

# Nebraska Veterans Coalition



Leading the way for Nebraska's Veterans

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

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

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

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

### COALITION MISSION

WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE UPDATE

**Can be found on our Website.**

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

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## Sponsors Supporting Veterans

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

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

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

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

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## Nebraska Veterans Organizations Join Us and add your link to our website

*Added*

[American Legion Post #211 Elkhorn](#)

[American Legion Post 266 Bennington](#)

[American Legion Post 36 Gering](#)

[VFW Post 759 Kearney](#)

[American Legion Post 52 Kearney](#)

[VFW Post 2503 Omaha](#)

[VFW Post 1581 Omaha](#)

[VFW Post 247 Omaha](#)

[American Legion Post 32 Papillion](#)

[American Legion Dept of Nebraska](#)

[American Legion Nebraska News](#)

[American Legion Nebraska Ladies Auxiliary](#)

[American Legion Nebraska Legion Riders](#)

[VVA Chapter 279 Omaha](#)

[American Legion Post #1 Omaha](#)

[American Legion Post 374 Millard](#)

[VFW Post 8334 Millard](#)

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

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

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## Legislation

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### Legislative bills approved by the Governor

During the 108th Nebraska Legislative Session

Total Bills 59

Passed 17

Amended 10

Indefinitely Posponed

2024 15

2023 17

**Briese LB16 - Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials**

**Day** -LB126 - Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions and property  
**Brewer** LB252 - Change provisions relating to veterans' homes and veterans' aid  
**Brewer** LB253 - Provide for the creation of a veteran justice program  
**Brewer** LB731 - Provide for service by state agency department heads in reserve components of the armed forces of the United States  
**Sanders** LB771 - Provide for the Department of Veterans Affairs to award grants to qualifying postsecondary institutions  
**Brewer** LB 847 Change provisions relating to emergency response agreements with other states and withdraw from the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact  
**Brewer** LB848 - Change the maximum age for the Adjutant General  
**Sanders** LB895 - Change provisions relating to recruitment and retention for the Nebraska National Guard  
**Brewer** LB1412 - Provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for the operation of state government, postsecondary education, state aid, capital construction,  
**Lippincott** LB52 - Eliminate a limitation on the amount of tuition credits available to Nebraska National Guard members  
**Waltz**- LB686 - Name the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act and change provisions relating to firefighters employed by a city of the first class  
**Bostelman** LB867 - Provide for a voluntary hunting and fishing guide and outfitter database,  
**Hardin**- LB1120 Require affidavits for certain purchases of real property near military installations  
**Brewer**- LB1394 - Exempt Nebraska National Guard income from state income taxation  
**Bostar**-- LB1300 - Adopt the Pacific Conflict Stress Test Act, the Foreign Adversary  
**Arch**- LB1413 - Transfer and provide for the transfer of funds and create and change the use and distribution of funds

### **Amended and Adopted into approved bills**

**Lippincott** LB971 - Provide a free hunting permit for veterans to hunt on Veterans Day Provisions/portions of **LB971** amended into **LB867** by **AM2767**  
**Conrad** LB1001 - Provide for a migratory waterfowl hunting season for veterans Provisions/portions of **LB1001** amended into **LB867** by **AM2767**  
**Sanders**- LB1406 - Provide for an active-duty military permit for state park entry Provisions/portions of **LB1406** amended into **LB867** by **AM2767**  
**Blood** LB832 Juvenile Jurisdiction Military Children Provisions/portions of **LB832** amended into **LB1195** by **AM3291**  
**Blood** LB823 Interstate Compact Physician Associate Provisions/portions of **LB823** amended into **LB1215** by **AM3043**  
**Blood** LB822 Interstate Compact Social Workers Provisions/portions of **LB822** amended into **LB932** by **AM3149**  
**Bostar** LB 869 Change provisions relating to the county Veterans service committees Provisions/portions of **LB869** amended into **LB1300** by **AM3227**  
**Fredrickson** LB929 - Provide for coordination of the 911 service system and the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline Provisions/portions of **LB929** amended into **LB1200** by **AM2508**  
**Bostar**- LB1289 - State legislative intent to appropriate funds to the Adjutant General and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund Provisions/portions of **LB1289** amended into **LB1412** by **AM2566**  
**Sanders**- LB1407 - Rename and change provisions relating to the Military Base Development Provisions/portions of **LB1407** amended into **LB1413** by **AM2698**

