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I want to start by thanking all of the volunteer organizations for the dollars and hours they have spent donating to the North Dakota Veterans Home over the last year. So many organizations have given the residents of the Veterans Home special gifts whether it be donations for bingo or just by sharing their special talents through song or companionship.

Looking back over our accomplishments of 2015, I think the largest one would be the demolition of the old veteran's home. RTS Shearing (the demolition company) spent hundreds of hours carefully demolishing and removing the old building. The process took approximately nine months from start to finish. When you look out the front windows of the new building you can hardly tell that the old building was on campus. The empty lot has been landscaped and planted with fresh new grass.



At a recent Governing Board meeting a decision was made to have the NDSU Landscaping Department students come and design a master plan for the campus. With this plan we want to develop a long range plan that will set in motion the future of the ND Veterans Home and the campus. Some of the ideas we plan to incorporate into the drawings include a new resident workshop/art studio, amphitheater, memorial gardens, picnic shelters, walking bridge and new living quarters for the administrators.

Plans have already started for the workshop/studio. We hope to be bidding and building it the summer of 2016. Everyone is excited about the future of the Veterans Home, and we are committed to making it one of the best State Veterans Homes in the country.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Johnson, Administrator North Dakota Veterans Home



remarkable resident of the North Dakota Veterans Home. Lois's mother, by herself sailed from Norway at age seventeen to the United States, and she has continued that adventurous precedent.

After graduating high school from Hannaford, ND in 1941, Lois attended business school in Fargo. However, tired of the cold and snow she and her best friend from Burlington, ND decided to venture west to Seattle, WA. her employment with Boeing only taking time off to raise Her parents gave her some money, and on the train when she began to cry the conductor said. 'You can always go it was fun starting as one of the youngest employees and back, you know."

On the morning Lois arrived at the depot in Seattle. Boeing recruiters were on site as well as the housing authority to assist with housing placement. Lois and her

Lois Steinborn, a woman with verve and wit, is a aided in the construction of missile silos during the Cold War.) They called Minot home for 2-1/2 years, followed by Langdon, and eventually Great Falls for another five years, all of which time the family resided in a trailer with their three children. Following this stint in North Dakota, they returned to Seattle, WA for another seven years. After which, they again relocated to the "field" for another five.

> Upon their return trips to Seattle, Lois continued their children until they were school age. Lois shares that retiring as one of the oldest at age sixty-seven in 1989. Sadly, during her employment with Boeing, her husband Ron passed away in 1978 of a brain tumor at the age of fifty-nine.

friend both signed on at Boeing and lived in roughly three different boarding houses and two apartments before Lois met and married fellow Boeing employee Ron Neave of Oregon at age twenty -three.

After a few weeks training she became a mechanic for Boeing. Using a Cleco qun, Lois drilled holes in the aluminum sheets on the wing line of the B17 Flying Fortress-



es, of which 12,731 models were built. These 65,000 pound giants were responsible for dropping 640,036 ton the 737 model planes.

Lois recalls a few details about working at the factory. For example, the factory building itself was camouflaged with canvas, on which images of a residential area were depicted as well as artificial trees placed. She also remembers hearing about Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Denmark, has experienced an adventurous life in the Unitdeath in April of 1944, which was announced over the loudspeaker, despite the assembly noise and the dishtowels the women wore on their heads.

In 1962 Lois's husband Ron was accepted into the Minuteman Program, which allowed them the opportunity you, and her laughter will delight you. to move their family back to North Dakota. (This program

"Steiny" Steinborn, and the two were married in 1993. Also, Lois and her best friend from Burlington reunited in 1995 for a two week trip to the Scandinavian countries, their favorite being Norway.

Ron's passing did

not mark the end of

the adventures for

Lois. Fifty-two years

later at a high school

reunion of her grad-

uating class of a

mere nineteen, Lois

with

Harold

reacquainted

classmate

Lois and her husband "Steiny," a Navy veteran bombs in daylight raids over Europe. When an adequate who served on the U.S.S. Callahan Destroyer, have been supply of B-17's were made. Lois switched gears and as- residents of the North Dakota Veterans Home since March sisted in the assembly of the B-29's. Throughout her time of 2012. Lois's hobbies include antiques, baking, collecting at Boeing, she also applied vinyl to the panel interiors of cookbooks, fishing, and going to auctions. She has a daughter Lisa in Montana, a son Ron in Washington, and a daughter Lori in North Dakota. Her step-children include Steve of Minnesota, Kyle of Minnesota, and Tamara of Arizona.

> Lois, as much as her grandparents who came from ed States serving her country. When asked what she misses most about Seattle, Lois shared the scenery, friends, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

For more stories, see Lois. Her memory will amaze

Submitted by Catherine

Giving thanks for those who give so much



DAV Andy Nomland #2 members host Thanksgiving Bingo.



DAV State Commander Dave Vareberg with Jim Duron at the DAV Picnic.



American Legion Commander Harold Bud Goldsmith has visited the Veterans Home several times over 2015. He is pictured with fellow Legionnaire Bob Lindblom.









Muarry Strom AMVETS State Commander and his wife Pauline took a tour of the Veteran Home.



A presentation of the flag, terrific musical entertainment, and of course a BIG Bingo provided by AMVETS Post #9.



AMVETS Post #9 brings meaning by remembering POW and MIA's to their annual event at NDVH.



American Legion Riders present a donation to Jann Neameyer and Brenda Elijah .



The Second Brigade Motorcycle group out of Bismarck presents a check to Administrator Mark Johnson.



