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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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Veterans Pages: <https://veteransgrapevine.com/>

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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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[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

[US withdrawing 5,000 troops from Germany, U.S. officials say](#)

The [United States is withdrawing 5,000 troops](#) from NATO ally Germany, the Pentagon announced on Friday, as a rift over the [Iran war](#) widens between [President Donald Trump](#) and Europe.

Trump had threatened a drawdown in forces earlier this week after sparring with [German Chancellor Friedrich Merz](#), who said on Monday the Iranians were humiliating the U.S. in talks to end the two-month-old war and that he did not see what exit strategy Washington was pursuing. >>>>

MORE: <https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2026/05/01/us-withdrawing-5000-troops-from-germany-us-officials-say/>

[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 compensation, non-service-connected 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)

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Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Open this link and visit the NDVA website

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

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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

Legislative Bill update

[https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2026 Legislation.pdf](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2026%20Legislation.pdf)

<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/>

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 110th Legislature will convene in January 2027 for its first session, featuring significant turnover, with at least 12 new senators.

Governor Pillen has highlighted property tax relief as a top priority for the 2027 session. The session will address state budget, policy, and potential constitutional amendments, including a proposal for biennial sessions.

Key details for the 2027 Nebraska Legislative session include:

- Convening Date: The Legislature is set to convene on January 11, 2027.

- Session Length: As an odd-numbered year, the 2027 session will last 90 days, typically adjourning in May.
- Key Issues:
 - Property Tax Relief: Governor Pillen has identified reforming the property tax system as a major goal for 2027.
 - High Turnover: With at least 12 new lawmakers, nearly one-quarter of the senators will be new to the institution.
 - Budget and Policy: The legislature will work on the state budget and other policy measures, with potential debates on Medicaid funding and child welfare.
- Proposed Changes: A proposal for amending the state constitution to move to biennial sessions is under consideration.

The 2027 session follows the adjournment of the 109th Legislature, 2nd session, in April 2026.

Nebraska ends in-state tuition benefits for illegal immigrants under DOJ deal. Gov. Jim Pillen celebrated the agreement, calling outdated Nebraska tuition laws 'deeply misguided and unconstitutional.'

By [Kristine Parks Fox News](#)
Published [April 24, 2026 5:36pm EDT](#)

Illegal immigrants in [Nebraska](#) will no longer receive in-state tuition after the state agreed to stop enforcing a two-decade-old law the Trump administration called unconstitutional. Under a proposed consent decree filed Tuesday and still awaiting court approval, Nebraska agreed not to enforce laws that allow reduced in-state tuition and certain financial aid benefits for people in the country illegally. The agreement came hours after the Justice Department sued the state. In its federal lawsuit, the Justice Department argued that Nebraska's laws violate federal law by allowing some students in the country to illegally qualify for reduced in-state tuition rates and state financial aid, while U.S. citizens from other states may not qualify for the same benefits. The complaint asked a [federal judge](#) to strike down those provisions and bar Nebraska from enforcing them. Later that same day, the United States and Nebraska jointly filed the proposed consent decree, which asks the court to permanently enjoin the challenged laws.

MORE: <https://www.foxnews.com/media/nebraska-ends-in-state-tuition-benefits-illegal-immigrants-doj-deal>

The Nebraska Unicameral

The Nebraska Legislature^[1] (also called the Unicameral)^[2] is the [legislature](#) of the [U.S. state](#) of [Nebraska](#). The Legislature meets at the [Nebraska State Capitol](#) in [Lincoln](#). With 49 members, known as "senators",^[3] the Nebraska Legislature is the smallest [U.S. state legislature](#). A total of 25 members is required for a majority; however, in order to overcome a [filibuster](#), a two-thirds vote of all members is required, which takes 33 votes.^[4] Unlike the legislatures of the other 49 U.S. states and the [U.S. Congress](#), the Nebraska Legislature is [unicameral](#). It is also [nonpartisan](#) in that members are elected in nonpartisan elections, and the Legislature does not officially recognize its members' [political party](#) affiliation or maintain a formal partisan leadership structure. All 49 members elect, by secret ballot, the Legislature's officers (except the [Lieutenant Governor](#), who serves as President of the Legislature) and committee chairs with the aim of ensuring lawmakers select leaders they truly support without undue pressure or influence from other branches of government, the political parties, or other sources of outside influence.

