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# THE NVH OBSERVER

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME

#### **NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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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 Although Norfolk Veterans' Home was not able to celebrate our annual "Corn Days" in the same way it has been carried out for the past several years, we did our best to adapt. Our members were still able to participate in corn shucking and then enjoying the fruits of their labors with delicious donated sweet corn. There was also a watermelon feed and other events to try to lend some normalcy to these less than normal times. Everyone missed not being able to have our Corn Austion

than normal times. Everyone missed not being able to have our Corn Auction which is always the highlight of Corn Days. I want to thank all of our teammates for everything they are doing to try to keep our members engaged and as active as possible given our current constraints.

We have been very fortunate at Norfolk Veterans' Home to have had no COVID positive members to this point. This is a daily battle to stay ahead of all the potential threats that can quickly turn the tide. We continue to enforce and double our efforts to keep our members and teammates safe. I am very proud of the vigilance our teammates have shown and their daily efforts to follow procedures and safeguards that have been put in place. We have "COVID Calls" three times a week with Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs to keep up on current best practices and ensure that we are doing everything possible.

We continue to work closely with Elkhorn Logan Valley Health Department to determine when we can move into Phase 3 and exactly what this means for our members and families. We do know that this would allow us to have scheduled family visits inside the home. Family members would need to pass a health screen questionnaire, have their temperature taken and wear a mask at all times. They would then be escorted to a "clean room" where they could visit with their loved one face to face with a barrier between them and the member. At this point we have been given no new information that would indicate we can move into Phase 3.

Hope you enjoyed a great Labor Day Holiday and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Greetings,

Jerry Eisenhauer Administrator

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### HOME HAPPENINGS



Left: NVH members enjoy shucking corn and reminiscing about farming.

Below: Dietary teammates prepare melons for watermelon feeds on the nursing units.

Members continue to enjoy on unit activities and small group bus rides to neighboring communities. Check out the activity calendar for all the upcoming events in September.

### 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

Virgil Rohlff U.S. Army Veteran Larry Schwede U.S. Army Veteran

Roger Risinger U.S. Army Veteran



# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBER

# Carol O. U.S. Army Veteran

## Matthew H. U.S. Air Force Veteran

Robert S. U.S. Navy Veteran







## **NEW TEAMMATES**



Tessa Henning LPN



Riley Johnson LPN



Alaina Villalpando Staff Care Tech II



Jimmy Walton Laundry Worker



**Hannah Wiebelhaus** Food Service Assistant



Staff Care Tech II



Morgan Centrone 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.

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