

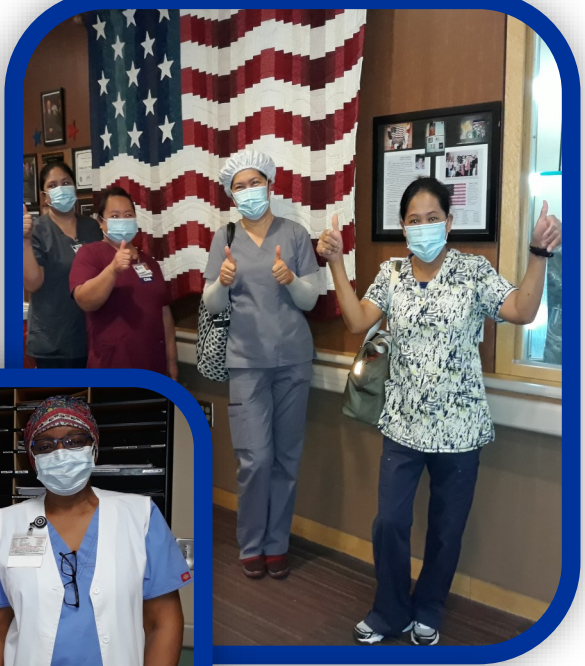
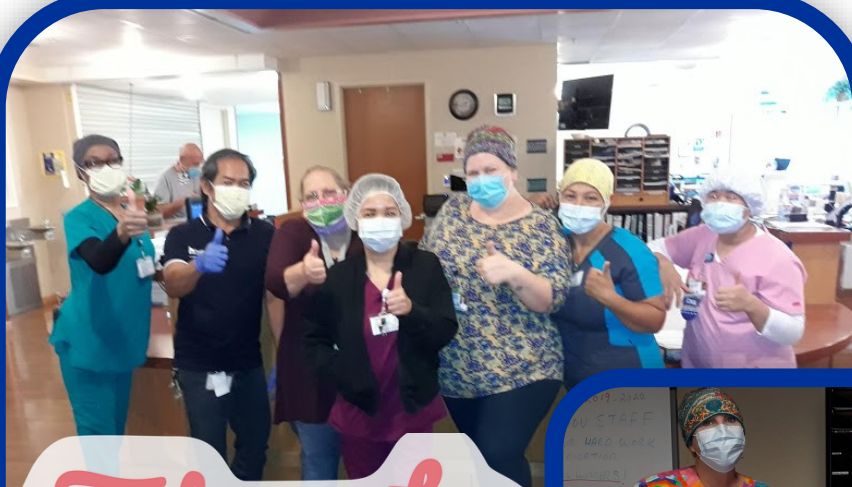
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HEROES LIVE HERE. HEROES WORK HERE.



Although we have faced many challenges around the world and in our community, including our Veterans Home, I cannot think about the fears, the unknowns, and the hard times that we have been through. I can only think of the many blessings that God has put upon us. The faith that we will concur and come out on top. I always knew in my heart that if I would have to face the unknown, the only team that I would want to do it with is the team that I work with here, knowing that they are behind me all the way on this mission of Serving Nevada's Heroes.

Our Director of Nursing Poppy, who I consider my Wingman, has proven that she is by far a gift to my journey as well as our team members. Our Heroes have volunteered and risen to the occasion showing true compassion for their careers and for our residents. When I walk through the hallways and look at every one of my caring team members it makes me burst with pride to see the determination, caring, and love that is going on.

For the past 4 years we have been a five-star home and one of the best in the nation, it proves that each and every one of you have been a blessing to our home and to each other. We are all working together to ensure the lives of our veterans and their spouses are the best that we can provide and to ensure the safety and well-being of each of our team members. We have certainly proven that "HEROES LIVE HERE and HEROES WORK HERE!"

Heartfelt appreciation,
Linda Gelinger, Administrator



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EVERYDAY HEROES



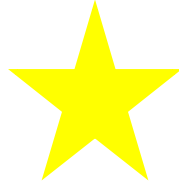
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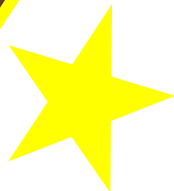
Shine Out!
Shout Out!



A special **THANKS** to **Nevada Veterans Assistance League (NVAL)** for the many donations of PPE for staff members and for the Canteen Shop snacks brought to the residents' rooms by our Activities team, the residents are definitely loving that!



