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O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating
strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!

From the Desk of Mark Johnson, Administrator

As many of you are probably aware, we are in the midst of legislative session. We have made several trips to Bismarck meeting with Senate and House appropriations on our operating budget, Senate Bill 2007. This bill also includes funding for a resident workshop from the Melvin Norgard fund. Please contact your legislators and ask them to support SB2007.

Resident Workshop

The North Dakota Veterans Home hired Jeff Sjoquist from Mednational to come up with a plan for the workshop. Mr. Sjoquist utilized a special program that analyzed program space for various pieces of equipment needed in a workshop setting. After completing his analysis he determined that we would need approximately 4,542 sq ft to build a workshop. Costs are estimated to be \$173.54 per sq foot for a total of \$788,200.

The cost for the workshop is high because it will be built to blend in with the exterior of the Veterans Home and it also has to meet State Health Department requirements. It will have a brick exterior, a fire suppression system, and special makeup air flow to deal with chemicals.

Funding for the workshop would come from the Melvin Norgard fund.

Oakwood Cemetery Monument

On October 5, 1905 plans were approved to erect a new soldier's monument at Oakwood Cemetery in Lisbon, North Dakota. The monument has a 12 foot square base and stands a total height of 25 feet.

Over the last few years the monument has fallen in disrepair. The third level of the monument has a crack in the granite that needs to be replaced. The monument needs to be totally disassembled, cleaned and a new piece of granite installed at the base of the monument. The cost of repairing the monument is \$56,202.50.

Another area needing repairs in the cemetery is the concrete foundation around the monument and grave site. The total cost of this concrete foundation repair is \$15,600.00. The total cost of repairing both the monument and foundation will be \$71,802.50. We are asking for general fund dollars to fund these repairs.

Both projects are important to the Home. The cemetery monument is a historical marker for the Veterans Home; it is over 107 years old and represents a final resting place for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The workshop also represents a historical attribute of the North Dakota Veterans Home. Up until last session, the veterans had a workshop, ceramics room and craft room. Since 1893 the workshop has provided therapy to the veterans and allowed them to keep their idle hands busy working on special projects.

We have now lived in the new building for 18 months; the new household/neighborhood model continues to be very successful. The residents are very happy and grateful for their new home and our admissions team has been very busy with tours and new admissions. Since our move in May 2011, we have had over 130 admissions.

The Gazebo has been moved and remodeled. Concrete has been poured thanks to many outstanding groups and individuals that have donated to this project. We are planning to open the doors this summer to host outside groups and organizations that want to provide activities for our residents. Another project we are working on is to construct several picnic shelters in the household courtyards.

Thank you for your current and past contributions; without your volunteerism and/or donations the Veterans Home would not be where we are today.

Mark B. Johnson



The staff of the NDVH have discovered that the public often has questions regarding cost, population, and the admission process. We hope that you find the following list of questions and answers helpful.

Q: Is the Veterans Home Free?

A: Only for those who meet the following and are applying for Skilled Care

Under the Millennium Health Care Act, 1999, VA will pay full cost of care for Veterans who require nursing home and meet the following criteria:

-Service-Connected (SC) disability rating of 70 percent or more: OR

-Needs nursing home care for a SC disability: OR

-Rated 60 percent SC and is either unemployable or has an official rating of "permanently and totally disabled."

If you don't fall under the criteria above, you will be required to pay a fee.

Skilled care residents are charged a daily rate as developed by the State of North Dakota Human Services Case Mix System. The North Dakota Veterans Home completes an MDS assessment on each new admission within 14 days. This information is then transmitted to the State of North Dakota so a case mix level can be assigned. The case mix level determines the daily rate that will be charged.

The North Dakota Veterans Home pre-bills room and board charges at the lowest case mix level. Rent will be calculated using the lowest case mix level on the day of admission and payment will be due at that time. Once we have received the case mix level assigned from the State of North Dakota we will correct the billing and any additional charges will be due on the next bill. The Skilled nursing home accepts private pay, Medicaid and Medicare residents.

Basic Care Costs

Room and board charges for basic care are based on your monthly income less medical expenses. Each veteran is allowed to keep the first \$100 of income each month that will not be used in the rent calculation. Rent will be calculated at 55% of the net income amount arrived at by subtracting your allowable medical expenses from your income. There is a cap on rent that may vary yearly dependent upon the calculated cost of care. The current rent cap is \$1,543. Spouses of veterans pay the max rate regardless of income or expenses.