**Urge Your Elected Officials to Introduce the following legislation next Legislative Session**

### **Indefinitely Postponed**

**McDonnell** LB111 - Adopt the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Act  
**Day** LB 821 -Change provisions relating to the preliminary or advanced enrollment of certain students  
**Blood** LB824 Interstate Compact Dentists/Dental Hygienists Associate  
**Blood** LB826 Reduced Games and Parks Veterans/Active Military Families  
**Blood** LB835 Interstate Compact for School Psychologists  
**Jacobson** LB 853 - Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions  
**Holdcroft**- LB965- Change provisions relating to certain license plates issued to persons with military affiliation as prescribed  
**Blood**- LB977 - Prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status  
**Brewer** LB1417 - Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils,

**McDonnell-** LB1363 - Change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Military Base Development and Support Fund  
**Vargas-** LB1036 - Provide for issuance of free annual combination fishing, fur-harvesting, and hunting permits, to certain veterans  
**Brewer-** LB1037 - Prohibit certain conduct relating to assistance or referrals in veterans benefits matters  
**Day-** LB1149 - Provide an exemption from the motor vehicle tax for motor vehicles with Gold Star Family plates  
**Lippincott** LB1298 - Provide for the issuance of veteran, honorary, and distinctive licenses under the Motor Operator's License Act  
**McDonnell-** LB1364 - Change provisions of the Site and Building Development Act and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund

### **Indefinitely Postponed 2023 Carryover**

**Blood** LB10 - Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans  
**Cavanaugh, M** LB57 - Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act  
**Aguilar** LB80 - State intent regarding appropriations to the NDVA  
**Hansen B,** LB188 - Authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue temporary certificates to teach to veterans as prescribed  
**Erdman** LB228 - Create state holidays for statewide primary and general election  
**Erdman** LB230 - Require qualifying identification for voter registration and voting, r  
**Vargus** LB248 - Prohibit discrimination based on lawful source of income under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act and create the Landlord Guarantee Program  
**Brewer** LB250 - Require periodic command climate surveys of the National Guard  
**Brewer** LB266 - Change provisions regarding eligibility for Military Honor plates  
**Holdcroft** LB274 - disabled vets license plates to park in handicapped spaces  
**Blood** LB280 - Adopt the Interstate Massage Compact  
**Slama** LB535 - Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents  
**Blood** LB561 - Adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact  
**Brewer** LB642 - Provide duties for the Adjutant General regarding Nebraska National Guard members impacted by the COVID-19 vaccine mandate  
**Day** LB675 - Change provisions relating to elections and identification documents  
**Cavanaugh M,** LB749 - Prohibit possession of deadly weapons in the State Capitol or on State Capitol grounds  
**Wayne** LB793 - Provide duties for judges relating to problem-solving courts

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## HEALTH CARE

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### Home Base

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

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**

[Our Impact | Home Base](#)

*DIRECT CLINICAL CARE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS,  
FAMILIES, & FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN  
Providing timely, quality, and compassionate clinical care is one of the  
most critical components of healing invisible wounds. Home Base*

*has developed three clinical models to serve Veterans and Families who live around the globe:*

**NATIONAL INTENSIVE CLINICAL PROGRAM (ICP)**

*This first of its kind 2-week ICP compresses 2 years of mental health, brain injury &/or substance use treatment into a 2-week program.*

*Specially designed for Veterans of all eras, this program includes Family Members in the care model. A Special Iteration for Families of the Fallen is also offered to those who have experienced the suicide of their loved Veteran and need a path of recovery from grief and trauma.*

