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STATE OF NEBRASKA — MISSION: CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE EFFICIENT, AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED STATE GOVERNMENT Greetings,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to celebrate with some sense of normalcy. Norfolk Veterans Home will soon have something to be very thankful for and it could be considered an early Christmas present as well. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Norfolk Veterans Home Foundation, we will soon be receiving a new FordT350 XL Jumbo Passenger Van equipped with a bariatric lift! This donation is made possible in large part due to the generosity of Elkhorn Valley Bank, Agri-City Insurance, and our service organizations. We want to say THANK YOU to these organizations as well as several other donors to this project.

It is not all gloom and doom as we prepare for the Christmas season and look forward to the New Year. Although families are not able to sign up to reserve a room for Christmas for obvious reasons, we will try to ensure that our members are treated to holiday decorations and perhaps a group of carolers or two walking around the outside of the home!

We continue to battle the Covid virus every day at NVH. Our dedicated and caring teammates continue to show up every day ready to provide needed care to our members no matter what. Our Covid testing regiment for our teammates, members and visitors continues and unfortunately we continue to see asymptomatic staff test positive and required to be off work and self-quarantine. One of the challenges that a lot of families and members are currently experiencing is the fact that our members have been in quarantine in some cases for a long period of time. The staff is working hard every day to ensure that infection control practices are being followed in an effort to stop the spread of Covid and help to get member living areas out of quarantine status. One way that all of us can help lessen the chances of spreading Covid is practicing good infection control habits when going into high risk situations. By simply wearing a mask when going into businesses such as Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart or wherever large groups of people gather you can lessen your chances of contracting Covid.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful Christmas and I'm sure we are all looking forward to a better 2022!

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer Administrator

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HOME HAPPENINGS





This past month members were able to partake in multiple programs including Veteran's Day and Dollar Days.

Top right: Member Duane M. and his brother were presented with Quilts of Velour.

Left center: The Avenue of Flags lining the driveway were on display in honor of Veteran's Day.

Left: Students from the Norfolk Middle School walked around the building to sing to the members sitting in the courtyards. We are so thankful the weather remains pleasant for outdoor entertainment.

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.

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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

Paul Brader U.S. Army Veteran

Roger "Doc" Cutshall
U.S. Army Veteran

Marjorie Voecks Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

William "Bob Richey
U.S. Navy Veteran



Theresa Retzlaff

Spouse of a U.S. Navy Veteran

NEW TEAMMATES



Stephanie Kohlhof Food Service Asst.



Gaylen Freeman
Custodian/Housekeeper



Nancie Clinch
Food Service Asst.



Reba Waskowiak
Food Service Asst.



Kallie Skalberg Staff Care Tech II



<u>Jesse Burke</u> Food Service Supervisor



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