

# 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. This Newsletter is sent to all Nebraska 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. All postings are reviewed by our Facebook administrators ensuring postings 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.*

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

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

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Newsletter



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Website

### Sponsors Supporting This Effort

Click On Card To Visit Their Website

(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>

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

***Open To America's #1 Veterans Magazine***



### **What ID can I use to vote?**

ID must have your name and photo.  
It can be expired. Acceptable forms of photo IDs include  
Nebraska driver's license/state ID  
U.S. passport, military ID, tribal ID  
Hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record  
Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.)  
Nebraska college or university ID

**MORE:**

<https://tinyurl.com/3m8hn7da>

[Contact Nebraska SOS](#)  
[for more information on voter ID.](#)  
[VoterID.Nebraska.gov](http://VoterID.Nebraska.gov)  
[sos.elect@nebraska.gov](mailto:sos.elect@nebraska.gov)  
[\(402\) 471-2555](tel:(402)471-2555)  
[Contact Nebraska DMV](#)  
[for more information on a free state ID for voting purposes.](#)  
[dmv.ne.gov](http://dmv.ne.gov)

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### **Statewide Candidate List as of 3/18/2024 10:41:21 AM**

[https://sos.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/elections/2024/Statewide\\_Candidate\\_List.pdf](https://sos.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/elections/2024/Statewide_Candidate_List.pdf)

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### **Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund (NVA)**

1. The NVA Fund was established in 1921. This temporary emergency aid fund assists veterans, their spouses, and dependents when an emergency occurs disrupting their normal method of living and when other resources are not immediately available. For NVA purposes, veteran means any person who:  
served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than active duty for training, and who:
  2. was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) from such service; or
  3. died while in service or as a direct result of such service; or
4. being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States during any period identified in section 80-401.01 and was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) from

such service.

All income from the fund is used for aid and not for administrative expenses of the fund. Aid can only be used for food, fuel, shelter, transportation, daycare, wearing apparel, funeral, medical and surgical items. Application must be made through the [County Veterans Service Officer](#) or Post Service Officer of any recognized veterans service organization in the county nearest the applicant's place of residence and submitted to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' **MORE:** <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nva>

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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

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

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

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

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bqhlwylZv2c>**

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)

### **The Nebraska Veterans Coalition**

**presents this month's**

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

#### **MORRILL COUNTY**

Service Officer Timothy Marquez (308) 262-0787 [tim@morrillcountyne.com](mailto:tim@morrillcountyne.com)

Admin Assist Shawn Weibert Fax: (308) 262-9984 [sweibert@morrillcountyne.com](mailto:sweibert@morrillcountyne.com)

Location 606 L Street, Bridgeport, NE 69336

Mailing Address PO Box 536 Bridgeport, NE 69336

Hours

Monday–Thursday 7:30 am-3:30 pm Friday 7:30 am-2:00 pm

Open during lunch hour

Website <http://www.morrillcountyne.gov/veteran-s-services.html>

#### **NANCE 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 Jill Lathrop

Vet Service Aid Jennifer Hansen

Vet Service Aid Rhonda Byerly

Location 131 S. Locust Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Mailing Address 131 S. Locust Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm

Website [https://nancecountyne.gov/webpages/veterans\\_services/veterans\\_services.html](https://nancecountyne.gov/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.html)

Also CVSO for Hall, Howard, and Sherman Counties

#### **NEMAHA COUNTY**

Service Officer James Reed (402) 274-3419 [veterans@nemahacountyne.gov](mailto:veterans@nemahacountyne.gov)

Assistant Gene Mace [veterans.nemahacountyne@gmail.com](mailto:veterans.nemahacountyne@gmail.com)

Fax: (402) 274-5459

Location 601 J Street, Auburn, NE 68305

Mailing Address 601 J Street, Auburn, NE 68305

Hours Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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

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## **LB1004 - Change motorcycle, moped, and autocycle helmet provisions**

Apr 02, 2024 Approved by Governor on April 2, 2024

Mar 28, 2024 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause Yes: 39; No- 4-(Bostelman, Cavanaugh j., Fredrickson; Raybold )) (Present not voting 3- Ripepe, Moser, McKinney); Excused -3

