

A Volunteer Organization Bringing Awareness To Veteran's Issues

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OPENING THE LINK WITH EACH ARTICLE WILL LEAD TO THE WEBSITE'S COMPLETE PUBLICATION

Updated Current Information to share with Veterans in Nebraska

We at the Nebraska Veterans Coalition continue to provide information to military members currently serving and veterans who have served in the Active, National Guard, and Reserve. We will publish future Event Newsletters monthly and post them on the Coalition Website, Facebook, and (X), with events deleted after their conclusion.

We strongly suggest that you forward the Newsletter to your mailing list and friends. You can post events on our Facebook page (Nebraska Veterans Coalition). "Friend us," and encourage others to join.

"We urge all Veterans Service Organizations and other Veterans groups' event planners to submit their ads to this email address for the broadest possible circulation: nevetscoalition@outlook.com. A brief description and a link to your flyer are the most efficient ways to submit ads. " Our distribution is an easy way to increase VSO membership, support posts, and local communities, and advertise veteran-owned businesses. Fundraising events must benefit veterans or veteran organizations.

So that you know, the Nebraska Veterans Coalition does not sponsor or endorse any external events. NVC shares information to raise awareness and promote collaboration.

Businesses Supporting Veterans

Are you a veteran-owned business, or are you hiring veterans?

Email your business card to us with a link to your website or Facebook page, and a copy 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

Please open this link to the Coalition Newsletter, and add your email address to join our distribution:

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

COALITION MISSION

WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE: UPDATE

It can be found on our Website.

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition is a non-partisan and bipartisan group formed to raise awareness among veterans about what is happening at the Nebraska Unicameral. To inform veterans about their elected officials and the legislation affecting veterans' benefits currently being considered in the Nebraska Unicameral.

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The Grapevine

Published by John Stewart

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Veterans Pages: <https://veteransgrapevine.com/>

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About The Grapevine

I began this publication 25 years ago for a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post to help me recover from a serious health condition impacting my memory, numerous cardiac problems and cancer. Doing this project has been extremely helpful in my recovery or ability to deal with them. As a result, I have been able to help many, many veterans and family members around the world. I am truly blessed over these two decades to have this project during my fight against many Agent Orange-related diseases from the Vietnam War. In addition to the publications, I have added hundreds of links to veteran-related websites.

Click On the Publication of Your Choice

[Florida](#)

[Virginia](#)

[Nebraska Newsletter](#)

Click Here For a Variety of Veterans Website Links

[U.S. Government Websites](#)

[National Guard and Reserve Websites](#)

[Websites by War: National Organizations, Military Branch of Websites, GI Bill Information, Locate People, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\), DoD Websites, State Homebuyer Programs, Military Health Websites, Military Spouse Assistance, VA Websites and Information, Veterans Affairs Websites](#)

Nebraska Veterans Organizations

Join Us

Click on the name of the organization below.

It will take you to their website.

Added this month (0)

American Legion Post 363 in Winnebago

ESGR Nebraska

MOAA Nebraska Chapter Papillion

VFW Post 2704 Bellevue

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

(If you would like your organization added to our website, please send us an email with the link.)

Our email is comeoncubs100@gmail.com
cc: nevetscoalition@outlook.com

Nebraska Veteran Service Organizations and Veteran Service Groups

If you are a Commander or on the organization's board, please forward our newsletter to your membership and reference us in your newsletter and website. When approved, we now post the newsletter and frequent articles on some of the organization's or group's Facebook pages

. We would like your assistance in informing members of your organization via email or Facebook.

Legislation

Nebraska Veterans Coalition

The Nebraska Legislature has adjourned SINE DIE

Legislative Calendar

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/calendar.php>

The 109th Legislature, Second Session, will begin on January 7, 2026. This session lasts 60 days and will end on April 17, 2026. The last session had 36 Veteran-related Legislative Bills: Governor Pillen signed 15 bills into law, and 8 Bills were amended and approved. The bills introduced but not passed in 2025 will carryover into the 2026 short session. Senators who introduced priority bills that did not pass in 2025 are: LB-676 (Sen. Hansen), now in the Select File; LB-693 (Sen. McKeon), now in the General File; and LB-272 (Sen. Dugan), held by the Revenue Committee.