Roger Satren, East Region Vice Commander ND 2014-2015, Orletta Kilen running for Commander Elect of AL and Ted Becker Western Region Ex-Committee member.



Wrapped in Love

Remember as a child how it felt to have that security of a special blanket? The feeling of security is important to our Veterans when they move into their new home here at NDVH. We are so lucky to have people that understand that and take time to make special quilts. Thanks for what you do!

Marie Ellsworth of Independence, MO Rose Solseng Olson of Northwood Josephine Loomer of Surrey Prince of Peace Lutheran, Beulah Edgley United Methodist

Jane Nohre of Bismarck ALA Post #1

Diane Zeck of Quilts of Valor



Napoleon American Legion and Auxiliary



Goodrich American Legion Auxiliary

Jann Neameyer and the McKlusky American Legion Auxiliary

Cooperstown #142 American Legion and Auxiliary members Harwood American Legion Auxiliary

Walcott American Legion Auxiliary put on a terrific bingo.



Carol and Cheryl, otherwise known as "The Nelson Girls," have become part of the extended Peace Garden family as their father Arnold Nelson is a resident there. The Nelson Girls are creative and have added some flare to the home no matter what the season. Pictured is one of



the many crafts that the girls have coordinated with the NDVH activities department. Thank you!





A perfect pair: **Don Willy** on the accordion and **Irene Hoenhause** on the Ivory.



Demonstrating the love they learn about in Sunday school, the **Trinity Lutheran First Grade** students delivered special Valentines to the skilled care residents in February.







Richard Norberg gets his first experience taking a picture with Brenda Elijah, and oh how memorable.



Lisbon Second Graders take several trips to the Veterans Home throughout the school year. On this trip they took time to buddy up with a resident and read a book.



IRENE AND HER SISTER KEEPING THINGS PEPPY ON ST. PATRICKS DAY



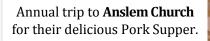
Bobcat Gives Back:

Doosan-Bobcat employees took an afternoon off to spend with residents of NDVH. Several residents and staff have connections with Bobcat as it is a major employer in the area.



Sonny, Jon and Greg enjoying Root Beer Floats from Bobcat employees.

There is always time for Pinochle!





"I've Never Seen Anything Like It," was the theme of Daryl Ritchisons presentation he made at the Veterans Home in March of 2015. This was the second time that Daryl has been at the Veterans Home to share with the residents as well as to visit with them about experiences in their lifetimes. Thank you Daryl!





Sonny Johnson keeps busy all year long. Sonny is pictured here with a replica of the "Old Soldiers Home". Sonny has been making frames for puzzles that other residents complete.

Thanks Sonny!



We started something new for the skilled residents and their families this past year and called it "Spring Fling." We used to have a Christmas Party, in addition to the Summer Picnic, however this was often difficult related to weather and roads. Yet, the residents expressed wanting time to get together with their families more than just once per year, so we started a "Spring Fling."

The residents had talked about various ideas on entertainment and we decided on having entertainer Chuck Suchy come to perform. He is a singer and songwriter born and raised in Mandan, ND. The event was held on Saturday, April 18th. It was a great day with fun for all. We are now looking at making this an annual event.

Spring Fling Jann Neameyer,

Director of Activities and Social Services













Many children and their families came to the big Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the **North Dakota Veterans Home Basic Care Resident Council**. Children walked up and down the halls to find the eggs with prizes, all while hoping they would find the egg with the ticket for a bicycle.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Dinner, dancing, and memories...definitely worth the trip to Bismarck for USO Night.





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The **Kulm First Graders** collected their pennies for the third year in a row and donated them to the residents of the Veterans Home. Pictured above: The Kulm First Grade Class with Morris Sjostrom of Kulm. Pictured left: Don Williams receives a hug from his granddaughter, student of Kulm School.



Lisbon Head Start kids rode the bus to entertain residents at the Veterans Home.



Frank would never pass up a moment to pose with **Lisbon High Music Students**.



The **Wyndemere** Honor Students venture to Lisbon to show their gratefulness to our Veterans.

Lisbon Community VBS





Lisbon Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts faithfully come to the Veterans Home each year for a Flag Retirement ceremony.



ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING



Everyone wanted their picture taken with this traveling Elvis whose goal is to perform his show at every Veterans Home in the country. Thanks for stopping in North Dakota!





Virgil Olson poses with Robert Billing. Virgil performed some classic songs that the residents truly appreciated.



Gibson Sing-a-long. Residents enjoy these special sing-a-longs led by the Gibson Family! Thank you Paul, Sue, and Cindy!

Ken Sperry, basic care resident of NDVH was proud to travel with fellow residents to his son's apiary near Kindred, ND. Ken passed his beekeeping skills down to Mark who demonstrated how their business works. Thank you Ken and Mark!





Marty Davis performed a patriotic tribute concert that truly touched the veterans in the audience. Marty was in Lisbon for the Ransom County Fair and decided to come and share at NDVH.

PICNIC SEASON

In North Dakota it is important to take advantage of the summer weather while we can. That is exactly why we are so appreciative of the organizations that come and serve picnics in the summer months. A hamburger and brat hit the spot on a nice sunny day, and, to make it even better the great company of the people that sponsor the meal.





THE DAV faithfully provides a picnic lunch for residents and staff every June.





The North Dakota Veterans Home Governing Board provided a picnic for residents and staff to show support and appreciation.



A Huge thank you to the DAV for gifting residents and staff with t-shirts!











The great people of **Doosan-Bobcat** put on a delicious picnic for the residents in June. We also want to thank the employees of the Bobcat Company and the members of the United Steelworkers Local 560 for their generous monetary donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Closet.



