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who stand up
and speak out
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liberty!



Liberty Express

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What's Featured in June?

June is warming up and there is a lot on the activity calendar. These are just a few highlights:

Monday, June 3 at 6:50 p.m. is a **1733 Barbershop Chorus Concert** in Freedom Hall.



Tuesday, June 4th at 2:30 p.m. is a Merrymakers Concert with Joe Taylor. This event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary



Got Bingo? You'll have plenty of opportunities to try this month:

- **Saturday, June 1** at 10 a.m., Bingo with Cottonwood Vet Clinic in Freedom Hall.
- **Thursday, June 6** at 10:30 a.m. at Welcome Bingo and Tea in Freedom Hall
- **Tuesday, June 11** at 2:30 p.m., sponsored by Bonnie Larsen, in Freedom Hall.
- **Thursday, June 13** at 7 p.m., in Freedom Hall, sponsored by the Kearney VFW.
- **Tuesday, June 18th** at 2:30 p.m., a special Father's Day Bingo sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary in Freedom Hall.
- **Thursday, June 20th** at 7 p.m., in Freedom Hall, sponsored by Kearney DAV

Monday, June 10th at 2:30 pm. Will be **Happy Hour and Appetizers** served in Freedom Hall, courtesy of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Flag Day is **Friday, June 14th**. Stop by the Juliet Hearth Room to see a special **Flag Day Display**, provided by the Kearney Elks.

Saturday, June 15th at 7 p.m., come listen to the **Kearney Municipal Band** as they perform a concert outside on the dock (weather permitting, otherwise, it will move inside to the Juliet Hearth Room).

Thursday, June 27th at 2:30 p.m., join this **Barista Hour**, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, in Freedom Hall.



Patriot Party will take place on **Friday, June 28th** at 7:15 p.m., featuring Bingo and an Ice Cream Social, with Fireworks over the Lake at dusk. This event is sponsored by the Kearney Elks.

Please refer to your neighborhood calendars for activities taking place in your neighborhoods.

Please note, location of activities may change depending on if there is a Covid outbreak status in the building. Posters will indicate changes.

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Message from the Administrator

Memorial Day Ceremony was observed on Friday May 24th at the facility's Veterans' Memorial. During this day of solemn remembering of those who gave their supreme sacrifice for our freedom, we were honored with the presence of the Posting of the Colors & 21 Gun Salute by Kearney VFW Post 759 and American Legion Post 52, as well as Retired Master Sergeant US Air Force Kim Deyo as our keynote speaker. On Monday the 27th, we commemorated the names of those members that passed away since the Memorial Day of 2023 and placed a red poppy with their name on the Remembrance Wreath. CNVH employees who were also veterans serving in the armed forces, laid wreaths for each service branch commemorating all those who served in that particular service or was a POW/MIA.



In the month of June and July, Central Nebraska Veterans' Home will have two retirements. **Bonnie Larsen**, our **Crafts/Woodshop Supervisor**, is retiring after 34 years of service (photo top left with NDVA Director John Hilgert). Also, **Virginia Burgess**, **Accountant** (photo bottom left with CNVH Administrator Dorin Vaipan) in our Business Office is retiring on July after 12 years of service with us.



Bonnie and Virginia were recognized in group settings where they were each presented with an Admiralship in Nebraska's Navy signed by Governor Jim Pillen. We thank them for their many years of service and wish them both the best as they embark on their next grand adventures!

Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator



Member Council Employee of the Month LINDSEY EADS in Supply Services

Lindsey has been with the State of Nebraska for 22 years and CNVH for 5 years! She is a hardworking individual that travels thousands of steps completing our Fixed Asset inventory annually. She helps unload trucks and distributes supplies all across the building, including those heavy boxes of paper. Please help congratulate her on a well deserved Employee of the Month!

Member of the Month: Maxine Morris

Maxine has been at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home since 2019. She was born and raised on a farm, later traveling by horse and buggy to a country school she attended with a total of 11 children. Maxine was a high school graduate.



Maxine's husband, Donald, was a WWII Army Veteran and they had five children. Her working years included working in Nursing at the Grand Island Veterans' Home and also worked for Northwestern Bell.



Among her hobbies, she enjoyed playing pinochle and even trained carrier pigeons just for fun! Sitting outside in the sunshine when the weather is nice and playing an occasional bingo game is also enjoyed.

Congratulations Maxine, on being selected "Member of the Month"!

In Memoriam



*Orlin Wentz
Harry Potter
Clifford Swanson
Leslie Suchsland
Leonard Poppert
Pauline McCleery*



National Veteran Awareness Riders Arrive



CNVH was pleased to greet the National Veteran Awareness Riders as they arrived on campus Saturday, May 18th.

