

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.

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Open To America's #1 Veterans Magazine

The Grapevine

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Declaration of Independence: A Transcription

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Legislation

Senator Tom Brewer
43rd District
5-17-2024

In 2021 I passed LB 387. This bill exempted military retired pay from Nebraska state income tax. For decades thousands of retiring service members, many of them Nebraskans, did not come home because they could live in a state that did not tax their retired pay. I am happy to report I have heard from an increasing number of retiring service members who have told me they are coming home to the state they were born and raised in because of this bill. A senator does not often receive feedback from a bill passing that is as rewarding as this is. Causing this to happen is exactly why I introduced this bill.

This past session I passed LB 1394. This bill exempts National Guard week-end drill pay, and pay for National Guard active duty for training or State emergencies. The fiscal note on this bill "cost" the legislature about \$2 million in lost revenue. Forty one senators supported the bill, eight senators opposed the bill. Seven were excused for the final vote, and one was present, not voting. Their argument against the bill was based on the idea the legislature could not afford to lose \$2M in revenue.

I think it is important for people to understand that before something can "cost" you, it first must belong to you. The \$11.7 billion collected in Nebraska taxes must first be taken from someone who worked for and earned the money in the first place. Just because it is in Nebraska's treasury does not mean it is the property of senators in the legislature.

The authorized strength of the Nebraska National Guard is low, around 92%. They are having

a hard time recruiting and retaining soldiers. We are going to see if this \$2.23M going back into the pockets of Guard members will help us restore the ranks. This is who we call when things get really bad and citizens are in danger. I think \$2M is a bargain considering who will be receiving it and what we depend on them to do for Nebraska.

Please contact my office with any comments, questions, or concerns. Email me at tbrewer@leg.ne.gov, mail a letter to Sen. Tom Brewer, Room #1423, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509, or call us at (402) 471-2628.

Note from Coalition Admin: [Nebraska Legislature](#)

[Michael Lucci](#)

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<https://platteinstitute.org/iowa-accelerates-tax-reform/>

Iowa's spending restraint has allowed the Hawkeye State to accelerate previously-enacted tax reforms. Thanks to a [package of new tax reforms](#), Iowa's income tax will be lowered to a flat 3.8% beginning in 2025, far less than half the state's 8.98% top rate when Iowa's tax reforms began.

The Hawkeye State's accelerating tax relief adds pressure on Nebraska's eastern border, proving once again that states can fall behind on tax competitiveness by simply standing still. Nebraska enacted the nation's best tax reforms in 2023, yet Iowa is responding by advancing its reforms still further.

And that's not all. One of the benefits of a low, flat tax rate is that it allows families and businesses to plan their finances with certainty. Iowa is looking to lock in certainty through constitutional law with a pair of tax amendments that will ensure Iowa stays competitive for generations.

First, Iowa lawmakers are asking voters to approve a [constitutional amendment](#) that will require a two-thirds supermajority vote of the legislature in order to raise taxes. This amendment mirrors a similar provision that Florida added to their constitution. Seventeen states, including progressive states like California and Oregon, require a supermajority vote to raise taxes. Nebraska should join this group.

Iowa lawmakers referred a second [amendment](#) for constitutional consideration that will protect the state's single-rate tax system. Iowa's historical multi-rate tax structure will become a single-rate 3.8% in 2025. And Governor Reynolds and other Hawkeye lawmakers have signaled their intent to lower the rate still further in future legislative sessions.

In sum, Iowa's income tax system will become more competitive more quickly. Voter approval of constitutional updates will make these reforms nearly unshakeable.

While Nebraska lawmakers have focused on the property tax in 2024, it is crucial to ensure all funds for property tax relief are delivered in full by enacting strict caps on property taxes.

Nebraska lawmakers should anticipate Iowa's income tax becoming more competitive every year. With such a competitive landscape, there's not a dollar to spare on subsidizing local spending while surrounding states accelerate tax relief.

