

# 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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# Open To America's #1 Veterans Magazine

## The Grapevine

*Published by John Stewart*

Click on Publication of Your Choice

<https://veteransgrapevine.com/>

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**Find the previous Nebraska Veterans Coalition Newsletters here**

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## Businesses Supporting Veterans

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

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

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

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

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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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### VETERANS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 108th Legislature, First Special Session, began on July 25th to consider legislation relating to property tax reform.

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2024%20Legislation%20Special%20Session.pdf>

The full list of legislation introduced during this special session can be found by visiting the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#). Below is our tracker of veteran-related legislation.

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/2024tracker-special-session-2?e=64def6304a>

The Legislature is adjourned until Monday, August 12th.

For information on the 2024 session, including calendar, committees, senator list, and more, please visit <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues>.

Information on how to share your views with senators and make public comments is [available here at the Nebraska Legislature website](#).

The Legislature's website has implemented new features for the 2024 session [Learn more about the new features by clicking here](#).

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### **2024 Special Session Veterans Legislation**

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### **District 30 Update - Special Session**

#### **Senator Myron Dorn**

The Special Session of the Legislature ended this week. We convened July 25 and met for 17 legislative days, making this special session the longest in more than 60 years. The first three days were designated for bill introduction. Every bill had a public hearing, but of the nearly 100 measures introduced, only a half dozen or so were debated by the full legislature.

**MORE**

<https://mailchi.mp/df5a96777doa/special-session-wrap-up?e=8fcb4e96ab>

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### **Office of the Governor**

#### **Governor Jim Pillen**

#### **Gov. Pillen Announces Receipt of Federal Aid for May 20 – June 3 Storms**

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-pillen-announces-receipt-federal-aid-may-20-%E2%80%93-june-3-storms>

#### **Gov. Pillen Touts Passage of Bills at Signing Ceremony: Says Much More is Left to Be Done for Property Tax Relief**

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-pillen-touts-passage-bills-signing-ceremony-says-much-more-left-be-done-property-tax>

#### **Gov. Pillen Issues Statement on Efforts to Weaken Government Spending Caps in Property Tax Relief Plan**

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-pillen-issues-statement-efforts-weaken-government-spending-caps-property-tax-relief-plan>

#### **Governor Pillen Issues Statement Thanking Bipartisan Coalition of Senators for First-Round Advancement of Consensus Property Tax Relief Plan**

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/governor-pillen-issues-statement-thanking-bipartisan-coalition-senators-first-round>

#### **Gov. Pillen Issues Statement to Closure of UNL Diversity & Inclusion Office**

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-pillen-issues-statement-closure-unl-diversity-inclusion-office>

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## ***Nebraska Veterans and Legislators***

Hello,

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition continues its efforts to research and provide information to veterans and friends of the Coalition. We are contacting you to inform you of the changes we have observed in the status of bills introduced during the 108th Nebraska Legislative Session ending on April 18, 2024. Legislation that has advanced to the Governor and signed will become law. The bills not approved by the legislators will not carry over to the next session. We should contact the senator who introduced the bill or your legislative representative, express your opinion, and request the bill be introduced again at the next session.

Veterans Service Organizations and Veterans Support Groups are encouraged to use the Nebraska Veterans Coalition Social media to publicize the legislation your group supports. Encourage your members to follow our Facebook page and our monthly newsletter.

This mailing provides you with the latest status for the veteran-related legislation introduced during the 108th Legislative session, shown below.

Respectfully,

Dean F. Kenkel  
CW5, USAR, Ret  
Cofounder: Nebraska Veterans Coalition

Veteran/Active/Guard and Reserve legislative bills introduced in the 108th Second Legislative Session

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1001038876574340/permalink/8002357706442387>

Total 57  
Passed- 17  
Final Reading-(Passed Over) 1  
General File- 9  
Committee- 13  
Carryover -17

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## The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 118th Congress, 2nd Session

The American Legion is the voice of U.S. military veterans and servicemembers. A resolution-based organization, The American Legion's positions represent the views of its nearly 1.6 million members and shape the organization's legislative priorities for the 118th Congress:

<https://www.legion.org/legislative/agenda>

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## HEALTH CARE

### *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.*

**THEIR MISSION IS COMPLETE. OURS HAS JUST BEGUN.**

Home Base is a national nonprofit dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of war for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen through world-class, direct clinical care, wellness, education and research – all at no cost to them – regardless of era of service, discharge status or geographical location. The program was founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Red Sox. Since 2009, Home Base has served more than 35,000 Veterans and their Family Members and trained over 85,000 clinicians across the nation, and we remain at the forefront of discovering new treatments to ensure a brighter future for Warriors and their Families.