Search Bills and Laws

[Bill Search](#) - Use the bill search to find specific bills and resolutions by number, date of introduction, introducer or keyword. Advanced options are provided to [search past legislation](#).

[Law Search](#) - Use the law search to find statutes by keyword, number or range of statutes. The [Nebraska Revised Statutes](#), the [Nebraska Constitution](#) and the [Nebraska Uniform Commercial Code](#) are also available for browsing.

[Introducer's Statement of Intent](#) - a [statement](#), prepared by the sponsor of a [bill](#), that briefly describes the bill and the reasons why it is being introduced..

[Hearing](#) - a regularly scheduled committee meeting to receive public comment on proposed bills and resolutions.

[Committees provide citizens with a unique, direct opportunity to influence public policy. With the exception of a few technical bills, all legislative bills must receive a public hearing by a legislative committee. A nine-member Reference Committee determines which bills will be heard by a standing committee. At hearings, citizens have a chance to express their opinions to committee members. Testimony is recorded, transcribed and incorporated into the official committee record. After the hearing, committees may vote to send the bill to General File with or without amendments, indefinitely postpone the bill or take no action on it.](#)

[General File](#) - the first stage at which a bill is considered by the full Legislature. Bills on General File may be amended, returned to committee, indefinitely postponed or advanced to Select File.

Select File - the second stage at which a bill is considered by the full Legislature. Bills on Select File may be amended, returned to committee, indefinitely postponed or advanced to Final Reading.

Final Reading - the third and last stage at which a bill is considered by the full Legislature. The clerk reads the entire bill aloud, unless final reading is waived, and senators vote without debate on whether to submit the bill to the governor.

Enrollment and Review Initial - the Enrollment and Review process that a bill undergoes after it is advanced from the General File.

Enrollment and Review for Engrossment - the Enrollment and Review process that a bill undergoes after it is advanced from Select File. During this stage, the bill is engrossed and reprinted for Final Reading.

Pass to the Governor for approval

OR

Carry-over Legislation - bills and resolutions introduced during the regular session in an odd-numbered year and held over for consideration during the regular session in an even-numbered year. Indefinitely Postpone (IPP) - to suspend all further activity against a bill or resolution.

Nebraska Homestead Exemption

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

[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)

Disabled Veteran License Plates are available to any person who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) and is 10% service-connected disabled.

<https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/dav-plate>

Jim Vokal, CEO of the Platte Institute and host of Nebraskanomics

Dear friend,

Last week, the legislative session wrapped up in Lincoln, marking the end of this year's lawmaking but not the work of moving Nebraska forward.

Our team at the Platte Institute is proud to have helped champion several legislative victories across the finish line this year. Each of these reforms makes incremental but meaningful progress toward a more transparent tax system, a more predictable environment for growth, and a state that is easier to invest in and call home.

The most significant of those wins came through LB 803. This package includes several policies we have long worked to advance, all centered on one goal: slowing the growth of property taxes and giving taxpayers a stronger voice in the process.

One of the wins I am most excited about this session is the strengthening of Truth in Taxation. By moving hearings earlier in the process, taxpayers now have a chance to weigh in before budgets are finalized, when that input can actually influence decisions. Too often in the past, those conversations happened after the fact, when the outcome was already set.

The law also puts in place a stricter limitation on property tax collection growth. When valuations rise, local governments cannot simply take in more revenue without clearly asking for it. Doing so now requires a public hearing and a two-thirds vote.

This matters because for too long, property tax bills have continued to rise even when rates stay the same or appear to fall. These changes begin to address that disconnect. They will not lower bills overnight, but they do slow the pace of growth and bring more accountability into the system. Just as important, they set the table for what comes next. With these guardrails in place, Nebraska is now in a stronger position to pursue policies that actually reduce property tax bills in the years ahead.

