

June/July  
2020



## From our Administrator

Josh Shaver

**HOME  
OF THE  
FREE  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
BRAVE**

### Activities

July 4th @ 11:30  
Outdoor BBQ

Mondays @ 3:00  
Crossword Puzzle

Tuesdays @ 9:30  
Bingo

Tuesdays @ 3:30  
Name that Tune

Wednesdays @ 9:30  
Manicures

Wednesdays @ 1:00  
Outdoor fun or  
Root beer Floats

Thursdays @ 9:30  
Yoga

Thursday July 2 &  
July 16th -Staff shop-  
ping for residents

Fridays @ 2:30  
Ice-cream Social

July 29th @ 5:30  
Live Music w/  
Resident Dave  
Brown

Call 761-6530 to  
schedule video/  
phone calls  
Tues. & Fri.

9:30-11:30

### Face to Face Visitation

Starting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 please contact Celia Conrad or activities at 761-6530 to schedule your visit. Please do not contact the nurses about scheduling.

Here's more information about the Face to Face Visitation at the Alaska Veteran and Pioneer Home:

- Open Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. & Sunday 1:30 – 3:30. Visitors must adhere to the schedule, if you remain past your appointment we will politely request you to leave.
- Closed on Mondays, Saturdays, and state holidays.
- All visits must be scheduled. No walk-ins will be allowed.
- 30 minutes maximum per visit.
- Only enough visitors to allow for social distancing. Maximum of 2 visitors per resident per visit.
- Due to high number of residents each resident is limited to one per week.
- Anyone 10-18 will be allowed to visit, family responsible for ensuring social distancing.
- Visitor must wear a face covering/mask at all times during the visit. You must provide your own clean face covering/mask.
- COVID screening and sanitizing will be done at the main entrance. If you have a fever/high temperature or coughing or answered "yes" to any of the screening questions, your visit must be rescheduled.
- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between the visitor and the resident must be observed at all times. Pioneer Home staff will be monitoring this during the visit.
- The preferred setting will be outside covered areas. If the weather is not cooperating, visitation will be inside in designated areas.

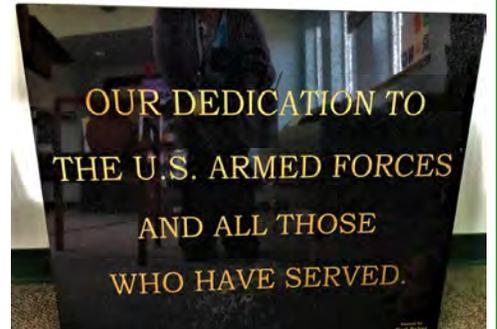
Together we need to continue to do everything to stop this COVID19 virus from entering the Alaska Veterans and Pioneer Home:

- All of the staff of the Alaska Pioneer Home will be tested regularly. A second round of testing will be scheduled soon.
- While visitors are not required to do COVID testing prior to visiting, I am inviting us all to practice strict infection control (hand washing, sanitizing, clean clothes, clean face covering) during your visit.
- If you have a cold or are experiencing other symptoms, do not come, please call Activities to reschedule your visit.
- We will be monitoring the Palmer community COVID case numbers and may need to rescind visitation.

FaceTime or visiting behind glass windows will be limited to allow in person visits.

Please share this information with your other family members who need to know and decide/coordinate who will visit from your family before contacting Celia. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

***Our Home is Brightened by All Who Care  
and Beautiful Colors Everywhere !!***



***We may still be on lock-down but our home is blooming with sunshine, colors and sooo much LOVE. Many thanks for the continuing donations and all the lovely gifts that are being delivered regularly to our residents. Gratitude beyond words to family, friends and community for your continued support .***

# Resident Spotlight

## Ed Johnson



**Ed grew up in Northern California and joined the Navy when he was of age. He served 3 1/2 years and the last 18 months of that was in Vietnam. While in the service, he befriended a man from Anchorage and was intrigued by his stories. After Ed returned to California, it had change way too much for him. He asked his wife what she thought about moving to Alaska and she replied "Let's get packing!" They moved and lived in various locations throughout Alaska where they raised their 3 children. He mostly worked on the North Slope. They have resided here for over 50 years and recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Now he resides here and spends his time gardening (he has the farmer tan to prove it), tending to & care of the courtyard, helping others plant, photography (he took a lot of the pics above and on the opposite page), word games and doing and mounting many beautiful puzzles. Ed loves visiting and sharing stories of his past and current projects. Thank you Ed for brightening not only our home but also putting smiles on all of our faces .**



***The heroes here are working hard to protect OUR precious Veterans and Pioneers from this Pandemic. The sign below was created by Eagle Scout Jonah Ness. It is proudly displayed on our lawn.***

When this is over may we never again take for granted:  
 A handshake with a stranger  
 Full shelves at the store  
 Conversations with neighbors  
 A crowded theatre  
 Friday night out  
 The taste of communion  
 A routine checkup  
 The school rush each morning  
 Coffee with a friend  
 The stadium roaring  
 Each deep breath  
 A boring Tuesday  
 Life itself.

When this ends:  
 May we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be, and may we stay that way - better for each other because of the worst.

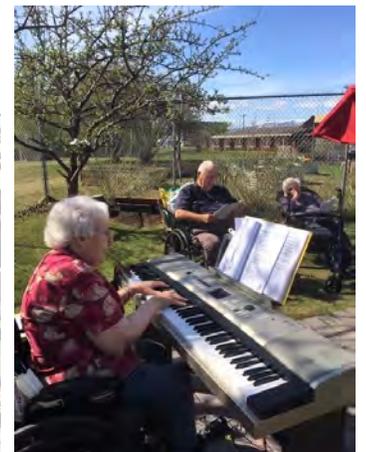
~ Laura Kelly Fanucci

Incredible



***Our Home's outside grounds got a big Spring clean-up thanks to Boy Scout Troop #54 and their family's.***

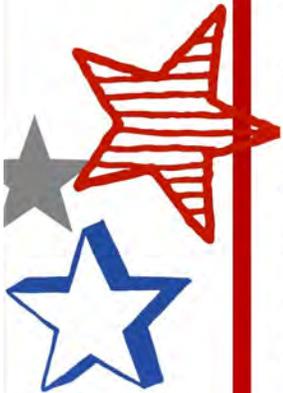
**Everyone is staying busy! Just to name a few things, celebrating Cinco de Mayo, watching Military fly-over, Armed Forces Day, gardening, bingo, resident initiated outdoor music, outdoor fun, birthday parade, window visits and enjoying a fully stocked travelling snack cart full of wonderful donated yummies.**



# July 4th word search



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 PATRIOTIC  
 STRIPES  
 VETERANS

CIVIC  
 FIREWORKS  
 HOLIDAY  
 LIBERTY  
 PICNIC  
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