

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](#)

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[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](#)

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[It will take you to their website.](#)

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[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](#)

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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

The Nebraska Legislature Legislative Calendar

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

The 109th Legislature, Second Session, started on January 7, 2026. This session runs for 60 days and ends on April 17, 2026.

Priority Bills 2025, 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.

Bills Referred to Committee 2026: pending LB 872

Carryover Bills From 2025 ON JANUARY 7, 2026: LB 82; LB152; LB 223; LB 249; LB307; LB 374; LB425; LB 508; LB 583; LB 694:

The following Bills in your eBill Book have status changes

LR293

Urge the United States Congress to swiftly enact legislation to provide for veterans' access to treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder

Actions: Referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62911&docnum=LR293&leg=109

LB738

Provide for Honoring Women Veterans license plates

IN Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

Actions: Hearing was January 20, 2026

Conrad's name was added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62769&docnum=LB738&leg=109

LB753

Provide for recognition and enforcement of military protective orders under the Protection Orders Act

In the Judiciary Committee

Actions: Hearing was January 21, 2026

J. Cavanaugh's name added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63051&docnum=LB753&leg=109

LB756

Change a motor vehicle tax exemption and a property tax exemption relating to certain disabled veterans

IN the Revenue Committee

Hearing was for January 29, 2026

J. Cavanaugh's name added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63150&docnum=LB756&leg=109

LB767

Adopt the Certified Help Options in Claims Expertise for Veterans Act

IN the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

The Hearing was on January 21, 2026

Conrad's name was added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62968&docnum=LB767&leg=109

LB786

Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, create a fund, provide for grants to certain needy service members, and provide duties to the Adjutant General

In the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

The hearing was on January 21, 2026

Conrad's name was added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62974&docnum=LB786&leg=109

LB787

Change provisions relating to the Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs and eliminate provisions relating to veterans' homes

IN the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Actions:

The Hearing was on January 21, 2026

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62778&docnum=LB787&leg=109

LB804

Provide confidential peer support counseling for law enforcement officers, emergency services personnel, and Nebraska National Guard personnel

IN the Judiciary Committee

The Hearing was on January 22, 2026

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63164&docnum=LB804&leg=109

LB 826

Change provisions relating to veterans' late applications for homestead exemptions,

Referred to Committee Jan 9, 2026

Conrad's name was added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62608&docnum=LB826&leg=109

LB871

Increase and provide for inflation adjustments for amounts exempt from judicial enforcement and the homestead and exempt property allowances

Committee: Judiciary Committee

Actions: Notice of hearing for February 04, 2026

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63091&docnum=LB871&leg=109

LB882

Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and surviving spouses

IN Revenue Committee

Hearing was January 29, 2026

Conrad's name was added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62753&docnum=LB882&leg=109

LB904

Change provisions relating to Chinese military companies under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Actions: Referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62725&docnum=LB904&leg=109

The following is provided by the ROA

LB870 -

Change residence requirements relating to tuition and fees at state postsecondary educational institutions -

IN Education Committee

Hearing was on January 26, 2026

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62659

LB998 -

Change provisions relating to the state income tax deduction for members of the Nebraska National Guard

Actions: Referred to Revenue Committee

- https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63419

LB1117 -

Change provisions relating to tuition waivers and provide for reimbursement to postsecondary institutions

Actions: Referred to Revenue Committee

- https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63270

LB1226 -

Provide for the issuance of a combination hunting and fishing permit and certain stamps to certain veterans -

Referred to the Natural Resources Committee

Conrad's name was added

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62656

[We recommend using the NDVA Legislative page on the official site:](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2026_Legislation.pdf)

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2026_Legislation.pdf. Search for the Legislative bills. Click on the Bill Number. Then submit an online comment with your opinion on all IMMEDIATELY.

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 during floor debate.

https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2026_Legislation.pdf

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 NDVA website**

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

or

NDVA Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NEVetsAffairs/>

NDVA Twitter https://twitter.com/NEVetsAffairs?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw

Nebraska Department

ROA Members

Below are listings that our legislative director, Edward Boone, has researched for our records. If you are not trying to keep up with all the bills in the legislature that pertain to veterans and the military in general, perhaps his short list is for you.

Dale Anderson, Department President.- CWO4 USN (Ret)

I've compiled a list of the bills so far introduced that I believe ROA should be watching this year. Please forward to anyone you think would like to see it.

