

Teammates,

Under Governor Ricketts' leadership, we have been working to make Nebraska the most military and veteran-friendly state in the nation. We've been making strides to thank and honor our military servicemembers and veterans by cutting red tape and instituting new military and veteran-friendly policies. Some of these initiatives and policies that DAS has helped lead include:

- Launching the [Military Spouse Transition Program](#) to help military spouses moving to Nebraska identify [job opportunities in state government](#).
- Expanding hiring preferences at the State for military members and their spouses.
- Helping implement Governor Ricketts' [Executive Order ensuring the POW/MIA flag](#) will be permanently flown at certain State properties so those servicemen and servicewomen who have not returned home will never be forgotten.

The POW/MIA flag Executive Order went into effect last Friday on POW/MIA Recognition Day. In Governor Ricketts' news release, he notes that "Flying the POW/MIA flag at state buildings is another significant way that we can honor our brave military men and women, especially those who never returned home."

As a veteran, this was a powerful initiative that I was proud DAS could help facilitate. I'd also like to thank the Nebraska National Guard who helped [ceremoniously raise the POW/MIA flag at the State Capitol](#) on the morning of POW/MIA Recognition Day.

At DAS, and throughout state government, we will continue to look for ways in which we can honor our servicemembers, both current and former, and make Nebraska the most military and veteran-friendly state in the country!



Regards,

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