



# THE NVH OBSERVER

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## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

### From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhower, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

Norfolk Veterans' Home has carefully started to re-open the facility to new admissions. All new admissions must be self-quarantined for 14 days. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety of our members and teammates. With this in mind, we conducted COVID-19 tests on 228 teammates and contract staff on 7-21/7-22-20. I want to thank my wonderful staff for their commitment to our members by all agreeing to be tested and all but two teammates showing up on day one of testing. This is quite an accomplishment.

Test Results were: Negative 227, Inconclusive 0, Positive 1. The teammate identified as positive has not worked at facility since 7-12-20 and is non-symptomatic. All members on Pod C where the teammate was assigned were offered COVID-19 tests. In total, 12 of 28 members requested to be tested. Samples obtained were couriered to lab on 7-29-20 and we have received all but one test result back. All eleven received thus far are negative. The one identified teammate is the only member or teammate we have had test positive since the pandemic began.

The next step towards re-opening the home is to go to Phase 3. This would allow us to have scheduled, in-person family member visits. Family members would need to pass a health screen questionnaire, have their temperature taken and wear a mask. They would then be escorted to a "clean room" where they could visit with their loved one face to face. We are hoping to be able to move to Phase 3 very soon.

The staff have been working hard to keep members active through small group activities, communal dining, bus rides, family drive arounds, window visits and Skype calls. We have also had two additional "Touch to Play" machines donated by our foundation and the members really enjoy these wonderful devices. Thank You, NVH Foundation!

Administrators have been participating in COVID-19 Task Force Zoom Meetings with NDVA Central Office three days a week to ensure vital communication flow continues in this ever-changing pandemic.

Norfolk Veterans' Home has recently updated our NDVA Website Page. I would encourage you to check it out for the latest happenings at the home. The website can be accessed at <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nvh>

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhower  
Administrator

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AFFAIRS DIRECTOR:  
JOHN HILGERT**

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GROW NEBRASKA

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

# HOME HAPPENINGS



Members enjoyed watching Re-creation via live stream on the big screen in the Recreation Room. Technology really can be a wonderful thing!

Another round of Drive Arouns were held end of July. Members enjoyed beautiful evenings outside with some pretty unique rides showing up. Thank you to the Legion Riders for your help once again escorting the families onto the grounds.



# 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

**Wayne Austin**  
U.S. Army Veteran

**Johnny Wuest**  
U.S. Army Veteran

**Charles Stuart**  
U.S. Army Veteran



# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU



**Marlin F.**

U.S. Army Air Corp Veteran

**Clair O.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Karen O.**

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

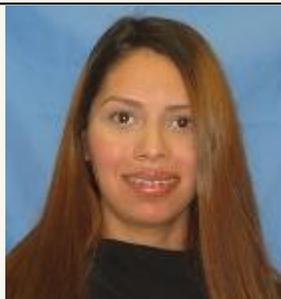
**Donald S.**

U.S. Army Veteran

**Kenny F.**

U.S. Army Veteran

## NEW TEAMMATES



**Karla Macias-Estrada**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Jolene Gall**  
Food Service Cook



**Christine Lewin**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Riley Lawson**  
Staff Care Tech II



**Erin Hyde**  
RN

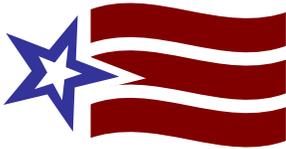


**Kaitlyn Maertins**  
Staff Care Tech II



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**Bits & Pieces**

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Due to COVID-19 we are not taking any room or meal reservations at this time. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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**THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE-OPERATED FACILITY PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE NEBRASKA VETERANS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER OR GENNY BLACKBURN @ (402) 370-3109 OR COLLEEN BENSON @ (402) 370-3469**



Volunteer opportunities are currently not being accepted.