



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

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STATE OF NEBRASKA VISION:
GROW NEBRASKA

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

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that the first month of the New Year and new decade is behind us. We are continuing to work on our Mock Survey findings in preparation for our upcoming annual USDVA survey. The State Fire Marshal's deputy paid us a visit recently to conduct our annual Life Safety Code inspection and we were found to be deficiency free! Thank you to all teammates for their efforts every day to ensure our members safety.

We have also had the good fortune to hire a very qualified RN to serve as our new Nursing Director to oversee our Memory Care Unit. Reba Middleton comes to us from the Norfolk Regional Center where she served as a Unit Director. Reba has a wealth of experience dealing with the challenges of memory care and we welcome her to NVH. Devin Watts who was the prior Director has decided to go back to school to obtain his MSN and is working on our night shift. Thank You Devin for the great job you did in overseeing the unit and your continued commitment to NVH.

We have once again started up our in house Nurse Aide Training Course and have six individuals currently enrolled. Our current class began on 1-27-20 and is scheduled for completion on 2-13-20. We are looking forward to getting these students through the course, tested and ready to start in orientation.

I would also like to thank our wonderful teammates who once again stepped up to the challenge during a recent facility quarantine involving some of our member living units. It is no secret that respiratory illnesses are very hard to contain when you have a large group of individuals in a facility, many who already have weakened immune systems. Proper hand washing and masking are two key elements to containing the spread of respiratory illness. I would also like to thank our volunteers for their understanding and cooperation.

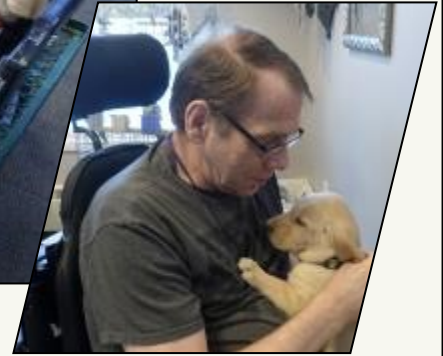
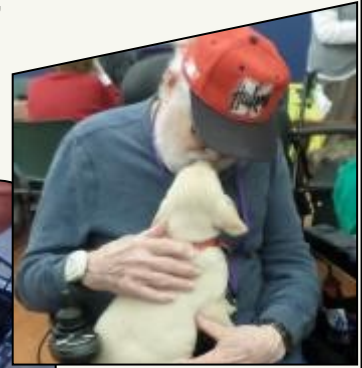
Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS



Who doesn't love spending time with a soft cuddly puppy? Members and Teammates at NVH enjoyed an afternoon snuggling up to these adorable yellow labs. Thank you to Rod and Jean Nelson, NVH Volunteers for sharing these little guys with us.



JUST DANCE!



Members were entertained by the high energy Dance Team from **Clarkson High School**. It's always a joy to get to see these young talented individuals.

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU



Alan B.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Veteran



Inez B.

Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran

James K.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Veteran

Robert B.

Branch of Service: U.S. Navy Veteran

Billie M.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Veteran

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*

Marvin Louis
U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran

Richard "Dick" Schneider
U.S. Air Force Veteran

Joan Sackett
Spouse of a U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran

Florence Becker
Spouse of a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran



NEW TEAMMATES



Ashley Munderloh
Staff Care Tech II



David Wiepen
Staff Care Tech II



Cassie Smith
Staff Care Tech II



Marianna Sixtos
Staff Care Tech II



Troy Pearson
Staff Care Tech II



Brittany Schuchman
Staff Care Tech II



LeaVi Crane
Staff Care Tech II



Kendra Ashker
Staff Care Tech II



Tara Studnicka
Food Service Assistant

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Member Name: James "Jim" VanCleve

Tell me about yourself and your family:

Jim as he prefers to be called was born on May 5, 1942 in rural West Point Nebraska. He has one brother and two sisters. Jim attended Guardian Angel school where he participated in football during his high school years. He graduated in 1961. Shortly after graduation he joined the Air Force and completed his basic training in Lackland, Texas afterwards he was transferred to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. Jim was an illustrator during his service years. In 1965 he returned home to West Point and was employed at the local packing plant and a few other places before he decided he wanted to try something new. He attended a trade school near Lincoln and studied Refrigeration. Following graduation he worked at Iowa Beef for a few years and then the Railroad until retirement. Although Jim never married, he has many nieces and nephew that he is fond of and visit him often. Jim is a member of the American Legion in West Point and the Eagles Club.

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What is your favorite activity or thing to do at the Norfolk Veterans Home? Supper outings

What is your favorite season? Spring

Favorite Food? Chicken or Pizza

What is your favorite sport/sports team? Nebraska

What was your first car? A four door Ford car.

What do you enjoy most about living at the Norfolk Veterans Home? The nice people and being able to go on outings.

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TEAMMATE OF THE MONTH



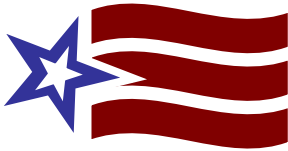
Krystal Curtis, LPN

- Krystal always has a positive attitude
- She does tasks with the members best interest in mind.
- Is always helping on the floor and others at all times.

Congratulations Krystal!



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Bits & Pieces

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Special Occasion Room Reservations:
Call Activities @ (402) 370-3330

Join a member for a meal! Only \$2.50
24 Hour Notice Please

The Large Employee Break Room is no longer available for gatherings or events. There are several other rooms for use including the Recreation Room and conference rooms.

Norfolk Veterans' Home Observer is published monthly for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

**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
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Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?

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