**Section 1. Section 60-6,279, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is amended to read:**

**60-6,279 (1) A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on any highway in this state unless such person is:**

**(a) Wearing a protective helmet of the type and design manufactured for use by operators of such vehicles and unless such helmet is secured properly on the user's head with a chin strap while the vehicle is in motion. All such protective helmets shall be designed to reduce injuries to the user resulting from head impacts and shall be designed to protect the user by remaining on the user's head, deflecting blows, resisting penetration, and spreading the force of impact. Each such helmet shall consist of lining, padding, and chin strap and shall meet or exceed the standards established in the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, 49 C.F.R. 571.218, for motorcycle helmets; or**

**(b) Beginning January 1, 2024:**

**(b)(i) (i) At least twenty-one years of age; and**

**(ii)(A) Has a Nebraska Class M license and received such Class M license prior to May 1, 2024, and has completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation three-hour Basic eCourse and submitted proof of such completion to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Proof of such completion shall be in a manner approved by the department; **MORE: See Slip Law****

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=55170](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=55170)



CENTER for  
RURAL AFFAIRS

### **Outstanding Legislative Information**

<https://www.cfra.org/state-policy>

[Cynthia Farmer](#)

04.25.2024

[Iowa Legislative Update—April 25, 2024](#)

In the early morning hours on Saturday, April 20, the Iowa Legislature adjourned for the final time this session. As they moved toward a conclusion, lawmakers passed a series of budget bills and final...

[Carlie Jonas](#)

04.19.2024

[Nebraska Legislative Update - April 19, 2024](#)

The Nebraska Legislature adjourned its 2024 session on Thursday, April 18. While a combination of filibusters and only 60 working days limited the number of bills debated, the Center was pleased to see a much needed injection of state support for child care providers, health care affordability, and broadband development.

[Carlie Jonas](#)

04.02.2024

[Nebraska Legislative Update - April 2, 2024](#)

We are pleased to share an update on our priority legislation this session, Legislative Bill (LB) 1116, which would have created a grant or loan program for grocery and convenience stores in areas with limited grocery access to expand or improve fresh food options. While the bill did not advance out of the Agriculture Committee, last Monday Sen. Teresa Ibach introduced Legislative Resolution (LR) 374 to propose a related interim study.

HEALTH CARE

### **Increased disability rating for time in a hospital**

If you spent time in a VA hospital or a VA-approved hospital for a disability related to your



military service, you may be able to get a temporary 100% disability rating. With this increased rating, you may get added compensation for the time you spent in the hospital. Keep reading to find out if you may be eligible.

<https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/special-claims/temporary-increase-for-time-in-hospital/>



Home Base is a National Center of Excellence dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of military service, through clinical care, wellness, research and training. As a non-profit serving US Service Members, Veterans, Families and Families of the Fallen of all eras, around the world, Home Base leverages 21st Century technology and renowned clinicians from Mass General Brigham and Harvard to deliver innovative, evidence-based care and support - all at no cost to participants. Since 2009, Home Base has served over 30,000 of some of the most injured U.S. Veterans, Service Members, and their Families from all 50 states, 5 territories, and 9 countries. Our clinical and wellness services include treatment for; post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, co-occurring substance use disorder, relationship challenges, physical health, transition challenges, military sexual trauma, and other issues associated with military service.

## NATIONAL PROGRAMS

### 2-WEEK INTENSIVE CLINICAL PROGRAM (ICP) FOR PTSD & TBI

- Two year's worth of clinical care and support in two weeks
- Holistic approach to care that includes mindfulness and wellness practice through yoga, fitness, nutrition, and art therapy
- Care, lodging, transportation, and food is provided at no cost to participants
- Family member/support person education and participation is included as part of the programming

### 2-WEEK FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN INTENSIVE CLINICAL PROGRAM

- In collaboration with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) for survivors of traumatic loss
- Evidence-based treatment for PTSD and complicated grief
- Complementary treatments or holistic care as with regular ICP

### OPERATION HEALTH @ HOME DIGITAL WELLNESS PLATFORM

- Online platform with essential coaching strategies in fitness, nutrition, mindfulness and mental health.

