

# Nebraska Veterans Coalition



Leading the way for Nebraska's Veterans

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

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*We at the Nebraska Veterans Coalition continue to research and provide veteran-related information to military members currently serving and veterans who have served in Active, National Guard, and Reserve. We also recommend and have continued supporting legislation to improve the lives of military personnel in Nebraska since 2014. Our newsletter distribution is over 2,000, including that of all Nebraska State legislators. We will do our best to post articles on our Facebook page and encourage those of the 5,200 followers to post to our page. Our Facebook administrators review all postings, ensuring they are appropriate. Our efforts to inform veterans are passed on to over 8,000 Nebraska veterans and supporters and forwarded or shared with many more.*

You can post on our Facebook page (Nebraska Veterans Coalition). "Friend us," and encourage your Veterans Service organization or Veteran Owned Business to post veterans' events and other information and follow Twitter (X) @VetsCoalitionNE

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

### COALITION MISSION

WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE UPDATE

**Can be found on our Website.**

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition is a non-partisan and bi-partisan group formed to raise veterans' awareness about what is happening at the Nebraska Unicameral. To inform veterans of their elected officials and the legislation on veterans' benefits going through the Nebraska Unicameral.

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**Businesses Supporting Veterans**

Are you a veteran-owned business or a business hiring veterans?

Email your business card to us with a link to your website or Facebook page, and it will be added to this page) <https://nebraskaveterans.org/sponsors.htm>

Visitors to our webpage can click on your card to find your website.

Our email is [comeoncubs100@gmail.com](mailto:comeoncubs100@gmail.com)

**Nebraska Veterans Organizations**

**Join Us and add your link to our website**

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American Legion Post #211 Elkhorn

American Legion Post 266 Bennington

American Legion Post 36 Gering

VFW Post 759 Kearney

American Legion Post 52 Kearney

VFW Post 2503 Omaha

VFW Post 1581 Omaha

VFW Post 247 Omaha

American Legion Post 32 Papillion

American Legion Dept of Nebraska

American Legion Nebraska News

American Legion Nebraska Ladies Auxiliary

American Legion Nebraska Legion Riders

VVA Chapter 279 Omaha

American Legion Post #1 Omaha

American Legion Post 374 Millard

VFW Post 8334 Millard

**(If you wish your organization added here, send us an email with the link)**

Or email [comeoncubs100@gmail.com](mailto:comeoncubs100@gmail.com)

**Legislation**

**Gov. Pillen Issues Statement Regarding Special Session to Restore Winner-Take-All to Nebraska**

September 24, 2024

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**Gov. Pillen Issues Statement Regarding Special Session to Restore Winner-Take-All to Nebraska**

LINCOLN, NE – Today, Governor Jim Pillen issued the following statement regarding a special session to restore winner-take-all prior to the 2024 presidential election:

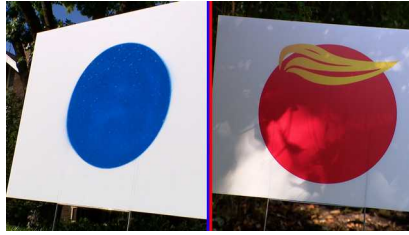
“My team and I have worked relentlessly to secure a filibuster-proof 33-vote majority to get winner-take-all passed before the November election. Given everything at stake for Nebraska and our country, we have left every inch on the field to get this done.

Unfortunately, we could not persuade 33 state senators. Senator Mike McDonnell of Omaha has confirmed he is unwilling to vote for winner-take-all before the 2024 election. That is profoundly disappointing to me and the many others who have worked so earnestly to ensure all Nebraskans’ votes are sought after equally this election. Based on the lack of 33 votes, I have no plans to call a special session on this issue prior to the 2024 election. I am grateful to

the many Nebraskans who made their voices heard during this process.”

[MORE](#)

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-pillen-issues-statement-regarding-special-session-restore-winner-take-all-nebraska>



OMAHA, Neb. —

What started as one blue dot in Dundee is now on thousands of signs across the metro. "Grassroots efforts do pay off sometimes," said Jason Brown, who originated the dots with his wife, Ruth Huebner-Brown.

While more signs went up, efforts to switch Nebraska to a "winner take all" state reached its most significant point since the spring. That included pressure from all five members of Nebraska's congressional delegation and Gov. Jim Pillen. a Legislature.