The Wounded Warrior Guide Service sponsored an expense-paid trip to fish on the Missouri River in Mandan. Residents were taken out fishing in two separate boats and were guided to the "hot spot" to catch some fish. Resident Richard Norberg missed one of the prizes by just a few ounces! Even though it was cool, the sun shone off the water and onto the happy faces of the residents.



RIDING FOR DREAMS

A few of our staff members who are avid horseback riders used their connections to set up an outing for our residents at the local non-profit **Riding For Dreams**. This Lisbon organization assists several adults and children with disabilities, and provided our residents an opportunity to enjoy the company of their equine friends. Thank you **Stacy Erdmann** and all at Riding for Dreams!









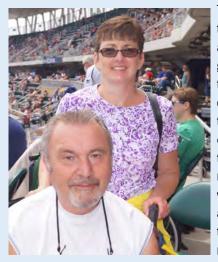




The **FM Walleye** group puts on an event yearly called "Take a Vet Fishing". This enables Veterans to spend the day out in a boat on Cormorant Lake in Minnesota to enjoy a day of fishing. There are many laughs, stories and memories shared. The FM Walleye group provides everything – including the fishing poles, boats, bait, food and more. The day ends with a barbecue and prizes given to every Veteran.







Thanks to the individuals and organizations that have donated to



the Activities Fund. Because of your efforts we were able to charter a bus to a Minnesota Twins game. A few residents were also able to reunite with family that live in the metro area. The summer of 2016 marks a trip to Medora, ND for their famous musical and Pitchfork Fondue.



time each year when family and friends can gather with the staff and residents here at the North Dakota Veterans Home. This event, known as "The Family Picnic," is typically the Saturday following Labor Day. This event has grown and this past year we had about 300 people RSVP that they were attending. "Letters From Home" provided the entertainment which was amazing. Board members, staff and The Legion Riders were here to help make the day go smoothly. Looking at the smiles on the resident's faces and how much fun they have with their families makes this day a favorite of many. We are already looking at options for entertainment for 2016.

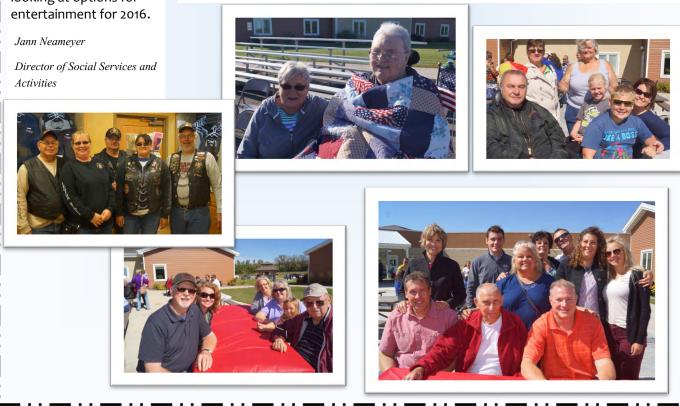
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FAMILY PICNIC 2015

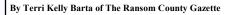
The group started at the suggestion of Pat Dearth, a coast guard veteran who loves the 1940's-style music. With their mission to honor veterans, active military and their families through the music and spirit of the 1940's, the group has **toured in over 20 states** including North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Idaho, Rhode Island, Oregon, Washington, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Kentucky, Texas and Alaska.

The duo performs in theaters, for air shows, cruise ships, schools, patriotic celebrations, schools, military bases, VA hospitals, VFWs, American Legions and many more. The group's manager is Nelson Diaz. Source: <u>http://www.lettersfromhomesingers.com/</u>.





Veterans overcome with emotion at welcome reception for Honor Flight in Fargo Airport



Six veterans from the North Dakota Veterans Home who took the WDAY Honor Flight came back home to a welcome they were not expecting.

A welcome home at the airport in Fargo that consisted of many people including lots of children waving and cheering and putting out hands to shake the veterans' hands. Some children gave the veterans letters they had written thanking this group of veterans for their service.

"There was a band and colors," said Alfred Steiger, one of the NDVH veterans. "I just about cried."

"I bet there was about a 1/4 mile of people putting their hands out to shake and lots of kids," added Richard Norberg, NDVH.

The six veterans from Lisbon were Steiger, Norberg, Leon Kopp, Darrell Stafford, Richard Saunders and Don Williams. Herb Handt was scheduled to go along but was sick that day and was unable to go.

Besides all of the memorials of war, the six from NDVH enjoyed the Aviation Museum.

"The Aviation Museum had planes that once belonged to Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindberg," said Donald Williams.

Earhart and Lindberg were airplane soloist heroes of the latter 1920s. Neither met the other in their lifetimes.

"We saw Arlington National Cemetery," said Stafford. "Rows upon rows of crosses are a sobering sight."

They went through some places in buses with a sign on each bus color-coded to their individual name tags. The veterans new which color was their bus.

"We had a police escort in front and behind the buses," said Steiger.

"We got to go through red lights because of the escort," added one of the veterans.

The veterans were all impressed with how the Honor Flight trip was planned and executed.

They would put their suitcases outside their rooms while they had breakfast and the luggage would disappear.

"I came back to see that my bags were gone and I thought they might have been stolen," said Stafford. "I asked the people in charge and they said the bags are already on the plane."

Steiger had packed his medications in his bags that were already on the plane so he had to wait until they landed to take those.



The men reported that the airplane ride was smooth, the tour people were outstanding, and the sights were beyond what they expected.