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS CLINIC

- The Comprehensive Brain Health and Trauma (ComBHAT) Program provides coordinated, integrated, multi-disciplinary specialist evaluation, treatment, and care coordination for Special Operations Service Members and Veterans across the country.

### RESILIENT WARRIOR, RESILIENT FAMILY, AND RESILIENT YOUTH

- 6-week course designed to introduce a variety of mind-body techniques and skill-building exercises scientifically shown to improve overall mood and well-being



TO CONNECT TO CARE, PLEASE CALL HOME BASE AT 617-724-5202 OR VISIT [HOMEBASE.ORG/GETCARE](https://homebase.org/getcare)

## ***4 Reminders About Getting Care With TRICARE For Life***

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Whether you're new to TRICARE For Life (TFL) or you've had it for years, you may have questions about getting care with TFL.

TFL is Medicare-wraparound coverage for military retirees and their family members who are TRICARE-eligible and have Medicare Part A and Part B. Medicare is your primary health coverage when you have TFL.

“This means that Medicare pays first on a health care claim,” said Anne Breslin, TRICARE For Life program manager. “TRICARE pays second, or last if you have other health insurance.”

Knowing how Medicare coverage works can help you avoid unexpected costs. Read on to

learn tips for getting care with Medicare.

## **1. Know where you can use Medicare**

<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/3652336/4-reminders-about-getting-care-with-tricare-for-life>

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### **Army adds a cognitive test to track new soldier brain health**

Todd South

The Army will begin conducting a cognitive assessment for a baseline measurement of brain health to measure the effects of any future trauma for all new soldiers at basic training and cadets before they are commissioned. **MORE:** <https://reader.militarytimes.com/2024/04/22/army-adds-cognitive-test-to-track-new-soldier-brain-health-2/content.html>

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### **All veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service eligible for VA health care beginning March 5**

The American Legion

Feb 26, 2024

Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that all veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military – at home or abroad – will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care beginning March 5, 2024. This means that all veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11 will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Additionally, veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll. **MORE:** <https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/261167/all-veterans-exposed-toxins-and-other-hazards-during-military-service>

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### **Telehealth and virtual tools deliver high-quality care to rural Veterans**



Over 770,000 Veterans in rural communities used telehealth in FY 2023

More than 4.4 million Veterans in the United States reside in rural areas. That is almost one-quarter of the nation's Veteran population.

Veterans in rural areas often face unique health care challenges not shared by their suburban and urban counterparts. Rural communities tend to have longer travel times to medical centers, fewer local specialists and limited access to broadband internet.

VA is working to address these disparities and expand access to care in rural communities. VA's [Office of Connected Care](#) helps Veterans in rural areas receive care through telehealth and other virtual tools. **MORE**

April 16, 2024

VA's Office of Connected Care

<https://news.va.gov/130255/telehealth-virtual-tools-deliver-rural-veterans/>

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**What we do:** <https://ateaseusa.org/>

We support active military, veterans and more with confidential, research-supported, cost-effective treatment for [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#). We're excited to share that our organization has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency with Candid!

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

Behavioral Health Services

Vets 4 Vets Peer Support Group

Peer Support Services

[Omaha](#) [North Platte](#)

Virtual Military Spouse & Caregiver Support Group

Virtual Women's Vets 4 Vets

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) group

Trauma-Informed Yoga

Buddy Check

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

[Veterans / Military](#)

[How We Can Help](#)

[PTSD Resources](#)

[Find a Provider](#)

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Healthcare Workers

[How We Can Help](#)

[PTSD Resources](#)

[Find a Provider](#)

### **Mental Health Practitioners**

[Nebraska Provider Roster](#) <https://ateaseusa.org/our-providers/>

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](#)

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## Miscellaneous Information

