

CENTRAL NEBRASKA REPLACEMENT VETERANS HOME

Nebraska Legislative Committee Hearing
March 25, 2013



BACKGROUND



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The cornerstone of the Grand Island Veterans Home was laid by General Thayer in 1887



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CURRENT CONDITIONS

-  **The existing Grand Island Veterans Home (GIVH) needs to be replaced**
-  **It does not meet current building codes and standards**
-  **It does not conform to the current Federal Dept. of Veterans Affairs standards for Community Living Centers**

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STATISTICS

-  The existing GIVH has a capacity of 266 Veteran members
-  Average room size per person is 50 to 65% below current US DVA standard
-  GIVH has a total of 57 member room toilets
-  108 members share a toilet with three others

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STATISTICS (continued)

 **48 members share a toilet with one other member**

 **13 members do not share a toilet**

 **97 members do not have a toilet adjacent to their room**

 **Toilets in single rooms average about 25 net square feet**

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Administration Building
Egress Ramp



Phillips Addition
Outside Stair



Pershing Building
Egress

Fire and Life Safety

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Door Opening Widths



Typical Veteran Resident Toilet

ADA Accessibility

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE



Elevator Door and Cab Sizes



Mechanical Equipment and Sump Areas

Building Systems

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



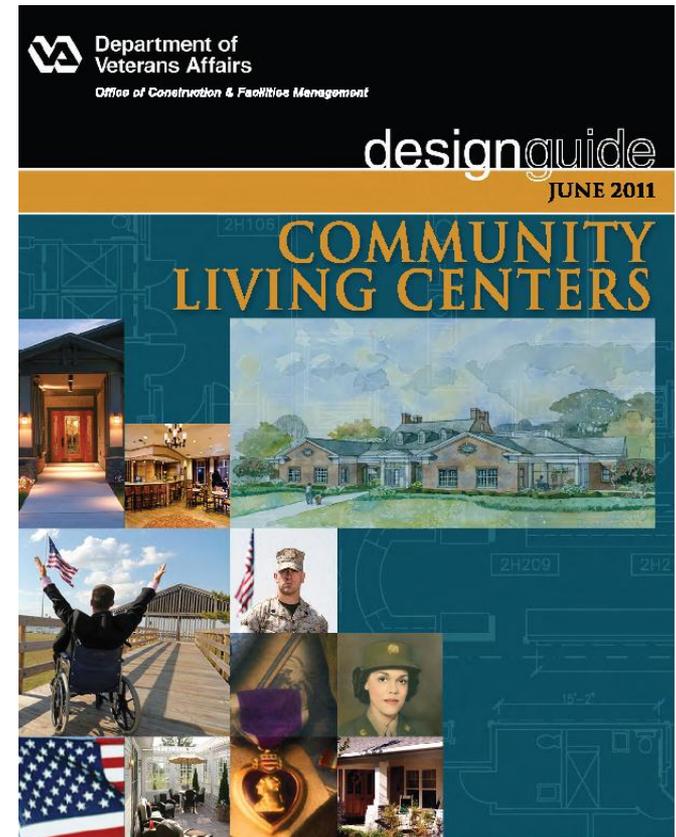
Resident Dignity and Privacy

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GOAL OF PROJECT



To meet the long term care needs of Nebraska Veterans and to provide facilities that meet current U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) standards