Edward Boone, Legislative Director, SSGT USAR

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Bills to watch this session Nebraska Legislative -2026

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Legislative Priorities

The location of our Washington, D.C., office allows us to monitor all legislation affecting veterans, alert VFW membership to key legislation under consideration and to actively lobby Congress and the administration on veterans' issues. National Legislative Service establishes the VFW's legislative priorities and advocates on veterans' behalf. By testifying at congressional committee hearings and interacting with congressional members, the VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20th century. Everything we do on Capitol Hill is with the VFW's Priority Goals and veterans' well-being in mind. With the strength of the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, our voice on Capitol Hill cannot be ignored!

Among the VFW's most recent and important legislative victories was expanding college education benefits for military service members with the signing of the Forever GI Bill, and ensuring America's service members and veterans receive the care they deserve - whenever and wherever they need it - by passing the VA MISSION Act.

Our 2026 Priority Goals: https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service?fbclid=IwZnRzaAPOBWhleHRuA2FibQixMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAAEiPLkz5sdUTG8_FK9WJLs4LoKM6U1nxtqlwYzj_ygDLWfDcWdZSb66SjzFIY_aem_wfuC9PNpb8igMNUdgwrEFQ

US lawmakers release \$839B compromise defense spending bill

[Stephen Losey](#)

The House and Senate's conferenced version of a fiscal 2026 defense budget would restore funding for the Navy's next-generation F/A-XX fighter and up the Pentagon's [spending request on the Air Force's F-47](#).

In materials released Monday, the House Appropriations Committee said the compromise \$839 billion spending bill would provide \$3.9 billion for the military's sixth-generation aircraft. That would include \$3 billion for the [Air Force's F-47 fighter](#), which will be built by Boeing, and \$972 million for the Navy's F/A-XX, the House committee said.

That would be hundreds of millions more than the Pentagon requested in its original proposed 2026 budget last summer, which requested nearly \$2.6 billion for the F-47 and just \$74 million for the Navy's F/A-XX. MORE>>>>>

<https://reader.militarytimes.com/2026/01/20/us-lawmakers-release-839b-compromise-defense-spending-bill-3/content.html>

Gov. Pillen's State of the State Address

January 15, 2026

2025 was an immensely consequential year for our country and for our state.

Much of the hard work that we have done—both in this chamber and across my administration—has come into full effect for the benefit of our people.

We have worked tirelessly to shrink government so that it better serves Nebraskans – improving outcomes, while cutting costs and waste just like a business.

We have made tremendous progress and are working to instill a culture of efficiency and reform.

We have finished the job of bringing our workforce back to the office after the pandemic and reduced our reliance on costly contractors providing duplicative and bloated work on projects and services that provide little value for Nebraskans.

We have honored the individual freedoms promised by our founding fathers, especially those of religious freedom and the Second Amendment.

Through rules issued by my administration, we are enforcing what this body worked so hard and endured so much to pass—protections for Nebraska kids from radical sex-change treatments.

Today, because of the massive victories I stood with the pro-life community to achieve and enshrine in our Constitution – more babies in this state are being protected from the tragedy of abortions than any time since Roe v. Wade.

Complete State Address follows... <https://governor.nebraska.gov/gov-pillens-state-state-address-0>

Nebraska budget request denies Salute to Veterans

by: Guest Opinion - Jan. 21, 2026

For more than a century, the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund has stood as a solemn promise from our state to those who served. Established at the close of World War I, the fund was intentionally created as an endowment utilizing federal dollars provided to every state.

While almost every other state squandered an opportunity to assist veterans for generations to come, Nebraska did not at that time. Its principal was to be protected, invested, and grown so that the interest generated each year could be used to assist needy veterans in all 93 counties across our great state.

That design was not accidental. It was purposeful in that it never required the taxpayers to fund it again. In short, it was prudent stewardship meant to outlast political cycles and economic swings, ensuring that help would always be available for veterans in need.

That promise is now being broken.

MORE FOLLOWS in the North Platte Bulletin

<https://northplattebulletin.com/nebraska-budget-request-denies-salute-to-veterans/>

HEALTH CARE

Contact Congress to Co-Sponsor and Pass the Veterans with ALS Reporting Act

Veterans living with ALS have already sacrificed so much for our country, now they must battle ALS too.

It is critical that the Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA) prioritize access to care for veterans living with ALS who are more likely to develop ALS than their civilian counterparts.