For Norberg it was his first commercial flight and he said it was very good. He enjoyed looking out the window.

The monuments were amazing, according to these six veterans.

"Iwo Jima was big and beautiful, "said Kopp. "I wanted to see the World War II monument but also Iwo Jima where the U. S. defeated Japan and placed the flags."

The Vietnam Wall impressed Norberg.

"It stretched on forever with 58,000 names on it," he said.

Members of Williams' family a granddaughter and great grandchildren from the Washington, DC area met him at the World War II Memorial.

"It was so nice to have them there," said Williams.

The number of troops lost in World War II was 400,000, according to Williams. They saw a place where each soldier who lost their lives in that war was recognized with gold stars on a wall.

"We would mention something we want to see and they would say if we have time," said Williams. "They always found time to go there."

One of the veterans said we got to speak to Senator Heidi Heitkamp (Dem -ND) and the whole group started laughing because most of them know her.

"I got a kiss from Heidi," grinned Saunders who has known her for many years.

"We want to say a special thank you to the Honor Flight hosts who made the whole trip so memorable for all the veterans," said Steiger.

Among the souvenirs each veteran who went on the flight received were color-coded name badges, a special emblem to put on a jacket, an Honor Flight pin and a Thank you for your service pin.

This trip of a lifetime will long be remembered by these six veterans from the North Dakota Veterans Home.





WDAY Reporter Kevin Walavand made a trip to the Veterans Home prior to the flight and interviewed the chosen residents. WDAY produced a documentary titled "Honor and Remembrance" which features these stories. Thank you to all who made this trip possible.

Pictured L to R: Richard Norberg, Donald Williams, Herbert Handt who was unable to make the trip, Kevin Walavand, Leon Kopp, Alfred Steiger and Darrell "Cheta" Stafford









NDVH knows how to celebrate Halloween-a dance with local band "Raw Sugar", a costume contest, creepy food, and \$1,000 worth of candy to hand out to trick-or-treaters. Thank you to all who donated to make Halloween a hit!











A field trip to the Fargo Air Museum was made even more memorable as special friend to the Veterans Home- Retired General Darrell Schrader provided a tour to the group.



Scott Hennen of "The Flag" radio station broadcasted from the NDVH. Scott interviewed residents as well as staff. Thanks Scott for spreading the great news about our Veterans Home! Above: Ken Sperry (I), Scott Hennen and Tom Knapp(r).



The family of Robert Timm, former resident of NDVH held a bingo in his honor and gifted NDVH with a beautiful Air Force emblem.



Roger Sandvig of the Sheldon American Legion Post 221 delivered a check on Veterans Day that he and fellow legion members raised earlier in the day at a pancake breakfast, Roger is pictured with Mark Jonson, Administrator.



Members of the Thompson American Legion ioined us to celebrate on Veterans Dav.

Veterans Day is a week long celebration at the North Dakota Veterans Home. Monday the ninth kicked off the week with a program by the Lisbon 5th and 6th graders, including birthday cake marking the inception of the Marine Corp. Tuesday involved a field

trip to the LaMoure School for an extraordinary Veterans Day Program when they returned the residents received a visit from the much cherished Lisbon Second Graders. Wednesday,

Veterans Day was packed with events: a pancake breakfast provided by the Lisbon American Legion, a gun salute from the Lisbon American Legion, Boy and Girl Scout Tribute to Veterans, Jame stown Drum and Bugle Corp perfor-

mance, Air Force Association presentation and, to top it all off a pie social. The celebration continued on Thursday with Happy Hour and a video highlighting past and present pictures









of our residents. Friday brought the much anticipated All-American Inn which is a Five-Star meal served in our Town Hall, followed by



Lisbon American Legion members counting the donations they raised for the Veterans Home from the Pancake Breakfast.



Apathy Original Motorcycle Club stopped by for donuts and coffee in Town Hall.



Four Generations of Nelsons



Jim Simmons of the Air Force Association presents a check for the NDVH to Darrell "Cheta" Stafford.

Big Bucks Bingo. Saturday the Apathy Original Motorcycle Club stopped by Town Hall to visit one-on-one with residents. What a great way to end the week!



Joel Heitkamp of KFGO broadcasted for the Veterans Home on Veterans Day. Joel interviewed four residents of NDVH as well as staff members and community members in Lisbon. Thanks for capturing the stories of our Veterans Joel! Pictured above: Don Williams and Wayne McKirdy.

Christmas

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North Sargent High School Choir

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Sound Celebration

188th Army Band



CHRISTMAS 2015



American Legion Auxiliary members from across the state set-up a gift shop in Town Hall in early December, allowing residents to select gifts for their families. All items of which are donated by the ALA, including gift wrapping service and postage. . Thank you for all you do!

Christmas Shopping



THE NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME

Christmas Parties



Danny McKinney enjoying overseeing Lisbon Second Graders with a Christmas craft they gifted the residents.



West Fargo VFW faithfully visits the Veterans Home every December for music, food and fun. They even bring Santa!







Alice Decker is enjoying time with her family.



NDSU vs UND....friendly rivalry between Brenda and Roger.



Casmer and his nephews.



Chaplain(Col.) David L. Johnson and Stanley Wald



Danny McKinney and Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann

National Guard Christmas Party



Paul Elmore and Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann



Command Sgt. Maj. Brad Heim is making his list and checking it twice.

A special treat: Sargent Jackie Ust reported to NDVH extra early and volunteered her time to style all of the ladies hair. Thank you lackie!





It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and nowhere was that more true than Monday at the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon.