State Sen. Mike McDonnell reaffirming his position against the move on Monday, it seems Nebraska's congressional districts will award their votes independently of the statewide results. McDonnell is a Democrat-turned-Republican in the officially nonpartisan Nebraska.

**MORE: (Full Story)** <https://www.ketv.com/article/mcdonnell-decision-means-competing-signs-in-omaha-wont-be-moot/62339969>

Aaron Hegarty Investigative Reporter

KETV Omaha Updated: 6:49 AM CDT Sep 24, 2024



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### **Farm Bill Bulletin**

Legislative Updates from Washington, D.C.

With fewer than four months of 2024 remaining, the window of opportunity for Congress to pass a new farm bill is narrowing. Partisan divides on key issues, as well as November's general election, are just two of the many factors at play as lawmakers prepare their final to-do list for the year.

The path to a new farm bill has been long, and there remains much work to be done. Marker bill introductions and negotiations began in 2023, and an extension of the 2018 farm bill allowed conversations to continue into 2024. Unfortunately, lawmakers remain in the preliminary stages of passing the omnibus legislation through Congress. Progress remains where it stood on May 30, when we published our last Farm Bill Bulletin. The House of Representatives passed its version of the bill—the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024—on May 23. The Senate's version of the bill—the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024—has yet to be voted on by the Agriculture Committee. Only a detailed summary has been released.

**MORE:** <https://www.cfra.org/blog/time-running-out-pass-new-legislation-2024>

Kalee Olson

Policy Manager



Dear Friend,

With elections right around the corner, it's clear that our country is at a significant crossroads. Each of us holds different views on the path forward, but one thing I hope we can all agree on is that a less consequential federal government would be a step in the right direction. Returning more power to the states could make government not only more

accountable and stable but also more responsive to the unique needs of each community. Our country's founders recognized this when they designed a system of federalism that would empower states to be the true laboratories of democracy. They understood that no bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., could know or address the issues Nebraskans face better than our local and state representatives. Unfortunately, over the years, we've seen a centralization of power that threatens that original intent. But there are solutions available to push back and bring that power back to where it belongs.

I recently had the pleasure of discussing this very topic on the [latest episode](#) of our Nebraskanomics podcast with Tony Woodlief, Senior Executive Vice President and Senior Fellow at the Center for Practical Federalism. Tony is an expert in state-based solutions to federal overreach, and we had a great conversation about how we can make federalism more prevalent in today's policy landscape.

In our discussion, Tony emphasized that one of the best ways to restore the balance between federal and state power is through policies that make the federal government more transparent and accountable to the states. For example, a federal funds inventory would give states a clearer picture of how much federal money they rely on, and the strings attached to it. This kind of transparency could empower states to make better decisions about their own priorities, rather than simply following the dictates of federal dollars.

Another important reform Tony and I discussed is the REINS Act. This legislation would require any major federal regulation to be approved by elected representatives before it can go into effect. This would prevent unelected bureaucrats from imposing sweeping regulations that can undermine state sovereignty and local economies without proper oversight. Although the federal government has not passed the REINS Act, several states have—including Florida, Wisconsin, and our neighbors in Kansas—in the spirit of increased transparency and legislative input and oversight.

We'll be continuing this conversation on federalism at our Annual Legislative Summit on October 17th in Lincoln, and I'm excited to share that Tony Woodlief will be joining us as our keynote speaker. His insights into state solutions to federalism are timely, and this presentation is one you won't want to miss. If you haven't already registered for the Summit, I encourage you to do so by visiting this [link](#).

Federalism isn't just an abstract theory—it's a practical and achievable approach to ensuring government remains close to the people it serves. Solutions like the federal funds inventory and the REINS Act are just a few ways we can make strides toward a future where states have more control over their destinies. At the Platte Institute, we're committed to advancing these kinds of policies to ensure Nebraska remains competitive, self-reliant and accountable to the taxpayers.

Thank you for being a part of this important discussion. I look forward to seeing you at the Summit as we continue to work together to build a stronger Nebraska and a more accountable government.

Thanks for reading,

Jim

Jim Vokal, CEO of the Platte Institute and host of Nebraskanomics.

It's time to stop the status quo. Let's remove economic barriers and make Nebraskans proud.

