

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

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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

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(If you wish your organization added here, send us an email with the link)
Or email comeoncubs100@gmail.com

Legislation

HEALTH CARE



Prepare for VA's secure sign-in changes

In 2025, you'll need to start using a Login.gov or ID.me account to sign in.

Secure sign-in changes

Why does this matter to you

In 2025, you'll have 2 secure sign-in account options (Login.gov and ID.me) for all VA websites and apps. We'll remove the My HealtheVet option after January 31, 2025, and the DS Logon option after September 30, 2025. You'll still be able to use your My HealtheVet health portal—you'll just need to sign in to it with a Login.gov or ID.me account. In 2025, you'll need to start using a Login.gov or ID.me account to sign in.

What you can do

Create a Login.gov or ID.me account now

We encourage you to create a Login.gov or ID.me account now. If you already have one of these accounts but haven't yet used it, start now so you have time to get used to it before the change. With Login.gov or ID.me, you'll have access to all the same information and services you use today.

<https://tinyurl.com/be7j35wb>

Equine-Assisted Therapy

→ OMAHA

In Partnership With Omaha Equestrian Foundation

For At Ease USA Military Members and Their Families

Currently Scheduling Sessions for Individuals, Couples, and families

Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting creates a connection that helps a veteran open up and begin to heal.

Benefits:

- Improve emotional wellness
- Build trust with self and others
- Boost confidence
- Improve communication and relationships
- Develop teamwork and leadership

To get started, submit our form, email us at info@ateaseusa.org or call us at 531-247-4040 ext 2. https://ateaseusa.org/equine-therapy/?blm_aid=24124

Home Base

[Homebase.org](https://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

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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
- Fitness Nutrition

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)**

Beyond the Call: Understanding the Veterans Crisis Line

Encourage Veterans to reach out to the Veterans Crisis Line

Veterans frequently share that they see the Veterans Crisis Line number, Dial 988 then Press 1, everywhere, on every VA website, billboard, and social media post. They know that 24/7 crisis

support is available, but many remain uncertain about what happens when they make the call or what to expect afterward.

Here, I want to clarify what to expect when reaching out to the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) so Veterans and their friends, family members, and caregivers know exactly what will happen when they call, chat or text with responders.

Many Veterans might not yet know that they can easily text or chat with responders. Conversations are confidential, ensuring privacy and peace of mind. The line is open to all Veterans, regardless of whether they receive VA benefits or health care. Plus, there's an option to have someone to follow up to make sure they receive the support and resources they need.

[You've contacted the Veterans Crisis Line. Now what?](#)

[Support doesn't end with your conversation](#)

[The impact of reaching out to the Veterans Crisis Line](#)

[The bottom line is that the Veterans Crisis Line is saving lives. While it may be difficult to take someone else's word for it, as a Veteran and someone who works with Veterans, I witness the profound impact of the Veterans Crisis Line every day.](#)

[If you're going through a tough time or know a Veteran who is struggling, contact the Veterans Crisis Line – Dial 988, then Press 1. Now that you have a better understanding of what to expect, I encourage you to reach out. We're here for you whenever you need us.](#)
<https://news.va.gov/135107/beyond-call-understanding-veterans-crisis-line/>

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

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/ \(Open\)](https://ateaseusa.org/services/)

[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](#)

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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](#)

[The PACT Act and your VA benefits](#)

The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their [survivors](#)—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. And starting March 5, 2024, we're expanding VA health care to millions of Veterans—years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.

This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at [800-698-2411 \(TTY: 711\)](tel:800-698-2411). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

Miscellaneous Information

[In Case You Missed It: Veterans Benefits Newsletter | October 2024](#)

Veterans Benefits Administration sent this bulletin at 10/08/2024 10:03 AM EDT

[Survivor Benefits and Reporting a Veteran Death](#)

Losing a loved one is a challenging time — we are here to help. As the survivor of a Veteran or Service member, check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, including help with [burial costs and survivor compensation](#).