Heartfelt appreciation to our **Director Kat Miller, Deputy Director of Health & Wellness Wendy Simons, Chief Finance Officer Amy Garland and the rest of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services team** for ensuring that we have everything that we need for success and to ensure the safety and well being of our residents and team members. Many **THANKS** to all of you for what you do!



THANKS to the **many volunteers** who have spent endless hours making our Team Members cloth face masks!



THANKS to our **Laundry & Housekeeping** for all you do to keep our home clean and safe for our residents and us!





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Mariner LPN Jazmine Kucera and her stepmother knitted headbands for team members so their facemasks are more comfortable to wear all day! **THANKS** for showing extra love to your work family!



A special **THANKS** to **Bob, Pedro, Miguel, Vaughn, Melissa**, and many others for working night and day while transforming the Physical Therapy Gym into the "Heroes Unit"!

THANKS to the **Activities Department** for decorating the Home with inspiring messages and reminders that **HEROES LIVE HERE** and **HEROES WORK HERE!**



If you would like to "Shout Out" someone you've seen "Shine Out" please email me!
waggernank@veterans.nv.gov

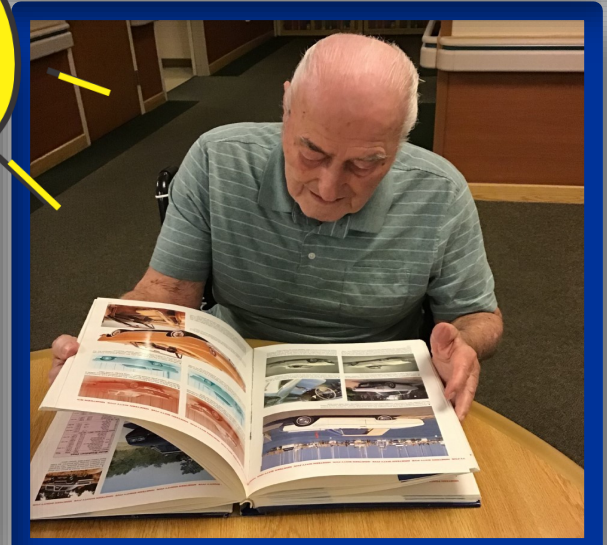


Staying Active!

During this difficult time we want you to know that we are doing everything we can to

make sure our residents stay active and engaged as much as possible. We are bringing activities into resident rooms while providing one to one visits with our residents. We are also utilizing our in house TV channel to stream activities directly into the residents' rooms such as Bingo, chapel service, music, and a variety of movies. Residents are enjoying in-room activities such as board games, trivia, daily devotions, exercise, puzzles, adult coloring, crafts, and letter writing. Resident's are encouraged to get fresh air and sunshine on the patios while observing social distancing. Every day we continue to research and find new ways to keep residents entertained and involved. If you have any questions regarding activities please call the Activities Director, Fanny Butler at 702-332-6721 or email butlerf@veterans.nv.gov.

The activities and nursing team members are assisting residents with keeping them connected with loved ones using video chat. If you would like to schedule a video chat with your loved one, please feel free to contact the Activities Director Fanny Butler, and she will gladly assist with getting you connected.



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The Activities Department helped spread some Easter joy with Easter goodie bags for Residents and Team Members!



Activities Team Member Sharareh Akrami went above and beyond when she created this beautiful "Wild Spring" mural in the Mariner Cove Neighborhood.

Way to go Sharareh!



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We Miss You!



