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who stand up
and speak out
for freedom &
liberty!



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November - We Are Full of Thankfulness

-Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

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As we move into November there are many things that we are thankful for here at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home! One of those things is our freedom! On November 11th we Celebrate Veterans Day! We celebrate all the Veterans that gave so much for so many of us!

On November 11th we will have special programming take place throughout the day to honor our members. We will have other special programming throughout the month as we move into the colder months and into the holidays, including special programming around Thanksgiving and decorating towards the end of this month for Christmas. We have been blessed to have enough organizations adopt homes to provide the Christmas Tree and decorations for them.

Adjustments were made to activities in November due to COVID outbreak. The COVID transmission rate in our county remains at a high level and to help minimize the spread of COVID, here are some helpful guidelines to keep in mind:

Visitation during an outbreak

- Members (or their representative) and their visitors should be advised of the risk prior to the visit.
- Visitors should wear KN95 masks during visits and visits should ideally occur in the member's room.
- Visitor movement is limited in the home (e.g., not walking around different halls of facility, but going directly to member's room instead).

Migration of Members during outbreak

- All members that are asymptomatic (without symptoms) and who have tested negative for COVID are allowed to come out of their room, wearing a surgical mask, remaining in their home.

- Members that have tested positive for COVID are required to isolate in their room a minimum of 10 days. They may come out of isolation after 10 days have transpired, and at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, and symptoms have improved.
- Activities are being done on an individual member basis due to not having group gatherings.
- Outings for members is not recommended.
- Due to not allowing group gathering at this time, dining for all meals is done in member's rooms.

Mask Requirement

- Members in a Neighborhood with an outbreak are encouraged to wear a surgical mask.
- Teammates in a Neighborhood with an outbreak must wear a N95 mask.
- Teammates in a Neighborhood without an outbreak must wear a surgical mask
- Visitors are encouraged to wear a KN95 mask (supplied by CNVH).

Testing

- All members and teammates are required to be COVID tested Monday and Thursday until 14 days have passed since last known positive test. Exception from testing if individual had COVID-19 in the last 30 days.

Thank you for your help in combating the spread of COVID!



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Message from the Administrator

We have a lot to be thankful at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home. Among them, we are blessed with wonderful teammates, dedicated to providing the best service possible for our members. Here are the highlights from some recent recognition events.

- Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator

Teammate Recognition



Lynn de los Angeles, Assistant Director of Nursing, was recognized for **Excellence in Leadership** at the State Capitol in Lincoln on October 24, 2022.

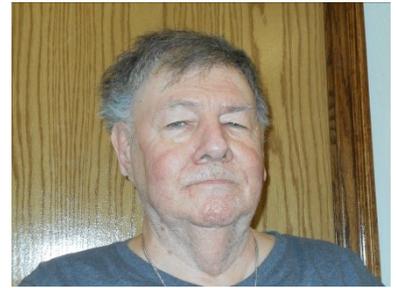
Jaime Loza, Maintenance Specialist was recently recognized at an All Teammates meeting as **NDVA Teammate of the Quarter**.



Teammates were recognized for **Excellence in State Service** in October. Those pictured above, posing with Lt. Governor Mike Foley in the center, and CNVH Administrator Dorin Vaipan to the right, were presented with awards for 10 years or more at a special ceremony in Kearney, Nebraska. From left to right teammates recognized were Virginia Burgess (10 years), Dave Kreutzer (30 years), and Nancy Klimek (40 years, recently retired) at far right. Not present were James Kaslon (35 years) and Toni Kirk (10 years).

Several teammates were also recognized for service of 5 years, including Christine Broadwell, Justin Edwards, Mike Ewoldt, Kayla Kehler, Lance McKenney, and Jessica Modlin. Thank you all for your service!

Member of the Month:
Richard Manriquez



Richard Manriquez was selected as “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Richard was born in Iowa but was raised in Omaha, Nebraska most of his life. Richard attended a Catholic School in Omaha.

Richard is a US Marine Vietnam Veteran and was drafted in High School. Richard stated that the 4 years went fast in the service. Richard spent 2 years in Okinawa, Japan and received his E5 stripes when he left. After the service Richard worked in a Nebraska warehouse and was a Supply Officer and also worked for Pamida.

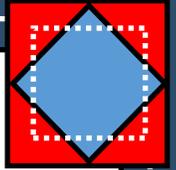
Richard enjoys listening to music in his free time and reading books. Richard’s favorite color is blue, and his favorite food is Mexican food. Richard’s favorite movie is “The Outsider”. Richard’s favorite car is the Dodge Demon which was only made for 2 years. His favorite memory is graduation from Boot Camp MCRO out of San Diego. Richard stated the best thing about CNVH is he doesn’t have to move anymore! Congratulations, Richard, on being selected “Member of the Month”!

In Memoriam



Don Day





October Quilt of Valor

Dale Suntych

Dale was in the Air Force and joined in 1951, after he joined the Air Force he married the love of his life, Martha. He was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base just south of Omaha. He spent the entirety of his military career there, going through medical school and working as a surgical technician.



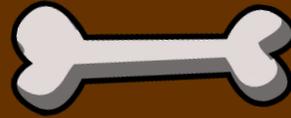
Tailgate **BINGO**

Members enjoyed playing Tailgate Bingo prior to kick off to the Nebraska vs. Rutgers Game!



Member Outing To The Retreat at Cottonwood

The members enjoyed their outing to that Retreat at Cottonwood and loving on some dogs!



Special Award Presentation

Wilma Kellogg is a US Army WW II Veteran. Her daughter Elizabeth attended the Women's Symposium held in Kearney and accepted the Admiralship and Honorable Service Lapel on behalf of Wilma. These were later presented to Wilma at the CNVH by her family!



Classic Car Display



Members enjoyed looking at these classic beauties and reminiscing with the owners, volunteers and staff!



Members enjoyed apple pie and ice cream after looking at the cars. The sponsor for the Apple Pie and Ice Cream was the American Legion Auxiliary.



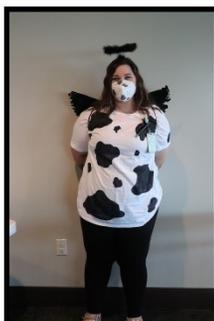
Halloween Celebrations Across Campus



The members enjoyed a Halloween and Fall Fest Parade!



Staff Dressed Up To Celebrate Halloween



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Richard Manriquez

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Tina Lade

Employee of the Month



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