



# 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,

March brought some wild weather swings, and it looks like that's going to be the pattern continuing into April. One of our big focuses during this early part of spring is severe weather awareness, and NVH stands ready to respond during this important time of the year. It's critically important that staff, members, loved ones, and other visitors are active participants in any drills that may occur during this time and are aware of locations and processes for seeking shelter when a tornado warning is issued that includes the location of our home.

I'm very proud to report that March also brought us something truly rare – a deficiency-free USVA annual survey! While the results are not official until we receive the final survey report from the USVA, we are not anticipating any citations. Over the last several years only a small percentage of State Veterans' Homes across the country have received a deficiency-free survey, so this truly is a special achievement.

This result would not have been possible without the outstanding teams we have in every department across the building, from housekeeping and maintenance to nursing and the business office. We also appreciate the kind words members shared with surveyors; many of whom praised the care we provide every day.

When considering how many hours of care we provide every year to members, the tens of thousands of medications given, and all the other working parts that go into ensuring we provide quality care every day, this result is an incredible testament to the dedication of our team. While we have always been proud of the care we provide and have had many successful surveys in years past, this is NVH's first deficiency-free survey since 2020. When you see an NVH employee, please congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

I hope everyone has a wonderful April!

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



## *On The Road Again*

Weather can be very unpredictable this time of year but on Monday, March 9th it cooperated allowing our members to travel to the **Pierce American Legion & ALA**. This makes it their first supper outing of 2026.

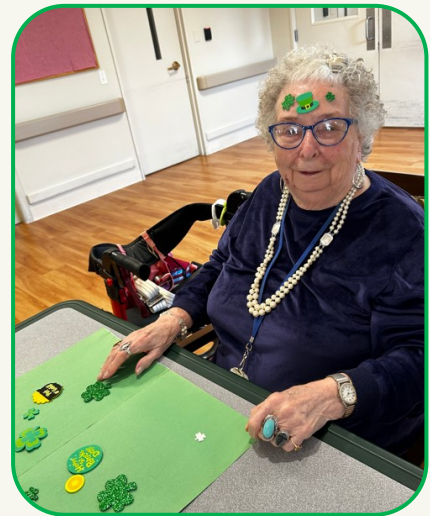
Members ate a delicious home cooked supper, listened to some music, and visited with the Legion and Auxiliary members before heading back to NVH.



Local **wood carvers** displayed their talent with members.

# HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

St. Patrick's Day Crafts with Kathy on Pod E



**St. Patty's Day festivities!**  
Members enjoyed green beer, snacks, music, and prizes for finding pots of gold hid around the facility.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- \* Happy Hopping—April 1st
- \* Elvis—April 15th



These events are for Norfolk Veterans' Home members, families and staff.

Look for pictures in next months newsletter!



Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?

Contact Mary at (402) 370-3102

Email: [mary.swensen@nebraska.gov](mailto:mary.swensen@nebraska.gov)

## 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

**Lucille Kieckhafer**  
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

**William "Bill" Richardson**  
U.S. Navy Veteran



## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



Norfolk Veterans' Home would like to thank the many individual and volunteer groups that take the time to spend with our veterans. We appreciate you!

**Volunteer Recognition Program**  
will be held on April 24th.

# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Bette B.**

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

**Jack M.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**James "Jim" D.**

U.S. Air Force Veteran

**John O.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Fred C.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Charles "Tom" B.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Dale E.**

U.S. Navy Veteran

**Marion T.**

Spouse of a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

### Norfolk Veterans Home Gift Cards

Available in any amount from  
**\$1 to \$25**

May be used to purchase any item sold in the Canteen including meal tickets

Available for staff & members  
convenience

Meal tickets can be purchased in the canteen or NVH Accounting Window and are now \$5.00 per

## NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



**Adley Wiswell**  
Food Service Cook



**Isabella Wood**  
Food Service Cook



**Kylie Knutsen**  
Staff Care Technician

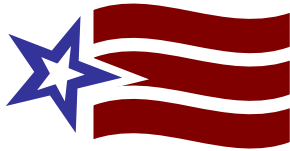
**WELCOME**

Please welcome the following new staff to the Norfolk Veterans' Home.

**WELCOME**



**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
EOE/AA/ADA  
Norfolk Veterans Home  
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Norfolk, NE 68701  
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## Bits & Pieces

CENSUS  
142

Special Occasion  
Reservations:  
Call Activities @ (402) 370-  
3110



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**THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE-OPERATED  
FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE  
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR  
PARENTS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING  
ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
LOCAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER OR  
DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109**

