

# Nebraska Veterans Coalition



Leading the way for Nebraska's Veterans

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## A Volunteer Organization Bringing Awareness To Veteran's Issues

Volume 4, Issue 9, September 1, 2023, Newsletter

### *The Nebraska Veterans Coalition Mission*

#### **WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE**

*The Nebraska Veteran's Coalition is a non-partisan or bi-partisan group. It was formed to bring awareness to veterans about what is going on in the Nebraska Unicameral. To inform veterans of their elected officials and the legislation status about Veteran's benefits going through the Nebraska Unicameral.*

*See our mission statement on our website*

*Encourage posting of veterans' events on our Facebook page (Nebraska Veterans Coalition) "Friend us," View our Website- [www.NebraskaVeterans.org](http://www.NebraskaVeterans.org), and follow Twitter @VetsCoalitionNE*

*We do not solicit, or accept funding/donations for our efforts.*

### **Welcome, everyone, I hope you enjoy this newsletter with a copy at the top of our Facebook page.**

You can request to have the newsletter sent directly to you by email, and all that is needed is to request to join at the top of the newsletter. The only information needed is an email address (Names or personal information is not requested nor required) For those that feel a friend would like to see this information, just forward it.

Thank You,  
Dean Kenkel

**The following is an excerpt from Ron Dupel's post on our Facebook page to welcome new friends to our Facebook group page.**

Hello Everyone, Welcome to the Nebraska Veterans Coalition. I have been remiss in making sure to welcome everyone who has friended us.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us recently, and welcome to you.

We are busy meeting with Senators in the Nebraska Legislature to discuss our goals and why they should support Veterans and enact legislation for Veterans.

We are also heavily involved in a large group effort to improve mental health programs, raise awareness of suicide, and implement more consistent and successful approaches to treating PTSD, TBI, and raising awareness of suicide with efforts to decrease instances of suicide.

We have a website with considerable information on it. John Stewart does awesome with the site for us.  
[www.NebraskaVeterans.org](http://www.NebraskaVeterans.org)

Many people do not engage with Facebook, so if you know friends or someone who would like to receive these emails, please forward this newsletter to them. We feel the newsletters are filled with valuable information for Veterans.

Again, Welcome to you who have friended us on Facebook and thank you

Plenty of postings are in the column to our right with much information about various topics.

Please give a shout-out to new friends.

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Website



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<https://veteransgrapevine.com/>

Find the previous Nebraska Veterans Coalition Newsletters here



**[Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs](#)**

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/>

NDVA Twitter [https://twitter.com/NEVetsAffairs?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/NEVetsAffairs?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

NDVA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs/>

**[Benefits and Services Overview](#)**

Part of our mission is to help veterans identify and access benefits. There is a wide range of county, state, and federal benefits related to education, employment, finance, health care, housing, legal assistance, recreation, taxes, and more. Use our Benefits Expert to help guide you to the benefits you're interested in or learn about some of the most-used benefits. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact your County Veterans' Service Officer or a State Service Officer.

**[Nebraska Veterans' Gateway](#)**

Welcome to your gateway to career and employment resources for Nebraska veterans.

**[Nebraska Veterans' Homes](#)**

Nebraska's state veterans' homes offer top-of-the-line domiciliary, intermediate, and skilled nursing care for the men and women who have served our country, as well as eligible family members.

Applicants must submit a DD-214 or NGB-22 indicating the length and character of services.

### *Newsletter & Events*

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/ndva-newsletter-july-2023?e=64def6304a>

### *Latest News From The Agency*

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/news>

NDVA Partners with U.S. Army, Nebraska Army National Guard through PaYS Program  
Aug. 21, 2023

Other VA social media:

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)  
[Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#) [Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#)  
<https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaIowaVA/>

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## *Buddy Check*

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/events/buddy-check-0>

Buddy Check's are social gatherings of veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating veteran suicide. Events will be held across the state at the following locations and times.

