

Teammates,

Nebraska has a proud and rich military history, dating back to when our State was just a territory. Which is why last week, the Department of Administrative Services was proud to [honor the First Nebraska Infantry Regiment](#), a group of Nebraskans that fought for the preservation of the Union and ending slavery during the Civil War, by dedicating the 1526 K. Street Building as the [First Nebraska Administrative Building](#).

Governor Ricketts was kind enough to join us to [officially dedicate the building](#), along with Assurity Life Insurance Company CEO Tom Henning. The 1526 K. Street Building was first dedicated in 1955 as the Woodmen Life Insurance Co. Building after its first occupant, the Woodmen Insurance Company, which eventually became Assurity Life Insurance Company. This dedication event also unveiled a plaque for the sculpture of the “Protecting Hand” that is located on the façade on the south side of the building. The plaque acknowledges the sculpture as an important piece of the building and city’s history.

There are a few DAS teammates/teams that I would like to thank that helped make this dedication a reality. Thank you to teammates April Leach-Sanna and Elise Woodward who led the first floor décor renovation efforts. They both did a fantastic job and everything looked incredible for the dedication ceremony. Thank you to our State Building Division teammates who did a great job installing the Protecting Hand Plaque out front and making sure the building was clean and presentable for the ceremony. Thank you to Jean Salisbury who helped organize the reception afterwards and other miscellaneous tasks to ensure the day ran smoothly.

I’d also like to thank our Materiel Division Print Team, including Jacy Burmood and Alok Kwankin, who worked hard to recreate the artwork and flags that celebrate the First Nebraska’s history and now adorn our main hallway. I think these go a

long way to spruce up our workplace and make the building a more aesthetically engaging place to work. And finally, thank you to all of our teammates who came to the ceremony to participate in this historic event.

This dedication was the culmination of a lot of hard work and collaboration to honor the First Nebraska Infantry Regiment and I am proud of the role that DAS has played in that effort. I encourage all of our teammates to come check out the updated décor in the first floor entryway as well as in the Nebraska and Omaha conference rooms on the west half of the first floor.

You can find more photos from the [dedication here](#).

Regards,

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