Q: Is there a waiting list?

A: At times, yes. As occupancy changes often please call to get up to date information.

Q: Are there any female residents?

A: Yes, spouses and surviving spouse of veterans are eligible for residency. We also have several female veteran residents

Q: Does the North Dakota Veterans Home have a Memory Care Unit?

A: Yes, within our skilled unit we have two households for individuals with Dementia or Alzheimer's.

Pastoral Ponderings



The giant trees of California amaze me! My family has made several trips into the shadowy wonderland of these majestic towers. The sequoias and redwoods are the tallest living things on earth. Some of them, like the General Sherman, are nearly 400 feet tall! And they are old! Some of these trees are over 3,500 years old. That means when Moses was leading the Hebrews out of Egypt some of those trees in Northern California were saplings. When Jesus was born those trees were 150 feet tall. When Martin Luther challenged the church to reform in the early



16th century the giants were nearing the height they are now. If that does not put you in a state of awe there is something wrong with you!

What is even more fascinating is that these behemoth living things are quite fragile. Their roots are shallow. If these trees did not stand close together they would have never grown to be the largest things on earth. Beneath the soil the shallow roots of these trees mingle together. They share water, nutrients and soil. Without each other they would have died out when Moses was a boy.

In the early church, according the Book of Acts, the people shared their lives with each other. They stood together, worshiped and praised God together, ate together, grew together. Perhaps those early roots were shallow as well. They knew they had to stay together, lean on each other, help one another. I am glad they did; now we have a vibrant Christian faith that has been passed on to us by those who worked together and shared their roots with each other.

As we live out our lives and faith here at the North Dakota Veterans Home, let us think of the mighty trees. Let us remember they only got that way by staying close together, sharing with, and helping one another. Let us be mindful of the many ways we can share and help here at the NDVH. It's easy to find a way to help. A friendly smile goes a long way! As a community we will grow strong and loving. And when new people come to stay with us they will be nurtured and strengthened by our community of faith and friendship.

Peace and Prayers,

Pastor John

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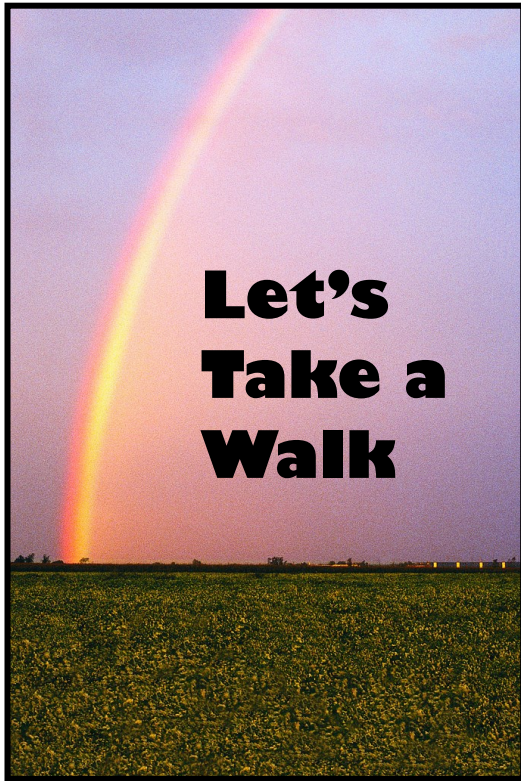
"I AM GLAD TO BE HERE AT THIS PLACE, IT IS QUITE AN HONOR." Harry Hakanson resident of NDVH

"THIS PLACE IS LIKE A PALACE. WHO COULD BE UNHAPPY LIVING HERE?"

Bobby Crabbs, resident of NDVH

"...THAT WAS THE BEST LUNCH."

Orvis Peterson, resident of NDVH, speaking of the lunch served by the Streeter American Legion Auxiliary following bingo.



Let's Take a Walk

A favorite walk for me takes about 1.5 miles. I leave out of the nearest exit facing east, travel around the building to the south east corner, hit across the grass to the trees that border the south edge, follow that till I hit the dike, which circles around the west side,

then back along the trees on the north side till I'm back to the building. That's the walk I made a couple days ago.