**NATIONAL 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.*

**REGIONAL OUTPATIENT CLINICAL CARE**

*With clinics located in Massachusetts, Florida, and soon-to-be Arizona, Home Base provides advanced in-person and telehealth care to Veterans, Service Members, and their Families in their local communities.*

**WARRIOR HEALTH & FITNESS**

*Warrior Health & Fitness is designed to improve physical health and well-being through supervised exercise, nutrition, mind-body medicine, stress management, and sleep. Combined with a Veteran and Family Adventure Series that hosts our military community through skiing, museum visits, apple picking, and more, the wellness mission recognizes the holistic importance of healing.*

**TRAINING IN UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES**

*The Home Base Training Institute has educated over 80,000 clinicians and first responders to recognize and treat the invisible wounds of war. This training propels strategic partnerships to address care in under-resourced community health centers caring for our Veterans of Color and a new initiative with Native American Veterans in the Navajo Nation.*

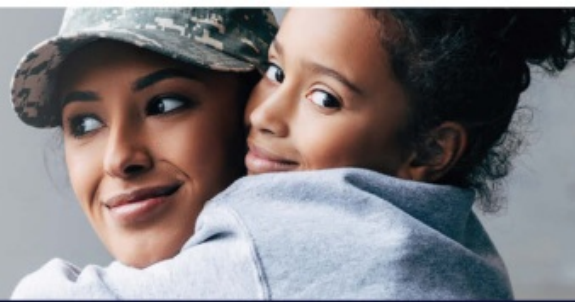
**INNOVATION & FINDING NEW TREATMENTS**

*Through leveraging 21st-century technology to discover new treatments in healing the invisible wounds of war, Home Base harnesses the scientific community of Mass General Brigham, Harvard, and national partners to find the most innovative solutions of tomorrow.*

**AWARENESS**

*Home Base Nation Podcast reaches audiences across the country and features stories of people and topics that have an important impact on our Veteran, Military and patriotic communities. Highlighted guests include Jake Tapper, Spike Lee, David "Big Papi" Ortiz, Sebastian Junger, and topics such as art therapy, psychedelics research, and the USS Intrepid with Prince Harry.*





# 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](#)

[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](#)**

[Providers » At Ease USA](#)

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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](#)

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## [PTSD](#)

### [SIGNS OF INTRUSIVE MEMORIES](#)

For someone dealing with PTSD, intrusive memories can be as distressing as the original traumatic event. These memories are often triggered by sensory reminders (a familiar sight, sound, smell, etc.) or situations that recall the trauma. Here are some common characteristics of intrusive memories.

**Recurrent, Unwanted Memories:** Reliving the traumatic event through repeated, unwanted memories.

**Flashbacks:** Feeling as if the traumatic event is happening again, vividly reliving the experience.

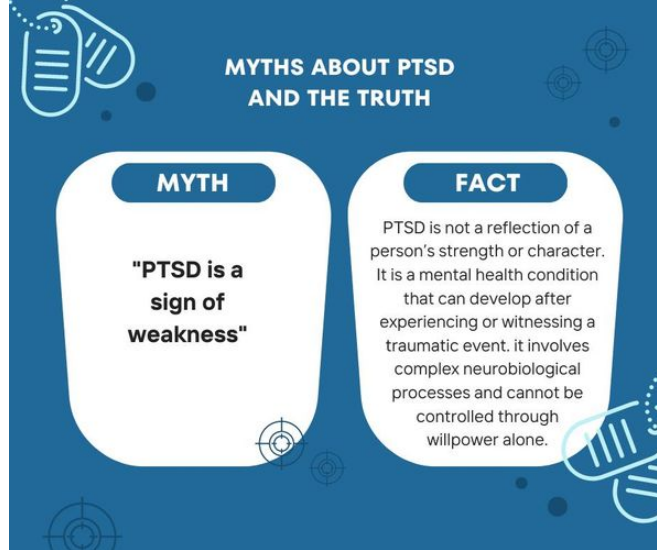
**Nightmares:** Disturbing dreams related to the traumatic event.

