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STATE OF NEBRASKA — MISSION:
CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE
EFFECTIVE, MORE
EFFICIENT,
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED
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May 29. We were able to hold our observance in the Activity Room this year due to the mitigation of Covid in the facility. Several more members were able to participate in our observance due to its being held inside. I would like to thank our teammates and volunteers for helping get members to and from the observance. The community was also able to attend the indoor program this year and we had a good turn out there as well. Special thanks to Captain Michael Moreno, Chaplin Corps, United States Navy for taking time out of his busy schedule to present his inspirational message. In events held at NVH and across America, people gathered for one purpose; to remember our war dead, pay homage to their sacrifice and courage, and to recall the selflessness that embodies military service.

Memorial Day began in the 1860's when Americans began decorating the graves of Civil War dead with the flowers that abound this time of the spring. A seemingly simple gesture, this way of honoring the dead quickly spread to all corners of our nation.

Our greatest duty to the men and women who have died in service to our country is to never forget what they have done for each of us—and what they have done for us a nation.

I am very proud of the staff at Norfolk Veterans Home and the service they provide to our Veterans and their spouses. The value and importance of their work is evident every day in the faces of the Members we serve. The Veterans we serve are our inspiration to live up to Abraham Lincoln's promise, "to care for him who has borne the battle".

This is why we pause and remember Memorial Day – this year and every year. We remember those who have paid the ultimate price for America and all humanity, and we also reflect on the achievements wrought by their sacrifice. Life and liberty are God -given rights, but throughout history, the task of defending these high ideals has fallen to ordinary men and women of extraordinary courage and fortitude.

The freedoms we enjoy every day can never be taken for granted. We must continue to educate future generations about the price that has been and continues to be paid for our freedom.

Sincerely,

Greetings,

Jerry Eisenhauer Administrator

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HOME HAPPENINGS



May 6th through 12th was National Nurses week. Nurses got treated to goodies over the week and their profiles were displayed at the front of the building for all to get to know them all a little better. "Thank you Nurses for making a difference."

On May 9th the Dept. American Legion Auxiliary sponsored a Mother's Day Luncheon.

May 10th Jerry Stingley from Omaha performed. He entertained the packed Recreation room with music from the 40's through the 70's. It was so nice to have live music in the facility once again. Thank you to the Norfolk Elks Lodge for sponsoring this entertaining event.

National Nursing Home week kicked off the week of May 15-19th. Teammates were treated to a potato bar. Members and teammates played "minute-to-win it" games and could participate in a fun scavenger hunt through out and around the home.

NVH welcomed the Nation of Patriots tour on Saturday, May 21st. A short ceremony was held at the front of the facility with American Legion Commander Bill Jepsen and Senator Mike Flood. The Patriot Tour escorts one American Flag through all 50 states over the course of 115 days.

To wrap up the month a special Memorial Day program was held on Monday, May 29th in the Rec. Room. This years guest speaker was Rev. Mike Moreno. Norfolk ALA, VFWA and DAR participated in laying the wreaths. Thank you to the Norfolk American Legion for sponsoring this year's events.





SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

Wesley H.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

John H.

U.S. Army Veteran

Donna D.

Spouse of a U.S. Navy Veteran

NEW TEAMMATES



Grace Herron Staff Care Tech II



Raquel Comparan Staff Care Tech II



Jackie Torija Staff Care Tech II



Cassie Haddix Staff Care Tech II



Madisyn Hamm Staff Care Tech II



Rylie Haun Staff Care Tech II



Rhonda Wolfe Custodian/Housekeeper



Destiny Cabrera Staff Care Tech II



Isabel Calvillo Staff Care Tech II



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