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## From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

Greetings,

June brought many wonderful moments to the Norfolk Veterans' Home, and it was a joy to see our community come together to enjoy the start of summer. Throughout the month, members took part in activities, visits, and seasonal events that brought laughter, connection, and plenty of shared memories. The energy around NVH has been especially uplifting, and we are grateful for the continued support that helps make these experiences so meaningful.

One of the true highlights of June was the fireworks display held Wednesday, June 24, in Heroes Park. It was a beautiful evening (despite a little rain) filled with music, excitement, pride, and celebration as members, families, and staff gathered to enjoy the show. Events like this mean so much to our veterans and to everyone who calls NVH home. We are especially grateful for the dedicated volunteer support and generous donations that allow us to offer such a wonderful fireworks display each year.

July will also be a busy month. I'm excited to announce that Gov. Jim Pillen will be visiting the facility on Wednesday, July 8, at 3:30 p.m., to present Korean War medals to our Korean War era veterans. This will be a meaningful and memorable occasion as we recognize the service and sacrifice of these honored veterans. While the event is not open to the public, all members, families of Korean War era veterans, and staff are encouraged to join us for this special event. The Korean War Armistice, signed on July 27, 1953, brought an end to active combat in the Korean War. Remembering moments like this gives us another opportunity to reflect on the courage and service of the veterans we are privileged to honor each day.

July is shaping up to be another exciting month at NVH, with several fun community events on the calendar. Members can look forward to enjoying the community fireworks show, county fair, and stock car races, along with other activities that celebrate the season and bring people together. Opportunities like these help create lasting memories and add to the vibrant life of our community.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy July!

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

**GOVERNOR:  
JIM PILLEN**

**NEBRASKA DEPT.  
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JOHN HILGERT**

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GROW NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA – MISSION:  
CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH  
MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE  
EFFICIENT,  
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED  
STATE GOVERNMENT

# HOME HAPPENINGS



The **NVH Family Carnival** was held on Thursday, June 4. Due to the forecasted bad weather, the event was moved indoors, but that did not deter families from attending and enjoying the festivities. Music was provided by Music Therapy in the recreation room, and face painting was available in the beauty shop. Guests also enjoyed refreshments, lemonade, popcorn and candy bags, making for a fun-filled afternoon for members and their families.



## HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> NVH Members, staff and families celebrated the **Fourth of July** at Heroes' park with live music, delicious snacks and great company.

This wonderful evening was sponsored by a variety of local service groups and individuals.



Pam Ray

### NATIONAL ALA PRESIDENT VISITS NVH

NVH was honored to welcome National ALA President Pam Ray and Nebraska ALA President Ruth Hietbrink for a special visit. During their time at NVH, Activity Director Stephanie Eckert provided a tour of the facility and highlighted the many ways the American Legion Auxiliary supports our veterans. Their visit offered an opportunity to showcase the positive impact of the organization's dedication and service to the veterans who call NVH home. We are grateful for their continued commitment to honoring and supporting those who have served our country.



Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?

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# In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

No person was even honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. – Calvin Coolidge



**Sharon Synovec**

U.S. Navy Veteran

**Judith "Judy" Hahne**

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

**Robert Faltys**

U.S. Army Veteran

## STOCK CAR RACES



Members enjoyed an exciting outing to the stock car races at **Off Road Ranch** in Norfolk, Nebraska. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Department of the American Legion, along with the other organizations and individuals who sponsored this event and helped make it possible.



# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Arthur L.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Michael M.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Frank R.**

U.S. Air Force Veteran

**Leland M.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Rodney A.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Raymond B.**

U.S. Army Veteran

## NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



**Megan Brabec**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Tori Nelson**  
Receptionist



**Zoie Robinson**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Lillian Hagemann**  
Staff Care Tech II



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Staff Care Tech II



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Staff Care Tech II



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Staff Care Tech II



**Bradley Kruse**  
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Special Occasion

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

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LOCAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER OR  
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