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Retired Omaha Police Veterans Help Promote son, nephew to Veterans Affairs Law Enforcement Lieutenant

OMAHA, Neb. — Serving in law enforcement is a proud tradition for the Venditte family of Omaha. Two veterans of the Omaha Police Department proudly celebrated the promotion of a third member of their family during a ceremony at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Omaha Jan 7.

Retired OPD veterans Sgt. Charlie Venditte and Lt. Bernie Venditte celebrated the promotion of Ross Venditte to a lieutenant in the VA police service.

Sgt. Venditte retired from the OPD in 2003; Lt. Venditte retired in 1993.

Lt. Ross Venditte is a two-year veteran of the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's police service, which provides law enforcement and security for health care facilities in Nebraska and western Iowa.

Sgt. Venditte pinned Ross' lieutenant badge on his uniform. The new lieutenant's wife, Sharee, and mother, Mary, pinned lieutenant bars on his shirt collar.

Lt. Venditte is a bicycle patrol, defensive tactics, and firearms instructor. He previously served at the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

A second two-year veteran of the NWIHCS VA police service was also promoted during the ceremony. Terry Kennedy was promoted to sergeant. Kennedy is a defensive tactics and firearms instructor.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Police provides protection of medical centers and other facilities operated by the VA and Veterans Health Administration.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System proudly serves more than 167,660 veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. Omaha's medical center is an inpatient facility and also a large outpatient clinic for primary and specialty care. The Community Living Center is in Grand Island. There are community-based outpatient clinics in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Holdrege, Norfolk, Bellevue and Shenandoah, Iowa. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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