We recommend *using the official site of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature* (<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/index.php>). Search for the three priority Legislative bills. Then submit an online comment with your opinion before the next session commences. Online Comments are recommended for the Carryover bills listed below.

This feature on the Nebraska Legislature's website is intended to encourage public participation. Comments submitted through this portal will be available to all legislators and staff. Additionally, they may be read and/or discussed during hearings and floor debate.

The Unicameral hosts a Veterans Legislative Day in late January or early February. All veteran support organizations in the state have representatives attending. If you are interested in attending the Veterans Legislative Day, you can learn more by checking the newsletter, our Facebook page, or our website. STATUS OF CARRYOVER BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS Introduced in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025 and pending before the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026 General File LB- **426**,

BILLS HELD BY COMMITTEES: **LB- 307, 249, 583,509,508,152,82,547,425,223,374**,
<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/session/2025carryover.pdf>

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HEALTH CARE

Home Base

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

Free No Cost for treatment, transportation or lodging
Specializing in treating invisible wounds

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.

Goals of the Treatment

<https://homebase.org/program/icp/> (Open)

The Veterans Crisis Line is ready to support all Veterans

If you've seen ads for the Veterans Crisis Line, it's because we want every Veteran to know: You can reach out anytime. Trained responders are ready 24/7—to listen, support and help you find a path forward, no matter what you're facing. <https://news.va.gov/142557/veterans-crisis-line-ready-support-all-veterans/>

Buddy Check: A Monthly Veteran Support Group.

Next (8) additional months (Open link below)

Buddy Check monthly meetings provide a safe and welcoming space for veterans to come together and support one another. No one is left behind here. We understand the challenges of being a veteran, and we want to help you navigate them. Whether you need someone to talk to or are looking for resources, we are here for you. By coming together and sharing experiences, we can make a difference in each other's lives.

[Join us and be part of a community that cares.](#)

Questions? Contact Angela at Angela.Hamilton@onelfs.org

Enjoy extra-large deck oven pizza, pasta, toasted subs, wings, salads, beer, wine and liquor
Crush Pizza and Alewhouse

102 N. Main
Fremont, NE

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1121157426731018/1121157463397681/>

NORTH PLATTE BUDDY CHECK



VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR FOOD
AND FELLOWSHIP

WHEN : 22ND OF EVERY MONTH
6 - 8 PM

WHERE : HOPE - ESPERANZA
1013 S COTTONWOOD ST.
NORTH PLATTE, NE

VENUE PROVIDED BY HOPE - ESPERANZA. PIZZA PROVIDED BY DAVE'S PLACE.
DRINKS PROVIDED BY SACRED OATH. PROGRAM FUNDED BY CENTRAL
NEBRASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP'S S.S.V.F./SSG FOX



What Types of Hearing Aids Does Veterans Affairs Provide for Veterans? |

Audiology | theSITREP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlaR-4xSeTU>

What types of Eye Glass Frames Does VA Offer? | Department of Veterans Affairs

| theSITREP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmMxB7ohl08>



What we do: <https://ateaseusa.org/who-we-are/> (Open)

At Ease USA was founded in 2009 in response to the lack of treatment for wounded warriors 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.

Services » At Ease USA (Open)

Graffiti Workshop

At Ease USA presents a Graffiti Workshop in partnership with the Nebraska Arts Council. Led by multidisciplinary artist Hugo Zamorano, we will complete a collective painting within 10 sessions. The mural will be on canvas using acrylic paint and spray paint.

FOR ACTIVE DUTY, VETERANS, FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS (Adult on workshop)

Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6 pm-8 pm

November through December (Excluding holiday weeks)

CLOVER 24 ART GALLERY

2200 S. 24 Street

Omaha, NE 68102

Must RSVP!

<https://ateaseusa.org/graffiti/> Open Link

At Ease Allies:

Together, we can reduce stigma, build community and bring healing to those who serve and sacrifice.

At Ease Allies are passionate volunteers who step forward as champions for At Ease USA. Together, we expand awareness of services, reduce stigma around mental health, and connect military members, veterans, medical heroes, and families with the care they deserve.

