Ash Wednesday Service & Catholic Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion**-Chapel

\*Wednesday February 14 at 1:00 p.m., **Ash Wednesday Lutheran Service** with Rev. Nick Whitney



\*Wednesday, February 14, at 2:30 **Valentine's Social**-Freedom Hall-ALA

\*Tuesday, February 20, at 10:30 a.m., **Lutheran Services** with Rev. Nick Whitney

\*Tuesday, February 20, at 2:30 p.m., **District 10 ALA Valentine's Bingo & Prizes**-Freedom Hall

\*Thursday, February 22, at 2:30 p.m., **Barista Hour**-Freedom Hall-ALA



\*Tuesday February 27, at 2:30 p.m., **Happy Hour and Appetizers**-Freedom Hall-ALA & SAL

*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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Member Council Salute



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## Message from the Administrator

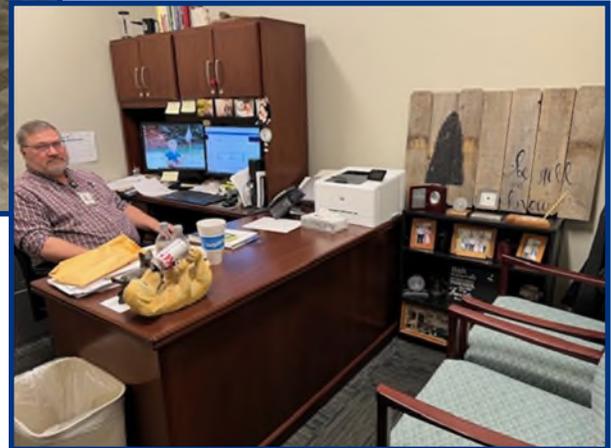
Central Nebraska Veterans' Home (CNVH) has a new logo. The logo has ties to the history of where CNVH is currently placed upon, which used to be the former US Army Kearney Airfield back during the World War II era as well as the Korean War.

The logo that depicts the twin fuselage of an F-82 Twin Mustang, is a type of fighter airplane that was available for training on the Kearney Airfield.

The new logo was applied recently on the receptionist's desk, along with the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs (NDVA) logo, both facing the main door in Juliet (see below).



Every year, about this time or shortly after we cross into the New Year, I ask for good New Year Resolutions however, this year Dave Kreutzer, our long time and greatly appreciated social worker offered a great suggestion: how about starting 2024 in a newly cleaned office? (see below). I say that many of us should do like him!



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 Michael Koenig - Social Work

Michael Koenig serves as Chaplain at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home and has been with us for just over 5 years. He cares deeply for our members and supports their spiritual well-being. Extremely thoughtful and quick to offer assistance when he sees a need, Michael has a great sense of teamwork. Kind words are expressed towards all of our members and teammates as their paths cross. His smile says it all and he is always there to cheer our members and team onward. Please join us in congratulating Michael for being selected as the Member Council Employee of the Month!

## ***Member of the Month: Roger Andersen***



Roger was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Roger moved into CNVH not too long ago and lives in the Foxtrot neighborhood. Roger was born in Chicago and was raised around Hordville, Nebraska. Roger lived in Marquette and Aurora Nebraska, and eventually returned to Hordville, before moving to CNVH.

Roger served in the Army and is a Vietnam Veteran. In the military his military duties were Radio Airman and repair. Roger was a production worker at Bonnavilla Homes in Aurora for 32 years and was also a First Responder there.

Roger enjoys watching TV, going to sporting events, loves Nebraska football, listening to all kinds of music, reading books, watching DVDs and hanging around with friends. Roger is a lifetime member of the VFW.

When Roger was asked what do you like best about living at CNVH he stated, “I like the food, the people, the staff, and not having to move snow. I like the nice library that is open all the time, I like going to different events that are going on and I can do all this without going outside ”.

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

## *In Memoriam*

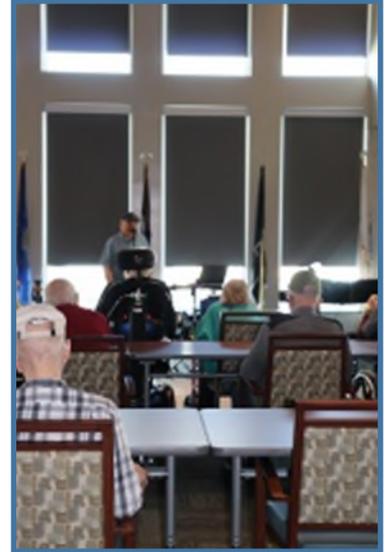
*Charles Kober*





## ***Merrymakers Concert***

***Members enjoyed a  
Merrymakers Concert by  
Ben Tomasello for the  
month of January.  
This activity was  
sponsored by the American  
Legion Auxiliary (ALA).***



## ***Music to the Ears***

### **Music Concert By Shirley Collins**



***At another activity sponsored by the ALA, members  
listened to a music concert by Shirley Collins.***



# Happenings Across Campus



## Pooh Bear Party

*The members celebrated Pooh Bear at a Pooh Bear party. Pooh Bear himself was in attendance!*



# More Happenings Across Campus

## *Snow Day at CNVH*



*The weather outside was cold and snowing, so what better place to enjoy building snowmen...than inside where it was warm!*



## UNK Basketball Game



*After some cold weather passed, members enjoyed going out for to watch a University of Nebraska Kearney Women's Basketball Game.*





## Fun Times in Crafts

Members always enjoy their time in our crafts department. From ceramics to woodworking and even fun with paper airplanes!



## Library Love is in the Air



### Blind Date With a Book and Black History Month



In the month of February members can have a "Blind Date with a Book"! They will have the opportunity to pick out a book, read it and let us know how it was. February is also Black History Month. All members are welcome to come check out the fun and educational items the library has to offer!



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Roger Andersen**

**Member of the Month**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Michael Koenig**

**Employee of the Month**



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