**Severe Emotional Distress:** Intense emotional reactions when reminded of the trauma.

**Physical Reactions:** Physical responses like sweating, heart palpitations, or panic attacks when reminded of the event. Support blood pressure and improve heart health rush to Walmart and find total beasts tara lost 42 pounds with Life MD you just take your shot it doesn't feel like you're on a diet when I was to expecting you to do was to shut off the food noise this was life altering and if I can do it anybody can do it check your eligibility and then it's at get Lithod.com

Understanding these symptoms is key to offering support and empathy. #PTSD #PTSDAwarenessMonth #PTSDSymptoms

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PTSD is surrounded by many incorrect assumptions. It's time to break the cycle of misunderstanding and stigma. Spreading the truth about PTSD helps create a more supportive environment for those in need.

**Myth:** PTSD is a sign of weakness

**Fact:** PTSD is not a reflection of a person's strength or character. It is a mental health condition that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event. It involves complex neurobiological processes and is not something that can be controlled through willpower alone. [#PTSD #PTSDAwareness](#)

**MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/5nyb256t>

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## [The Office of Rural Health](#)

**(ORH)** implements a diverse range of programs that help improve the health and well-being of rural Veterans by increasing their access to care and services. These national programs stem from the Office's model to "research, innovate, and disseminate" new innovations to support the 2.7 million rural Veterans who are enrolled in and rely on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system. You can view the ORH organizational chart [here](#). Historically, ORH provided three years of seed funding for local VA pilot programs implemented at VA medical centers and community based outpatient clinics. Building on the knowledge collected from more than 1,700 small local programs, the Office transitioned in 2016 to establish programs that deliver increased care and support to rural Veterans in a more uniform manner. These programs fall into two categories:

- [Rural Promising Practices](#): ORH Rural Promising Practices are field-tested innovative projects that meet ORH criteria demonstrating improved access to care for rural Veterans.
- [Enterprise-Wide Initiatives](#): Enterprise-Wide Initiatives expand national VA program offices' access to health care efforts to sites that serve rural Veterans.

## [THE RURAL CONNECTION' NEWSLETTER - Office of Rural Health \(va.gov\)](#)

The VA Office of Rural Health (ORH) quarterly newsletter provides information to assist and inform rural health stakeholders about ideas and opportunities to improve rural Veterans access to VA and community care, services and resources to support their health and well-being.

[https://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/docs/news/ORH\\_The\\_Rural\\_Connection\\_Newsletter\\_Summer\\_2024\\_508c\\_05162024.pdf](https://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/docs/news/ORH_The_Rural_Connection_Newsletter_Summer_2024_508c_05162024.pdf) ORH\_The\_Rural\_Connection\_Newsletter\_Summer\_2024\_508c\_05162024.pdf (va.gov)

[Subscribe](#) to receive "The Rural Connection" and other ORH and VA communications.

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**Miscellaneous Information**

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U.S. Small Business  
Administration

## **Browse business topics**

[Small Business Administration \(sba.gov\)](https://www.sba.gov)

### **Plan your business**

You've got a great idea. Now, make a plan to turn it into a great business.

### **Launch your business**

Turn your business into a reality. Register, file, and start doing business.

### **Manage your business**

Run your business like a boss. Master day-to-day operations and prepare for success.

### **Grow your business**

When business is good, it's time to expand. Find new funding, locations and customers.

### **How we help small businesses**

#### **Free business counseling**

Get business advice from our partnering organizations and experts.

#### **SBA-guaranteed business loans**

Find an SBA lender near you to help fund your business.

#### **Home & business disaster loans**

Apply for a low-interest disaster loan to help recover from declared disasters.

#### **Federal government contracting**

Learn how to find and win small business government contracts.

