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The End of 2023 at Central Nebraska Veterans Home -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

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As we move into the month of December to close out the year 2023, we will be celebrating the holidays with our members and making them feel loved during the holiday season. If you come to the CNVH you will start to see the Christmas decorations going up in preparation for the holidays.



Some of the facility activities that we have planned for the month of December are:

***Christmas Light tours**-please contact your Activity Specialist if you are interested in going out and seeing the Christmas Lights, the individual neighborhoods have these scheduled on their calendars.

***Saturday December 2nd at 2:00 Holy Cross Hand Bells Christmas Music-Freedom Hall**

***Tuesday December 5th at 3:00 Bingo w/UNK Health Science Club-Freedom Hall**

***Wednesday December 7th at 10:00 Pearl Harbor Documentary Showing in Library**

***Friday December 8th at 3:30 UNK Brass Quartet-Christmas Music-Freedom Hall**

***Tuesday December 12th at 2:30 Gifts for Yanks Parties & Gift Distribution in Neighborhoods-AL & Aux. & SAL**

***Tuesday December 19th at 2:30 Christmas Bingo-Freedom Hall-sponsored by ALA**

***Friday December 22nd at 2:00 Christmas Parties and Gift Distribution in Neighborhoods**

***Wednesday December 27th at 2:30 New Years Eve Happy Hour and Appetizer-Freedom Hall-sponsored by ALA & SAL**

***Saturday December 30th at 10:00 New Years Eve Bingo-Activity Hubs on West Side and East Side**

These are just a few of the facility activities happening this month. Please refer to the neighborhood calendars in your area for more activities.



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Message from the Administrator

Each year during the month of November we celebrate our veterans on Veterans Day! In honor of Veterans Day, the Nebraska Capitol was illuminated in green light from Thursday, November 9th, through Sunday, November 12th.



Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs Director John Hilgert, said "while every day is Veterans Day for our agency, we especially want to take a moment this weekend to honor the men and women of Nebraska who have answered the call to duty."

Several initiatives, including Greenlight a Vet and Operation Green Light, encouraged changing exterior lights to green to show solidarity and support for veterans as green is a symbol of hope, renewal, and forward movement. Therefore, for the same period of time, Central Nebraska Veterans' Home went green as well!

A day before Veterans Day, on November 10, 2023, another important event took place to honor Nebraska veterans: the groundbreaking of Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Grand Island!



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration has awarded the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs nearly \$8.4 million for the establishment of the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Grand Island. The cemetery will be built next to the Soldiers & Sailors Cemetery, which was part of the Grand Island Veterans' Home. "It's extremely important for the state of Nebraska to serve our veterans and their families, including providing a sacred resting place for them," said Governor Jim Pillen. The construction is estimated to be finished in the spring of 2025.

Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator



Member Council Employee of the Month Alisha Patzel of Member Finance

Alisha Patzel has been with the Business Office since 2019. She enjoys helping all the members and does a great job. She processes all of our Accounts Payable and makes sure every Bingo slip gets into the right account. We thank her for all she does.

Member of the Month: Earl Deterding



Earl was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. He has two sisters and one brother. Earl was born in North Platte, Nebraska and was raised in Arnold, Nebraska. He attended High School in Arnold, Nebraska. During his school years he enjoyed extracurricular activities such as sports and plays.

Earl is a Army Veteran, receiving the Driver’s Badge, Marksmanship Badge, Sharpshooter Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal.

In his leisure time, Earl enjoys watching sports on TV, keeping track of high school teams and University of Nebraska teams. He is a member of the Methodist Church. In music and movies he enjoys old country western and John Wayne.

Earl’s occupation was a Truck Driver from 1985 to 2021, when he worked for Fremont Contract Carriers.

When Earl was asked what do you like best about living at CNVH he stated, “The CNVH staff that take care of me and the relationships with staff and members”.

Congratulations, Earl on being selected “Member of the Month”!

In Memoriam

Robert Lambertus

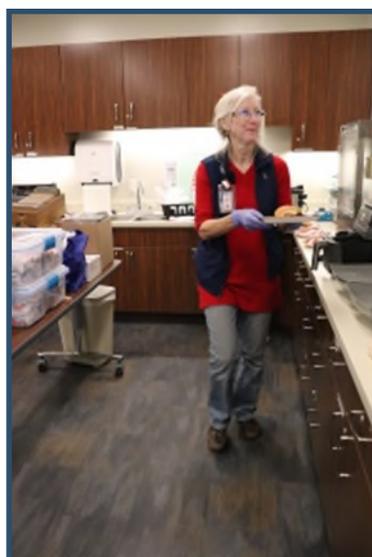
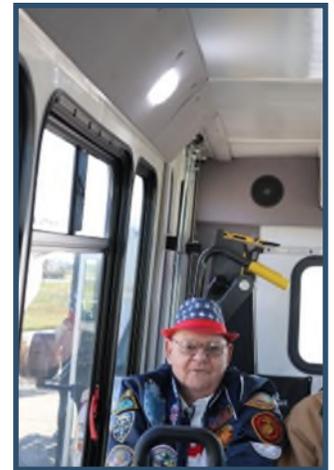


Veterans Day at CNVH

We celebrate our veterans everyday of the year, but we did do some extra celebrating on Veterans Day!

Members received cards from schools that they made special for the members and had patriotic donuts at breakfast. Members also had the opportunity to ride on the CNVH bus in the Veterans Day Parade.

A Veterans Day Happy/Social Hour was sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary.



Celebrating Veterans Day at CNVH

Sharing photos from the "Thank You Veterans" photo booth, where members picked up some signs and posed for the camera!



Quilts Of Valor



On Veterans Day, Lillian Hudnall, a ten year 4-H member from the Fantastic 4-H Club in Platte County came to CNVH to hold a ceremony presenting two members with Quilts of Valor.

Lillian worked over the last couple of years to complete her 4-H Gives Back Services project, Quilts of Service.

Veterans Dollar Days



On Veterans Dollar Days we celebrated with Bingo in the neighborhoods, serving cookies and a special gift to each member. This was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nebraska, Sons of American Legion and American Legion Riders.



Member Council Fundraiser

The CNVH member council had a fundraiser to help raise funds for to help fund the military care packages that they send out monthly to veterans who are on active duty.



Activities Across Campus



Deer hunting, "Root" for Veterans Root Beer Floats, and a Merry-makers Concert were among the many November activities available for members to enjoy.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Earl Deterding

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

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