

JUNE 22, 2020



HEROES AT HOME

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

"Thank you," to all our Homes

In April, as COVID-19 cases continued to increase in Minnesota and impact the operations of our Veterans Homes, we began publishing this newsletter "to recognize the heartwarming stories & the hard-working staff in our healthcare division." You have stepped up to the challenge and have provided the highest quality of care to our Residents while practicing all of our infection control procedures. Because of that, we have been able to minimize the number of COVID-19 cases among our Homes. Your efforts made a difference and likely saved lives. While we grieve the loss of 10 Minneapolis Home Residents due to coronavirus, we are grateful that we have been able to limit the spread.

Our COVID-19 operations became the "new normal" at the Minnesota Veterans Homes; however, we will continue to adjust as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health and CDC and look forward to slowly easing some restrictions as allowed in the future. To maintain our low infection rate, we will continue careful infection control procedures such as participating in daily screenings, wearing masks while at work and when out and about, taking the extra measure by wearing face shields when working with residents, and respecting social distancing.

Photos and stories from the Heroes at Home newsletter will be transitioning to your local Home newsletter starting in July. We will continue to celebrate the Minnesota Veterans Homes as the special places they are and celebrate you as the wonderful staff who care for our Residents. Thank you for all you do!

- Douglas Hughes, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Healthcare



National Nursing Assistants week



Submitted by Joyce Scott

In Silver Bay, HSTs received Golden Tickets (good for a meal of their choice).



Golden Tickets

Minnesota Veterans Homes are celebrating
National Certified Nursing Assistants Week
June 18-24

Certified Nursing Assistants are a critically important member of our care teams. Every day, these hard-working staff support our Residents with hands-on care.

THANK YOU to all our CNAs for everything you do for our Veterans and their families!

MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES

Windows in Luverne



The Luverne Veterans Home celebrated HSTs with small flower notes of appreciation from staff and Residents. These messages were displayed throughout the Home!



THANK YOU

Submitted by Shirley Connor

SILVER BAY...BREAKFAST

FOR Champions



Emily Suess (pictured above on the left) represented the Jr. Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary and donated \$1,400 worth of clothing and gift cards to the Silver Bay Veterans Home!

Submitted by Joyce Scott

Thank You

Good times at the Hastings Home

From Brick Oven Pizza to surprise treat bags... we sure appreciate our staff!



Submitted by Mike Anderson

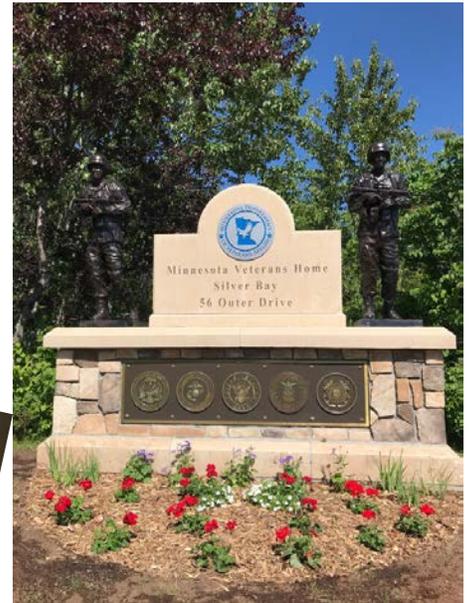
FUN + RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS = *Lots of laughs* **In Fergus Falls**



Submitted by Scott Buchanan



Here's What's Happening IN SILVER BAY



Thanks to private donations, Silver Bay recently dedicated a new garden!