Soldiers and Airmen with the **North** Dakota National Guard visited the home, delivering gifts and sharing a holiday meal with the veterans, in order to demonstrate their apprecia-



tion to those whose military service preceded theirs.

Visitors to the home for the outreach event included Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann, North Dakota adjutant general, and nearly 30 other Guardsmen. Together, Guard members and residents shared a traditional holiday meal and plenty of conversation.

"We're always appreciative of the opportunity to connect with these true heroes every year," said Dohrmann. "The holidays are an excellent time to ex-

press our gratitude, and we are extremely grateful for all that our veterans have done for this state and nation."

After the meal, the Guardsmen handed out 143 gifts (one for each veteran) and entertained residents with holiday carols.

This year's event organizer was Command Sgt. Maj. Brad Heim, state command sergeant major for the North Dakota Army National Guard. It was the first time he planned the event, and he hopes to be able to continue his participation in the future.

"All Military members both past and present look forward to this event every year," Heim said. "We're happy to spend quality time visiting with these veterans."

By 2nd Lt. Eric P. Jungels

source: www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil





WISH LIST

<u>The Activities Fund</u> is always accepting monetary donations. This fund enhances socialization in the lives of the residents. Bingos, craft projects, outings, and social events are just a few ways that these donations are utilized.

The American Legion Auxiliary Cart accepts monetary donations. Your donations will pro-

vide residents on-site access to shampoo, deodorant, clothing items, and other personal care items.

Items wanted:

Large Illuminated Alarm Clocks

Large Wall Clocks

Stamps

l-Tunes Cards

Small DVD player

Smaller CD Players

Magazine Subscriptions

Newspaper Subscriptions

*We are so thankful for the donations that have been given to the North Dakota Veterans Home. At this time we are no longer accepting <u>used items</u>. We simply have <u>run out of storage</u> <u>space</u> to house used items. Thank you!

Future Wish Accounts

-New Bingo Machine Account

-Equipment for the Woodshop

If you have any questions regarding donations please contact: Mark Johnson, Administrator 701-683-6500 or

Susie Schlecht, Marketing Coordinator 701-683-6540



Tom Schock and his sister Polly Snider from Minnesota are pictured with Household Coordinator Assistant, Amber Nimms and Noreen Fahsholz of Activities. Tom and Polly generously donated the Music & Memory Program Certifi-

cation and lap top for the North Dakota Veterans Home in loving honor and memory of their father, **Gottlieb Schock**. Gottlieb was a Kulm, ND native who served in WWII with the 86th Blackhawk Division and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart Ribbon. Please Google "Henry Music Alive" for more information on this amazing program. Noreen and Amber are continuing to facilitate the program which will greatly impact the residents lives for the better. Thank you Schock family!

Remembrance

In memory of SGM (RET.) Roger Johnson

Darwin & Pam Krause of Rotonda West, FL

Mike Fick & Patty Jaeger of Vergas, MN

ND National Guard Association & Domitrovich Family of Springfield, VA

Van & Diane Larson of Grand Forks

Paula Johnson of Moorhead, MN

Ted Petersen of Kent, MN

Raleigh & Janice Moore of Mandan

ND National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary

Pamela Johnson of Breckenridge, MN

John & Christi Tullbane of Rogers, MN

Janice Michels of Breckenridge, MN

Gary & Monica Onchuck of Wahpeton

Genevieve Austin & Rodney A. Anderson of Fergus Falls, MN

David & Geraldine Yaggie of Breckenridge, MN

David & Sally Harmon of Fargo

Damon & Andrea Fick of Bozeman, MT

Carol & Ruth Quam of Wahpeton

Beth Auwarter of Breckenridge, MN

In memory of Rodli Pederson

Eileen Maresh of Valley City

In memory of Ronald Hausmann

James & Karen Kausmann of Churches Ferry

In memory of Robert Timm Midkota Public School District #7 of Binford

In memory of Patricia Wagner Drong

Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon

In memory of Connie Zangla

Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon

In memory of Virgil Bolstad

Myron & Delores Lunneborg of Enderlin

In memory of Norma Jameson Debbie Jameson-Buhler of Coos Bay, OR Violet Podenski of Edgeley Corinne & Joel Jameson of Ipswich, SD In memory of Mervin Ellingson Audrey Horsager of Edgeley Christina Long of Berlin, ND In memory of Harry Hannig DAV Chapter #24 of Valley City & Family In Honor of Dianne Hetland, **Phyllis Johnson & David Rickford** American Legion Post #143 of Cooperstown In memory of Leslie Gibson Bernard & Patricia Johnson of Eden Prairie, MN Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon In memory of Joel Laas Audrey Horsager of Edgeley In memory of Daryl Kuhnenn Daryl Kuhnenn Memorial Ride of Rugby In memory of Kasimir Schmaltz Dennis & Mary Baumgardner of Greendale, WI In memory of Gladys Dehn Robert & Donna Pfaff of Enderlin Phyllis Atkins of University City, MO Joan Herring of Ellinger, TX Frank & Laura Biggers of Buffalo David Oslie of Hawley, MN Patricia Herring of Iowa City, IA In memory of Kasimir Schmaltz Ruth Schmaltz of Bismarck Joseph & Kathryn Verdeyen of Wauwatosa, WI In memory of Ivan Johnson, Harry Leum,

