

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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1. Veterans Pages: <https://veteransgrapevine.com/>

### **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.

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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**

**Join Us**

**Click on the name of the organization below.**

**It will take you to their website.**

#### **Added this month (1)**

[MOAA Heartland of America Chapter, Bellevue, NE](#)

[American Legion Post 363 in Winnebago](#)

[ESGR Nebrasaka](#)

[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](mailto:comeoncubs100@gmail.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**, ; and LB-272 (Sen. Dugan), held by the Revenue Committee.

LB-676 (Sen. Hansen), in the Select File 2025;

**Carryover Bills From 2025 ON JANUARY 7, 2026:** LB 426 Jan 07, 2026 Education Committee in General File; LB 676 Select File (Enrollment and Review); LB 694 Judiciary Committee General File; LB 82; LB152; LB 223; LB 249; LB307; LB 374; LB425: LB 508; LB 583;

### 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:** IN the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, February 12, 2026

**Feb 19, 2026: Report to the Legislature for further consideration**

Urge the U.S. Congress to swiftly enact legislation to provide for veterans' access to treatment for TBI and PTSD

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62911&docnum=LR293&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62911&docnum=LR293&leg=109)

#### **LB 693**

Prohibit, as a deceptive trade practice, certain conduct relating to assistance or referrals in veterans' benefits matters

**Priority bill in 2025 Carryover (Sen. McKeon), in the General File 2025**

**Actions:** IN the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

**Quick's Name withdrawn January 7, 2026**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=59589&docnum=LB693&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=59589&docnum=LB693&leg=109)

#### **LB717 -Presented to Governor on February 20, 2026**

Adopt changes to federal law regarding banking and finance, change provisions relating to control of certain banks and trust companies, digital asset depository institutions, interest rates on certain loans, installment loans, mortgage loan originators, mortgage bankers, and the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, and change references to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act in the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act

Sponsor Jacobsen

**Actions:** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment February 9, 2026

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63126&docnum=LB717&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63126&docnum=LB717&leg=109)

#### **LB 735 Adopt the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact**

Sponsor Roundtree

**Actions:** IN Health & Human Services Committee, January 22, 2026, Hearing 1/22/26

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62598&docnum=LB735&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62598&docnum=LB735&leg=109)

#### **LB736 Adopt the Athletic Trainer Compact**

Sponsor Roundtree

**Actions:** IN Health & Human Services Committee January 22, 2026, Hearing 1/22/26

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62925&docnum=LB736&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62925&docnum=LB736&leg=109)

#### **LB738**

Provide for Honoring Women Veterans license plates

Sponsor Roundtree, Conrad

**Actions:** IN Transportation and Telecommunications Committee January 20, 2026

**Hearing on 1/20/26**

**Conrad's name was added**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62769&docnum=LB738&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62769&docnum=LB738&leg=109)

#### **LB753**

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

Sponsor Roundtree

**Actions: In the Judiciary Committee on January 21, 2026, Hearing on 1/21/26**

**J. Cavanaugh's name added**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63051&docnum=LB753&leg=109](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**

Sponsor Wordkemper

**Actions: In the Revenue Committee, January 29, 2026, Hearing on 1/29/26**

**J. Cavanaugh's name added**

**Conrad's name added**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63150&docnum=LB756&leg=109](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**

Sponsor Holdcroft

**Actions: IN the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Hearing 1/21/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62968&docnum=LB767&leg=109](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**

Sponsor Sanders

**Actions: Placed in General File, February 19, 2026,**

**Change Provisions relating to Military Honor Plates: create a fund to provide for grants to certain needy service members & provide duties to the AG Committee**

**Conrad's name added**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62974&docnum=LB786&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62974&docnum=LB786&leg=109)

**LB787 Priority Bill**

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

Sponsor Sanders

**Actions: Placed in General File, February 12, 2026,**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62778&docnum=LB787&leg=109](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**

Sponsor Lonowski

**Actions: IN the Judiciary Committee, January 22, 2026, Hearing on 1/22/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63164&docnum=LB804&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63164&docnum=LB804&leg=109)

**LB816**

**Provide privileges and immunities relating to peer support services communications by public safety personnel**

Sponsor Storer

**Actions: Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial February 11, 2026**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62858&docnum=LB816&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62858&docnum=LB816&leg=109)