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## HEALTH CARE

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### *Home Base*

[Homebase.org](https://www.homebase.org) (Open)

*As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the first and largest private sector clinic in America, and the only private sector clinic in New England, devoted to providing lifesaving clinical care and support for the treatment of invisible wounds.*

*Since our founding in 2009, Home Base has been breaking new ground, leading regional and national efforts with a multidisciplinary team of experts working together to help Veterans, Service Members and their Families heal from invisible wounds. By caring for Veterans, Service Members and their Families in a family-based clinic, and working in cooperation with the US Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA), Home Base serves as a replicable model to promote the health and well-being of Veterans, Service Members and their Families nationwide.*

**[Open this link and listen to Their Story](#)**

## (Open) Our Impact | Home Base

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition continues its efforts to research and provide information to veterans and friends of the Coalition. We are contacting you with information about a national program that treats invisible wounds for veterans of all eras, active-duty service members, National Guard members, and reserve members, regardless of discharge status. This tool will be helpful for you to advise veterans in your county who suffer from PTSD or TBI or may be considered suicidal. A Nebraska veteran who attended this treatment recently feels it was beneficial and helped with his emotions.

The therapy is two weeks in Boston at the Massachusetts General Hospital's Home Base Program. Treatment, food, lodging, transportation expenses, and care and support are covered for a participant regardless of geographical location. Insurance will be billed if you have it, but co-payments and remaining balances after insurance payments for services provided are covered. There is no cost to the participant. The individual can call directly to apply for treatment without needing a doctor's referral. This program is an outpatient treatment designed to treat Veterans, Family Members, and Families of the Fallen who are struggling with invisible wounds.

### About | Home Base (Open)

*Home Base was founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and the Red Sox Foundation in 2009. Home Base is a national nonprofit dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of war through world-class, direct clinical care, wellness, education, and research, all at no cost to the participant. Home Base has served more than 35,000 Veterans and their Family Members, trained over 85,000 clinicians nationwide, and remains at the forefront of discovering new treatments. As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the first and largest private-sector clinic in America and the only private-sector clinic in New England devoted to providing lifesaving clinical care and support for treating invisible wounds. Home Base is partly supported by the Wounded Warrior Project and Welcome Back Veterans, Home Base is a founding member of the Warrior Care Network.  
Founding Partners*

### Our Partners | Home Base (Open)

*Wounded Warrior Project, Fisher House Foundation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Navy SEAL Foundation, State of Florida, SEAL Legacy Foundation, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Warrior Care Network, Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, George W. Bush Institute's Veteran Wellness Alliance, Blue Angels Foundation, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services*

### Home Base Massachusetts General Hospital and the Red Sox Foundation Free Specializing in treating invisible wounds

### Available Programs (Open)

#### Intensive Clinical Program for Service Members & Veterans

A two-week outpatient program designed to heal the invisible wounds of war of Veterans and Service Members.

The Intensive Clinical Program (ICP) is an outpatient treatment program designed to treat Veterans and their Family Members who are struggling with invisible wounds with up to two years of treatment in a two-week program, combining evidence-based therapy with complementary and alternative medicine.

What sets the ICP apart from other programs is that it is staffed not only by Massachusetts General Hospital clinicians and fitness and nutrition experts — all trained in Military culture and specializing in treating invisible wounds — but also by Veterans, Service Members, and Military Family Members who are subject-matter experts and can provide high-level peer support through their shared life experiences.

#### Eligibility

Veterans of all eras, active duty Service Members, National Guard members, and Reserve members, regardless of discharge status

#### How much does it cost?

Treatment, food, lodging, and transportation expenses are covered for a participant. If you have it, insurance will be billed, but co-payments and remaining balances after insurance payments for services provided in the ICP are covered. Offered at no cost to the participant (travel, meals, care and support are provided)

What will be the care plan? Veterans work with their treatment team to determine an individualized treatment plan. Our clinicians are experienced in delivering the most effective



and innovative treatments to help heal the invisible wounds of war.

**Is family included?** Family Members and support people are integral to the healing process. They will be encouraged to participate in program offerings and provided with their own education and support opportunities.

**Area of Service** National and international

After establishing a treatment plan, you will attend the two-week ICP at no cost to you or your family to get help overcoming the effects of invisible wounds and successfully return to family life, work, school, and community.

### **Special Operations Program**

- Comprehensive Brain Health and Trauma program for active-duty Special Operations Service Members and Veterans.
- Intensive Clinical Program for Families of the Fallen
- A two-week program providing care to Family Members who have lost their Veteran to Suicide.

