# 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.

Join our Newsletter





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The Grapevine

<u>Published by John Stewart</u> Click on Publication of Your Choice

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# **Special Veteran Links**

Click here Links for a variety of Veteran Websites

# **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) <a href="https://nebraskaveterans.org/sponsors.htm">https://nebraskaveterans.org/sponsors.htm</a>
Visitors to our webpage can click on your card to find your website.

Our email is <a href="mailto:comeoncubs100@gmail.com">comeoncubs100@gmail.com</a>

# <u>Nebraska Veterans Organizations</u> Join Us and add your link to our website

Added this month

# (If you wish your organization added here and our website, send us an email with the link)

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

#### Added this month

Heartland of America Chapter
Military Officers Association of
America (MOAA)
Heartland MOAA

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 <u>American Legion Nebraska News</u> 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

# Nebraska Veteran Service Organizations and Veteran Service Groups

We would like your assistance in informing members of your organization via email or Facebook. 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 or group's Facebook pages.

# Legislation

# 109th Legislative Session

The Nebraska Legislature [1] (also called the Unicameral) [2] is the legislature of the U.S. state of Nebraska. The Legislature meets at the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln. With 49 members, known as "senators", [3] the Nebraska Legislature is the smallest U.S. state legislature. A total of 25 members is required for a majority; however, in order to overcome a filibuster, a two-thirds vote of all members is

required, which takes 33 votes. [4]

Unlike the legislatures of the other 49 U.S. states and the <u>U.S. Congress</u>, the Nebraska Legislature is <u>unicameral</u>. It is also <u>nonpartisan</u> in that members are elected in nonpartisan elections, and the Legislature does not officially recognize its members' <u>political party</u> affiliation or maintain a formal partisan leadership structure. All 49 members elect, by secret ballot, the Legislature's officers (except the <u>Lieutenant Governor</u>, who serves as President of the Legislature) and committee chairs with the aim of ensuring lawmakers select leaders they truly support without undue pressure or influence from other branches of government, the political parties, or other sources of outside influence.

# A Big Thank You to

Senators who have supported specific veteran-related legislative bills by adding their names to the bill

<u>Danielle Conrad, Jane Raybould, Barry DeKay, Bob Andersen, Glen Meyer, Beau Ballard,</u> John Fredrickson, Margo Juarez, George Dugan, Stan Clouse, Dan Lonowski, Carolyn Bosn

# Senators who introduced veteran-related legislative bills during the first session of the 109th Legislative Session

Brad vonGillern
Victor Rountree
George Dugan
Bob Andersen
Tom Brandt
John Cavanaugh
Teresa Ibach
Megan Hunt
Ashiel Spivey

Rick Holdcroft
Dunixi Guereca
Dan Lonowski
Dan McKeon
Barry DeKay
Rita Sanders
Ben Hansen
Tony Sorrentino

# Your input is needed for All Veteran Related Legislative Bills.

The hearing may have concluded, but you can still submit comments, which is essential. Senators have the option to view them. Your input may sway them to vote based on your suggestion.

Please read the bill as introduced. After you turn in your comment, you will receive an email to verify and complete the process.

This NDVA lists all of the bills identified as veteran-related. Click on the bill number and it will connect you to the Nebraska legislative site to search for that bill. If you use a bill tracker and have two email addresses, you can track all of them. (Free).

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025 Legislation.pdf

Many bill hearings are scheduled for early February; you should comment ASAP. Even if the bill has had a hearing, you should still comment. !!!

Help get these bills out of committee.

Thanks,

Dean Kenkel

# Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Open this link and visit the NDVA website

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/

# <u>Legislative Issues</u>

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues

# 30 Active Bills

Bill Tracker March 28, 2025

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025 Legislation.pdf

The hearings have concluded for this session)

Find the veterans' bills by using this link provided by the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues

Sign up to Receive Our Legislative Tracker Each Week Select "Legislative Issues" when you subscribe to our email newsletter.

DVA link has all of the bills identified as veteran-related. Click on the bill number to connect you to the Nebraska legislative site to search for that bill. You can use the State bill tracker and have email updates sent directly to your email address as changes occur. If you have two email accounts, follow 15 on each.