Tax Cuts Pass In Multiple States In April, With More In Store For May

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/patrickgleason/2024/04/30/tax-cuts-pass-in-multiple-states-in-april-with-more-in-store-for-may/?sh=a4ec7414d31a>

By Laura Ebke, PhD

Platte Institute Senior Fellow

THE COST OF DEMOCRACY: An Overview and Analysis of the Cost of Elections to Nebraska Counties

The goal of this brief was to provide information that may spur others to discuss the way that elections are funded, who pays for elections, and whether there is a better way of ensuring that elections are both secure and fair for all voters. A few points follow, but please see the note below for more information about neighboring states' processes.

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Executive Summary

A Primary election is a pre-election process for choosing candidates for the general election. In Nebraska (for all but a few municipal elections), the primary occurs in May, preceding the general election in November.

Nebraska conducts non-partisan primaries (legislative, many local races) and partisan primaries (statewide, federal, and some local races). Any registered voter can vote on the non-partisan primary ballot. To receive a partisan primary ballot, a voter must be registered (with some exceptions) with the party whose ballot they receive. Parties must specifically open their primaries to non-affiliated voters if they wish for them to be able to vote on their primary ballot.

Elections are administered primarily at the county level in Nebraska, with each county

having an election commissioner (in smaller counties, the county clerk serves in that role). In this paper we look only at the costs to counties for conducting elections, and compare costs of primary elections vs. general elections. While primary elections are typically participated in by voters at a much lower rate than general elections, the cost of administering the primary election in most counties costs all taxpayers as much as or more than the general election
<https://files.platteinstitute.org/uploads/2024/01/Cost-of-Democracy-Report.pdf>

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.facebook.com/share/NG7dzyAA4TadVsz/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

Did you know the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) has a successful program to help those veterans facing homelessness, or who are at the risk of homelessness?

WDVA's Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (VHRP) provides temporary housing, training, and supportive services to military veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in order to help them obtain permanent housing, stable employment and positive mental health.

VHRP has three locations throughout the state to assist our veterans facing homelessness. For more information visit: <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/benefitsClaims/VHRP.aspx>

H.R. 870 Service member Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for FY25

- Information on H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act, can be found [HERE](#).
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HEALTH CARE

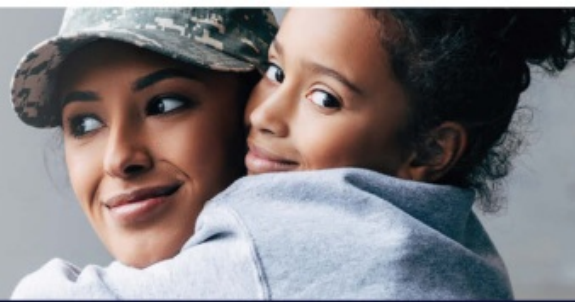
Home Base

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 wellbeing of Veterans, Service Members and their Families nationwide.

Open this link and listen to Their Story

[Our Impact | Home Base](#)



HOME BASE CLINICAL AND WELLNESS SERVICES

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)

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](#)

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[Healthcare Workers](#)

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Find a Provider

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[Providers » At Ease USA](#)

Contact us:

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10605 Burt Circle
Omaha, NE 68114

[531.247.4040](tel:531.247.4040)

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

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

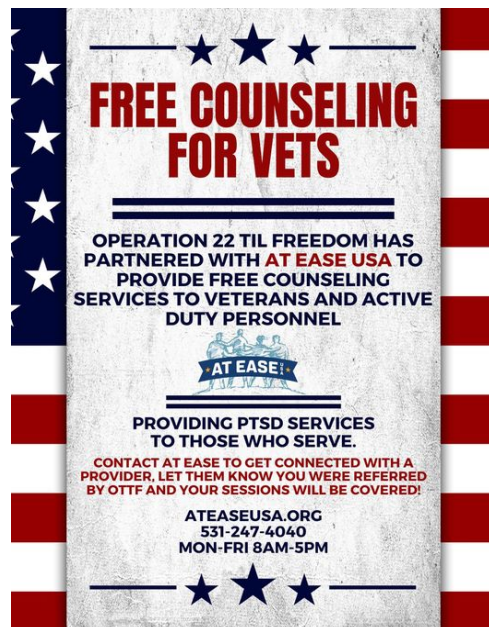
[1.800.273.TALK \(8255\)](tel:1.800.273.TALK)

