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Land of the free because of the brave.

Over a year ago, Administrator Ronald Stavely came up with the idea of doing an honor wall for the members who served our great nation here at Western Nebraska Veterans' Home. The main hallway when you enter the building was chosen to display 8x10 photographs of these members along with the branch that they served in. A team was put together to contact families and ask for military photographs. Most families had these photographs without having to look too hard. Some, however, had to search high and low for them. Others could not find any at all due to a multitude of reasons, whether they got lost along the way, ex-wives burned them, they got taken out with a flood or they never received their photographs. The team searched the web to find several of the photographs, some taking months of searching to find. Some photographs that were found were extremely small, scratched or unrecognizable. With many hours of editing, the use of AI to colorize them and several different photo editing softwares, these photos have come back to life. The team in charge of bringing this project to life have said they have taken great joy in seeing the members see old photographs of themselves. Featured is an example of one of the photographs the team edited. This image was found in a cruise book from 1963. The original group image was about 2" tall by 3" wide.



Milton Michael

United States Navy 1961-1966



Above is the finished wall. The team is still receiving photographs and plan to extend them to the other side of the hallway.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Your birthday is a special time to celebrate the gift of 'you' to the world. May your days be filled with all the good things life has to offer . . . health and happiness, dreams fulfilled and a lifetime of adventure. May God bless you.

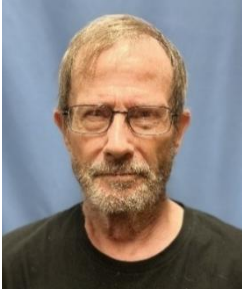
July

Robert B- July 14th

Don S- July 19th

Mark L- July 21st

Welcome our new members!



Bill C.



Gary M.



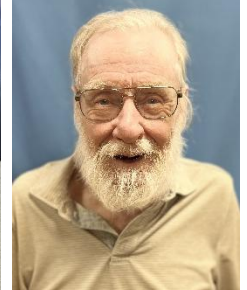
Robert M.



Jerry W.



Gail A.



Danny B.



Healthy
Corner

UV Safety Awareness Month is observed every July to highlight the dangers of ultraviolet (UV) radiation and promote sun-safe habits. Protecting yourself from prolonged sun exposure is vital for preventing premature aging, cataracts, and skin cancer, which is the most common cancer in the United States.

You can easily protect yourself by adopting a few simple, everyday habits:

- *Use Sunscreen: Apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher every day.

- *Dress for Protection: Wear sun-protective clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and UV-blocking sunglasses.

- *Seek Shade: Avoid direct sunlight during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when UV rays are the strongest.



The annual D-Day picnic was held on June 5th and was sponsored by the Bayard ALA. The weather was perfect to enjoy some hotdogs and hamburgers.





A special "Thank you for your service" to our own Women Veterans.

Evelyn B. United States Air Force



Patricia F. United States Navy



Cheri L. United States Navy



Debra N. United States Army



Denise S. United States Navy

Team of the Month of June Maintenance



Back (L-R): Jason, Steve, Joe, Todd
Front (L-R): Jim, Paul, Lydia





Members enjoyed having a mini photoshoot. There were smiles and laughs all around. Photos were displayed outside of members' rooms and will be sent to families.

Let's meet the team!

New employees from June 2026.



Kaylin Meyers
Staff Care Tech II



Bailey Shannon
Staff Care Tech II



Marcela Colin
Staff Care Tech II



Natalia Huerta
Staff Care Tech II



Desirae Brownell
Staff Care Tech II



Katie Friedrichesen
Staff Care Tech II



Lauren Reiber
House RN-Days



Yessenia Gomez
Staff Care Tech II



Maria Diaz-Rubio
Staff Care Tech II

Member voted
teammate of
the month.



Amia Moreno
Staff Care Tech II



Trey Marez-Camacho
Dietary



Jennifer Gitschel
Dietary

In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy ~



Norma Leis- Wife of Army Veteran



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