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From the Desk of Mark Johnson, Administrator

I am excited about our accomplishments last year:

- We implemented an Electric Health Record system, which is up and running and doing some amazing things for the Veterans Home;
- All of the baskets for the frisbee golf course have been assembled and are ready to be put into the ground;
- The horse shoe pits are all in, but we need to finish up with installing the sand for the pits;
- Late last summer we were able to get the fountain installed, and it looks really nice. The grounds of the Veterans Home flourished with beautiful grass and new vegetation.

As we prepare for legislative session, we have our work cut out for us. We need to get our budget approved with hopefully some optional packages. This year we are asking for the workshop, pedestrian bridge, and a new residency for the administrator of the Veterans Home. The governor funded the workshop and bridge in his budget, but failed to fund the house.

We welcome your support during this legislative session. Please contact your legislators and ask for their support. If you are in Bismarck, please come up to the capital and show the legislators that you support us.

Thank you for your support and all the extras you do for the Veterans Home.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Johnson, Administrator
North Dakota Veterans Home



ADMISSIONS

We cordially invite you to visit the North Dakota Veterans Home to learn more about our fine facility and caring staff. Tours are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. To schedule please contact:

Susie Schlecht, Marketing Coordinator 701-683-6540.





Constance "Connie" Zangla

8-17-1934 to 1-15-2015



Are you ever at a loss for words? Our friend Connie was never at a loss for words. Perhaps that is part of the reason this is so difficult; it is too quiet.

Connie was the type of person you would never forget. The type of person who makes a mark on your life even if you had a brief encounter with them at a gas station or restaurant. My first encounters with Connie were via phone as she inquired about living at the Veterans

Home. She had me at hello. I could talk, or should I say listen to Connie for hours. Over the course of her stay at the Veterans Home Connie became a tour guide, spokesperson and contributor to our newsletter, "The Scuttlebutt." Readers may notice that she has resident stories in this very issue.



In May of 2014, Connie accompanied me to the AMVETS convention in Fargo. Connie shared about being a Marine, being a wife of a Marine, and her life at the Veterans Home. It went so well that Connie was invited to speak at the American Legion Convention in Minot. So, in June Connie and I (or as my husband refers to us, Thelma and Louise) hit the road to Minot. Once again Connie shared her story, telling Legion Members how much she enjoyed living with her brothers in Victory House at the North Dakota Veterans Home. Connie was quickly becoming well known throughout all the great Service Organizations that support the North Dakota Veterans Home.

Our times together were never dull. Connie did not do dull; she brought life to everything. On our trip to Minot the radio was never turned on, I had my own personal deejay as co-pilot. Politics, theology, off-colored jokes, you name it. I was given an education.

A couple of months ago Connie stopped by my office. She shared with me that she was informed she has six months to live. We both shed a few tears which were quickly ceased as Connie talked about her next home, a mansion. SJS

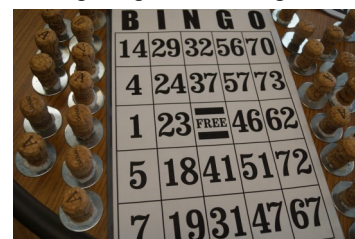


Miles Nelson is a Navy veteran who served in the Vietnam era. Miles quietly goes out of his way to assist fellow residents and visitors. His mannerisms could likely be attributed to his career as a police officer. He notices things that need to be done, and with respect and humbleness he completes the tasks. Miles also helps with bingo and other activities.



Lee Schmidt is an Air Force veteran who served in Korea. If you are a member of the DAV there is a good chance that you know Lee. Lee was very active in the Devils Lake DAV chapter and continues to be while he is a resident in Lisbon. If something needs to be done, Lee is your man. Lee made table organizers for the Peace Garden household,

which allows residents easier access to the condiments. Lee lives in the Peace Garden household where he advocates for fellow residents and keeps them up to date with the activity calendar. Last year Lee saw that several of the residents struggle with poor vision. Along with the inspiration and idea from activities staff Noreen Fahsholz, Lee started a project. Corks, metal washers, magnets, a hot glue gun, and large font bingo cards equals a renewed fun for bingo. Residents, who in the past needed assistance in Bingo, are now able to play on their own thanks to the adaptive device Lee constructed.

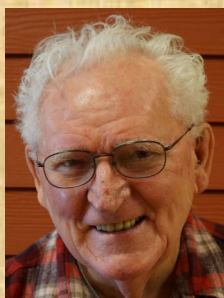


GETTING THE JOB DONE:

RESIDENTS OF

THE

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME



Wayne McKirdy, Army veteran of the Korean era, has been a resident of NDVH since 2013. What would we do without Wayne? Besides being a veteran Wayne is a Methodist pastor and very willingly fills in at chapel services. Wayne has also faithfully served as Basic Care Resident Council President, a role in which he encourages other residents to contribute and participate in their community. If you have been on a tour of the Veterans Home, you have likely run into Wayne as he loves to meet possible new residents and share his experience with them. Wayne has also given many tours of the home to visitors.



Gayle Gill is an Army veteran who served in the Vietnam era. Gayle offers a sense of security at the North Dakota Veterans Home, as he makes sure everything is in its place. While a resident, Gayle has worked in various positions including, dietary, transportation, night watchman and currently, activities. Gayle goes about his work quietly, and there is never a question that Gayle will do what is needed. Gayle anticipates schedule changes in the activity calendar, and ensures all is in place. Gayle is kind and respectful to all staff and residents, and is much appreciated.



