

# A Volunteer Organization Bringing Awareness To Veteran's Issues

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## 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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## **Businesses Supporting Veterans**

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

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

**Nebraska Veterans Organizations**  
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### **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.*

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## **Legislation**

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Senators who introduced, cosponsored, or added their names supporting specific veteran-related legislative bills during the first session of the 109th Nebraska Legislative Session

Brad vonGillern  
Victor Rountree  
George Dugan  
Bob Andersen  
Tom Brandt  
John Cavanaugh  
Teresa Ibach  
Megan Hunt  
Ashiel Spivey  
Danielle Conrad  
Beau Ballard  
Margo Juarez  
Carolyn Bosn  
Kathleen Kauth  
Tanya Storer  
Brian Harding  
Robert Clements  
Robert Hallstrom  
Wendy DeBoer  
Dan Wordekemper

Rick Holdcroft  
Dunixi Guereca  
Dan Lonowski  
Dan McKeon  
Barry DeKay  
Rita Sanders  
Ben Hansen  
Tony Sorrentino  
Jane Raybould  
Glen Meyer  
John Fredrickson  
Stan Clouse  
Jason Prokop  
Dave Murman  
Myron Dorn  
Loren Lippincott  
Brian Harding  
Mike Moser  
Eliot Bostar

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### **Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs**

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

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

#### **Legislative Issues**

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

### **36 Active Bills**

**Bill Tracker May 30, 2025**

[https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025 Legislation.pdf](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025%20Legislation.pdf)

12 Bills have been signed into law by Governor Pillen

2 Bills Presented to the Governor

1 Bill in Final Reading

1 Bill in Select File

6 Bills in General File

14 Bills in Committees

**Some bills will be indefinitely postponed until the next session**

## A White Paper Proposal To Establish A Nebraska Veterans Hall Of Fame

can be found at <http://www.nebraskaveterans.org>

Letter to Governor Jim Pillen

I am writing this proposal as a managing member of the Nebraska Veterans Coalition. We are eight volunteers who use social media and publications to distribute beneficial Veteran-related information to over 8,000 Nebraska Veterans, their families and supporters. Probably to a significantly larger number when you consider our links to other organizations. Our website can be found at <http://www.nebraskaveterans.org>, and my personal website is [www.veteransgrapevine.com](http://www.veteransgrapevine.com).

Our Coalition proposes to honor Nebraska Veterans who have served honorably in the armed services and continue to do so after military service in our communities. Honoring these special individuals by establishing a Veterans Hall of Fame.

Three years ago, I resided in Florida until moving back to Kearney again to be with family here due to my related Vietnam War Agent Orange exposure health issues.

Prior to that, I had served in uniform for nearly 27 years, with 19 years overseas military service that included a position as an Air Commando with Air Force Special Operations and other military combat tactical units supporting numerous Presidential-directed operations and Joint Chiefs of Staff missions throughout the Middle East, Europe and Africa.

While in Florida, because of my community service after retirement from active service, I was inducted in 2016 by then-Governor Scott into the State of Florida Veterans Hall of Fame. That year over 1,500,000 Veterans resided permanently in Florida and only 16 of them were selected into the Hall of Fame, which is a typical annual selection number. A tremendous honor, to say the least, when you consider the odds of being selected. More information can be found at [https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/?page\\_id=3225](https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/?page_id=3225).

In December 2024, a member of our Coalition, military retiree Dean Kenkel, submitted a Nebraska Hall of Fame proposal to Senator R. Brad von Gillern. I followed up in January of this year with emails to nearly every Nebraska Senator. The response I received was sad, at best, when you consider only Senator Ashlei Spivey and Senator Megan Hunt acknowledged receipt of my proposal.

So, Governor, I will make another proposal attempt directly to you.

I am contacting you to request a bill to establish a Nebraska Veterans Honor of Fame. It will show that Nebraska appreciates those stepping forward with support after military service and now are significantly impacting our communities. A program that would also display Nebraska's appreciation to Veterans around the country.

I am very confident it would give added incentive to our Nebraska Veterans to get involved and support our communities.

Several states have established successful Veterans Hall of Fame programs. Such as Ohio, Arkansas, New York, Arizona, Kentucky, Georgia, and Indiana, to name a few. Operated and managed by an appointed committee, or in most instances a non-profit organization established within their State government or VA. Each program is intended to honor Veterans who, after military service, significantly contributed to the support of fellow veterans, their families and local communities. Actions such as volunteering to be head of a Veterans organization, serving on a City Council, developing a non-profit organization to assist Veterans mental health, or assuming local or state government positions to improve the benefits, mental health opportunities, financial situations, and tax incentives of Veterans.

