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Your Life's Journey

Wayne Eugen Ogg was born November 4th, 1953, in Lexington, Nebraska. He was the oldest of two boys. Wayne's family moved around a bit when he was younger. His dad was a construction worker and his mom a nurse's aide. He attended schools in Lexington, Ogallala, Overton, Smithfield and Madrid. He married his high school sweetheart Donna in 1973. He helped his dad in construction and worked in a fertilizer plant before joining the Navy in October of 1973. He worked in the Navy Construction Battalion known as the Seabees and NMCB 133 also known as the Red Rats. Wayne was an E5 2nd class petty officer specializing in technical skills and leadership, where he served 4 years then 12 in the Naval Reserves. His medals include expert with the M16 and very good conduct.

After Wayne's service he worked at a bean plant and a utility system and wastewater treatment plant. He finished his career as a superintendent in charge of water and maintaining roads.

Wayne and Donna have 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. Donna is currently residing with their daughters and visits Wayne on occasion. Wayne has been around the world once and crossed the equator twice in his life.

Wayne would like to be remembered as simply a good guy! Thank you for your service, Wayne!



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.

June

Ron F - June 12th
Robert M - June 12th
Vicki M - June 13th
Bernard S - June 22nd
Robert W - June 28th

Welcome our new members!



Alvin G.



David W.



Robert W.



Steven S.



Dean N.

June is National PTSD Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder, reducing stigma, and promoting effective treatments. Around 12 million US adults have PTSD, with June 27th specifically recognized as PTSD Awareness Day to highlight that recovery is possible through professional care, support, and resources. Veterans aged 22 to 49 have higher PTSD rates (14.7%) compared to those 50 and older (4.9%). Women veterans face a higher risk (roughly 20% in VA care) than men. Roughly 15.5% of veterans exposed to heavy combat still suffered from PTSD decades after their service, notes a study published by Columbia Mailman School of Public Health.

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/awareness/index.asp>



NOT ALL
WOUNDS
•ARE•
VISIBLE



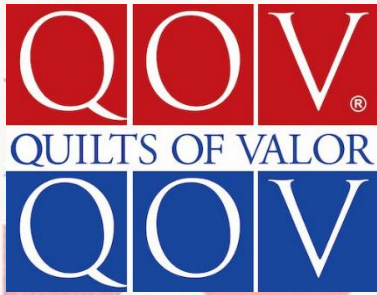
CINCO DE MAYO

Members enjoyed a Cinco De Mayo celebration, including mini tacos, chips & dip.





The Morrill 3rd graders came and played games, read stories and talked with members. There were lots of giggles, smiles and fun to be had.

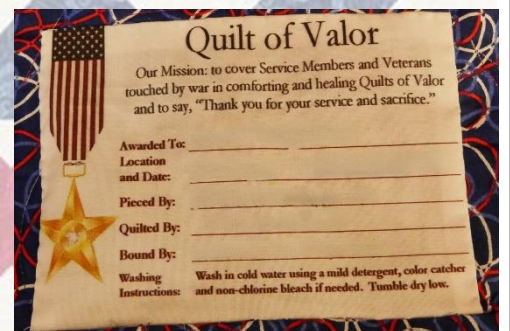


A Quilt of Valor is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war.

The quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice if serving our nation."

Recently three members at WNVH received their Quilts of Valor. David A., Ed C. and Denise S.

The local VALTS students were taught how to cut, sew and bind these quilts.



Members and staff enjoyed a coffee social for Vietnam Veterans. A Vietnam veteran is anyone who served in the United States Armed Forces between February 1961 and May 1975. Roughly 2.7 million Americans served "in-country" during this time.



The Scottsbluff High School Orchestra came and preformed for the members.

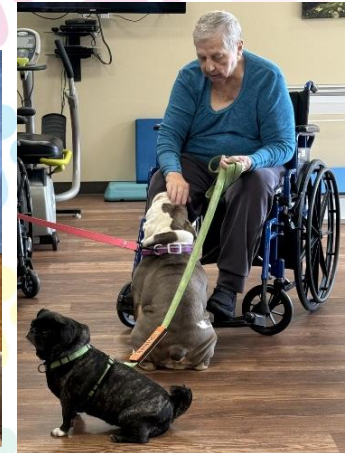




Members and families enjoyed Root Beer Floats in the warm May air.