7 pm to 9 pm

Norfolk: Barnstormers - 4100 S 13th

Fairbury: Tooley's - 321 D St

Scottsbluff: Godfather's - 2207 Broadway

Seward: Valentino's - 1519 W Hwy 34

Alliance: Korner Grill - 1203 W. 3rd

8 pm to 10 pm

Grand Island: Wave Pizza Co. - 107 N. Walnut

Hastings: Paul's Cigar Lounge - 201 N. Lincoln

North Platte: Wild Bill's 1100 S. Jeffers

Omaha: Cunningham's - 109th and Dodge

Kearney: Chicken Coop - 2115 Ave A

Chadron: Domino's - 1516 W. 16th

Ord: Calamity Jane's - 116 S. 15th

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*Contact the Governor*

*Cabinet*

*Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development*

*Nebraska Department of Labor*

*Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*

*Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs*

*Nebraska Chamber of Commerce*

*Find the contact information in Vol.4, Issue 8, August 1, 2023, Nebraska Veterans Coalition News*

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxk8jh7>

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## Legislation

*2023 Nebraska Military & Veterans Legislation*

*Bill Tracker*

*<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues>*

Open the link for the bill as introduced; find the statement of intent fiscal note; find the representative that introduced the bill and cosponsors

*This is NDVA's final Veterans Legislative Update for the 2023 Session.*

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues>

## **NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE**

The official site of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/index.php>

### **Senators' Landing Pages**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_list.php](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php)

Each senator offers a page where the public can find his or her contact information, committee assignments and news releases. Senators' pages also contain his or her biography, district map, photos and information about bills the senator introduced. Click on a senator's name below to access his or her page or [find your senator](#).

### **Search Bills and Resolutions**

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/>

Choose one of the following methods to find a bill or resolution or do a keyword search of past legislation.

### **Standing Committees**

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/standing-committees.php>

The Legislature has 14 standing committees that are organized around various public policy areas in order to facilitate the processing of legislation. These committees hold public hearings on the legislation. Typically, hearings are held in the afternoon of legislative days, and they begin in mid-January and last through early March.

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### **Senator Tom Brewer**

43rd District

8-25-2023

Article III, section 27 of Nebraska's Constitution says that new legislation ordinarily becomes effective "three calendar months after the adjournment of the session at which it passed." This year, that date falls on September 2nd. Among many other new laws that will "go live" at that time is LB 77, my constitutional carry bill.

As we debated this bill, I said at every opportunity that I believe that Nebraskans are ready for the responsibilities that come with their constitutional right to keep and bear arms. One of those responsibilities is knowing what the law is. Since the law is now changing, I wanted to briefly brief folks looking to understand the changes.

With respect to Constitutional Carry, what we did was eliminate the crime of carrying a concealed weapon for law-abiding adults. That means Nebraskans will no longer have to ask the government for permission to carry a concealed handgun. However, the permit program will continue to operate, and I plan to keep renewing my permit so I can use it as a handgun purchase permit and for reciprocity when I travel to other states.

There are a few critical things that everyone needs to understand about the changes in LB 77: the new law does not change where you can carry a concealed handgun, who can do the carrying, or who can buy a gun.

When carrying, you still have to steer clear of corrections and law enforcement facilities, courthouses, polling places, government meetings, schools, professional sporting events, places of worship (unless on the security team), banks (same exception), hospitals, political rallies, and businesses that make more than half of their income from selling alcohol. Property owners and businesses can still post their properties to forbid carry inside. You still cannot detect any alcohol or illegal drugs in your system. You still have to be twenty-one years old or older. You still have to be someone who can legally possess a firearm and ammunition under federal law. Finally, you still have to immediately notify a police officer or other emergency responder of your concealed handgun any time you are officially contacted by them while carrying.

Another important thing to note is that the changes to the concealed weapons law affect not only the carry of handguns but also other concealable weapons. For example, that filet knife fully "concealed" in your tackle box, with a blade that is sure to be longer than 3.5 inches, could be charged as an illegal concealed weapon under the law, pre-LB 77. Same thing with the camp knife in your backpack while you are out on a hunt. As of September 2nd, that will no longer be a problem. However, people who choose to commit dangerous crimes — including some misdemeanors — while carrying a concealed weapon may now be charged with an additional crime because of their choice to bring a weapon along for the offense.

The other aspect of LB 77, state preemption, will void a number of local ordinances in cities across Nebraska. Omaha's handgun registry will be out of business, and Omaha's open carry ban will be nixed. Lincoln's list of extra "prohibited person" categories is going away. Although Omaha and Lincoln are the most impacted, even cities like Gordon are in a position to have to delete some language that will no longer have the force of law.

Nebraska's laws are about to resemble our Nebraska values more closely. Let's show the world what

we can do with an extra measure of liberty.