This program offers meaningful engagement beyond one-time volunteering or donations — giving you the chance to make a lasting impact.

Program Purpose

- Create a group of passionate volunteers who serve as champions for At Ease USA (AEU).
- Expand awareness of services, reduce stigma around mental health, and connect military, veterans, medical heroes, and families with resources.
- Offer meaningful engagement beyond one-time volunteering or donations.

Program Purpose: <https://ateaseusa.org/allies/> Open Link

Trauma Informed Yoga (Omaha)

Sponsored by At Ease USA; Classes offered by One Tree Yoga. Due to the participation and growing interest, we are extending classes until the end of December. Tuesday Evenings 7:30 pm-8:30 pm (*holiday schedule pending*) 5020 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68132

We are located on the ground floor of the NRG media building. The parking lot is to the West of the building. Park in the lot and walk East (toward downtown) down the stairs. You'll see our secret entryway on the left. This adult-only yoga series provides free access to a practice that supports our military and medical heroes and their loved ones in their wellness journey. Join us for an hour of building mindful resilience.

Come on down!

FREE FOR ACTIVE DUTY, VETERANS, FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THEIR adult FAMILY MEMBERS. <https://ateaseusa.org/trauma-informed-yoga/> Open Link

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Trauma Informed Yoga (Lincoln)

Classes every Wednesday at Wild Root Yoga. FREE for active and retired military, front-line healthcare workers and adult family members. Participants can attend in person or virtually.

Wednesdays, October 8 – December 10, 7 pm-8 pm

Wild Root Yoga 946 N 70th Street, Lincoln, NE 68505 <https://ateaseusa.org/yoga-lincoln/> Open Link

Aikido Classes

In partnership with At Ease USA, Aikido Shuurin Dojo is offering a free 60 day series of Aikido classes for military members, veterans *

MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

Classes starting September 15th, 2025

Children (5-11yrs old): M/Th 6:30pm-7:30pm

Co-ed Adults: M/Th 7:30pm-9:30pm

Women Only: Tues 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: 14121 S St, Omaha, NE 68137

What is Aikido? <https://ateaseusa.org/aikido/> [Open Link](#)

Virtual T.R.I.B.E. Series

Virtual Military Spouse & Caregiver Support Group

Spouses, caregivers and loved ones often face unique challenges, such as navigating relationship issues, coping with caregiving fatigue, and dealing with an elevated risk of conflict compared to relationships unaffected by trauma. The impact of trauma can extend beyond the individual directly experiencing it, causing emotional, physical, mental, and even spiritual strain on relationships. Recognizing the profound impact of trauma on the family system is a vital first step in initiating conversations and working towards resolutions that promote healing and support for spouses and caregivers.

Every Wednesday, 7 pm – 8 pm, a Zoom Link will be sent after registering.

<https://ateaseusa.org/tribe-series/> OPEN

If interested in any of the following services we've offered in the past, please email us at

info@ateaseusa.org

Watch our social media and website for more updates

Healing Circle for Warrior Women. This program provides a safe, supportive community where female veterans can heal, connect, and share their experiences through peer-led discussions. Meetings are held in Lincoln, NE.

Equine-Assisted Therapy: Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting creates a connection that helps a veteran open up and begin to heal. This free service is offered in Partnership with Omaha Equestrian Foundation.

Vets4Vets Peer Networking Services Peer support is rooted in hope & connection through empowering and empathetic relationships between those with similar and shared life experiences. This group will resume in the near future. Please watch our social media (and check back on our website) for more information.

Vets4Vets Financial Wellness Series This four part series is an interactive workshop designed to help participants develop a healthy relationship with money by providing knowledge, tools, and strategies.

6 Week Trauma-Informed Yoga Series A six week Trauma-Informed Yoga Series in Lincoln. Facilitated by Military Veteran, Sundance Miller.

Self Defense Class Learn proven self-defense skills and strategies.

