



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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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,

This is normally the newsletter where I would write that we held our annual Volunteer Awards Program and what a pleasure it was to honor hundreds of wonderful and deserving volunteers who make life at Norfolk Veteran Home a more fulfilling experience. Obviously, there is nothing “normal” about what is going on at NVH or in our world today. With that being said, I don’t think our current circumstances lessen the importance or significance that our volunteer base does and will provide once current restrictions are eased. Even with the current restrictions, many of our volunteers have been busy sewing face masks for our staff and members, baking treats and calling to see when they can “get back out here!”

Special Thanks to our wonderful Activity Department; Deb Becker, Sheila Brown, Cindy Throener, Mary Swensen, DeAnn Stodola and Michelle Schommer. You ladies are the best and our members are very fortunate to have such a talented and caring team working here. NVH would not be the same without you.

The COVID-19 experience has also changed the routine for several of our teammates that would normally be transporting members to Omaha and around town for medical appointments. It has also significantly changed the daily routine of our dietary and activity departments. As they always do, my team has adapted to take on new duties and responsibilities to ensure our members continue to live life to the fullest even with current restrictions. Many of these teammates and other department’s staffs are now helping serve individual member meals in their rooms, three times a day, and seven days a week. We have also established “virtual visits” which allows family members the opportunity to set up appointments to utilize Skype to stay connected to their loved ones. Several teammates are helping with these appointments. Our activity department has also adapted to provide small group bingo parties with 10 or less members, spread out six feet or more apart. We are also providing several small group and significantly more one to one visits to keep our members active.

I know we are all looking forward to the day when life will get back to more of what it was pre-coronavirus, but until that day, rest assured that the teammates at Norfolk Veterans Home will continue to provide excellent care to our deserving members.

Take Care and Be Safe.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS



Above: NVH members practice social distancing while playing bingo.



Top right: The chapel was empty this year for Easter Sunday services. Members now can view services on their televisions.



Right: Member Chaudie C. gets her hair done by Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Brown.



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Harold Dunlap
U.S. Army Veteran

Dean Timperley
U.S. Navy Veteran

Leland Sackett
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Elmer "Speck" Retzlaff
U.S. Navy Veteran

Jackie "Jack" Zeider
U.S. Navy Veteran



NEW TEAMMATES



Rebecca Keller
Staff Care Tech II



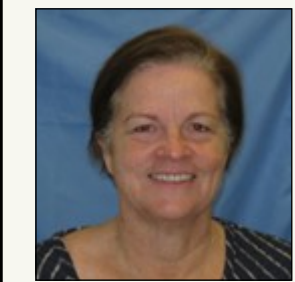
Logan Strom
Food Service Assistant



Abby Sonthana
Food Service Assistant



Evan Cribben
Food Service Assistant



Shelley Tharp
LPN



Andrea Haase
Staff Care Tech II



Carlos Ndirangu
Staff Care Tech II



Jasmine Machacek
Food Service Assistant



Peter Blume
Staff Care Tech II

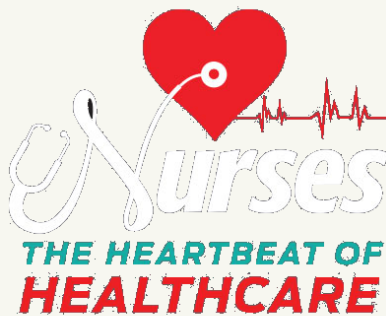


Karie Hutchison
Staff Care Tech II



Alize Perry
Staff Care Tech II

NURSES WEEK

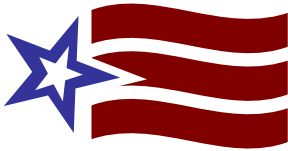


National Nurses Week
May 6-12, 2020
Thank you for everything you do
for our Veterans' every day.
We appreciate you!



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Bits & Pieces

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Due to COVID-19 we are not taking any room or meal reservations at this time. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.