Please contact my office with any comments, questions, or concerns. Email me at

tbrewer@leg.ne.gov, mail a letter to Sen. Tom Brewer, Room #1423, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE



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"Farm Bill Bulletin" series, which provides intermittent updates on the development and status of our nation's next farm bill.

We're about halfway through August, which marks a unique point in farm bill negotiations. The farm bill is being drafted now, and we could see Congress take action soon. This means we may need your help in the near future.

This is likely to be a long process peppered with quick-turnaround, and important needs for advocacy. As rural residents, we thank you for engaging and staying involved. As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me at [kateh@cfra.org](mailto:kateh@cfra.org).

Sincerely,

Kate Hansen

Senior Policy Associate <https://www.cfra.org/>

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## HEALTH CARE

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**PTSD**  
Monthly Update  
News Relevant to the Issues of Trauma and PTSD



### When Someone Shares a Trauma

Sharing their experiences and feelings with you – or disclosing their trauma– can be an important part of their healing process. At the same time, it can also leave you with a multitude of emotions- anger, worry, relief, an appreciation for being trusted, or some combination of these and other complex feelings.

You do not need to "fix" the problems or "take away" their pain. Most people are simply looking for validation, support and connection. Read on for more tips, tools and resources for navigating the healing process.

**READ MORE**

Making the Most of Video Mental Health Appointments

### Mindfulness Coach

Practicing mindfulness means grounding yourself in the present moment. Mindfulness has been shown to be helpful for reducing stress and coping with unpleasant thoughts and emotions. This app can be used on its own by those who would like mindfulness tools, or to enhance face-to-face care with a healthcare professional.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/368700b>

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### **Did you know? VA offers both physical and mental health care for Veterans.**

Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care have access to wide-ranging services, from checkups to surgeries to home health care and telehealth services. If you or a Veteran you know is not enrolled, here's how to get started:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/36b1751>

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### **Veterans Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic**

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

**Thursday, October 5**

Assistance is needed for setup, which will take place from 0900 - 1700. Dental equipment will arrive via semi-truck at the **Atlas and Titan Army National Guard Readiness Center** and need to be unloaded and moved into the central assembly hall within the Titan Readiness Center

**Friday, October 6**

Volunteer for an all-day or five-hour shift to help with check-in/check-out, collecting charts, escorting patients to proper areas, general event coordination, clean-up, and other duties.

**Saturday, October 7**

Volunteer for an all-day or five-hour shift to help with check-in/check-out, collecting charts, escorting patients to proper areas, general event coordination, clean-up, and other duties.

The Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic will provide a range of dental services—including exams, cleanings, fillings, full/partial dentures, extractions and more—to eligible Nebraska veterans and their spouses. The two-day clinic will be held at the **Atlas and Titan Army National Guard Readiness Center**, on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7.

**Eligibility:** any individual who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of type of service—active, reserve, or guard—as well as their spouse. If you were ever issued a US military uniform in service to our Nation, you and/or your spouse are eligible. <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/dentalclinic>

### **Pain Interference, Gambling Problem Severity, and Psychiatric Disorders among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adults**

[Declan T Barry<sup>1</sup>](#), [Corey E Pilver<sup>2</sup>](#), [Rani A Hoff<sup>3</sup>](#), [Marc N Potenza<sup>4</sup>](#)

Affiliations

- PMID: 24443702
- PMCID: [PMC3892993](#)
- DOI: [10.1556/JBA.2.2013.010](#)

Free PMC article

#### **Abstract**

**Background and aims:** A paucity of studies has examined the association between gambling and pain interference. We examined differences in the associations of gambling problem severity and psychiatric disorders among a nationally representative sample of adults with varying levels of pain interference.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24443702/>

### **VA health care news you can use**

There's a lot going on in VA health care. Here are some of our latest stories about Veterans and for Veterans. Find out [how to apply for VA health care benefits](#).

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/365a5fd>

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Hello,

Attached are two September events. One, our drive-thru job fair is on Friday, September 1, from 3-6 PM. The second is a Hiring Event with Angels Care Progressive Home Health. They are currently seeking:

**Registered Nurse (RN)**

Angels Care Home Health is different. Our nurses are not just another 'employee number' to us. We strive to be an industry leader and a destination for nurses who are looking for a long-term career with a company that supports them and their professional goals. With over 80 locations and growing, we are always looking for quality nurses to join our team.

Angels Care is Nationally Recognized as a 'Great Place to Work'.