Military and Veteran Event

- **Contact us for help finding the service that's right for you. *Contact Us***

Veterans / Military: How We Can Help PTSD Resources

Healthcare Workers: How We Can Help PTSD Resources

Family Services: How We Can Help PTSD Resources

Mental Health Practitioners

Our Providers

Provider Resources

Become a Provider

**Make a Referral **

How you can help.

Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a military or medical hero.

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

Contact us:

At Ease USA, 10605 Burt Circle, Omaha, NE 68114

[531.247.4040](tel:531.247.4040) [Mon-Fri: 8am - 5pm](#)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline [1.800.273.TALK](tel:1.800.273.TALK) (8255) [Emergency](#)

[988 suicide and crisis lifeline](#) [Live Online Chat](#)

**Veterans Voices: Suicides remain a
pressing issue in the military community**



During recent Veterans Day programs in the area, I had the opportunity to speak with many veterans and family members about their service to our country. Some stories expressed their unbelievable pride in defending America's freedom; others told me about the difficulties in doing so. The stories about the sacrifices of family members were, in many instances, so very sad to hear. Dad or mom were gone for months or years, children left without proper parental guidance.

[CONTINUE](#)

[Text Link https://tinyurl.com/55asv2wn](https://tinyurl.com/55asv2wn)

Women Veterans belong at VA Own your health care journey

November 26, 2025
Office of Women's Health

You served with dedication and strength. Now, you deserve health care that recognizes your service and supports your whole health. At VA, our mission is to provide care designed for Veterans—including women Veterans—at every stage of life.

OPEN <https://news.va.gov/143191/women-veterans-belong-at-va/>

Tricare to increase pharmacy copayments, add new benefits in 2026

Tricare health beneficiaries who fill prescriptions outside a military health facility will pay more for medications next year, but they will also have expanded access to new treatments for conditions like lung cancer and chronic back pain, under an announcement made by the federal government Tuesday. According to a notice in the Federal Register, most Tricare prescription copayments for medications purchased at retail pharmacies and through the Tricare mail-order pharmacy will increase beginning Jan. 1. **MUCH MORE** <https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/military-benefits/health-care/2025/10/28/tricare-to-increase-pharmacy-copayments-add-new-benefits-in-2026/>

Who can use Express Scripts® Pharmacy?

Register to see if you're eligible to use Express Scripts® Pharmacy with your health benefits — 1 in 3 Americans are. It only takes a minute or two to find out. https://www.express-scripts.com/rx?CID=se:bob:pharmacyrx1:Google2025:G:RT0&qclsrc=aw.ds&qad_source=1&qad_campaignid=10679596782

Miscellaneous Information

Disabled/Blind Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax & Fee Exemption

What is the Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax & Fee Exemption?

Starting January 1, 2026, all disabled and/or blind veterans in Nebraska can receive an exemption for the Motor Vehicle Tax and Motor Vehicle Fee for ONE vehicle owned and used for their personal transportation.

NOTE: If a veteran has multiple vehicles, it is recommended that they look at their vehicle registration document(s) and determine to which vehicle they wish to apply the exemption.

The exemption only applies to the Motor Vehicle Tax and Motor Vehicle Fee. All other taxes and fees (e.g. plate fee, sales tax, wheel tax, etc.) still need to be paid. The outlined portion of the example registration below shows the tax that would be exempted under this new law.

MORE:

[https://veterans.nebraska.gov/vehicletax?](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/vehicletax?fbclid=IwY2xjawOZ05dleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFBdHBKdjd2ZjlrMFBUEVpMc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHuGSwYGwmsRQSJPhOKcwSkg1XgTR_m-)

[fbclid=IwY2xjawOZ05dleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFBdHBKdjd2ZjlrMFBUEVpMc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHuGSwYGwmsRQSJPhOKcwSkg1XgTR_m-](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/vehicletax?fbclid=IwY2xjawOZ05dleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFBdHBKdjd2ZjlrMFBUEVpMc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHuGSwYGwmsRQSJPhOKcwSkg1XgTR_m-)

MOAA's and Heartland Chapter's Missions are the Same.

OPEN: <https://heartlandmoaa.org/>

Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed service and their surviving spouses.