<https://homebase.org/program/icp/>

**Want to Participate?**

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

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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/Services:** <https://ateaseusa.org/services/>

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](#)

We support active military, veterans and more with confidential, research-supported, cost-effective treatment for [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#).

[Healthcare Workers](#)

[How We Can Help](#)

[PTSD Resources](#)

[Find a Provider](#)

## [Mental Health Practitioners](#)

### [Nebraska Provider Roster](#)

[Providers » At Ease USA](#)

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](#)

#### [At Ease USA](#)

*[We're back from the VA/DoD Suicide Prevention Conference](#)*, and it was truly inspiring! Hearing veterans share their battles with PTSD and suicidal thoughts, as well as their incredible journeys of resilience and healing, filled us with HOPE.

We gained invaluable insights and forged powerful connections that will strengthen our mission at At Ease USA. Most importantly, we reaffirmed the critical need for the programs and services we provide.

In 2022, we tragically lost 333 active-duty military members to suicide, despite no losses to action. This underscores the urgent need for continued support and resources.

Together, we can make a difference. Stay tuned for how we're turning these insights into action!

[#VADODConference](#) [#AtEaseUSA](#) [#SuicidePrevention](#) [#VeteranSupport](#) [#Hope](#)

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### [Warrior Care Network](#)

Healing the invisible wounds of war through PTSD treatment for veterans

Warrior Care Network® is a partnership between Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) and four world-renowned academic medical centers, providing veterans and service members living with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST), and other related conditions with a path to long-term wellness.

Participants and their families receive first-class treatment tailored specifically to their needs and individualized care to support their unique journey. All treatment and accommodations are provided at no cost and financial assistance is also offered to help cover everyday

expenses like groceries, utilities, and housing.

### **Warrior Care Network Success Stories**

Hear from warriors and their family members about what brought them to Warrior Care Network and their journey to healing.

#### **Treatments**

This two-week intensive outpatient program uses evidenced-based clinical treatments and complementary wellness and health services to fast-track the journey to better mental and brain health. Studies show that participants completing the program experience a significant improvement in PTSD and depression symptoms. Warriors receive, on average, more than 50 direct PTSD treatment hours, in addition to complementary alternative therapies, including:

- Comprehensive medical review and evaluation
- Individual treatment sessions
- Group therapy sessions
- Fitness and nutrition education
- Family support and education
- Alternative therapies such as yoga, art, and tai chi
- <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/.../warrior-care...>

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### **FREE DENTAL CLINIC FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES NOVEMBER 15-16**

The 2024 Veterans Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic will be held from November 15-16 at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Yutan, Nebraska. The dental clinic will provide a range of dental services to eligible Nebraska veterans and their spouses. Services include:

- Exams
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Root Canals
- Extractions
- Dentures

Please note: There is a limited quantity of denture appointments available. Individuals wanting a denture appointment must register for a Friday morning slot and will need to return on Saturday to be fitted and receive dentures. To learn more about the Dental Clinic and sign up for an appointment, visit the link below.

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

#### **Trey Leffingwell**

As a Dentist who has worked these in the past, please use this service as your financial situation dictates.

In other words, if you have resources, but someone who doesn't seek routine dental care because you're a cheap skate, this is not for you. Trust me it happens.

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### **VA launches updated Burn Pit Registry**

The American Legion

Aug 01, 2024

Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced the launch of the redesigned [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#) (Burn Pit Research Registry). The Burn Pit Registry is a database that combines veteran and servicemember data to help VA better understand, research, and ultimately improve treatment for the health challenges facing veterans exposed to airborne hazards and burn pits during their military service. The registry is an important research tool that enables VA to identify and study health challenges spanning the veteran and servicemember population as a whole — providing veterans and servicemembers an opportunity to help improve the care and benefits of veterans and servicemembers in generations to come. The registry will now include more than 4.7 million veterans and servicemembers who meet participation criteria based on Department of Defense records.

