



THE NVH OBSERVER

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer, NVH Administrator

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing Fourth of July holiday. Once again this year, Norfolk Veterans Home was treated to a wonderful aerial and ground display of bombs bursting in air and rockets red glow. Our Fourth of July fireworks display took place on Tuesday, June 26th. As it turned out, we could not have ordered a better evening for the event. The winds were calm, the temperature was comfortable and there was even a full moon! We were once again able to use Heroes Park as the venue for the event. Many thanks to our fine group of pyrotechnic experts from the American Legion Riders and friends who volunteered their time to delight members, staff and families. 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.

The activities department has been busy with offsite outings and our members have been able to enjoy many opportunities for food and fellowship already this summer.

I encourage you to stop out for a visit. Please remember if you are taking a loved one out on one of our many hot, humid days that they drink plenty of water and have applied sun screen.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer
Administrator

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PETE RICKETTS

**NEBRASKA
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GROW NEBRASKA

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

HOME HAPPENINGS



4th of July Celebration!

The unusually wet weather didn't hinder the fireworks display on June 26th, thankfully it was quite the opposite.



Members enjoyed an evening of bingo and then ventured outside into the Heroes Park pavilion to listen to the sounds of Mike and Julie Couch. Drinks, snacks, and some dancing was had while waiting for the show to begin at dusk.

THANK YOU to our sponsors - Dept. DAVA, the Elks Lodge, Dept. AL & VFWA for the fireworks and others for your generous monetary donations, and the American Legion Riders and friends who coordinated the beautiful fireworks display, You did a magnificent job!



Let's go fishing!



Weather couldn't have been nicer for NVH members and the JOOI club to enjoy a morning of fishing at the local Skyview Lake.

SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Joseph Alvarez

Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force
Hometown: Sioux City, IA but
spent much time in London,

Kenneth Kardell

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Laurel, NE

Bernard Burbach

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Neligh, NE

Jack Zeider

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Air
Corps
Hometown: Columbus, NE

Edwin Krepel

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Howells, NE

Leland and Joan Sackett

Branch of Service: U.S. Marine
Corps
Hometown: Columbus, NE

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

Alnetta Schroeder



NEW EMPLOYEES



Jason Gallup
LPN



Morgan Wichman
Staff Care Tech II



Shelli Moore
Staff Care Tech II



Samantha Ebner
LPN



Allison Soward
LPN



Dodie Finkhaus
ADON



Ellen Keck
Pharmacist



Annette Rudnik
Food Service Asst.



Courtney Schlieve
Staff Care Tech II

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

NVH MEMBER:

Jane Elizabeth Cunningham, better known as Betty, moved into the Norfolk Veterans' Home in 2012 along with her husband Dale. Dale passed away shortly after arriving.



Betty attended College in Wayne, Nebraska, afterwards she taught rural schools for six years. Walking to school was the mode of transportation until she purchased a Jeep in 1949. After getting married, she helped with milking the cows, first by hand and then by machine after getting bulk tanks. Later she worked in the kitchen at the Randolph Nursing Home for 30 years.

Dale and Betty were married in 1951 and had three children. Sheila Swanson is a nurse, and her husband Craig live in Omaha. Nancy Jensen and her husband Gene, live in Wisner and had owned and operated a café. Jim Cunningham works at Associated Wholesale Grocers and lives with his wife Kathy in Norfolk. The family has grown to also having eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

The oldest great-granddaughter graduated from high school this spring and she plans to attend the University in Lincoln. Most of the family lives within driving distance except one who lives in Florida and another lives in North Dakota.

Some of Betty's favorite things to do is everything possible, especially attending craft activities. Summer is her favorite season because it is possible to go places and do things. Christmas is her favorite holiday.

Her favorite sport is (Nebraska) football. Dale and Betty held season tickets and would often attend the games. Special times included square dancing as a family. Betty likes country music and hymns. She also enjoyed sewing dresses and shirts to match.

Betty says a couple of her favorite foods are fried chicken and apple pie. They raised chickens and could fix it many ways. They also had their own apple trees.

Today Betty needs to watch what she eats because of her diabetes. She continues to do a lot with crafts and tries to stay busy. Betty enjoys the comfort of the Norfolk Veterans' Home and having people around that can help her when needed.

NVH STAFF:

Michelle Schommer—Activity Assistant on Pod E

What is your favorite sport or sports team? Golf and Nebraska Cornhuskers fan (even though I was born and raised a Hawkeye!)

Where would you live if you could live anywhere in the world and why? A sunny island somewhere, as long as its warm all year round. I could relax on the beach with a cold drink in hand!

Best vacation memory: When I was around 9, my parents and I along with my 5 siblings drove down to the Ozarks and around Branson and Silver Dollar City, all of us kids got car sick and there wasn't enough buckets for all of us. I remember all of us throwing up and stopping at rest areas to get out and get fresh air and my mom washed clothes in the sink at the rest area.



What is one thing others don't know about you? I have 3 brothers and 5 sisters, I'm a HUGE Cher fan and have seen her in concert 4 times. I love horror moves and I am not a TRUE blonde.

Favorite season: Summer! Love the warm sun and heat.

What is your favorite part of your workday at NVH? Whenever I clock out.



Michelle and her daughter Shelby



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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 will no longer be available for gatherings or events. There are several other rooms for use including the Recreation Room and conference rooms.

**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
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OR
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Interested in Volunteer Opportunities at NVH?

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