Our website has Monthly News and sponsors

Visit

(OPEN) <https://heartlandmoaa.org/>

FACEBOOK

[https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=heartland chapter moaa](https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=heartland+chapter+moaa)

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(OPEN) <https://www.nebraska.gov/>

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Events in December

10 EVENTS Greater Omaha (Online) (8 Live EVENTS)

(OPEN) [https://www.score.org/business-education?](https://www.score.org/business-education?location_filter_options=173&keywords=&f%5B0%5D=training_type%3AAlive&page=0)

[location_filter_options=173&keywords=&f%5B0%5D=training_type%3AAlive&page=0](https://www.score.org/business-education?location_filter_options=173&keywords=&f%5B0%5D=training_type%3AAlive&page=0)

1 Live EVENTS Lincoln

(OPEN) <https://www.score.org/lincoln/about>

Workshops, Webinars, Events and Courses for Business Growth

SCORE Lincoln is a group of experienced business professionals who guide those desiring to start up a new small business or to assist existing small businesses in improving their profitability. Our volunteers are successful real-world business professionals who volunteer thousands of hours to help existing and startup businesses succeed. Our volunteers are experts with experience in areas such as accounting, finance, human resources, consulting, import/export, law, operations, production, retail, wholesale, manufacturing, sales, marketing, management, business plan preparation, strategic planning, and many other business disciplines. (531) 225-6451 2124 Y Street, Flat 235, Lincoln, NE 68503

Glad You Asked: Vet Centers

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

1,948 views Nov 26, 2025

Did you just leave the military and feel like civilian life is overwhelming? You're not alone. In this episode of Glad You Asked, Deputy Secretary Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D. explores how Vet Centers help Veterans like you connect, heal, and rebuild community, all in a confidential, supportive environment. Highlights include:

- How Vet Centers support transition stress and trauma
 - What services are available for you and your family
 - How to start. No referral or VA enrollment needed
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ro-8TlCY>
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Services we provide

Our office provides help with SBA services, including funding programs, counseling, federal contracting certifications, and disaster recovery. We can also connect you to our partner organizations, lenders, and other community groups that help small businesses succeed.

Areas we serve: The Nebraska District Office serves the entire state of Nebraska

29 Upcoming SBA events

Use the fields to narrow your search and select the "Search for events" button to see your results. A list of our most recently published events is also included below.

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

- **Questions? Contact: Jo Eckert, Jo.Eckert@sba.gov**

Economic Development Specialist/Public Information Officer

Nebraska District Office: 10675 Bedford Avenue, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68134

U.S. Small Business Administration (402) 221-7200 (office), (402) 660-5428 (cell)

You're not too small to grow international sales with help from SBA export finance programs:

Interesting Local Events

(OPEN) <https://tinyurl.com/2vawzbjif>

Things to do in Omaha

(OPEN) <https://www.luxurytravelmagazine.com/news-articles/things-to-do-in-omaha-nebraska>

Welcome to Boots to Business

(OPEN) <https://tinyurl.com/55nyv7em>

The Boots to Business Programs consist of Boots to Business (B2B), Boots to Business Reboot (B2BR), and Military Spouse Pathway to Business Courses. These courses are entrepreneurial education and training programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). B2B is offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program (TAP). B2BR is the same curriculum, offered off-installation. The Military Spouse Pathway to Business Course is a similar curriculum, with a focus on the unique challenges faced by a spouse living the military lifestyle. Active-Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve), Veterans of all eras, and spouses are eligible to participate. This provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals.

Starting Your Journey:

Boots to Business, Boots to Business Reboot, or Military Spouse Pathway to Business

Taking one of these courses will provide an initial introduction to the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to launch a business, including steps for developing business concepts, how to develop a business plan, and information on SBA resources available to help. These courses are facilitated by subject matter experts from the SBA and their extensive network of skilled business advisors.

Continuing Your Journey:

Follow-on Support

Boots to Business Revenue Readiness

After completing one of the courses listed in step one, participants can elect to further their study through the B2B Revenue Readiness online course, delivered through a partnership with Mississippi State University (MSU). This course is offered at no cost to Service members, Veterans and military spouses.

