



Celebrating 80 Years of Victory

Nebraska's World War II
Veteran Recognition Program
2025



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Program Overview

NDVA and Governor Pillen are launching an initiative in 2025 to recognize and honor Nebraska's living World War II veterans in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. We are minting a special World War II Veteran Recognition Medal to be presented to eligible WWII veterans.

Our goal is to have these medals presented to veterans in person whenever possible.



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Medal Design



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**Reference:
U.S. Military World War II
Victory Medal**



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Medal Eligibility

Nebraska's WWII Recognition Medal is reserved for living veterans meeting the conditions below.

- Must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces between Dec 1, 1941, to Dec 31, 1946.
- Must be a current legal resident of Nebraska or demonstrate Nebraska residency at time of entering service.
- Must have discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Note: NDVA will handle the application process and eligibility verification.



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Presentation Options for Recipients

Recipients may choose to receive their medal:

1. At in-person ceremonies at the Nebraska State Capitol on Victory in Europe Day (5/8/25) or Victory over Japan Day (9/2/25)
2. Through the Mayor's Office of participating cities and towns
3. Via mail, shipped to their home



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Questions & Answers

Is there a cost to this program?

All expenses for the program will be covered by NDVA and sponsoring organizations. There will be no cost to veterans or cities who help distribute the Nebraska WWII Veteran Recognition Medal.

Can medals be awarded posthumously?

Only living World War II veterans are eligible to apply for the medal.

The veteran applied when the program opened but passed away before the medals were distributed. Can their medal still be awarded posthumously to the family?

Please reach out to NDVA to discuss changes in circumstances and make special arrangements.

When will medals be shipped to veterans who chose to receive theirs via mail?

Medals will begin shipping in early 2025 based on their arrival to NDVA.



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Additional Questions?

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