LB 803 also establishes first-time homebuyer savings accounts, giving individuals and families a tax-advantaged way to save for down payments and closing costs. For many Nebraskans, the barrier to homeownership is not income, it is upfront cost. This reform helps make that first step more attainable and helps more people put down roots here.

Beyond tax policy, we saw progress in areas that often receive less attention but play a critical role in economic growth.

LB 663 improves agricultural zoning and permitting by creating more consistency and clarity across counties. For producers and communities alike, that means fewer surprises and more confidence when making investments.

LB 718 builds on a national push to modernize CPA licensure, removing unnecessary barriers for qualified professionals who want to move to Nebraska and get to work. It is a simple change, but one that signals Nebraska is serious about welcoming talent.

Just as important as what moved forward this session is what did not. Our team spent significant time pushing back on efforts that would have taken Nebraska in the wrong direction, including proposals that would have raised taxes or undermined the income tax relief enacted in recent years. Protecting that progress matters. If we are serious about competing for families and investment, we cannot afford to undo the gains we have made.

As we close out the session, it is also worth noting that the Legislature will look very different next year. With 25 seats up for reelection or term-limited, a number of long-time leaders will not be returning. That kind of transition brings change, but it also brings opportunity.

We want to thank the senators who worked to advance these policies and for their service to the state of Nebraska. Moving meaningful legislation forward is never easy, and these wins reflect a willingness to take on real challenges facing our state.

Looking ahead, our focus remains clear, and the “why” behind it matters.

If Nebraska is going to compete for families, workers, and investment, we have to be a place where people can afford to stay and build a future. That means not just slowing the growth of property taxes but ultimately lowering them. It means cutting red tape so starting or expanding a business is straightforward, not frustrating. It means ensuring energy is reliable and affordable so employers can invest with confidence. And it means making it easier for people to buy a home, put down roots and grow a future.

This session was a step in the right direction, and we are looking forward to continuing that work in the offseason and in the years to come.

Thanks for reading,
Jim

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Dear friend,

Recently, a new edition of the [Rich States, Poor States](#) report was released, and Nebraska reached a new milestone. Our state climbed to 27th in the nation for economic outlook, our best ranking ever, up from 31st just one year ago.

That improvement matters.

Not because rankings are simply about beating other states on a scoreboard, but because they reflect the underlying policies and economic realities shaping people’s lives. Stronger rankings often signal a state that is becoming more competitive for jobs, investment, entrepreneurs, and families looking for opportunity. The report measures a wide range of policies that impact economic competitiveness, including taxes, regulation, energy and labor policy, and government spending.

Nebraska’s improvement did not happen by accident. The main reason for our rise in the rankings is the income tax reform our team helped champion in 2023. Over the last several years, Nebraska has steadily lowered its income tax rates, and next year the top rate will fall to 3.99%.

That is meaningful progress and proof that our policy advocacy is making an impact.

But let’s not ignore the elephant in the room. Nebraska is still in the bottom half of states nationally. That is not something to celebrate.

What should concern us even more is who stands ahead of us. Nearly all of our regional competition outranks Nebraska, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. Sitting right behind us are Colorado and Kansas.

Two things are fundamentally clear from this report. First, Nebraska cannot afford to let up on progress. Second, we have room to grow, and there is no reason neighboring states should consistently outperform us.

To dive deeper into the report and what Nebraska should do next, I was thrilled to sit down with Jonathan Williams, co-author of [Rich States, Poor States](#) and President and Chief Economist at the [American Legislative Exchange Council \(ALEC\)](#), for the [latest episode of the Nebraskanomics podcast](#).

Jonathan spends his time studying the policies that push states forward and the mistakes that hold them back. One of the biggest takeaways from our conversation was just how important it is for states to avoid self-inflicted wounds.

A perfect example is Nebraska’s inheritance tax, often called the death tax. Nebraska is one of only five states in the country that still imposes this tax and the only state west of the Mississippi River that continues to do so.

