

# A Volunteer Organization Bringing Awareness To Veteran's Issues

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## COALITION MISSION

### WHAT WE DO AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE UPDATE

**Can be found on our Website.**

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition is a non-partisan and bi-partisan group formed to raise veterans' awareness about what is happening at the Nebraska Unicameral. To inform veterans of their elected officials and the legislation on veterans' benefits going through the Nebraska Unicameral.

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**Find the previous Nebraska Veterans Coalition Newsletters here**

## **Special Veteran Links**

Click here [Links](#) for a variety of Veteran Websites

## **Businesses Supporting Veterans**

Are you a veteran-owned business or a business hiring veterans?

Email your business card to us with a link to your website or Facebook page, and it 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)

**Nebraska Veterans Organizations**

**Join Us and add your link to our website**

**Added this month**

**(If you wish your organization added to our website, send us an email with the link)**

Our email is [comeoncubs100@gmail.com](mailto:comeoncubs100@gmail.com)  
cc: [nevetscoalition@outlook.com](mailto:nevetscoalition@outlook.com)

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### **Nebraska Veteran Service Organizations and Veteran Service Groups**

*We would like your assistance in informing members of your organization via email or Facebook. 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 or group's Facebook pages.*

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## **Legislation**

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### **City of Omaha Elections**

The City of Omaha holds a special primary and general election every four years to elect a mayor and all seven members of the city council. The elections are held the year following a Presidential Election. The primary election is held the first Tuesday in April. The general election is held the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May.

City of Omaha elections are officially nonpartisan. Political party information is not printed on the ballot. The two candidates receiving the most votes during the primary election will advance to the general election.

[https://www.votedouglasscounty-ne.gov/city\\_elections.aspx](https://www.votedouglasscounty-ne.gov/city_elections.aspx)

The 2025 Omaha general election will be held on Tuesday, May 13.

All seven City Council seats and the mayor are on the ballot.

The winner of each office in the general election will take office on the fourth Monday following the general election..

### **Important Dates**

May 2 Deadline to register to vote at the Douglas County Election Office and deadline to request a mail-in ballot (by 6 p.m.)

May 6 Recommended last day to return mail-in ballot via mail

May 12 Last day to vote early at Douglas County Election Office (closes at 5 p.m.)

May 13 General Election Day (polls open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

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### **Senators who introduced, cosponsored, or added their names supporting specific veteran-related legislative bills during the first session of the 109th Nebraska Legislative Session**

[Brad vonGillern](#)  
[Victor Rountree](#)  
[George Dugan](#)  
[Bob Andersen](#)  
[Tom Brandt](#)  
[John Cavanaugh](#)  
[Teresa Ibach](#)  
[Megan Hunt](#)  
[Ashiel Spivey](#)  
[Danielle Conrad](#)  
[Beau Ballard](#)  
[Margo Juarez](#)  
[Carolyn Bosn](#)  
[Kathleen Kauth](#)  
[Tanya Storer](#)  
[Brian Harding](#)  
[Robert Clements](#)  
[Robert Hallstrom](#)

[Rick Holdcroft](#)  
[Dunixi Guereca](#)  
[Dan Lonowski](#)  
[Dan McKeon](#)  
[Barry DeKay](#)  
[Rita Sanders](#)  
[Ben Hansen](#)  
[Tony Sorrentino](#)  
[Jane Raybould](#)  
[Glen Meyer](#)  
[John Fredrickson](#)  
[Stan Clouse](#)  
[Jason Prokop](#)  
[Dave Murman](#)  
[Myron Dorn](#)  
[Loren Lippincott](#)  
[Brian Harding](#)  
[Mike Moser](#)

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## Your input is needed for All Veteran Related Legislative Bills.

The hearing may have concluded, but you can still submit comments, which is essential. Senators have the option to view them. Your input may sway them to vote based on your suggestion. Please read the bill as introduced. After you turn in your comment, you will receive an email to verify and complete the process.

This NDVA lists all of the bills identified as veteran-related. Click on the bill number and it will connect you to the Nebraska legislative site to search for that bill. If you use a bill tracker and have two email addresses, you can track all of them. (Free).