[Emergency 988 suicide and crisis lifeline](#)

[Live Online Chat](#)

[Operation 22 Til Freedom](#)

We have an exciting announcement to make. We have partnered with [At Ease USA](#) to provide more free counseling resources for veterans and active duty personnel struggling with PTSD. All you have to do is let them know you were referred by Operation 22 Til Freedom and your sessions will be covered. This is another big step we are taking to get veterans help now, when they need it! If you have any questions, please reach out to us at our website www.operation22tilfreedom.com or on our social media pages. [#NeverFightAlone](#)



"Women veterans are different in important ways [from male veterans] that can impact their health treatment needs and preferences." (9/14/22) —Jennifer L. Strauss, Ph.D., National Director, Women and Gender-Related Mental Health, Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration

National Guard and Reserve Members: Explore Plan Options With This TRICARE Handbook

By TRICARE Communications
FALLS CHURCH, Va. –

Are you a National Guard or Reserve member looking to learn more about your TRICARE [plan options](#)? The [TRICARE Choices for National Guard and Reserve Handbook](#) is a great place to start.

This handbook provides an overview of the TRICARE plans available to you and your family members. You'll learn about your options, which depend on your sponsor's status, location, and age. The handbook also defines common health plan terms related to costs, referrals, and pre-authorizations.

"The TRICARE Choices for National Guard and Reserve Handbook is a good starting point to see which plans are available to you stateside and overseas," said Robert Agnello, deputy director of Digital Communications at the Defense Health Agency. "You'll also find information about prescription drug coverage and options for dental and vision coverage."

Here are some topics you can learn more about in the handbook.

[TRICARE plan options](#)

<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/3756012/national-guard-and-reserve-members-explore-plan-options-with-this-tricare-handb>

Miscellaneous Information

The Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC)

NBDC began as one of eight University Business Development Centers in 1977 and has grown to a platform of services and programs that support business development and growth across Nebraska.

Program areas include:

- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the U.S. Small Business Administration
- The APEX Accelerator Program of the Department of Defense Office of Small Business Programs (DoD OSBP)
- The FAST program of the U.S. Small Business Administration
- The EDA University Center of the U.S. Department of Commerce, NU Connections
- SourceLink® Nebraska, a statewide SourceLink® Network

NBDC helps strengthen Nebraska businesses for a healthy economy and prosperous communities. NBDC is a statewide program, with 8 office locations across Nebraska. NBDC's credentialed consultants provide confidential, one-on-one business services to entrepreneurs, established business owners, innovators and economic and community development professionals. The services of NBDC are provided mostly at no charge to the client.

<https://www.unomaha.edu/nebraska-business-development-center/about/index.php>

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.

Services Provided by the Centers

Pre-Business Plan Workshops

VBOCs conduct entrepreneurial development workshops dealing specifically with the major issues of self-employment. An important segment of these workshops entails the usage of the Internet as a tool for developing and expanding businesses. Each client is afforded the opportunity to work directly with a business counselor.

Concept Assessments

VBOCs assist clients in assessing their entrepreneurial needs and requirements.

Business Plan Preparations

VBOCs assist clients in developing and maintaining a five-year business plan. The business plan includes such elements as the legal form of the business, equipment requirements and cost, organizational structure, a strategic plan, market analysis, and a financial plan. Financial plans include financial projections, budget projections, and funding requirements.

Comprehensive Feasibility Analysis

VBOCs provide assistance in identifying and analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the business plan to increase the probability of success. The results of the analysis are utilized to revise the strategic planning portion of the business plan.

Entrepreneurial Training and Counseling

VBOCs, working with other SBA resource partners, target entrepreneurial training projects and counseling sessions tailored specifically to address the needs and concerns of the service-disabled veteran entrepreneur.

Mentorship

VBOCs conduct, as appropriate, on-site visits with clients to ensure adherence to their business plans. Additionally, VBOCs review monthly financial statements to determine whether a revision of the business plan is warranted or that desired results are being attained.