The Registered Nurse (RN) Case Manager coordinates all aspects of the patient's home care. You will interact with other medical disciplines as needed and provide professional care to the patient. You will also perform the admission visit to the patient in the home, determine the patient's eligibility for home care services & and develop the plan of care to be followed.

**Qualifications:**

Graduate of an accredited diploma, Associate or Baccalaureate School of Nursing.

- Current state license as a Registered Nurse, Current state Driver's License.

- One year experience as a Registered Nurse, two preferred.

- Proof of current CPR and Hepatitis consent/declination.

- Reliable transportation with valid and current auto liability insurance.

**What we offer:**

- Generous Paid Time Off

- o We offer comprehensive and competitive medical and dental benefits. There are multiple options for you to choose from, so you can select a plan that works best for you.

- Extensive Training

- o We encourage you to continue your professional development. Angels Care offers access to CEU portals at zero cost to you.

- Full Health, Dental & Vision Benefits (Available 1st Month)

- o We offer comprehensive and competitive medical and dental benefits. There are multiple options for you to choose from, so you can select a plan that works best for you.

- Company Matched 401K

- o We care about your financial well-being and help contribute & and plan for your future retirement goals.

- Career Advancement

- o Angels Care has an 'Internal Promotion' first mentality. We want you to grow your career with us! We are an equal-opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

Thank you,

Alicia Schutte

*Reemployment Coordinator-NeRes, Business Services*

Nebraska Department of Labor

2727 West 2nd Street, Suite 33

The Nebraska Department of Labor is hosting a Drive-Thru Job Fair at the local Hastings Job Center. This is an opportunity for jobseekers looking for new and/or additional employment opportunities. If you wish to participate, you can walk, bike or drive-thru our lot on Friday, September 1, 2023, from 3-6 pm. Find us at: Landmark Center, 2727 W 2nd Street, Ste 338

**WHEN:** Friday, September 1, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**WHERE:** Nebraska Department of Labor—Hastings Job Center  
Landmark Center, 2727 W 2nd Street, Ste 338

**Walk-In Wednesday Hiring Event**

Angels Care will be at the

Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) Hastings Job Center

for a Walk-in Wednesday Hiring Event,

Stop by and speak with a representative at the Landmark Center about jobs with Angels Care Progressive Home HealthCare!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 10 AM till Noon

**WHERE:** 2727 W 2nd St. Suite #338, Hastings, NE



Sight fishing anglers Bobby Izuta & Larry Dostal are doubled up on carp in 2022. Lake Ogallala carp can be used as a draw to the area for experienced fly anglers from Denver and the region looking for a challenging and rewarding trophy gamefish



The carp at Lake Ogallala are just reaching trophy size since the last "renovation" in 2009 (20 pound class fish). Renovating the lake now will set back the trophy potential another decade. Carp will re-enter the lake instantly, but years of angler draw to the area as a carp fishing destination will be lost, including the GPRB.

As we all know, Nebraska has abundant and beautiful natural resources that all citizens use. Game and Parks play a vital role in protecting, managing, and allowing access to these resources for fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities. Veterans are large users and spend significant sums of money using these resources to escape their trauma and heal.

It has come to the attention of the Nebraska Veterans Coalition that the proposed fish kill of Lake Ogallala, which has been on indefinite hold, is now suddenly being executed in the next few weeks. Lake Ogallala is a unique, cold, clear water lake in the state of Nebraska, which allows for sight fishing for many fish species and Carp.

Each year, there are many people who go to Lake Ogallala to fly and bowfish for Carp. This is the only lake where people with disabilities can fish for these fish and drop a fly on their nose, so to speak and catch a fish that is one gene removed from the Bonefish, which people spend so much money to fish for in Florida. There is an annual tournament, The Charles Baswell Great Plains Bonefish Invitational" which is hosted by volunteers every year starting in 2016, except for the COVID years, where a veteran, a volunteer and a guide can fly fish for carp. This opportunity is about to be lost, and the tournament will either end or move to a possibly different state. There are no alternatives to this lake for this event and access.

I received an email, that if the kill happens, the tournament will end or be moved to another state. Montana is an alternative but requires boat access on the Missouri; it is far more expensive, and not handicapped or disabled-friendly.