[https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025 Legislation.pdf](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025%20Legislation.pdf)

Many bill hearings are scheduled for early February; you should comment ASAP. Even if the bill has had a hearing, you should still comment. !!!

Help get these bills out of committee.

Thanks,

Dean Kenkel

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### Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

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

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

#### Legislative Issues

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues>

### **34 Active Bills**

**Bill Tracker April 25, 2025**

[https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025 Legislation.pdf](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/2025%20Legislation.pdf)

**The hearings have concluded for this session.**

**Find the veterans' bills by using this link provided by the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs**

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/legislative-issues>

**Sign up to Receive Our Legislative Tracker Each Week**

**Select "Legislative Issues" when you subscribe to our email newsletter.**

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## NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

**The official site of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature**

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/>

### **Search Bills and Resolutions**

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/>

### **Public Input Options**

**Your Testimony or online comments are very Important**

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/public-input.php>

Ensuring that members of the public have the opportunity to have their voices heard is vital to the legislative process. The following options allow citizens to share their views on a bill with the Legislature. *Please read each option carefully, as each has a different outcome as to how your input is recorded.*

### **New in 2024**

**Simplified Bill View**

**Inclusion of New Public Input Methods**

**Public Committee Documentation Review**

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?fbclid=IwY2xjawHa3H5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfj3gr8CK69Ny0Tzh7QWImYKkF-iVcNwPF13V_N_rWfMGQeEAp8i_osKmA_aem_LJGvxzFR2lvz2qTHO_nw)

[fbclid=IwY2xjawHa3H5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfj3gr8CK69Ny0Tzh7QWImYKkF-iVcNwPF13V\\_N\\_rWfMGQeEAp8i\\_osKmA\\_aem\\_LJGvxzFR2lvz2qTHO\\_nw](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?fbclid=IwY2xjawHC9CilleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfj3gr8CK69Ny0Tzh7QWImYKkF-iVcNwPF13V_N_rWfMGQeEAp8i_osKmA_aem_LJGvxzFR2lvz2qTHO_nw)

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?fbclid=IwY2xjawHC9CilleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfj3gr8CK69Ny0Tzh7QWImYKkF-iVcNwPF13V_N_rWfMGQeEAp8i_osKmA_aem_LJGvxzFR2lvz2qTHO_nw)

[fbclid=IwY2xjawHC9CilleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfj3gr8CK69Ny0Tzh7QWImYKkF-iVcNwPF13V\\_N\\_rWfMGQeEAp8i\\_osKmA\\_aem\\_LJGvxzFR2lvz2qTHO\\_nw](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/new/new.php?fbclid=IwY2xjawHC9CilleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfj3gr8CK69Ny0Tzh7QWImYKkF-iVcNwPF13V_N_rWfMGQeEAp8i_osKmA_aem_LJGvxzFR2lvz2qTHO_nw)

New and experienced users of the legislature's bill page may find sorting amendments, motions, and bill activity confusing. The Legislature is introducing a simplified bill page alternative.

In this session, every bill voted out of the committee will have additional documentation displayed along

with the committee statement.  
[2025 Nebraska Legislative Calendar](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/calendar.php)  
<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/calendar.php>  
[Find your Senator and District](#)  
[Enter street address, city, state and zip code](#)  
[Nebraska Legislature - Find Your Senator](#)  
[Senator Roster Listing \(print friendly\)](#)  
<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/senators/roster.pdf>  
[Complete Legislative Hearing dates](#)  
[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/hearings\\_range.php](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/hearings_range.php)

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## House Republican Pushing for Tax Exemption for Military Bonuses to Be Included in Trump Agenda Bill

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/01/military-bonuses-would-be-tax-exempt-under-bill-house-republican.html>

Bonuses for enlisting and reenlisting in the military would be tax exempt under a bill introduced in the House on Tuesday.

The bill, from Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., would afford all service members the same tax benefits as troops deployed to combat zones, who don't have to pay taxes on bonuses or other income they receive while deployed.

"Military service members raise their right hands to defend our country and, in return, they deserve to keep every cent of the bonus they earn," Mast, an Army veteran who lost both of his legs while serving in Afghanistan, said in a statement. "This bill removes the unfair tax burden that has long affected military bonuses and keeps hard-earned money in the pockets of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Guardians." .....**MORE** Read Next: [Hegseth Has Ordered a Combat Standards Review. It's Unclear How It Might Apply to All the Services.](#)

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## HEALTH CARE

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### ***PTSD: National Center for PTSD*** **Coping with Traumatic Stress Reactions**

Available [en Español](#)

Recovery after a traumatic event is a process that takes time. If you take direct action to cope with your stress reactions it may create a sense of power. Learn how you can use active coping after trauma and for PTSD symptoms.

Reading time: 8 minutes

#### **Active Coping**

- Active coping means accepting the impact of trauma on your life and taking direct action to improve things.
- Active coping occurs even when there is no crisis. Active coping is a way of responding to everyday life. It is a skill that you can learn and develop.

#### **Know That Recovery Is a Process**

Following a traumatic event most people experience stress reactions. Understand that recovering from the trauma is a process and takes time. Knowing this will help you feel more in control. A few tips:

- Having an ongoing response to the trauma is normal.
- Recovery is an ongoing, daily process. It happens little by little. It is not a matter of being cured all of a sudden.
- Healing doesn't mean forgetting traumatic events. It doesn't mean you will have no pain or bad feelings when thinking about them.
- Healing may mean fewer symptoms and symptoms that bother you less.
- Healing means more confidence that you will be able to cope with your memories and symptoms. You will be better able to manage your feelings.

#### **In This Article**

[https://www.ptsd.va.gov/gethelp/coping\\_stress\\_reactions.asp#three](https://www.ptsd.va.gov/gethelp/coping_stress_reactions.asp#three)

[Positive Coping Actions](#)

[Coping with the Symptoms of PTSD](#)

## You're in the driver's seat: Making VA health care work for you

VA's push to streamline and expedite appointment scheduling

April 8, 2025, Trina Bolton

Media Relations Specialist, VHA Office of Integrated Veteran Care

<https://news.va.gov/139396/youre-in-drivers-seat-making-health-care-work/>

When it comes to your health care, you're in the driver's seat—choosing where, when and how to connect with VA.

VA has made real progress in cutting appointment wait times and we're working hard to make it easier to connect you with high-quality care when you need it. This means shorter wait times to get scheduled and more options for scheduling appointments that are most convenient for you.

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## **Home Base**

[Homebase.org](https://homebase.org) (Open)

### **Free No Cost for treatment, transportation or lodging**

#### **Specializing in treating invisible wounds**

*As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the first and largest private-sector clinic in America and the only private-sector clinic in New England devoted to providing lifesaving clinical care and support for the treatment of invisible wounds.*

*Since our founding in 2009, Home Base has been breaking new ground, leading regional and national efforts with a multidisciplinary team of experts working to help Veterans, Service Members and their Families heal from invisible wounds. By caring for Veterans, Service Members and their Families in a family-based clinic and working in cooperation with the US Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA), Home Base serves as a replicable model to promote the health and well-being of Veterans, Service Members and their Families nationwide.*

#### **Goals of the Treatment**

<https://homebase.org/program/icp/> (Open)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
NEBRASKA-WESTERN IOWA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Omaha  
4101 Woodworth Avenue  
Omaha NE 68105-1873  
Lincoln  
4320 Veterans Park Dr.  
Lincoln, NE 68510-2484  
Grand Island  
2201 N. Douglas Blvd. Avenue  
Grand Island NE 68803-2196

In Reply Refer to 636119

Dear Veteran:

You are receiving this letter because our records show that you have received a prescription for **IBUPROFEN tablets** and you have an active prescription on file. **Product manufactured by Granules India Limited is being recalled due to quality concerns with their manufacturing practices. This recall only impacts product manufactured by Granules India Limited.** There are many other manufacturers for ibuprofen that are not impacted by this recall. **IBUPROFEN** is a medication used to treat pain and inflammation.

