



The Eagle



December 2025

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, 12505 Harrison Tull Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123

402-595-2180



Veterans' Day 2025

Thank you, Veterans



Home Happenings



**Car Show at ENVH
November 2025**



Garden Corner



CHRISTMAS TREE HISTORY

Long before the advent of Christianity, plants and trees that remained green all year had a special meaning for people in the winter. Just as people today decorate their homes during the festive season with pine, spruce, and fir trees, many ancient peoples hung evergreen boughs over their doors and windows. In many countries, it was believed that evergreens would keep away witches, ghosts, evil spirits, and illness. The Christmas tree blossomed in popularity thanks to 16th-century Germany, where Christians decorated evergreen trees with apples, nuts, and candles. The tradition spread to England and the United States by way of German settlers and gained widespread popularity after an 1848 [London News illustration](#) featured [Queen Victoria and her German husband, Prince Albert](#), with their family around a decorated tree. More recently, artificial trees have been introduced due to their ease of handling. Remember those silver artificial trees in the '60s with those gaudy rotating light stands?! Wow, that was sure different. As you gather around the tree this Christmas season



Veteran's Memorial Garden Brick Form Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Now is the time to purchase your brick to be installed in the Veteran's Memorial Garden at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home.

Bricks may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one, the name of your organization or business, or you may simply want to thank a veteran!

You may purchase your brick donation using the form below for \$100. There are 14 characters on each line and there are 3 lines on each brick.



Name of person donating brick: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Benson Post 112/Memorial Brick Fund**

Please provide the exact wording you would like on the brick:

Bricks may be purchased by mailing a \$100 check or money order per engraved brick to:

Benson Post 112, American Legion, P.O. Box 4084, Omaha, NE 68104.

Contact Bruce Husted at 402-981-6820 with any questions.