



The Eagle



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ENVH's Logo: The shape is that of the Pentagon, the hub of the armed services.

The five gold stars represent the branches of service, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

The flag is the symbol of our country for which our veterans served.

The eagle is another symbol of our country which reminds us to be ever vigilant while providing care for our veterans and their spouses.

Finally, the rose symbolizes the spouses of our veterans.

Roger Hill, Creator of the TFBH/ENVH logo

What is **TEAMMATE TUESDAY??**

It is:

- a program developed by the JOY Brigade to recognize the under-recognized, hard-working staff within the building
- open to all departments, facility-wide
- nominees receive a questionnaire to fill out the week prior to nomination
- questionnaires tell us more about you and will be posted along with your picture
- nominees are rewarded with a reserved parking space marked "Teammate of the Week" in the front parking lot

Black History Month

BY: KAY BOATNER

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the achievements and history of African Americans as part of Black History Month.

HOW IT STARTED

In 1915, in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public, historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, the group declared the second week of February as “Negro History Week” to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Few people studied Black history and it wasn't included in textbooks prior to the creation of Negro History Week.

This week was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist (someone who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people), and former U.S. president Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was primarily fought over the enslavement of Black people in the country. Many schools and leaders began recognizing the week after its creation.

The week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to “honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Black History Month has been celebrated in the United States every February since.

WHAT IT HONORS

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

Among the notable figures often spotlighted during Black History Month are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who fought for equal rights for Blacks during the 1950s and '60s; Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1967; Mae Jemison, who became the first female African-American astronaut to travel to space in 1992; and Barack Obama, who was elected the first-ever African-American president of the United States in 2008.



Veteran's Memorial Garden Brick Form Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Now is the time to purchase your brick to be installed in the Veteran's Memorial Garden at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home.

Bricks may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one, the name of your organization or business, or you may simply want to thank a veteran!

You may purchase your brick donation using the form below for \$100. There are 14 characters on each line and there are 3 lines on each brick.



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Name of person donating brick: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Benson Post 112/Memorial Brick Fund**

Please provide the exact wording you would like on the brick:

Bricks may be purchased by mailing a \$100 check or money order per engraved brick to:

Benson Post 112, American Legion, P.O. Box 4084, Omaha, NE 68104.

Contact Bruce Husted at 402-981-6820 with any questions.

Welcome:
Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Franklin H.
Phillip W.
Phyllis W.



Franklin R.
Patrick S.
Richard D.



Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain

Dale Powell

All Weekly Services have changed due to COVID as noted below

Sundays:

9:45 am All Faith Service.....Chapel
10:30 am All Faith Service.....Allegiance

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Devotional ReadingService

Thursdays:

9:30 am Bible Study.....Service
9:45 am Bible Study.....Motivation
10:00 am Bible Study.....Allegiance
10:15 am Bible Study.....Dedication

This two year covid period that we are living in has reminded us of the significance of being present with one another **in person**. I was also reminded of that recently from a different perspective. I have two sisters in the Joplin (MO) area, a brother in the Wichita area, and a sister who has lived in British Columbia, Canada area (for over 50 years). And none of them do much traveling. So since our parents died 26 years ago, we don't see each other in person very often. Even though we talk occasionally by phone, we miss out on something that only comes **in person**. I was reminded of that just recently as my brother in Wichita died a week ago. I was able to spend time with him and his wife **in person** just before his death and will be conducting his funeral service next week, but the relationship with him and his family isn't quite the same as with family that I see at least occasionally **in person**. He has grandchildren in their 20's that I have only seen a couple times in their lives. But that's the reality of living in a world where we get scattered across the country and often are just not able to get together. I guess my word of encouragement would be that, whether in family, church, or other group relationships in your life, treasure the value of the **in person** times that you can spend together.