



THE NVH OBSERVER

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

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhower, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

April has been a very uneventful month. I know that sounds like a bad thing, but since the start of the Covid pandemic uneventful at Norfolk Veterans Home is GOOD!

Norfolk Veterans Home currently stands at 98% of our members being vaccinated! We continue to encourage and offer vaccination opportunities to our teammates.

As of today's date, we continue to have no Covid positive members or Teammates! We have 37 members who have recovered from Covid and 51 recovered teammates. We have a few Gray Rooms, mainly due to new admissions being in observation for fourteen days.

The positivity rate for Madison County has trended upward over the last few weeks in April but it remains at a level where we can continue to hold **Limited In-Person Family Visitation!**

We had a goal of being able to accommodate all families who wished to see their loved one face to face. At this point I feel this goal has been accomplished. Obviously we have families that want to see their loved one every day and this is not always possible; but my staff has worked very hard to accommodate as many visits as possible utilizing either a face to face, window visits, companion or compassionate care visits.

Family members continue to be encouraged to sign up online for a visit at: www.signupgenius.com/go/nvh If you do not have internet access you are asked to call NVH at (402) 370-3330 and ask to speak with Elaine Wessendorf or Colleen Benson, who will assist you in signing up for a visit.

All visitors must be screened-in at the front desk of NVH prior to visiting and pass our health questionnaire. A surgical mask will be available for your use during your visit. COVID rapid testing will be offered to visitors prior to visiting with Members (If the visitor refuses COVID testing, Personal Protective Equipment including the use of a KN95 mask will be provided and required). If possible, family members should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled visit time to allow for Covid testing and maximize visitation time.

The state veterans' homes have expanding recreational activities to include events with adult beverages for members who wish to partake and are safely able to per doctor's orders. If you have any questions or comments about this new policy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at (402)370-3330.

Kim Davis recently retired after nineteen years of dedicated service as our Building Services Manager. I would like to sincerely thank Kim and welcome our new Building Services Manager Nickki Wragge.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work towards re-opening Norfolk Veterans Home.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhower
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



The above planter was donated to NVH from the District 3 American Legion Auxiliary President Vicki Gullickson of Coleridge. This was her presidents project. It was built by Marvin Gentrup from Beemer. The members will enjoy planting flowers and vegetables in it this spring.

Top Left: The Easter Bunny made his way around the grounds dropping off candy filled eggs for members to enjoy.

Left: Gorlyn H. and Valera P. enjoy their first "Happy Hour".

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

Francis Keil
U.S. Navy Veteran

Vincent Lewis
U.S. Navy Veteran

Christopher Hoer
U.S. Army Veteran



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU



George P.

U.S. Army Veteran

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

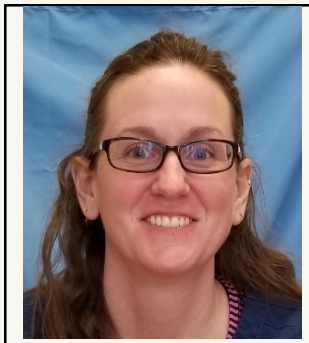
Want to find out what's happening at the Norfolk Veterans' Home?

Go to the State Veterans' homes website at <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/homes>
Here you will have access to the activity calendar and a multitude of other information regarding the State Veterans' Homes.

NEW TEAMMATES



RaeAnn Conroy
Nurse Supervisor



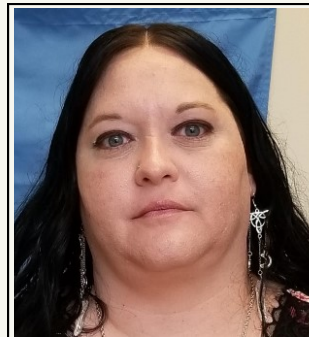
RoJean Ahlers
LPN



Kaitlyn Maertins
Staff Care Tech II



Sarah Watson
Custodian

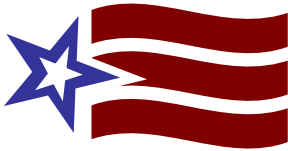


Elizabeth Thackston
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Bits & Pieces

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

Norfolk Veterans' Home Observer is published monthly for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE-OPERATED FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE NEBRASKA VETERANS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER OR DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109 COLLEEN BENSON @ (402) 370-3469



Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.