**LB826 Priority Bill**

**Change provisions related to veterans' late applications for homestead exemptions**

Sponsor Senator DeKay

**Action: Placed in General File. February 18, 2026**

**Dugan's name added**

**Conrad's name added**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62608&docnum=LB826&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62608&docnum=LB826&leg=109)

**LB830**

**Change and eliminate provisions relating to the payment of state salaries, the use of deferred maintenance funds, and county payments for state institutions**

Sponsor Lonowski

**Actions: In the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, January 30, 2026**

**Hearing on J1/30/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62839&docnum=LB830&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62839&docnum=LB830&leg=109)

**LB871**

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

Sponsor Conrad

**Actions: IN Judiciary Committee, February 04, 2026, Hearing on 2/04/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63091&docnum=LB871&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63091&docnum=LB871&leg=109)

**LB872**

**Eliminate an income reduction for extraordinary dividends and certain capital gains for income tax purposes**

Sponsor Conrad

**Actions: IN Revenue Committee, February 20, 2026, Hearing on 2/20/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63004&docnum=LB872&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63004&docnum=LB872&leg=109)

**LB882**

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

Sponsor Andersen

**Actions: IN Revenue Committee January 29, 2026 Hearing 1/29/26**

Conrad's name was added  
Dugan's name was added

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62753&docnum=LB882&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62753&docnum=LB882&leg=109)

#### **LB904 Priority Bill**

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

Sponsor Arch

**Actions: Placed in General File, February 12, 2026**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62725&docnum=LB904&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62725&docnum=LB904&leg=109)

#### **LB870 -**

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

Sponsor Andersen

**Actions: IN Education Committee January 26, 2026 Hearing 1/26/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62659&docnum=LB870&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62659&docnum=LB870&leg=109)

#### **LB923**

Change & eliminate provisions relating to county records

Sponsor Clouse

**Actions: IN the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, February 19, 2026**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62683&docnum=LB923&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62683&docnum=LB923&leg=109)

#### **LB965 - Judiciary Priority Bill**

Prohibit sexual abuse of a probationer or problem-solving court participant; prohibit sexual abuse by a conservator, guardian, guardian ad litem, or child welfare service provider; provide for administration of naloxone by probation employees; and change conduct constituting the offense of incest

Sponsor Bostar

**Actions: IN Judiciary Committee January 28, 2026 Hearing 1/28/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62618&docnum=LB965&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62618&docnum=LB965&leg=109)

#### **LB968 -**

Appropriate funds to the Military Department for grants for equipment for emergency events

Sponsor Prokop

**Actions: IN Appropriations Committee February 17, 2026 Hearing 2/17/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62957&docnum=LB968&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62957&docnum=LB968&leg=109)

#### **LB998 -**

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

Sponsor Andersen

**Actions: In the Revenue Committee on February 19, 2026**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63419&docnum=LB998&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63419&docnum=LB998&leg=109)

#### **LB1072**

**Sponsor: Speaker Arch at the request of the Governor**

Provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to fees, funds, fund transfers, agency powers and duties, and various statutory programs

**Actions: In the Appropriations Committee on February 2, 2026 Hearing 2/2/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62666&docnum=LB1072&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62666&docnum=LB1072&leg=109)

#### **LB1117 -**

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

Sponsor Ibach

**Actions: In the Revenue Committee on February 12, 2026, Hearing 2/12/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63270&docnum=LB1117&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63270&docnum=LB1117&leg=109)

#### **LB1226 -**

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

Sponsor Andersen

**Actions: IN Natural Resources Committee February 18, 2026 Hearing 2/18/26**

**Conrad's name was added**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62656&docnum=LB1226&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62656&docnum=LB1226&leg=109)

#### **LB1234**

Adopt the Freestanding Birth Center Act

Sponsor Hansen

**Actions: IN Health and Human Services Committee, February 12, 2026, Hearing 2/12/26**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63777&docnum=LB1234&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63777&docnum=LB1234&leg=109)

**[Click on the Link to Bills above and contact your district Senator by phone, email or submit an online comment with your opinion. Your Online Comments can be submitted after the hearing through this portal, which will be available to all legislators and staff. Comments submitted may be read and/or discussed during hearings and during floor debate.](#)**

**NDVA website**

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

## **Disabled Veteran Plates**

**Disabled Veteran license plates are issued in lieu of regular plates and may be placed on motor vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, semitrailers and cabin trailers.**

<https://tinyurl.com/4hcxjcyb>

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## **Nebraska Homestead Exemption**

Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application, Form 458  
For filing after February 1, 2026, and on or before June 30, 2026

This guidance document is advisory in nature but is binding on the Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) until amended. A guidance document does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal operations of DOR and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules and regulations made in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this guidance document imposes additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may request a review of the document.