### **Resiliency Programs**

- A 6-week course designed to teach various mind-body techniques & skill-building exercises to manage stress.
- Operation Health @ Home
- Virtual platform with essential fitness, nutrition, mindfulness & mental health coaching strategies.

### **Want to Participate?**

- **Step 1**
  - Click the Get Care button or call 617-724-5202
  - to be connected to a member of our care team.
- **Step 2**
  - A member of our care team will follow up to discuss your specific needs and establish next steps
  - to help develop an effective treatment plan that meets each individual's needs.
- **Step 3**
  - After a treatment plan has been established, you will attend the two-week ICP at no cost to you or your family
  - to get help overcoming the effects of invisible wounds and successfully return to family life, work, school and community.

### **Goals of the Treatment (Open)**

**Self-identification of Problems:** This will help you set clear goals.

**Understanding Emotional Disorders, Setting Goals & Maintaining Motivation:** Start by setting up two specific goals

The ICP-UP was developed to help people who are struggling with intense, overwhelming emotions like anxiety, panic, sadness or low mood, anger, or guilt. Note: You do not need to be diagnosed with a specific disorder, like social anxiety, depression, or posttraumatic stress, to benefit from this treatment.

**What are the Goals of Treatment?**

The goal of the ICP-UP is to change the way you respond to your emotions when they occur, not eliminate emotions altogether.

Each treatment session will teach you skills to accomplish these goals.

- **Session 1** allows you to understand how you respond to your emotions, reflect on and clarify your goals, and build motivation.
- **Session 2** focuses on understanding why we have emotions and how they can be useful to us. You learn about the three parts of your feelings: thoughts, behaviors, and physical sensations.
- **Session 3** will teach you how to notice your emotions Non-judgmentally and how this can be helpful.
- **Session 4** focuses on thoughts and how to think more flexibly about people (including yourself), situations, and emotions.
- **Session 5** addresses behaviors, particularly behaviors that might make you feel better in the short term, like trying to avoid emotions, but tend to cause problems in the long term.
- **Sessions 6-8** will allow you to put yourself in situations you've been avoiding to practice the skills you've been learning.

**Summary** This treatment is designed to help veterans struggling to manage strong emotions.

### **Subjects Addressed (Open)**

The Intensive Clinical Program (ICP) will include different learning and treatment experiences that have been found, through research and clinical care, to be effective in treating PTSD, TBI, and related concerns.

- Intro to PTSD
- Resilient Warrior
- Warrior Cognitive Health
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT Skill Group)
- Substance Use Disorder (Sud Education Group)
- Improving Sleep
- Family and Support Member Materials
- Resources for Parents
- Integrative Therapies
- FitnessNutrition

### [What is the Intensive Clinical Program for Families of the Fallen?](#)

The Intensive Clinical Program for Families of the Fallen (ICPFF), established in 2017 with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), is a groundbreaking outpatient treatment program designed to treat Survivors of fallen warriors with up to two years of treatment in a two-week program. It combines evidence-based therapy with complementary and alternative medicine.

What sets the ICPFF apart from other programs is that it is staffed not only by Massachusetts General Hospital clinicians and fitness and nutrition experts – all trained in Military culture and specializing in treating invisible wounds – but also by Veterans, Service Members, and Military Family Members who are subject-matter experts and able to provide high-level peer support through their shared life experiences.

- Program Cost (None).

<https://homebase.org/program/icp/> (Open)

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### [What we do: https://ateaseusa.org/](https://ateaseusa.org/) (Open)

At Ease USA was founded in 2009 in response to the lack of wounded warriors getting the treatment needed upon their return home.

At Ease USA (AEU) is committed to providing access to confidential trauma treatment and therapeutic support for active military, veterans and their loved ones, regardless of their ability to pay. AEU complements existing services offered by military and veterans organizations, with a focus on the elimination of barriers to treatment for those suffering from the effects of deployment and the uncertainty of war.

**Programs/Services:** <https://ateaseusa.org/services/> (Open)

#### [Counseling Services](#)

Veterans Services programs provide confidential, individualized counseling services for active military personnel, veterans, frontline healthcare workers and their loved ones regardless of ability to pay.