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Iowa Veterans Home

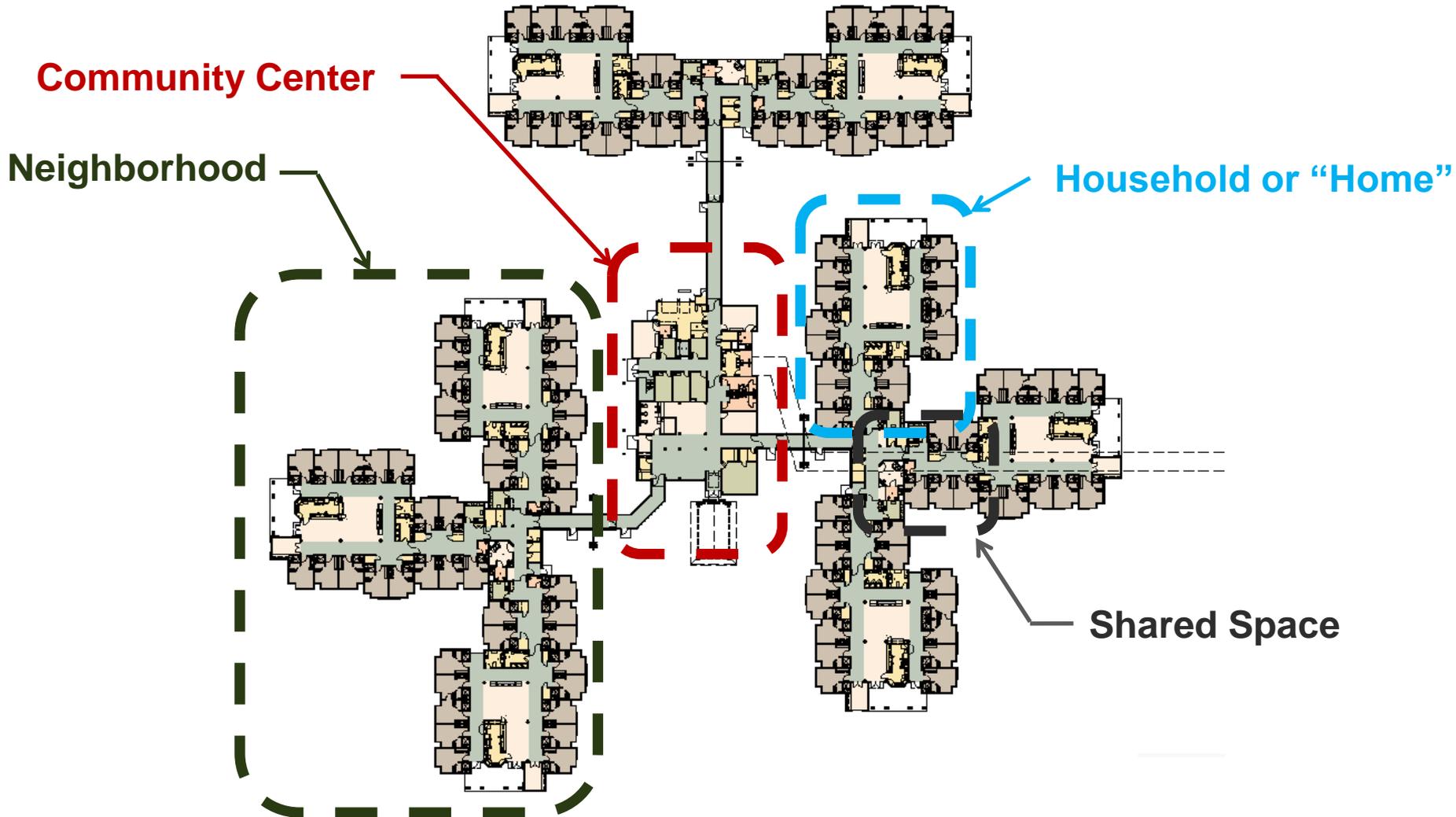


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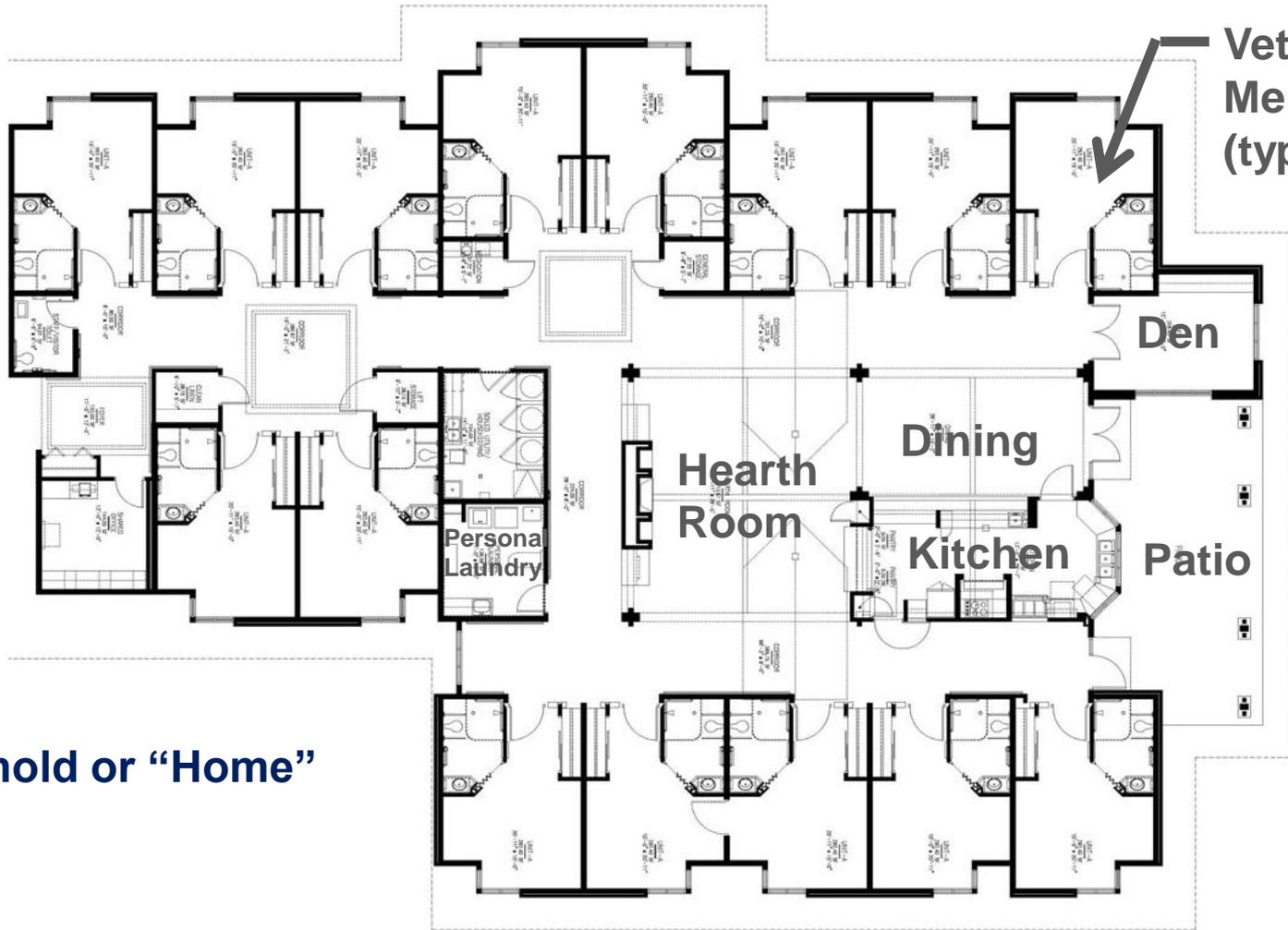


Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home

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Veteran
Member Room
(typical)

Den

Hearth
Room

Dining

Kitchen

Patio

Personal
Laundry

Household or "Home"

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Household
Hearth Room



Household Dining

Veteran Member Room

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PROPOSED REPLACEMENT HOME



The project proposes the construction of an approximately 330,000 gross square feet building, with 225 private bedrooms, on a single level. The 225 will be distributed among six care levels – Long Term Care, Medically Complex, Medicare, Dementia, Hospice, and Assisted Living in households of 12-15 members



PROCESS

CENTRAL NEBRASKA REPLACEMENT VETERANS HOME – PROCESS

-  **Program Name:** Grants to States for Construction of State Home Facilities
-  **Federal Agency:** Department of Veterans Affairs
-  **Authority:** Title 38 CFR: Pensions, bonuses and Veterans' Relief, Part 59: Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes

PROCESS

CENTRAL NEBRASKA REPLACEMENT VETERANS' HOME – PROCESS (continued)

-  **Description:** Grants are available for State Governments for replacement, construction or renovation of State Veterans Homes. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs participation may not exceed 65% of the total project cost.
 - *US DVA cannot participate in the cost of land acquisition*
 - *US DVA cannot participate in cost of off-site improvements*

PROCESS

CENTRAL NEBRASKA REPLACEMENT VETERANS HOME – PROCESS (continued)

 **Project Priority:** An annual priority list is developed as of September 30 and approved by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs's Secretary for funding opportunities during the next fiscal year.

