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A Volunteer Organization Bringing Awareness To Veteran's Issues

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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 monthly Event Newsletters and post them on the Coalition Website, Facebook, and (X), with events removed 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.

For your information, 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 bipartisan group formed to raise veterans' awareness of
what is happening in 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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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 Nebraskaion

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

VFW Post 8334 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 runs for 60 days and ends on April 17, 2026.

The last session included 36 Veteran-related Legislative Bills. Governor Pillen signed 15 bills into law, and 8 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](#) (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.

[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/>

VETERAN HOMELESSNESS ISN'T ALWAYS VISIBLE.









Veterans with children house-hopping

Veterans living in their car

Rural Veterans

Women fleeing domestic violence

Recognizing the different ways Veteran homelessness presents and how VA services offer pathways to stability

<https://news.va.gov/144072/veteran-homelessness-isnt-always-visible/>

VA HEALTH NEWS

<https://news.va.gov/category/health/>

[Breaking the myth: Understanding Veteran homelessness](#)

[Five essential suicide prevention resources](#)

[VA Deputy Secretary discusses 2025 accomplishments, 2026 goals on Federal EHR Update](#)

[A different type of service in a new uniform](#)

[How the Veterans Crisis Line prevents Veteran suicide](#)

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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 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)

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

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, empathetic relationships between those with similar life experiences. This group will resume soon. Please follow our social media channels (and check our website) for more information.

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 can you 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 lifeline [Live Online Chat](#)

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&gclid=aw.ds&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=10679596782

How can I check if my medication is covered and compare prices?

We're here to help you get the right medication and days' supply through the right pharmacy for your plan.

After you [register](#) or [login](#), we'll give you personalized money-saving recommendations based on your plan. You could save an average of 32% by taking advantage of everything your plan has to offer.

We also have an easy-to-use Price a Medication tool to compare pricing and coverage information. If the tool is available through your plan, you can log in and go to Price a Medication under Prescriptions in the main menu. Just select a member of your plan, enter the medication name, and search. Depending on your plan, we can also use your ZIP code to find nearby network pharmacies.

The results will tell you whether the medication is covered and give you pricing information. If you're getting a new prescription, before your doctor prescribes a medication, ask if they're connected to Real-Time Prescription Benefit so they can check for the most affordable pricing and help avoid a coverage review. You can also use your online account or our mobile app to check pricing and coverage.

<https://www.express-scripts.com/frequently-asked-questions/how-can-i-check-if-my-medication-covered-and-compare-prices>

Miscellaneous Information

OFFUTT AFB BAH RATES 2026

2026 BAH Rates are out! BAH increased across the board, but I found it notable that the changes between 2025 and 2026 ranged from \$63 to \$282. What are your thoughts? Were the increases enough to combat rising rents and home prices? [Offutt AFB PCS Pay-it-Forward®](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pcsoffutt/permalink/1889109978479859/>

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COURTS ALL SERVICES ALL AGENCIES SUBSCRIBERS EXECUTIVE BRANCH FIND A JOB
(OPEN) <https://www.nebraska.gov/>**



The Military Veteran Services Center (MVSC) at Bellevue University has moved into the John B. Muller Administrative Services Building permanently!

<https://www.bellevue.edu/prospective-students/military/military-services-center>

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Hours of Operation

- 812 Bruin Blvd.
- Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday are closed

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Events in January 2026

23 (Online Live EVENTS) Greater Omaha

26 Recorded Webinars FREE

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



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 with our partner organizations, lenders, and other community groups that support small businesses.

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

67 Upcoming SBA events Jan-14-2026 to Nov 18, 2026

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:

FREE Workshops in BLAIR, NE, starting 2/3/26 -

Join the 4-week Small Business Academy ~ Launch to Thrive in-person series - Register for one or all!

Start 2026 by investing in your business skills.

Join the SBA's 4-week Small Business Academy ~ Launch to Thrive in-person workshop series in Blair, NE.