Wayne Tunseth & T.L. Christianson

American Legion Post #8 of Mayville

In memory of Bernard Wagner North Dakota Veterans Home Staff Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon In memory of Perry A Kistler Lowell Schweigert of Grand Forks In memory of Willie Barsten Inga Smith of Forman In memory of ElRoy Mogck Lorraine Greenwood of Jamestown Marion Martin of Bismarck Richard Mogck of Jamestown Blaise & Vicki Johnson of West Fargo Wanda Mogck of Lisbon Daniel Hornung of Jamestown In memory of Vonnie Steele Inga Smith of Forman Jim & Dana Steele of Fergus Falls, MN Doug & Liz Martin of Lisbon Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon In memory of Alton Krapu Roger & Janell Krueger of Cando Deanne Payne of Denver, CO Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation In memory of Edward Ripplinger Jeff & Susan Hawn In memory of Dwight Kalash Sharon Kalash of Devils Lake In memory of Ron Rorvig Elizabeth Skjolden Slen of Fargo Janice Jackson of Fargo In memory of Ronald Hausmann Lisa Gibbens of Fargo In memory of Joe Haecherl Lorraine Holmstrom of Lisbon In memory of Georgia Sandvig Roger Sandvig of Sheldon

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME NEWS

In memory of Wally Titus & Omer Johnson families William Titus of Lincoln In memory of Irvin Weitzel Lawrence & Bernice Heyd of Fargo Judith Piersol of West Fargo Diane Elkin of Fargo Gary Glessing of Fargo Jeff Weitzel & Family of Fargo Paul & Delgene Hornbacher of Fargo Paul & Donna Melicher of Fargo John & Nancy Burke of Rapid City, SD Duane & Janice Hanson of Lisbon Thomas & Bonnie Kavanaugh of Fargo William & Christine Hagen of Moorhead, ΜN Allen & Katherine Gross of Fargo Beverly Vandrovec of Fargo Chuck & Marla Opitz of Rapid City, SD Roxanne M Barbee of Moorhead, MN Goodwin & Beverly Hoff of Fargo Gary & Valerie Zoller of Fargo Carol Dutoit of Fargo In memory of Geraldine "Geri" McMahon Jeffrey & Sharon Weizel of Fargo Rebecca Sorby of Kathryn Larry & Christie Urbach of Lisbon Dorothy Hildreth of Fargo David & Susanne Olson of Lisbon Tim & Faye Huether of Lisbon Lorraine Holmstrom of Lisbon

Continually grateful for those who give of themselves in countless ways!

Wimbledon

Allen and Linda Malo of Rolette	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #240 of	AMVETS Auxiliary Department of ND
Aly Blomberg of Brooklyn Park, MN	Hoople	AMVETS Auxiliary Post #10 of Minot
American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #250 of Gackle	AMVETS Auxiliary Post #3 of Valley City
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #01 of Bismarck	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #253 of Garrison	AMVETS Auxiliary Post #9 of Bismarck AMVETS Post #7 of Fargo
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #03 of	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #258 of	AMVETS Post #3 of Valley City
Dickinson	Halliday	Anne Blake of Walpole, MA
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #12 of Washburn	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #26 of Minot	Apathy Original Motorcycle Club
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #124 of	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #265 of	Ara Harrison of Lancaster, PA
McKlusky	Streeter	Arlene Cegla of Fargo
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #139 of	can Legion Auxiliary Unit #139 of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #298 of Ross	Arlene McNutty of Venice, FL
Tioga		Arlene Sande of Breckenridge
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #143 of Cooperstown	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #41 of Grafton	Art of Encouragement of Oklahoma City, OK
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #148 of	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #69 of Flasher	Bethel Lutheran Church of Wahpeton
Milnor American Legion Auxiliary Unit #153 of	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #75 of	Bismarck State College Senate Presi- dent Staff
Wyndemere	Crosby	Bonnie Malay of Oakes
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #160 of McHenry	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #90 of Center	Bowlers to Veterans Link of Fairfax, VA
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166 of		Boy and Girl Scouts of Lisbon
Walcott		Bruce Kovar of Montague, NJ
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #178 of	American Legion Department of ND	Calmer Overlee Family of Minot
Verona	American Legion Post #11 of Cavalier	Carmen Roth-Wald of Logan County
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #181 of Thompson	181 of American Legion Post #115 of Hettinger	NDSU Extension
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #187 of	American Legion Post #162 of Tolna	Carol Smith & Confirmation Students of Valley City
Fingal	American Legion Post #181 of Thompson	Caroline Cohen of Admore, PA
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #187 of	American Legion Post #191 of Gwinner	Charles Woodward Jr. of Rockville, MD
Valley City	American Legion Post #21 of Lakota	Chelsa Jones of Morrisdale, PA
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #19 of LaMoure	American Legion Post #221 of Sheldon	CHI Mercy Home Health of Valley City
	American Legion Post #223 of Arthur	Clyde & Cheryl Fenster of Bismarck
	American Legion Post #265 of Streeter	Concordia Luthoran WELCA of Bong dist
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #191 of Gwinner American Legion Auxiliary Unit #213 of	American Legion Post #265 of Streeter American Legion Post #37 of Williston	Concordia Lutheran WELCA of Benedict
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #191 of Gwinner American Legion Auxiliary Unit #213 of Sherwood		Connie Thompson of Rugby
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #191 of Gwinner American Legion Auxiliary Unit #213 of	American Legion Post #37 of Williston	