Please contact VA to report the Veteran's death and avoid an overpayment of the Veteran's benefits. You can report the death in person at a [VA Regional Office](#), by mail, or by phone. When you do this, VA will stop any benefit payments the Veteran received as required by law. Reporting the death timely will help ensure survivors or executors of the Veteran's estate do not experience additional financial stress.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/3baadf1>

[PGA HOPE - Nebraska Section](#)

[\(402\) 489-7760](tel:(402)489-7760) nebraska@pgahq.com

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans and Active-Duty Military personnel to enhance their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

The PGA HOPE Program

The program introduces the game of golf through a developmental 6-8 week curriculum taught and led by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive golf and military cultural competency. It includes clubs and equipment if needed, training aids, range balls, and weekly

golf course access. All programs are funded by PGA REACH and supplemented by PGA Section Foundations, so the cost of programming is free to all Veterans.

PGA HOPE has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which enables VA Doctors and Staff to refer Veterans to the PGA HOPE program as a form of therapy. Through a robust program strategy, PGA HOPE aspires to create a physically and emotionally healthier Veteran and Active Duty community through the game of golf.

<https://www.pga.com/pga-hope/nebraska?srsltid=AfmBOop7iFLvncTK7SnSBEvAZrtPtXfbZ8SFmTcVeIz9y5noITlIPUG>

News From Our Partners: DoD Uniformed Services ID Card Reissuance

In July 2020, DoD began the transition from the paper-based Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card to a more secure, Next Generation USID card (<https://www.cac.mil/Next-Generation-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/>). The Next Generation USID card incorporates an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud and is printed on plastic cardstock.

Retirees and their eligible dependents are encouraged to have their paper-based USID card replaced at their convenience. Please use the "ID Card Office Locator & Appointments" option on ID Card Office Online at: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>, to find ID card sites near you. After selecting the site you want to go to, use the "Schedule an Appointment" button. The "More Site Info" link may provide additional and pertinent site information. You also may want to check to see if that facility provides "walk-in" services. Some of our sites have appointments booked for several months in advance. In that circumstance, we encourage you to use alternate searches to find other sites with availability and please keep checking back as they update their calendars.

The Department is evaluating the possibility of phasing out valid paper-based USID cards with extended or indefinite expiration dates. Any decision reached will be shared through this newsletter and other forums well in advance of any planned implementation.

<https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/newsevents/newsletter/September2024-Partners-DoD-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card-Reissuance/>

Defense Finance and Accounting Service Providing payment services for the U.S. Department of Defense

DFAS Retiree Newsletter September 2024

<https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/newsevents/newsletter/>

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Open this link and visit the NDVA website

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

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NDVA Twitter https://twitter.com/NEVetsAffairs?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw

Newsletter & Events

Read NDVA's FY 2024 Annual Report

<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.

Join the Nebraska Veterans' Registry today! This allows you to get the "Veteran" designation on your driver's license, order Military Honor Plates from the Nebraska DMV, and helps verify eligibility for state benefits. Veterans, including National Guard and Reserve veterans, are eligible to apply at veterans.nebraska.gov/registry.

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

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/>

The Veteran's Newsletter (10/31)

Hagen McMenemy

October 31, 2024

Welcome to the Veteran's Newsletter!

In today's edition:

- VA sets record for veteran care and benefits, plan further expansion amid rising demand.
- Despite VA's expanded rideshare program for rural veterans, transportation challenges continue.
- A beloved military dog is reunited with his former handler after retirement.
- The VA outlines tips for staying safe from scams and hackers during the holiday season.
- The VA is streamlining access to mental health residential programs for veterans.
- The story of an Iraq War hero.

· And more...

News of the Week

- Top Veteran Stories

<https://tinyurl.com/2ku7rax7>



Join us for a special night honoring our Veterans at Veterans Shine On on November 7th in Memorial Park. The event will include a laying-of-the-wreath ceremony for our war representatives, music, and the grand lighting of the park. Speakers will include Mayor Jean Stothert, Councilmember Pete Festersen, and special guests Major (Ret) Yen Nguyen and Thu Nguyen.

Save the date: <https://ow.ly/HHws50TCBYM>

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 applying for Federal, State, and County Veterans programs and benefits. Federal Veterans Benefits include education, vocational rehabilitation, service-connected disability, non-service disability pension, healthcare, and burial benefits.