#### [Vets 4 Vets Peer Support Group](#)

Peer support is rooted in hope & connection through empowering and empathetic relationships between those with similar and shared life experiences. [Omaha](#)

#### [1:1 Peer Support Services](#)

We offer 1:1 Peer Support Services to our military veterans. AEU's Vets4Vets program creates opportunities for veterans and service members to heal together. [Omaha](#)

#### [Healing Circle for Warrior Women](#)

This program provides a safe, supportive community where female veterans can heal, connect, and share their experiences through peer-led discussions. Meetings are held in Lincoln, NE. [Learn More](#)

#### [Virtual Military Spouse & Caregiver Support Group](#)

With this support group, you can expect to gain a deeper understanding of stress, trauma & PTSD, learn to recognize warning signs and triggers, and more. [Learn More](#)

#### [Trauma-Informed Yoga](#)

This evidence-informed practice has been proven to relieve the impact of PTSD. We focus on breathing, meditation, mindful movement, guided rest, and gratitude. [Learn More](#)

#### [Dialectical Behavior Therapy \(DBT\) group](#)

This group will resume in the near future. Please watch our social media (and check back on our website) for more information.

#### [Virtual Women's Vets 4 Vets](#)

This virtual women's support group encompasses a range of activities and interactions between female veterans. This group will resume in the near future. Please watch our social

media for more information!

### Teen Talk Group

This group will resume in the near future. Please watch our social media (and check back on our website) for more information!

### Buddy Check

Buddy Check was started in support of veterans struggling with mental health challenges and addiction. This group will resume in the near future. Please watch our social media for more information!

[Contact us for help finding the service that's right for you.](#) [Contact Us](#)

## *Mental Health Practitioners*

[Our Providers](#)  
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### How you can help.

As an independent, non-governmental non-profit, the services we provide are directly tied to the contributions we get from individuals like you. We're lean, we're effective and we're reaching more and more servicemen and women each and every year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a military or medical hero.

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

Contact us:

At Ease USA 10605 Burt Circle, Omaha, NE 68114

[531.247.4040](tel:531.247.4040)

[Mon-Fri: 8am - 5pm](#)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

[1.800.273.TALK \(8255\)](tel:1.800.273.TALK) [Emergency 988 suicide and crisis lifeline](#) [Live Online Chat](#)



**Sarpy County VA Clinic 1330 Jersey Street Papillion, NE 68046 (402) 591-4500**  
**OPEN HOUSE WAS ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

## Veterans Mobile Evaluation Team

### Enhancing access to mental health care for Veterans in crisis

Two innovative programs reduce Veteran incarceration and involuntary hospitalization [Veterans Mobile Evaluation Team](#) (VMET) and Veterans Response Teams (VRT) are two innovative programs that collaborate with local law enforcement to enhance access to mental health care for Veterans in crisis. When Veterans experience a mental health crisis off VA property, often referred to as off campus, assisting that Veteran involves collaboration with the local community and law enforcement.

Communities that participate in these programs allow for necessary intervention with trained Veterans to further help with accessing necessary resources.

<https://news.va.gov/134646/enhancing-access-to-mental-health-care-crisis/> [\(Open\)](#)



## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs CWV - Research Update

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs sent this bulletin at 09/15/2024 10:00 AM Women veterans NOT using your earned VA Benefits & Services, we would love to hear from you. Please take our survey, it takes 5 minutes and is anonymous.

<https://survey.voice.va.gov/?cwv-women-veterans>

[The Social Determinants of Suicide among Female Service Members and Veterans : Running Title: ...](#)  
[Association of Age of Menopause and Glaucoma Diagnosis in Female Veterans](#)  
[Dimensions of posttraumatic stress disorder and menopause-related health in midlife women veterans](#)  
[Palliative Care for Refractory Depressive Symptoms in a Female Veteran Geriatric Patient](#)  
[UK female veterans' physical health: perceived impact of military service and experiences of ...](#)  
[Open Burn Pit Exposure in Headache Disorder and Migraine](#)  
[Skin Cancer and Other Dermatologic Conditions Among US Veterans](#)  
[Yoga for Veterans with PTSD: Intervention Feasibility, Changes in PTSD Symptom Severity, and ...](#)  
[Implementation and Impact of Intimate Partner Violence Screening Expansion in the Veterans ...](#)

### Miscellaneous Information

#### REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the Omaha National Cemetery's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 14, 2024, at 11:00 am (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony), Wreaths Across America will be at Omaha National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button next to the cemetery name below, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you. Thank you so much for supporting Omaha National Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!  
<https://tinyurl.com/4m47hnsc> (Open)