- *Because of significant life safety, ADA and building systems deficiencies, the former GIVH can no longer be utilized for a Veterans Home or long term care. The Nebraska Administrative Services must be notified to process the former Home as surplus property as prescribed by State statute for disposal or demolition.*

PROCESS

REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE

-  **April 15, 2013:** (no later than): **Initial Application due.** Application submitted in grants.gov by authorized State official. Initial application information includes Project Scope, Budget, Space Program Analysis & Schematics, Needs Assessment, Priority Recommendation, Bed Justification, Financial & Capital Plans.
-  **June 3, 2013:** 90th (and final) day of **Nebraska 103rd Legislature, First Session**
-  **August 1, 2013:** (no later than): **Certification of State matching funds** to be submitted no later than August 1, in order to be placed in Priority Group 1 of the priority list for the next fiscal year. Applications are not eligible for funding without certification that State funds are, or will be, available for project without further State action to make such funds available (such as further action to issue bonds).
-  **October 31, 2013:** (no later than): US DVA **prioritization** and **notification** to State that Federal funds are available.

Note: This was issued February 14, 2013 for FY2013.

TIMELINE

REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE (continued)

-  **December 31, 2013:** (no later than): **Schedule** of when **remaining requirements** will be met is due to DVA from State.
-  **February 28, 2014:** (no later than): Design Development **drawings** and **specifications (35%)** due to US DVA.
-  **March 15, 2014:** (no later than): State to submit various required **certifications** to DVA, such as Compliance Regarding Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions; Compliance with Drug-Free Workplace, Compliance with Lobbying Act and Compliance with The Davis-Bacon Act
-  **August 15, 2014:** (no later than): Written **request by State to VA for Conditional Approval.**

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REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE (continued)

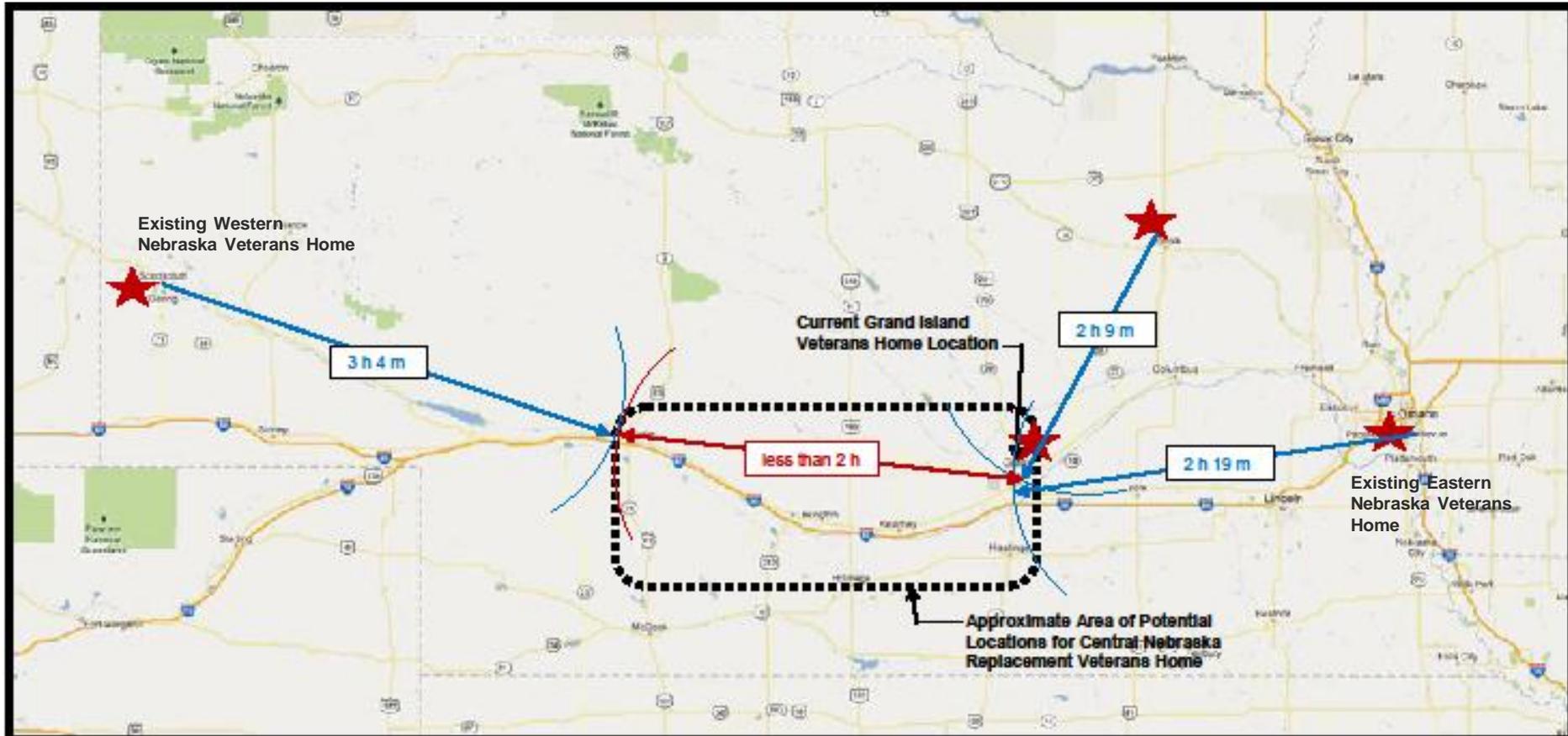
-  **October 1, 2014:** (no later than): **State receives Conditional Approval.**
-  **March 27, 2015:** estimated (180 days from the date of Conditional Approval by DVA): **Submit Final drawings**, tabulation of **bids** for construction, **revised budget** and final application.
-  **June 10, 2015:** estimated (75 days following final application): **Grant Award** and obligation of federal funds.
-  **June 30, 2015:** estimated: **Commence Construction.**

