



The Eagle Newsletter



December 2019 and January 2020

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You know we are Nebraskan's when it seems we are always talking about the weather. Or at least not talking about football. Our focus shifts depending on the season we are in.

It's a similar situation at Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home. The current discussion is now focused on the NFL Playoffs and we are fairly mixed between Green Bay and Kansas City. I find geographically where you are from is partly which team you support. In Western Nebraska they are sad the Broncos are not in the playoffs. I can say the Tigers won the College Football Championship. To some Tiger fans they are happy and to the other Tiger fans they are sad, as we Nebraskans' are starting to think about the Red/White game.

We will welcome spring as winter has been a cold one. Not anything near the snow amounts from last year, but the temperature and humidity make for brisk mornings. Oh to be a weatherperson, where everyone pays attention to what the forecast will be and 50% of the time you get it right, meaning 50% of the time you get it wrong.

I don't have any news yet regarding the Grant request to Veterans Administration as to whether we will be on the list for funding for the addition. We feel we will know still in late January or early February. We will continue to make plans should we be part of the selection process.

We currently are in interview process for a new Dietary Manager. Many thanks to Rebecca McDaniels who had overseen the Dietary Department and chose a different job to allow more time with her young one. We wish her well as she will be going to the Plattsmouth School System.

Many thanks to all the generous donations and gifts during the Holiday season for our members. They are were treated well. A special thanks to all who made it possible. The facility looked like a Winter Wonderland. Again thanks to all the volunteers who make it so special.

Thanks for all of your support. Looking forward to serving our members in this new decade. The hardest part is remembering it is now 2020.

David Williamson
ENVH Administrator



Welcome to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home



Name

Neighborhood

Darrell H.

Service

Donovan L.

Allegiance

Ernest L.

Allegiance

John W.

Service

Mary S.

Motivation

Milton C.

Allegiance

Ralph S.

Motivation

Randolph R.

Service

Raymond N.

Allegiance



Attention Internet Users:

Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home.

To access: Go into your Wi-Fi setting and select the public network.

It does require those using the site to accept the terms of use.

No password is necessary. Disconnect when you are done.



TEAMMATE OF THE MONTH:

Jeannie Winter

- Is patient with members and treats them with dignity
- Is a role model for her staff
- Was kind and gently with a member while he was eating, held and patted his baby and was comforting to him



Member Spotlight (Nov & Dec) We are shining a spotlight on.....

**Thank you for your
service to the United
States of America**

**We are honored to
serve those who
served!**

- David W. (Nov).....Allegiance
Brenda S. (Dec)
- Richard C. (Nov).....Dedication
Richard R. (Dec)
- Martha A. (Nov).....Motivation
Leo B. (Dec)
- Tom B. (Nov).....Service
Buzz H. (Dec)

No Photo Available

Certificate of Excellence:

Dennis and Lisa Ritter

Presented by: **Member Council**

President, Kendall Betzen



The Marine Corps League, a local chapter, as seen enjoying lunch at the Home. They came to meet and visit with the members who served in the Marines. The League will continue their visits in 2020.

Family Council Corner:

This is a wonderful group of family members who meet at the Home on the **2nd Thursday** each month at **10:00 a.m.**

They discuss many issues concerning members and their families. They are a good support system for each other.

Family Council: Jan 9, 2020

Feb. 13, 2020

Please plan to join them and to see what it's all about.

Family Council President: Mrs. Jean Funkhouser

For more information, please contact Social Services by asking for Kari, Lynda or Paul

Ombudsman's Corner:

Ombudsmen are dedicated to enhancing the lives of long term care residents.

Ombudsmen:

- Advocate for residents' rights and quality care
- Educate consumers and providers
- Resolve residents' complaints
- Provide information to the public

ENVH's Ombudsman:

Pat Holstein

402-444-6536



Veteran's Memorial Garden Brick Form

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Now is the time to purchase your brick to be installed in the Veteran's Memorial Garden at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home.

Bricks may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one, the name of your organization or business, or you may simply want to thank a veteran!

You may purchase your brick donation using the form below for \$100. There are 14 characters on each line and there are 3 lines on each brick.



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Name of person donating brick: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Benson Post 112/Memorial Brick Fund**

Please provide the exact wording you would like on the brick:

Bricks may be purchased by mailing a \$100 check or money order per engraved brick to:

Benson Post 112, American Legion, P.O. Box 4084, Omaha, NE 68104.

Contact Bruce Husted at 402-981-6820 with any questions.

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Claus for bringing good cheer and posing for photos with each of the members!



We had a glorious holiday season 2019.

Many thanks to everyone involved and to everyone who attended the neighborhood parties.

Happy New Year! 2020

This will be the last party for Stan Galli and Stuff. Stan's band will be disbanding. We have enjoyed their music for years and years. Thankfully, they will continue to perform during the monthly Ice Cream Socials hosted by American Legion #1 Omaha. It was a nice evening of music and sparkling wine.



Stan Galli and Stuff





In loving memory:

Bernard Mullen

Danny Skalberg

Kenneth Smith

Raymond King

Robert Broghammer

Robert Larsen

Ross Louis Pirruccello

Stanly Aarhus

William Johnson

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain

Dale Powell

Weekly Services are held in the Chapel
(unless stated otherwise)

Sundays:

9:45 a.m. All Faith Service

10:45 a.m. Catholic Communion

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Devotional Reading
(held in Service Neighborhood)

10:00 am Devotional Reading
(held in Allegiance Neighborhood)

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Memorial Services will be held as necessary on the first Thursday of each month.

1:00 p.m. Catholic Mass

Fridays: 10:00 a.m. Rosary

For those of us who have the privilege of working at Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, the joy of the relationships that we build with the members of the home is often marred with the death of those members. We average about 30 deaths a year. But many of stick around and keep on loving and serving and enjoying life with our members. Hopefully we never outgrow the sadness and hurt that we feel when we lose someone to whom we have grown close. That's the kind of people we want serving at the home. Joy and sadness are both part of the package deal of loving people. If you see a co-worker having a difficult day, affirm them for their work and the love and compassion that they show in their work at ENVH.