#### Announcing The Ohio Veterans HOF Class of 2024

September 09, 2024

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 by former Gov. George Voinovich to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding Ohio veterans. Charter members include the six Ohio veterans who were elected President of the United States as well as Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees include astronauts, entrepreneurs, community leaders, safety officers, veteran advocates, and government officials. The members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame are honored in a permanent display at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. ODVS, on behalf of and in collaboration with the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee, administers the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Comprised of 13 veteran volunteers, the Executive Committee members serve as advisors to the Hall of Fame and their primary purpose is to select up to 20 honorees annually. For more information, call (614) 644-0898, email [HallOfFame@dvs.ohio.gov](mailto:HallOfFame@dvs.ohio.gov) or visit the Hall of Fame website. [https://dvs.ohio.gov/hall-of-fame/hall-of-fame?fbclid=IwY2xjawFegZFleHRuA2F1bQlXMQABHS2rN5puL2PqvtZd1p-IHHSNyGsnbYH-EhkImDQCOINJUj0nPvYAX\\_8-ag\\_aem\\_n5l9RovW8l1ojTxVUH0MJg](https://dvs.ohio.gov/hall-of-fame/hall-of-fame?fbclid=IwY2xjawFegZFleHRuA2F1bQlXMQABHS2rN5puL2PqvtZd1p-IHHSNyGsnbYH-EhkImDQCOINJUj0nPvYAX_8-ag_aem_n5l9RovW8l1ojTxVUH0MJg)

#### Honoring Florida's Veterans

The State of Florida established the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2013 to recognize and honor those military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the State of Florida. In selecting its nominees for submission to the Governor and Cabinet, the Council will give preference to veterans who were either born in Florida or adopted Florida as their home state. The individuals they choose will have made a significant contribution to the state in civic, business, public service, or other pursuits. The selection Process will be conducted, using a uniform Nomination Form (in PDF) located at the top of this page. A guide pamphlet (in PDF) is also [linked here](#) and will give you all the information necessary to fill out the Nomination Form..

#### What is the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame

[https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/FVHOF\\_Presentation.pdf](https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/FVHOF_Presentation.pdf) (Open)

- History of Florida Veterans Hall of Fame
- Criteria for Florida Veterans Hall of Fame
- Nomination Packet Format
- Ceremony for the Veterans Hall of Fame
- Honor a Florida Veteran
- Key website and contact information



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### **Unapologetically Rural**

<https://www.cfra.org/> (Open)

We are unapologetically rural. We stand up for the small family farmers and ranchers, new business owners, and rural communities. For more than 50 years, we've been a leading force engaging people to build a better rural future. We live this work. Welcome to our rural revolution.

*From small business training to beginning farmer learning circles to town hall events with lawmakers and more, we strive to connect you with resources and peers across rural communities.*

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Offering small business and housing loans in Nebraska.

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Loans for small- and medium-sized facilities, resources, advocacy.

Learn more.

#### **[Farmers and ranchers](#)**

We have programs and resources for beginning women, veterans, and conventional farmers.

#### **[Policy](#)**

Find rural analysis on the topics affecting rural communities.

#### **[Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

Do you have questions? We have answers. Here are some of the more common questions we receive. If you don't see what you're looking for here, please email us at

[https://info@cfra.org](mailto:https://info@cfra.org).

Find Upcoming events in [Nebraska and Iowa](#): <https://www.cfra.org/events> (Open)

### **New DOD Priorities to Benefit Military Families**

As part of our enduring duty to America's service members and their families, the Defense Department has taken concrete steps to provide tangible support to our force for health care, moving expenses, military spouse employment and more.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDODMILITARYONESOURCE/bulletins/3b50ce4> (Open)

**Retiree and Transitioning Event for Lincoln National Guard members preparing for the next chapter.** <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/KhoPgWNR7TRX9Gst/> (Open)



***2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games***  
***44th Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games is coming to  
Minneapolis***

To register for the 2025 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Minneapolis, you can email

NVWGINFO@va.gov. You can also use the free NVWG mobile app for event information, schedule updates, and more.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lrAt15uocl> (Open)

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## **Space Force Touts Plans for Part-Time Service, Even as Opposition and Space National Guard Proposal Loom**

