

Colleagues,

As we prepare to [celebrate Veterans Day](#) this weekend to honor the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have served in our country's armed forces, I'd like to note the many ways the State of Nebraska and the Department of Administrative Services supports our military and veterans.

Over the past several years, the State has implemented several programs and policies designed to support our [military, veterans, and their families](#) in a continued effort to make Nebraska the most military and veteran-friendly state in the Union.

At DAS, we've worked to implement and oversee policies that benefit military families and veterans and that connect them with leadership opportunities in the workforce. We have:

- Supported the merger of the DHHS Division of Veterans Homes with the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a one-stop shop for all veteran services.
- Launched the Military Spouse Transition Program to help military spouses moving to Nebraska identify job opportunities in state government.
- Expanded hiring preferences at the State for military members and their spouses.
- Dedicated recruiter support to help veterans overcome employment barriers by continuing their careers with the State.

DAS also has led a number of efforts aimed at supporting our military and veteran public servants. DAS is excited to be leading the [TRICARE Insurance Incentive Program](#). Under this program, military retirees who become public servants with the State and choose to retain their TRICARE coverage will receive a monthly stipend in lieu of state health insurance benefits.

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DAS is especially proud of the [Veterans' SkillBridge Initiative](#) which creates connections between military members and Nebraska's employers during their final 180 days of service. SkillBridge provides participants an opportunity to find the best fit for their specific interests and talents

after transitioning out of military service. As seen in [this video](#), this program has already had a significant impact for both veterans and the State

I am particularly pleased that the [Public Servant Military Service Recognition Program](#) is going strong. Under this program, DAS annually recognizes public servants who have served in our nations armed forces or are currently serving. These self-identified public servants receive a commemorative Nebraska Military challenge coin.

I wish you all an enjoyable Veterans Day Weekend. [Thank you again to all of our current and former service members](#) – especially those who have decided to continue their public service with the State of Nebraska!

Regards,

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