



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

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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

Greetings,

As each day passes, we get a little closer to the sun shining longer, and flowers starting to peek their heads out of the ground.

Despite the February weather, it was great to see so many activities taking place in the facility during the month. The annual Valentine's Day party was a great success thanks to the contributions of the Department VFW and VFWA, and Cooties and Cooties Auxiliary. Members also enjoyed a Valentine's Day social and a Mardi Gras happy hour.

In addition, the annual Norfolk ELKS Valentine's Day hamburger feed was a hit, as always. I'm not sure I've seen that many members gathered in one place for an activity since I've been here. As always, we are grateful for the contributions of the community groups and volunteers who are so dedicated to thanking NVH members for their service!

The Activities team and members met in February to discuss and hear feedback about activities and outings for the rest of 2024. Our Activities team will be finalizing plans for the upcoming months based on this discussion, and past favorites. This month is the kickoff for "outing season," and I'm also told we can look forward to a lot of music in the building this month.

As I mentioned in my last letter, March also brings USVA surveyors to NVH. This is a great opportunity for our team to show off the great work they do, and to receive feedback on how we can be even better. I know having surveyors in the building can be stressful at times for members and our team, but I truly believe it can be an opportunity for everyone to grow, learn and keep their focus on continuous improvement. In my four months as Administrator, I've seen a group of people who want to do the best they can to make the experience at NVH the best it can possibly be. Are we perfect? Who of us is! But focusing on doing better every day is a great way to honor our members and their sacrifices.

Here's to hoping Spring comes in like a lamb this year – with only a little bit of the lion's roar!

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS



The Norfolk VFWA stuffed Valentine's Day bags with donations that were received from numerous organizations. The bags then were passed out to members.



H A P P Y
Valentine's Day



A special Valentine's Day party was held on February 10th. Members of the Dept. VFW/VFWA/Cooties hosted a program and then handed out cards. Snacks were provided by the Dept. VFW Auxiliary.



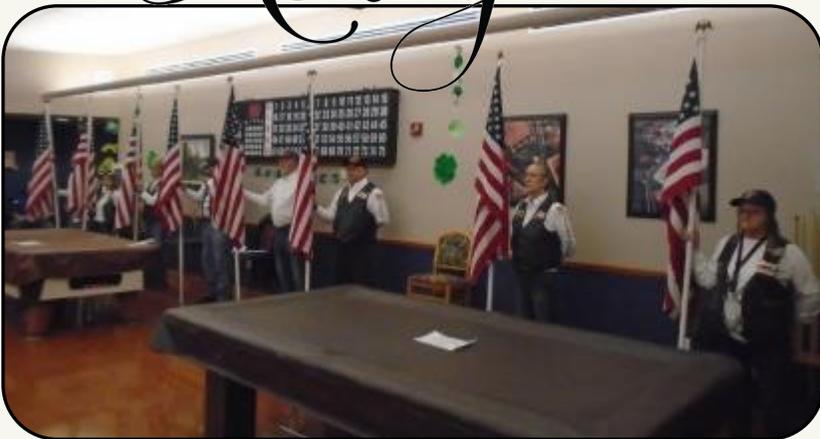
HOME HAPPENINGS



Members enjoyed a hamburger feed hosted by the Norfolk ELKS.



IN LOVING *Memory*



A Memorial Service for members who passed away in the past 6 months were recognized with a special candlelight service on February 21st. Norfolk Veterans of Foreign Wars posted colors and the Norfolk American Legion Riders served as the Honor Guard.



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

Charles Burbach
U.S. Army Veteran

Colleen "Susie" Weideman
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

John Tate
U.S. Veteran

Joan Sila
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran



S O C I A L W O R K E R M O N T H

March is **National Social Work Recognition Month**. The Norfolk Veterans Home employs qualified social workers: Emily Rogers, Vicki Ambroz, and RoseAnn Ross.

Social work is a profession for persons who have a strong desire to assist people to cope with various forms of life changes. Roles of a social worker include:

- Participation in various work teams within the facility
- Visiting with members and their families, offering information, education and support
- Participating in a variety of assessments for members
- Providing interventions to assist the member and family adjust to changes in medical and mental health, residence, or family structure.

Social workers remain an integral part of the interdisciplinary team, often working directly with the doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals to ensure quality care is provided. Social workers serve as member advocates, seeking the best possible solutions to concerns that arise. Social workers have advanced educational preparation and practice experience to assist members and their families. Social workers have the right education, experience and dedication to help people help themselves whenever and wherever they need it.

**A big thank you to our
Social Workers—for all you do!**

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Charles B.
U.S. Army Veteran

Guy L.
U.S. Navy Veteran

Donald B.
U.S. Army Veteran

Earl G.
U.S. Air Force Veteran

David E.
U.S. Air Force Veteran

NEW TEAMMATES



Hailey Onstott
Staff Care Tech II



Kaityn Cunningham
Staff Care Tech II



Torie Premer
Staff Care Tech II



Janel Bussing
Food Service Asst.



Ariana Martinez-Saldana
Staff Care Tech II

Please welcome the following new teammates to NVH.





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NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR
PARENTS.**

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