



# Lincoln Legionnaire



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Current Membership	1090	As of May 2023
2023 Goal	1217	89.6%

The voice of American Legion Post 3 and its family of veterans affiliated organizations in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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*"Pledged to serve the disabled, the distressed, the widowed, and the orphaned. Devoted to the cause of service to the community, state and nation."*

## COMING EVENTS

### June 2023

- 8 SAL Meeting
- 13 Post 3 Meeting
- 13 Unit 3 Meeting\*\*
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Legion Riders Meeting
- 15 Salon 92 Meeting
- 18 Fathers Day
- 20 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 22-25 Department Convention (Kearney)

\*\* This month only, Auxiliary meets at Cornhusker Bank at 84th & "O" Street

### July 2023

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 Post 3 Meeting / No Unit 3 Meeting this month
- 13 SAL Meeting
- 18 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 20 Legion Riders Meeting
- 20 No Salon 92 Meeting this Month

### August 2023

- 8 No Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings this Month
- 10 No SAL Meeting this Month
- 16 No Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings this Month
- 18 Legion Riders Meeting
- 18 No Salon 92 Meeting this Month
- 25-31 National Convention (Charlotte)



## LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

This is my last article as your Post 3 Commander. The two years you have entrusted me with helping to manage your post have gone by quickly. Now, it is time to step aside and support our new officers. I urge all of you to provide them with the support and assistance that they will need to continue to move our post forward.

I truly appreciate all that you have done, and I know you will continue to support our Post 3 in its efforts to keep our American Legion strong. Without you, we have no American Legion.

Thanks for your hard work on membership. While the 2022-2023 membership year officially extends through the end of 2023, we have essentially reached the end of the functional membership year (07/01/22 – 06/30/23) at just over 90% of our goal of 2017 members --- and that's not good. Dues notices for 2024 from the national headquarters in Indianapolis will be arriving about July 1.

We need to do better. Every year, Post 3 membership is reduced by 8-10%. We need to replace the almost 80 members who renewed for 2022 and then died during the past year before renewing for this year --- as well as the almost 70 members who had renewed this current year but have since passed away.

In addition, we need to replace the members who, for whatever reason, just decided not to renew. That number was about 100 as this article was being written in mid-May. We still have our work cut out for us. **If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023, please do so now. I trust you will answer the call.**

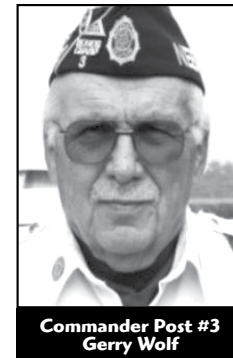
We all have time, treasures, and talents we can give to this organization. If you are looking for something new to do, come to a meeting and join us. I want to thank each one of you for being a member of Post 3. Just the fact that you send in your dues money allows us to support the many causes of the Legion at the local, state, and national levels.

I have often said that the American Legion is only as strong as its membership. We must continue to lead the way to ensure that our veterans, our military service members, and our community are assisted in whatever way we can. I try to think of ways to get new members --- and especially the returning veterans --- involved in our American Legion.

July starts a new year for not only membership but hopefully for a few new ideas from you, the members. I would suggest that if we want to see The American Legion grow, we need to find a way to interest our target members and perhaps make some changes ourselves in this ever-changing world. We can't just ask for those young men and women to become new members. We must show them what they are missing.

Not long ago, I put together a list. This list was to be a list of activities that Post 3 has worked to support like charitable events, college scholarships, city projects, Memorial Squad, and other veterans causes. That list was quite lengthy; and, when I took time to read and really absorb it, it made me feel proud to see what

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Commander Post #3  
Gerry Wolf

we had accomplished.

I'm sure that many non-members would also enjoy our American Legion Family. But, will they really understand all we do for the people who may fall on the aforementioned list? I could go on and on and on, but I think you get the idea. Our Legion, American Legion Post 3, must keep on keeping on. However, we need to see not only the familiar faces of Legionnaires who have made our post great in previous years --- but also some new members for our future. So, please step up when called upon because our Legion needs you!

As always, keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers --- particularly those who may be in need. Keep our active-duty service men and women in your thoughts and prayers as well.