Over 60 riders were here, visiting with our members and enjoying the outdoors around the lake.



Evening with Medal of Honor Recipient

May 23rd presented a wonderful opportunity for members to attend a session in the **Trailblazer Speaker Series** at the Younes Conference Center.

This evening in Kearney, members listened to **Medal of Honor Recipient, Florent “Flo” Groberg**, a retired U.S. Army Captain tell about his years of service and leadership.

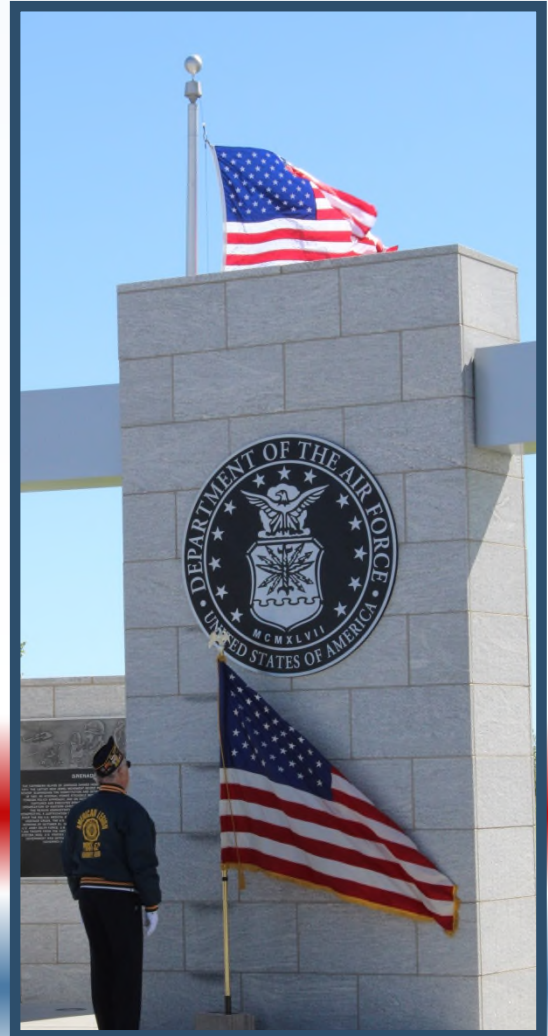
He was featured in Netflix’s “Medal of Honor”.



Memorial Day Recognition Events

A special ceremony was held in at the Central Nebraska Veterans Memorial on Friday, May 24. The keynote speaker was Kim Deyo, a United States Air Force veteran. The National Anthem and special music was sung by Brent Roemmich. CNVH Chaplain Michael Koenig provided the invocation and the Governor's Proclamation was read by Administrator Dorin Vaipan.

Kearney Color guards provided a 21-gun salute which was followed by the rendering of Taps by McKenzie Deyo. Retirement of Colors was provided by the Kearney VFW Post 759 & American Legion Post 52 Color Guard. Our heartfelt thanks to all helping make this day special.

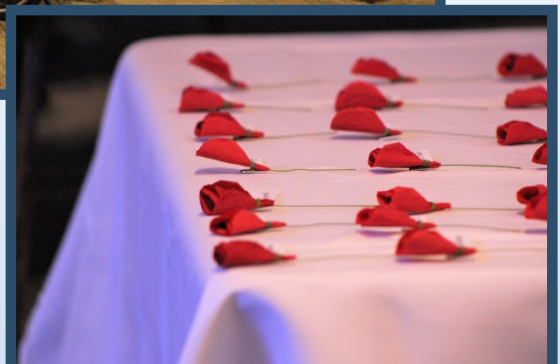




A **Memorial Service** was held in our Chapel on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th** showing a united front of gratitude, respect and thanks for those who gave their lives to keep us free. They will always be remembered.

CNVH Staff veterans including Scott Nelson (Army), Scott Hoffman (Marines), Alicia Muller (Navy), April Ondrak (Air Force), David Newsom (Navy), and Cynthia Neben (Air Force) participated in the ceremony, each placing a remembrance wreath in memory of those who served in each branch of the military and POW/MIA.

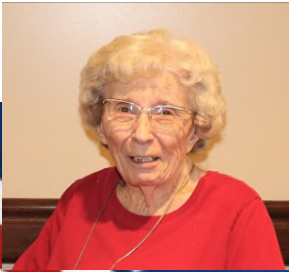
During the ceremony, names of members who passed in the last year were read aloud by Chaplain Koenig and two of our members, Margie Cumpston and Marian Kotas, placing poppies with each member's name on a Remembrance Wreath which will remain in the Chapel until next year's Memorial Day.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

MAXINE MORRIS

Member of the Month



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LINDSEY EADS

Employee of the Month



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