Beginning Tuesday, February 3, 2026, from Noon to 1:30 PM CT.

Register for one or all.

Is Owning a Business a Good Fit for You? Start-Up Reality for Success - Registration:

<https://www.sba.gov/event/78120>

From Idea to Legal Entity: Structuring Your Small Business - Registration:

<https://www.sba.gov/event/78121>

Launch Ready: Business Plan Basics for Start-Ups - Registration: <https://www.sba.gov/event/78122>

Running a Business in Nebraska: Putting It All Together - Registration:

<https://www.sba.gov/event/78123>

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Jo.Eckert@sba.gov, USE Blair NE February 2026.jpg

Interesting Local Events

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

Things to do in Omaha

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

New US military GenAI tool ‘critical first step’ in future of warfare, says expert

The GenAI tool gives Department of War officials a type of sandbox to experiment with for still bigger innovations to come. The recently launched "GenAI" tool for U.S. service members and **Department of War workers** is a "critical first step" in the future of warfare, according to a military expert.

This month, the Pentagon announced the launch of GenAI.mil, a military-focused AI platform powered by Google Gemini. Secretary of War **Pete Hegseth** said the platform is designed to give U.S. military personnel direct access to AI tools to help "revolutioniz[e] the way we win."

The Department of War also announced>>>

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/new-u-s-military-genai-tool-critical-first-step-future-warfare-says-expert>

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

Why the Shark Fin on Your Car Isn't Just for Looks: What You Need to Know

If you've noticed a sleek, fin-shaped structure on the roof of a modern car, you've seen what's called a shark fin antenna. While it may look purely decorative, this small feature is packed with technology that keeps a vehicle's communication systems running smoothly. Not long ago, cars relied on long metal rod antennas for radio reception. Although effective, they were prone to bending, breaking, or theft, and often required retraction before entering garages or car washes. As vehicles advanced, automakers sought a compact, durable solution capable of handling multiple functions without compromising design.

This need led to the shark fin antenna. Mounted on the roof, usually near the rear, the shark fin antenna serves far more than radio. It supports:

1. **Radio Reception:** Continues the traditional role of AM/FM signal capture.
2. **GPS Connectivity:** Improves navigation accuracy for mapping apps and driver-assistance systems.
3. **Satellite Radio:** Maintains uninterrupted service for platforms like SiriusXM.
4. **Bluetooth and Wi-Fi:** Enhances wireless connectivity for smartphones and in-car systems.
5. **Telematics Systems:** Powers emergency response, diagnostics, stolen car tracking, and remote unlocking features.

Efficiency, Durability, and Style

The aerodynamic design reduces drag, contributing slightly to fuel efficiency. Unlike rod antennas, shark fins are durable and resistant to bending, snapping, or catching on objects. Positioned on the roof, they provide optimal signal reception. Beyond function, the sleek design adds a modern, high-tech look, merging utility with aesthetic appeal.

Looking Forward

As cars adopt 5G, vehicle-to-vehicle communication, and autonomous driving, the shark fin antenna may house even more advanced components. What began as a simple metal rod has evolved into a small, unobtrusive device that keeps drivers connected, safe, and informed while enhancing a car's modern silhouette.

CHECK THE COST AND HOW THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jerry Kane

Public Information Officer | jerry.kane@nebraska.gov | 402.471.5008

Multispecies lottery permit applications accepted beginning Jan. 2

Applications for multispecies Super Tag and Combo lottery permits will be accepted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission beginning Jan. 2, 2026.

The Super Tag lottery permit will be valid for one elk of either sex, one antelope of either sex, one deer of either sex and two turkeys (only toms and bearded hens may be taken in the spring). One permit will be authorized for Nebraska residents only, and one permit will be authorized for residents/nonresidents. People may apply for the residents-only permit once per year for \$29. People may apply for the resident/nonresident permit multiple times per year for \$11.50 per application.