SITE SELECTION

GREATER NEBRASKA INTEREST

-  Nebraska DHHS/DVA was not looking to move GIVH
-  Other communities have expressed interest in hosting this State Home
-  In order to acknowledge those that desire to be considered and to provide the best care for Veterans, it is appropriate to allow communities that can meet the geographic parameters stipulated by the US DVA State Home Construction Grants Program to express interest and offers

SITE SELECTION



Zone of Location for Replacement Veterans Home

SITE SELECTION

PROCESS

-  Issue a **Pre-Solicitation** notice, then;
-  Issue **Request for Statement of Interest and Offer**
-  Host a **Pre-Offer Meeting**
-  Receive Written **Questions and Clarifications**

SITE SELECTION

PROCESS (continued)

-  **Publish Responses** to Written Questions and Clarifications
-  Receive Statements of **Interest and Offers**
-  **Evaluation** of Offers and **Site Visits**
-  Site Selection **Committee Recommendation**

CONCLUSION



“THANK YOU” to the people of Central Nebraska who provided the land for our first Veterans home 126 years ago

“THANK YOU” to the thousands of State employees who have staffed the home providing quality care, and;

“THANK YOU” to all who served our Nation in the Armed Forces

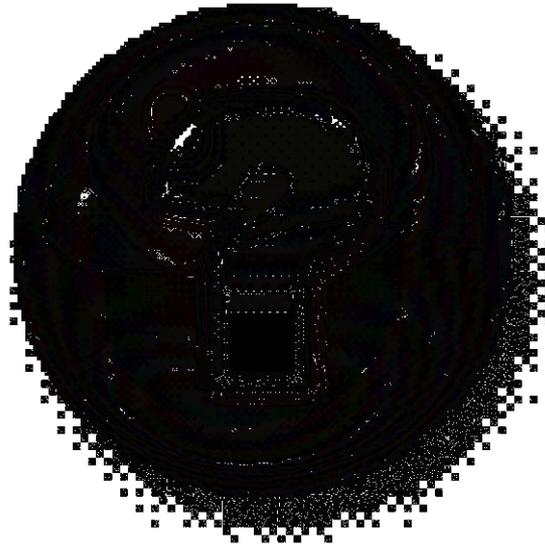
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I respectfully ask that the Committee fully fund our request.

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QUESTIONS



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