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## Greetings,

The State of Nebraska is excited to launch 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. To do this, I am working with the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs (NDVA) to mint special WWII recognition medals to present to Nebraska's living WWII veterans.

It is our goal to have as many medals presented in-person as possible to ensure these veterans are truly recognized. To help facilitate in-person presentations of these medals, we are asking for assistance from the mayors of cities and towns across the state who are willing to host their own ceremonies or present medals to veterans individually.

Starting May 8, 2024, NDVA will launch an application for this program with the option to attend the State of Nebraska's May and September 2025 in-person events at the Nebraska State Capitol, receive medals from the veterans' local mayor such as yourself, or receive medals in the mail when necessary.

Details on this initiative are included in the attached PowerPoint. I hope you will be able to assist us in honoring our state's remaining World War II veterans through in-person presentations of these medals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Piller Governor

## **CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF VICTORY**

Governor Jim Pillen and the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs are launching an initiative to recognize the state's World War II veterans in 2025 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.





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## Eligibility Requirements

This WWII Recognition Medal is reserved for <u>living veterans</u> meeting the conditions below.

- Must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces between December 1, 1941 and December 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.

For more information about the World War II Veteran Recognition Program, visit

veterans.nebraska.gov/WW2