Access SBA Resources and Services

Boots to Business

Boots to Business:

Reboot

Pathway to Business

The Military Spouse Pathway to Business offers military spouses free, flexible entrepreneurship training—available in-person or online—tailored to their unique lifestyle.

Contact info: This field is used for email or phone number

eswarik@nebbiz.org Phone number (402) 685-5503 ext 503

Hero Dodgeball Tournament – Play for a Purpose!

Hosted by the Marine Corps League Cornhusker Detachment, HEROSTOCK, and the Nebraska Enlisted Association (OPEN) <https://tinyurl.com/26kf9pnn>



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://veterans.nebraska.gov/news>

NDVA Calendar of Events

Every month, NDVA sends out a calendar of events that the agency will be hosting or attending. Below are some upcoming events.

November

November 10 – [U.S. Marine Corps 250th Birthday Celebration](#) – Governor's Residence, Lincoln

November 16 – [Lincoln Veterans Parade](#) – Lincoln

November 22 – [Buddy Check](#) – Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter, Lincoln

December

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

Benefits and Services Overview

Part of our mission is to help veterans identify and access the benefits they are entitled to. There is a wide range of county, state, and federal benefits related to education, employment, finance, health care, housing, legal assistance, recreation, taxes, and more. Use our Benefits Expert to help guide you to the benefits you're interested in or learn about some of the most-used benefits. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact your

County Veterans' Service Officer or a State Service Officer .

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

Benefits Expert

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

[Nebraska Veterans' Gateway](#)

[Get Started](#)

[Nebraska Veterans' Homes](#)

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

[Military & Veterans' Registry Application](#)

https://www.nebraska.gov/va_registry/index.cgi

[Community Resource Directory](#)

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

Other VA social media:

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

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

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

Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

(OPEN) <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nvg>

Welcome to your gateway to career and employment resources for Nebraska veterans. We've gathered resources and tools to help shine the way for veterans and their families to find meaningful employment, receive training and education, and get assistance transitioning from military service to civilian life.

Resource Expert

Job Converter

Job Search

More Tools from Our Partners

County Veterans Service Offices Directory

Contact your County Veterans Service Officer and offer your help

Help with providing transportation for fellow veterans

Offer your business as a place for Buddy Check Meetings

This video is provided by the Nebraska Association of County Officials

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bqhlwyIZv2c>

A County Veterans Service Office staff member provides confidential counseling and assistance to Veterans and their families applying for Federal, State, and County Veterans programs and benefits. Federal Veterans Benefits include education, vocational rehabilitation, service-connected disability, non-service disability pension, healthcare, and burial benefits.

Nebraska Veterans programs include a tuition waiver, admittance to a Nebraska Veteran's home, and emergency financial assistance from the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund. Eligibility for State financial assistance requires an 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)

(OPEN) <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso>



REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . .

Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 13, 2025 at 11:00 am by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or inviting friends to help.

TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the NE0029 - Offutt Officers' Spouses Club's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 13, 2025, at 11:00 am, NE0029 - Offutt Officer's Spouses Club will be helping Offutt Air Force Base Cemetery (Fort Crook Post Cemetery) to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the NE0029 - Offutt Officer's Spouses Club and Wreaths Across America!
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Marine Harriers are in the Caribbean just ahead of retirement

"If they don't have enough F-35Bs to do the job, then, well, it's up to the last of the Harriers," an expert said.

Reports of the demise of the Marine Corps' legendary AV-8B Harrier II are greatly exaggerated, as evidenced by a [U.S. Southern Command video](#) released this week showing Harriers from the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima conducting a live-fire ordnance exercise in the Caribbean.

The Iwo Jima and several other Navy ships are part of a massive U.S. military buildup in the region that could presage [operations against targets inside Venezuela](#). That build-up includes the USS Gerald R. Ford, which carries a more modern air wing. But the clips make clear the Harriers are also on call.

MORE: <https://taskandpurpose.com/news/marines-harriers-caribbean-buildup-venezuela/>

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Information about eligibility and how to submit a nomination package for the Small Business Person of the Year Award: [Small Business Person of the Year | U.S. Small Business Administration](#). Jo Eckert, Economic Development Specialist/Public Information Officer
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