This guidance document may change with updated information or added examples. DOR recommends you do not print this document. Instead, sign up for the subscription service at [revenue.nebraska.gov](https://revenue.nebraska.gov) to get updates on your topics of interest.

### **Overview**

The Nebraska homestead exemption program is a property tax relief program for six categories of homeowners>>>>>>

**OPEN LINK** :[https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/pad/homestead/Homestead Exemption Information Guide.pdf](https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/pad/homestead/Homestead%20Exemption%20Information%20Guide.pdf)

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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 behalf of veterans. By testifying before congressional committees and interacting with members of Congress, 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 guided by the VFW's Priority Goals and veterans' well-being. 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.

**MORE>>>>>>.....**<https://tinyurl.com/4uy87uwr>

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## **HEALTH CARE**

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Thousands of veterans commented on the government website about a VA rule for awarding disability benefits based on compensation for how a veteran does on medication — and not on the injury or illness itself. You can comment on the website here until April 20th. Though the rule was paused, it still exists until rescinded. Your comments are needed to make it happen.

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## **VA Disability Ratings and Medication: What the February 2026 Rule Change**

### **Means for Your Claim**

Posted by Berry Law on February 18, 2026 in [Medical](#)

There has been a significant new regulation issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs that may impact your disability claim. At Berry Law, our job is to ensure you understand what this means for you and how we're fighting to protect your rights.

What Has Changed? MORE>>>>> <https://tinyurl.com/5b8zrpc8>

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## **MHS GENESIS Patient Portal Makes Refilling Prescriptions Easier**

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Do you get prescriptions at a military pharmacy? If you need to request a refill or a renewal for your prescription, the [MHS GENESIS Patient Portal](#) makes it easy.

The Defense Health Agency launched the refills feature in late February, and it's already popular with beneficiaries.

“Since March, the Military Health System has processed an average of 136,000 refills requested through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Ben Beidel, a pharmacist with DHA's Pharmacy Operations Division.

Here's how the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal can help you manage your prescriptions.

How to request a refill: <https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/3847462/mhs-genesis-patient-portal-makes-refilling-prescriptions-easier>

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## **AT EASE USA**

*What we do:* <https://ateasATWEASeusa.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 \(Open\)](#)

### **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](#)

### **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/>

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](tel:988) [Live Online Chat](#)

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## **VA benefits claims backlog under 100K for first time since 2020**

For immediate release February 23, 2026 11:00 am

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-benefits-claims-backlog-under-100k-for-first-time-since-2020/>

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We are sharing this information for retirees and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuitants to prepare loved ones and help ease the emotional and financial burdens that can occur during a difficult time. Promptly reporting the death of a retiree or SBP annuitant allows DFAS to stop payments and prevent overpayments. Once notified, DFAS works to ensure that any subsequent payments include only the funds the retiree or annuitant was entitled to at the time of death.

Webpage and Checklist Updates

<https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/newsevents/newsletter/December2025RetireeNewsletter-Reporting-Death-of-a-Retiree-or-SBP-Annuitant/>

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### A VA career is always in season

Explore VA's hottest jobs this winter.

Take your career to the next level this winter by joining the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We're spotlighting some of our most in-demand roles across the country—roles that not only support our mission of serving Veterans but also provide you with benefits that fit your lifestyle. [VA currently has over 2,000 roles available \(at the time of posting\) for qualified, compassionate health care professionals. Whether you're looking to advance your health care career, explore a new path or find purpose in your day-to-day work, VA has a position for you.](#)

MORE>>>>>><https://news.va.gov/145081/a-va-career-is-always-in-season/>

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

A Partnership Focused on Making You More Successful  
Our SCORE mentors are ready to assist. SCORE Greater Omaha mentors are highly successful business professionals with the experience and expertise to help you achieve your small-business goals. Browse mentor profiles or let us pair you with the right expert!  
[SCORE can help you start, grow or successfully exit a business. Small business owners who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased growth.](#)  
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### Events in March, 2026

(Online Live EVENTS) Greater Omaha

[Recorded Webinars FREE](#) (OPEN) [https://www.score.org/business-education?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)

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

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### Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony

(OPEN LINK) Event by [Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)

Papillion Landing - 1046 W. Lincoln Street, Papillion, NE 68046

Duration: 2 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Save the Date! Sunday, 29 March, 2026 - The Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is hosting a Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at Papillion Landing (1046 W. Lincoln Street, Papillion, NE 68046) on Sunday, 29 March at 2 PM. Following the ceremony at Papillion Landing, there will be a BRIEF wreath-laying ceremony at the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial site, barring extreme weather conditions. We hope that you can join us for one or both of these ceremonies!

