



# The Eagle



July 2019

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It will be one year this month that I have been your administrator. I find myself reflecting on the year.

It seems more like a comparison. For over twenty years I was on a climb or an adventure to see if I could make a difference. I watched and observed how things were going and often felt like the wheels were spinning round and around, while not going very far.

It was perhaps the people that I observed and obtained a better understanding of aging.

What we have here at Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home is so unique, it is so special. Our mission is to 'Take Care of America's Heroes.' It is not make more money, cut your expenses, cut your staff. You have too much overtime. None of that, it is to take care of them.

See for those other twenty years the owners wanted and expected more revenue. When you were faced with cutting it impacted quality. Here at ENVH we have quality. We are able to conduct the mission with the right tools and the right people and the difference is a quality product. Our members are well taken care of. The Quality of Care is great at ENVH.

I think of the activities that are available to our members. There is no comparison to what we have to what they have. Daily there is something for members to do, and quite the variety. The Quality of Life is great at ENVH.

This past year we have been able to honor our members who served in the Vietnam Era with a special ceremony and giving those certificates and a pin to commemorate their service to our country. I will not forget a member in tears as I placed the pin on his lapel, "I just did what I was told to do."

In similar fashion, we held a World War II recognition for twenty four members from that era. The ceremony was on D-Day which was the 75th anniversary of the invasion into Normandy, France. We had five members who were in the Europe Theater of Operations, but each member who served during WWII received a certificate from Governor Pete Ricketts. Town Hall was full.

The facility hosted a touching Veterans' Day celebration as well as a Memorial Day service honoring those whose earthly bodies finished their duty. For me, it is a Veteran honoring Veterans. I find no greater task at hand and to never forget the sacrifices our members have given for their country.

Yes, we have made a difference. For it is not I, but a team of providers committed to taking care of our members. And in reflection, this has been the best year of employment to guide and lead the staff to ensure our members are well taken care of.

I want to thank each and every one who has had a part in our mission. From my vantage point, I can only look to the future to do even more. Thank you all for the opportunity to be your administrator.

David Williamson



# Welcome to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home



Admit Date	Name	Neighborhood
June 17	Lawrence Boukal	Dedication

Congratulations to Joseph Smith and Don Watkins! Joe was recently elected as the VFW Commander for the State of Nebraska. Don as the Grand of Nebraska for the Military Order of the Cootie. We had a nice social for them with cake and refreshments.

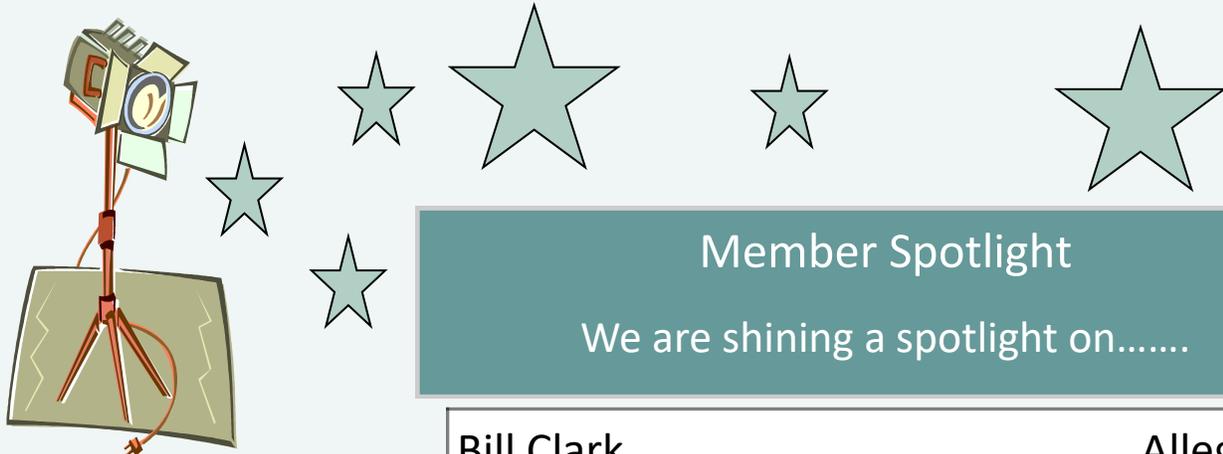




## Teammate of the Month

Robb Sheldrick

- Went out of his way to give the 3 members of ENVH the ultimate experience on their Honor Flight
- Transported them to the special dinner the night before the event
- Got up to take them to the airport at 3:00 a.m.
- Greeted them and at midnight after they spent a long day of touring the Nation's Capital
- Made this an experience they will not forget



## Member Spotlight

We are shining a spotlight on.....