*For God and Country,*  
**Gerry Wolf**  
Post 3 Commander



Lincoln Unit 3 President  
Barbara Skillman

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Dear Unit Members ---

Our unit's year is coming to an end, and reports are being submitted. Plans are being made for the Department Convention, which will be held June 23-25 at the Younes Conference Center South in Kearney.

In May, Unit 3 held elections for officers for the coming year. Elected were:

President --- Barbara Skillman

Vice President --- Char Moore

Secretary --- Barb Michael

Treasurer --- Lorie Gubser

Chaplain --- Jeanie Harris.

Our June 13 meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Cornhusker Bank located at 84th and "O" Streets. Please join us for light refreshments at 6:00 pm. Installation of officers will take place at 7:00 pm. Guest are welcome, and we look forward to sharing this time with you.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held the week of June 4-10. We have three girls who will represent Lincoln Unit 3. And, some of us will be working at Girls State during the week.

Unit meetings will not be held July or August, but we will be getting ready for the next year. We will start holding meetings again on September 12.

Until we meet again, have a wonderful summer.

For God and Country,

**Barbara Skillman**  
President, Lincoln Unit 3



Auxiliary Unit 3 presented a 50-Year Continuous Member Certificate to Shirley Horstman and a 65-Year Continuous Member Certificate to Jeanie Harris.



ALR Director Post #3  
Neil Larson

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

With riding season now in full swing, your American Legion Riders have several events on our calendar. Some events are even competing for our attention. Here is our "dance card" for the next few months or so:



Ride Captain Bruce Gubser, Secretary Mike Streeter, and Lincoln ALR Chapter 3 Director Neil Larson rode to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home on May 4 to donate snacks for the residents of the facility.

- Legacy Run Across Nebraska – 5/26 & 5/27
- Flag Exchange @ Scheels – 5/26
- Omaha Patriotic Parade – 5/27
- Kearney ALR Poker Run – 6/3
- Edgar ALR Poker run – 6/4
- Benson ALR Thank A Vet Tour – Part 2 6/10
- Palmyra Parade – 6/10
- Hebron ALR Poker Run – 6/11
- Milligan Parade – 6/11
- Beatrice Homestead Days Parade – 6/24
- Seward Parade – 7/4
- Dwight Czech Festival Parade – 7/22
- Wilber Czech Days Parade – 8/5
- Milford Fun Days Parade – 8/18

Your Riders will have lots of fun opportunities for spreading the word about The American Legion and the American Legion Riders.

Remember that our Poker Run is coming up on September 9th. Again, you do NOT have to ride a motorcycle in order to participate. Some great prize money, more than likely a very high 50/50 payout, some fantastic silent auction items, and a fun time guaranteed! All proceeds will be split between the Javelan service dog project and Patriot Productions.

We are still in search of sponsors, so if you know of any companies (or individuals) that would be interested in donating to our project, please let Bruce Gubser know and he will follow up.

*Neil Larson*

Director, Lincoln ALR Chapter 3

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL Commander Sqd. #3  
Brendan Moore

Earlier this year, it was decided to meet every other month. However, things kept coming up in the wrong month; and it was confusing to know which month we were meeting. So, I have decided to call for meetings every month as before with the understanding that there may be some months when we don't have anything to talk about.

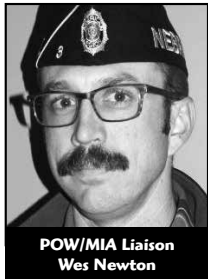
While we did not meet in May, we will begin and continue meeting again on a monthly basis in June.

It is with sadness that we were informed that one of our very active members passed away on April 28. Bill Bowman was a stalwart for all things veteran and a very active member of the Sons of the American Legion. AL, Bill was also a past commander of American Legion Post 3.

*Brendan Moore*

SAL Squadron 3 Commander

## PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



POW/MIA Liaison  
Wes Newton

### The Relevance of POWs and You

As we live our day-to-day lives, it's easy to forget the incredible and heroic stories of our country's finest soldiers who endured the unthinkable as POWs in our nation's conflicts. It's also easy to forget --- and downplay --- our own military service and the impact that it had on our lives, the lives we served alongside, and the success of our country.

