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## Week of salutes for AmeriCorps

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AmeriCorps members all over the country will celebrate AmeriCorps Week beginning Sunday, May 11.

Locally, members will celebrate the week with speaking engagements at schools and to civic groups.

A barbecue is planned for May 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pioneers Park, 3201 S. Coddington Ave. in Lincoln.

AmeriCorps, a federal initiative started in 1994, seeks to improve lives and communities through service work.

Members, who are mostly in college or just graduated, can serve anywhere from 300 to 1,700 hours. They receive a small stipend and at the end of their service can be given an educational award that can be used toward college tuition.

As of January, more than 3,000 Nebraskans have served in AmeriCorps and provided more than 5 million hours of service, said Greg Donovan, an AmeriCorps program officer in Lincoln.

"It's a great way to develop skills, network and meet people who could potentially hire you," he said.

For more information about AmeriCorps, call Donovan at 402-471-6249 or visit [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov).