

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 publish monthly Event Newsletters and post them on the Coalition Website, Facebook, and (X), removing events after they conclude.

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.

COALITION MISSION

WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE: UPDATE

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition is a nonpartisan and/or bipartisan group. It was formed to raise veterans' awareness of what is happening in the Nebraska Unicameral. It informs veterans about their elected officials and the status of legislation on veterans' benefits moving through the Nebraska Unicameral. To keep Veterans, Active, Reserve and National Guard personnel updated on the latest military information.

1. Purposes:

- a. Encourage members to discuss issues on Coalition social media directly related to Veterans.
- b. Convince the Nebraska Legislature to provide incentives to attract and retain Veterans in Nebraska.
- c. Increase Nebraska revenue by increasing the veteran population.
- d. Improve the medical treatment of veterans.
- e. Encourage Coalition administrators and members to provide information to veterans and family members about available benefits from the VA and the State of Nebraska.
- f. Share information about efforts within the VA, the United States Congress, and the Nebraska Legislature to improve the support of veterans and their families.
- g. Share information with veterans, their families, and those who support veterans-related information and events on Nebraska Veterans Coalition's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1001038876574340/>), Website www.NebraskaVeterans.org, Twitter (X) @VetsCoalitionNE <https://x.com/VetsCoalitionNE>, and Nebraska Veterans Coalition Monthly Newsletter.
- h. Persuade Veterans to be more involved in the process of Democracy.

2. Primary Efforts:

- a. Advocating methods to improve retention of veterans in Nebraska.
- b. Working with the Legislature to gain support for increasing the number of veterans in Nebraska.

- c. Establishing more effective collaborative efforts to attract talent to Nebraska to respond to current and future workforce needs.
- d. Working with business leaders to inform them about the value of hiring veterans.
- e. Promote the options available for veterans to start a business and get government assistance.
- f. Encourage legislators and business leaders to market Nebraska to the Nation
- g. Working with Veteran Service Organizations.
- h. Working with the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs to improve services to veterans..

Find our Website



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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.

Glad You Asked: Your Right to VA Benefits Didn't Burn in the 1973 Fire

[U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EonleA2YDqo>

Health Care

If you have a 100% military VA disability, you can get Social Security Disability

This is related to our mission on Mental Health. For those in western Nebraska or following us from Colorado...

Dear Nebraska Veterans Coalition,

Hello from Denver, and I hope you're doing well. I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I wanted to take a moment to introduce the Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Veteran Suicide Prevention. We are a national center based out of the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center. We know both from research and community partnerships that local Veteran-serving organizations (like Nebraska Veterans Coalition) offer a friendly and effective way to share mental health and suicide prevention resources. With this in mind, I wanted to take a moment to introduce our center as well as a few no cost resources we hope may be helpful for outreach or to share with NE Veteran-serving organizations. They include:

- * Treatment Works for Vets website, introducing Veterans to evidence-based treatments and access to services

- * FINVET – a One Stop Shop to help Veterans earn \$, save \$ and protect their \$

- * Uniting for Suicide Postvention, healing following a suicide loss

- * Clinical resources for providers, including a no-cost webinar series and Suicide Risk Management consult service for providers serving Veterans

We also host free print educational and promotional materials on our public order form:

[\[https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/orderform/orderform.asp\]](https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/orderform/orderform.asp)

[\[https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/orderform/orderform.asp\]](https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/orderform/orderform.asp)

Thank you for all you do connecting Nebraska Veterans with positive connections plus vital resources and information. Please reach out if RMIRECC may ever be of any assistance.

My best,

Melissa McHarg

NWI Current | News from your local VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care

Veterans Health Administration sent this bulletin at 08/18/2026 05:33 PM EDT
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/4259a48>

What Types of Hearing Aids Does Veterans Affairs Provide for Veterans? | Audiology | theSITREP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlaR-4xSeTU>

Suicide prevention is for all Veterans, no matter what you're facing

August 14, 2026, Dr. Steven Dobscha, Acting Executive Director, Office of Suicide Prevention

VA support is for every Veteran

If you've ever wondered whether VA's suicide prevention support is really meant for you, here's the short answer: yes.

If you live in a rural area

Living far from a VA medical center doesn't put support out of reach. Roughly a quarter of Veterans live in rural communities, and VA has built ways to connect them with services.

If you're not enrolled in VA healthcare

If you've never reached out before

[https://news.va.gov/148703/suicide-prevention-veterans-no-matter-facing/?
utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](https://news.va.gov/148703/suicide-prevention-veterans-no-matter-facing/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Topics in this story

[Suicide Prevention](#)
[Veterans Crisis Line](#)

With Federal EHR, no more 'last-four' check-in at VA Medical Centers

August 19, 2026, Alan Greilsamer VA EHRM Communications

For Veterans, superior care begins the moment they check in at a VA medical facility. For years, they've had to provide their "last-four," or the last four digits of their Social Security number (SSN) for various services at VA facilities. But now, thanks to the Federal Electronic Health Record (EHR), they only need a quick scan of their Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) to check in.

Improved privacy protections

This update applies across all sites using the Federal EHR and demonstrates how VA continues to prioritize patient data security.....

What Veterans need to know

Veterans can prepare for this change by bringing their VHIC to appointments at facilities using the Federal EHR. After.....

<https://tinyurl.com/2ja68f36>

Talk directly to a registered Nurse 24/7
1-800 TRICARE

Q&A: Understanding the Global Nurse Advice Line

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Do you know what to do when you or a family member feels sick, but it's outside of business hours? Should you go to an urgent care clinic or the emergency room, or wait until your doctor's office is open? Luckily, TRICARE has a service called the Global Nurse Advice Line that can help when you need healthcare guidance.

What's the Global Nurse Advice Line?

<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4562929/qa-understanding-the-global-nurse-advice-line>

WATCH: Global Nurse Advice Line: Your Partner in Health

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7a_Sh96nP8

Military Health Care: Information on Use of and Access to Toxic

Exposure Records

GAO-26-108483 Published: Jul 22, 2026. Publicly Released: Jul 22, 2026.

Military service members and veterans can have health issues associated with exposure to toxic substances during military service—such as smoke from open-air burn pits. In 2019, DOD and VA launched a web application to house data on individuals' exposures. It can be used to process disability claims, provide health care, and conduct research.

In this Q&A, we examined who uses this application. We found that most users were VA staff who process disability claims, but clinicians and researchers used it as well.

Currently, service members can access and update their own records. Veterans should have access by October 2026.

What GAO Found

[https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-108483?](https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-108483?fbclid=IwY2xjawUALCZwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMWZwWINDWXZGTWdZaTdid1JzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEgQ-m4mx50RSYb7fSgDBXxYgVPvL3lrykYrFlyjXbcYVYnxfKGtzZt6lhQsk_aem_fJE9WHou0QgTbT0ODa_hFA)

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Nebraska Veterans' Homes

Our Homes

Nebraska's state veterans' homes offer top-of-the-line assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory care for the men and women who have served our country, as well as eligible family members. The four homes are located in Bellevue, Norfolk, Kearney, and Scottsbluff to provide care to veterans across the state. Click on the homes below to learn more about them.

What We Offer

Our homes offer top-of-the-line health services, a range of recreational activities, friendly communities for veterans and their families, and more. [Click here to view our State of Nebraska Veterans' Homes brochure.](#)

LEGISLATION

The Nebraska Unicameral

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

• **Gun Laws Have Changed!**

Enter your email below to claim your free 2026 Gun Law Map. This tool lets you *protect yourself* by knowing where you can and cannot carry your firearm, so you can travel with confidence.

<https://tinyurl.com/4er7f5mz>

122,000 Veterans Have Lost Disability Pay to an Old Rule. 2 Senate Bills Could Change It

A veteran takes a lump-sum payment on the way out of the military and files for disability years later. They [then move on](#) with life. Eventually, a letter arrives from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The monthly disability check, it says, will not be coming.

That is the practice two U.S. senators are now trying to stop. How they would stop it says a lot about what kind of relief disabled veterans might see. A Democrat and a Republican have each introduced a bill aimed at the same problem, but the two measures would help veterans in very different ways.

Separation pay is a lump sum some service members receive when they leave the military, often involuntarily, as a force-management tool. Disability compensation is something else entirely. This is meant to offset the toll of service-connected injuries and illnesses.

MORE:

https://www.military.com/122000-veterans-have-lost-disability-pay-to-an-old-rule-2-senate-bills-could-change-it?fbclid=IwY2xjawT6l0JwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMUpjeDZFMnl3V0JXNkRSVnpzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEel7c2k3ipfMMuWMjHZYpCqQZs09fG9mID93j27MBrof4OxICcErA76Do5Y_aem_A1d4EH8JNFyyi0WC0tBzPw

Thousands of Veterans Could See Extra \$833 Per Month; Bill Stalled in Senate

H.R. 6047 boosts aid-and-attendance pay for disabled veterans, raises survivor DIC, and expands VA home loan access for Guard and Reserve members.

Several thousand veterans await the outcome of a bill currently stalled in the U.S. Senate that would add roughly \$833 a month to their benefits.

H.R. 6047, known as the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026, would benefit those already eligible for a monthly aid and attendance allowance due to service-connected disabilities or traumatic brain injuries.

https://www.military.com/thousands-veteran-could-see-extra-833-per-month-bill-stalled-senate?fbclid=IwY2xjawT6oUJwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMUpjeDZFMnl3V0JXNkRSVnpzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe5GKdXqu2LbmKqwnwm86Nol4o-RBkX60_blu_y8duNfo_cDJiVQM-TZ1LeYg_aem_k-4DlggLI0zVBSvZpbzPeQ

Miscellaneous Information

Physician's Certification for Late Homestead Exemption Filing

- **Attach this form to the Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application, Form 458.**
File With Your County Assessor

Who May File. A homestead exemption applicant may file a late application (after June 30 of the homestead application year) if this form is completed with either Box 1 or Box 2 checked. This form is used to verify that the applicant had a medical condition during the time period starting February 2 and ending on or before June 30 of the application year.

[https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/pad/homestead/Form 458L 2026.pdf](https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/pad/homestead/Form%20458L%202026.pdf)

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<https://www.aerotechnews.com/>

Downloadable Document: [Estate Planning Workbook](#)

Description

This step-by-step estate planning workbook for the military community is designed to help loved ones quickly find contacts, documents, accounts and final wishes when it matters most.

https://www.militaryonesource.mil/documents/estate-planning-workbook-d265/?fbclid=IwY2xjawT8S4NwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydGMGYXBwX2lkEDlyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR5Vrlp053Jy6BHRCLjm7_Tq0RWgFwHp5fPrtlAlaxiBpBE8iyvR6FreHnN8cg_aem_M9ZAytBa2u20nfyRQgOZ6w

Pentagon Schools to Teach Western Civilization — America's Christian Roots Get a Seat Back at the Table

By [L Todd Wood](#) August 15, 2026

The Department of Defense is doing something that would have been unremarkable a generation ago: teaching America's children the truth about where Western civilization came from. Under Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's direction, the Department of War Education Activity (DoWEA) is rolling out a new 'Western Civilization to 1500' course this fall across the roughly 160 schools it operates for military families worldwide.

The course — a full-year elective for 9th through 12th graders — traces the development of Western thought from ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia through the Greeks, Romans, and Christians, all the way to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. It emphasizes classical education: Socratic discussion, primary sources, and the deep ideas that built the civilization American service members have sacrificed for generations to defend.

MORE: https://armedforces.press/pentagon/2026/08/15/pentagon-schools-to-teach-western-civilization-americas-christian-roots-get-a-seat-back-at-the-table/?utm_source=truthsocial

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/234709767253230/>

Who is incoming in the next 30-120 days, working through the options of on-base, rent or buy, and needs a custom home search to help you and your family choose the right option?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pcsoffutt/permalink/2063667974357391/>

For a list of homes to buy, head over to Savvy Omaha Homebuyers®. This is our sister page where we go deeper into buying, selling, and education.

Here are the weekly rentals: https://zsvc.paragon.ice.com/s/goto/Z_XNhExNOyd

Pet-Friendly rentals:

https://zsvc.paragon.ice.com/s/goto/IUuf_y20tJUhttps://zsvc.paragon.ice.com/s/goto/Z_XNhExNOyd

PCSing to Offutt AFB? Making Bellevue home as a military family? Or getting ready to move to your next base?

This support group for Offutt AFB military spouses and families is built for you.

Life near the Missouri River and the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum is unlike any other duty station — and we're here to help you make the most of it.

Here's what you'll find in Offutt AFB PCS Pay It Forward

This support group for Offutt AFB ...See more **ABOUT:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/234709767253230/>

Kim Johnson

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Only members can see who's in the group and what they post. Visible

Anyone can find this group. Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska



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Newsletter & Events

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/ndva-newsletter-august-2026?e=64def6304a>

NDVA Calendar of Events

Every month, NDVA sends a calendar of events listing events the agency hosts or attends. Below are some upcoming events.

September 2026

- September 7 - [Nebraska State Fair Veterans Day Celebration](#) - BigIron Events Center, Grand Island
- September 11 - [WWFS Dunham House Opening](#) - Omaha
- September 12 - 155th Air Refueling Wing Family Day - NE National Guard Air Base, Lincoln
- September 13 - 45th All Makes Auto & Truck Show - Southeast Community College, Lincoln
- September 15-17 - [Husker Harvest Days](#) - Grand Island
- September 18-20 - [Nebraska Women Veterans Symposium](#) - Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Kearney
- September 21 - Coffeehaus - Auld Pavilion, Lincoln
- September 22 - [Buddy Check](#) - Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter, Lincoln

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

Many benefits are 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/>

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)

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



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE^e

Get Started on the Upland Slam with grouse season

Ready... set... go. Take on a challenge this fall and get started on the Nebraska Upland Slam with prairie grouse season on Sept. 1.

To take home the Slam, you'll need to harvest four upland species in Nebraska. With long seasons, access to 1.2 million acres of publicly accessible land, and great mixed bag opportunities, this is a worthy challenge for you and your hunting crew.

Continue the adventure with pheasant season, which kicks off Oct. 31. It will be a momentous occasion: the state's 100th pheasant season. Join the celebration and spend the day in the field.

Upcoming season openers

- Sept. 1: Prairie grouse, dove, archery deer seasons open
- Sept. 5: Early teal season opens
- Oct. 24-25: Youth pheasant, quail, partridge season
- Oct. 31: Pheasant, quail, partridge seasons open
- November 14-22, 2026: November firearm deer season

Compete in youth target shooting competition: Now's the time to take hunter education

MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/4z7h3n72>



\$18 million affordable housing project announced for Lincoln's former Veteran's Hospital

By [Maddie Ames](#), Reporter

Aug. 19, 2026, 3:20 p.m. · 2 min read

City of Lincoln officials and partners gather for a photo to celebrate the VA hospital redevelopment project. (Courtesy of the city of Lincoln)

The nearly 100-year-old Veterans Administration Hospital in Lincoln is getting new life. Lincoln Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird announced plans Wednesday to redevelop the hospital near 70th and O streets into affordable housing.

In partnership with the Omaha investment company Burlington Capital, Lincoln's Seniors Foundation and Aging Partners, the city is adding 95 affordable housing units.

Urban Development Department Director Dan Marvin said the redevelopment project will prioritize veterans. He added it will ensure "those who served our country have increased access to stable, quality housing."

"About 15 years ago, it became pretty clear that the VA hospital, which had opened as you pointed out 95 years ago, could no longer meet the medical needs of veterans, and so the Seniors Foundation and the city of Lincoln began working towards a solution," said Retired Major Gen. Roger Lempke, the former president for the Seniors Foundation.

The project will maintain the historic exterior while renovating the interior and includes environmental abatement, energy enhancements and other critical improvements, Marvin said. It is estimated to be completed in October 2027.

Jeremy Raridon, a representative from Burlington, said there will be 20 studio units, 58 one-bedroom units, 16 two-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit.

The average rent will be around \$1,000 with utilities included, Raridon said, but some units will have lower rents depending on the income of the renters.

The project will qualify for about \$850,000 in proposed tax increment financing — or TIF – as well as low-income housing tax credits.

This is all part of Lincoln’s continued effort to add affordable housing. Officials said the city remains on track with its goal of providing 5,000 new, rehabilitated or subsidized affordable housing units by 2030.

According to the Affordable Housing Progress Report, the city is 14% ahead of schedule toward its goal. As of now, 3,201 units have been made available.

The project also addresses the rising population of seniors in the city. Recently, the city announced its new “Age-Friendly Action Plan,” which focuses on increasing access to housing, and information for seniors, as well as improving mobility.

Aging Partners told Nebraska Public Media News that as Baby Boomers reach 65, Lancaster County’s senior population grows by 1,500 people each year.

There will be a public hearing and vote on the project at Monday’s City Council meeting.

<https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/news/news-articles/18-million-affordable-housing-project-announced-for-lincolns-former-veterans-hospital/>

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(OPEN) <https://www.nebraska.gov/>

Veterans

SBA offers support for veterans as they enter the world of business ownership, including funding programs, training, and federal contracting opportunities. SBA has resources for every part of the veteran entrepreneurship journey!

<https://www.sba.gov/veterans/>

Veteran Small Business Certification (VetCert) program

Growing your business

Counseling and guidance for veterans

Veteran contracting assistance programs

Veteran Small Business Certification (VetCert) program

How to apply

Eligibility requirements

Benefits of SBA Certification: <https://www.sba.gov/veterans/>

Certification transfer from the VA and one-year extension

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) program

Program Benefits:

The federal government aims to award at least 5% of all federal contracting dollars to SDVOSBs each year.

Competition is limited for certain federal contract opportunities to businesses that participate in the SDVOSB program.

Joining the SDVOSB program makes your business eligible to compete for the program’s [set-aside and sole source contracts](#).

You can view the full eligibility requirements in the [final rule published in the Federal Register](#).

Surplus Personal Property for Veteran-Owned Small Business programs

SDVOSBs and VOSBs can get federal surplus property from certain agencies in the state in the state where the property will be primarily located and used.

Program benefits

Eligibility requirements

Resources

Need help?

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of entrepreneurship. As the leading voice for small businesses within the federal government, the SBA empowers job creators with the resources and support they need to start, grow, and expand their businesses or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

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 to our partner organizations, lenders, and other community groups that help small businesses succeed.

Areas we serve

The Nebraska District Office serves the entire state of Nebraska.

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[\(Nebraska Business Development Center, UNO\)](#),

[CFRA \(Center for Rural Affairs Nebraska\)](#), [NEF \(Nebraska Enterprise Fund\)](#),

[GROW \(The GROW Nebraska® Foundation\)](#), [GNWBC \(Grow Nebraska Women Business Center\)](#)

Find free in-person upcoming events: <https://www.sba.gov/events?istrict=49&page=0>

Not all events listed here are on the SBA Nebraska District Office calendar:

<https://www.sba.gov/district/nebraska>

Most webinars are recorded: <https://www.score.org/recorded-webinars>

Note: Additional SCORE Webinars can be found at: <https://www.score.org/twincities/local-workshops>.

For those interested in food businesses: If you are getting into cottage food sales, you must take an accredited food safety training required per LB 304, part of the Nebraska Pure Food Act. Nebraska Extension offers a "Cottage Food Law Training Course" - a Self-Paced Online Class. This \$25 online course fulfills the accredited training requirement and is endorsed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, and the Douglas County Health Department. Register and pay for the course: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/extension/cottage-law.html>

For more information on SCORE, visit the Greater Omaha SCORE Chapter at <https://omaha.score.org/>

To find an SBA Resource Partner near you, go to <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>

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<https://x.com/MilitaryTimes/status/2092676603167830214/video/1>

Video from the Air Force shows the impact of munitions delivered by a B-2 Spirit on a target at the Nevada Test and Training Range.

Things to Do in Nebraska

<https://tinyurl.com/ysb3nw4j>

Interesting Local Events

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

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They walked through mud and sand and places most of us will never go. They carried weight that had nothing to do with what was on their feet. And when the journey was over, they were left behind — empty, still, and full of everything they had witnessed.

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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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[Welcome to Boots to Business](#)

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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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