As we move into the oppressive heat of summer and on to the wonderfully patriotic celebration of our Independence Day, let us be reminded of the sacrifices that both we and our beloved POW/MIAs endured, no matter how large or small, over the course of our military careers.

These experiences are incredibly relevant, and they contributed to the shaping of our lives today. Take a moment to pause and reflect on your own experiences within the service. Recall those you served alongside. The miserable places, as well as the incredible and awe-inspiring locations that your military service took you. Call to mind the good and bad experiences you encountered while serving alongside your fellow service members. Truly stop and recall the distant memories that you haven't thought about in a long time --- and relive those memories for a few minutes. Don't rush. Just dwell in that moment and recall every last trivial detail.

With these thoughts and experiences freshly in your mind, tell someone about them. The good, the bad, and what they meant to you and how those experiences shaped your life. Reach out to someone you served with or possibly a friend or family member who may have no inclination as to what truly constituted your military experience. Tell them the gritty details of the highs and lows of your time served. This not only allows them to understand you better, but it can be a freeing and therapeutic experience for you as well. The bottom line is that all those experiences have a tremendous amount of meaning and relevance attached to them, and that is an important aspect to remember as someone who has served our country.

In addition to sharing your own experiences, consider sharing the stories of some of our prisoners of war as well. As we all know, freedom has not come free. No one can attest to this better than the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our great nation we call the United States of America. Nobody knows better what it is like to have that freedom suddenly taken away than those individuals who, in the process of serving their country, have found themselves prisoners of war. It is an experience neither asked for nor desired.

Americans have been held captive as prisoners of war during many wars and in many places. Still, there is a common bond that is shared by all. Their story is an inspiring chapter of our history as a nation. It is our responsibility to ensure that our prisoners of war are never forgotten, and their stories are passed down to the generations. In that same token of thought, our own experiences and stories hold similar relevance and should be passed along as well. Tell someone your story.

*Wes Newton*  
*POW/MIA Liaison*

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Chaplain Post #3  
Rev. Dr. William Jackson

### Wild Notion

America has been known for its people's avowed trust in God to get through their challenges. Tunes like Rock of Ages by Augustus M. Toplady (1776) were prominent in various western movies and TV series, and in a number of panoramas depicting the spirit of Americans that spread as missionaries around the world.



But now...where's America's heart? How do Americans stand for the continued destruction of our once-vaunted character that drove us to build a decent society with proud believers in the Lord?

Who are we? Does anyone know? A great reason for that lies with how our children will fulfill the roles of leaders in our once great nation when we, as parents, have somehow lost that beacon of truth to settle for a lie from the

“prince and power of the air,” Satan (Ephesians 2:2).

Comprehend: it's not that any of us have given ourselves over to Satan's wiles. It's that our top leadership has failed to listen to the Lord, preparing to rule without His guidance and in opposition to your freedom. So what do we do, as **Legionnaires**, to put a halt to this steady degradation?

First and foremost, there's God. Remember Him? Oh yeah! He's the Savior of us all, who not only survived a horrendous execution; but is awaiting our call to put us back on track to heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

In order to set things straight with the Lord, we'll need to return to the heart of love and grace that abides in Jesus (John 15:4). Preparing our kids for a worthwhile future should involve our active participation to “train up a child,” as revealed in Proverbs 22:6 and Deuteronomy 6:7. The wiles of Satan (Ephesians 6:11) are an ever-present issue to be overcome by His grace and our fellowship with Him.

*Rev. Dr. William Jackson*  
Chaplain, American Legion Post 3

### ASK THE CHAPLAIN

*If any of you have a Biblical question or life issue concerning your walk with Jesus, call me confidentially at 402.613.9774, leaving a message so I may get back with you. You may also leave a text message or email me at [wjdoc@gmail.com](mailto:wjdoc@gmail.com)*

## CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Each Spring, Post 3 attempts to recognize those Legionnaires who have demonstrated proven loyalty to the American Legion. In times of declining membership, these Legionnaires in particular command our highest respect and admiration for maintaining a lengthy continuous membership in the American Legion.

Twenty-seven Post 3 Legionnaires were recognized this year ---- 21 for 50 years of continuous membership, 3 for 60 years, and 3 for 70 years.