THE SCUTTLEBUTT

Daryl & Loretta Tabor of Bismarck

Daryl Kuhnenn Memorial Ride of Rugby	Gene & Pamela Gestwicki of Oak Creek,	Kosobud Lodge #106 of Lakota
Daughters of the American Revolution of	WI	Larimore USBC
Bismarck	George Paur of Wahpeton	Laurel Wegner of Bismarck
DAV #24 of Valley City	Gerald Roach Family of McKinock	Leach Public Library of Wahpe-
DAV #2 of Grand Forks	GFAFB Youth Program	ton
DAV Auxiliary Unit #1 of Davenport	Gigi Moore of Oakes	Leona Schneider of Walhalla
DAV Auxiliary Unit #2 of Grand Forks	Gladys Catlin of Norfolk, MA	Les Anderson of Minot
DAV Auxiliary Unit #24 of Valley City	Good Shepard Church of Englevale	Lewis and Clark Elementary of
DAV Auxiliary Unit #31 of Jamestown	Grimsrud Elementary Second Graders of	Bismarck
DAV Auxiliary Unit #4 of Minot	Bismarck	Life Skills and Transition Center of Grafton
DAV Auxiliary, Department of ND	Harmen's Greenhouse	Linton High School
Dawn Elliot of Wellsville, NY	Hazen Elementary School	Lisbon Fourth Graders
Debra Kyllo of Clifford	High Prairie Quilters of LaMoure	
Detroit Lakes Cloggers of Detriot Lakes, MN	Hillside Family Medicine of Anchorage,	Lisbon Second Graders
Diane Kramer of Grand Forks	AK	Lorraine Boehler of Bismarck
Dickinson Aerie #2328 Fraternal Order of	Hope Lutheran Church of Fargo	Lumina Enway of Naragansett, RI
Eagles	Howard & Roberta Underwood of Sha- ron	Lynn Bueling of Mandan
Donna Lee Truesdell of Moorhead, MN	Jackie Saddler of Grand Forks	Marcia Kilzer and the ND Legisla- tors
Donna Seibold of Jamestown	Jaguar Team-Wachter Middle School of	Margaret White of The Plains, VA
Doosan Bobcat Company of Bismarck	Bismarck	Marie Ellsworth of Independ-
Doosan Bobcat Company of Gwinner & Unit-	Jamestown Drum and Bugle Corp	ence, MO
ed Steelworkers Local 560	Jamestown Girl Scouts	Marion Cobb of Rochester, NY
Doris Johnson of Burlington	Jeri Christensen of Milnor	Marjorie Cramer of Farmington,
Dorothy Moses Elementary of Bismarck	Joan Buesolin of Depew, NY	MI
DR Botto of Norwood, PA	Joanne Creamer of Cockeysville, MD	Mary Jo Mastel of Linton
Dr. John Nolte of Anchorage, AK	Job Service of ND	Mary Maurer of Clawson, MI
Drake Community Club of Drake	John F. Cramer of New York, NY	Masonic Service Association of
Dwight H Eckart of Bismarck	John \$ Mary Kay Hanson of Grand Forks	North America/Hospital Visita- tion Program of Burtonsville, MD
Eddis H Laity of Houston, TX	John Pine of Richmond, VA	Matt Leidy of Wilton
Eileen Schaf of Bismarck	Josephine Gnecco of Port Washington,	Maureen Robinson of Naples, FL
Eldon Thompson of Grinell, IA	NY	Mayville Lutheran Church
Emerado Public School District #127	Josephine Lommer of Surrey	Mayville Senior Center
Esther Thomas of Largo, FL	Julie Qual of Lisbon	Metigoshe Ministries
Fabric and Textile Warehouse of Willmar,	Karla Lyons of Lisbon	Mike Mahanna of Lisbon
MN	Kenneth Wobbema of Kathryn	
First and Second Graders of McVille	Kevin & Karen Law of Beulah	Mike Rich of Van Buren, AR
Fort Lincoln Elementary of Mandan	Kids For Christ of Beulah	Minnewauken Elementary School
Mrs. Greg's Fourth Graders of LaMoure	Kindergarten and Third Grade Students	Mooreton Lutheran Church
Garrison High School	of Napoleon	Women