I contacted the Ogallala Chamber of Commerce last week. They were aware of the fish kill but did not know the following:

- 1) People use the lake to fish for carp with Bows and Fly Fish
- 2) It is a unique fishery because it can be sight-fished for Carp and is accessible to people with disabilities.
- 3) There is an annual Veteran Fishing Invitational Tournament every August, which targets Carp, but any fish in the lake and below the dam is fair game. This tournament takes care of all the costs of the veteran, volunteer, and Guide. This year, non-veteran fly-fishing guides donated their time, skills, and flies. Some came from as far away as Wisconsin, Des Moines, Denver, and Wichita.
- 4) Carp can be eaten, but the Tournament is a catch and release, so future people will have the thrill of catching an elusive, smart, predatory fish that is one tough fighter.

I have included some pictures from this year's tournament last week and testimonials from the Veteran and non-veteran guides who fished with the veterans. The smiles tell it all. Can one put a price tag on a veteran's smile and forget about their past for a brief time in nature, which is so healing?

The Nebraska Veterans Coalitions is calling on all its members to immediately reach out to their state Senators, Veteran Service Organizations and the Game and Parks to stop this fish kill permanently as they have not considered all of the needs of the constituents who use Lake Ogallala which includes those with disabilities and veterans.

Governor Ricketts and Pillen have all stated they want to make Nebraska a veteran-friendly state.

William A. Klumper (Veteran)  
Nebraska Veterans Coalition Administrator.



Testimonials:

Larry Dostal, non-veteran Guide and Expert on Lake Ogallala Fly Fishing for 30 years.

My name is Larry Dostal, and I'm a former (3 term) president of the Cornhusker Fly Fishers 501(c)3 non-profit out of Eastern Nebraska with the sole charter of promoting fly fishing opportunities to the angling community. As a lifelong Nebraska resident and avid angler, I have visited this area nearly every year for 3 decades now.

Lake Ogallala offers the best, publicly accessible, sight fishing for carp in the entire state of Nebraska. The shallow flats on the east end are accessible to the seasoned angler and beginner alike, and they offer a chance to sightfish true trophy-sized carp. For the last few years, I've been heavily involved in organizing an event for disabled veterans with Project Healing Waters, based around sight fishing for common carp at Lake Ogallala. We settled on Lake Ogallala due to the unique opportunities inherent in the lake (numerous large fish, crystal clear water, easily accessible fishing areas) as well as the modern amenities and logistical support of the services of the City of Ogallala. From 2018 to 2023, our Carp Centric event, the Great Plains Bonefish Invitational, has brought tens of thousands of dollars, of mostly out-of-state money to the state of Nebraska and the Ogallala area (hotels, lodging, food, fuel, park permits, fishing licenses, fishing tackle, souvenirs). If the lake is poisoned with rotenone to remove the "undesirable" fish like carp, we will be forced to take our event elsewhere, likely in another state. At this time, we are asking for a halt to the planned renovation of the lake, if only to evaluate the potential economic impacts.

I have attached a few photographs/slides that highlight the opportunities this truly special fishery have to offer as a carp angling destination. Please share them with any interested stakeholder. The use and promotion of Lake Ogallala as a world-class carp fishery (or Bow-Fishery) should be considered for the future economic growth of the area.

If you have any questions about carp angling, the events we host at Lake Ogallala, my angling experiences at Lake Ogallala / McConaughy, the development of promotional messaging for carp angling, or anything else, please feel free to contact me!!!

Luke Annear—volunteer guide.

My veteran angler was insistent on tipping me this past weekend, and while I insisted that this is a volunteer event and that it's not expected at all, he still insisted. In the moment, I realized it was in no small part because of how important this weekend was for him.

It really sunk in over the course of that evening just how important this event is for many of the veterans who come to participate. We never know what others are going through, and this weekend really helped me see the huge importance of this event.

This is all along with a decision that I had made earlier this season to allocate a certain percentage of what I make as a guide to conservation and other causes. It only made sense to me to add this tip amount to a donation to PHWFF.

I'm wondering if there is a way for me to donate directly to helping make sure that the Charles Baswell event can continue to happen? Or to help fund reimbursements for veterans to make the trip? Is this best done as a donation to a certain chapter? Please let me know.