MORE:

<https://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/262330/va-launches-updated-burn-pit-registry>

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**Miscellaneous Information**

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## Veterans + Military

We provide direct services for all veterans from all branches of military service. Your service may or may not be done, but your support network from At Ease is right here when you need it.

- **EVENTS** : <https://ateaseusa.org/events/>
- **CONTACT**

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- [Healthcare Workers](#)
- [Family Services](#)
- [Providers](#)
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As an independent, non-governmental non-profit, the services we provide are directly tied to the contributions we get from individuals like you. We're lean, we're effective and we're reaching more and more servicemen and women each and every year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a military or medical hero.

## Newsletter

### Contact Information

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email\*

I want to receive emails at this address

Sign up: <https://ateaseusa.org/events/>

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## VA improves access to claims information

August 21, 2024

Automated Benefits Delivery, Veterans Benefits Administration

<https://news.va.gov/134099/va-improves-access-to-claims-information/>

VA's Claim Status Tool allows Veterans to view the status of their VA claims online using their VA.gov login. This tool displays which claims are in process and identifies any actions Veterans need to take. It also [gives Veterans the ability to review recent claim activity](#).



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### PRESS OFFICE

Release Date: Aug. 19, 2024

Contact: [press\\_office@sba.gov](mailto:press_office@sba.gov), [www.sba.gov/news](http://www.sba.gov/news)

Release Number: 24-67

**SBA Invests Over \$1 Million to Expand Support for Veteran Entrepreneurs  
Organizations to Provide Critical Training and Counseling for Startups and Existing Small  
Businesses**

Contact for updated information:

Jo Eckert



## **SBA Opens Nominations for 2025 National Small Business Week Awards**

WASHINGTON – Today, [Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman](#), head of the [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) and the voice in President Biden’s Cabinet for America’s more than 34 million small businesses, opened [nominations](#) for the 2025 National Small Business Week (NSBW) Awards. For more than 60 years the SBA has been uplifting small businesses in America, and the annual NSBW awards recognize the exemplary achievements, triumphs, contributions, and resilience of SBA-assisted individuals and businesses that help to drive the American economy.

“From corner shops to innovation hubs, American entrepreneurs create jobs, invent and provide crucial products and services to their communities, and help define the neighborhoods they serve,” said Administrator Guzman. “The SBA is proud to celebrate National Small Business Week each year to lift up the best of that American entrepreneurial spirit and recognize the many essential contributions all of our small businesses make to our nation.”

To nominate a small business owner in your area and download related forms, criteria, and guidelines, visit <https://sba.gov/nsbw>. All nominations must be submitted electronically by 3 p.m. Central Time on Dec. 5, 2024. National awards will be presented during the NSBW awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., on May 4- 5, 2025.

The SBA’s signature award during NSBW is the Small Business Person of the Year. A business owner from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam is selected for individual State SBPOTY winner awards and the state award winners will compete for the 2025 National Small Business Person of the Year title.

Nominations will be accepted for the following award categories:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Small Business Exporter of the Year
- Small Business Investment Company of the Year
  - SBIC Emerging Manager
  - SBIC Established Manager
- Phoenix Awards for Disaster Recovery:
  - Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery
  - Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery - Mitigation
  - Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Public Official
  - Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Volunteer
- Federal Procurement Awards:
  - Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year
  - Small Business Subcontractor of the Year
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower Awards for Excellence (for large prime contractors who use small businesses as suppliers and contractors)
  - 8(a) Graduate of the Year
- Awards to SBA Resource Partners:
  - Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Excellence and Innovation Center Award
  - S.C.O.R.E. Chapter of the Year
  - Women’s Business Center of Excellence Award
  - Veterans Business Outreach Center of the Year
- Surety Bond Agent of the Year

For local area contact and other related information, visit online at <https://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week/awards/district-office-awards>

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### **About National Small Business Week**

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America’s entrepreneurs and small business owners have made in their communities and neighborhoods. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, creating about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year. As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners from all 50 states including U.S. territories. Every day, they’re working to grow small businesses, create good jobs, drive innovation, and increase America’s global competitiveness. To learn more, visit <https://www.sba.gov/nsbw>.

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

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



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## Unapologetically Rural

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

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

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

### [Apply for a Loan](#)

Offering small business and housing loans in Nebraska.  
Apply now.