Larry Hertwig is an Army veteran of the Vietnam era, and our resident artist. Residents and staff look forward to Larry's holiday letter as it displays one of his beautiful sketches on the cover. Recently at the National Guard Christmas Party, Larry sketched a Christmas card for General Sprynczynatyk and his wife Connie. He hand delivered it to General Sprynczynatyk, and it was very much appreciated. Larry is currently our popcorn maker, which is a big job. (We like our popcorn!) Larry also helps with Bingo and poker, and has been an active Resident Council Member in the past. Larry is always willing to help out and is friendly to all.





Larry Clifton has been a resident here for a few months; but, he fits in well, likes it here, and is well-liked. Larry hails from Ober, North Dakota which is near Devils Lake. His military duties began in 1966 when he was drafted into the Army. After training in Ft. Lewis and in Virginia, he was a heavy-wheel mechanic in Vietnam. He also saw action there with the Peterson Outfit, during part of a “burning out” process.

After that duty and a return to the states, he felt that he no longer fit into this country. Because of his own personal struggles with returning home, Larry’s current passion is encouraging Veterans to utilize the services of Veteran Service Organizations. He attributes the assistance of the Disabled Veterans of Americas for his current resi-

dency at NDVH.

These days, if you are looking for Larry you will no doubt find him with his nose in a book—specifically a western. He is working at remembering names as he fits effortlessly into his new life by *Connie Zangla*

John Farmer is a dedicated career man who served his country for 21 years in the United States Air Force. His many duties both stateside and overseas included flying supplies to both Korea and later Vietnam where he was exposed to Agent Orange, the source of his Parkinson's and short-term memory loss. After John’s retirement, he joined the Patriot Guard Riders who ride motorcycles and carry flags to funerals of fallen soldiers as well as welcome home those returning from duty. However, this was during a tumultuous time when anti-Vietnam demonstrators gathered to call the returning veterans, “Baby Killers”, thus; the Patriot Guard was disbanded in hopes of allowing grieving families to bury their heroes in peace. Later when John came to the ND Veterans Home he once again took up his flag and attends each funeral with the honor due to each Veteran. He is our faithful Honor Guard. I’m sure you join in saluting John for his dedicated service.

by *Connie Zangla*



INSPIRING— side note:

Veteran **David K. Pagel** came to the North Dakota Veterans Home to attend a funeral of a friend. While at the funeral David noticed that we have a past Patriot Guard member (John Farmer). David was so impressed that his organization, the **North Dakota Patriot Guard**, gave a \$2,000 donation towards a horseshoe pit.



strictly legal and non-violent means.

Our main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. We show sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities. When necessary and invited to do so, we shield the mourning family and friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors. We accomplish the latter through

<http://www.ndpg.org/About-Us.html>

Over 300 guests joined the residents for the Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, September 6th. **Re-Creation-USA** entertained the crowd with an amazing show featuring the best in American music. The **Sons of the American Legion of Wyndmere** provided scrumptious pork for the picnic. Thank you to all who participated and made this day possible; it was so much fun. Also, thank you to our **veterans** for giving us a reason to celebrate!



ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC



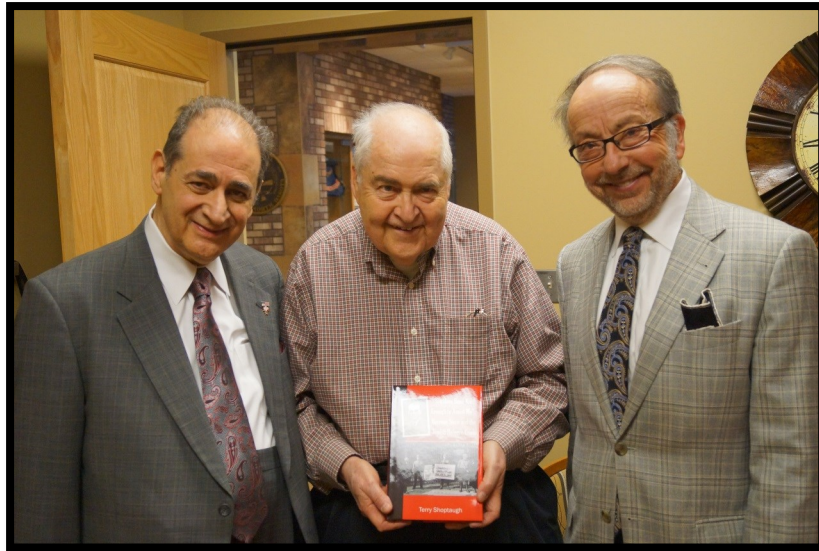


What is Re-Creation-USA?

Resident **Roger Roles** told us about a group he had heard perform while he was at the Fargo VAMC. Roger said they were so good that he had purchased a couple of their DVDS. At Roger's prompting we put in a request; and, what do you know? The only date they had available on their cross-country tour was the day of our family picnic. PERFECT! So, we were all entertained by a group of talented young people that have hearts for veterans.



Roger pictured with his family. We affectionately refer to Roger as the "Assistant to the Administrator"; he has earned the title.