All the best,

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Luke Annear

Freshwater Flats Guide Service

Mike Medina—Denver and Veteran

I've been reading all the info and research. Carp should be considered a game fish. I had a talk with some of our veterans at the CBGPBI in 2023. I can't mention names, but some real emotional stories were told. I've been in communication with one veteran from the 2022 CBGPBI. He had gone through a really difficult and extremely depressing time in their life. A time that some people don't come back from. Trying to keep positive through texting, I had asked if they were going to attend CBGPBI again this year in 2023. They had asked if I was attending, I said yes and would like to see them again. Fly fishing for carp is not easy. To see our veterans, focus and concentrate on this game fish, at that moment nothing else matters, the memories, the pain, the dark. It's truly a positive time and has everlasting memories. For one of our veterans, carp fishing at Ogallala has made a huge impact on their life. To whomever this message reaches, when you see our veterans tear up and get choked up while holding this game fish. The accomplishment they just went through, the battle, the fight, the reward. It changes how a person views this fish called CARP. My name is Michael Medina. I'm a mentor for Project Healing Water Fly Fishing.

At the graveside, the hat is held over your heart during the ENTIRE service unless you are part of the Color/Honor detail or Commander of such detail

I see this time and time again. The cap is to be removed when entering the place of worship and held over your heart.

One other tidbit of information regarding Cap Etiquette and funerals:

1. At the graveside, the hat is held over your heart during the ENTIRE service unless you are part of the Color/Honor detail or Commander of such detail. Non-legionnaires looking at some Legionnaires with hats on and others with hats off would easily get the impression that we don't appear to know the rules. We all need to comply with these standard rules to appear uniform at these functions.

Dave Salak

Uniform Cap Etiquette

The cap's left side (emblem side) is reserved only for the Legion emblem, city, county, district, or state lettering.

If desired, the following items must be placed on the right side of the cap:

\*Additional lettering, restricted to either the name of a Post or to an officer title, such as Past Commander

\*Cap insignias or badges for past or present officers

Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or authorized Legion or military service decorations

Names or nicknames of individual members cannot be used on caps.

The Legion uniform cap should be worn by its members only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions.

A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion uniform cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.

The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard, and Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard. When returned to and seated in pews, the cap should be removed.

Legion posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover at the door, hold the cap with the right hand over the heart until the arrival in the pews and be commanded to take seats, remaining uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall arise; the members holding the cap with the right hand over the heart will march out of the place of worship and recover after marching through the door.

Legion members not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship and remain uncovered during the entire service and will recover after leaving the place of worship.

When at a funeral, the cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket and is not at any time worn in a place of worship (except by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard, or Commander of same while in marching or under or standing guard.) The cap should be held in the right hand over the heart at the graveside during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be worn.

In Legion meetings, the cap should be worn except during moments of the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held with the right hand over the heart.

Female members of the Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the armed services.



### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Jerry Kane

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## **Wetland water conditions poor over much of Rainwater Basin**

Wetland water conditions throughout most of the Rainwater Basin currently is poor, with many wetlands being dry due to the drought and hot weather, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Hunters should be prepared to scout ahead of teal season. Some wetland pumping is planned before the teal opener.

The conditions recently were observed by biologists. To view the Aug. 22 report on wetland conditions and pumping plans, go to [OutdoorNebraska.gov/hunt/game/waterfowl](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov/hunt/game/waterfowl), where updates will be posted regularly throughout the duck seasons.

Waterfowl hunting in Nebraska begins with early teal season Sept. 2-10 in the High Plains Zone and Sept. 2-17 in the Low Plains Zone. See an interactive zone map at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides-maps/maps](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides-maps/maps).

In addition to providing places to hunt waterfowl, wetlands are pumped when needed to provide

habitat for migrating waterfowl and other water birds, and to provide areas for people to observe wildlife.

Visit [OutdoorNebraska.gov](https://outdoornebraska.gov) for more information on waterfowl hunting or to purchase permits and stamps and register for the Harvest Information Program.

### Explore the parks with these Game and Parks events in September

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/36c9feb>

### Commissioners approve fee increase for state park entry permits

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission approved fee increases for its state park entry permits at its meeting on Aug. 4 in Valentine.

The fee for the annual permit for Nebraska-licensed vehicles will increase from \$30 to \$35 and a temporary (daily) permit from \$6 to \$7 beginning Jan. 1, 2024. That approval activated an increase in permit fees for vehicles licensed outside of Nebraska. Those annual permits increased from \$60 to \$70, with the daily permit increasing from \$12 to \$14.

The duplicate permit will go from \$15 to \$17.50 for Nebraska-licensed vehicles and \$30 to \$35 for vehicles licensed outside of Nebraska.

