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Seasons Are Changing at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

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As we move into the Fall season members will have the opportunity to go on a Autumn Fall Bus Tour to see the leaves changing and harvesting being done in the fields. The October calendar is full of great facility and neighborhood programming that members participate in as they wish.

Our October Facility Programming will kick off with:

- Monday October 2nd at 1:30 **Merrymakers Concert-Tim Javorsky**-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by the ALA 
- Tuesday October 3rd at 2:30 **Oktoberfest Happy Hour**-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by the SAL & ALA
- Wednesdays October 4th at 2:30 **Food Committee**-Freedom Hall
- Thursday October 5th at 10:30 **Welcome Tea and Bingo**-Freedom Hall 
- Thursday October 5th at 2:30 **Member Council**-Freedom Hall

- Thursday October 26th at 2:30 **Apple Pie and Ice Cream Social**-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by the ALA 
- On Wednesdays at 3:00 **The Chosen Series** will be playing in the Chapel with Chaplain Michael.



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

Location of activities may change depending on if there is a Covid outbreak status in the building. Posters will be posted of any changes.



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Message from the Administrator

Well, the summer is gone and we officially entered into the Fall on September 23rd! Two things will make this transition desirable: cooling off from the hot summer and the beginning of the harvest season. In fact, all those teammates that commute to and from the surrounding communities have noticed the abundance of combines, tractors with trailers and semi-trucks animating the fields.

For Central Nebraska Veterans' Home (CNVH), the month of September was marked with an increased number of applications for new hires, which is always good! We hope this trend will continue especially after October 23rd when CNVH will begin with a new working schedule for the RNs and LPNs. Most healthcare providers in the community of Kearney and the surrounding communities provide 12-hour shifts to their professional nurses. This is a consistent trend on the healthcare labor market that exists in the State of Nebraska as well as many states in the United States. In order to become more attractive to potential future nursing hires (RNs and LPNs), CNVH will modify the traditional 8-hour shifts to 12-hour shifts for select job classifications.

In addition to making us more attractive on the labor market by implementing 12-hour nursing shifts, we also aim to reduce the need for mandatory overtime as well as our reliance on third party agency staff, while providing a better work-life balance for our nurses. As a result, we have been working with the Human Resources team, Scheduling and Nursing leadership to develop a new staffing schedule we believe will allow CNVH to continue to serve veterans at the highest level while providing more attractive scheduling options for our current and future nurses.

Switching gears here, it is good to share that CNVH is part of a two-year pilot with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs regarding available mental healthcare (MH) for those members in need of such care. The first meeting of this pilot was on September 12th and including CNVH, there are four State Veterans Homes (SVH) that signed up as MH Pilot sites. In addition to the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home and the Norfolk Veterans' Home, the Maine Veterans' Home – Bangor and the New Hampshire Veterans' Home in Tilton are participating.

One last item of news, Kearney Rotary Club is planning to donate around 20 trees to replace the ones that had died in the past year. They already delivered seven of the trees that will be planted this month of October by our maintenance crew as well as Rotarian volunteers.

If at any time you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me by email or by phone. Thank you!

Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator

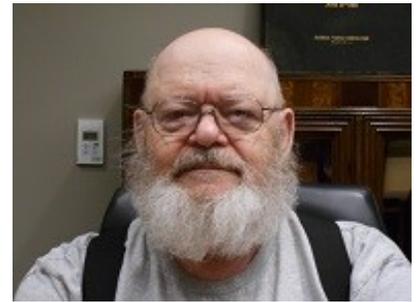


Member Council Employee of the Month Kayla Kehler of Social Work

Kayla Kehler has been a Social Worker with CNVH since September of 2017. Among the many reasons she enjoys working here, she said we have an amazing team and she loves all the members!

Member of the Month:

Walter Moore



Walter Moore was selected as “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Walter has been with CNVH since 2019. Walter was born and raised in Kearney, graduating in 1960 and attended some college. He has one daughter and two sons.

Walter was in the Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He enlisted in 1960 and got out in 1963, during which time he was stationed in San Diego and Hawaii. He then went back in in 1965-1967 and was stationed in Dallas at the Naval Air Station. In 1990 he was an active reserve for the Persian Gulf and was sent to Guam and was an equipment operator for Seabees.

Walter worked for the railroad for 33 years, he also was a meat cutter, radio operator, and worked for the Kearney Police Department. Walter has been part of the American Legion for 50 years. Some of his favorite things are barbecue ribs, the movie “Jeremiah Johnson”, and Minnesota Twins baseball.

When Walter was asked what do you like best about living at CNVH he stated, “About everything, I really enjoy it here.”

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

In Memoriam



Robert Gross
Raymond Owen
George Swinney
Leonard Grummert



9/11 Display



POW/MIA Table



Campus Outings

Members have enjoyed some outings to the KHS football game and the UNK volleyball games.



Activities Across Campus



Members have been enjoying a wide variety of activities across campus, from smoothies, to axe throwing and RC Car Races. The weather has still been nice so they are able to go out and enjoy the patio areas.



Happenings Across Campus

District 6 ALA Ice Cream Sundae Social

The District 6 ALA sponsored a Ice Cream Sundae Social on a Saturday afternoon. Sundaes brought out a lot of smiles and members also enjoyed visiting with the volunteers.



Merrymakers Concert

The members enjoyed an afternoon filled with music provided by Merrymakers. The performer for September was Mary Link.





Gold Star Service



The ALA sponsored a Gold Star Service that was held in our Chapel with refreshments in Freedom Hall to follow the service. This was a great way for us to honor those that didn't get to come home from war.



Nation of Patriots

The Patriot Tour



The Nation of Patriots Riders stopped at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home and had a Flag Transfer Ceremony for the members. After the ceremony the riders were able to visit with members for awhile before getting back on their bikes and continuing down the road. The flag travels all 50 states in 115 days. The ride's mission is to raise awareness for the needs of these American heroes and to gather financial support that goes directly towards helping disabled veterans and their families.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

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Employee of the Month



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