



## Veterans Health Administration

VA NEBRASKA-WESTERN IOWA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

# News Release

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## **O'Neill Veterans Affairs Clinic to Hold Open House April 24**

**OMAHA, Neb.** — Veterans are invited to an open house from 9 a.m. to noon April 24 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic at 555 East John Street, O'Neill, Neb.

Employees from the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System (VA NWIHCS) will be present to answer questions Veterans have about health care eligibility.

Veterans who are not currently enrolled for VA benefits are encouraged to bring their DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," to the open house to assist the agency counselors assess individual eligibility for VA benefits. VA counselors will assist veterans to complete health care enrollment applications.

The VA clinic staff will be available to answer questions about services provided. Veterans can also take a tour of the clinic.

The VA clinic is operated by clinical staff from the Avera St. Anthony's Hospital under contract with the Veterans Health Administration.

Light refreshments will be available.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1b facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., a medical center with a community living center in Grand Island, a multispecialty clinic in Lincoln, and six clinics located in Holdrege, North Platte, Norfolk, O'Neill and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa. VA NWIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits, and an operating budget of \$334 million as of October 2014.

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