### ***Upcoming Events***

All events listed on SBA Nebraska Local Events Calendar:

<https://www.sba.gov/events?district=49>

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### ***Veterans Business Outreach Center***

**PROUDLY SERVING NEBRASKA & IOWA**

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

<https://nebbiz.org/vboc>

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## [D-Day 80: Standing with Giants installation at Memorial](#)

The installation features 1,475 silhouettes representing the number of servicemen who lost their lives on 6 June 1944, as well as 50 French resistance fighters around the French Memorial and the two nurses, Sisters Mollie Evershed and Dorothy Field, representing the only two women among the 22,442 names engraved on the Memorial.

OPEN

[British Normandy Memorial.](#)

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## NEworks

### My Workspace

Welcome to My Individual Guest Workspace. This page introduces you to system features and offers suggestions. Select from the items below to start customizing the content that interests you.

[NEworks \(nebraska.gov\)](#)

### Why Register?

This system offers a full range of features and services to assist job seekers and employers in their workforce development needs. For job seekers, that means finding assistance in researching the job market, figuring out what careers they are qualified for, how much those jobs pay, and other issues of interest. Employers can use the system to post their available job openings to a large pool of candidates, search for candidates using a wide variety of criteria, and research the local labor market.

Registration allows users to save personal information, settings, and preferences that make using the system easier and quicker during future visits.

After you create your user account, you will be able to save the information you have retrieved in the system. The system organizes this information, such as career searches and occupations, or résumés that have been viewed, in an easy-to-use file folder structure. This eliminates the need to conduct repeated searches for the same information, saving you time and effort.

Registered individuals have access to:

- A personal file folder that contains information on saved searches, system settings, and other information
- Career assessment tools, including skills matching, that help match a person's qualifications and abilities to specific occupations
- Unemployment claim information, including filing an application for benefits, submitting work search contacts, filing weekly claims and viewing payment information
- A home page with customized news content
- Creation of résumés and cover letters
- Automated job searches that deliver job opportunities to your system message box, an e-mail address you provide, or both

Registered businesses can:

- Post job orders
- Search the system's database for candidate résumés
- Perform searches using an expanded range of advanced search options

- Create automated candidate searches that deliver résumés to your message box, e-mail address, or both

All personal information entered into the system is held strictly confidential; it is not used for solicitation or other purposes. You can work through the system and feel secure that your data will not be shared or passed on to anyone.

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### *Lawmakers move to automate Selective Service registration for all men*

A new plan from House lawmakers would automatically register men for a potential military draft when they hit age 18, avoiding potential legal consequences connected to failing to file the paperwork at the proper time.

Language included in the House Armed Services Committee's draft of the annual defense authorization bill would mandate the automatic registration of all males between ages 18 and 26 living in America in the Selective Service System, the federal database used for a military draft in case of a national emergency.

**MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/vbwnb2yy>

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### *Eileen Mahoney's poem In Waters Deep sums up the loss of sailors during wartime*

**On the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of WW1, Eileen Mahoney's poem In Waters Deep, conveys the loss of so many sailors killed during the conflict**

Eugene Damblans' illustration for the French Petit Journal shows German "barbarity" as U boat sailors shoot the fishermen of a torpedoed sardine trawler out of the rigging (May 1917)  
An oft-unsung service were the convoys of merchant seafarers who kept Britain supplied, as well as fishermen who carried on as best they could despite the threat of mines and U-Boats. An estimated 14,661 merchant seafarers were killed during the First World War, after which King George V officially named the service as the Merchant Navy.

The Royal Navy suffered greater losses in WW1 (1914 – 1918) with an estimated 44,000 seamen (and women) killed (6,000 died at the Battle of Jutland in 1915 alone) but many in Britain have been appalled that it was not until the year 2000 that the Merchant Navy were represented as an official service in Cenotaph commemorations.

