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CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE
EFFECTIVE, MORE
EFFICIENT,
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED
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I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing Fourth of July. Once again this year, Norfolk Veterans Home was treated to a wonderful aerial display of bombs bursting in air and rockets red glow. We celebrated the Fourth on the evening of June 24, and with Covid restrictions still in place, were not able to have family members and volunteers attend. Heroes Park served as the venue for the event. Julie and Mike Couch provided the musical

Heroes Park served as the venue for the event. Julie and Mike Couch provided the musical entertainment prior to the fireworks. Many thanks to our fine group of pyrotechnic experts from the American Legion Riders and volunteers from the Big Bang Boom Committee for donating their time and talents to delight our members. Our activities department provided support to get our members to and from the event and they were very grateful to our nursing staff that pitched in as well. There is a lot of planning and prep work that goes into this event.

Fourth of July celebrations also offer us another opportunity to reflect upon the many freedoms and privileges we enjoy as Americans. That freedom has been and continues to be protected by the selfless service of men and women in uniform. We have learned throughout our history that we can depend upon young Americans to step forward when our country calls.

Our hearts go out to the victims of the recent apartment complex collapse in Florida. It is truly wonderful to see the generosity and care that people in this country show in times of need through their volunteerism and contributions.

We are looking forward to the "Good Ole Days" when our home was filled with volunteers and offsite outings and our members were able to enjoy many opportunities for food and fellowship. Hopefully those days are right around the corner!

Heroes Park is "open for business" and you are encouraged to schedule a visit and take your loved one out to enjoy the great outdoors! Please keep in mind that you must follow all Covid restrictions that are in place at the time of your visit. If you are taking your loved one out on one of our many hot, humid days please make sure they drink plenty of water and have applied sunscreen.

Sincerely,

Greetings,

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Jerry Eisenhauer Administrator

## HOME HAPPENINGS





Left: "Our Canteen Lady" was recently added as a permanent fixture to Heroes' park.

Below: Members' celebrated the Fourth of July with music, a peaceful sunset and a spectacular fireworks show.



Volunteer applications are currently being accepted. Stop by the front desk to pick up an application.

## REMEMBRANCE

In Remembrance of Shose Members Who Have Passed.

No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. ~Calvin Coolidge

Iva Schultz Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

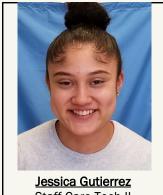
Stephen Punko U.S. Army Veteran



### 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.

### NEW TEAMMATES



Staff Care Tech II



Staff Care Tech I



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