Pure Class

One of our veterans has had the pleasure of having a personal suit fitting by Mr. Rick Stern of Straus Clothing. On his latest visit Rick brought friends, and donated a copy of a book about his father, Herman Stern, 40th recipient of the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award. (Pictured L to R: Frank Ratti, Charles Baarstad, Past VFW NSO), and Rick Stern of Straus Clothing).



Lisbon Area High School Band Members pictured with their "Great Maestro", aka Mr. Monilaws.

188th Army Band performed in May of 2014



Prayer Shawl Ladies



The women of the North Dakota Veterans Home were given a special gift from the ladies of the Lutheran Prayer Shawl group in Fargo. The women were presented with handmade prayer shawls. As the First Lutheran women make the shawls, they pray for each recipient. Noreen Fahsholz NDVH Activities led a time of devotions and song on the "It's Never 2 Late" electronic board. Noreen's daughter happens to be the parish nurse of First Lutheran Church.

Mother's Day Tea 2014



The places were set for the annual Mother's Day Tea, and the stories flowed as warm as the beverages. Daughters of residents participated as well as some staff members and their children.



We are guessing that a majority of our readers know who these two men are. Yes, you guessed it. The one and only Leo Feltman of Grafton(left), and BJ Brazil of Minto(right). BJ is a faithful friend to Leo, and coming to visit and picking him up for VFW conventions. BJ is holding a gift that Leo made him out of recycled plastic pop bottles.



North Sargent Choir

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For the past three years, NDVH residents have enjoyed attending “Joes for GI’s” a U.S. Bank Operation Salute Our Service Members event. For \$5.00 attendees can enjoy a sloppy joe meal with such entertainment as military vehicles on display, color guard, missing man ceremony, singing of the National Anthem, and a fly-over with military aircraft. All proceeds benefit military organizations, members and their families. This year, the event was held at two locations: U.S. Bank Plaza downtown Fargo, 505 2nd Avenue North, and U.S. Bank Service Center, 4325 17th Ave SW, Fargo.



My, how times have changed!

*Titan Machinery staff sponsored a machinery day for the residents of NDVH. Residents reminisced about the machinery of earlier days while Titan staff educated all on new methods and pieces of equipment such as track tire tractors.



Sound Celebration



Members of Sound Celebration perform for the residents of NDVH and the local community.

THE GIFT OF TIME



Warrior Brotherhood Motorcycle Group



Combat Veterans

Motorcycle Association Chapter 42-1



Big Bucks Bingo, picnic lunch, and visiting with brother and sister Veterans. What's not to smile about?



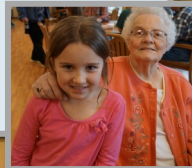
Herbert Handt is a WWII Army Veteran who recently moved to NDVH from Valley City, where he volunteered at the Barnes County Museum and shared his military history to guests. Herb made such an impact on the Berg family during their visit to the museum that they tracked him down to his new location to pay him a visit. The Berg family and their relatives made apple bars for the residents and staff, and spent the entire day at NDVH soaking up history and making good memories.



Resident **Wally Iverson** gave the Berg children a homemade gift including wind chimes made from recycled pop bottles and an airplane modeled from an aluminum can. Wally shared his military history with the kids as well as his career with the railroad.

IS PRICELESS

Lisbon Second Graders bring out the best smiles



To the right: Meet **Ken Wallner**, Army Veteran who served in WWII. Meet Miss **Mae Eversvik**, Lisbon second grader. The Lisbon second grade teachers have faithfully been bringing their students to NDVH to bond with the residents. The students buddy up with a Veteran when they arrive, read a story or work on a craft project. Mae liked her buddy so well that she asked her dad to take her to the Veterans Home on Veterans Day to meet her special friend Ken. You melted our hearts Miss Mae.





Alice Decker and Robert Berg.



Kirstin Narum Ridley and Ken Wallner.

Dance, dance, dance to “Marv and the Moonlighters”!



Elaine Qual and her dance partner.



Wally Iverson always smiling.



*The Belles of the Ball:
Jackie and Norma*



Justine Nieves and Robert Timm.



The **Raw Sugar** band of Lisbon is definitely one of the favorites at NDVH, hometown boys who know how to play.



Joseph De Mossy pictured with Wayne McKirdy. Thank you Wayne for talking your friend into entertaining us.



John Farmer shows Noreen Fahsholz how to move on the dance floor.

Lisbon third graders performed concert pieces and highlighted various composers.



Joseph DeMossy entertained residents with song, dance, and jokes.



Daryl Ritchison, North Dakota Assistant State Climatologist came to NDVH to interview four residents about their experience in the Dust Bowl. Les and Arlene Gibson's daughter Cindy is a friend of Daryl's and invited him to interview her father Les and fellow veterans. Pictured to the left is Daryl with Les and Arlene Gibson.

Pictured below Ed Bjerke, Wally Iverson, Harry Hakanson and Daryl Ritchison.





Residents Lee Schmidt and Marvin Nordlinder accompanied by a Resident Living Specialist go for an afternoon ride on the NDVH grounds.



RHODES CAR IS A HIT

The Veterans Home acquired a two-seater Rhodes car which resident and staff enjoyed throughout the summer months.