The Merchant Navy war memorial is at Trinity Square, on Tower Hill, London designed by Sir Edward Lutyens in 1928. A second memorial in the same place commemorates the dead of World War II (1939 – 1945) which were significantly greater, reflecting the menace of the U-Boat fleet and the fact that Merchant vessels were not a target for the Germans in WW1 unless they were armed (see note below). Conservatively 36,749 seamen and women were lost by enemy action in the merchant fleet, compared to the Royal Navy's 50,758 men killed in action plus 820 listed missing. Horrifically over a quarter (27%) of the total number of merchant sailors lost their lives during World War Two – a huge figure compared to an average of 3.3% from the other services – army, navy and air. Many of these Merchant Navy dead were from the Commonwealth and other nations and several (50 or so) were women – serving in various roles on the passenger ships and liners.

### *During wartime*

Track of the Lusitania by Wm Wyllie. The 787ft / 240m British ocean liner had been the world's largest passenger ship. She was sunk on 7 May 1915 by a German U-boat 11nM off the south coast of Ireland with the loss of 1198 passengers and crew, 128 of them American civilians. There were 761 survivors. Britain and America regarded the sinking as a war crime.

**MORE of The Story|Heritage, News**  
<https://tinyurl.com/2x79e68c>

In ocean wastes no poppies blow,  
No crosses stand in ordered row,  
There young hearts sleep... beneath the wave...  
The spirited, the good, the brave,  
But stars a constant vigil keep,  
For them who lie beneath the deep.  
'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer  
On certain spot and think. "He's there."  
But you can to the ocean go...  
See whitecaps marching row on row;  
Know one for him will always ride...  
In and out... with every tide.  
And when your span of life is passed,  
He'll meet you at the "Captain's Mast."

And they who mourn on distant shore  
For sailors who'll come home no more,  
Can dry their tears and pray for these  
Who rest beneath the heaving seas...  
For stars that shine and winds that blow  
And whitecaps marching row on row.  
And they can never lonely be  
For when they lived... they chose the sea.  
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## This is Javelin The Best Anti-Tank Missile

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1652194875634204>

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### Air Mobility Command

#### AMC SPACE AVAILABLE TRAVEL

Reminder to Space-A travelers: Keep in mind there is no guarantee you will be selected for a seat. Space-A travelers must be prepared to cover commercial travel expenses if flight schedules are changed or become unavailable to allow Space-A travel (Per DODI 4515.13, Section 4, Paragraph 4.1.a).

1. Travel eligibility | Review Travel Eligibility Categories 1-6 (below) to determine your Space-A travel category.
2. Locations | Review common destinations offered at your nearest AMC Passenger Terminal by visiting their website/social media page. For Links to website/social media page, see Passenger Terminal Directory below.
3. Document check | Ensure you have the required travel documents, e.g. passport with visas. Customs and Immigration requirements may change. Contact your departure passenger terminal for current documentation requirements or travel restrictions. Other information regarding travel documents may be found by visiting the [U.S. Department of State International Travel website](#)
4. Registration | Contact your nearest AMC Passenger Terminal.
5. Flight schedules | For specific travel information, contact your nearest AMC Passenger Terminal or check their AFPIMS page to see the 72-hour flight schedule.
6. Checking in | Check in at the terminal counter to mark yourself present and review updated flight information. Ensure you do not exceed [baggage weight limits](#) and are not traveling with any [prohibited items](#). Await your Space-A call and follow instructions given to you by the passenger service agents.

#### Travel eligibility (from DODI 4515.13)

- Category I - Emergency Leave Unfunded Travel.
- Category II - Accompanied EML
- Category III - Ordinary Leave, Relatives, House Hunting Permissive TDY, MoH Holders & Foreign Military
- Category IV - Unaccompanied EML
- Category V - Permissive TDY (Non-House Hunting), Students, Dependents, Post Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence & Others
- Category VI - Retired, Dependents, Reserve, ROTC, NUPOC, CEC, Veterans with a Permanent Service-connected Disability Rated as Total, and Surviving Spouses of Service Members who Died in Active Duty, Inactive Duty Training, or Annual Training Status a
- Notes

<https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Space-Available-Travel-Page/>

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***Farmer Veteran Coalition of Nebraska***

<https://www.facebook.com/FVCNebraska/>



**A Nebraska Chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition is being formed. Follow our page for updates and information about our organization. The Farmer Veteran Coalition is free to join as a currently serving military member or veteran or as an associate member.**

**WE CULTIVATE** a new generation of farmers and food leaders,.....

**WE BELIEVE** veterans possess the unique skills and character needed to strengthen rural communities and create sustainable food systems.

