



The Eagle



May 2020

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, 12505 S. 40th Street, Bellevue NE 68123 402-595-2180



To Members, Responsible Parties and/or Designated Family Members

We are pleased to inform you there are no cases of COVID-19 at ENVH to report. The current protective measures we have in place will remain in effect to protect our residents and the staff who care for them. We remain in contact with the local health department, DHHS, and USVA to evaluate the protective measures we have in place at ENVH. We will keep you informed of any changes to the policies and guidelines we have in place to protect our residents from COVID-19.

Update From Our Home:

We are in the beginning stages of discussion regarding what Opening back up may look like. Or what the new normal may be for a while.

There are a number of factors to consider. There will not be a simple plan for each of the four (4) State Veterans' Homes. Instead it is very localized and individual aspects for each one of the four. The things we must consider are as follows:

Case status in the community. Case status at ENVH. Adequate staffing. Access to adequate testing. The capacity for all ENVH residents to receive a single baseline COVID-19 test. The capacity for all ENVH staff to receive a single baseline COVID-19 test, with appropriate re-testing; Written screening protocols for all staff (each unit), each member (daily), and all persons entering the facility, such as vendors, volunteers, and visitors; An arrangement with laboratories to process tests able to detect viruses.

A procedure for addressing members or staff that decline or are unable to be tested. Universal source control. Beginning June 4, 2020, all residents are to wear a cloth mask when outside their room. Access to adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff.

We must develop a plan and keep it in our Emergency Preparedness Plan, and notify DHHS.HealthCareFacilities@Nebraska.gov when ready to implement.

It requires a review of CDC recommendations and information regarding COVID-19 on a regular basis to update our plan as more information is learned.

Wow, even typing all of these steps, is a lot of information, but what I can tell you operationally is we will be making changes in the near future.

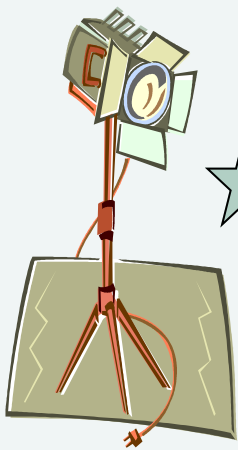
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We are wishing you the warmest wishes on your 73rd Wedding Anniversary, Jan and Ike.

Thank you for thinking of us and providing a delicious lunch of pizza and cupcakes.

From the members and Staff of ENVH



Member Spotlight
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!

- Ray N.....Allegiance
- Leonard N.....Dedication
- Jero F.....Motivation
- Clyde P.....Service

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We are going to try to open up the main dining room Monday June 8, 2020 for the noon meal. We will start with the residents residing on Dedication first and see how that goes. There will be social distancing and have only one member to a table. Based on how that goes, the next phase will be to open up the main dining room for those residents on Motivation and Service to come to the main dining room after the Dedication residents have been fed, and we have the opportunity to clean the area prior to the next service of meals. I'm guessing we will start this phase on or about June 15. Again one resident per table.

We are discussing with our barber, beautician about the possibility of returning to start doing hair for the residents. There will be some limitations there as well. He must wear protective equipment and the resident must also be in protective equipment and wear a mask. He may be limited to how long he can physically be able to work. We would start with a list of residents wanting services and he will tailor each day based on his capacity to work. It may mean bumping a resident to the next day. Please be patient with that process. Estimated start date is likely July 1, 2020.

We are working on a visitation plan. We will develop a room where visiting will be accommodated. We believe this will be by appointment similar to the skype visits on the tablet. These planned visits will occur in 15-minute sessions. We must be able to clean after each use. Visits will be planned Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. At this time no one under the age of 18 will be allowed. Again, goal start date might be July 1, 2020.

Keep in mind any event listed above is subject to change and we must monitor all events with the criteria listed above. A slow methodical opening of events is required.

We have been able to allow the dentist to do emergency dental work, and have scheduled two routine visits in July. This will be same procedure for podiatry appointments.

At this time we are still unable to conduct church services.