There are always others out also. Some may be walking, but since none of us have about the same gait, we seldom walk with each other. I do have a couple of guys I walk with, but they can only walk a short distance, so that does not happen often. Some may be riding their tricycles (yes, the 3 wheeled bike is very popular here). Others will be simply sitting out having a smoke (there are several spots designated for smoking - but none in the building.) We usually pause to talk a bit.

Mine are usually nature hikes. If the Turkeys are out (their groups will be from 3 to 16 so far), I'll usually observe them near the NE corner of the property. I seldom take binoculars along since I hate getting them out, taking off my glasses, and having the item to be observed disappear just about the time I'm focused. But the MIRACLE -- NO GLASSES. I think I will try to get in the habit of taking a pair of binocs each time I go out.

On this particular walk there were 7, and since they were just going into the weeds that border the north trees, I didn't do much observing. Crossing the grass, over to the trees, there was a plentiful supply of grasshoppers of different kinds (the little yellow winged, the big black winged.. you get the picture.) Then in the trees the most obvious thing is that the squirrels have

been busy harvesting the pine cones-- or I should say the pine nuts, for the cone parts were scattered all over. A small flock of finches kept flitting to some low brush and back into the pine trees.

But lets stop and examine the soybean field that runs along the trees. It's a big field, stretching out to the south. The bean plants are loaded with fairly big pods. Looks to me like it should be a good crop, but I admit that I am not in the know about soybeans.

Then we reach the dike, and here the fun begins. For they have just seeded the dike to grass, and the dike is deep in dust (maybe a half inch -- just waiting for a rain.) it's perfect for tracking. First is a regular trail of raccoon tracks that cross the dike from the riverside to garden below. One big raccoon has walked for some distance along the dike. Then there are the tracks of a snake that has slithered across (before I leave the dike there will be 3 more such tracks).. A bit beyond this a big buck deer has walked the dike, and it doesn't leave the dike for the rest of the distance to the trees on the north. In a few spots he is joined by smaller deer, but they soon get off the dike. Guess dust doesn't provide much nourishment. Sometimes the tracks could not be read because the dust wouldn't hold an impression. Ah, it was a beautiful hike. Glad you could come with me.

But the next evening brought the topper. I had an appointment at the VA in Fargo, and as is most usual, we got back just in time for supper. It had been putzing rain. I decided to chance a short walk after supper. As I walked along the north side of the building, by our parking lot, I looked up at the hills. There was the most amazing rainbow I can remember. It was completely full, and seemed so near. I'm sure the pot of gold was right on the hilltop to my NE. And the colors -- Wow -- the miracle of that eye surgery -- those colors were the most brilliant I can remember. I'm sure they were the same as I saw several years ago, but if so I sure forgot that brilliance.

Well, I hope you enjoyed our walk. Come ... and we'll do it again.

NDVH Resident

Wayne McKirdy





A Love Story

"Arlene was out of her first year in Bible College. She was teaching vacation Bible school with young children.

That summer, a former pastor of Arlene's (from Lisbon) was called to Powers Lake, ND to be the pastor. He asked Arlene to come to his church to conduct vacation Bible school. At this very same time, unknown to her, a young man had just been inducted into the service and came home to Powers Lake to say goodbye to his family. There was a young girl, the pastor's daughter, that thought these two should meet. She brought Les and his friend to meet Arlene and her friend. The next day Les asked Arlene to go to the restaurant and have a milkshake. She was nervous about that and while drinking her shake she broke the straw. She thought he was going to think she was a wasteful person because she didn't finish the milkshake. Les was involved in a gospel quartet, which was breaking up because two of the men were leaving for the service. The following day after church, people were meeting at his grandmother's house to hear the quartet one last time. Arlene was invited to that and when it was over, Les came over to her and her friend and said he and his friend would like to give them a ride home. They went for a drive and had a little more time to talk and get acquainted. Les asked if Arlene would like to see him off at the train on Monday. She went with his family and friends to say goodbye. So, they met on Friday, went for the milkshake on Saturday, got together after church on Sunday and Monday Les was leaving on the train. That was the last Arlene saw of him for 3 1/2 years. They wrote during that time and a couple of times he called. . Arlene was in Seattle to be with a friend who lost her husband who had been in the service just two weeks. Les wrote her and said if their relationship was going to continue it would be nice if they were both in ND. He said he was coming soon to be discharged in San Francisco. At that same time Arlene went and bought a ticket to go back to ND. She would be leaving on Monday morning. **This is the exciting part of their story.** The Saturday night before that, this young staff sergeant showed up at her friend's door. Les said that when his ship got near San Francisco, there were so many ships there for Navy Day that they decided to have their ship go to Fort Lewis, WA, which is close to Seattle. He came to Arlene's door and explained how he ended up in Seattle. She was completely taken by surprise. Les was able to get a ticket on the same bus she was taking to ND. This was in October. When they reached Bismarck, Les went on up to Powers Lake and Arlene went on to Lisbon. From that time on, they corresponded by mail and phone and got together whenever they could. Long story short, they were married the following September. God has blessed them with a wonderful marriage of 66 years, 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren with more on the way."

