



# The Eagle



February 2025

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, 12505 Harrison Tull Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123

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## Celebrating Love at ENVH



Welcome to the  
**Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home**



**Thomas E.**  
Navy



**Joyce E.**  
Spouse



**Howard F.**  
Army



**Bernard B.**  
Army



**Norris S.**  
Army

# Home Happenings



## ENVH Celebrates Valentine's Day

ENVH hosted members and their loved ones for a special meal on Valentine's Day.



# Garden Corner



## Pussy Willow

The pussy willow, a sure harbinger of spring! Pussy willow is a name given to many of the smaller species of the genus *Salix* (willows and sallows). The fast-growing pussy willow has long been admired for its strong, spreading, upright stems, colorful autumn leaves and iconic purplish-brown catkins that appear in late winter/early spring. The furry catkins are striking on the bare stems, appearing between seasons when gardens can seem rather blah. I have fond memories of my mother sending me out to cut pussy willow “sticks” that grew along the creek that ran through our Michigan farm. We’d put these “sticks” in a vase filled with water. Like magic, the buds opened up into beautiful white catkins. They’re not cultivated much in home landscapes, but you might see some blooming in the woods during March. Be looking for them.



# 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.



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:*

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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.*

# In Memoriam



**Shirley Weldon**  
Spouse  
1935-2025



**James Schweiss Sr.**  
Air Force  
1945-2025



**Paul Merwine**  
Air Force  
1948-2025



**Perry Krom**  
Navy  
1954-2025

## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Dale Powell

### Weekly Services

#### Sundays:

- 9:45 am **All Faith Service**.....Chapel
- 10:30 am **All Faith Service**.....Allegiance
- 10:45 am **Catholic Communion**.....Chapel

#### Mondays:

- 9:30 am **Devotional Reading**.....Service
- 9:50 am **Devotional Reading**.....Allegiance
- 1:00 pm **Rosary**.....Chapel

#### Thursdays:

- 9:30 am **Hymns**.....Service
- 10:00 am **Bible Study**.....Chapel
- 10:30 am **Bible Study**.....Allegiance
- 1:00 pm **Catholic Mass**.....Chapel

Some people have to deal with significant and chronic health issues through much of their adult lives. I have been blessed to have had no major health issues through most of my adult years. Thus, I have not experienced some of the anxieties and worries that many people live with through much of their lives, especially as it relates to health. With some of my health issues over the past couple years, those kind of anxieties are becoming more real to me. Over a life time of serving in pastoral and chaplain roles, where I was often advising and counseling other people about trusting God in the crisis points of life, I occasionally hit those times in my life where I have to “practice what I preach”. For me, it always comes back to my relationship with God—am I trusting God? Am I seeking Him in prayer? Am I holding on to the many promises of God’s Word? Am I listening to the inspiration of the many songs and hymns of our faith? Recently, I have especially been gathering a list of some of the many songs and hymns that speak to us about God’s peace to us amidst the storms and trials of life. I hope to give you a you-tube reference for that list in the near future. Let me include the lyrics of a popular song that came out in 1968—Reach Out to Jesus:

Is your burden heavy as you bear it all alone?  
Does the road you travel, harbor dangers yet unknown?  
Are you growing weary in the struggle of it all?  
Jesus will help you when on His name you call.  
He’s always there, hearing every prayer, faithful and true  
Walking by our side, in His love we hide, all the day through  
When you get discouraged, just remember what to do  
Reach out to Jesus, He’s reaching out to you.  
Is the life you’re living filled with sorrow and despair?  
Does the future press you with its worry and its care?  
Are you tired and helpless, have you almost lost your way?  
Jesus will help you, just talk to Him today.  
Praying with you as we all seek God’s peace in the midst of life’s stresses.  
Chaplain Dale Powell

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

\*over 90

Hubert C. 02/05

Jeffrey A. 02/13

David F. 02/19

Kathy L.\* 02/22