With a focused attention on ALS in the military, the Veterans with ALS Reporting Act will provide a pathway for veterans to access clinical trials, strategy to reduce the ALS population in the military and concrete steps for Congress to improve resources and care our veterans living with ALS receive. This bill is not just for veterans living with ALS and their loved ones. What we learn from the DoD and VA will inform Congress how to address ALS for veterans and civilians alike.

Please contact your Representative today and tell them to support veterans living with ALS and their families by co-sponsoring H.R. 6001 – the Veterans with ALS Reporting Act.

If you have had a family member or friend with ALS you know that a veteran deserves your support. It only takes a minute to fill out this form letter and send it to your legislator.

https://als.quorum.us/campaign/Veterans-with-ALS-Reporting-Act/?fbclid=IwZnRzaAPN8rVleHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeYcAWOLg9FRClJm-mQ1juVdeRRCJetxe-8sJm12bDoAQngaPcPzwnJkDJwXk_aem_iqXdk3zVOorE_PmfuaDdSA

Why the VA's Disability System Is Really Worker's Compensation

Military.com | By [Haley Fuller](#)

Published December 31, 2025 at 5:00am EDT

Every servicemember enters and leaves the armed forces with a medical examination. That procedural fact reflects the original logic behind what the Department of Veterans Affairs calls "disability compensation." These payments were not designed as a safety net for those unable to function in civilian life. They were designed as a liability mechanism.

<https://www.military.com/feature/2025/12/27/why-vas-disability-system-really-workers-compensation.html>



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

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

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

[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/>

Miscellaneous Information

[https://www.facebook.com/events/2085037242306496/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D\]%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/2085037242306496/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D]%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D) MORE>>>

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TWO EVENING EVENTS

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SUN, MAY 24, 2026
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[location_filter_options=173&keywords=&f%5B0%5D=training_type%3AAlive&page=0](https://www.score.org/business-education?location_filter_options=173&keywords=&f%5B0%5D=training_type%3AAlive&page=0)

1 Live EVENTS Lincoln

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

Workshops, Webinars, Events and Courses for Business Growth

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



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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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>

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.

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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. -

Pentagon wants major improvements to runways at Greenland base

Amid demands to control the island, the U.S. military is trying to overhaul infrastructure at its decades-old Pituffik Space Base.

[Nicholas Slayton](#)

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https://taskandpurpose.com/news/pentagon-greenland-pituffik-runway-improvements/?utm_source=beehiv&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tp-today-newsletter&_bhlid=c0fd3d49fb2921ce76fecf4fb5476d88f4d42af7

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

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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

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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](#)

Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

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

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

Resource Expert

Job Converter

Job Search

More Tools from Our Partners

County Veterans Service Offices Directory

Contact your County Veterans Service Officer and offer your help

Help with providing transportation for fellow veterans

Offer your business as a place for Buddy Check Meetings

This video is provided by the Nebraska Association of County Officials

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bqhlwy1Zv2c>

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>

Free tax return preparation for qualifying taxpayers

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>

Tax season guidance for Veterans

Maximizing benefits, accessing free assistance and avoiding scams

February 6, 2025

VBA Benefits Delivery Protection & Remediation

<https://news.va.gov/138085/tax-season-guidance-for-veterans/>

What Veterans and family members should know

IRS Form 1095-B is a tax form that shows you had health coverage during the year. VA provides this form to Veterans and family members who are enrolled in certain VA health care programs.

Due to changes in the Affordable Care Act, the IRS no longer requires Form 1095-B for federal tax filing. Because of this change, VA will no longer automatically mail the form. However, you may still need it for state taxes or to keep for your records.

This change does not affect your VA health care coverage or benefits. It only changes how you receive the form.

Veterans

Starting Jan. 31, 2026, you can access your IRS Form 1095-B electronically through your VA.gov account. Accessing the form online is the fastest way to get a copy. **MORE>>>>>**

<https://news.va.gov/144618/changes-to-how-you-get-irs-form-1095-b-from-va/>

IBM SkillsBuild program

The IBM SkillsBuild program offers more than 1,000 free online courses to help you start or advance your career. These courses are for both beginners and advanced learners, so you don't need any subject-matter knowledge or experience before you enroll. Find out how to sign up for SkillsBuild.

Can I take online courses through the IBM SkillsBuild program?

What types of courses does SkillsBuild offer?

How do I sign up for IBM SkillsBuild?

How do I enroll in guided courses (GLEs)?

<https://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/ibm-skillsbuild-program/>

Businesses or Non-Profits Supporting Veterans

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

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