**WE BELIEVE** that agriculture offers purpose, opportunity, and physical and psychological benefits.

**WE GUIDE** the passion of our veterans so that they may earn for themselves a meaningful, financially sustainable place in the agricultural community. ....h

**WE BELIEVE** in the meritocracy of American agriculture, where personal responsibility for one's actions and individual initiative in pursuit of one's goals can create personal success.

**WE BELIEVE** in the fundamental dignity of physical work.

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE** the plurality of agricultural crops, practices, scale and markets available to our veterans.

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**WE ARE COMMITTED** to leveraging our work through a network of partnerships. ....

**WE SUPPORT** all valid national, regional, or crop-specific efforts to connect veterans with agriculture and encourage collaboration instead of competition with other groups providing services to our nation's veterans.

**WE SPONSOR** and encourage both employment and self-employment in agriculture, and equally value the contributions made by all members of the agricultural industry who feed America.

**WE RECOGNIZE** the range of opportunities for employment throughout the agricultural economy.

**WE RESPECT** the privacy of our veterans, and we will assist when we can to get them the support that will help make them stronger farmers. We support and treat the whole veteran. **WE ARE AWARE** of the high number of veterans that return with both visible and invisible wounds.

**WE RECOGNIZE** the geographic and psychological isolation common to both farmers and veterans. Creating contact between our farmer veterans, and a sense of community amongst them, is an important part of our mission.

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## *Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs*

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

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

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### *Newsletter & Events*

<https://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*

**T**here 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 Affairs. [A.https://veterans.nebraska.gov/contact](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)

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

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

### **The Nebraska Veterans Coalition**

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

#### **PERKINS COUNTY**

Service Officer Stephanie Larson (308) 352-7590 [slarson@perkinscounty.ne.gov](mailto:slarson@perkinscounty.ne.gov)

Receptionist (308) 352-7594

Fax: (308) 352-7592

Location Courthouse 200 Lincoln Ave, Grant, NE 69140

Mailing Address PO Box 475 Grant, NE 69140

Hours Monday – Friday 8 am to 4 pm

Website: [http://www.co.perkins.ne.us/webpages/veterans\\_services/veterans\\_services.html](http://www.co.perkins.ne.us/webpages/veterans_services/veterans_services.html)

#### **PHELPS COUNTY**

Service Officer Travis Horner (308) 995-4166 Email: [vso@phelpscscone.org](mailto:vso@phelpscscone.org)

Fax: (308) 248-5091

Fax: 308-995-2427

Location Courthouse 715 5th Ave, Holdrege, NE 68949

Mailing Address 715 5th Ave. Holdrege, NE 68949

Hours Monday – Friday 9 am to 5 pm Closed noon to 1 pm

Website [Phelps County Contacts \(ne.gov\)](#)

#### **PIERCE COUNTY**

Service Officer Brett Rix (402) 329-6345 [brett.rix@piercecounytny.gov](mailto:brett.rix@piercecounytny.gov)

Fax: (402) 329-6553

Location Courthouse, Rm. 6, Pierce, NE 68767

Mailing Address 111 W. Court St. Pierce, NE 68767

Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Website: [Pierce County Contacts \(piercecounytny.gov\)](#)

**Space Force Urges Certain Air Force Reservists to Become Full-Time**

# Guardians

<https://secure.military.com/daily-news/2024/06/05/space-force-urges-certain-air-force-reservists-become-full-time-guardians.html>

## **HEROSTOCK'S**

*overall goal is to be the hub where veterans, first responders, and gold star families come to plug in. Also to highlight hero singer/songwriters and help grow their brand, which for most of them is a part of their healing process. (501-C3)*

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