

## Living Well... at your Nebraska Veterans' Home

**Who is Eligible to live at a Nebraska Veterans' Home?** Veterans who served on active duty with an honorable or general discharge, and who lived in Nebraska at least two years during their lifetime.

Veterans must be disabled by reason of service, age or otherwise unable to earn a living. Spouses, widows and widowers of veterans, and Gold Star mothers and fathers are eligible under similar requirements. Veterans are admitted without regard to their financial situation. Charges are based on each individuals' income and assets. Those who can are required to pay a part of their care costs, but there is no fixed charge.



## Division of Veterans' Homes

To learn more, contact your:

- County Veterans Service Officer
- Area Veterans' Home

Or, visit the Department of Health and Human Services' web site at: [www.dhhs.ne.gov/Vet](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/Vet)

**Grand Island Veterans' Home**  
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Grand Island, NE 68803-2097  
(308) 385-6252

**Norfolk Veterans' Home**  
600 East Benjamin Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701-0830  
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**Caring for  
America's heroes...  
Like you!**



## Proud History

Did you know that Nebraska has proudly served veterans for almost as long as it's been a state? Nebraska became the 37th state in 1867 and the states' first veterans' home was founded 20 years later in 1887. The state's veterans' homes are part of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). When surveyed, members and their families consistently rank high the conditions and quality of life at the four DHHS Veterans' Homes. Check out recent survey results at: [www.dhhs.ne.gov/vets/survey](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/vets/survey).



Personnel from Offutt Air Force base welcomed members as they moved to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home in Bellevue on July 14, 2007.

## Who Determines Eligibility and Charges?

State statutes determine eligibility and the Veterans' Home Board determines charges. Board members include appointed representatives from all veterans' service organizations.

## What Kind of Care is Available?

Nebraska Veterans' Homes provide a variety of nursing and assisted living services tailored to meet members' needs. These services range from skilled nursing care to assisted living care. Members health care services are administered by nurses, physicians, dietitians, occupational therapists, speech therapists, physical therapists and other professionally-trained care givers.

## Walter:

*"I like the times I have friends come and visit me. We get in the big room, and we talk about old times. It's the best place I've been in."*

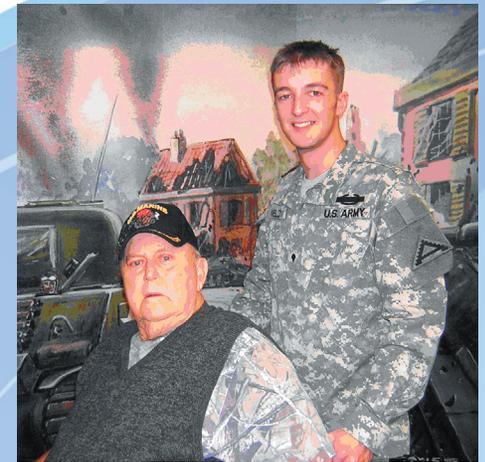


## Mary:

*The staff are "very caring and they really give you every kind of service that you need. We have everything here, you know."*

## Ron:

*The staff "treat you as an individual. They are willing to work with you and always have a smile on their face and a 'hello'. If you get the opportunity to come here, you really should."*



From the greatest generation to the latest generation – Norfolk Veterans' Home member and former Marine James Kelley (seated) and Specialist Miles Nelson of the U.S. Army.

## What About Recreation Activities?

A variety of programs allow members to participate in activities that match their interests. Thanks to service organizations, other volunteers and caring staff, members can enjoy a varied schedule of events. Buses are available to take members to off-campus activities. Game rooms, libraries, TV lounges and hobby/craft shops provide members with opportunities to fill their leisure time.

## What About Religious Services?

Members can attend weekly services of their choice in the Home's All Faiths Chapels. Chaplains, also make regular visits to those who are ill or unable to leave their rooms.

## What is the Application Process?

Prospective members need to complete an application from a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). The application is endorsed by the CVSO and then sent to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs (NDVA) for review. The Veterans' Home Board must review all applications for approval. The Home pre-screens the applicant. As room becomes available in the appropriate level of care, the applicant is contacted and offered admission to the Home. Wait times vary for specific levels of care and specific Homes around the state.