



John Hilgert

President, NASDVA

Director, Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

John Hilgert has served, since leaving the State Legislature in 2001, as the Director of the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, having been appointed by then Governor Mike Johanns. Governor Heineman retained John as Director and assigned him additional duties as a Division Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services with direct oversight of the Veterans Homes Division. He continued to serve the State in both capacities, having been retained by Governor Pete Ricketts. In 2017, the Veterans Homes Division was merged into the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an Army veteran of the Gulf War, having served with the First Infantry Division.

He was elected as the 2019-2020 National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs President and serves as the Director of the State of Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs. The department is the statewide advocate for our veterans earned benefits and services.