We are considering a return of hospice services.

Up to this point we have only allow required general maintenance or repair work.

If you have any questions please reach out to your designated social worker, unit coordinators or myself.

If you have made it this far, thank you for your understanding. Our goal is to keep everyone safe from this virus.

David Williamson
Administrator
Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home



On Memorial Day 2020, we received a beautiful hand-made quilt. It was created by: Ombudsman, Pat Holstein. She put together 532 pieces taken from other quilts that she's created. We will display the quilt in a prominent spot for all to enjoy.
Thank you, Pat

Staff Meal Times

Staff meals will be served at the following times:

Breakfast from 8:15-8:30 AM

Lunch from 10:30 – 11:00 and

12:15 -12:30 PM

Supper from 5:15 -5:30 PM

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.

Meetings are on hold during this time

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.

National Nursing Home Week



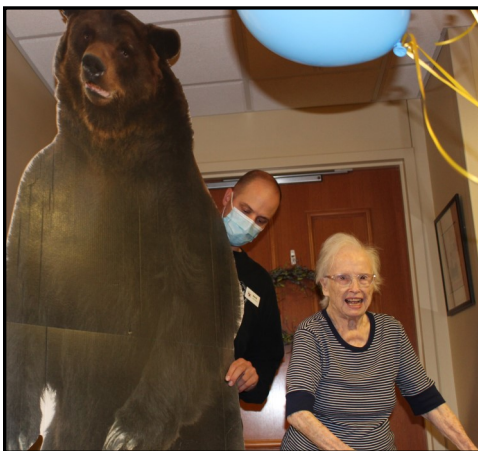
Wearing hats
one day

Dance Party
another day

Circus
Parade

Poker Rally

Ice cream
delivered by
Bike



National Nursing Home Week

National Nursing Home Week Held May 10 through May 16: Every day had something extra special to do. Many members joined the weeklong Poker Rally. A new playing card was selected and added to the tally sheet posted in their rooms. Below is a list of the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd place winners. We had a dance party that brought out some interesting moves. We had extra bingo sessions and treats to include an ice cream truck (bike) that was ridden around to each neighborhood. Saturday, Armed Forces Day we received a donation of a large marble flavored, butter cream frosted cake. Dietary staff served it up during lunch. The donor insisted on doing something to honor her fellow veterans and she wanted us to be reminded of the solemn oath of enlistment into the Armed Forces.

POKER RALLY

WINNERS

1. Jerry Furr
2. Eleanor Julsen
3. Denny Moon
3. Virgil Neu

Below: Flags of the Military Branches of Service, State of Nebraska and the US Flag were set up for a special viewing on Memorial Day. Thirty one names of those who passed away since last memorial day were hung up with each member's service depicted. A table of candles represented those who passed and was a solemn reminder of what it means to serve your country and be remembered. Thank you Sarah Ryan, for coming up with this idea. Beth Huskey, Ken Eichelberger and Tom Dudderar helped to make it happen. It was a perfect chance for us to reflect in a peaceful setting.



In
Loving
Memory



Eugene M.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain

Dale Powell

Weekly Services are held in the Chapel

(All services within the Chapel are
on hold during this time)

However, we are conducting:

Mini-services within each Neighbor-
hood on Sunday mornings.
Please check the daily sheet for
dates and times.

Since I also work as a hospice chaplain (besides being chaplain here at ENVH) and visit people in other nursing home facilities, I have not been able to be with members at ENVH over the past couple months (with the covid-19 restrictions).

I am continuing to provide materials for Sarah Ryan to provide to members in the form of weekly Bible study notes and a program for a Sunday service (with hymn lyrics and Scriptures and some reflections). If you desire copies of any of those items and have not been getting them, please contact Sarah. Starting this month of June, the Scriptures and notes for each Sunday will focus on Philippians 4:4-9 under the theme of God's Prescription for Anxiety. Such a timely theme for our current circumstances. Join us in focusing on that Scripture and theme.

Looking forward to being with you when that becomes possible.