We are an outlier, and not the kind that we should strive to be.

In fact, Jonathan said eliminating the inheritance tax alone would move Nebraska into the top 20 in these rankings (moving us ahead of both Iowa and Missouri). That should tell us

something important. Nebraska cannot keep making avoidable mistakes that put us at a disadvantage against nearly every neighboring state. Jonathan and I also discussed what separates the top-performing states from those stuck in the middle of the pack. States like Utah, Tennessee, and Idaho are not necessarily dominant in one specific category. What they do exceptionally well is avoid bad policy decisions and quickly correct mistakes when they arise. It reminds me of a lot of championship level sports teams. They may not always have the flashiest stars or the number one offense, but they consistently avoid costly mistakes and execute at a high-level year after year. Nebraska can absolutely become a top-tier state for economic growth and opportunity. States like Idaho prove that population size or geography are not excuses. Idaho has demographics similar to Nebraska and currently ranks third in the nation. The opportunity is there if we are willing to pursue it. I hope you will take the time to listen to this week's full episode of Nebraskanomics featuring Jonathan Williams. The conversation is packed with insights about where Nebraska is improving, where we are falling behind, and what it will take to compete at a much higher level in the years ahead. Thanks for reading, Jim

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MORE: <https://www.foxnews.com/.../nebraska-ends-in-state...>

HEALTH CARE

Hegseth says flu vaccines are now optional across the active duty and reserve forces

Under new Defense Department guidance, annual influenza vaccines are now voluntary for all active duty and reserve service members. Flu vaccines are no longer mandatory for service members, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said Tuesday morning, framing the new policy as part of his bid to “discard any absurd, overreaching mandates that only weaken our war fighting capabilities.” The new policy curbs a seven-decade mandate that has, since World War II, sought to limit the spread of influenza among troops who often live in tight quarters with limited hygiene. It also builds on Hegseth's tenure overseeing a Pentagon that has often sought to redress grievances among some service members over previous vaccination mandates, particularly with regard to COVID-19. The new policy was laid out in a memo for senior Pentagon leadership and the combatant commands, dated to Monday, that was widely shared across popular military forums and social media accounts hours before Hegseth announced the new policy on X.

MORE:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6mke976>

Beyond MST is a free, secure, trauma-sensitive mobile app that was created specifically to support the health and well-being of survivors of sexual assault or harassment during military service, also called military sexual trauma (MST).

The app has over 30 specialized tools and other features to help those who use it cope with challenges, manage symptoms, improve their quality of life and find hope. Users can also take brief assessments in the app, set self-care goals, track recovery progress, and learn more about MST and common concerns. You can use the app on your own or as a companion to formal treatment, and it

may be helpful to survivors of other types of unwanted sexual experiences, too. The app keeps your information private; no account is needed, and any personal information entered in the app is not shared with anyone, including the VA. You can set a PIN lock for extra privacy. You are not alone: the Beyond MST app can help.

Beyond MST was specifically designed for Veterans who experienced MST. However, it also may be helpful for anyone healing from unwanted sexual experiences, in or out of the military.

NOTE: Beyond MST does not replace professional care for concerns related to MST, including mental health conditions such as PTSD. The app does include tips for how to get help and links to resources for professional help if you need it.

Beyond MST was made by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Mobile Mental Health team at the National Center for PTSD, Dissemination and Training Division in collaboration with the National Center for PTSD, Women's Health Sciences Division and the national VA MST Support Team.

The Beyond MST app is a secure, confidential space for survivors of military sexual trauma. Use tools like mood tracking and guided self-care exercises at your own pace to support your healing.

#VAMobile <https://mobile.va.gov/app/beyond-mst>
<https://x.com/VAWomenVets/status/2049882781753147627?s=20>

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](#) [Live Online Chat](#)

Understanding the TRICARE claims process

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – When you receive a service, medication, or treatment as part of your TRICARE benefit, [filing a claim](#) is the way your provider gets reimbursed for their services. If you pay for services up front, filing a claim is how you get reimbursed. Read more to learn about when you need to file your own claim, how to view claim information, and how you can [appeal](#) a denied claim.