To assist us in our continuing mission to honor our Vietnam Veterans, please go to:

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

[#nvvmfoundation](#) [#movingvetsforward](#) [#vietnamwar](#) [#VietnamWarVeterans](#) [#vietnamveteran](#)

[#VietnamVeteransDay](#)

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## Nebraska American Legion

Legionnaire Issue February/March 2026 Legionnaire Issue

2026 Veteran Legislative Priorities.”  
New State Benefit Available to Nebraska Veterans in 2026!  
(Straight Talk Article)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7e2rxzp>  
American Legion (Department of Nebraska)  
[nebraskalegion.net](http://nebraskalegion.net)

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### U.S. Small Business Administration 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 March 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](mailto: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:

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### Interesting Local Events

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

Things to do in Omaha

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

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### Offutt AFB Air and Space Show and Offutt Air Force Base

**IT'S OFFICIAL! 🎆 The Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show is 180 DAYS OUT! 🎉**

**Relive the excitement with clips from previous shows. 📺**

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=1277907064250673>

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### Nebraska National Guard Museum

5.2K followers • 23 following

Welcome to the Nebraska National Guard Museum. The Museum is open for individual and large tour groups <https://tinyurl.com/dtj7scb>

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### 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 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](mailto:eswarik@nebbiz.org) Phone number (402) 685-5503 ext 503

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### OPERATION HONOR GUARD

helping assist and raise funding for honor guards

Provided for Information Only, Do Your own Research

Operation Honor Guard, NFP is a 501(c)(3) that raises money for veteran service organizations that provide military funerals for fallen veterans.

Members of Honor Guards often pay to acquire their own uniforms and gear. Many even pay their own travel expenses. Operation Honor Guard, NFP's mission is to outfit every Honor Guard in the United States. <https://www.operationhonorguard.us/>

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

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

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

**Follow**

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NDVA Twitter [https://twitter.com/NEVetsAffairs?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](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>

[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/NebraskalowaVA/>

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### **Nebraska Veterans' Gateway**

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

Welcome to your gateway to career and employment resources for Nebraska veterans.

**Resource Expert, Job Converter Job Search, More Tools from Our Partners**

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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

**This video is provided by the Nebraska Association of County Officials**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bqhlwylZv2c>

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>**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Officer | [jerry.kane@nebraska.gov](mailto:jerry.kane@nebraska.gov) | 402.471.5008

Archery paddlefish applications to be accepted March 1-14

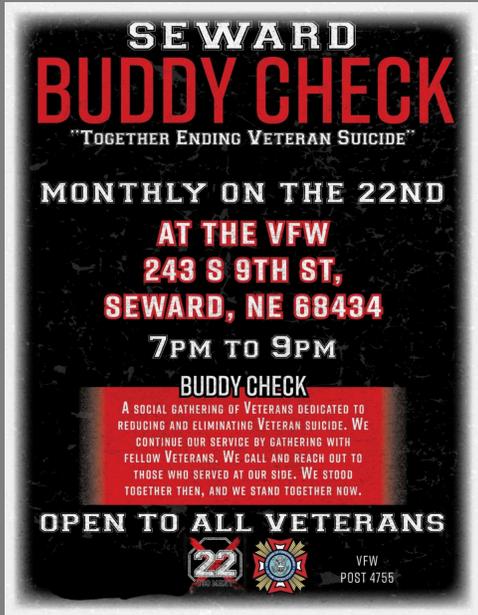
The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will accept archery paddlefish permit applications from March 1-14. The application period begins at 1 p.m. Central time on March 1. Postal mail applications must be received in Game and Parks' Lincoln office by 5 p.m., and online applications by 11:59 p.m., March 14. MORE>>>>>>><https://tinyurl.com/2s4hyhkj>

### **Become a certified Youth Fishing Instructor**

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will certify Youth Fishing Instructors at five locations across the state this spring. These instructors, who will become part of Game and Parks' Youth Fishing Program, will receive training and tools to conduct youth fishing clinics. They will have access to Game and Parks' loaner fishing equipment and educational materials for events and receive program incentives. Instructors also are encouraged to volunteer for such Game and Parks programs as Family Fishing Nights and the outdoor expos.