**Thank you for your  
service to the United  
States of America**

**We are honored to  
serve those who  
served!**

Bill Clark.....Allegiance

Jean Johnson.....Dedication

John Carter.....Motivation

Jake Stevenson.....Service

# July Birthdays

July 01	Richard Harald	Service
July 02	Elmer Wallahan *	Service
July 04	David Walter	Allegiance
July 08	Clarence Duracinski	Allegiance
July 09	Edward Krawczyk	Service
July 12	Clyde Peters *	Dedication
July 15	Genevieve Hodge	Dedication
July 16	Kathleen Conant	Allegiance
July 16	Darrell Brown	Dedication
July 18	Don Sacca	Allegiance
July 19	Gail Holmes *	Dedication
July 20	Jeanette Trumble	Service
July 28	Robert Morse	Service

\* age 95 +





**Certificate of Excellence:**

**Pam Harris**

**Presented by: Member Council**

**President, Carroll Roberts**

**Dietary News:**

Soups will be discontinued for the summer in the canteen due to low sales volume. Please enjoy the normal canteen selection. New products include chocolate banana bread and iced lemon cakes

**Family Council Corner:**

This is a wonderful group of family members who meet at the Home on the **2nd Thursday** each month at **10:00 a.m.**

They discuss many issues concerning members and their families. They are a good support system for each other.

**This month: July 11, 2019**

**Next month: Aug 8, 2019**

Please plan to join them and to see what it's all about.

Family Council President: Mrs. Jean Funkhouser

For more information, please contact Social Services by asking for Kari, Lynda or Paul

**Ombudsman's Corner:**

Ombudsmen are dedicated to enhancing the lives of long term care residents.

Ombudsmen:

- Advocate for residents' rights and quality care
- Educate consumers and providers
- Resolve residents' complaints
- Provide information to the public

ENVH's Ombudsman:

Pat Holstein

402-444-6536



# Veteran's Memorial Garden Brick Form Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Now is the time to purchase your brick to be installed in the Veteran's Memorial Garden at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home.

Bricks may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one, the name of your organization or business, or you may simply want to thank a veteran!

You may purchase your brick donation using the form below for \$100. There are 14 characters on each line and there are 3 lines on each brick.



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Name of person donating brick: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Benson Post 112/Memorial Brick Fund**

*Please provide the exact wording you would like on the brick:*

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Bricks may be purchased by mailing a \$100 check or money order per engraved brick to:

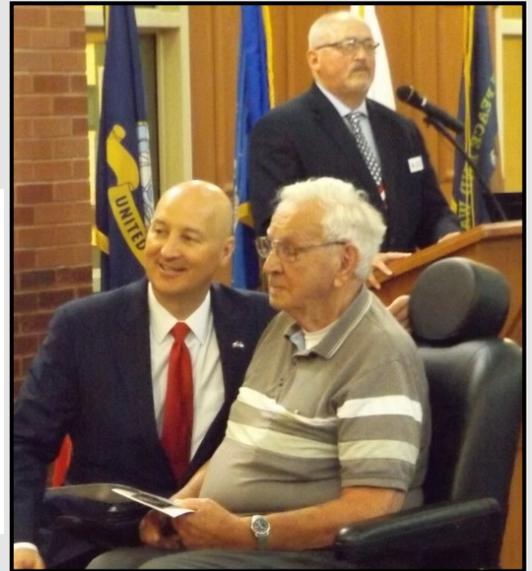
**Benson Post 112, American Legion, P.O. Box 4084, Omaha, NE 68104.**

*Contact Bruce Husted at 402-981-6820 with any questions.*

# 75th Anniversary D-DAY



USAF  
Heartland  
of America  
Band



Governor  
Pete  
Ricketts





## Honoring the US Flag

Flag Day, June 14, 2019

Representatives from Knights of Columbus helped us to honor our nation's flag.



On Saturday, June 22, the ladies of ENVH were treated by the ladies from the Military Order of the Purple Heart #260 Auxiliary with a tea party.

They had scrumptious croissant sandwiches, hot tea and wedding cake. They dressed paper dolls. They had a good time! Thank you MOPH Auxiliary. We appreciate you!



## Music

Each month, we are fortunate to have a professional singer/musician perform a wide variety of songs to entertain the members. Billy Troy is one of the Merry-makers who performs here. Each Merry-maker is sponsored by our governor, Pete Ricketts and his wife, Susanne Shore.

We are very grateful for their support!



Donald Funderburk

Arlene Curtis

## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain

Dale Powell

**Weekly Services are held in the Chapel**  
(unless stated otherwise)

**Sundays:**

9:45 a.m. All Faith Service

10:45 a.m. Catholic Communion

**Mondays:**

9:30 a.m. Devotional Reading  
(held in Service Neighborhood)

10:00 am Devotional Reading  
(held in Allegiance Neighborhood)

**Thursdays:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Memorial Services will be held as  
necessary on the first Thursday of each  
month.

1:00 p.m. Catholic Mass

**Fridays:** 10:00 a.m. Rosary

The numbers don't lie...last year I hit 70 years...last week my youngest child hit 40 years...a few years ago I attended my 50th high school reunion (some of my classmates sure looked old!)...in a couple years my wife and I will hit 50 years of marriage! The truth is...I'm getting older (and so are you!).

But rather than being a depressing thing, I choose to see it as a wonderful opportunity to thank God for not only every year, but every day of life that He gives.

Life is a gift—may we appreciate each day!