Tom and Mariol Knapp celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2014.

Car Show



Liz Martin is a member of the ***Dakota Rodders*** Car Club. Liz has been an employee of NDVH for 23 years and is always willing to help make NDVH a better place. Liz invited the Dakota Rodders to come to NDVH to put on a car show for the residents. Thank you to all who brought their unique vehicles to NDVH.

Not only did Liz use her connections to get a Car Show at NDVH...she also encouraged the Veterans Home to seek a donation from Toppers Car Club of Fargo. Administrator, Mark Johnson wrote to Toppers seeking funding towards the purchase of four Automated External Defibrillator Systems for the facility.

Just what is the Toppers Car Club, how did it begin and where is it headed? Well the Toppers Car Club of Fargo-Moorhead was originally formed in 1953 by Fargo-an Erlyn Carlson, with a membership of 15 members. The purpose of the founding was to bring a group of people together that could meet & share their interests in all types of cars. This continues to be the foundation of the club but has expanded to help meet the needs of organizations and charities of North Dakota and Minnesota by donating portions of the proceeds to them.

Over the years, the membership was upped from 15 members to 20. Over the years over 300 people have been Toppers members. The Trademark of the Toppers is and always has been, the black jacket with the white top hat and white lettering. The Clubs first car show was in 1957 in downtown Fargo. In 1960 the Show moved to the Fargo Civic and was then moved to its current location at the West Fargo Veteran Memorial Building. Each year the show has been getting bigger and better, trying to showcase some of the best vehicles in the area.

As a non-profit organization most of the proceeds from the car show go to charity with just enough retained to cover operating expenses. Source: <http://www.topperscarclub.com/cms/>

The North Dakota Veterans Home was recipient of the 2014 August donation. Toppers Car Club doubled the amount they had committed to donating, and presented the gift live on, The Jay Thomas Show to Veterans Home staff, Liz Martin and Susie Schlecht.



Wanda Cavett, Director of Nursing shows off the new defibrillator's while Liz Martin holds the check.

FINDING FAITH



Benjamin Duane Hylden, Author of "Finding Faith in the Field", shared his personal story with residents in Town Hall. Benjamin shared his journey of faith following a horrific car accident.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Students from St. Aloysius Church of Lisbon VBS performed several songs they learned in the Peace Garden household.



Hope AFLC
VBS students
of Enderlin .



VBS Team leaders and students visit with veterans following a time of song.

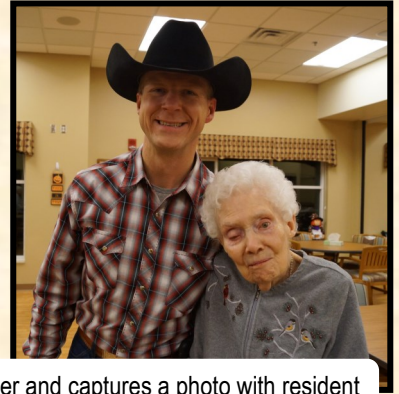
ENTERTAINMENT



Spark Sisters from California, Resident Irene Saar's great nieces.



Greg Hager performs with his daughter and captures a photo with resident Norma Jameson.



Don Willy
& friends



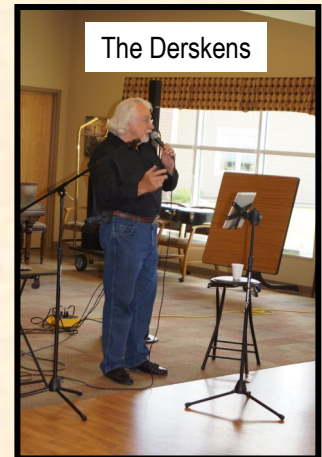
Elijah Matthews and teacher Eileen Geske



Ed DeWald of
Dilworth and
his accordion



Gibson Sisters



The Derskens

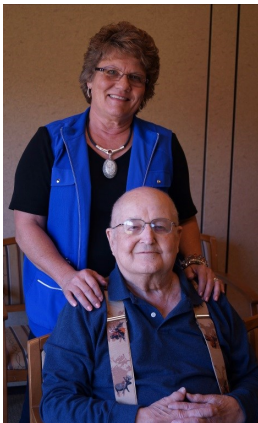


Detroit Lakes Cloggers



June would not be June without the annual **DAV picnic**. Residents and staff look forward to this event each year. DAV members come from across the state to provide a great meal as well as put on a bingo. Thank you to all the DAV members that make this day possible.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

All of it went! The Veterans Home continues to be the hot spot for trick-or-treating in Lisbon.



Mrs North Dakota Eliza Potraz of Jamestown graced the residents with her presence on Veterans Day 2014. Eliza is a member of the Disabled Veterans Auxiliary .