(Free).https://www.nebraska.gov/billtracker/

### **NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE**

# The official site of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/

# Search Bills and Resolutions

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/

# **Public Input Options**

# Your Testimony or online comments are very Important

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/public-input.php

Ensuring that members of the public have the opportunity to have their voices heard is vital to the legislative process. The following options allow citizens to share their views on a bill with the Legislature. *Please read each option carefully, as each has a different outcome as to how your input is recorded.* 

# **New in 2024**

Simplified Bill View
Inclusion of New Public Input Methods
Public Committee Documentation Review

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?

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https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?

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New and experienced users of the legislature's bill page may find sorting amendments, motions, and bill activity confusing. The Legislature is introducing a simplified bill page alternative.

In this session, every bill voted out of the committee will have additional documentation displayed along with the committee statement. The first document will list those who submitted comments for the public hearing record. These names will be listed based on the position they took on that particular piece of legislation. The second document is a list of non-testifiers who attended the public hearing. These individuals signed the "white or gold sheet" in the back of the room but did not testify before the committee. For more information about our public input options, we invite you to visit our Public Input page.

# 2025 Nebraska Legislative Calendar

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

Find your Senator and District

Enter street address, city, state and zip code

Nebraska Legislature - Find Your Senator

Senator Roster Listing (print friendly)

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/senators/roster.pdf

Complete Legislative Hearing dates

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/hearings\_range.php

# Welcome to Nebraska Online Voter Registration

You may use the voter registration portal to:Register to vote in Nebraska

https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/

# Lawmakers consider proposal to end inheritance taxes in Nebraska

By Brian Beach, Reporter Nebraska Public Media

March 12, 2025, 4:56 p.m. · 3 min read

**Listen To This Story** <a href="https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/news/news-articles/lawmakers-consider-proposal-to-end-inheritance-taxes-in-nebraska/">https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/news/news-articles/lawmakers-consider-proposal-to-end-inheritance-taxes-in-nebraska/</a>

A constitutional amendment to end inheritance taxes in Nebraska was discussed in the Legislature's Revenue Committee Wednesday afternoon.

Sen. Bob Hallstrom's <u>LR13CA</u> would prohibit the state and political subdivisions from levying an inheritance tax, if passed by the Legislature and approved by a majority of Nebraska voters.

## More from the Unicameral:

State lawmakers hear support to improve school cybersecurity

Senators consider online sports betting, advance winner-take all

Senators get budget warning, pass multiple bills

Nebraska senators propose changes to passed ballot initiatives

Senators advance bills on child care subsidies, rural hospitals and pharmacies

Housing aid for survivors of domestic violence advances, Lincoln East Beltway discussed

School cellphone restrictions advance, E-verify mandate heard

California-style prop tax limits proposed, revenue estimates up

Senators consider superintendents' pay, term limits

# **HEALTH CARE**

## PTSD: National Center for PTSD

# **Coping with Traumatic Stress Reactions**

#### Available en Español

Recovery after a traumatic event is a process that takes time. If you take direct action to cope with your stress reactions it may create a sense of power. Learn how you can use active coping after trauma and for PTSD symptoms.

Reading time: 8 minutes

#### **Active Coping**

- Active coping means accepting the impact of trauma on your life and taking direct action to improve things.
- Active coping occurs even when there is no crisis. Active coping is a way of responding to everyday life. It is a skill that you can learn and develop.

#### **Know That Recovery Is a Process**

Following a traumatic event most people experience stress reactions. Understand that recovering from the trauma is a process and takes time. Knowing this will help you feel more in control. A few tips:

- Having an ongoing response to the trauma is normal.
- Recovery is an ongoing, daily process. It happens little by little. It is not a matter of being cured all of a sudden.
- Healing doesn't mean forgetting traumatic events. It doesn't mean you will have no pain or bad feelings when thinking about them.
- Healing may mean fewer symptoms and symptoms that bother you less.
- Healing means more confidence that you will be able to cope with your memories and symptoms. You will be better able to manage your feelings.

#### In This Article

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/gethelp/coping\_stress\_reactions.asp#three

Positive Coping Actions

Coping with the Symptoms of PTSD

A Final Word

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/gethelp/coping\_stress\_reactions.asp

# **Home Base**

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.