Resources for Veterans

Boots to Business (B2B) is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by SBA as part of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP). B2B provides participants with an overview of business ownership and is open to transitioning service members (including National Guard and Reserve) and their spouses. Classes are at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska.

July 16 & 17 <https://tinyurl.com/4y78fyf4>

Sept 17 & 18 <https://tinyurl.com/37czm9v5>

Nov 12 & 13 <https://tinyurl.com/bdf26s95>

Boots to Business | Reboot provides assistance to anyone interested in exploring business ownership or other self-employment opportunities by leading participants through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and providing foundational knowledge required to develop a business plan.

June 22 (Council Bluffs, IA) <https://tinyurl.com/4edcywhv>

Sept 27 (Omaha, NE) <https://tinyurl.com/bdhavejw>

Oct 5 (Omaha, NE) <https://tinyurl.com/3tfmdm85>

Additional Veteran Specific Resources

Veterans Guide Advocacy Center

The Veterans Guide's mission is to assist veterans with the array of issues they may face, including obtaining proper disability compensation, financial assistance, information on the GI bill, and more. They have created helpful guides and will continuously be adding more. Recently, they made a calculator that helps veterans calculate how much their VA rating should be, especially when it comes to combining ratings and complicated VA math.

<https://veteransguide.org/>

Veterans in Agriculture

This program by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship provides resources and support to veterans interested in pursuing agricultural ventures. They offer workshops, mentoring, networking opportunities, and access to agricultural education programs. <https://veteransinagriculture.org/>

Veterans Are Rushing To Get These Benefits & Discounts For 2024

(Check If You're Eligible)

<https://tinyurl.com/262ckr94>

**June 12, 2024
10:00-6:00 p.m.**

Event by [Western Nebraska Community College](#)
1601 E 27th St, Scottsbluff, NE, United States, Nebraska 69361

Duration: 6 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Services being offered are lunch, clothing, VA benefits, housing referrals, employment services, legal assistance, readjustment counseling, and much more! Please bring a copy of your DD214, dependent information, and identification to the event. Documentation is needed so we can fully serve you and your needs.

For questions, contact:

Mike Millikin: 308-635-6152

Clay Thompson: 605-206-0046

Tara Dewitt: 605-890-3406

ENVH Expansion Ribbon Cutting & Open House

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home's new Honor Neighborhood.

Remarks by Gov. Jim Pillen, NDVA Director John Hilgert, and ENVH Administrator Matt Bauman plus refreshments.

View details on the expansion project.

June 6, 2024

1 – 2 p.m.

12505 Harrison Tull Drive
Bellevue, Nebraska

Event Time:

1-2 p.m.

Event Date:

Thursday, June 6, 2024

The Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home (ENVH) has 120 licensed beds grouped in four wings: two 30-bed skilled nursing care wings, 30 assisted living beds, and 30 beds for skilled dementia care. Specialized services such as physical therapy, plus a wide range of recreational and religious services are offered to members. A future addition to the home was considered and included in the original design and construction in 2005. Expansion: This two-phase project includes an expansion that will add nearly 25,000 gross square feet (GSF) to the facility, which is currently just over 120,000 GSF, and a remodel of one of the current neighborhoods. The new neighborhood, called Honor, will have 24 single occupancy, assisted living beds as well as space to provide a new Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Medical Model program. This new service will help veterans and families who may not yet need skilled care but need something to bridge the gap between in-home living and 24-hour care.

MORE"

<https://tinyurl.com/mvbx8nm8>

[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. 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/>



CENTER for
RURAL AFFAIRS

About

[About | Center For Rural Affairs - Building a Better Rural Future \(cfra.org\)](#)

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

Since 1973, we've been a leading force engaging people to build a better rural future. Our policy work spans the nation and is focused in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Our on-the-ground work with communities and farmers takes place in Iowa and Nebraska.

We lend to small businesses and homeowners in Nebraska.

