

*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, so we are asking mayors across the state to help present these to veterans who cannot attend in-person events at the Nebraska State Capitol.**



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## **Medal Design**



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## **Packaging Mockups**



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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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## **Next Steps**

Below are next steps if you are interested in helping recognize Nebraska's World War II veterans.

1. [Contact NDVA](#) to acknowledge participation
2. NDVA will collect applications and share recipient info with you
3. NDVA will procure medals and distribute to you based on your preference—all at once prior to your event(s) or as applications come in for individual presentations. Anticipated in-hand date is 11/30/24
4. (Optional) Share photos or videos with NDVA to help highlight and promote the initiative



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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 WWII Veteran Recognition Medal.

### **Can medals be awarded posthumously?**

No, these medals are for living World War II veterans.

### **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?**

Only living World War II veterans are eligible to receive the Nebraska WWII Veteran Recognition Medal.

### **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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**How/when will mayors be notified of who in their city or town is receiving a medal?**

Mayors can choose to receive information as applications come in or at a set date ahead of any planned ceremonies.


**When will medals be sent to the mayor's office to distribute to local veterans?**

Depending on how your city or town decides to distribute medals, these can be shipped or delivered prior to any special events or ceremonies, at the end of each month, or as needed on a case-by-case basis.

**What should mayors do with medals that are not picked up/handed out?**

These can be held onto for presentation to other eligible veterans.





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## **Additional Questions?**

**Please contact us at**

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