### **Team Rubicon**

***Driven to Serve. Ready for Anything.***

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization, built to serve global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises. For us, no operation is too large or small. We go where disaster strikes, helping the people that need us most in the moments they need us most. **MORE:** <https://teamrubiconusa.org/>

#### **Team Rubicon - Nebraska - Facebook**

Reach out to NE State Admin Bobby at [william.smith@teamrubiconusa.org](mailto:william.smith@teamrubiconusa.org). Team Rubicon is a veterans-based relief organization that pairs the experience, work ethic, and ingenuity of our vets with the knowledge and service of emergency personnel on both a small and large scale to bridge the gap

**How to Become a Volunteer:** <https://teamrubiconusa.org/how-to-get-involved/volunteer-with-us/>

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## **VA halts taking away gun rights from veterans who require help managing their benefits — but only for 6 months**

By Linda F. Hersey Stars and Stripes • April 17, 2024

WASHINGTON — A new ban that has stopped the Department of Veterans Affairs from taking away

the gun rights of veterans who are found to be managing their own financial affairs will expire in six months, VA officials said. The VA in March ended its weekly practice of submitting the names of veterans appointed fiduciaries to handle their VA disability benefits to the FBI's national background check database. The database contains information on people prohibited from buying or receiving firearms. Inclusion in the database legally disqualifies veterans from owning, possessing or buying firearms from licensed dealers.

Read more at: <https://www.stripes.com/veterans/2024-04-17/veterans-financial-managers-gun-rights-13580791.html> Source - Stars and Stripes



Local, veteran-run nonprofit giving back to their community by honoring those that serve others.

The Bravo Zulu Adventure Group team is at it again. Check out our article in Omaha Magazine for this month's adventure issue! Thanks to Lincoln Sport Parachute Club and Bottles & Barrels for your support and to this year with more events to come! Look out as the BZAG team not only forms new partnerships within the local communities but also keep an eye out for events with our past partnerships and supporters!

[https://issuu.com/omahapublicat.../docs/om0524\\_city\\_flipbook](https://issuu.com/omahapublicat.../docs/om0524_city_flipbook)

Bottles & Barrels

Quality Brands of Omaha

Quality Brands of Lincoln

United States Parachute Association - USPA

Nebraska Brewing Company

### ***UK Will Deploy Drone Defense Lasers On Warships In 2027***

ANALYSIS – Britain's [Ministry of Defense](#) (MOD) will install [lasers](#) on warships designed to shoot down drones starting in 2027. The low-cost [DragonFire](#) can hit a 25mm target from 1,000 meters away.

The space-age weapon will work by using an intense beam of light to cut through its target. The MOD hopes the DragonFire system will offer a low-cost alternative to missiles in shooting down attack drones and even mortars.

The MOD said that the [laser-directed energy weapon](#) (LDEW) could fire at any target visible in the air at around \$12.52 per shot.

In comparison, the Sea Viper missiles, previously used by Britain to intercept Houthi drones in the Red Sea, were estimated to cost a staggering \$1.26 million each.

“In a more dangerous world, our approach to procurement is shifting with it... our widespread reforms will deliver the latest kit and weaponry for our Armed Forces faster,” Defense Secretary Grant Shapps said.

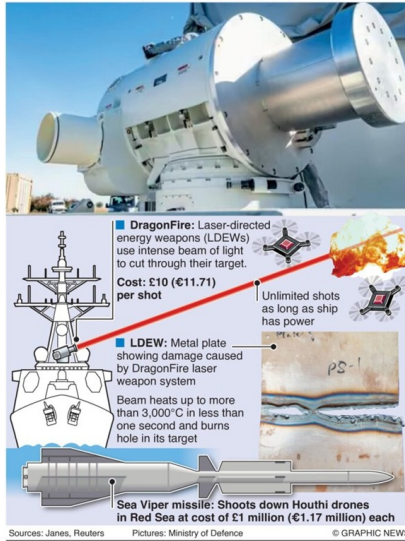
This could have “huge ramifications” for Kyiv's conflict against Russia, Grant Shapps said. The new reforms aimed at speeding up procurement mean the laser, which was originally set to be rolled out in 2032, will now be operational five years earlier than planned.