### [Meat Processing](#)

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

### [Farmers and ranchers](#)

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

### [Policy](#)

Find rural analysis on the topics affecting rural communities.

### [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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

<https://info@cfra.org>.

Find Upcoming events in Nebraska and Iowa: <https://www.cfra.org/events>

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## [2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games](#)

Closing video for the 2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, Ariz. was an amazing week of fierce competitions, cheers and camaraderie. Take a look at the highlights of the 300+ [#veterans](#) who use sports to spark the flame. The [#WheelchairGames](#) are held annually by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America. Local host this year is Phoenix VA Health Care System.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAa8zUSa0Rg>

## [2024 National Veterans Wheelchair Games](#)

480 views Jul 30, 2024 [#Veterans](#) [#WheelchairGames](#) [#AdaptiveSports](#) Experience the action! Watch our 2024 National Veterans [#WheelchairGames](#) video to see our [#Veterans](#)' athleticism and memorable Games moments.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dBXLpEvRh0>

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[At the Gary Sinise Foundation](#), we serve our nation by honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families, and those in need.

We do this by creating and supporting unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities.

Freedom and security are precious gifts that we, as Americans, should never take for granted. We must do all we can to extend our hand in times of need to those who willingly sacrifice each day to provide that freedom and security.

While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders, we can always do a little more.

- Gary Sinise

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

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## A Message from the Commander...

Welcome to the Nebraska American Legion website. We currently have over 350 American Legion Posts and over 22,000 Legion members throughout the State of Nebraska. Our members are proud to be part of the largest veteran's organization in the world.

### **MORE**

[http://www.nebraskalegion.net/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1X\\_-q0p-T336MRHxI0PmcEQ7aj3kM3rXnk6PhRIJ3HjRQpYtGTk0ewW0A\\_aem\\_u5U2ekpu0FYARuKzpKc\\_VA](http://www.nebraskalegion.net/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1X_-q0p-T336MRHxI0PmcEQ7aj3kM3rXnk6PhRIJ3HjRQpYtGTk0ewW0A_aem_u5U2ekpu0FYARuKzpKc_VA)

**July/August Legionnaire:** <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Legionnaire/Legionnaire-Jul-Aug-2024.pdf>

### **Membership**

Current membership is at 22,137 paid members with a goal of 23,418 members. View the updated [Department Membership Report](#) dated July 31, 2024.

### **Why I Joined**

Discover the heartfelt testimonials of veterans who found purpose, camaraderie, and support through The American Legion. Listen to the voices of those who have walked the same path, sharing why they chose to become a part of our community.

[Select multi-year Membership take advantage of our online multi-year membership option to lock your current dues rate for the next 3 years and avoid potential dues increases.](#)

<https://tinyurl.com/jp97sxu9>

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## **The 55th Wing's RC-135U COMBAT SENT from Offutt AFB stands as a testament to our combat-credible force and unmatched warfighting readiness.**

Leveraging the latest technology, this advanced aircraft ensures we stay ahead in the global power competition. Our commitment to excellence and innovation keeps our forces prepared for any challenge. Proud to serve and protect! [#CombatCredible](#) [#WarfightingReadiness](#)

[#U2FD2W](#)

### **VIDEO**

<https://fb.watch/u7MYrud1af/>

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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>



## **Disabled Veteran Park Permit**

Disabled Veterans who are legal residents of Nebraska and who have been deemed 50 percent or more service related or 100 percent disabled non-service connected and receive a pension from the Veterans Administration, are eligible for one (1) perpetual Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Park Entry Permit at no fee.

Nebraska Game and Parks Service Centers can provide information and print out the application for the guests; however; the guests need to send the application to the Department of Veterans Affairs for certification or, to the Permit Section in Lincoln if they have already met the qualifications as a result of prior application for a disabled veteran Hunt/Fish permit. To apply for a Disabled Veteran's Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and mail to:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

3800 Village Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68516-4737

[Download application](#)

Lost or stolen park permits are not eligible for replacement.

For eligible replacement requests (defective permit, traded vehicle, windshield replacement, accident, etc.) remove all or more than half of the permit sticker, complete and send in the [Replacement Disabled Veteran Lifetime Park Entry Permit form](#).