Ibuprofen tablets impacted by this recall are shown below. Please check your current bottle of ibuprofen to determine if you have product that is impacted. Please continue to use the medication you have on hand until you receive the supply we are sending you. If you are no longer using **IBUPROFEN**, discard the medication to prevent future use. If you need a medication disposal envelope, we would be happy to mail one to you.



Please contact your Healthcare Provider and/or seek care immediately if you feel that you are experiencing an adverse effect related to this recall.

Thank you for trusting VA with your health care needs. Your VA Medical Center is committed to providing the best possible care. Please call 1-833-983-0492 (Option 1) if you have questions or concerns related to this recall.

Sincerely,

VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System  
Pharmacy Department

## Learn About Resources and Support

VA has a variety of mental health resources, information, treatment options and more—all accessible to Veterans, Veterans' supporters and the general public. Explore the pages below to learn more about a specific mental health topic or to find information specifically tailored to your needs. You can also visit the [Get Help](#) page to explore VA resources that address the unique stressors and experiences that Veterans may face.

### Explore by Topic

VA provides support for a variety of mental health conditions and other challenges. Each of these pages includes resources, information on treatment options, and more.

[https://mentalhealth.va.gov/?utm\\_campaign=gmh\\_april\\_2025\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=banner\\_header](https://mentalhealth.va.gov/?utm_campaign=gmh_april_2025_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=banner_header)



*What we do:* <https://ateaseusa.org/> (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.

**Programs/Services:** <https://ateaseusa.org/services/> (Open)

[Counseling Services : Vets 4 Vets Peer Support Group](#)

[1:1 Peer Support Services: Healing Circle for Warrior Women](#)

[Virtual Military Spouse & Caregiver Support Group](#)

[Trauma-Informed Yoga : Dialectical Behavior Therapy \(DBT\) group](#)

[Virtual Women's Vets 4 Vets: Teen Talk Group: Buddy Check](#)

**NEW**

[6-Week Trauma-Informed Yoga Services \(National Guard\)](#)

[Equine-Assisted Therapy](#)

[Vet4Vet Peer Networking Services](#)

[Military and Veteran Event](#)

We will also have a golf tournament on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tregaron Golf Course. Please save the date, we will be posting sponsorship information soon to our website.

[Forge Ahead 5K Run](#)

Our annual 5K will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Walnut Creek Lake and Recreation Area, another save the date and info on signing up will be available soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Kim Burkhalter  
At Ease USA

[Camp Recharge](#)

Calling all military families! Pack your bags for a weekend full of adventure, relaxation, and family fun. We're combining the thrill of the outdoors with the benefits of wellness activities designed just for you!

- [June 13-15, 2025 Register https://ateaseusa.org/events/](#)

**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 you can help.](#)

Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a military or medical hero.

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

Contact us:

At Ease USA, 10605 Burt Circle, Omaha, NE 68114

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

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

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

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## 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month Toolkit

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Check out what SAMHSA is doing, share our materials, and remember that we all play vital roles in caring for our mental health!

### The Toolkit is a One-Stop Shop

The toolkit offers comprehensive resources in a central location that you can download and share. Some content can be customized for the needs of your audiences. The toolkit includes:

- Key messages and themes for each week in May.
- Social media content, graphics, and promotional materials designed for your audiences and media channels.
- Messaging that encourages acceptance and support of people living with a mental illness.
- Best practices for supportive and beneficial discussions about mental health.
- Additional resources for increasing awareness about mental health in May and beyond

**MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/2j52nm7d>

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## Miscellaneous Information

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### Armed Forces Day 2025 in the United States

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

#### Is Armed Forces Day a Public Holiday?

Even though Armed Forces Day falls on Saturday, May 17, 2025, it is a working day. Most businesses in the United States follow regular opening hours.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/armed-forces-day>

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On the last Thursday of each month at Don & Millies located at 144th & Harrison

**May 29, 2025**

**(January through October),**

The Omaha National Cemetery Support Committee receives 20% of all sales. The committee is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

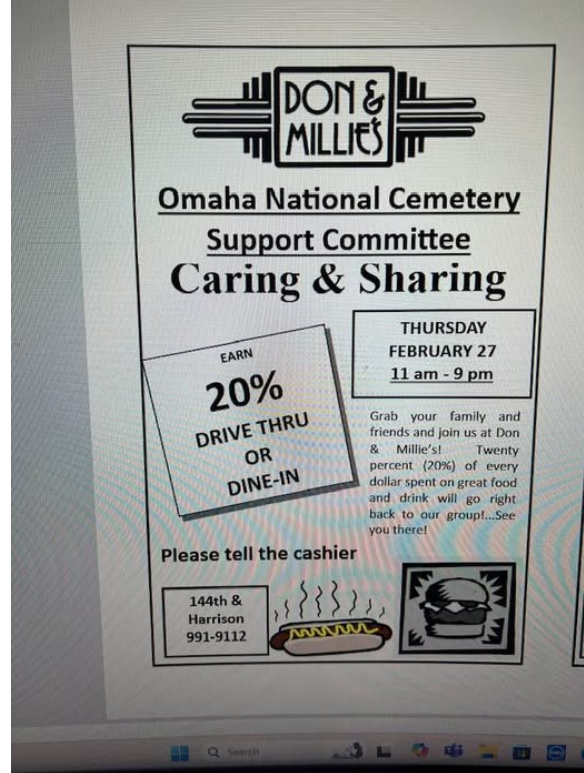
The committee organizes and supports events at the request of the cemetery director, including events such as Memorial Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, outreach programs, event traffic control, lobby staffing, grounds beautification, monument cleaning, and a new endeavor — to fund a major monument for the cemetery.

Thank you for considering it!

Vicky Cerino, retired Air Force and Air National Guard and secretary, Omaha National Cemetery Support Committee

**The flyer is being updated with the May date!!!! And will be posted on the Coalition Facebook page**





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### MOAA's and Heartland Chapter's Missions are the Same.

Our Heartland Chapter also focuses on state and local issues, interfacing with the Legislature and the Governor. Our meetings, speakers, newsletters, website, and community involvement provide a really great environment for camaraderie and mutual support. We are like family.

As MOAA does, WE NEVER STOP SERVING.... We are One Powerful Voice – For every officer at every stage of life and career... Join Us !! You will be glad you did !

Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed service and their surviving spouses.

### Our website has a Monthly Newsletter and sponsors

Currently being updated

Visit

<https://heartlandmoaa.org/>

**FACEBOOK**

[https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=heartland chapter moaa](https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=heartland+chapter+moaa)

### Why Join MOAA

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause but also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise they made to their country: Never Stop Serving. <https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>

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In May 2025, we're embarking on an extraordinary journey - the Old Glory Ultra Relay. Twelve courageous military Veterans will attempt to set a world record by carrying a single American flag across the nation in a transcontinental relay, from San Diego, CA to Washington, DC. The relay will challenge the limits of human endurance, traversing diverse terrains and weathering all conditions, day and night. That's right! The flag never stops moving. The mission? Set a world record for relaying a single American flag across the country while raising \$1 million for Veteran health and wellness.

[https://teamrwb.org/old-glory-ultra-relay?utm\\_source=youtube&utm\\_medium=video&utm\\_id=oldgloryultra2025](https://teamrwb.org/old-glory-ultra-relay?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=video&utm_id=oldgloryultra2025)

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**In 2022, a KC-135 Saved a B-2 Stealth Bomber**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/PWXJvUR6qe4>**

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/633104832727080>  
<https://x.com/search?>  
[https://x.com/search?q=airforce america&src=typed\\_query&f=top](https://x.com/search?q=airforce+america&src=typed_query&f=top)  
<https://x.com/USArmy>  
<https://www.navytimes.com/>  
<https://x.com/USMC>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska\\_National\\_Guard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_National_Guard)  
Army Reserve <https://tinyurl.com/cf69823e>  
Air Force Reserve <https://tinyurl.com/3r4ae4nk>  
Navy Reserve <https://www.navyreserve.navy.mil/>  
Marine Reserve <https://tinyurl.com/43rwcj6>

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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 knowledge 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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**Find upcoming SBA events**

[https://www.sba.gov/events?keyword=&field\\_event\\_dates\\_value=All&district=49&in\\_person\\_or\\_online=All&page=1](https://www.sba.gov/events?keyword=&field_event_dates_value=All&district=49&in_person_or_online=All&page=1)

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# Suggested Local events

<https://tinyurl.com/2tbjvba8>

## Proudly Serving Nebraska & Iowa Welcome to the Veterans Business Outreach Center

### WHO WE ARE

The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program is designed to proudly provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling, and resource partner referrals to transitioning service members, veterans, National Guard & Reserve members, and military spouses interested in starting or growing a small business. VBOC at Nebraska Enterprise Fund is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. <https://tinyurl.com/mpambfs9>

<https://www.facebook.com/100095612280245/posts/532984983231907/?mibextid=wwXlfr&rdid=ANy22RoelqkC8NZb>

### Find local assistance

SBA provides counseling and training for small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs through a variety of partner organizations. [https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find?location%5Bsource\\_configuration%5D%5Borigin\\_address%5D=68588&location%5Bvalue%5D=250&type=All](https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find?location%5Bsource_configuration%5D%5Borigin_address%5D=68588&location%5Bvalue%5D=250&type=All)

### Follow this (X) account to see information posted daily

SBA Nebraska

[https://x.com/SBA\\_Nebraska](https://x.com/SBA_Nebraska)

Followed by Veterans in Business Forum, aksarben, and 10 others you follow

[https://x.com/SBA\\_Nebraska/followers\\_you\\_follow](https://x.com/SBA_Nebraska/followers_you_follow)

### Find 72 different upcoming events

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 also follows.

[keyword=&field\\_event\\_dates\\_value=All&district=49&in\\_person\\_or\\_online=All&page=1](#)

- **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: [ [#GoGlobal](#)]

([https://x.com/hashtag/GoGlobal?src=hashtag\\_click](https://x.com/hashtag/GoGlobal?src=hashtag_click))! [ <https://sba.gov/exportfinance>]

(<https://t.co/2x08lrtAtu>)

[https://x.com/SBA\\_Nebraska/status/1906003413869199598](https://x.com/SBA_Nebraska/status/1906003413869199598)

### Welcome to Boots to Business

Boots to Business (B2B) is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The course provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals. Active Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve), Veterans of all eras, and spouses are eligible to participate.

Contact info This field is used for email or phone number

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### **Class Offutt AFB-In-Person-2025-05-13-Boots to Business Details**

Class Name Offutt AFB-In-Person-2025-05-13-Boots to Business

Class Duration: Two Days

Class Type: Boots to Business

Maximum Class Size: The maximum number of students that can sign up for the class 25

Class Date(s): 2025-05-13 -- 2025-05-14

Delivery Method

In-Person

ExpandedLocal Start Time

08:00 AM Central Daylight Time

Class Location

Offutt AFB - Bellevue, NE  
Class Address  
55 FSS/FSFR, 705 Nelson Drive, Room 206  
Bellevue, NE 68113  
USA Expanded Sign-up/Class Information

### B-21 highlights strong performance through innovative technology

Northrop Grumman continues to deliver strong performance across test and production on the B-21 Raider, with an LRIP Lot 2 award late last year signaling further confidence in the program's technical performance and progress.

In partnership with the U.S. Air Force, Northrop Grumman prioritized adaptability, affordability and producibility from program inception, with a focus on long-term successful outcomes and delivering the U.S. Air Force a strategic deterrent to project peace through strength.

"Northrop Grumman's decision to build the test jets on the actual production line is one example of the program strategy that's paying dividends. We entered Production Lot 2 in Q4 of 2024, with a B-21 workforce that's come down the learning curve earlier in production. Not only have we learned how to build B-21, we're learning how to build B-21 better and at scale — optimizing several areas of the build for long term efficiency and affordability," said Tom Jones, corporate vice president and president, Northrop Grumman Aeronautics Systems.

#### MORE:

<https://www.aerotechnews.com/blog/2025/04/07/b-21-highlights-strong-performance-through-innovative-technology/>

### Good Life. Great Opportunity.

#### **Public Meeting Calendar May 2025**

The Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar announces activities and events that may be of interest to the general public. An [RSS Feed](#) is available that shows upcoming meetings for the next 5 days.

<https://www.nebraska.gov/calendar/index.cgi>

**Registration Information**

36 TEAMS

4 - PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$75 PER PLAYER

OR

\$300 PER TEAM

Payment and registration can be made through the QR code below or by checks. Make checks payable to: Moving Veterans Forward. Remit payment to: 109 N. Washington St. Papillion, NE 68046

**MOVING VETERANS FORWARD**

Thank you for playing in our annual Par for our Patriots Golf Classic and supporting Moving Veterans Forward!

Moving Veterans Forward (MVFF), was founded by Ron Hernandez. The goal of MVFF is to assist America's Veterans and help them readjust back into civilian life by placing them in furnished homes and giving them the boost they need to turn themselves around to become self sufficient.

Moving Veterans Forward Fund is a exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) and is a public charity FEIN: 99-1989733.

**Contact Us!**  
(402) 391-6200  
movingvetsforward@yahoo.com  
www.mvff.org



**1 PAR for our PATRIOTS**  
presented by Moving Veterans Forward

**2025 GOLF CLASSIC**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

**9:00 A.M.**

**EAGLE HILLS GOLF COURSE**

**2025 PAR for our PATRIOTS GOLF CLASSIC**

Registration Includes:  
Driving Range  
18 Holes Golf w/ cart  
Give-A-Ways  
Flight Prizes  
Pin Prizes  
Lunch

**Wednesday, May 14**  
**8:00 A.M. Registration**  
**9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start**  
Eagle Hills Golf Course  
501 Eagle Hills Drive  
Papillion, NE 68133

**2025 Title Partner**

  
Community Driven. Future Focused.

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**Registration**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 1  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 2  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 3  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 4  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to 109 N. Washington St. Papillion, NE 68046 or use the QR code for digital registration

Come out and Support Moving Veterans Forward. It's a great time and you will be helping Our Homeless Veterans in the Omaha area.



Contact us: (402) 301-6300, [movingvetsforward@yahoo.com](mailto:movingvetsforward@yahoo.com) [www.mvfne.org](http://www.mvfne.org)  
Moving Veterans Forward is dedicated to helping homeless Veterans in Iowa and Nebraska to get placed in homes.  
The main goal is to give these veterans the boost that they need to turn themselves around to become self-sufficient.

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Schedule, registration, past events and pictures (Open Link)

<https://www.patrioticproductions.org/amspiritsummit1>

**Join Us Memorial Day Weekend  
for Three Major Events:**

Friday, May 23rd - An Evening with Pat Boone & Ann-Margret

Saturday, May 24th - 5th Annual Patriotic Parade, Omaha's Old Market

Monday, May 26th - Memorial Day Ceremony at Omaha's Memorial Park

**Friday May 23, 2025**

Don't miss this exciting evening with two of America's most famous and patriotic celebrities! A limited number of VIP Meet & Greet tickets remain, as well as tickets for Premium and General

Admission Seating.

**Fifth Annual Patriotic Parade - May 24, 2025 - 10am, Omaha's Old Market**

**Special Guests: Pat Boone & Ann-Margret**

Parade travels west from 10th & Jackson to 14th, north to Howard,  
east to 10th and south to Jackson.

**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**

The 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony at Omaha's Memorial Park will be held at the south end of the park near Dodge Street. A tent will cover 500 chairs looking toward the World War II Memorial at the top of the hill.  
(Volunteers on golf carts will assist those wanting a ride.)

The ceremony will consist primarily of reenactors portraying famous Americans and fallen service members.

Come early for free pancakes by Anchor Corps, enjoy music by the Greg Spevak Orchestra and watch skydivers bring in the Stars & Stripes. It promises to be a beautiful morning.