The Combo permit will be valid for one antelope of either sex, one deer of either sex and two turkeys (only toms and bearded hens may be taken in the spring). One permit will be authorized for Nebraska residents only, and one permit will be authorized for nonresidents only. Qualifying persons may apply multiple times per year for \$11.50 per application.

These multispecies lottery permits will be valid in 2026 and 2027 in open seasons with the appropriate weapons. Winners of these permits will require a Habitat Stamp.

Applications will be received beginning at 1 p.m. Central time on Jan. 2. They must be received by Game and Parks by 5 p.m. (11:59 p.m. if applying online) on July 2 (July 3 according to regulations, but offices will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday that day).

Beginning Jan. 2, visit OutdoorNebraska.gov to apply. -

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Open this link and visit the NDVA website

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

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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 a calendar of events listing the agency's hosting or attending. Below are some upcoming events.

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](#).

BENEFIT EXPERT

There are a lot of benefits available for veterans and their family members. Our Benefits Expert will guide you through all the county, state, and federal benefits available to help you find just the ones you are eligible for or interested in.

MOST POPULAR BENEFITS AND SERVICES

NEBRASKA VETERANS AID

WAIVER OF TITRION

DD2-214 REQUEST

APPLY TO THE VETERANS REGISTRY

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

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

World War II Recognition Program

NDVA and Governor Pillen have launched an initiative to recognize and honor Nebraska's living World War II veterans in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. We are continuing to present these medals to eligible veterans and will work with them and their families to present the medal in person or ship directly to the veteran's home. We are

happy to accomodate however we can to ensure each veteran receives a medal.
 Information on the program and the application is below. For questions, please reach out to our
 office at 402-471-2458 or ndva@nebraska.gov.
<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/world-war-ii-recognition-program>

Apply Here Nebraska State Jobs

State Government is one of the largest and most diverse employers in Nebraska. Whether it's helping a vulnerable child, advancing public health, making highways safer, or preserving our natural resources, the work we do matters!

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>

Nebraska Veterans Coalition Businesses and Non-Profits Supporting This Effort Click On Card To Visit Their Website

Businesses or Non-Profits Supporting Veterans

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

PROVIDE US A LINK TO YOUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE

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Costco Military Discount

VERIFY AT YOUR LOCAL COSTCO WAREHOUSE
Join today and enroll in auto-renewal and enjoy a Costco Shop Card!

Costco's military membership eligibility extends to active-duty personnel, veterans, retirees, Reservists, National Guard, and their spouses/dependents, offering a special incentive: a digital Costco Shop Card (typically \$20-\$40) for new members who join as Gold Star or Executive members and verify through services like SheerID or ID.me. You must sign up online via their verification link and then redeem the offer at a Costco warehouse to receive your Shop Card, with the discount applied to the standard membership fee.

How to Get Your Costco Military Discount:

1. Go to Costco's Military Offer Page: Find the current promotion on Costco's site or through military deal sites.
2. Verify with ID.me: Click the "Verify with ID.me" button during signup or checkout.
3. Create/Sign in to ID.me: Log in to your existing ID.me account or create one.
4. Prove Your Military Status: Follow prompts to verify as Active Duty, Veteran, Retiree, Spouse, or Dependent using your military ID, CAC, DD-214, etc..
5. Receive Discount: ID.me applies the discount to your cart, often a Shop Card for new members.
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Who's Eligible?

- Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, and their immediate families.
- Military Spouses, including surviving spouses.
- Retirees (20+ years or medically retired).
- Veterans (honorable discharge, any service time).
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Key Things to Know:

- One-Time Offer: This is typically a new member promotion, not for renewals.
- ID.me is Key: Verification is mandatory for online and in-store offers.
- Ongoing Promotion: The discount is ongoing but often has special bonus offers.

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PRODUCTION TEAR-OFF UNFORSEEN DAMAGE INSTALLATION PHOTO DOCUMENTATION
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