*Leslie and Arlene Gibson have been residents of NDVH since the Fall of 2011. Their daughter Sue has donated her time and talent of music to NDVH as well as several other of their family members.



Pennies from Heaven



On December 18th the residents of the North Dakota Veterans Home received a gift they will treasure for a long time. **The First grade class of Kulm**, under the great leadership of their teacher took on a challenge to raise money for the veterans. Their teacher, **Mrs. Strobel**, informed us that the students told people they were collecting money to buy the residents underwear. Mrs. Strobel wanted to impress the children with how much a penny is worth and challenged them to save all their pennies; the children raised \$70.00 worth of pennies for the residents of NDVH! With the children's pennies and other funds they collected they were able to donate \$400.00 to the residents. NDVH is blessed with many heartfelt donations yet the presentation of this certain gift brought tears to the eyes of almost all in the Town Hall that day.

How thankful we are for teachers like Mrs. Strobel, that not only teach their students the value of a penny but to honor veterans.



Don Williams, proud Grandpa and NDVH resident is entertained by the class as they check out his room. Don's granddaughter is pictured in the middle.



The Kulm First Graders joined the residents for the noon meal and sang Christmas Carols throughout

the Veterans Home. On February 21st the Kulm First Graders received some special visitors as the NDVH bus took a scenic drive to Kulm.



LET THE FUN BEGIN



We have had a busy Fall and Winter at the NDVH. From Halloween parties to various groups providing entertainment, the activities have been endless. Thank you to all who have given so generously of their time to provide entertainment to the residents of NDVH.



Men's Group

*Brenda brought in several of her manly treasures to share with those who attended.



Harold Gums(L) receives a visit from his brothers.



Every September we have a Family Picnic. Residents invite their family members to join us for a meal and entertainment. This past September we had over 200 guests at the picnic. It was a windy day so we opted to eat inside which worked out great as family members of the residents were able to visit with fellow household members of their loved ones. The guests experienced the household/neighborhood concept firsthand that day and it proved to be a success. Thank you to the **Sons of the American Legion Post 153 of Brown Nelson** for the TASTY Pork and thanks to **Tilford and Crew** for the Fabulous entertainment!



FAMILY PICNIC 2012



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VETERANS WEEK CELEBRATION



The first year I started working at the Veterans Home in 2003 when Veterans Day came up a co-worker, Brenda Elijah, asked if I could come in to work and help her with an event. There was a group of young people from a near-by town that wanted to do something special for our Veterans on that day. Watching the program it broke my heart that everyone was not there to see how emotionally touched our Veterans were and how amazing this day was for them.

It was after this that a group of staff formed a group called "The Special Events Committee." The committee looked at doing extra things for the residents such as dances, picnics, and Veterans Day Events. The next year for Veterans Day many of us brought our children in and we did a special program that day along with a special menu. The following year the committee all agreed that it needed to be more and we went from a day celebration to a week celebration in 2005. It has since blossomed into a special tradition that everyone at the NDVH gets involved in. Through the years we have had the Drum and Bugle Corp, a chalk artist, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, dances, special meals, programs and so much more. The highlight for me this year was the program which included pictures of our men and women in their uniforms put to music.