There will be a coffee truck on site, along with porta-potties.

**ON ANOTHER NOTE...**

HE IS COMING BACK!

GARY LEWIS & THE PLAYBOYS!

SAVE THE DATE:

JULY 5, 2025

Details to be announced soon .

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.

Questions? Email [info@PatrioticProductions.org](mailto:info@PatrioticProductions.org)

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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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**April Newsletter & Events**

<https://mailchi.mp/nebraska.gov/ndva-newsletter-april-2025?e=64def6304a>

### 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.

Join the Nebraska Veterans' Registry today! This allows you to get the "Veteran" designation on your driver's license, order Military Honor Plates from the Nebraska DMV, and helps verify eligibility for state benefits. Veterans, including National Guard and Reserve veterans, are eligible to apply at [veterans.nebraska.gov/registry](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/registry).

### Benefits Expert

**MORE:** <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/benefits>

### Nebraska Veterans' Gateway

#### Get Started

### Nebraska Veterans' Homes

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

### Military & Veterans' Registry Application

[https://www.nebraska.gov/va\\_registry/index.cgi](https://www.nebraska.gov/va_registry/index.cgi)

### Community Resource Directory

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

### **Other VA social media:**

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

[Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#) [Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System](#)

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

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## Armed Forces Day 2025 in the United States

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

### Is Armed Forces Day a Public Holiday?

### What Do People Do?

Even though Armed Forces Day falls on Saturday, May 17, 2025, it is a working day. Most businesses follow regular opening hours in United States.

**MORE:** <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/armed-forces-day>



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

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

### Resource Expert

Not sure what resources are out there or where to start? Our Resource Expert will help you find the tools and benefits available to help you transition to civilian life, further your education, find employment, and more.

### Job Converter

Turn your military knowledge into your new job. Our converter will give you ideas of civilian jobs you may already have the skillsets for based on your military occupational specialty.

### Job Search

Find the job that's perfect for you right here in Nebraska. Browse openings from across the state in a wide variety of fields.

### More Tools from Our Partners



## **County Veterans Service Offices Directory**

Contact your County Veterans Service Officer and offer your help

Help with providing transportation for fellow veterans

Offer your business as a place for Buddy Check Meetings

This video is provided by the Nebraska Association of County Officials

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

A County Veterans Service Office staff 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 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)**

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



On October 31, Governor Jim Pillen joined NDVA, military representatives, and leadership from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new resource center for local service members, family members, and military veterans. The Nebraska Resource Center is the first of its kind in the nation, bringing a military, veteran, and dependent support center to a public-facing storefront within a military base exchange. NDVA developed the idea to support service members and families stationed at Offutt AFB and encourage them to stay in Nebraska when they discharge from the service.

The Nebraska Resource Center is located in the Offutt Air Force Base Exchange and offers a wide range of services to military members, veterans, and their families. It's staffed by an accredited veteran service officer from NDVA who can connect veterans with state and federal benefits and services, including reviewing service records, determining eligibility, assisting in the completion and submittal of forms, advising on appeals, and more.

We also have resources on employment opportunities and career advancement, details on occupational licensure and tax reforms in the state, options for transitional or permanent housing, ideas for recreational and leisure activities throughout Nebraska, opportunities for spouses and dependents, and much more.

We want to show you all the reasons you should choose Nebraska as your home, so stop down to see what we have to offer and how you can enjoy the Good Life today!

[Learn More About the Nebraska Resource Center](#)

## **Fish Nebraska: More trout released; walleye challenge; knot tying tips**

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission sent this bulletin at 04/16/2025 10:10 AM CDT

### **Nebraska Fishing News & Opportunities**

[https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/3dc0a93?](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NEGPC/bulletins/3dc0a93?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ_iUNleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETfqbGRDYUUXNWNDDeU03ZVk5AR4LqsiggwrQ4uAq2ZY_uZBZx8uddTCyjaKnTVfnNwMiv_e1lczhYT0-FT2Hswv_aem_xaeRUu48YD-fnl2rEgLBqq)

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