



The Eagle



August 2026

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

402-595-2180



August Action: Summer Night at the Ballpark



Home Happenings



Purple Heart Ceremony





LeRoy F.



Daniel B.



Michael S.

Garden Corner



Goldenrod, Nebraska's State Flower

Look no further than the gardens at the Eastern Nebraska Veteran's home (and along highways all over our state) to find Nebraska's state flower, the goldenrod (*Solidago gigantea*). This easily recognizable (often towering to 8 feet in height!) native perennial has plentiful clusters of small, bright yellow flowers that form feathery, plume-like sprays. It was chosen as Nebraska's state flower in 1895 in part because it was abundant across the state, hardy, and able to thrive in challenging conditions—qualities that were seen as reflecting the endurance of Nebraska's pioneers. Today, goldenrod remains valuable as it is easy to grow in full sun and well-drained soil, with many species tolerating drought and a variety of soil conditions. Like many other common garden flowers in the Aster (*Asteraceae*) family, goldenrod blooms in late summer and autumn, providing important nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators when fewer plants are blooming, while its seeds provide food for birds and other wildlife. Although goldenrod is often blamed for fall allergies, its heavy, insect-carried pollen is much less likely to cause hay fever than the lightweight, wind-borne pollen of ragweed (the true culprit!). With its brilliant yellow flowers, resilience, ease of propagation, and value to wildlife, goldenrod remains a fitting symbol of Nebraska and a worthwhile addition to native and pollinator gardens.

Celebrating September Birthday

William M. 9/4

David E. 9/6

Dale M. 9/7

Joseph J. 9/17

Roger L. 9/17

U. S Air Force 9/18

Rolland V. 9/22

Randy B. 9/24

Sue N. 9/26

Scott M. 9/29





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.

In Memoriam

Willie Boyd

1949-2026

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Dale Powell

Weekly Services

Sundays:

9:45 am **All Faith Service**.....Chapel
10:30 am **All Faith Service**.....Allegiance
10:45 am **Catholic Communion**.....Chapel

Mondays:

9:30 am **Devotional Reading**.....Service
9:50 am **Devotional Reading**.....Allegiance
1:00 pm **Rosary**.....Chapel

Thursdays:

9:30 am **Hymns**.....Service
10:00 am **Bible Study**.....Chapel
10:30 am **Bible Study**.....Allegiance
1:00 pm **Catholic Mass**.....Chapel

One of the hymns that we sang this morning in the chapel is entitled "Little is Much When God is in it". It emphasizes that whatever we do for the Lord is meaningful no matter how big or small. For those of us that are in our older years, I thought the words of the second verse were important—"Are you laid aside from service, Body worn from toil and care? You can still be in the battle, In the sacred place of prayer." It can be very frustrating when you can no longer serve and help in ways that you did in the past. No matter what limitations we may be facing, we can still pray! And please know that praying is not insignificant!! It is a wonderful and powerful privilege! God still answers prayer, so don't give up!

Chaplain Dale Powell