While most certificates were mailed to the Legionnaires or their families, four recipients were present at the April meeting of Post 3 and --- assisted by Jack Sibert ---- received their certificates from Commander Gerry Wolf. Commander Wolf thanked them all for their many years of supporting Post 3.

Pictured are (L-R): Jerry Wilson (50), Steve Bartos (50), Ed Schnabel (50), and Curt Sanford (60).

We salute you!

### 70-YEAR MEMBERS (3)

RAY BIEBER                      JOHN COUPE                      LEE HINRICHS

### 60-YEAR MEMBERS (3)

GLEN LAU                      CURTIS SANFORD                      JACK SCHNEIDER

### 50-YEAR MEMBERS (21)

DONALD ANDERSEN	BRENDAN MOORE
STEVEN BARTOS	DONALD SAND
HOLGER BECKMANN	EDWARD SCHNABEL
RONALD EPP	RONALD SEIFERT
DONNA FARMER	ANDRE SILCHENKO
PAUL HAITH (deceased)	TED SLAGLE
WENDELL HENDRIX	JOHN TRAYER
PHILIP KRIESER	GENE UHER
MARK MASSIE	BARRY WADDELL
BRIAN MC HUGH	JERRY WILSON
THOMAS MC NUTT	



## NOTES FROM THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE

### RENEWALS.

Current membership stands at 1090.

A BIG "THANK YOU" is extended to those who have renewed for 2023. On the other side, however, I'm sorry to say we did not hit the 90% target date in March, and that was the first time we missed a target for 2023. We weren't close to the 95% target in April or the 100% target in May --- but are hovering around 90% and need to keep renewing as many members as we can.

The sixth and final mailing of dues renewal notices for 2022-2023 has been sent out by the American Legion National Headquarters. If you happen to be one of the few whose dues were received after the April cutoff date, you might receive a dues notice. If you know that you have paid your 2023 dues, just throw the notice away.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please pay them now. Post 3 memberships currently stand at about 90% of our assigned goal for 2023 --- 1217 members. We are down to about 130 members needed to achieve that target; but, due the loss of about 50-60 members to Post Everlasting, we have just 100 members or so active members who haven't renewed yet.

Achieving the 100% of goal will require renewal of ALL of our current unpaid members AND the acquisition of about 30 more. If only one in five of our current paid members could bring in a new member, a renewal of an unpaid member, or a paid transfer member, we would be a 100% Post for 2023. It's time to hit the streets and find those veterans who have earned the right to be a Legionnaire.

For those who have not paid your 2023 dues but will be doing so, please take the time to review the reverse side of the notice. These notices have been changed; and they have added the basic information that the American Legion has on file for your branch of service, war era, phone number, and email address. If some of your information is incorrect, please correct it and mail the form with your 2023 dues payment to 123 South 84th Street, Suite L, Lincoln, NE, 68510. I will see that it gets corrected in the database. Thanks for your help.

### **Does your 2023 membership show your correct years of service?**

If the 2023 membership card that was mailed out to you shows an incorrect number of years, please let us know. We can get it corrected for you. We have fielded many calls about total years of membership not being correct. It takes a lot of work to double-check what is printed on the 2023 cards, so if your is not correct, please email or text me, and I can correct the years for you.

You can double-check your card from 2022 to see if the 2023 card has added one year for you. If not, let me know and I will mail out a new card with the correct years and have National update your membership record. { edschnabelasa@gmail.com; 402-480-8542 }

### **Boy Scout Eagle project.**

Post 3 is working with a young man who would like to clean and refurbish bronze VA veteran's markers as his Boy Scout Eagle project. If you have an interest in having him do a marker for you, contact Post 3. There is no cost. Post 3 is covering part of his costs for supplies.

Thanks for helping him in this service project.

### **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day.**

I want to say thanks to all our Vietnam veterans for their service. For those who might have forgotten, Wednesday March 29, 2023, was Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day. It marks the day that the last US combat troops left Vietnam. Hard to believe that it has been 50 years since I came home.

The truce that ended the fighting between US troops and NVA troops was signed in January 1973. During February and March, the POWs held by North Vietnam were released and flown home.

### Thank You!

Remember to thank your fellow veterans for their service, thanks for your service, and thanks for being a member of Post 3.

