



The Ninety-Three

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NACO TAILGATE

JOIN US AT THE NACO OFFICE BEFORE THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN GAME ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 FROM 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE

1335 H Street, Lincoln

Upcoming Events

NACO District Meetings

- September 8th * Southeast District - Lincoln
- September 15th * Central District - Aurora
- September 16th * Northeast District - Norfolk
- September 28th * Panhandle District - Gering
- October 5th * West Central District - North Platte

Tentative Agendas can be found on the [NACO Event Calendar](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)

Registration is Open!

128th Annual NACO Conference
December 14-16, 2022
Younes Center North, Kearney

[Click Here to Register](#)

A reminder that names must be assigned to hotel rooms by September 1st or the rooms will be released back into the block.

NACO Legislative Conference

The NACO Legislative Conference focuses on legislative issues that impact county government and provides an opportunity for attendees help shape the NACO legislative priorities.

October 28th, 2022
Weborg 21 Centre in Gering

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Legislative Conference Tentative Agenda](#)

Now Accepting Nominations for County Official Awards

Nomination forms for the 2022 County Official of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Next Generation Awards are now available. The awards will be presented at the 2022 NACO Annual Conference during the Business Meeting on December 16th, 2022.

[2022 County Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

[2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form](#)

[2022 Next Generation Award Nomination Form](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, contact [Candace Meredith](#)

Opportunity for Tuition Waiver for Law Enforcement

Following the 2022 Legislative session, [LB1273](#), sponsored by Senator Bostar and co-sponsored by former Senator Flood (current Congressman Flood), became effective. Included within this legislation was an amendment containing portions of [LB1272](#), sponsored by Senator Halloran. Such provisions increased tuition waiver provisions for law enforcement officers from 30% to 100% if they attend a state university, state college or community college.

In conjunction with the enactment of this legislation, we have been asked, on behalf of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, to provide you with the following information:

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that as of July 2022, new legislation has permitted a waiver for 100% tuition for law enforcement officers. In order to qualify for this waiver, the officer should be aware of the following:

Law enforcement officer shall be entitled to a waiver of one hundred percent of the resident tuition charges.

Must maintain satisfactory performance with his or her law enforcement agency (as such, a new verification of satisfactory performance is required each academic year).

Must meet all admission requirements

Pursues studies leading to a degree that relates to a career in law enforcement (generally this is getting an undergraduate degree in Criminology & Criminal Justice, or BMS with a concentration in Criminology & Criminal Justice)

The officer may receive the tuition waiver for up to five years if he or she otherwise continues to be eligible for participation

Shall waive one hundred percent of the officer's tuition remaining due after subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and state scholarships and grants

To remain eligible, the officer must comply with all requirements of the institution for continued attendance

Important definitions:

Law enforcement officer means any person who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision of the state for more than one hundred hours per year and who is authorized by law to make arrests.

Law enforcement agency means a police department in a municipality, a sheriff's office, and the Nebraska State Patrol

There is no application to submit. What is required is the submission of a certificate of verification from his or her superior officer in such officer's law enforcement agency attesting to such officer's satisfactory performance.

If interested, please be sure to submit the required information to:

Marty Habrock | Executive Director

Financial Support & Scholarships

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Article from the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects was created in 1937 to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote public welfare in our state. The Board regulates engineering and architecture through the administration of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. The Act ensures that licensed architects and professional engineers are qualified to practice, and also requires that architects and professional engineers are involved in the design of building and structures of significant size and complexity.

Nebraska state law requires that any building or structure that will exceed the square footage defined in the E&A Regulation Act and the Board's Rules must be designed by an architect and/or professional engineer ("licensees.") The determination of whether or not a licensed architect or professional engineer needs to be involved is based on two predominant factors:

the area in square feet that the project affects, and;

the project Occupancy Classification according to the state building code (N.R.S. § 71-6403).

For example, licensees are required on projects classified as an Assembly occupancy and when the project consists of or adversely impacts 1,000 or more square feet.

Along with the Board, other state agencies and local building officials play essential roles in ensuring that building projects meet state and local building requirements while protecting lives and property. Notwithstanding these exemptions, Board Rule 10.6 allows responsible building officials to require plans and specifications to be designed and prepared by an architect and/or professional engineer if the official finds a hazard to life, health, safety, or welfare due to the unusual circumstances of the building or structure or an unusually large number of potential occupants in relation to square footage for a particular occupancy.

With construction increasing in Nebraska, the Board has seen more projects not designed and sealed by a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or a professional engineer when required by state law. These cases occur in both rural communities and cities across many of Nebraska's 93 counties. By involving the appropriate professionals in building projects, we continue to build a safer Nebraska.

Involving those in your community about the E&A Regulation Act can help them protect their property, protect persons on their property, and prevent damage or liability from improperly constructed buildings. When the E&A Act is not followed, property owners and developers may be liable if a structure violates the Act when built and is subject to fines and civil penalties authorized by state statute. Finally, insurers may refuse to pay claims for structures built in violation of the law.