Nebraska Veterans programs include a tuition waiver, admittance to a Nebraska Veteran's 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

presents this month's

FEATURED COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER INFORMATION

SEWARD COUNTY

Service Officer Ray Foreman (402) 643-4105 rforeman@sewardcountyne.gov
Vets Svcs Assistant Jalisa Gruhn Fax: (402) 643-3174 jgruhn@sewardcountyne.gov
Mailing Address 320 S. 14th St., Seward, NE 68434
Hours Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm
Website <https://www.sewardcountyne.gov/veteransoffice>

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Service Officer Jason Hotz (308) 327-5658 varn@gpcom.net
Secretary Linda Strasburger littlemissflora@yahoo.com
Fax: (308) 327-5632
Location 111 N. Main
Mailing Address PO Box 527, Rushville, NE 69360
Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Closed noon to 1 pm
Website https://sheridancounty.ne.gov/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.htm

SHERMAN COUNTY

Service Officer Donald L. Shuda (308) 385-5065 dons@hallcountyne.gov
Fax: (308) 385-5066
Admin Assist Margy Goerl
Vet Service Aid Jill Lathrop
Vet Service Aid Jennifer Hansen
Vet Service Aid Rhonda Byerly
Location 131 S. Locust St.. Grand Island, NE 68801
Mailing Address 131 S. Locust St., Grand Island, NE 68801
Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm
Website <https://shermancounty.nebraska.gov/about/veterans-services-office>
Also CVSO for Hall, Howard, and Nance Counties

New apartment units to be built for senior veterans in Omaha

New Vision Services says veteran homelessness is expected to triple in the next decade.

A metro non-profit announces it's building senior-living apartments for veterans. The rent will be controlled, so those vets will only pay a small part of their monthly income.

Advertisement

Just a few blocks north of Westroads Mall, a few years from now, fields at 96ths and Cady

Streets will turn into homes for those who served their country. For now, it's 10 acres of empty fields. But by 2026, New Visions plans to start building a 46-unit veterans housing complex.

They'll be keeping it green, three of the acres will turn into walking trails.

Brandy Wallar, President and CEO of New Visions, says they're planning for the future.

Veteran homelessness in Omaha has been going down but projections say nationally, it could get worse. (KETV Updated: 8:13 AM CDT Oct 4, 2024, [Sean MacKinnon Reporter](#))

https://www.ketv.com/article/new-apartment-units-to-be-built-for-senior-veterans-in-omaha/62505388?fbclid=IwY2xjawGOLqIleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHXPwkS7qPTD14WDW_kSUICW17_dY0fJp2_05tDzp12j8ahPNFP0uMVkKNA_aem_MyzVMHfEpGTSTkp9SUUVvA

ROTC Scholarships Could Be Slashed This Decade as Army Deals with Glut of Officers

Military.com | By [Steve Beynon](#)

Published September 27, 2024 at 2:30 pm ET

The [Army](#) is eyeing a roughly \$100 million cut to Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarships through the rest of the decade as the service aims to correct an oversaturation of officers in the force.

Between 2026 and 2029, Army planners are looking to slash the [ROTC](#) program's annual \$315 million budget by \$25 million or \$30 million, multiple service officials with direct knowledge of the plans told Military.com.

The decision is not final and would ultimately be a part of future budget proposals Congress would have to approve, and service officials are still calculating what impact the cuts may have. However, such reductions could lead to an overall decrease of between 2,500 and 4,000 commissions during the four years. Budgets are also approved annually, which allows the Army to adjust the spigot for commissions if it felt it overcorrected.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2024/09/27/army-mulls-100-million-cut-rotc-scholarships-over-next-4-years.html>

HELLO, NEBRASKA!!!

SBA Seeks Nominations for 2025 Small Business Week Awards

[These awards are a great way to recognize a small business customer or member of your community.](#)

The National Small Business Week Awards are back! The SBA is now accepting nominations for its 2025 National Small Business Week Awards, recognizing SBA-assisted small businesses' inspirational achievements and contributions to their communities and our nation's economy. Award categories include Small Business Person of the Year, Small Business Exporter of the Year, and more. For more information on all award categories, and to download related forms, criteria, and guidelines,

visit <https://www.sba.gov/nsbw>.

All nominations must be submitted electronically by **3:00 p.m. CDT on December 5, 2024**. The awards will be presented during the National Small Business Week awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. **on May 4-5, 2025**. For more information or questions, email jo.eckert@sba.gov.

Thank you.

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Hosting a winter clothes, hygiene, and nonperishables food drive for Veterans. Drop-off locations are the Nebraska Dept of Labor (workforce development/unemployment office) or the Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership at the middle building. For more information you can message me here. Thank you in advance!



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