



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The American Legion  
Department of Nebraska  
and  
National Association of County Veterans Service Officers**

The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in conjunction with the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO), establishes the following policies and guidelines for accreditation of County Veterans Service Officers who are members in good standing of the NACVSO. The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, accreditation will allow County Veterans Service Officers access privileges as prescribed in Title 38, United States Code and Code of Federal Regulations.

Eligible County Veteran Service Officers must adhere to the following policies as required by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska.

**1. County Veterans Service Officers will:**

- a) Successfully attend and pass accreditation training and testing provided by the NACVSO; and
- b) Obtain accreditation through the NACVSO prior to the submission of VA Form 21, *Application for Accreditation as Service Organizations Representative*; and
- c) Obtain accreditation through NACVSO prior to the submission of the required The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, *Application for Accreditation to The American Legion*, which must be approved by the State Adjutant; and
- d) Maintain accreditation through NACVSO by attending required Continuing Education Units as outlined in the NACVSO policies and procedures manual. *(It will be the County Veteran Service Officers responsibility to ensure documentation of all required training is on file and up-to-date with the National Service Director. Failure to complete the required training by 31 December of each calendar year is justification for immediate revocation of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, accreditation.)*, and
- e) Submit to The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, all client-related information (i.e. correspondence, forms, etc.) through the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, State Service Office for submission to the Veterans Benefits Administration.


**2. County Veterans Service Officers will not:**


- a) Prepare appellant briefs (VA Form 646) on behalf of The American Legion client; and
- b) Represent The American Legion client before any administrative hearing or panels (i.e. DRO, VARO, BVA, COWC, etc.) as The American Legion representative. County Veteran Service Officers are encouraged to attend these hearings in their capacity as individual County Veteran Service Officers but have no voice.

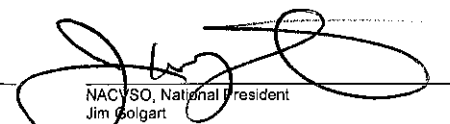
Any breaches of paragraphs 1 or 2, or their subparagraphs, is cause for immediate revocation of this Memorandum of Understanding either in whole or in part. The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, State Adjutant will resolve all cases and is the final authority.

This agreement between The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers can be terminated at any time, for any reason, by either party.

I have read and understand the Memorandum of Agreement between The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. I agree to abide by them as terms for my continued accreditation with The American Legion, Department of Nebraska.

  
The American Legion, Nebraska State Adjutant  
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