The Board has a Licensee Lookup feature on its website, ea.nebraska.gov, which allows anyone to locate a licensed architect or professional engineer nearby. To view a digital copy of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act, the Board's Rules, and other informational materials, visit our website at ea.nebraska.gov. For questions, contact Amy Habe at amy.habe@nebraska.gov, or call our office at (402) 471-2021.

JOIN OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

This coming Veterans Day, join the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers for [Operation Green Light for Veterans](#).

We encourage you to show support for veterans by lighting county buildings green from November 7 to November 13. We also invite municipalities, state agencies, private businesses, community organizations and our residents to light their buildings and homes green. By shining a green light, we will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Click below for key resources and explore our [participation toolkit for counties](#). The toolkit features resources to help to spread the word about Operation Green Light for Veterans and to highlight how your county supports former service members.

[PARTICIPATION TOOLKIT FOR COUNTIES](#)



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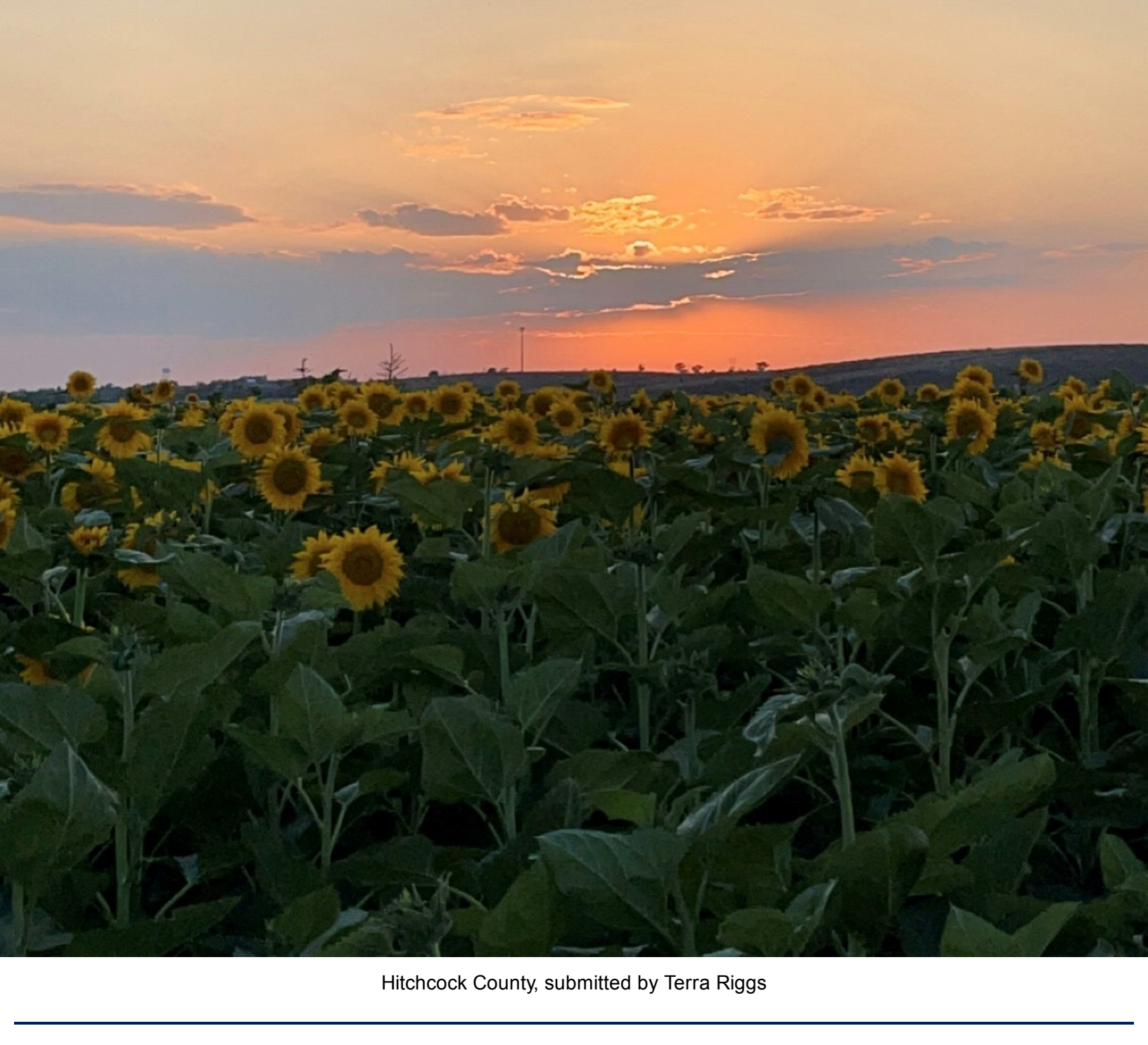
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Your County, Through the Lens

Every issue of the Ninety-Three will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county.

[Submit a Photo of Your County](#)



Hitchcock County, submitted by Terra Riggs

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