

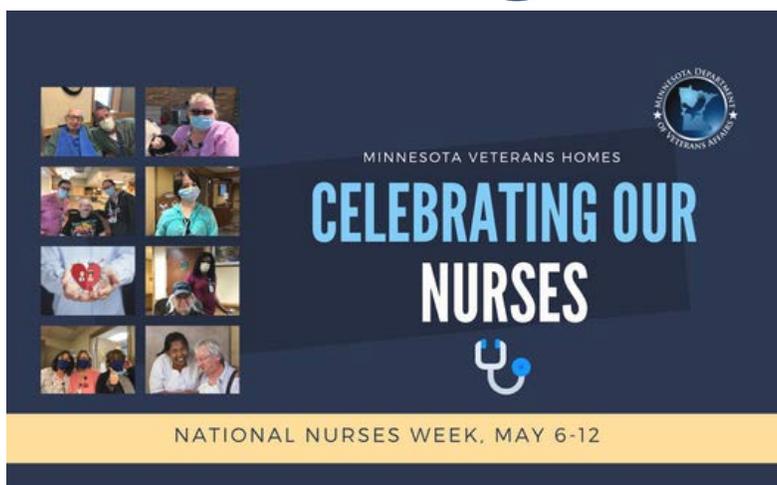


HEROES AT HOME

A special newsletter during COVID-19 to recognize **heartwarming stories** & the **hard-working** staff in our healthcare division

It turns out...not all heroes wear capes

Thank You Nurses!



Across the country, May 6-12 is being celebrated as National Nurses Week, and 2020 is already being dubbed as the "year of the nurse." At the Minnesota Veterans Homes, we are so thankful for our staff, who consistently go above and beyond. This week, be sure to visit the website, SharePoint, social media, and more... to see the Nurses Week "takeover."



FAST FACTS 287!

How many nurses does it take to care for our Residents?



RNs

LPNs

Fergus Falls 34

Fergus Falls 16

Hastings 11

Hastings 12

Luverne 27

Luverne 14

Minneapolis 67

Minneapolis 73

Silver Bay 25

Silver Bay 8



SPIRIT WEEK!



Adult Day Center



Adult Day Center staff at the Minneapolis Veterans Home wrapped up the program's first-ever Spirit Week. Although the program is currently closed to Veterans due to COVID-19 restrictions, staff have been busy creating materials and resources to support both the Veterans and caregivers. One day last week, during Spirit Week, families and Veterans were invited to stop by to pick up an activity kit and enjoy a hot dog - all delivered right to their cars. Staff also provided the visitors with "five minutes of fun" interactions!

Families and caregivers were delighted, and many shared that their Veteran had been looking forward to the visit all morning. This team has truly gone above and beyond; thank you to our incredible staff.

A look back...

Remembering simpler times



Virtual Visiting Hours

During COVID-19 restrictions, staff at all the Minnesota Veterans Homes are working hard to keep Residents connected with their loved ones through video calling.

Some of our facilities are averaging 40-50 virtual visits per day. Last week in Minneapolis a Resident met his granddaughter for the first time!

Thank you to staff, for going the "extra mile" to keep our Residents engaged and connected.



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