The cost to establish the program is minimal when you consider the results.

I have estimated that between \$5000 and \$10000 annually would be needed, based on three to five inductees each year. Funds are preferred to be appropriated by the State, but some States use non-profit foundations through donations and fundraising events as an alternative. I am confident that once this program is established, businesses and non-profits would step forward to meet a majority of our funding needs.

We have many Veterans in Nebraska stepping forward to give back. You have seen it personally in your arena with Senator Tom Brewer, John Hilgert and others.

Although I am unable to attach it to this message, I have prepared a White Paper to provide all details on the formation of a Nebraska Veterans Hall of Fame and can provide it via email to your designated official.

Governor, I ask for your approval of this proposal to establish a Nebraska Veterans Hall of Fame. Let us remember and honor those who served and sacrificed for America's freedom and now give back to their communities here in Nebraska."

Sincerely,

John Stewart  
CMSgt, USAF (retired)  
Kearney, Nebraska

Preying on veterans who are unsure of how to navigate the VA claims system is criminal and immoral.

Yet there are numerous bad actors who target these vets and their families by charging thousands of dollars for an hour or so of work. Some of these 'Claim Sharks' are veterans themselves.

NE Legislative Bill 693 would give extra protection to our veteran community but has stalled in the unicameral. This bill has huge support all the way up to Gov Pillen and would cost the government nothing to pass. Yet, stall tactics are being used in favor of these unofficial "consultants".

We have joined all of Nebraska's VSOs in support for LB 693 to be put on the floor. Please make a call and/or send a letter to Speaker John Arch to move this bill forward without delay.

Copy of letter here: <https://tinyurl.com/bp5scjzm>



**Lincoln Veterans Parade Group**

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May 25, 2025

Speaker John Arch  
Nebraska Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 2103  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Speaker Arch,

We have been made aware that the Legislative Bill 693 has been stalled in the unicameral with various political strategies. A bill designed to protect Nebraska's veterans from predatory "claims consultants" and to ensure that assistance in navigating the VA system is ethical, transparent, and veteran-centered shouldn't have this much resistance.

LB 693 enjoys broad support across all levels of Nebraska government, including dozens of state senators. This bill has endorsements from the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, all the state recognized Veteran Service Organizations, the Office of the Attorney General and Governor Jim Pillen. It seems obvious that Nebraskans are calling for this protection from claim sharks who are preying on the veteran community. The state of Nebraska is a great place for service members, veterans, and their families to live with a thriving community of support. That trust is threatened by the local and out-of-state private "consultants" who violate ethical and legal standards with little or no repercussions. That in tandem with the suggestion about this bill restricting a veteran's choice to help them navigate the VA system is insulting on our service to this great country.

The Board of Directors and the Planning Committee of the Lincoln Veterans Parade are joining the support of the state's Veteran Service Organizations to have LB 693 continue moving forward and scheduled for full legislative consideration. Further, that it is not delayed with political tactics or influenced by conflicts of interest.

Respectfully,

Antonio Marino  
Lincoln Veterans Parade Group  
Parade Commander

[www.lincolnveteransparade.org](http://www.lincolnveteransparade.org)

Comment added by Dean Kenkel:

The bill introduced by Senator McKeon was designated a priority bill on March 14th, and 27 Senators have added their names in support of the bill. [https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php...](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php...) As of June 3, 2025, the bill remains in the General File

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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.

### Goals of the Treatment

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

## Grieving ahead of time

<https://news.va.gov/140199/grieving-ahead-of-time/>

VA supports caregivers with help and resources

Caring for a Veteran can be a rewarding but emotional journey. As a caregiver, you may experience grief even before a loved one passes away. This type of grief is called anticipatory grief and can bring on a wide range of emotions.

It's normal to feel sadness, frustration, or even anger. The first step to healing is recognizing these feelings and finding ways to cope.

"Being a caregiver is a selfless and challenging role, and it's important to be patient with yourself," said VA Caregiver Support Program (CSP) Executive Director Dr. Colleen Richardson. "Grief is a personal journey, but VA is here to support you every step of the way."