What is a Veteran? A Veteran whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve is someone who at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America, for the amount of their life. That is honor. Today there are too many people in this country who no longer understand that fact. Veterans are not ordinary people they are special, they are people we should respect, not because they are older than most of but because they served for our country. No one who fights for their country should have to fight for a job, a roof over their head, or the care they need. When Veterans return home they may seem like no big deal but they sacrifice their life for us. I feel they are not respected enough, hopefully someday that will change and the people that don't care will realize **heroes don't wear capes they wear dog tags.** To some people it may matter only that the Veteran served in the war, but those people are wrong. The Veterans still do a lot, for instance when I was eight, maybe seven, an older gentleman approached me and gave me a dollar. Of course I didn't understand then but I now know, that dollar was more than a dollar. My mom asked him why he did this gesture of kindness, and he said when he was in Afghanistan, every day he and his friends would give a little girl a dollar. He has continued this gesture stateside, he goes out of his way doing this every day along with telling his story. I think that is what Veterans do and I'm not talking about giving little girls dollars, but acts of kindness. Even after they take off that uniform their desire to help does not end. Veterans do things that are kind and unnecessary beyond the battle field, not because they are ordered to, they do this because they have seen things that we probably never will and they have felt emotions that we may never feel. Veterans, have likely learned that they maybe do not need that extra dollar or whatever else they share, it could be they do things now that may have a story or

be unexplainable. This is all due to what they have done, what they risked their lives for. They have contributed to our safety, they work for us and they do not even know us. Some Veterans lose limbs and some make the ultimate sacrifice and by giving their life in war. This is all for us, for our country, and through the years the Veterans slowly forgot the sacrifices they made in their earlier years some even as young as 18. Some families might have been against the decision of the Veteran to join the military while others may have been supportive. Was it fun? Probably not. They were probably in the best shape of their lives. We should remember those who have gone on before us, and thank God that such men lived. There may be some people who wonder if Veterans have made a difference. Veterans should not have this problem. I may not be able to fill their boots but I will always support our troops. This is the land of the free because of the brave. While people are looking at the back of a jersey or uniform, I would rather look at the chest of a Veteran. To our men and women in uniform, past, present and future God bless you. Thank you for being dressed for success from your head to your boots. To all citizens, I hope you enjoy your freedom; thank a Veteran, those who fight, not because they hate the enemy, but because they love their country. 97% of Americans will wake up and enjoy freedom, only 3% will defend it. The fallen will not be forgotten

I dedicate this to

My grandfather Leo Anderson who served from 1967-1970 US ARMY Vietnam

And

My great-grandfather Joe Allan who was a POW in WWII

Layia Anderson —Age 12—Enderlin, ND



Pancake Breakfast provided by the Lisbon American Legion



Oak Grove School Band

Jamestown Drum and Bugle Corp

Veterans week is full of special events everyday. From the American Legion Pancake Breakfast to musical entertainment, the week is celebratory. This year we tried something new, a time of military stories and sharing. Several Lisbon American Legion members took part in an roundtable discussion about their experience in Korea and Vietnam. Thank you to all who made this week extra special.



Military Stories and sharing in Town Hall



Music by Lisbon 5th and 6th Graders

Air Force Association

American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop



Dinner and Dessert concert with music by Lisbon High School Swing Choir and Jazz Band



West Fargo VFW Annual Christmas Party for Veterans
Home residents. Music, food and five dollars for all.

Holiday Celebrations



VFW Auxiliary Post 2764 faithfully prepares mints for
each veteran for a Christmas treat.



This little girl Alexis Reinke, granddaughter of Brenda
Elijah, saved money from the sale of her pumpkin crop
and informed her family that she wanted to put on a
bingo for the veterans at the Veterans Home. Thank you
Alexis!

National Guard Christmas Party

Together, guard members and residents enjoyed a holiday meal that included chicken, carrots, potatoes and pie. After the meal, the Guardsmen handed out gifts — one for each veteran. Annually, the state's Army and Air National Guard components take turns with the opportunity to coordinate the event, which has taken place for more than 20 years thanks to the volunteer efforts and personal donations of the Guard members.



"We're so fortunate to have this opportunity to show our appreciation for those who have served," said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general. "I truly appreciate the service of the veterans in the room today — those who live here, and those of you who are visiting."

Source: <http://www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/news/Pages/GuardsmenVisitVetsHome14.aspx>.



TEAM RED WHITE AND BLUE

Resident Herbert Handt pictured with granddaughter, Team RWB member.



Bismarck Chapter members enjoyed the evening meal with residents. Afterwards, they put on a bingo and handed out resident gifts that they had personally shopped for. As you can see the residents were truly pleased.