I am honored to work at the Veterans Home and feel this week emphasizes why many of us work at the NDVH. There are many staff that volunteer to work Veterans Day and love being a part of honoring all the men and women who served our country. It is our way of saying "Thank You" for the sacrifices they made for our freedom.

Jann Neameyer



THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT





Air Force Association



American Legion Post #7 of Lisbon



Lisbon 5th and 6th Graders

This year our week celebration included:

Sunday November 11th: Happy Veterans Day!!!

11:00 am Gun Salute in Front at Flag Pole

2:30 pm Veterans Day BINGO

Monday November 12th: Wear Red, White, and Blue

7:30am Pancake breakfast in Town Hall provided by the American Legion

12:30pm Boy Scout Tribute to Veterans

1:00pm Drum and Bugle Corp Performance

2:00pm Air Force Association Presentation- Ken Fox Pie Social to Follow

4:30pm Leave for VFW in Enderlin for Supper

Tuesday November 13th:

2:00pm Lisbon 5th and 6th Graders to Perform

Wednesday November 14th:

10:00am Carmel Rolls in Town Hall

10am – 3pm Military Memorabilia Displayed in Town Hall

7:00pm BINGO

Thursday November 15th:

6:30pm Tilford Kroshus- Music, Dancing and Entertainment

Friday November 16th:

11:30am All American Inn



The one and only Tilford Kroshus



Jamestown Drum and Bugle Corp



Boy and Girl Scouts



Resident Harry Hakanson & Volunteer Duane Hanson

NATIONAL GUARD SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER!





Tech. Sgt. Tracy Zidon has organized the National Guard Christmas party for the past six years. This year she made it a point to make a wish come true for NDVH resident Marvin Nordlinder. Marvin lost his dog tags several years ago. He enlisted his Social worker Kirstin Narum to try and hunt them down with no success. Tracy ordered Marvin new dog tags, to say the least he was sincerely pleased with his Christmas gift this year. Perhaps some of you caught the story on Fox news.

Thanks Tech Sgt. Tracy Zidon for all of your hard work as well as all the Guard members who donated their funds and time to this memorable event.



LT. COL. BRUCE KROGSTAD, chaplain of the 199th Wing, interviewed three NDVH residents preceding the Christmas Party. **CECIL MESSER** pictured to the left shared his story of being a "liberator" in WWII. Besides his interview with the Guard Members, Cecil was also interviewed by WDAY. We thank the Guard members for capturing the stories of NDVH residents and reminding us of the importance of their service.



Hello everyone!
My name is Kristi Lere; I am a Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) and a Certified Food Practice Professional (CFPP). I live in

Lisbon, ND with my husband Chris, my 2 children Ally, 18 and Kyle, 14 and my granddaughter Carter Rose, 8 months. I grew up in Lisbon and have been here all my life. I started working at the North Dakota Veterans Home in 1994 in the dietary department. I worked in dietary for about 3 years then decided to put in my resignation so I could spend some time with my kids at home. A few years later, I saw an ad in the paper for a cook position at the Veterans Home and couldn't turn down the opportunity to go back since I loved working there. I worked as a cook for about 3 years and then decided I would like to further my education and take the dietary manager course. I finished the course and passed the certification test to become a CDM and CFPP. As luck would have it, my supervisor decided to retire, allowing me to move into the Dietary Manager position. In May 2012 we had more staff changes and I was hired into the Director of Dietary role.

Throughout the years I have been employed at the Veterans Home I have witnessed many changes. I would have to say the best change is the home dining atmosphere that we have in our new building.

When I first started in dietary we had tray service; we would set up all the trays, cart them up to the dining room and pass them out to the residents. The tray service is the one thing I wanted to change when I started working at the Veterans Home. From the tray service we evolved into serving the residents from warm food carts. But that wasn't enough for me. I wanted them to be able to choose what they wanted to eat at the time the meal was served. When we designed our new building we were able to incorporate our dreams for resident dining into an environment

that is more like home. Our building is set up into households with 13 residents living in each household. Each household has a living room, dining room and kitchen. Residents can sleep in and eat breakfast when they wake up; no more waking everyone up at 5:30 am and dragging them to the dining room half asleep! And the best part is that the residents can order anything off the menu that they want for breakfast! This is the best thing that we have ever done (just ask the residents)!