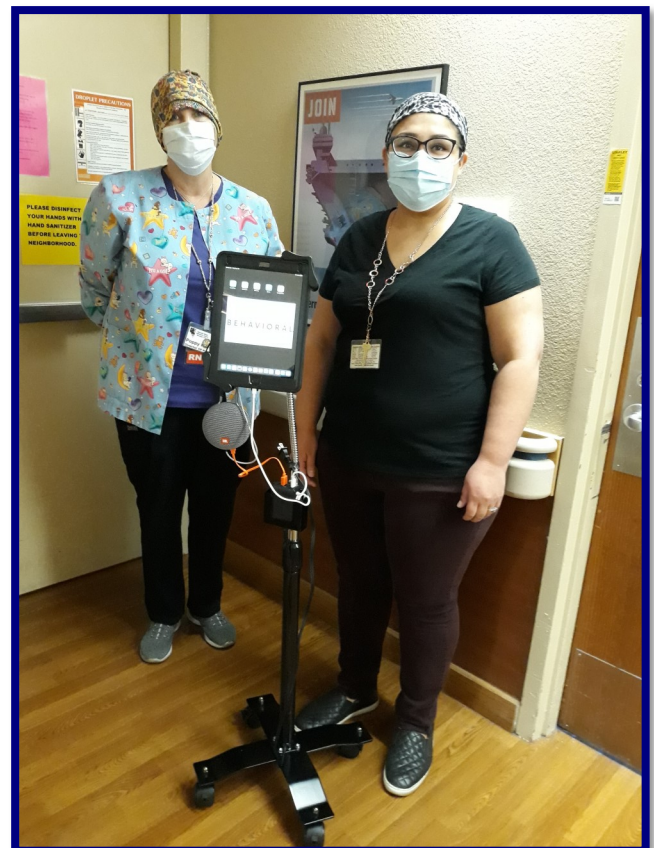
We know these times of social isolation can be frustrating and we just want you to know we are here for you! We will get through this together and be stronger for it. To our family members and volunteers we miss you! While restricting visitation and group gatherings is an added level of precaution, we are so thankful that we live in a technology driven world where we can video chat and Face Time with you! If you would like to communicate via video chat with a resident please contact the neighborhood Social Worker or Activities Director, Fanny Butler at 702-332-6721 or email butlerf@veterans.nv.gov.



Tele-Medicine

We are proud to announce the addition of Tele-Medicine at the Home. Tele-medicine is being used to help care for our resident in the Heroes Unit. This technology allows our residents to have “virtual visits” with their doctor without leaving the building and ensures our residents and team members remain safe from the virus.

A special Thank You to Behavior Health Solutions for donating the equipment making this possible!





Celebrating
National Volunteer Week

April 19th - 25th

To our Volunteers,

Thank you for selflessly dedicating your time and talents to give back to the residents of Southern Nevada State Veterans Home and it's Team Members. We appreciate your energy, compassion, and willingness to Serve Nevada's Heroes. Whether you play bingo on a regular basis, hold religious services, shop with our residents, work in the canteen, or go on outings, we appreciate everything you do! We anxiously await the day we can have you return to the Home. Through your generous acts you inspire others to take action and realize their own power to make a difference. We are grateful for your giving hearts!

Heartfelt Appreciation,

The Residents & Team Members of Southern Nevada State Veterans Home



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Welcome Home New SNSVH Residents!



The Southern Nevada State Veterans Home welcomes new residents for the months of January through April. We hope you find your stay here to be extremely pleasant and enjoyable!

Arthur Blouin	Warwick Harding	Anne LeMaster	Paul Pagan
Ozell Carr	Edward Hertberg	Albert Lewis	Douglas Perthel
Walter Caruso	Ronald Johansen	Beverly Lewis	Frank Varsalone
Carol Christensen	Edwin Johnson	William Luksavage	David Wojtal
Phyllis Goin	Robert Koehler	Betty Moberger	Jack Wooley



Resident Census



Army - 49
Navy - 25
Air Force - 38
Marines - 10
Coast Guard - 0

Women Veterans - 12
Spouses of Veterans - 36

WWII - 17
Korean War - 34
Vietnam - 68
Persian Gulf - 4
Peace Time - 24
Lebanon - 3
Afghanistan - 0
Desert Storm - 1



Some Residents have served in more than one branch of service and more than one war.



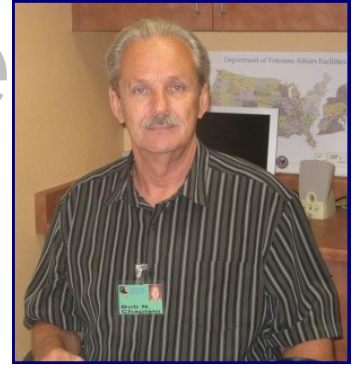
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The Chaplain's Voice

by Chaplain Bob Nycek



Thoughts to Ponder...

According to Revelation 1:11, on the Greek island of Patmos, Jesus instructs the apostle John to "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." To Ephesus he said: "I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love."

Hopefully no professing Christian would ever forsake their first love, Jesus Christ. I truly believe that God is knocking at the door of every believer and urging us to do a heart check. Is God #1 in my life? Is he my all in all? As we endure these difficult days, my prayer for all mankind is that we would return to our God and honor him, trust him, and serve him.

God Bless,
Chaplain Bob



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