



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

As of the end of February, 2021 our current count of both positive Covid members and team-mates stands at ZERO! I am very optimistic regarding the direction the facility is going and hoping that we continue to show positive progress.

The positivity rate for Madison County has been dropping but we are not at a level that would allow us to go to Phase III of our Covid plan. I have been talking to my leadership team about Phase III and discussing how we as a facility will implement our plan. I want to be clear that when the day comes that we are able to move into Phase III, the facility is the gatekeeper regarding how many visits will be allowed on a daily basis, how many visitors at one time, how long the visit is for, location of the visit, etc. We know that families and our members are very much looking forward to the day when face to face visits with their loved one can take place and we are anxious to be able to make this happen. We will continue working with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department and the Department of Health and Human Services to make sure we have our ducks in a row. I am very hopeful that as more individuals are vaccinated and positivity rates decline, we will receive new guidance but it simply has not happened at this point.

We recently initiated what we are calling our **Member Support Companion Program**. This program is designed for members that our interdisciplinary team determines, due to a change of condition, would benefit from the program. In most cases, a spouse would be the individual being approved to provide companionship. After being approved, an application is filled out and the individual is trained and then scheduled to come in to the facility. The visits will require that the companion be tested for Covid and follow all the program requirements. This program does not involve providing direct care to their loved one. For additional information on this program please contact Deb Becker, Activity Supervisor at 402-370-3110.

Compassionate Care Visits differ from the Member Support Companion Program. Compassionate Care Visits are approved only if a member is determined to be actively dying or suffering from severe depression, weight loss or other factors that are a result of family visits being restricted. **Our interdisciplinary care team would make this determination, not the family.** If approved, only two family members at a time are allowed in the facility after successfully passing a Covid test. They must wear a surgical mask at all times if the member resides in a "green room". Full PPE would be required to be worn if going into a yellow, grey or red room. All visits must take place in the member's room.

We continue to be vigilant as we work to re-open the facility. Take care and be safe!

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

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PETE RICKETTS**

**NEBRASKA
DEPT. OF VETERANS'
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR:
JOHN HILGERT**

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STATE OF NEBRASKA VISION:
GROW NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA — MISSION:
CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE
EFFECTIVE, MORE
EFFICIENT,
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED
STATE GOVERNMENT

HOME HAPPENINGS



Left/bottom left: NVH member Bill H. is presented a beautiful patriotic *Quilt of Valor* by Activity Supervisor Deb Becker. Bill is pictured below with his wife Gail. Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.

Below: Members enjoy watching *Re-Creation's "Tours for Veterans"* via live stream.



IN REMEMBRANCE

*In Remembrance of Those
Members Who Have Passed.*

No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. ~Calvin Coolidge

Michael Hampton
U.S. Navy Veteran

Virginia Guenther
Spouse of a U.S. Army
Veteran



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Ronald C.

U.S. Army Veteran

Ruth G.

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

Charles P.

U.S. Army Veteran

Deloris P.

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

Karen S.

U.S. Army Veteran

Robert L.

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Paul B.

U.S. Army Veteran

Janice B.

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

NEW TEAMMATES



Denise Baer
RN



Alyssa Meyer
Staff Care Tech II



Tanya Sharples
RN



Sophia Clinch
Food Service Asst.



Cherish Reed
Staff Care Tech II



JoHannah Bergerson
Staff Care Tech II



Katelyn Ahlers
Staff Care Tech II

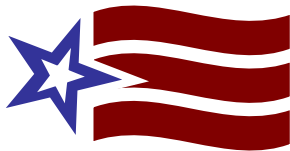


Keyana Snodgrass
Staff Care Tech II



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Bits & Pieces

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Due to COVID-19 we are not taking any room or meal reservations at this time. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.