Since our founding in 2009, Home Base has been breaking new ground, leading regional and national efforts with a multidisciplinary team of experts working 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

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About | Home Base

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**Our Partners | Home Base** 

(Open)

Home Base

Massachusetts General Hospital and the Red Sox Foundation

Free

Specializing in treating invisible wounds

Available Programs

**Goals of the Treatment** 

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

# Preventing suicide among women Veterans

VA offering programs and initiatives to save more lives

You may not know the following facts, but it's true that the suicide rate among women Veterans decreased between 2021 and 2022, and that it's because VA suicide prevention programs are playing

After climbing over the last two decades, the suicide rate among women Veterans decreased from 2021 to 2022, according to data from the 2024 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. The age-adjusted suicide rate (which gives us a more accurate way to compare Veteran and general U.S. population data) among women Veterans decreased by 24.1% between 2021 and 2022 (the latest year for which data is available). This decline tells us VA programs may be effectively reaching this group.

Women Veterans: The latest data

https://news.va.gov/139025/preventing-suicide-among-women-veterans/



# What we do: https://ateaseusa.org/(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.

Programs/Services: <a href="https://ateaseusa.org/services/">https://ateaseusa.org/services/</a> (Open)

Counseling Services: Vets 4 Vets Peer Support Group

1:1 Peer Support Services: Healing Circle for Warrior Women

Virtual Military Spouse & Caregiver Support Group

Trauma-Informed Yoga: Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) group

Virtual Women's Vets 4 Vets: Teen Talk Group: Buddy Check

**NEW** 

6-Week Trauma-Informed Yoga Services (National Guard)

**Equine-Assisted Therapy** 

**Vet4Vet Peer Networking Services** 

**Military and Veteran Event** 

We will also have a golf tournament on Friday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at Tregaron Golf Course. Please save the date, we will be posting sponsorship information soon to our website.

Forge Ahead 5K Run

Our annual 5K will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Walnut Creek Lake and Recreation Area, another save the date and info on signing up will be available soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Kim Burkhalter At Ease USA

#### **Camp Recharge**

Calling all military families! Pack your bags for a weekend full of adventure, relaxation, and family fun. We're combining the thrill of the outdoors with the benefits of wellness activities designed just for you!

• June 13-15, 2025 Register https://ateaseusa.org/events/

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 Mon-Fri: 8am - 5pm

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1.800.273.TALK (8255) Emergency

988 suicide and crisis lifelineLive Online Chat

# **Miscellaneous Information**



# On the last Thursday of each month at Don & Millies located at 144th & Harrison $April\ 27,\ 2025$

(January through October),

the Omaha National Cemetery Support Committee receives 20% of all sales. The committee is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

The committee organizes and supports events at the request of the cemetery director, including events such as Memorial Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, outreach programs, event traffic control, lobby staffing, grounds beautification, monument cleaning, and a new endeavor — to fund a major monument for the cemetery.

Thank you for considering it!

Vicky Cerino, retired Air Force and Air National Guard and secretary, Omaha National Cemetery Support Committee

The flyer is being updated with the April date!!!!! And will be posted on the Coalition Facebook page



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

Our Heartland Chapter also focuses on state and local issues, interfacing with the Legislature and the Governor. Our meetings, speakers, newsletters, website, and community involvement provide a really great environment for camaraderie and mutual support. We are like family.

As MOAA does, WE NEVER STOP SERVING.... We are One Powerful Voice – For every officer at every stage of life and career... Join Us!! You will be glad you did!

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 a Monthly Newsletter and sponsors

Currently being updated

**Visit** 

https://heartlandmoaa.org/

#### **FACEBOOK**

https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=heartland chapter moaa

# Why Join MOAA

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause but also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise they made to their country: Never Stop Serving. <a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/">https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/</a> why-join-moaa/

# Free app seeks to match Veterans with a personalized list of benefits.

https://news.va.gov/139226/free-app-match-veterans-personalized-benefits/March 27, 2025 MyVetBENEFITS

The sharing of any non-VA information does not constitute an endorsement of products and services on the part of VA. Veterans should verify the information with the organization offering. MyVetBENEFITS is not a service of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If you or a family member served in the military, you've probably asked yourself, "Am I getting all the benefits I'm eligible for?" With thousands of benefits available through VA, other federal and state agencies, and more than 40,000 military-focused nonprofits, navigating the system can be overwhelming.