*Ed Schnabel*  
Post 3 Adjutant

## NOTES FROM THE VA REPRESENTATIVE

### Masks

The VA, including the Lincoln Community-Base Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), no longer requires the wearing of masks to enter clinics. Masks are available for those who still wish to wear them.

### PACT Act

On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law, extending VA health eligibility and benefits to many veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This PACT Act now PRESUMES that exposure to toxic substances caused many health problems for those who served in these theaters.

If you have filed a claim for Agent Orange, etc., or other toxics and it was denied, you need to file a claim update and get a new review. For me, my service in Thailand is now covered for toxic exposures. It allows me to file new claims for many of my health problems, without needing to prove my service caused them.

If you have not filed a claim under the PACT Act, go to the Veterans Affairs web site. There you will find answers to your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

If you are awarded a new disability or have one upgraded, you will or should receive back pay to September 2022.

If you had service in Vietnam or the Middle East, visit the VA web site and read the list of medical problems that are now presumed to have a link to service in these theaters. If you have any, contact your Service Office to file a new or updated claim. I was able to file claims for four medical problems that are now covered by this change.

### Advance Directives

One of the forms that the VA would like to have on file for all veterans who use its hospitals and clinics is an Advance Directive Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will. Form VA 10-0137 can be picked up at your local clinic or hospitals. This form allows you to inform the VA whom you might wish to make health care decisions in the event that you become disabled and cannot do so. Filing this form is not required, but it might be something that you may want to think about.

### Nebraska Warrior Writers Project

These free workshops provide professional instruction, support, and guidance in writing of all kinds from memoir to fiction. Workshops are held on Saturdays at Pius X High School, 6000 A Street, Lincoln, NE.

To sign up, contact Tom Seib or Jen Stastny for current dates and times.

[tom.seib555@gmail.com or 402-440-9296]

[jenstastny2029@gmail.com or 402-960-3955]

*Ed Schnabel*

American Legion Representative to the Lincoln CBOC

## LINCOLN AREA YOUTH PICKED TO ATTEND BOYS' STATE AND GIRLS' STATE

Cornhusker Boys' State and Cornhusker Girls State, educational programs sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion and Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary that teach about city, county, and state government in a nonpartisan manner, remain two of the best-known and most respected projects associated with the American Legion Family.

Thirteen young men and twenty-three young women from the Lincoln area were chosen to be among the approximately 240 high school junior boys and 300 high school junior girls scheduled to attend the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's 2023 sessions of Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State. The week-long events are scheduled to begin on Sunday, June 4th on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

The delegates will have hands-on learning as they hold their own elections for public office, legislature, and court systems while participating as citizens of their mythical towns. Students selected to attend must have demonstrated good scholastic records, leadership qualities, honesty, and good character.

Lincoln's American Legion Post 3 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 and other area Legion or Auxiliary units sponsor (endorse) the Lincoln area boys and girls who are scheduled to attend --- and contributed the enrollment fee for some. A number of other community organizations also contributed enrollment fees.

Schools represented, students, parents, and financial contributors are as follows:

### Lincoln High School:

**Charlotte Marquart**, daughter of Rachel Hermsen, Lincoln Women of Today, Inc; **Chloe Parmer**, daughter of Heather Parmer, LPS Foundation Elliott Fund; **Kearah Perrault**, daughter of Crystal Patzel, Denton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355; **Kaelah Williams**, daughter of Carlus Patterson, Lincoln Center Kiwanis; **Jonah Reynolds**, son of David and Kirsten Reynolds, Lincoln Sons of the American Legion Squadron 3; **Alex Warrick**, son of Steve and Karen Warrick, Capital City Kiwanis Club; and **Jeremiah Theork**, son of Monique Theork, Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders.



Charlotte Marquart



Chloe Parmer



Kearah Perrault



Kaelah Williams



Jonah Reynolds



Alex Warrick



Jeremiah Theork

### Lincoln Northeast High School:

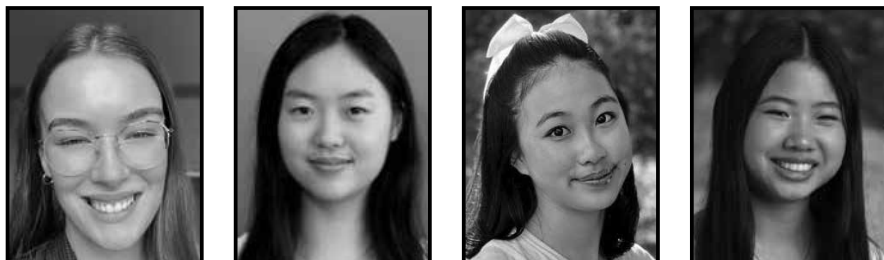
**Derek Williams**, son of Becky Williams, Havelock American Legion Post 342.