Of the 38 states that have resident annual state

MORE: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/3690a37>

### **Veterans and military permits**

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is proud to offer special permits to veterans age 64 and older, deployed military and disabled veterans at reduced or no cost.

<https://outdoornebraska.gov/permits/veterans-and-military-permits/>

In addition to discounted state park entry permits, Nebraska Game and Parks offers discounts on hunt/fish/fur permits for veterans and active military. Get a hunt/fish/fur permit (\$70 value) for only \$5 if you're a Nebraska veteran 64 or older, or get a lifetime annual permit at no fee if you're a disabled veteran (50% or more service connected or 100% non-service connected). Learn more and apply at the link below.

Please Note: This benefit is provided through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Please [contact the commission](#) with any questions.

[Learn More About Nebraska Game and Parks Permits for Veterans](#)

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### Biden Has Decided to Keep Space Command in Colorado, Rejecting Move to Alabama, Sources Say

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/31/biden-has-decided-keep-space-command-cobiden-has-decided-keep-space-command-colorado-rejecting-move.html>

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### Army National Guard Halts Payments for Soldier Student Loans After Funding Snafu

The Army National [Guard](#) has ceased payments to soldiers for student loan debt as the service component faces unforeseen funding issues, and officials have no timeline for when the problem may be resolved.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/20/army-national-guard-halts-payments-soldier-student-loans-after-funding-snafu.html>

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### **This month's** **FEATURED COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER INFORMATION** **Extracted from**

#### Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/>

#### County Veterans Service Offices Directory (Updated 8/22/2023)

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso>

GRANT COUNTY  
Service Officer (308) 458-8198  
Location Courthouse,  
105 E Harrison Street Hours Monday – Friday

Mailing Address PO Box 269 8 am to 4 pm  
Hyannis, NE 69350 Closed noon to 1 pm

Website [http://grant.mipsweb.info/webpages/veterans\\_services/veterans\\_services.html](http://grant.mipsweb.info/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.html)

#### GREELEY COUNTY

Service Officer Jacqueline Wells (402) 395-2905 [bcvso@boonecountyne.gov](mailto:bcvso@boonecountyne.gov)

Fax: (402) 395-6966

Location 222 S 4th St, Albion, NE 68620

Mailing Address 222 S 4th St

Albion, NE 68620

Hours WEDNESDAY ONLY

8 am to 4:30 pm

Website [http://www.greeleycounty.ne.gov/webpages/veterans\\_services/veterans\\_services.html](http://www.greeleycounty.ne.gov/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.html)

Also CVSO for Boone County

#### HALL COUNTY

Service Officer Donald L. Shuda (308) 385-5065 [dons@hallcountyne.gov](mailto:dons@hallcountyne.gov)

Admin Assist Margy Goerl Fax: (308) 385-5066

Vet Service Aid Dori Wilkinson

Vet Service Aid Jill Lothrop Hours Monday – Friday

Vet Service Aid Jennifer Nelson 8:30 am to 5 pm

Vet Service Aid Rhonda Byerly

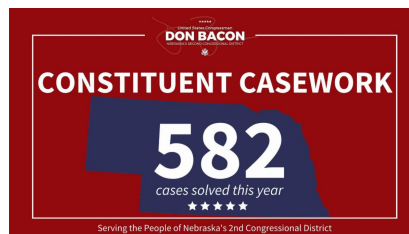
Location 131 S Locust St

Mailing Address 131 S Locust St

Grand Island, NE 68801

Website <http://www.hcgi.org/content.lasso?page=7218&-session=hcv:A47742B3077f22756CtPxh1EC94C>

Also CVSO for Howard, Nance and Sherman Counties



## Congressman Don Bacon

July 31 at 5:51 PM

Need help with a passport, Veterans Affairs, or Medicare claim?

We can reach out to federal agencies on your behalf. In 2023, we have been able to solve 582 cases for constituents.

Call our district office at 402-938-0300 for assistance!