The Youth Fishing Instructor certification schedule

is: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/407c28b>



**SEWARD  
BUDDY CHECK**  
"TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE"

**MONTHLY ON THE 22ND**

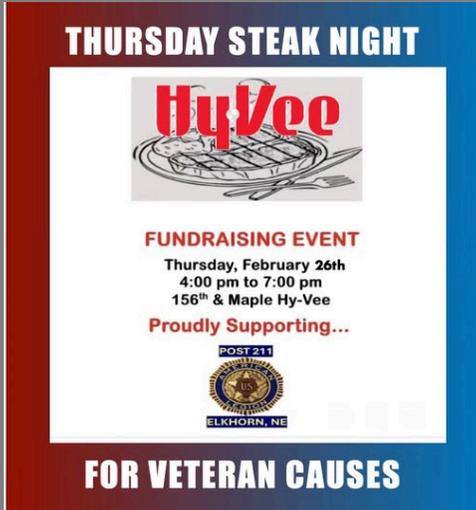
**AT THE VFW  
243 S 9TH ST,  
SEWARD, NE 68434**

**7PM TO 9PM**

**BUDDY CHECK**  
A SOCIAL GATHERING OF VETERANS DEDICATED TO REDUCING AND ELIMINATING VETERAN SUICIDE. WE CONTINUE OUR SERVICE BY GATHERING WITH FELLOW VETERANS. WE CALL AND REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO SERVED AT OUR SIDE. WE STOOD TOGETHER THEN, AND WE STAND TOGETHER NOW.

**OPEN TO ALL VETERANS**

**22** VFW POST 4755



**THURSDAY STEAK NIGHT**

**HyVee**

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**  
Thursday, February 26th  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
156th & Maple Hy-Vee

**Proudly Supporting...**

**POST 211**  
ELKHORN, NE

**FOR VETERAN CAUSES**

**American Legion Post 211 &  
Auxiliary Unit 362,  
Elkhorn/West Omaha NE**

### Newest Ford-class carrier USS John F. Kennedy aces sea trials

The U.S. Navy's second nuclear-powered Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier completed testing Wednesday, roughly a week after it powered out to sea.

The USS John F. Kennedy, which is set to join the fleet in 2027, returned to Newport News Shipbuilding, Virginia, after leaving on Jan. 28 to evaluate at-sea systems and equipment, a Navy release [said](#). MORE>>>>>>>

<https://reader.militarytimes.com/2026/02/05/newest-ford-class-carrier-uss-john-f-kennedy-aces-sea-trials/content.html>

### US shoots down Iranian drone approaching aircraft carrier

A U.S. Navy fighter jet shot down an Iranian drone that was approaching the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in the Arabian Sea, U.S. Central Command said Tuesday, threatening to ramp up tensions as the Trump administration warns of possible military action to [get Iran to the negotiating table](#). MORE>>>>>>> <https://tinyurl.com/4wpv289s>

## 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

We will post it to the Newsletter at no cost

**FREE**

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Please do your own research before contacting, engaging or using any of these vendors or their products and services. You are responsible for doing due diligence, etc.

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We've all been there! Trying desperately to find a home for our families in Omaha. Now you can pay-it-forward!! Could you please post a picture of any 'RENT' signs you see? Please include the cross streets and zip code where the sign is located. We will also post a legitimate rental list once a week, along with tips on how to find your new home. Have questions?

(OPEN) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pcsoffutt>

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### Nebraska Stain & Seal [\(402\) 819-8776](tel:402-819-8776)

**Military Discount** We stain and seal your deck or fence so you don't have to

We help busy homeowners in Omaha & Lincoln gain peace of mind knowing their deck or fence will look good and last a long time [Get your free estimate](#) Please send us a message or call to schedule your free estimate. Please note that all questions will be answered within 24 hours. (OPEN)

<https://nebraskastain.com/>

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<https://www.omegagocreation.org>

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(Roofing Siding Gutters Windows Decks Concrete Interior Landscaping)

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