### **Veteran Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit**

Veterans age 64 and older who are legal residents of Nebraska are eligible for a Veteran's Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit for \$5. This permit includes all state stamps. A copy of a DD214 or a Veteran Indicator on the applicant's Nebraska Driver's License must be presented in person at the time of application at a Game and Parks office, service center or park location. If a copy of a DD214 is not available, an application form and signature from a Veteran's Service officer is required.

The Veteran Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit must be renewed annually for \$5. It may be renewed at any Game and Parks office, online or at one of our vendor locations. Renewal does not require a copy of a DD214 or an application form. Customers can also set up auto renewal for their permit and stamps through the online permit system by selecting the Auto Renew boxes.

To apply for a Veteran's Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and enclose a copy of your DD214 and payment of \$5. Mail to:

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

PO Box 30370

Lincoln NE 68503-0370

[Download application](#)

### **Deployed Military Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit**

A Nebraska resident who is or has been deployed out of the state with a branch of the United States military within the last 12 months shall, upon returning to the state, be eligible to receive an Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit on a one time basis for \$5. This permit includes all state stamps. A copy of deployment paperwork must be presented in person at the time of application.

To apply for a Deployed Military Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and enclose a copy of your deployment papers and payment of \$5 at a Game and Parks office, service center or park location.

Mail to:

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

PO Box 30370

Lincoln NE 68503-0370

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### **Disabled Veteran Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit**

Disabled Veterans who are legal residents of Nebraska and who have been deemed 50 percent or more service related or 100 percent disabled non-service connected and receive a pension from the Veterans Administration, are eligible for a Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit at no fee. This permit includes all state stamps.

To apply for a Disabled Veteran's Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and mail to:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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### *Newsletter & Events*

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

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](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

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

Other VA social media:

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#) [Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#)

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

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## *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

#### **RICHARDSON COUNTY**

Service Officer Mona Godemann (402) 245-3722 [m.godemann@richardsoncountyne.gov](mailto:m.godemann@richardsoncountyne.gov)

Assist Srvc Officer Odis Fields [vets@richardsoncountyne.gov](mailto:vets@richardsoncountyne.gov)

Fax: (402) 245-3725

Location Courthouse, Falls City, NE 68355

Mailing Address 1700 Stone St., Rm. 101, Falls City, NE 68355

Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm

Closed from noon to 1 pm

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

#### **ROCK COUNTY**

Service Officer Jacob Graff (402) 387-0233 [jgraff@browncountyne.gov](mailto:jgraff@browncountyne.gov)

Fax: (402) 387-0918

Location 148 West 4th St

Mailing Address 148 West 4th St Ste 3, Ainsworth, NE 69210

Hours 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

Closed noon – 1 p.m.

Website:

[County Officials -Nebraska Rock County \(rockcountyne.gov\)](http://www.rockcountyne.gov)

[Veterans Services Officer - Brown County Government \(browncountyne.gov\)](http://www.browncountyne.gov)

Also CVSO for Brown County and Keya Paha County

#### **SALINE COUNTY**

Service Officer Scottie Davis (402) 821-2990 [sdavis@salinecountyne.gov](mailto:sdavis@salinecountyne.gov)

Fax: (402) 821-3381

Location Courthouse, Rm. 100, 215 S. Court St. Wilber, NE 68465

Mailing Address PO Box 865, Wilber, NE 68465

Hours Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Closed noon to 1 pm

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

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### OFFUTT AFB GATE OPERATIONS UPDATE.

To help relieve congestion at the STRATCOM Gate while construction continues at the Kenney (Flag Gate), the Bellevue Gate will be opened from 6 am to 9 pm daily for the foreseeable future. The hours of operation will be the same for the weekends. Estimated repair completion is late September

<https://www.facebook.com/100064695910708/posts/903796628453526/?mibextid=WC7FNe&rdid=f5V9zpcdt57fXWu0>

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### No matter what, VA is here for you.

Through my work with VA, I meet a diverse range of Veterans. They're from all across the nation, from coastal cities to rural areas in the center of the country. They're at different stages of their lives. Some are parents of young children and some are grandparents and even great-grandparents. Their experiences in the military were vastly different from those who deployed to combat zones to those who stayed stateside during times of peace. Because all Veterans are different, VA offers a range of resources to support Veterans at any stage of their life, wherever they live, and however they served. No matter your challenges, we're here for you.

**No matter if you're enrolled in VA health care or benefits**

<https://news.va.gov/132878/no-matter-what-va-is-here-for-you/>

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