



Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home Expansion

Background: The Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home (ENVH) has 120 licensed beds grouped in four wings: two 30-bed skilled nursing care wings, 30 assisted living beds, and 30 beds for skilled dementia care. Specialized services such as physical therapy, plus a wide range of recreational and religious services are offered to members. A future addition to the home was considered and included in the original design and construction in 2005.

Expansion: This two-phase project includes an expansion that will add nearly 25,000 gross square feet (GSF) to the facility, which is currently just over 120,000 GSF, and a remodel of one of the current neighborhoods. The new neighborhood, called Honor, will have 24 single-occupancy, assisted living beds as well as space to provide a new Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Medical Model program. This new service will help veterans and families who may not yet need skilled care but need something to bridge the gap between in-home living and 24-hour care. Background on VA's Adult Day Health Care model can be found [here](#).

The remodel phase of the project will renovate Dedication neighborhood and convert the neighborhood's current 30 assisted living beds into skilled nursing beds.



Funding for the project is 65% federal funds, 35% state funds. LB297 (2019) allocated just over \$3.3 million in the state budget to the project. The USVA announced it was awarding the matching grant of \$6.1 million to NDVA in May 2020.

Project design services are being provided by Schemmer, who designed the existing building. Construction services are being provided by Perry Reid Construction. Project management for the State of Nebraska and NDVA is handled by DAS' State Building Division.

Bottom Line: Net gain of 24 beds with addition of 30 skilled nursing beds, plus creation of a new, never-before-offered ADHC program with a capacity for 12 clients per day.

Nebraska State Veterans' Homes

NDVA operates four veterans' homes, located in Bellevue, Kearney, Norfolk, and Scottsbluff.

Veterans who served on active duty with an honorable or general discharge, and who have lived in Nebraska at least two years during their lifetime, are eligible to live in a State of Nebraska Veterans' Home. Spouses, surviving spouses of veterans, and Gold Star spouses and parents are also eligible for membership under similar requirements.

Our homes offer physical, occupational, speech, and restorative nursing therapy services, as well as hospice/palliative care and memory support care.