For now, the initiative allowing such reservists to transfer to the Space Force is accepting only those who are willing to serve full time as Guardians on active duty. The service is hoping to eventually allow part-time Space Force service as an option to those in the Air Force Reserve. **MORE:** <https://secure.military.com/daily-news/2024/09/19/space-force-touts-plans-part-time-service-even-opposition-and-space-national-guard-proposal-loom.html>

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## **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs CWV - Research Update**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs sent this bulletin at 09/15/2024 10:00 AM EDT  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/bulletins/3b5e41b>  
**Women Veterans NOT using your earned VA Benefits & Services, we would love to hear from you. Please take our survey, it takes 5 minutes and is anonymous.**  
<https://survey.voice.va.gov/?cwg-women-veterans>

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## **Veterans Business Outreach Center**

### **PROUDLY SERVING NEBRASKA & IOWA**

The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program is designed to proudly provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling, and resource partner referrals to transitioning service members, veterans, National Guard & Reserve members, and military spouses interested in starting or growing a small business. VBOC at Nebraska Enterprise Fund is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. <https://nebbiz.org/vboc>

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## **SBA Administrator Guzman Announces \$7 Million in PRIME Grants to Serve Low-Income Microentrepreneurs**

### **Two Nebraska Organizations Receive Grant Support for Training, Program Development to Increase Access to Capital and Grow Businesses**

The Center for Rural Affairs Community Capital, Lyons, NE and GROW Nebraska Foundation, Kearney, NE received \$200,000 and \$300,000 respectively to assist small businesses in the State of Nebraska [Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs \(PRIME\)](https://tinyurl.com/4rbnye6c) grant awards, totaling \$7 million. <https://tinyurl.com/4rbnye6c> (Open)

### **About the U.S. Small Business Administration**

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) (Open)

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## **Outdoor News: Turkey season changes; finding fishing spots; insect camouflage**

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission sent this bulletin at 09/19/2024 01:30 PM CDT

Fall turkey season is just around the corner. Before it starts, we wanted to remind you of key

information:

- The fall turkey season is Oct. 1-Nov. 30.
- Each hunter may only have one fall permit.
- The bag limit allows the take of one turkey of either sex with a shotgun or archery equipment.
  - All turkey harvests must be reported via Telecheck. Report your harvest [online](#) or by calling 1-844-279-4564. This information will be on your permit. Make sure you have a permit in hand too. They're available [online](#) and at Game and Parks permitting offices.
  - **[New hunting opportunity for vets, military](#)**
- Nebraska's veterans and activity-duty military will have two additional days to hunt waterfowl starting with the 2024-25 hunting season. The special season is open to qualifying residents and nonresidents and runs in conjunction with the youth waterfowl hunting days. [Read more](#)<sup>4</sup>

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## **Ricketts Reminds Students about Upcoming U.S. Military Service Academy Nominations Deadline**

September 16, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts (R-NE) is reminding students of the approaching United State Military Service Academy Nominations deadline of October 15th. Nominations from a Congressional representative are required for the United States Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, Military Academy, and Merchant Marine Academy.

**MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/4hnjyz4x>

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## **DOD overhauls jobs program to emphasize immediate employment for transitioning service members**

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department is overhauling a job training program for transitioning service members with tougher requirements for employers, the creation of a centralized tracking system to measure outcomes and a greater focus on moving participants into full-time work after an internship. The new mandates were implemented in August and require companies that participate in a program called SkillBridge to demonstrate a “high probability” of immediate employment after the six-month program, according to the department.

**Read more:** at <https://tinyurl.com/5n8fbee5> Source - Stars and Stripes

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## **Military Personnel Flight**

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) serves Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Retired personnel across the installation through our Customer Service, Force Management, and Career Development elements. We support all Airmen by assisting them in managing their military careers and ensuring eligibility of entitlements.

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<https://offutt55fss.com/military-personnel-flight/> (Open)

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**[Air Force Standing Up New Wing](#)**

## For 'Doomsday' Command and Control

Sept. 4, 2024 | By David Roza

The Air Force aims to improve its strategic command and control capabilities by standing up a new wing at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. The 95th Wing will put disparate command and control units from the Active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve under one wing to provide a more unified command and better advocate for resources for strategic command and control, the branch explained in a Sept. 4 [press release](#).