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fueller of Rugby	Robert Block Estate	VFW Auxiliary Post #3507 of Marshall
Mrs. Alexandria Hennie's First Grade	Roger Wells of Gig Harbor, WA	VFW Auxiliary Post #3545 of Ellendale
Class	Ron Bratten of Lisbon, ND	VFW Auxiliary Post #4221 of Mayville
Mrs. Braho's Kindergarten Class	Ronald Snyder of Columbia, SC	VFW Auxiliary Post #4324 of Wahpeton
Mrs. Burckhard of Minot	Sally Wennerstrom of Hope	VFW Auxiliary Post #6264 of Strasburg
Mrs. CL Scarion of Copiaque, NY	Scheels of Fargo	VFW Auxiliary Post #8688 of Bottineau
Mrs. Falk's Students of Lisbon	Second Brigade/MC of North Dakota	VFW Auxiliary Post #9367 of Grafton
Mrs. Goeller's Sixth Graders of Valley City	Second Grade Teachers of Lisbon-Kari	VFW Post #1874 of Grand Forks
Mrs. Iola Peterson of Moorhead, MN	Webb, Ann Rolf, Brittany Bunn	
Mrs. Sjomelings Third Grade Class of Lis-	Sharon Gainor of Fargo	VFW Post #2707 of Northwood
bon	Sharon Mohler of Cardon City, NV	VFW Post #2764 of Valley City
Nancy Geigle of Portland, OR	Sheri Anderson of Lisbon	VFW Post #4251 of Esmond
Naomi Braaten of Plymouth, MN	Shirley Shrader of East Hanover, NJ	VFW Post #7564 of West Fargo
Natalie Ploof's students of Minot	Simley Middle School of Bismarck	VFW Post #9050 of Enderlin
ND Air Force Association of Minot	Sperry Apiaries of Kindred	Waldheim WELCA of Kathryn
ND Air National Guard of Bismarck	St. Agatha's Christian Mothers #1346 of	Wallace and Jerrilyn Johnson of Voltaire
ND American Legion Riders District 10 of	Норе	Wally and Diane Halverson of Fargo
Breckenridge, MN	St. Paul Lutheran Daycare of St. Joseph,	Westside Elementary School of West
ND Korean War Vets	MO	Fargo
ND Order of the Eastern Star	Standing Rock WELCA of Fort Ransom	William Rains of Riverside, CA
Norman Johnson of Spiritwood	Stephanie Hovland of Cando	Willie and Rodi Longenecker of Canada
Open Your Heart Lloyd Spetz American Legion Post #1	Steven Volk of Mandan	Willow City Mission
C C	Jenny of the Sundale Colony	Zimmerman Woodcrafts of Wahpeton
Our Saviors Lutheran of Park River	Tatum Roles of Brooklyn Park, MN	Zion Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids
Parshall Elementary School	The Marik Family of Chicago, IL	
Pat Rutschke of Kulm	Underwood Public School	We are so over-
Patricia Castille of Appaloosa, LA	United Methodist Church of Drayton	whelmed by the kind-
Patricia Rinde's Students of New Rock- ford	United Methodist Church of Underwood	ness and generosity of
Paul Mustovic of Wexford, PA	United Parish of Bottineau	those who have given
Paulette Dick of Lisbon	Verie Reynolds of Oregon City, OR	of their time and tal- ents to benefit the
Pembina County Legion	VFW Auxiliary #4251 of Esmond	Veterans Home.
Prairie View Elementary of New Salem	VFW Auxiliary #757 of Leeds	Please realize how
Prince of Peace of Beulah	VFW Auxiliary #9050 of Enderlin	much your gift means
Red Cross of Minot	VFW Auxiliary Department of ND	to us and accept our
Red River Trails and Tours of Moorhead	VFW Auxiliary Post # of Valley City	apology if we neglect-
Richland Elementary School of Aber-	VFW Auxiliary Post #1326 of Bismarck	ed to send you a thank
crombie	VFW Auxiliary Post #1874 of Grand Forks	уои.
Robert and Jeannie Bird of Bismarck	VFW Auxiliary Post #3363 of Lisbon	

The WOW Club (Wonderfully Outstanding Workers) continued their mission in 2015 of supporting and encouraging their co-workers here at the facility. This past year they have brightened staff's days and recognized their efforts by gifting them with NDVH t-shirts, coordinating and hosting retirement parties for fellow staff, and sending memorials to staff members who have lost a loved one. This year they are also hosting an upcoming holiday party for staff members and their families. These generous acts are made possible by the various fundraisers the WOW team organizes throughout the year, including offering hot meals to staff on in-services days as well as to the customers and vendors during the Vendor sale in November, and numerous bake sales. Thank you to our wonderfully outstanding workers!: gifted staff NDVH T-shirts, coordinated and hosted retirement parties for staff, sent memorials to staff members that have lost a loved one and they are hosting an upcoming Holiday party for staff and their families. In order to make these acts of generosity happen the WOW team has held fundraisers including offering meals on staff-in-service days, bake sales, and in November they held a big bake sale on the Vendor Sale and served a meal to the customers. Thank you to our OUTSTANDING workers!!

In April of 2015, the WOW team was treated to a special dinner in the Gazebo. The dinner was provided by our Mentors (the management team) as a thank you for the time and energy the team puts into all they do.





Kristi Lere, Dietary Mentor spearheaded a Vendor Day which enabled residents to do Christmas shopping indoors. This event was held on Saturday, November 21st with over 30 Vendors in attendance. It was a busy but fun day! Our hope is to make this an annual event.

L to R: Kristi Wheeler, Amber Nims, Alycia Berglund, Ashley Seelig, Kelly Lyons and Kari Johnson



NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME NEWS

Linda Mathren receives her award from Rod Olin of the DAV. Congrats Linda and thank you DAV for sponsoring this great award!



Linda Matheren was chosen as the 2014 North Dakota Veterans Home Employee of the

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Year. Linda has the ultimate "can do" attitude and takes on tasks with a positive approach and a smile. Linda has been described as well organized, efficient, thorough and possessing a good work ethic. She

is never too busy to lend a helping hand when someone is in need. Residents appreciate the time she takes to visit while going about her daily tasks. Linda treats everyone with respect and dignity. We are so proud to have her at the North Dakota Veterans

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No Complaint Day!

Put in a coin for every word or thought you have that is a complaint. Staff participate in this idea for a day . The proceeds from the Complaint Cup, coins from a loose change jar, as well as money raised from a silent auction that staff put on went to the WDAY Honor Flight. Over \$500.00 was raised. Thank you staff for giving!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

Noreen Fahsholz 683-6557



Lavonne Krchnavy Connie Zangla Joseph Haechrel Rolland Sjostrom Maurice Mayer Cecil Messer Robert Timm Norma Jameson





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Geri McMahon

Roland Rorvig

Irvin Weitzel

Velma Martin

LaVonne Steele

Rodli Pederson

Ervin Perkins

Wallace Iverson

Julianne Rotenberger enjoys the company of Arlene Gibson at her party.



Cher Devitt celebrates with her work crew.



Kirstin Narum Ridley with her mom Thiry Narum.

Doneen Fraase was glad her son and daughter-in-law joined her for the party.





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