### Ways to cope with grief

- Take care of yourself: Make time for activities that bring you joy, help you relax and give you rest. [Caregiver Health and Wellbeing Coaching](#) empowers caregivers by helping them focus on their own health and well-being.
- Lean on friends and family: Reach out to loved ones for emotional support and practical help. VA also encourages caregivers to take breaks and rest when needed through our [respite care offerings](#).
- Find support: Connect with other caregivers who understand what you're going through. Programs like [Caregiver Peer Support Mentoring](#) and [Building Better Caregivers](#) can help.
- Talk to a CSP staff member: CSP offers self-care courses for caregivers on topics like grief, resilience and self-care. There's also a 6-week group called Thriving Through Change and Loss that helps caregivers cope with grief and find tools to move forward.
- Express your feelings: Journaling or art journaling can help you process emotions. Ask about [CSP's Art Journaling](#) initiative to learn more.

### VA services and supports

Help the Veteran in your care create or update their advance care plan by visiting VA's [Advance Care Planning & Making Decisions page](#). This page includes helpful websites, forms and handouts. VA also provides [services to support](#) families of deceased Veterans or service members.

### About the Caregiver Support Program (CSP)

CSP supports caregivers of Veterans through education, resources and services to help you and the Veteran you care for thrive. [Find your local caregiver support team](#).

## Breast Cancer Screening for Women Veterans

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjFttDTgJ4Y>

VA offers screening mammograms to women Veterans, helping detect breast cancer early—when it's most



treatable. Mammograms are available on-site at more than 70 VA medical centers across the country. If you receive care at a facility without on-site services, VA will connect you with a nearby community provider. Have mobility challenges or difficulty standing? VA uses state-of-the-art, accessible equipment to ensure every woman Veteran can get the screenings she needs. The SERVICE Act also expands eligibility—if you deployed to certain locations during specific time frames, you may qualify for a breast cancer risk evaluation and mammogram when clinically appropriate. To learn more, watch this video or call the Women Veterans Call Center at 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636). Transcript  
Follow along using the transcript.  
[U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs](#)

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

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

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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](#)

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## **Veterans' VA Referrals to Private Medical Care Will No Longer**

### **Require Additional Doctor Review**

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) has changed its process for veterans to get medical care from non-VA providers, removing a requirement that a referral to community care be reviewed by another VA doctor.

The VA announced Monday that it is enacting a provision of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act that will help ease veterans' access to medical services from private providers. **MORE:** [https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/19/veterans-va-referrals-private-medical-care-will-no-longer-require-additional-doctor-review.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKpnPJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFsYW1PVIIVR0lyTmNleE5tAR49gUnTTe5b03tjNTEe\\_QLR1h29tg1ZOjPiZEep\\_i7I-0JihsOqfnrZUwDwAAg\\_aem\\_ZYMdGWFs69wJU2GkEeNZg](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/19/veterans-va-referrals-private-medical-care-will-no-longer-require-additional-doctor-review.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKpnPJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFsYW1PVIIVR0lyTmNleE5tAR49gUnTTe5b03tjNTEe_QLR1h29tg1ZOjPiZEep_i7I-0JihsOqfnrZUwDwAAg_aem_ZYMdGWFs69wJU2GkEeNZg)

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/19/veterans-va-referrals-private-medical-care-will-no-longer-require-additional-doctor-review.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKpnPJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFsYW1PVIIVR0lyTmNleE5tAR49gUnTTe5b03tjNTEe\\_QLR1h29tg1ZOjPiZEep\\_i7I-0JihsOqfnrZUwDwAAg\\_aem\\_ZYMdGWFs69wJU2GkEeNZg](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/19/veterans-va-referrals-private-medical-care-will-no-longer-require-additional-doctor-review.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKpnPJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFsYW1PVIIVR0lyTmNleE5tAR49gUnTTe5b03tjNTEe_QLR1h29tg1ZOjPiZEep_i7I-0JihsOqfnrZUwDwAAg_aem_ZYMdGWFs69wJU2GkEeNZg)

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## **Miscellaneous Information**

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### **Aerotech News PCS Special Publication**

PCS: Home Is Where We're Sent. Within DOD, even though summertime is known as PCS Season, because of the large number of service members on the move from one base to a new assignment, it begins in May!

In this special issue, we have a ton of helpful information so you can make your PCS move as smooth

<https://online.flipbuilder.com/vzwd/qyui/>

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### Why Join MOAA

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## Welcome to American Legion Millard Post 374

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## Local Events

<https://tinyurl.com/2tbjvba8>

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## Proudly Serving Nebraska & Iowa Welcome to the Veterans Business Outreach Center

### 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=ANy22RoelQkC8NZb>

### Find local assistance

SBA provides counseling and training for small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs through a variety of partner organizations. <https://tinyurl.com/mukyzyzv>

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

- **Questions? Contact**

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[https://x.com/SBA\\_Nebraska/status/1906003413869199598](https://x.com/SBA_Nebraska/status/1906003413869199598)

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## Welcome to Boots to Business

<https://tinyurl.com/55nyv7em>

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.