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Donations Continued

DVDs4VETS of New York, NY	Jamestown Girl Scouts Troop 30850	Lu Miller of Bismarck
Edgeley Public School	Jane Lean of West Fargo	Lynn Leider of Ellendale
Edward & Cindy Rivera of Satellite Beach, FL	Jared Richter of NDSU	Lynn W. Shattuck of Velva
Elm River Lutheran Sisters Choise Quilt Club of Galesburg	Jeremy Seelye of Fairmount	M.B. Cassell & Company of Finley
Farmers Union Oil of Hope	Joel & Sue Heitkamp of Hankinson	Madison Elementary School 3 rd Graders of Fargo
Fetting's Frozen Dough Products	Judy Tollefson of Fargo	Martin Community VBS of Anamoose
Finley Farmers Grain & Elevator Co	Julie Donnelly of Columbus, IN	Martin Luther K-8 of Bismarck
Finley Gaming	Katie Tanner of Lisbon	Mary Lou Roller of Hope
Finley Lumber & Supply	Keith Jacobson of Hope	Mayville Lutheran Church
Finley Motors, Inc	Ken Asteop of Jamestown	Melvin & Shirley Bjerke of Kathryn
Finley Wildlife	Kenmare Public School	Michelle Ringdahl of Wahpeton
First Financial Bank of Sharon	Kulm Public School	Mic's Grocery of Hope
Gary and Judy Ross of Lisbon	Lamoure Girls Scouts	Mid Dakota Red Cross Chapter of Minot
GFAFB Youth Center	LaMoure Public School	Mooreton Lutheran Church Women
Gigi Moore of Oakes	Larry Wegner of Enderlin	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Halverson of Fargo
Gran Lutheran Church of Mayville	Laurie Albright, Job Service of ND of Fargo	Mrs. Larry Fueller of Underwood
Greenfield 4-H Club of Hunter	Lawrence O. Plaunt of Oscoda, MI	Mrs. Marvin Siedschlag of LaMoure
Grimsrud Elementary of Bismarck, Mrs. Leapaltd-Johnson 2nd Graders	Leach Public Library of Wahpeton	Naomi Braaten of Plymouth, MN
Heggy's Body Shop of Finley	Leon & Pamela Montag of Finley	National Guard Association of North Dakota
Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Powers Lake	Leon Hiltner and friends of Cavalier County	National Mutual Insurance of Dickinson
Holy Family Catholic Church of Grand Forks	Lewis and Clark Elementary	ND Air Force Association of Minot
Hope Electric	Lisbon 2nd Graders	ND Amvets Auxiliary
Howard and Roberta Underwood of Sharon	Lisbon Boy Scouts and Randy Gallagher	North Dakota Patriot Guard
Ihry Insurance of Hope	Lisbon Girl Scouts	Northridge Elementary of Bismarck
	Lisbon School, Mrs Falk 5th & 6th Graders	Olive Gibbs of Willow City
	Lorraine Boehler of Bismarck	Oran & Audrey Keith of Sherwood
		Orrin & Susan Johnson of Finley

We are so overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of those who have given of their time and talents to benefit the Veterans Home. Please realize how much your gift means to us and accept our apology if we neglected to send you a thank you.

Donations Continued

Our Saviours Lutheran Church of Park River	VFW Auxiliary #4324 of Wahpeton	Zion Lutheran Church Quilters of Berlin
Pembina County Legion	VFW Auxiliary #760 of Jamestown	Zion Lutheran Church Quilters of Grand Rapids
R & B Wireless LLC of Finley	VFW Auxiliary #9367 of Grafton	<i>In memory of Chris Tviet</i>
Ransom County Fair Association	VFW Auxiliary Department of ND	American Legion #156 of Edinburg
Robert Fors of Larimore	VFW Auxiliary Post #1874 of Grand Forks	<i>In memory of Clement Lonski</i>
Roger & Carol Anderson of Finley	VFW Auxiliary Post #2764 of Valley City	Bernadine Frownfelter of Fargo
Roger Anderson of Finley	VFW Auxiliary Post #6264 of Strasburg	<i>In memory of Leslie Gibson</i>
Rumors Tavern of Finley	VFW Auxiliary Post #7564 of West Fargo	Lisa Gibbens of Fargo
Simulmedia, Inc. of New York, NY	VFW Auxiliary Post #760 of Jamestown	<i>In memory of Sharon Peterson</i>
Smokey's Bar of Sharon	VFW Auxiliary Post #8688 of Bottineau	Pearl Anundson of Olympia, WA
Sports Bar of Hope	VFW Auxiliary Post #9367 of Grafton	<i>In memory of Willie Barsten</i>
St. Agatha's Christian Mothers of Hope	VFW Department of ND	David & Susanne Olson of Lisbon
Standing Rock WELCA of Fort Ransom	VFW Post #1326 of Bismarck	Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon
Steve Campbell of Fairmount	VFW Post #2764 of Valley City	Ina Smith of Forman
Steve Voightman of Oakes	VFW Post #3363 of Lisbon	Janet Blair of Wauwatosa, WI
Stone's Market of Finley	VFW Post #3379 of Cooperstown	Robert & Margie McLaughlin of Havana
Team Red, White and Blue, of Bismarck	VFW Post #4655 of Casselton	<i>In memory of Victor Hass</i>
The Country Store of Powers Lake	VFW Post #7564 of West Fargo	Rolf & Vickie Aufforth of Bowbells
The Press Box, Inc of Finley	VFW Post #762 of Fargo	<i>In memory of Gene Keller</i>
Thelma Roles of Devils Lake	VFW Post #9050 of Enderlin	Allen A Bollinger of Edgeley
Thielges Therapy, Inc.	VFW Post #9070 of Colfax	Arlo & Dorine Nohrenberg of Pingree
Tom and Jackie Saddler of Grand Forks	VFW Post #2707 of Northwood	Daniel Hornung of Jamestown
Toppers Car Club of Fargo	VFW Post #9317 of Mantador	Jerald & Frances Kurtz of Jamestown
Town & County Co-op of Finley	Vicky Weisenburger of Noblesville, IN	Richard Mogck of Jamestown
United Methodist Women Eastern Sunrise Division of Clear Lake, SD	Viet Nam Vets Motorcycle Club	Timothy & Crystal Lytle of Ypsilanti
US Bank Joes for GI's	Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #374 of North Dakota	<i>In memory of Harry Leum, James Little, Orville Skar & Wayne Tunseth</i>
VA Health Care System	VNV LV M/C Chapter B of Mandan	American Legion Post# 8 of Mayville
Val Hegel of Breckenridge, MN	Waldheim WELCA of Kathryn	<i>In memory of William "Bill" Guyer</i>
VFW Auxiliary #3524 of Carrington	Wanda Peterson of Fargo	Carol Guymer of Bismarck
VFW Auxiliary #3545 of Ellendale	Washington Elementary of Valley City	DeNae Kautzman of Mandan
	Willow City Mission Quilters of Willow City	Janis Dorman of Clarissa, MN