Planning to move to a brand new building is a lot of work! We really didn't have many resources to assist us since the concept and design of our dining rooms is so different from most other facilities. Everything from staffing to even ordering equipment and dishes was a challenge. We don't have just one kitchen, we have 1 large kitchen, 6 small kitchens and 12 resident kitchenettes. I had to sit down and figure out what I thought we needed in each kitchen so we could put out a bid and get the kitchens set up before we moved in. I'm not sure how many items we overlooked or had to order more of! Wow I think back and wonder how I didn't go insane, but I made it!

One of the most challenging changes with the move to the new building was staffing. We went from having separate dietary, housekeeping, activities and C.N.A. staff to the universal worker concept. These resident living specialists (RLS's), as we call them, are with the residents in the homes at all times. It was a hard change for everyone to learn several different jobs and it took a lot of training! I really felt everyone should be serve safe certified, so we had all RLS staff go through the class. We also sent staff through CNA classes, housekeeping training, and cooking training.

When you ask the staff now if they would want to go back to the old ways they would say "you couldn't pay me enough to change back". So my advice to anyone who is thinking of changing to this concept, do it and don't give up! There are going to be bumps in the road, but it is all worth it in the end.

Our main kitchen does the cook chill method for meals. In the main kitchen we have 2 full time employees, 1 cook and 1 foodservice worker. They work Monday through Friday. We also have a part-time employee that helps out when we have extra events. The RLS's run the small kitchens in the households. The RLS's put in their grocery orders 2 times per week and the main kitchen staff fill the orders; deliver the groceries and other items needed for the meals that week. We have a main entree for lunch and supper and if residents don't want that they can order anything we have on our table menus. The RLS's do most of the cooking in the household. For example, if we have spaghetti, green beans, and garlic toast on the menu the main kitchen makes the spaghetti sauce (cook chill method) and delivers the sauce to each household kitchen; the RLS cooks the noodles, green beans, garlic toast, and warms up the sauce.

I would have to say I truly love my job; the joy of taking care of a veteran goes above everything. They have sacrificed so much for all of us and I will do everything in my power to make the rest of their lives joyful and happy. There is no better feeling than taking care of others, they are all truly family.



Ash, Jess and Kristi, work on preparing fruit in the main kitchen.

Amy Boman, as she works in Peace Garden/Honor Hill kitchen.



Deann Wells, prepares Dinner in Peace Garden/Honor Hill Kitchen.



Main Kitchen Staff: L to R : Back Row: Jessica Gruman, Kris Dow, Kari Johnson, Front: Ashley Boos and Kristi Lere.



One of the twelve dining rooms of NDVH.



American Legion and Auxiliary Members enjoy a well deserved lunch following the gift shop.



Thank you to the **ND American Legion Auxiliary** for another year of a wonderful Christmas Gift shop. Residents were able to pick a gift for themselves as well as two for family members and have them wrapped and mailed, all at the expense of the American Legion Auxiliary. Thanks to the ALA for your faithfulness over the years in providing this opportunity for the residents of NDVH.

Thanks to the **Fargo VFW Post #762** for the gift of an I-Pad for each of the three pods at NDVH. Recently several APPS were added to the I-pads including trivia games, card games, map apps and several other apps that will provide entertainment to the residents of NDVH. Thank you to the VFW members for once again providing delicious rolls for all the households. We all look forward to your visits.





L to R Instructor Frank Egan, Austin Dahl, Scott Sprung, Dustin Miller, Nick Bitz, Tommy Kern and Cole Gronhovd.



Thank you to Skills USA from SVACTC in Valley City

12 Computer systems

have been donated over the past three years with the money being donated from the **VFW POST #9050 of Enderlin, where Frank Egan** serves as Quartermaster. After Christmas the Skills USA group will resume with setting-up the systems and assist in training the residents on computer use.

US BANK GIVES BACK



Mark Johnson, NDVH Administrator with US Bank Employees



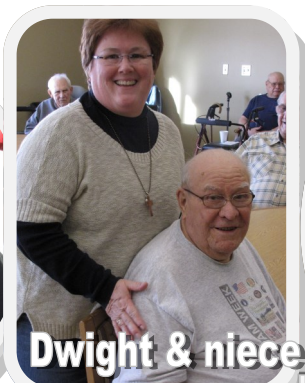
This past Christmas Season US Bank had a giving tree for the residents of NDVH . On December 21st they joined us for coffee and donated 61 books and audio books to the residents as well as many other items that are much appreciated. **Thank you US Bank employees** for your generous donations to NDVH and for spending the afternoon with us.