Derek Williams

**Lincoln East High School:**

**Cassidy Bell**, daughter of Kim Kilgore, Cornhusker Kiwanis Club; **Elaine Suh** daughter of Sunhyang Lee, Capitol City Kiwanis Club; **Hannah Tang**, daughter of Yilin Liu, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; **Christina Xu**, daughter of Lisong Xu, Lincoln Center Kiwanis; **Cooper Morgan**, son of Philip Morgan and Michelle Hrbek, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; **Cole Mickells**, son of Dan and Tiffany Mickells, Southeast Kiwanis Club; **Austin Hudec**, son of John and Michelle Hudec, Optimist Club of Lincoln; and **Privileges Moussoli**, son of Francois and Alida Moussoli, Legionnaire Club, Inc.



*Cassidy Bell      Elaine Suh      Hannah Tang      Christina Xu*



*Cooper Morgan      Cole Mickells      Austin Hudec      Privileges Moussoli*

**Lincoln Southeast High School:**

**Amelia-Michelle Forlemu**, daughter of Carine Feugang, Bethany Lions Club; **Lauren Koerwitz**, daughter of Chantel and Brian Boerwitzand, Optimist Club of Lincoln; **DaVaya Notaro**, daughter of Lindsey Ahrends, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; **Summer Wardyn**, daughter of Autumn Wardyn, Star City Lions Club; **Elizeh Tarkian**, daughter of Katherine and Badger Tarkian, Lincoln Center Kiwanis; **Andrew Levy**, son of Leslie and Dan Levy, Lincoln Bethany Lions Club; and **Porter Nelson**, son of Dann and Jennifer Nelson, Cornhusker Kiwanis Club.



*Amelia-Michelle Forlemu      Lauren Koerwitz      DaVaya Notaro      Summer Wardyn*



*Elizeh Tarkian      Andrew Levy      Porter Nelson*

**Lincoln Lutheran High School:**

**Clara Admiral**, daughter of David & Alicia Admiral, Legionnaire Club, Inc; **Kaitlyn Hamilton**, daughter of Keri Hamilton, Lincoln American Legion Post 3; **Anna Vander Pol**, daughter of Sarah Vander Pol, Cook American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360; and **Quinn Trutna**, son of Derek and Steph Trutna, Lincoln American Legion Post 3.



*Clara Admiral      Kaitlyn Hamilton      Anna Vander Pol      Quinn Trutna*

**Lincoln Pius X High School:**

**Katherine Schmit**, daughter of Lee & Cori Schmit, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; **Cate Dolezal**, daughter of Frank Dolezal, 40/8 Voiture 103; **Ava McCoy**, daughter of Matt & Karen McCoy, Lincoln Sons of The American Legion Squadron 3; **Amanda Gutierrez**, daughter of Juan & Jennifer Gutierrez, 8/40 Salon 832; **Charles Budell**, son of Julie and Andrew Budell, Bishop Kucera Assembly Knights of Columbus.



*Katherine Schmit      Cate Dolezal      Ava McCoy*



*Amanda Gutierrez      Charles Budell*

**Lincoln North Star High School:**

**Haliey Cunningham**, daughter of Brian and Kimberly Cunningham, Valparaiso American Legion Auxiliary Unit 371; **Brianna Jurdo Torres**, daughter of Brenda Torres, 40/8 Voiture 103; **Jocelynn Messersmith**, daughter of Krista & Scott Messersmith, Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis Club; and **Adrian Ho**, son of Bang Ho and Kieu Nguyen, Lincoln American Legion Post 3.