As long as rural advocates are needed for sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and community development, you can bet we'll be in the front lines, building a bright rural future. The Center for Rural Affairs is a nonprofit, mission-driven lender focusing on underserved communities, primarily to rural, Latino, Native, and other communities that mainstream finance doesn't traditionally reach. We are a Community Development Financial Institute, certified by the U.S. Treasury. [What is a CDFI?](#)

Mission & Values

The Center for Rural Affairs' mission is to 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.

Values

RESPONSIBILITY placed upon each of us to contribute to our community and society.

CONSCIENCE that balances self-interest with an obligation to the common good and future generations.

PROGRESS that strengthens rural communities, small businesses, and family farms and ranches.

Genuine OPPORTUNITY for all to earn a living, raise a family, and prosper in a rural place.

Citizen INVOLVEMENT and **ACTION** to shape the future.

Widespread OWNERSHIP and **CONTROL** of small businesses, farms, and ranches by those who work them.

FAIRNESS that allows all who contribute to the nation's prosperity to share in it.

STEWARDSHIP of the natural environment upon which all of us – current and future generations – rely.

We live in an era of profound change - when institutions, policy, and life are being fundamentally reshaped. It is a critical time for people of conscience to work together in guiding change to reflect our highest values. To that we commit the Center for Rural Affairs.

Upcoming Events

From small business trainings 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.

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

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Open this link and visit the NDVA website

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

Follow

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

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

Newsletter & Events

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

MORE

- [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

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

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

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/>

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=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)

Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

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

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

NUCKOLLS COUNTY

Service Officer Robert Kotinek (402) 225-3971 vso@nuckollscountyne.gov

Assistant Kady Schnitker

Location Courthouse Nelson, NE 68961

Fax: (402) 225-4301

Mailing Address PO Box 382 Nelson, NE 68961

Hours Monday & Tuesday

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OTOE COUNTY

Service Officer Chad Miller (402) 873-9540 cmiller@otoecountyne.gov
Admin Assistant Susan Weldon Fax: (402) 873-3377 sweldon@otoecountyne.gov
Mailing Address 1021 Central Ave, Rm 205 Hours Monday - Friday
Nebraska City, NE 68410 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed noon to 1 pm

Website https://otoecountyne.gov/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.html

PAWNEE COUNTY

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Fax: (402) 852-2777
Location Courthouse, 1st Flr.Pawnee City, NE 68420
Mailing Address PO Box 113 Pawnee City, NE 68420
Hours Monday – Friday
8 am to noon

Website http://www.co.pawnee.ne.us/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.html



2024 Big Game Guide online now

Application, drawing and sales dates for Nebraska big game hunting permits have been adjusted for 2024. That's just one of the changes in the **2024 Big Game Guide** posted on the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's website OutdoorNebraska.gov.

The guide is a summary of Nebraska's regulations, orders and statutes pertaining to hunting deer, antelope, elk and bighorn sheep.

Some of the changes this year simplify the application and purchasing process for deer, elk and antelope permits by collapsing eight purchasing periods to four. Notably, general applications will begin a week earlier than in past years, starting June 3 in 2024.

A summary of the changes is on page 4 of the guide.

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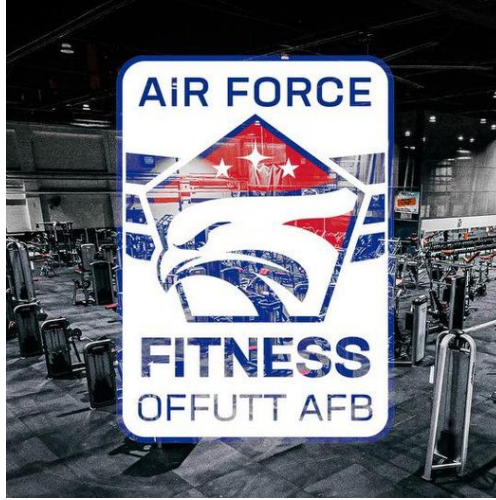
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If you applied for and were awarded Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits, your GI Bill Statement of Benefits will show you how much of your benefits you've used and how much you have left to use.

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