**MORE:**

<https://americanliberty.news/commentary/uk-will-deploy-drone-defense-lasers-on-warships-in-2027/pcrespo/2024/04/>



**DragonFire laser to take down drones**  
Britain's Ministry of Defence is to install lasers on warships designed to shoot down drones from 2027. The low-cost DragonFire can hit a 25mm target from one kilometre away



## Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Open this link and visit the NDVA website

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

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

### Newsletter & Events

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/ndva-newsletter-april-2024?e=64def6304a>

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#### • 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

There are a lot of benefits available for veterans and their family members. Our Benefits Expert will guide you through all the county, state, and federal benefits available to help you find just the ones you are

eligible for or interested in.

Nebraska Veterans' Aid

Waiver of Tuition

DD-214 Request

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

#### Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

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

#### Get Started

#### 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.

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

#### Military & Veterans' Registry Application

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

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

#### Community Resource Directory

There is a wide variety of resources throughout the state, including resources for housing assistance, substance abuse treatment, transportation, community support, and more. Select one of the state's six behavioral health regions on the map below to see what resources are available in that area.

Disclaimer: These resources are not managed or delivered by the Nebraska Department of Veterans

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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## ***Most People In Nebraska Don't Know That Fort Robinson Was A German POW Camp In WWII***

By Delana Lefever | Updated on April 17, 2023 (Originally published April 10, 2023)  
Most people know Nebraska's Fort Robinson as a former U.S. Army fort, a historic site, and the site of Sioux Chief Crazy Horse's death. Or maybe you're familiar with the state park's breathtaking landscapes, bountiful recreational activities, and [historic lodging](#). There's one part of Fort Robinson's history, though, that many people aren't aware of: it served as Nebraska's largest German POW camp in World War II.

Fort Robinson was built in 1873 and has served many purposes over the years from Army fort to beef research plant to K9 training grounds. **MORE:**

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/nebraska/fort-robinson-pow-camp-ne/>

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## ***The B-21 Raider gets amazing Aviation Week Grand Laureate Award***

<https://www.aerotechnews.com/blog/2024/04/11/the-b-21-raider-get-amazing-aviation-week-grand-laureate-award/>

Northrop Grumman received the Aviation Week Grand Laureate Award in the defense category for its role as the prime contractor delivering the B-21 Raider to the United States Air Force.

*Aviation Week* announced the Grand Laureate winners at its 66th Annual Laureate awards in Washington, D.C.

In the fall of 2023, the Air Force confirmed the first B-21 test vehicle had entered flight test, followed by low-rate initial production award. The aircraft is currently undergoing a robust flight test campaign executed by the B-21 Combined Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base in California. The program continues to meet all DOD technical, schedule and affordability requirements on its path to operational capability.

Developed with the next generation of stealth technology, advanced networking capabilities and open systems architecture, the B-21 Raider will serve as the backbone of America's bomber fleet. Capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear payloads, the B-21 will be one of the most effective aircraft in the sky, with the ability to use a broad mix of stand-off and direct attack munitions.

by [Aerotech News](#) • April 11, 2024 9:18 am - Updated April 18, 2024 5:25 pm

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The Air Force on Thursday opened applications to join its first active duty warrant officer corps in nearly 45 years as the service seeks to ramp up its technical and operational expertise in cyber and information technology operations.

<https://reader.militarytimes.com/2024/04/25/air-force-opens-applications-for-warrant-officer-jobs-in-cyber-it/content.html>



### **Nebraska Birding Bowl returns this May**

Participate in the second Nebraska Birding Bowl and learn about birds, enjoy the outdoors and contribute data toward bird conservation.