*Haliey Cunningham      Brianna Jurdo Torres      Jocelynn Messersmith      Adrian Ho*

## THANK YOU, DONORS!!

Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State remain two of the most visible and important programs sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

While the many local American Legion posts and American Legion Auxiliary units across the state “endorse” or “sponsor” the attendance of the delegates to Boys State and Girls State, there are many generous organizations and individuals who donate the fees for the boys and girls to attend.

Without their support, it would not be possible for many boys and girls to participate.

This year, 13 boys and 23 girls from the Lincoln area were selected to attend Boys State and Girls State thanks to the generosity of the following organizations who funded the registration fees for one or more boys and/or girls. A most appreciative “Thank You” is extended to them for their generosity in providing the opportunity for so many Lincoln-area youths to participate!

- Havelock American Legion Post 342
- Capital City Kiwanis
- Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders
- Star City Lions
- Optimist Club of Lincoln
- Lincoln SAL Squadron 3
- 8/40 Salon 832
- Legionnaire Club, Inc.
- Lincoln American Legion Post 3
- Bethany Lions Club
- St. John Paul the Great Knights of Columbus
- Lincoln Women of Today, Inc.
- Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3
- 40/8 Voiture 103
- Cornhusker Kiwanis Club
- Bishop Kucera 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
- Southeast Kiwanis Club
- Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club
- Valparaiso American Legion Auxiliary Unit 371
- Cook American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360
- LPS Foundation Elliot Fund
- Denton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355

If you or your company or organization are interested in being contacted about becoming a donor for the 2024 sessions of Cornhusker Boys State or Cornhusker Girls State, please contact us so we can provide you with more detailed information when it becomes available later in the year.

Thanks again for everyone’s support!



*Steve Bartos*  
Lincoln Area Boys State Coordinator  
LB32906@windstream.net

*Lorene Bartos*  
Lincoln Area Girls State Coordinator  
lbartos1@unl.edu

## GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Since the World War I era, the concept of “Gold Star Mother” --- and “Gold Star Family” has been part of the fabric of the nation. As the “Blue Star” signifies a family member serving in the armed forces, the “Gold Star” signifies one who has died while serving.

Each year, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit #3 recognizes the service and sacrifice of this very special group within our community. If you are a “Gold Star” family, please contact Unit #3 Chaplain Jeanie Harris at ne-15322Genie@hotmail.com with your information so that we may pay tribute and provide support to you.



### American Legion Post 3

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA.....	DATE
William A. Bowman .....	Korea .....	4/28/23
Donald C. Carnes .....	Korea .....	3/31/23
Basil W. Conry .....	Vietnam.....	3/22/23
Chalmers A. Cromer .....	WW II.....	3/15/23
Lyle E. Davis .....	WW II.....	1/23/23
William R. Davidson .....	Vietnam.....	4/24/23
Robert A. Dunn .....	Korea .....	2/20/23
Milan A. Frey .....	Korea .....	2/22/23
Harvey Froscheiser .....	Vietnam.....	1/29/23
Paul Haith.....	Vietnam.....	4/23/23
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Yes! I want to help my community and my fellow veterans by becoming a member of the American Legion. I certify that I have at least one day of active military duty during one of the periods identified below and was honorably discharged --- or am still serving honorably. Enclosed is my check made out to

**"American Legion Post 3" in the amount of \$46.**

Please fill out the information requested below and submit your application and payment to:

**American Legion Post 3  
123 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street Suite "L"  
Lincoln, NE 68510**

Eligibility Periods (Check One)

- April 6, 1917 thru November 11, 2018
- December 7, 1941 thru the present
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- US MARINES
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- April 6, 1917 – November 11, 2018
- December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
- August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
- December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
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- Other Conflicts (LEGION Act)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



**\$1,000 EARLYBIRD  
BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2024**

The first renewal notice for the 2024 membership year will be mailed from Indianapolis about July 1. The Department Membership Committee is again this year sponsoring an Early Bird Drawing.

All regular members (those who pay their dues annually) whose 2024 dues are paid and received in Department Headquarters by September 5, 2023 will be in a drawing for \$1000.

**5 names will be drawn for a \$200 prize each this year!**

Mail in your dues, stop in the office, or pay online.

**HELP US BUILD MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!  
BE IN THE DRAWING!!**

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**IF YOU ARE MOVING!**

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Or call us at 466-3958 Thank you for helping us keep expenses down!

*(This also include Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and 40 & 8)*



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