In memory of Elroy Mogck

Alice Cueva of Jamestown
 Blaise & Vicki Johnson of West Fargo
 Daniel Hornung of Jamestown
 Daryl & Jean Neumiller of Jamestown
 David & Sally Harmon of Fargo
 Doug & Joan Mork of Bismarck
 Gabriel & Jeannine Amon of Crookston, MN
 Gladys Jahn of Jud
 Jacquelyn Tarpinian of Jamestown
 Joel & Ann Marie Wilson of Jamestown
 John & Susan Greenwood of Jamestown
 Linnea Amsden of Wilton
 Lorraine Holmstrom of Lisbon
 Marion Martin of Bismarck
 Monica Lubbers of Jamestown
 Nadine Kainz of Jamestown
 Pamela Burkhardt of Jamestown
 Paula Johnson of Moorhead, MN
 Raleigh & Janice Moore of Jamestown
 Richard & Colleen Nelson of Jamestown
 Richard Mogck of Jamestown
 Sharon Lanctot of Crookston, MN
 Wanda Mogck of Lisbon
 William & Patricia Johnson of Jamestown

In memory of Norris Braaten

Dean Overby of Wahpeton
 Judith Lee of West Fargo
 Lois Breker of Rutland

In Honor of Tom & Mariol Knapp's Anniversary

Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon

In memory of Royce Aubol

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #72 of Napoleon

In memory of Audrey Fadness

Charles & Nancy Murphy of Fargo

In memory of Stan Krchnavy

Tim & Faye Huether of Lisbon

In memory of Bob Jodsaas

Trevor & Ashley Seelig of Lisbon

In memory of Stan Krchnavy, Bill Martin & Audrey Fadness

Fred & Alma Martin of Lisbon

In memory of Stephen J. Grothe

Elaine Qual of Lisbon

In honor of Tom Anderson and Reverend Jerry Rosin

American Legion Post #143 of Cooperstown

In memory of Harvey Nicoli

Donald & Josephine Nicoli of Gresham, OR

In memory of Milton D. Murray

Edie Reinke of Lisbon

Steve & Kristie Reinke of Lisbon

In honor of Vietnam Veterans MC

VFW Post #7564 of West Fargo

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause." - Abraham Lincoln

Wish List

- New Large Font Alarm Clocks or Wall Clocks
- Stamps
- Batteries all sizes
- 300 piece puzzles with large pieces
- New Electric Razors
- Skeins of Yarn
- Yarn Looms (hats, socks or square)
- Crochet Hooks for Yarn Work
- Portable CD Players
- Craft Supplies

⇒ If you have specific items that you are looking to donate please contact at 701-683-6548

Your generosity knows no end....



Marlys Aubol has been a good friend to the Veterans Home. Thanks to Marlys' **American Legion Auxiliary President Project** the Veterans Home has a fountain in the pond. As you can see the fountain enhances the beauty of the Veterans Home campus.

Marlys and fellow American Legion and Auxiliary members came to see the fountain in motion.



Marlys Aubol presents the donation to Administrator Mark Johnson.



VFW State Commander Emery Fisher and Auxiliary President Delores Mattis present funds for equipment in the woodshop. The presentation was made at the Casselton VFW Club in October of 2014. Previous donations of over \$15,000 was presented at the VFW Convention in June held at the West Fargo VFW Club.

Susie Schlecht accepts the donation for NDVH with her assistant Nolan. Presenting are State Commander Emery Fischer and State Auxiliary President Deloris Mathias.



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association of North Dakota Chapter 42-1



Legion Riders present a donation to Administrator, Mark Johnson.



Warrior Brotherhood



Laurie Albright, recipient of the Excellence in Service Award from Job Service of North Dakota presented a donation to Administrator Mark Johnson. Laurie donated her winnings to purchase equipment for the woodshop.



Cogswell American Legion members made a special trip to Lisbon to donate treats for all residents.



AMVETS of Valley City



In memory of Katherine Kingston given by Gary and Judy Ross, Katie Tanner and Brenda Elijah



The American Legion of Streeter



Walcott American Legion Auxiliary



Bowden Lutheran Quilts LaVerne & Norma Bruer



DAV member and resident Lee Schmidt asked his DAV Unit in Devils Lake to donate a flag for the POW/MIA memorial.



Friends of Caviler County. CVSO Leon Hiltner and his spouse present items to Administrator Mark Johnson and Director of Social Services Jann Neameyer.



Fargo VFW #762 present Mark Johnson with a donation on their annual donut delivery trip to NDVH.



The American Legion of Thompson joined us to celebrate Veterans Day. Pictured with Kristin Lunneborg, CFO accepting a donation.