Veterans and their families can get instantly matched to benefits specifically for them on <a href="MyVetBENEFITS">MyVetBENEFITS</a>.

# **Home is Where We're Sent**

#### PCS: PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION

From May through August, service members and their families gear up to establish a new home wherever their next assignment takes them.

How can your business serve military families who are moving to your area?

By advertising open positions and information about your business and the community!

New arrivals are typically in need of:

- . Housing Where to live (especially if base housing is in short supply)?
- Education Charter or private school options for children, higher education for adults
- Food/Entertainment What are options for eating out, recreation and socializing?
- Transportation Who has military financing for vehicle purchase or leasing?
- Worship Where are the local churches, synagogues, etc?
- Medical and dental care What providers are available in the community to supplement on-base services
- Pre-school and child care Who can be trusted to care for children of dual-income families?
- Goods and services Where are the best places for furniture, home goods, car repair, specialty goods and services

# Get Free Expert Help from SCORE Greater Omaha to Start & Grow Your Small

## Business.

A Partnership Focused on Making You More Successful

Our SCORE mentors are ready to assist. SCORE Greater Omaha mentors are highly successful business professionals with the experience and knowledge to help you achieve your small business goals. Browse mentor profiles or let us pair you with the right expert!

SCORE can help you start, grow or successfully exit a business. Small business owners who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased growth.

Enter your ZIP code to find a free SCORE business mentor today.

https://www.score.org/

# Suggested events

https://tinyurl.com/2tbjvba8

# <u>Proudly Serving Nebraska & Iowa</u> <u>Welcome to the Veterans Business Outreach Center</u>

#### WHO WE ARE

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://tinyurl.com/mpambfs9

https://www.facebook.com/100095612280245/posts/532984983231907/?mibextid=wwXlfr&rdid=ANv22RoeLakC8NZb

### Find local assistance

SBA provides counseling and training for small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs through a variety of partner organizations. <a href="https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find?">https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find?</a>
<a href="location%5Bsource">location%5Bsource</a> configuration%5D%5Borigin address%5D=68588&location%5Bvalue%5D=250&t ype=All

# Follow this (X) account to see information posted daily

SBA Nebraska

# https://x.com/SBA\_Nebraska

Followed by Veterans in Business Forum, aksarben, and 10 others you follow https://x.com/SBA Nebraska/followers you follow

# Find 72 different upcoming 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 also follows.

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:

[#GoGlobal](https://x.com/hashtag/GoGlobal?src=hashtag\_click)!
 [https://sba.gov/exportfinance](https://t.co/2x08lrtAtu)
 https://x.com/SBA\_Nebraska/status/1906003413869199598

# Welcome to Boots to Business

Boots to Business (B2B) is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The course provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals. Active Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve), Veterans of all eras, and spouses are eligible to participate.

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This fi phone number (402) 685-5503 ext 503

eswarik@nebbiz.org

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#### Class Offutt AFB-In-Person-2025-05-13-Boots to Business Details

Class Name Offutt AFB-In-Person-2025-05-13-Boots to Business

Class Duration: Two Days Class Type: Boots to Business

Maximum Class Size: The maximum number of students that can sign up for the class 25

Class Date(s): 2025-05-13 -- 2025-05-14

Delivery Method In-Person

ExpandedLocal Start Time 08:00 AM Central Daylight Time

Class Location

Offutt AFB - Bellevue, NE

Class Address

55 FSS/FSFR, 705 Nelson Drive, Room 206

Bellevue, NE 68113

USA ExpandedSign-up/Class Information



Come out and Support Moving Veterans Forward. It's a great time and you will be helping Our Homeless Veterans in the Omaha area.

Contact us: (402) 301-6300, movingvetsforward@yahoo.com www.mvfne.org

Moving Veterans Forward is dedicated to helping homeless Veterans in Iowa and Nebraska to get placed in homes.

The main goal is to give these veterans the boost that they need to turn themselves around to become self-sufficient.

# Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs Open this link and visit the NDVA website

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/

#### **Follow**

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### March Newsletter & Events

https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/ndva-newsletter-march-2025?e=64def6304a

#### 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.

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 <a href="weterans.nebraska.gov/registry">weterans.nebraska.gov/registry</a>.

#### Benefits Expert

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

<u>Nebraska Veterans' Gateway</u>
<u>Get Started</u>
<u>Nebraska Veterans' Homes</u>

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 SystemNebraska Western Iowa Health Care System https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaIowaVA/



### 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**

Not sure what resources are out there or where to start? Our Resource Expert will help you find the tools and benefits available to help you transition to civilian life, further your education, find employment, and more.

# **Job Converter**

Turn your military knowledge into your new job. Our converter will give you ideas of civilian jobs you may already have the skillsets for based on your military occupational specialty.

#### Job Search

Find the job that's perfect for you right here in Nebraska. Browse openings from across the state in a wide variety of fields.

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

A County Veterans Service Office staff 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 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)

<u>County Veterans Service Offices Directory</u> (Updated Monthly )
https://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso



On October 31, Governor Jim Pillen joined NDVA, military representatives, and leadership from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new resource center for local service

members, family members, and military veterans. The Nebraska Resource Center is the first of its kind in the nation, bringing a military, veteran, and dependent support center to a public-facing storefront within a military base exchange. NDVA developed the idea to support service members and families stationed at Offutt AFB and encourage them to stay in Nebraska when they discharge from the service.

The Nebraska Resource Center is located in the Offutt Air Force Base Exchange and offers a wide range of services to military members, veterans, and their families. It's staffed by an accredited veteran service officer from NDVA who can connect veterans with state and federal benefits and services, including reviewing service records, determining eligibility, assisting in the completion and submittal of forms, advising on appeals, and more.

We also have resources on employment opportunities and career advancement, details on occupational licensure and tax reforms in the state, options for transitional or permanent housing, ideas for recreational and leisure activities throughout Nebraska, opportunities for spouses and dependents, and much more.

We want to show you all the reasons you should choose Nebraska as your home, so stop down to see what we have to offer and how you can enjoy the Good Life today!

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#### South-central Nebraska state parks enjoy many improvements

Visitors to state park areas in south-central Nebraska will find enhanced day-use and camping amenities. Projects in the works or completed will appeal to an array of park users. The following is a roundup of those improvements and projects: MORE <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2ucyd5ws">https://tinyurl.com/2ucyd5ws</a>

# Spring turkey season opens March 25

Spring wild turkey season begins March 25 for archers in Nebraska.

The youth shotgun season opens April 5, with the regular shotgun season starting April 12. All spring turkey seasons close May 31.

Turkey hunters must use archery equipment March 25-April 11 and may use either archery equipment or a shotgun April 12-May 31. Youth turkey hunters must use archery equipment March 25-April 4 and may use either archery equipment or a shotgun April 5-May 31.

MORE <a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/3d667ba">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/3d667ba</a>



Subject: Grand Island Regional Medical Center Spring Fling Hiring Event April 10th

Grand Island Regional Medical Center is hosting a Hiring Event with on the spot interviews from 4-6pm on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please visit <a href="https://jobs.bryanhealth.com/bh-0021-girmcspringflinghiringevent">https://jobs.bryanhealth.com/bh-0021-girmcspringflinghiringevent</a> for more details, and share the word with any individuals who might be interested.

Thank you,

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#### **April ROA SmartBrief**

https://tinyurl.com/4csd88dw

# AF Secretary Nominee Talks Aircraft Recap, Pilot Shortage

Troy Meink, President Donald Trump's nominee to be Air Force secretary, addressed the service's recapitalization efforts and its continuing pilot shortage during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee last week.

Prior to being tapped by Trump in January to serve as the next head of the Department of the Air Force, Meink spent four years as principal deputy director of the National Reconnaissance Office, a Defense Department intelligence agency that works closely with the Space Force.

Meink addressed the service's older aircraft, including the KC-135 Stratotanker, which has been in service since 1956 and may stay in the fleet past its planned retirement. MORE:

https://www.ngaus.org/newsroom/af-secretary-nominee-talks-aircraft-recap-pilot-shortage

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