“Filing your own claims can sound intimidating if you’ve never done it before

MORE:

<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4449993/understanding-the-tricare-claims-process>

Miscellaneous Information

Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund (NVA)

The NVA Fund was established in 1921. This temporary emergency aid fund assists veterans, their spouses, and dependents when an emergency occurs disrupting their normal method of living and when other resources are not immediately available. For NVA purposes, veteran means any person who: https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nebraska-veterans-aid-fund-nva?utm_medium=paid&utm_source=fb&utm_id=120241874943650718&utm_content=120241874945270718&utm_term=120241874944060718&utm_campaign=120241874943650718
As of September 3, 2025, applications can be made through a [State Service Officer](#), in addition to the [County Veterans Service Officer](#) or Post Service Officer of any recognized veterans service organization.

Coast Guard families say they feel 'forgotten' amid government shutdown

Congress restores Coast Guard funding after 76-day partial shutdown

"I know we would never get an apology, but one could hope for one," said a Coast Guard spouse. [Jeff Schogol](#)

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SCORE can help you start, grow or successfully exit a business. Small business owners who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased growth.
Enter your ZIP code to find a free SCORE business mentor today.
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Events in May, 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

About SCORE Lincoln

Whether you are in the planning stages or are ready to go to the next level, we're here to help you with free mentoring and low-cost training. Volunteers can meet with clients at convenient locations in West-Central North Dakota.
<https://www.score.org/lincoln/about>

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

40 Upcoming SBA events May, 2026 to Nov 18, 2026

Use the fields to narrow your search and select the "Search for events" button to see your results.
(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)

Nebraska Veterans Organizations

Join Us

Click on the name of the organization below.

It will take you to their website.

Added this month (1)

[American Legion Post 3, Lincoln](#)

[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

cc: nevetscoalition@outlook.com

Things to Do in Nebraska

<https://tinyurl.com/ysb3nw4j>

[Interesting Local Events](#)

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

Offutt AFB Air and Space Show and Offutt Air Force Base

IT'S OFFICIAL! The Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show is August 8-9, 2026

Relive the excitement with clips from previous shows. 

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

Nebraska National Guard Museum

Welcome to the Nebraska National Guard Museum. The Museum is open for individual and large tour groups <https://tinyurl.com/dtj7zsch>

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[NASA's X-59 experimental supersonic aircraft makes second flight](#)

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).

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Military Mechanics

The FN EVOLYS is an ultralight machine gun combining rifle-like handling with belt-fed
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/999817099178536>



Opportunities in your Nebraska state parks

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/414bd79>

Your Parks Adventure starts May 1, with a historical twist

Spend your summer outdoors, soaking in Nebraska history. Take part in Your Parks Adventure: Trail Trek, an outdoor challenge that's getting a historical twist this year, in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

Work where you play - at a Nebraska state park

Your office could be the great outdoors. We're hiring now for a variety of seasonal and permanent positions at parks across Nebraska - some of the state's most beautiful outdoor spaces.

Birding Bowl offers fun for all ages, skill levels

The month of May is for the birds! May is Nebraska Bird Month, and we're giving you extra reasons to get out and discover the birds around you. Sign up for the Nebraska Birding Bowl, a friendly competition with a category for birders of all ages and skill levels.

Additional Opportunities

A delicious brunch buffet for Mom Mahoney State Park

Popular Platte River State Park trail reopens

Mark your calendars: May 16 is Free Fishing and Park Entry Day.

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<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/413e5c2>

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Visit the Schramm Education Center for May events

Make a visit to the Schramm Education Center south of Gretna, where educators have scheduled a variety of engaging events for the curious in May.

The center, located within Schramm Park State Recreation Area, is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and ages 4-12, and free for 3 and under.

A Nebraska Vehicle Park Entry Permit is not required to park in the Schramm Education Center parking lot.

