



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhower, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

Fourth of July took on a new look this year at Norfolk Veterans Home. Our facility fireworks display was canceled due to COVID-19, and replaced by the city's annual "BIG, BANG, BOOM" celebration held right across the street at Northeast Community College. The American Legion Riders helped ensure that our staff was able to maneuver through the thousands of people attending the city event.

As of the writing of this letter, Norfolk Veterans Home has had no COVID positive teammate or member. We carried out our first full week of "window visits" beginning June 22nd. The visits have been a huge success and our plan is to continue to conduct these until we can pass the next phase in our reopening plan. The "virtual visitation" (Skype visits) process will also continue for those families that window visits are not a good option for. There are signs posted in the front yard directing families to the visitation area.

Families are to utilize the following link to sign up and schedule a window visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/NVH>, or if you do not have internet or e-mail access you can call the front desk at 402-370-3330 and the receptionist will connect you with someone who can help schedule your visit. We are asking families to park in VISITOR designated parking stalls for "window visits". Visits will **not** be held evenings, holidays or weekends and are first come first served. Once all member families who wish to schedule a visit have had the opportunity to do so, families will be able to sign up again.

The next step to go from "window visits" to actual in facility visits requires us to have every teammate and contract employee receive a COVID test and have no positive test results. I have scheduling three preferred dates for the tests to be conducted but have not received confirmation.

Family "Drive Arouns" for all six Member Living Units have been completed as of June 25. We received several complements from family members who participated in the drive arouns. Some of our teammates commented that they had not seen some of the members with that big of a smile on their face since March! I would like to sincerely thank each and every teammate who helped make the parades a success and the Legion Riders for helping to escort families from the college. The activities department is busy planning the next set of drive arouns that will be scheduled for late July.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work towards re-opening Norfolk Veterans Home.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhower
Administrator

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CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE
EFFECTIVE, MORE
EFFICIENT,
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HOME HAPPENINGS



Members enjoyed seeing their families for the first time in months. Families gathered across the street and were escorted to NVH by the Legion Riders. Vehicles were decorated and families honked, hooted, hollered, clapped and held up signs. Members are anxiously awaiting the upcoming family drive arounds later in July.



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

Jess "Ben" Mellor
U.S. Army Veteran

Arnold Praelner
U.S. Army Veteran

Marlin Metschke
U.S. Army Veteran



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBER

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU



Ray V.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Veteran

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Want to find out what's happening at the Norfolk Veterans' Home?

Go to the State Veterans' homes website at <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/homes>
Here you will have access to the activity calendar and a multitude of other information regarding the State Veterans' Homes.

If you are wanting to sign up for Window Visits go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/NVH>

NEW TEAMMATES



Shay Harmeier
Staff Care Tech II



Shaylin Fix
Staff Care Tech II



Sara Brandner
Staff Care Tech II



Allison Erwin
Staff Care Tech II



Donna Oswald
Staff Care Tech II



Hannah Mills
Staff Care Tech II



Alyssa Gragert
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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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THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE-OPERATED FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE NEBRASKA VETERANS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER OR GENNY BLACKBURN @ (402) 370-3109 OR COLLEEN BENSON @ (402) 370-3469



Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.