



THE NVH OBSERVER

N O R F O L K V E T E R A N S H O M E

BUSINESS NAME

**From The Desk of Josh Stafursky
NVH Administrator**

Greetings,

As I write this, we are preparing for the arrival of our USDVA inspection team to complete our annual survey. Our team have been working hard to prepare for the survey, and we look forward to the survey team affirming what we already know; our staff provides excellent care to our members! Of course, we need to be ready for inspection every day and the survey pro-cess is just one more avenue to keep us moving toward a more member centered care process. The survey process can be stressful for staff, and I certainly appreciate all the extra efforts put forth to help make our inspection successful.

I want to again thank our staff for their outstanding efforts during recent bouts with flu and other outbreaks. We have had some extended rough patches during this cold and flu season – some have said it’s been the worst in 30 years. Due to the proactive efforts of our staff and members, a facility-wide outbreak during our most recent positive tests was averted and a minimal number of members were affected.

I also want to thank families, volunteers and visitors for their cooperation in complying with our infection control recommendations. This is another key element in preventing a widespread outbreak. I am very glad things have returned to normal. I know our members are! As former administrator Jerry Eisenhower used to say, “a day without bingo is like a day without sunshine.”

Let’s hope the beautiful weather we’re having as we transition into March continues and we have a longer spring season than is normal for Nebraska. Just because Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this year doesn’t mean we *have to* plan on six more weeks of winter, does it?

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

**GOVERNOR:
JIM PILLEN**

**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



The Norfolk Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary helped stuff valentine bags for all the members.



Above and Right: The Nebraska Department Veterans Foreign Wars, Nebraska Department of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Cooties sponsored a Valentine's Party for the members.

HOME HAPPENINGS



Valentine's day party & music with Jerry Stingley.



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 19th. 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

Wesley Hansen
U.S. Air Force 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!**

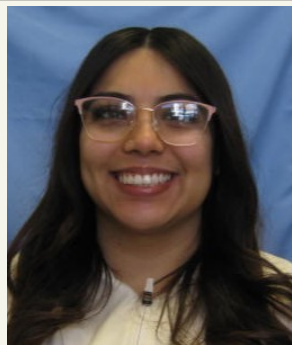
SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

Danny S.
U.S. Army Veteran

William "Bill" R.
U.S. Navy Veteran

Aloysius "Al" W.
U.S. Army Reserve Veteran

NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



Karla Balmaceda
Staff Care Tech II



Minda Warns-Bartelt
RN



Priscilla Solorio Barreto
Staff Care Tech II



Brandi Eddy
Staff Care Tech II



Ayasha Garcia
Staff Care Tech II



Jasmine Sanches
Staff Care Tech II



Fransisca Walsh
Staff Care Tech II



Haylee Popken
Staff Care Tech II



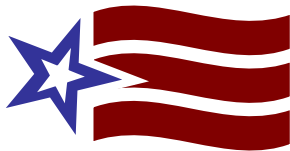
Jessica James
Custodian/Housekeeper



Ana Alvarado Mendoza
Food Service Cook



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Bits & Pieces

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

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