Learn about Amphibians of Nebraska

Discover the fascinating world of Nebraska amphibians with state herpetologist Dennis Ferraro on May 2 at the Schramm Education Center to kick off National Amphibian Week.

This free event offers two opportunities for froggy fun, but registration is required.

Homeschool Hikes set for May 20

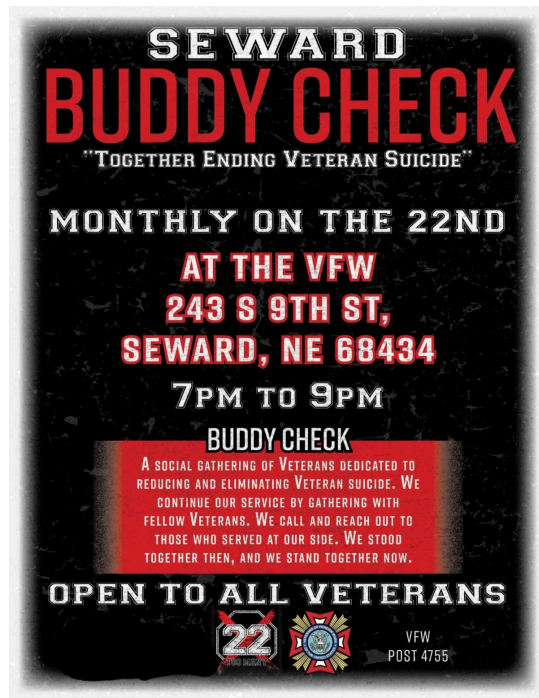
Homeschool families are invited to join an outdoor educator on a guided hike during the Homeschool Hikes program at 9 a.m. on May 20. This month's theme is Snakes.

During the program, participants may ask questions, draw, observe, and make discoveries in nature. They will have the opportunity to observe local phenomena, plants, and animals while exploring concepts such as patterns, cause and effect, and structure and function.

Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

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

Welcome to your gateway to career and employment resources for Nebraska veterans.
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650 people are needed to unfurl & raise this 250' x 505' flag.
Sign up now at PatrioticProductions.org

MAY 24, 2026 ★ SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER

Be part of something unforgettable this Memorial Day Weekend.

[Patriotic Productions](http://PatrioticProductions.org) is bringing the World's Largest American Flag to the Sandhills Global Event Center and it takes 650+ volunteers to help unfurl this massive 250' x 505' flag weighing nearly 3,000 pounds.

We're looking for community members, families, and groups who want to take part in this incredible moment. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to sign up to help unfurl the flag.

This FREE community event will also feature a drone show by Fantasy Drone, entertainment, food, drinks, and more.

Sign up to volunteer and be part of the experience at patrioticproductions.org
[#SGEC](#) [#Patriotic](#) [#MemorialDay](#) [#USA](#) [#FamilyFun](#) [#FreeEvent](#)

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Team Rubicon is serving communities all over the country in 2025, from a glacial flood in Alaska to the devastation of Hurricane Helene in the Southeast, from Long Term Recovery operations in Kentucky to wildfire response in California. Once again, Greyshirts step up to serve and drive another year of meaningful impact for communities in need.

[https://teamrubiconusa.org/...](https://teamrubiconusa.org/)

Nebraska Team.

This is a Private Group for Nebraska TR members only. Before joining the Group, please register with Team Rubicon at: <http://www.teamrubiconusa.org/join-the-team/>

Want to know more? Reach out to NE State Admin Bobby at william.smith@teamrubiconusa.org

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As military members, we served a purpose; we dedicated our lives to a higher cause. When we get out, many feel that we have lost that purpose. At Team Rubicon, we are taking the country by storm, proving that we are still valuable assets to our communities, our country, and the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/18eQva88bF/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

FREE Webinar: *Exporting Resources for Small Businesses*

Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 10AM-11:30AM

Register: <https://www.sba.gov/event/83550>

Questions, please contact Michael.Marsh@sba.gov

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Turn local success into a global business strategy. Hear from the people who can help.

WEBINAR

Thursday, May 7, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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