



# 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 Jerry Eisenhower, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

Norfolk Veterans Home's annual observance of Memorial Day had a very different look and feel to it this year due to COVID-19. Although Norfolk Veterans Home did not hold a formal observance, Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs held a virtual observance in the rotunda of the State Capital. A candle was lit by Gold Star Mother Monica Alexander at 8 a.m. and remained lit until 8 p.m. when it was extinguished by Gold Star Father Mel Alexander. There were Honor Guard Sentinels from Nebraska's veteran service organizations to watch over the candle in half-hour shifts for the entirety of the day. Their son, Army Corporal Matthew Alexander of Gretna, was killed May 6, 2007, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Baqubah Iraq.

Events were held at the State Capital and across America for one purpose; to remember our war dead, pay homage to their sacrifice and courage, and to recall the selflessness that embodies military service.

Memorial Day began in the 1860's when Americans began decorating the graves of Civil War dead with the flowers that abound this time of the spring. A seemingly simple gesture, this way of honoring the dead quickly spread to all corners of our nation.

Our greatest duty to the men and women who have died in service to our country is to never forget what they have done for each of us—and what they have done for us as a nation.

This is why we pause and remember Memorial Day – this year and every year. We remember those who have paid the ultimate price for America and all humanity, and we also reflect on the achievements wrought by their sacrifice. Life and liberty are God-given rights, but throughout history, the task of defending these high ideals has fallen to ordinary men and women of extraordinary courage and fortitude.

The freedoms we enjoy every day can never be taken for granted. We must continue to educate future generations about the price that has been and continues to be paid for our freedom.

I am very proud of the teammates at Norfolk Veterans Home and the service they provide to our Veterans and their spouses. The value and importance of their work is evident every day in the faces of the Members we serve; but perhaps never more important than during this unprecedented time in our history.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhower  
Administrator

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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

# HOME HAPPENINGS



This past month members enjoyed doing crafts, repotting and sprucing up plants and putting together puzzles not to mention they are thrilled to be able to spend some time outdoors walking the designated path in Heroes park.



# 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

**Jack Zeider**  
U.S. Army Veteran

**Ernest Sayers**  
U.S. Army Veteran

**Edwin Wiedeman**  
U.S. Navy Veteran

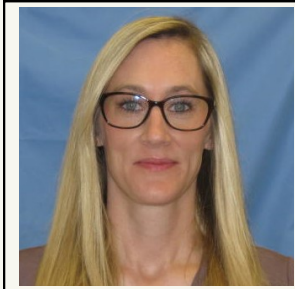
**Georgia Hales**  
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

**Martin Jareske**  
U.S. Army Veteran

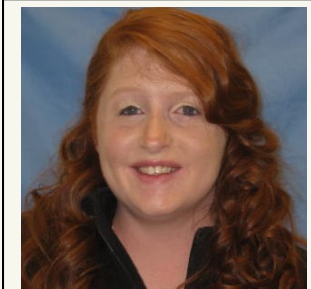
**Bobbie Eckhoff**  
U.S. Army Veteran



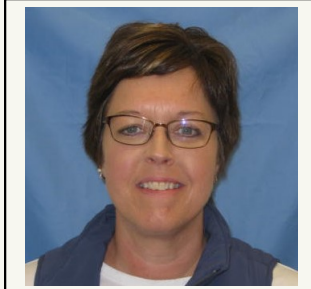
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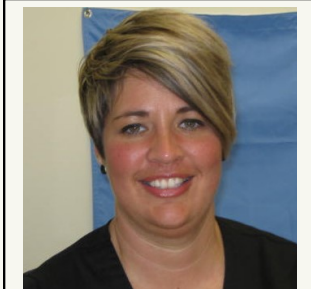
**Jessica Storovich**  
Health Information Tech.



**Aubree Carey**  
Staff Care Tech II



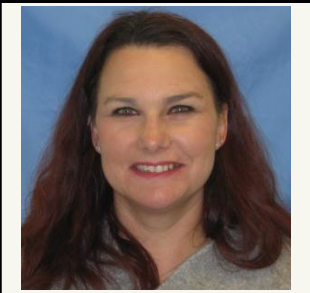
**Deadra Shada**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Jessica Anderson**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Amy Sanchez**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Robin Dotson**  
Food Service Assistant



**Mikayla Marvin**  
Staff Care Tech II

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TEAMMATE OF THE MONTH



### Paul Mansager, Facility Maintenance Specialist

- Paul is attentive to member needs. He took the time to unpack and set up a member's air mattress. When it was discovered that the mattress would not meet the member needs he quickly replaced the new mattress with the old; boxed up the new one making it ready for return.
- Is the one to go to if something needs to be fixed immediately and cannot wait.
- Has quick humor, the members' request him, playfully pranks them by putting up duck crossing signs, just to make the members smile.

*Congratulations Paul!*



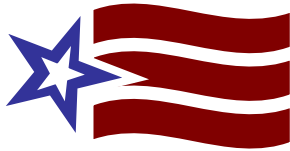
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## Bits & Pieces

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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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## MEMORIAL DAY



Thomas Landkammer volunteer with the Sons of the American Legion displayed his collection of crosses on the front lawn next to the Memorial Plaza and lined the drive with state flags in honor of Memorial Day.