Starting Your Journey:

The "Introduction to Entrepreneurship" course is the foundational piece of Boots to Business (B2B).

Participants are introduced to the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to launch a business, including steps for developing business concepts, how to develop a business plan, and information on SBA resources available to help. This two-day in-person program is facilitated by subject matter experts from the SBA and their extensive network of skilled business advisors.

Continuing Your Journey: Follow-on Support

After completing the "Introduction to Entrepreneurship" course, 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. B2B and B2BR participants are also encouraged to take advantage of the many resources and services offered by the SBA and its partner network, including Veterans Business Outreach Centers, SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, and Women's Business Centers.

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**Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:30 AM – 4 PM**

## **Flag Exchange**

17202 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68118

Event by [Scheels](#) Omaha Scheels 17202 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68118

Duration: 6 hr 30 min

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Bring in your worn and battered flags for an honorary disposal via the American Legion. Receive a new flag in exchange for an old one.



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### **\$1.3 Billion in Veterans Benefits Delivered in Nebraska – FY24**

Proud to share that \$1.3 billion in veterans' benefits were dispersed across Nebraska in fiscal year 2024 — a powerful reminder of the impact made when we work together for those who served.

This achievement didn't happen by accident. It's the result of the tireless dedication of:

County Veterans Service Officers

State Service Officers

Department Service Officers (VSOs)

Accredited agents and attorneys

Your work changes lives — securing healthcare, compensation, pensions, education, housing, and more for Nebraska's veterans and their families. This is what service after service looks like.

Thank you for fighting for those who fought for us.

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## **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/>

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### **May Newsletter & Events**

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/ndva-newsletter-may-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 [veterans.nebraska.gov/registry](https://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](https://www.nebraska.gov/va_registry/index.cgi)

### **Community Resource Directory**

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

#### **Other VA social media:**

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



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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**

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**Job Search**

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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*

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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)

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

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

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**Benson Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 112**

## **Caring & Sharing**



**EARN  
20%  
DRIVE THRU  
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DINE IN!**

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 13  
11 am - 9 pm**

Grab your family and friends and join us at Don & Millie's! Twenty percent of every dollar spent on great food and drink will go right back to our group!...See you there!

**Please tell  
the cashier**

**162nd &  
Maple  
402-505-6844**



Make plans to eat at Don & Millie's (162nd & Maple) on Friday, June 13th, from 11 AM-9 PM. Tell your cashier that you are supporting the Benson Sons of The American Legion. We will get 20% of all food and drink sales to benefit our mission. Thanks in advance! [#honoringourheritage](#) [#benysonsons](#)

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**Veterans Benefits Newsletter | February 2025**

Veterans Benefits Administration sent this bulletin at 02/06/2025 10:01 AM EST

**The 2025 Veterans Benefits Guide is**



now available!

Have you applied for VA care, benefits and services? Unsure what else you may be eligible for? Don't miss out on what you've earned—check out this handy reference guide to learn more. The handbook contains a comprehensive listing of VA programs, including phone numbers and websites for easy reference.

Download today.

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### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs CWV - Research Update

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs sent this bulletin at 06/02/2025 05:00 PM EDT

**VA's Million Veteran Program (MVP)** is a national research program looking at how genes, lifestyle, military experiences, and exposures affect health and wellness in Veterans.

Since launching in 2011, 1 million Veterans have joined MVP. It's the largest research effort at VA to improve health care for Veterans and one of the largest research programs in the world studying genes and health.

Women Veterans are underrepresented in research. Sign up today.

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### VA implements new flag display policy at facilities

February 13, 2025 VA Digital Media Engagement

VA [has announced a new policy](#) limiting the display of flags at [VA facilities](#), effective immediately. The policy is intended to establish consistency across the department and aligns with longstanding Department of Defense guidelines.

Under the new directive, only specific flags may be publicly displayed or depicted at VA facilities. These include the United States flag, flags of U.S. states and territories, military service flags, VA flags and official flags of U.S. agencies.... **MORE**

VA's implementation follows similar policies maintained by the Department of Defense since the previous Trump administration and upheld during the Biden administration.

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### THE CURRENT | News from VA Nebraska-Western Iowa

Veterans Health Administration sent this bulletin at 06/03/2025 03:25 PM EDT

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