Memories are made of this....



Betty Graham & grandson



Dwight & niece



Hoss, Kristi and Baby Carter



Katherine, Keith and Crew



Ed & his sister Lorraine



Lois

LEFSE



Vonnie



Kurt

RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO ENJOY LEFSE WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER DUE TO THESE HARDWORKING RESIDENTS.



The North Dakota Veterans Home Foundation Board held a Golf Tournament on Friday August 17th. The weather was beautiful and the spirits were high. Thank you to the **North Dakota Veterans Home Foundation Board** and to all the participants for a great day that benefited NDVH.



WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?



DAV Chapter #24 of Valley City sponsored a Saturday Bingo and served lunch.



VFW Auxiliary #3444 of Dickinson presents gifts to NDVH residents.

Lynn Lieder and friend Marlus Hokana deliver goods from
VFW Auxiliary #3545 of Ellendale



Brad Aune of American Legion Post #2 of Fargo presents donated items to NDVH.



American Legion and Auxiliary #245 of Medina came bearing gifts.



DAV Chapter #2 of Grand Forks presents Administrator Mark Johnson with a check preceding the annual Thanksgiving Bingo that they sponsor.



American Legion past State Commander Robert Krause and NDVH Foundation Board Chairman Chris Wingire present a check to Administrator Mark Johnson.



Cavalier County ,CVSO, Leon Hiltner delivered coats and jackets given by the veterans of Cavalier county.



American Legion Auxiliary #163 of Wilton gifted NDVH with outdoor benches.



American Legion Riders present a check to NDVH resident Wayne Hurt and Activities Director Jann Neameyer.



American Legion Post #70 of Hatton shared their generosity.



Jerome Billups shares his gift of his ND Service award with NDVH. Pictured with Susie Schlecht, Marketing Coordinator. Thanks for the Honor Jerome!

American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 191 of winner	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #274 of Fordville	Battleview Lutheran Church of Powers Lake
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 195 of Tonnybrook	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #298 of Ross	Bill Krumwiede of Voltaire
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 23 of Rugby	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36 of Oakes	Brad and Cathy Wilson of Garrison
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 246 of gin	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #49 of Garrison	Bremer Bank of Lisbon
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 265 of Streeter	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #96 of Powers Lake	Carol Ann Peterson of Gwinner
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 29 of Watford City	American Legion Auxiliary, Department of ND	Carol Hodenfield or Ray
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 57 of Ulm	American Legion Department of ND	Citizen Community Credit Union of Devils Lake
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 75 of Crosby	American Legion Post #1 of Bismarck "Open Your Heart"	Coal Country Guard Retirees of Hazen
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #163 of Wilton	American Legion Post #133 of Turtle Lake	Dakota Lollipops of Hankinson
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #187 of ngal	American Legion Post #139 of Pembina County	DAR Dacotah Chapter of Fargo
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #20 of Wahpeton	American Legion Post #153 of Wyndmere	Daryl Beard of Williston
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #206 of erlin	American Legion Post #156 of Edinburg	DAV Adam Klein Unit #3 of Bismarck/Mandan
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #22 of heldon	American Legion Post #160 of McVile	DAV Auxiliary Unit #1 of Davenport
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #245 of Medina	American Legion Post #162 of Tolna	DAV Auxiliary Unit #2 of Grand Forks
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #265 of Streeter	American Legion Post #2 of Fargo	DAV Auxiliary Unit #24 of Valley City
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #269 of pham	American Legion Post #236 and Auxiliary of Wimbledon	DAV Auxiliary Unit #31 of Jamestown
	American Legion Post #265 of Streeter	DAV Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota
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- I tune Cards
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My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? John 14:2

LIZ KING RETIRES AFTER 37+ YEARS



Town Hall was overflowing on Tuesday February 15th as Liz King was recognized for her faithful years of service to NDVH. Residents, staff, family and friends gathered for this unforgettable day.



The King family has been an important part of the NDVH family. For many years they have put on a Christmas Day Bingo that all residents look forward to. Thank you Liz and family!

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