



THE NVH OBSERVER

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

From The Desk of Josh Stafursky NVH Administrator

Greetings,

May is upon us and that means the Activities Department is gearing up for a busy summer of outdoor and other activities. Spring, summer, and early fall activities are our "light at the end of the tunnel" after a typical northeast Nebraska winter.

Members at the Norfolk Veterans' Home benefit tremendously from the dozens of active volunteers who make outings and other events possible. Our ability to provide so many opportunities is something we do not take for granted – and it is certainly unique to this facility. It is a testament to the commitment of so many individuals and volunteer organizations.

Last week (April 24) the NVH Activities team held its annual Volunteer Recognition event at the Knights of Columbus in Norfolk. This is the one evening we dedicate our time and attention to those who give so much to help ensure Members' lives are filled with opportunities to stay active and be part of the community. Dozens of organizations were honored at this event and the turnout was outstanding. We continue to be very grateful to all these volunteers for their time and efforts.

Warmer weather also brings with it the opportunity to complete some much-needed projects around the facility. As many of you have seen, work has begun on concrete replacement near and around the main entrance. Contractors are working to mitigate the disruption; however, we do anticipate the main entrance will be closed to vehicle traffic for some period this month.

Parking will still be available in the lots to the north and northeast of the main entrance and pedestrian routes into the building will be marked in the event vehicle traffic is diverted. More information will be made available as the project progresses.

I hope everyone has a safe and exciting May!

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

GOVERNOR:
JIM PILLEN

NEBRASKA
DEPT. OF VETERANS'
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR:
JOHN HILGERT

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

HOME HAPPENINGS



Happy
Hopping
2025



Members enjoyed passing out candy-filled eggs to the children.

Right: The Easter bunny made an appearance spreading joy and excitement to both the children and members.

Below: The JOI club sponsored games in the rec. room. Families enjoyed cookies and juice after the event.



HOME HAPPENINGS



Members gathered to fill eggs with candy and decorate cookies for the "Happy Hopping" Easter event at Norfolk Veterans' Home.



Left: Donna S. and Jim K. showed off their creativity by coloring



Thank you to the Norfolk ELKS for the handmade planters and soil donation.

Pictured is ELKS member Rodney Nelson, member Charlotte C. and Unit D Activity Specialist Makayla Ottis.



HOME HAPPENINGS



This year's **Volunteer Awards Program** was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Thursday, April 24th.

We are pleased to be able to recognize all the wonderful volunteers who do so much to make members lives full here at the Norfolk Veterans' Home.

Members Carl B., Leroy G., and Merlin M. helped greet our volunteers as they arrived for the program. (lower left photo.)

This year's featured speaker was Lizzy Ruitenbergh, Restorative Therapy Staff at the Norfolk Veterans' Home.

Pictured top left is Activity Department with Administrator Josh Stafursky (center) and Lizzy Ruitenbergh (far right.)

The evening wrapped up with door prizes for those in attendance.

Without each and every organizations contributions we could not serve our veterans as we do so thank you again for everything *YOU* do.



HOME HAPPENINGS



Members Betty C. and Bob S. made and enjoyed eating their homemade pretzels!



Members Frank H. and Jim G. enjoy a friendly game of pool.

? Did you know playing pool helps with focus, concentration, and hand-eye coordination. Additionally, it can provide low-impact physical activity, strengthening arms, back and legs while minimizing stress on joints.

Members can play pool anytime as long as there is not a scheduled activity in the rec. room. Pool tournaments are held on Tuesday mornings at 9am.



Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?

Contact Mary at (402) 370-3102

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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

Donald "Don" Hoffmann
U.S. Air Force Veteran

James "Jim" Stewart
U.S. Navy Veteran

Frances Faltys
Spouse of a U.S. Army
Veteran

Kenneth Arlt
U.S. Army Veteran

Dwaine Dunn
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Tammy Mefford has been named Employee of the Quarter at NVH.

Although she often works behind the scenes, Tammy plays a crucial role in keeping things running smoothly. Whether it's addressing issues with vehicles and outdoor spaces or answering general building-related questions, she always finds a solution or ensures the right attention is given. She knows our members well, treats them with the utmost respect, and takes joy in seeing them smile.

Tammy is always among the first to step up during major events, such as the Carnival, Fireworks and From The Heart. She consistently demonstrates dignity and respect for our members and their families while also serving as an advocate for our facility within the community.

Congratulations Tammy!

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Dennis M.

U.S. Navy Veteran

Marilyn M.

Spouse of a U.S. Navy Veteran

Mark S.

U.S. Navy Veteran

Gary G.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

Dean G.

U.S. Navy Veteran

Terry C.

U.S. Army Veteran

Norfolk Veterans Home Gift Cards

Available in any amount from
\$1 to \$25

May be used to purchase any item sold in the Canteen including meal tickets

Available for staff & members
convenience

Meal tickets can be purchased in the canteen or NVH Accounting Window and are now \$5.00 per ticket. *note these meal tickets expire 30 days after date of purchase.

NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



Jalcia Tietjen
Staff Care Tech II



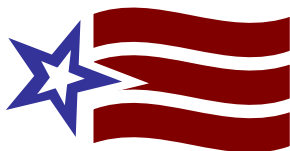
Ella Mitchell
Staff Care Tech II

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





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Reservations:
Call Activities @ (402) 370-
3110

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FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE
NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR
PARENTS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING
ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER OR
DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109**