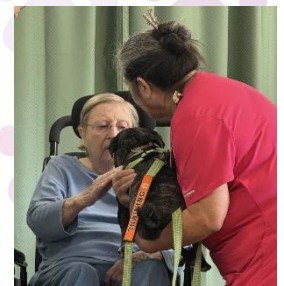
Wednesday mornings are spent with our four-legged friends, Dori, Frog, Charlie and Shakira.



“A mother’s love endures through all.”
-Washington Irving



This year’s Mother’s Day Tea was spent enjoying some laughs, tea and desserts.



A Memorial Day Program was held with Pie and Ice Cream to follow.



Members who have passed since last Memorial Day

Claude Smith-United States Army

Crystal Ehrhart- United States Army

Seldon Spickelmier- United States Army

Raymond Buescher- United States Army

Siegfried Gitschel- United States Army

John Widner- United States Army

Roy Medbery- United States Air Force

Michelene Becker- Spouse of United States Army Veteran

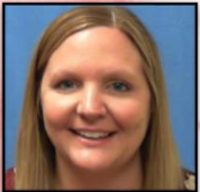
Kenneth Woolery- United States Army

Bonnie Failing- Spouse of United States Army Veteran

Chevron Sherman- United States Navy

Team of the Month of May

Nursing



Amber



Penny



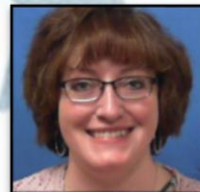
Tammie



Andrea



Pam



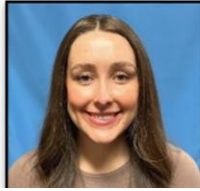
Darla



Shawn



Kare



Avery



Crystal



Jamie



Julie



Makayla



Lisa



Karla



Heidi



Connie



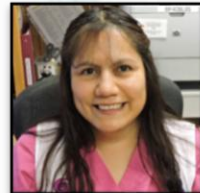
Stacey



Laura



Anna



Becky



Nora



Jerra



Mollie



Julie



Thomas



Dr. Longoria



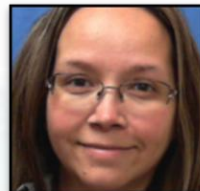
Melissa



Haden



Samantha



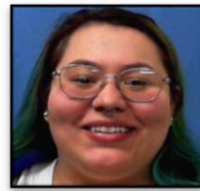
Krysstal



Marvin



Lena



Estella



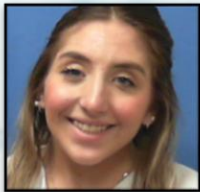
Kylie



Kaylee



Corina



Vanessa



Shyann



Kaitlyn



Cat



Miguel



Haley



Trista



Ana



Elaine



Selma



Kai



Kirsten



Alano



Kira



Ivan



Akacia



Kyra



Miranda



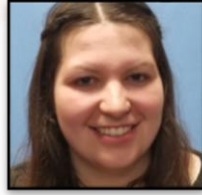
Sandra



Rosio



Kristel



Ashleigh



Ruth



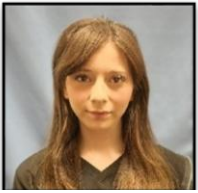
Tina



Mary



Caleb



Sophia



Jessie



Sophia



Kaylee



Emma



Jenna



Leia



Jordyn



Leah



Jessica



Maria



Bri



Jonas



Katlin



Haley



Stephanie



Mercedes



Natalie



Craig



Angel



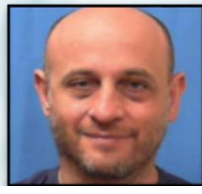
Evita



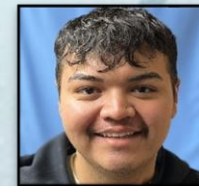
Danielle



Elena



Mike



Cortez



Jenna

A special
"Thank You for
all you do" to
our amazing
nursing staff.

Let's meet the team!

New employees from May 2026.



Betsy Goodell
Master Social Worker



Megan McMann
Housekeeping



Precious Ybarra
Dietary



Dario Santos
Dietary



Kelly Mason-Davis
Activities

Member voted
teammate of
the month.



Leia Stroh
Staff Care Tech II

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 ~



Crystal Ehrhart- Army
Claude "Smitty" Smith- Army



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