



# THE NVH OBSERVER

N O R F O L K V E T E R A N S H O M E

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

### From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

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DEPT. OF VETERANS'  
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STATE OF NEBRASKA VISION:  
GROW NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA — MISSION:  
CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE  
EFFECTIVE, MORE  
EFFICIENT,  
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED  
STATE GOVERNMENT

Greetings,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to celebrate with some sense of normalcy despite our recent COVID outbreak. We understand the precautions we follow during these times can be challenging and disruptive to the status quo, but our top priority will always remain doing everything we can to keep our Members and their loved ones safe.

As always, November was a busy month with events such as Dollar Days, a wonderful Veterans' Day program, and, of course, Thanksgiving. Despite the winter weather we know is soon to come, the month of December is still one of the most anticipated because it brings with it good cheer, hope, and gratitude for all the blessings we receive here at the Norfolk Veterans' Home and in our daily lives. There are a variety of activities and gatherings scheduled throughout the month – so here's to hoping that our efforts to "stamp out" COVID will be successful!

To help accomplish that goal and ensure members, teammates and everyone's loved ones have a safe and healthy holiday season, we will continue to stress the importance of solid infection control practices here at NVH. This is the season of group gatherings, spending time with school and church groups, etc., and it's my hope that we can all take some extra time to do our part to reduce the chances of any illness coming into the home. Simply wearing a mask when going into areas where there are large groups, such as shopping malls and grocery stores, can make a difference. Complying with our recommendations for wearing a mask and regularly washing your hands while at NVH if you are showing any signs or symptoms of a respiratory illness is also greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season, and I'm sure we are all looking forward to an even better 2025!

Best Wishes,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

# HOME HAPPENINGS



Early November was busy for the members at Norfolk Veterans' Home with multiple programs being held including the Dollar Day and Veterans Day program.

Pictured to the left was this years Veterans Day speaker, John Hilgert, Director of Nebraska Veterans' Affairs.

Below: VFWA members are pictured with Director Hilgert.

Bottom left: VFW Post commanders salute during the flag raising opening ceremony.

Bottom right: Thank you to Thomas Landkamer for lining our driveway with the state flags.



*Honor those who served, by supporting those who now serve.*





# HOME HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

## ELKS Veterans Day Hamburger Feed

Below Mr. & Mrs. Dahlkoetter enjoy  
their meal.



A group of members traveled to Barnstormers (the old airport terminal building) to look at the miniature train set display.



## In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. ~Calvin Coolidge

**Alvin Kuta**  
U.S. Navy Veteran

**Leigh Cull**  
U.S. Army Veteran

**Gail Haas**  
U.S. Army Veteran



### HOLIDAY REMINDER

With the **Christmas gift giving** season upon us we want to remind and encourage everyone that all member items must be identified and inventoried by Member Services staff before given to the member.

New items brought to the facility after admission are to be labeled and reported to member services for inclusion on the member inventory sheet.

New clothing items should be labeled with a laundry pen prior to sending to laundry for permanent labeling.

Family members are encouraged to place their member's items in a bag labeled with the member's name. This may be left at the front desk and they will ensure they get taken to laundry.

Family members who know prior to Christmas that new clothing items are the appropriate size, color, etc., may bring the items in early to be marked.

Any gifts that include electrical cords, must be assessed by maintenance prior to being plugged in and also make sure member services are notified so they can be inventoried and labeled.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you all a very *Merry Christmas!*

# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Reginald W.**

U..S. Air Force Veteran

**William "Bill" L.**

U..S. Air Force Veteran



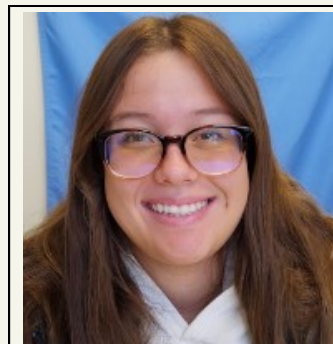
## NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



**MaKenna Frericks**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Kylee Wessel**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Lillian Nitzsche**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Faith Indra**  
Staff Care Tech II

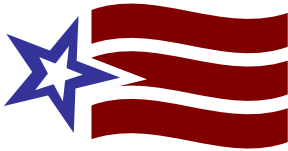
**Please welcome the following new staff to the Norfolk Veterans' Home.**







**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
EOE/AA/ADA  
Norfolk Veterans Home  
600 E. Benjamin Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
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Norfolk Veterans Home

## Bits & Pieces

CENSUS  
140

Special Occasion  
Reservations:  
Call Activities @ (402) 370-  
3110

HAPPY  
*Holidays*

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for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

**THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE-OPERATED  
FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE  
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR  
PARENTS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING  
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LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER OR  
DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109**