DEFICIENCY FREE SURVEY



Mentors (Management team) prepared a picnic for staff to celebrate the successful survey results.

Kudos to the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon. The Veterans Administration inspection was just completed, and zero deficiencies were found.

Both the VA survey team and the North Dakota state ombudsman had praise for the Veterans Home, saying that it is a "model facility for culture change" for state veterans' homes.

The inspectors had very positive comments in several areas, including "one of the best infection control programs ... seen," and "one of the best dietary departments" they surveyed.

I can vouch for the good food, since I visit there occasionally — not only for meetings, but also to visit my brother-in-law who has lived there for a year.

The North Dakota Veterans Home is nearly new, having opened in May 2011. It is on 90 acres of wooded land near the Sheyenne River, with beautiful grounds.

It has 142 private rooms and four semi-private rooms that can accommodate married couples, and each room has a private bath.

There are skilled care rooms as well as basic care rooms. The services and recreational opportunities are first rate, and staff members are genuinely involved with the residents.

With all of the criticisms we have heard recently about VA facilities, everyone needs to know what an outstanding place the North Dakota Veterans Home is and how absolutely terrific the staff and the community of Lisbon are to the veterans who call this fine place home.

They truly carry out their mission of "caring for America's heroes."

Stop by and visit when you are near Lisbon, or check the website at www.nd.gov/ndvh for photos and additional information. All North Dakotans should be proud of our veterans home.

By [JUDY LEE West Fargo](#)

Lee sits on the North Dakota Governing Board. Thank you Judy for the kinds word and recognition of the staffs members.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Tanya Opp, Judy Devitt and Amber Nims, all Resident Living Specialists in the Freedom Ridge and Courage Cove households make a difference in residents' lives daily. These ladies donated their time and talents to create a beautiful landscaped area in the households' courtyard. In addition to these three individuals' gifts, we also received a financial gift from **Gran Church in Mayville** which was used to purchase a fountain. **Rich Peterson**, member of Gran Lutheran shared that five years ago their church started having a patriotic service once a year in the summer. The service which is open to the community celebrates such aspects of our history including the reading of the Constitution, flag folding, and reading the history of Gettysburg. Because these services have been well attended, Gran Lutheran decided to give the Sunday's offering to Veteran affiliated groups. The first year they gave to the Wounded Warriors Project and the second year they gave their offering to the North Dakota Veterans Home. Residents enjoy looking out the dining room window at the tranquil setting. Thank you Gran Lutheran as well as Tanya, Judy and Amber. What a difference you have made.



GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN EXCELLENCE

Bob Nelson, plant operations supervisor, North Dakota Veterans Home (NDVH), Lisbon, has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. He received the award from Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley at a luncheon at the Capitol in Bismarck on Sept. 8. The luncheon kicked off Employee Recognition Week.

"Bob has been with the Veterans Home for 20 years", said Mark Johnson, administrator, NDVH. "I have worked with him for 8 1/2 years. During that time, Bob has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty. Bob played a major role in building the new Veterans Home. He spent numerous hours managing the old plant, as well as countless hours over at the new building overseeing contractors work. He was able to identify and eliminate numerous problematic issues over in the new building before we were set to move in. Under Bob's leadership, I've seen the mainte-



Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley (left) presented the Governor's Award for Excellence to Bob Nelson (center) while Mark Johnson, administrator, NDVH, Lisbon, looks on.

nance department become one of the strongest departments at the Veterans Home. He is an outstanding individual who deserves this honor."

**Only six state employees
received the award in
each of six categories.**



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering at the Veterans Home
please contact:

Noreen Fahsholz 683-6557 or Susie Schlecht 683-6540





TAPS

Stan Krchnavy
Harvey Nicoli
Joe Klein

Elroy Mogck
Harold Gums

Vilas Walhood
Les Gibson



*My comfort in my suffering is this:
Your promise preserves my life.
Psalm 119:50*



Delilah Owen

Happy Retirement



Pat Olson



Dean Seelig

WELCOME ABOARD TO NEW EMPLOYEES

Tracy Lien, Basic RLS

Calli Porter, Skilled RLS (temp)

Jodean Witt, Skilled RLS

Chad Lambrecht, Maintenance/
Grounds

Stacy Freitag, Skilled LPN

Carla Aberle, Skilled RN

Loni Czajkowski, Basic RLS

Manda Patterson, Basic RLS

Megan Lunneborg, Skilled RLS (temp)

Mikayla Smith, 4/8

Cindy Wilkinson, Skilled RLS

Kathy Anderson, Basic LPN

Christy Schmitz, Skilled RLS (temp)

Gwen Klein, Skilled RLS (temp)

Jordan Fisher, Skilled RLS

Brianna Monroe, Skilled RLS

Heidi Hegle, Skilled RN (temp)

Michele Bartholomay, Basic RLS

Brent Larson, 4/8

Laurie Tommeraus, Skilled RLS
(temp)

Christina Ferderer, Basic RLS (temp)

Stephanie Lee, Basic RLS

Kacy Smith, Skilled RLS (temp)

Felicia Stangeland, Skilled RLS

Jane Blackburn, Basic/Skilled LPN
(temp)

Rita Maudal, Housekeeping

Kathleen Parrow, Basic RLS (temp)



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As well as many staff and residents



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