



# THE NVH OBSERVER

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

## From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

Greetings,

The arrival of March means we're just a couple of weeks away from the first day of spring – and eagerly awaiting our annual USVA survey inspection. Surveyors typically show up sometime in March for an unannounced weeklong survey, and the team at NVH has been working to ensure we're ready to put our best foot forward when surveyors arrive!

While survey time can be stressful for team members, the hard work put in throughout the year and the daily focus on providing quality care places NVH in great position as March rolls around every year. We certainly spend a lot of time making sure everything is in tiptop shape, however I am pleased by the fact that this team here is ready for survey *every day* – as evidenced by our recent DHHS five-year survey and State Fire Marshal inspections. Both were unannounced, and the NVH team did an outstanding job demonstrating the life-changing work we do here.

Life here at NVH doesn't pause while we await survey, however. The team continues to plan activities for the members and projects to keep our members' home looking good. During the week of March 9, the Rec Room will be "under construction," with new flooring being installed. It's hard to believe the current Rec Rom floor is about 25 years old! It is showing some wear and tear but has been kept in wonderful condition by our Building Services team over the years.

Activities throughout the month include a casino trip, a lunch outing to Osmond, and many more exciting events. I would encourage members to attend the Taster's Choice session at 2 p.m. March 11 in the B/C dining room. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to share input on our menu and to try out some new and different food items.

And, finally, don't forget to change your clocks and "spring forward" Sunday morning, March 8! Daylight savings time gives us more sunshine every day and signifies better weather days ahead.

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

**GOVERNOR:**  
**JIM PILLEN**

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

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GROW NEBRASKA

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CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH  
MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE  
EFFICIENT,  
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED  
STATE GOVERNMENT

# HOME HAPPENINGS



Two WWII Veterans receive quilts of valor from the Department American Legion Family.



Pictured above is Norman S. and to the right is Edwin K. each with their families.



On Saturday, February 14th, members attended the 66th Annual Lions Club Pancake Feed at the Chuck M. Pohlman Ag Complex.



## HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



Members enjoyed celebrating Mardi Gras with Music from Paul Siebert.

## SOCIAL WORKER MONTH

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

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 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!**

# 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 "Roger" Brokaw**  
U.S. Navy Veteran

**Carol Orr**  
U.S. Army Veteran



## MEMORIAL SERVICE



Members who passed away were honored during a bi-annual memorial service held February 11 in our chapel. Rev. Josh Alloway led the service, with music provided by Pastor Todd Kollbaum.

Emily Rogers, NVH Social Work Director, lit candles in remembrance of each individual. The Norfolk American Legion Riders posted the colors, adding a meaningful tribute to the ceremony.

# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Nicholas "Nick" B.**  
U.S. Navy Veteran

**Charles "Charlie" H.**  
U.S. Army Veteran

## NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



**Tracey Wragge**  
Food Service Cook



**Cally Schmid**  
Food Service Cook



**Alexa LeComte**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Adriana Tovar**  
Staff Care Tech II



**LaeLa Clarke**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Kaylin Borer**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Summer Baker**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Tatiana Gronenthal**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Ally Maslonka**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Mikalaya DuBray**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Monse Lopez**  
Staff Care Tech II



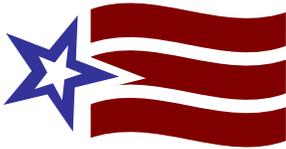
**Celia Wester**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Ali Prauner**  
Staff Care Tech II



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FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE  
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR  
PARENTS.**

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