**Come work at a state park this summer!**

**Get started in angling with the Going Fishing Guide**

**Events celebrating Nebraska Bird Month**

**Explore the outdoors with City Nature Challenge**

**Volunteer works to break down birding barriers**

**A closer look at the diversity of eggs**

**More than morels: the dryad's saddle**

**OPEN LINK TO SEE FULL STORIES**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/3986c83>

A graphic for Major Talent Translation. It features a logo with a stylized 'M' and 'T' inside a circle. Text includes 'MAJOR TALENT', 'Connecting Companies with', and 'Translating veteran's military skills and experiences into business-friendly language.' Below this is a photo of three people: a man in a military uniform, a woman, and a man in a military uniform. Labels 'Veterans', 'Interns', and 'Mil-Spouses' are below the photo. The website 'www.majortalent.com' is also present.



For companies who intentionally hire veterans, military spouses, and interns, we make it easy to connect with and understand this major talent pool!

<https://majortalent.com/>

# Connecting Companies with Veterans, Interns, and Military Spouses

A Veteran-Owned Company

## Our Team

Major Talent is a proud Veteran-owned company that champions a team primarily of Veterans and Military Spouses. Our mission is to bridge the gap between the invaluable skills acquired in military service and the recognition they deserve in the civilian job market.

Our team firmly believes in proactively and intentionally hiring veterans and military spouses, moving beyond waiting for an application on a job board to appear. We have developed a unique approach that empowers employers to understand a candidate's military background in terms readily applicable to the civilian sector. Our platform not only facilitates this translation but also connects employers with a pool of highly qualified and talented veterans and military spouses, fostering a connection that benefits both the individuals who have served and the organizations eager to tap into their exceptional skills.

VIBF: Veterans in Business Forum  
www.veteransinbusinessforum.org  
402.932.7243

**Veterans in Business Forum, 17 May 2024**



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Eswari Kalugasalam**

**Time:** 0800 - 0900 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)

**Location:** UNO  
College of Business Administration  
Mammel Hall, Room 117  
6708 Pine Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68182

**Contact:** Michel Thornhill  
info@littlemountainwebdesign.com

Eswari Kalugasalam  
Veteran Business Outreach Center  
Director of NE & IA

All are welcome to attend.  
RSVPs are requested but not required.  
info@littlemountainwebdesign.com

## National Park and Interagency Military Pass

Army Reserve: Active Duty

### Benefit Fact Sheet

#### Summary

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well offers free military passes to thank America's veterans, Gold Star Families, current military and their dependents for their support of our country. The passes are provided to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

- A free [lifetime Military Pass](#) is available for Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans.
- A free [annual Military Pass](#) is available for current U.S. service members and their dependents.

The passes provide free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests.

**The National Defense Authorization Act of 2022 expanded the Interagency Pass Program and authorized a free Military Lifetime pass to National Parks and other federal recreational lands for eligible veterans and Gold Star Families.**

#### Eligibility

**MORE:** <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/National-Park-and-Interagency-Military-Pass?serv=121#>



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## **Unapologetically Rural**

<https://www.cfra.org/>

We are unapologetically rural. We stand up for the small family farmer and rancher, new business owner, 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.

### **Mission**

Establish strong rural communities, social and economic justice, environmental stewardship, and genuine opportunity for all while engaging people in decisions that affect the quality of their lives and the future of their communities.

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### **Policy**

Find rural analysis on the topics affecting rural communities.



**Our 4th Patriotic Parade is Saturday morning, May 25, in downtown Omaha. Draws 10,000. The mission is honoring Gold Star families, promoting patriotism and reminding people of the importance of Decoration Day, now Memorial Day. [**

**The Nebraska Remembering Our Fallen exhibit is the photos of the native sons and daughters of NE lost in Iraq and Afghanistan. It has been traveling the state since its unveiling on January 2, 2011, and has been seen by thousands. Until COVID hit, it was booked every week since its unveiling. Requires 40 feet and must be displayed indoors. Let us know if you are interested in booking it. The local fee is \$500, and there is no contract or deposit.**

**[www.patrioticproductions.org](http://www.patrioticproductions.org)](<http://www.patrioticproductions.org/>). Thanks for considering it. Bill and Evonne Williams [www.patrioticproductions.org](http://www.patrioticproductions.org) Facebook.com/PatrioticProductions 402-612-0210**

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