## EVENTS



Tomb of the Unknown (Half-sized replica) at SeptemberFest, CHI Center, Lot D, Downtown

Omaha, NE

Friday, September 1, 2023 12:00 PM

Monday, September 4, 2023 4:00 PM

<https://www.patrioticproductions.org/nebraska-schedule/2023/9/1/tomb-of-the-unknown-half-sized-replica-at-septemberfest-chi-center-lot-d-downtown-omaha-ne>

## Tomb of the Unknown (Replica) Hosted by Siouxland Freedom Park, South Sioux City, Nebr

Saturday, September 9, 2023 9:00 AM

Monday, September 11, 2023 6:00 PM

<https://www.patrioticproductions.org/nebraska-schedule/2023/9/9/tomb-of-the-unknown-replica-hosted-by-siouxland-freedom-park-south-sioux-city-nebr>

## "Remembering Our Fallen" Hosted by Sons of American Legion at VFW Post 2503, Omaha,

NE

Sunday, September 17, 2023 1:00 PM

Sunday, September 24, 2023 3:00 PM

<https://www.patrioticproductions.org/nebraska-schedule/2023/9/17/remembering-our-fallen-hosted-by-sons-of-american-legion-at-vfw-post-2503-omaha-ne>



The "Flights of Honor" pictorial exhibit is now featured at Oak View Mall - lower level between the escalators. You can see it there through January 31st!

## *American Legion Riders*

**POKER RUN**

Lincoln Chapter 3

REGISTRATION: 10AM-NOON  
FIRST BIKE OUT AT: 10AM  
LAST BIKE IN: 3PM  
PRIZES/AWARDS: 3:30PM

**SATURDAY SEPT 9**

-STARTS AT FRONTIER HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 205 NW 40TH ST, LINCOLN  
-WITH STOPS IN ASHLAND, WAHO, VALPARAISO  
-ENDS AT DENTON LEGION CLUB, 7226 LANCASTER AVE, DENTON

BRING NONPERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE FOOD BANK (OR DONATE \$5) AND GET AN EXTRA CARD!

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- SILENT AUCTION  
- 50/50  
- RIDE PRIZES  
- RAFFLE  
- GIVEAWAYS

## Register Now for the 2023 Nebraska Women Veterans Symposium

October 13-15, 2023

Holiday Inn and Convention Center

110 2nd Ave, Kearney, NE

This event is free (including meals) for women veterans and will include a wide range of presenters, special activities, recognition, and more. Our goal is to empower Nebraska's women veterans by:

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/register-now-2023-nebraska-women-veterans-symposium?e=64def6304a>



## 2023 Lincoln Veterans Parade

Nebraska State Capitol  
2023 Lincoln Veterans Parade  
VETERANS IN BUSINESS  
K street from S 21st to S 14th Street  
Sunday, Nov. 12th at 2 PM

On Sunday afternoon, everyone is invited to line K Street to see so many great sponsors, businesses, organizations, vehicles, and people in salute to our American heroes. This year we are giving special recognition to our military veterans in the workforce as business leaders, entrepreneurs, or employees. Our heroes continue to move forward after service.

The parade will start at 2 PM on 21st and K Street, moving westbound to S 14th. The parade line will stop at the Capital Building for the opening ceremony. We have 2 stations along the route of radio hosts providing emcee support. The parade will have a Live TV and Streaming Broadcast of the entire event. Expecting to last 60 to 90 minutes.

Getting involved and helping others is not just in the military but is what Nebraskans do. Send a message or visit the website to find more information. From joining the Planning Committee, helping setup on parade day, or just posting a sign in the yard.

### 2023 VETERANS IN BUSINESS

This year's parade will be honoring veterans in business. 2021 saw one of the highest numbers of new business starts in the US – more than 5.4M. 10.7% of new business owners in 2021 were veterans. Veterans are playing a bigger role in driving the economy forward, translating military training to business success. Veterans are significantly more likely to start a business in Goods-Producing/Logistic sectors (construction, manufacturing, utilities, transportation, and warehousing) than all new business owners.

[#VeteransInBusiness](#) [#lincolnparade](#) [#LNKvetswww.lincolnveteransparade.org](#)

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Providing PTSD services to those who serve

### Programs

Contact us for help finding the program that's right for you.

Behavioral Health Services

Vets 4 Vets

Trauma-Informed Yoga

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) group

Peer Support Services

Military Spouse Support Group

Teen Talk Group

### **Events**

<https://ateaseusa.org/events/>

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**Herostock is back for 2023! After our 1st annual event in 2022 the outpouring of request and support for another Vetstock event was so overwhelming we have to once again host the greatest Veteran and First Responder event of the year!**

**Herostock 2023 will be held at Round the Bend Steakhouse located between Lincoln & Omaha nestled in the rolling hills of the Platte River Valley.**

**30801 E Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003 MORE <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918361028528378/>**

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