The units involved in the new wing are the 595th Command and Control Group (CACG) based at Offutt; the 253rd CACG, a Wyoming Air National Guard unit based in Cheyenne, Wyo.; and the Air Force Reserve's 610th Command and Control Squadron based at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

No personnel from the 253rd or the 610th will move for the new wing, but about 70 new military job slots will open at Offutt over the next few years, with the first to arrive in spring 2025, the Air Force said in the press release. The wing is expected to be fully operational by 2027. **MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/2h5w6ujx>

Video

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### Attention RNs & LPNs! The Grand Island VA SARRTP is now hiring for 1-day shift and 2-night shift positions.

Join our highly effective team and make a positive impact on the lives of our Veterans. The SARRTP program has proven successful in rehabilitating Veterans, and we're looking for dedicated RNs to help us continue this mission. Qualified applicants may be eligible for a recruitment/relocation incentive.

Apply now at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/search/results/?l=Grand%20Island%2C%20Nebraska&d=VA&k=Residential%20Mental%20Health&p=1&rmi=false>

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## Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Open this link and visit the NDVA website**

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

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### Newsletter & Events

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

#### 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.

#### Benefits Expert

**MORE:** <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/benefits>

#### Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

Get Started

#### Nebraska Veterans' Homes

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

#### Military & Veterans' Registry Application

[https://www.nebraska.gov/va\\_registry/index.cgi](https://www.nebraska.gov/va_registry/index.cgi)

#### Community Resource Directory

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

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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## American Legion

**EMPOWERING AMERICA THROUGH COMMUNITY SPIRIT**



The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities, celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

By joining the American Legion, you become part of a proud tradition that has supported veterans and their families for over a century. Stand with us to honor the legacy of those who served before us and ensure a brighter future for the generations to come.

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhv7v6t> (Open)

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### ***County Veterans Service Offices Directory***

*Contact your County Veterans Service Officer and offer your help*

*Help with providing transportation for fellow veterans*

*Offer your business as a place for Buddy Check Meetings*

**This video is provided by the Nebraska Association of County Officials**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bqhlwyIZv2c>

A County Veterans Service Office staff provides confidential counseling and assistance to Veterans and their families who are applying for Federal, State, and County Veterans programs and benefits. Federal Veterans Benefits include Education Benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation, Service-connected disability, Non-service disability pension, Healthcare, and Burial benefits.

Nebraska Veterans programs include waiver of tuition, admittance to a Nebraska Veterans home, and emergency financial assistance from the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund. Eligibility for State financial assistance requires Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge from active duty. This requirement is not met by active duty for training only. (Specific residency and service dates are required for some State Benefits)

### **County Veterans Service Offices Directory (Updated Monthly )**

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

### ***The Nebraska Veterans Coalition***

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### ***FEATURED COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER INFORMATION***

#### **SARPY COUNTY**

**Service Office**

**Director Dana Morris (402) 593-2204 [dmorris@sarpy.gov](mailto:dmorris@sarpy.gov)**

**Assist Srvc Office**

**Director Tim Henderson [thenderson@sarpy.gov](mailto:thenderson@sarpy.gov)**

**Vet Service Tech Pamela Voss (402) 593-2356 [pamela.voss@sarpy.gov](mailto:pamela.voss@sarpy.gov)**

**(402) 593-2203 Fax: (402) 593-4489**

**Mailing Address 1102 East 1st St Ste 5, Papillion, NE 68046**

**Hours Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8 am to 4:30 pm**

**Wed 8 am to 4:30 pm Closed Wed 11:30 am to 1 pm**

**Website <https://www.sarpy.gov/280/Veterans-Services>**

#### **SAUNDERS COUNTY**

**Service Officer William Bonney (402) 443-8137 [WBonney@saunderscounty.ne.gov](mailto:WBonney@saunderscounty.ne.gov)**

**Fax: (402) 986-7057**

**Mailing Address 426 N. Broadway Wahoo, NE 68066**

**Hours Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm Closed noon to 1 pm**

**Website [http://www.saunderscounty.ne.gov/webpages/veterans\\_services/veterans\\_services.htm](http://www.saunderscounty.ne.gov/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.htm)**

#### **SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY**

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**Secretary Sue Muehlbauer [sue.muehlbauer@scottsbuffcountyne.gov](mailto:sue.muehlbauer@scottsbuffcountyne.gov)**

**Location Administrative Bldg**

**Mailing Address 1825 10th St, Gering, NE 69341**

**Hours Monday – Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm Open over the lunch hour**

**Website <http://www.scottsbuffcounty.org/veterans/veterans.html>**

**Also CVSO for Banner County & Kimball County**

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