



# The Eagle



January 2025

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, 12505 Harrison Tull Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123

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## ENVH Rings in the New Year!



Welcome to the  
**Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home**



**Roger L.**  
Air Force



**Joseph J.**  
Army



**Jeffrey A.**  
Army



**Carol M.**  
Air Force



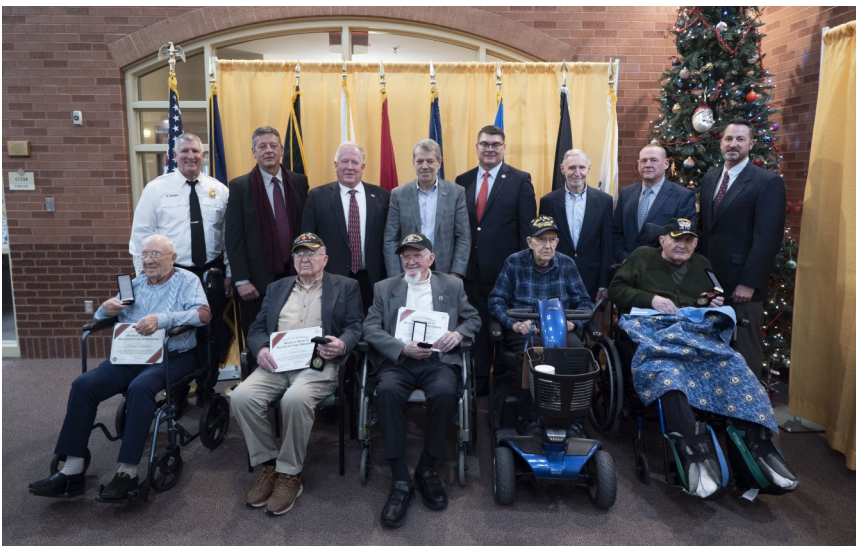
# Home Happenings

## World War II Medal Ceremony

NDVA and Governor Jim Pillen recently launched an initiative to recognize and honor Nebraska's living World War II veterans in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. On January 8, ENVH hosted the World War II Veterans' Recognition Ceremony.



Among those who were recognized were two ENVH members, Richard C. (pictured left, with his children) and Ted H. (pictured below, with his children). The medal recipients received the "Celebrating 80 Years of Victory" medal, presented to them by Governor Jim Pillen.



# Garden Corner



## **Snowdrop** **(*Galanthus nivalis*)**

The snowdrop flower! Its Latin name is *Galanthus*, derived from the Greek words 'gala' (milk) and 'athos' (flower). First found in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century in Europe, the first flower of spring is now widespread throughout the cooler climates of the Northern Hemisphere. The Snowdrop Flower's pointed green leaves poke through the frozen ground and come up usually around a beautiful blanket of snow in the late winter months of February and March. The petals flower upward into a white bell and then typically nod over and bow toward the earth. Interestingly, the snowdrops contain an anti-freeze protein in their cells which is why they do not freeze. This allows the flower to stop ice crystals from forming and killing the plant. This flower does best planted in groups and/or blankets in full sun but preferably in dappled shade and does not do well in full shade. One of the very first flowers to bloom, it attracts pollinators such as bees hungry for their first meal of the year. This cultivar is not evasive and does have twenty different species. In the Victorian Era the Snowdrop was a sign of a promise of life after death as this flower was used in funerals and in the entryways to many cemeteries. Snowdrops add grace to any garden and is such a lovely surprise to look for in winter. We have a few groups planted in both berms by the Gazebo. If you're out and about on a warm March day take a look for them.





# 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.



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:*

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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.*

# *In Memoriam*



**Harley Swanson**  
Army  
1943-2025

**Leonard "Whitey" Petty**  
Marines  
1935-2025

**Joe Mickells**  
Army  
1952-2025

**Milton Weatherly**  
Air Force  
1931-2025

**Rickey Andis**  
Navy  
1956-2025

## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Dale Powell

### ***Weekly Services***

#### **Sundays:**

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

#### **Mondays:**

9:30 am **Devotional Reading**.....Service  
9:50 am **Devotional Reading**.....Allegiance  
1:00 pm **Rosary**.....Chapel

#### **Thursdays:**

9:30 am **Hymns**.....Service  
10:00 am **Bible Study**.....Chapel  
10:30 am **Bible Study**.....Allegiance  
1:00 pm **Catholic Mass**.....Chapel

Several years ago, I went into a facility to visit a hospice patient that I had recently met. On that day she was resting in bed and was unresponsive and was nearing her time of death. Interestingly, on a table near her bed was a piece of paper that she had earlier typed out on a typewriter. It explained that she knew there might come a time when she was nearing death and would not be able to respond to people who were visiting her. She listed some of her favorite Scriptures and some of her favorite hymns and indicated that if you would read any of those Scriptures or play/sing any of those hymns, she would be blessed (even if she couldn't respond to you). As you or your loved ones get older, maybe that could be an interesting project to work on. Write down some favorite Scriptures and hymns and give that paper to your family. It can give them some guidance for Scriptures and songs that they can use with you near the end of life as well as possibly in a funeral or memorial service after your death. This could be a bigger blessing and help to your family than you may realize.

Chaplain Dale Powell

# **JANUARY** <sup>\*over 90</sup> **BIRTHDAYS!!**

**Denny M.      01/04**

**Richard C.\*    01/06**

**Kendall B.     01/06**

**Jim S.          01/10**

**Ken W.\*        01/13**

**Joe L.\*         01/21**

**Gary J.         01/26**