



**“For God and Country”**  
**OCTOBER 2023 POST 3 NEWSLETTER**



**Meeting Schedule For October 2023**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Legion Post 3</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>10/10/23</b>
<b>Auxiliary Unit 3</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>10/10/23</b>
<b>SAL Squadron 3</b>	<b>Post 3 Office, 123 S 84<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>10/12/23</b>
<b>ALR Chapter 3</b>	<b>Denton Legion Club</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>10/19/23</b>
<b>40 &amp; 8 Voiture 103</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>10/17/23</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40 Salon 832</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>10/17/23</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40 Salon 92</b>	<b>VFW 3606, 3340 West A St</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>10/19/23</b>
<b>Buddy Check</b>	<b>Mill, 2021 Transformation Dr</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>10/22/23</b>
<b>CoffeeHaus</b>	<b>Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10/20/23</b>

## **Commander's Call**



Fellow legionnaires,

I had an interesting conversation with a neighbor a week or so ago while her kids and my grandson were playing on the playground. She asked me about the uniform that I sometimes wore as I drove by her house. I explained that I was in The American Legion, and that I was part of our honor guard. When she saw me in uniform, I was likely on the way to render honors at a veteran's funeral. She replied that she remembered seeing The American Legion in her little hometown doing the same thing.

Her family did not have a military history, but she said that she has always respected the men and women who paid so much for the freedoms that we enjoy. She thanked me for my service, and for what I was doing for the families of those departed veterans. I think the lesson that I learned from that conversation was that we may not realize the impact we are making on someone even if we aren't speaking directly to them.

Are you representing The American Legion in the way it deserves to be represented? Are you setting a good example? Are you involved in Post 3 activities? Are you inviting your veteran friends or colleagues to join us?

Coming up soon on the calendar is an annual event that we call the oratorical contest. If you know a high schooler who might be interested in giving a speech with the potential for some cash and/or scholarship money, please refer them to their school's guidance counselor or speech teacher for more information. Our contest is only a few short weeks away. Speaking of the contest, we will be in search of some volunteers to help with the contest itself, scoring, escorting the contestants, etc. on Wednesday, November 1st. Please reach out to me if you are available to assist.

Let's talk about membership. We are well into the renewal season for the Legion membership year. While it is too late to qualify for the early bird prize, it is still important to get your membership renewed as soon as possible. You may have heard that National is raising the dues by five dollars in 2024. Neither the state, nor Post 3 have made a determination whether to raise our own dues in addition to National or not. Dues is our primary source of income. Now might be a good time to consider a paid up for life membership to avoid any future dues increase. If you are interested in purchasing a paid up for life membership, please contact the Post 3 office and we can help you with that.

I have recently assumed duties as the webmaster for our Post 3 website ([lincolnpost3.org](http://lincolnpost3.org)). As a result, would you send all articles or suggestions for the webpage to me at [bruce.gubser@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.gubser@gmail.com)?

I strongly encourage you to visit our meeting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm, at the Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th Street.

Please keep all veterans and their families in your prayers. And please pray for all currently serving members of our Armed Forces, and their families, wherever they may be dispersed.

For God and Country,  
Bruce Gubser  
Post 3 Commander

## **Notes from the Adjutant's Desk**



Membership currently stands at 738 paid members, which is 66% of our goal of 1107 as set by National. Nebraska Life members account for 53 members, PUFL (Paid up for Life) members account for 121, and regular members make up the remainder. PUFL members - If you have not received your 2024 cards let me know. They were mailed out by National during the month of July 2023.

In the month of September, we had 24 renewals by mail, 17 online, 2 transfers, and 1 new member. Thanks to those 96 members who have made use of the MyLegion.org web site so far this year to renew their membership. It is quick and easy; you can even print your own 2024 membership card. We check daily for those who had renewed online the day before and get their 2024 membership cards in the mail the next day.

When you receive your 2024 card, please check the years of service to be sure it is correct. We have had many that were incorrect for 2023. If they are incorrect, please let the office know so we can get it corrected for you. This includes misspelled names, change of address, etc.

For those who might be interested, you can set up auto renewal by using the MyLegion.org web site. Just a thought to those who want an easy way to remember to pay their yearly dues. The only drawback is to have someone stop the payments once the members die.

The American Legion national leadership is currently working on instating a \$5.00 a year dues increase. We will keep you informed as to when it could take effect after National releases more details to the Department and the Posts.

The Honor Guard has been busy recently with memorial services and flag details. This would be a great time to review your memorial plans with your family. Locate your DD214 or other discharge papers. You have earned the right to burial in a VA cemetery or request a VA headstone for a private cemetery. You can do all this now by going to the VA web site and filling out the forms. If you need assistance, see your local service officer, or give me a call.

Remember to thank your fellow Veterans for their service and thank you for your service.

Thanks for being a member of Post 3.

Ed Schnabel  
Post 3 Adjutant

## Lincoln CBOC/VA News



Flu shots are currently given at walk-in clinics, 9 am to 3 pm, at most VA clinics or hospitals. Covid shots are currently unavailable, as the VA is waiting to receive the required medications.

VA clinics and hospitals no longer require the wearing of masks to enter clinics. Masks are available for those who still wish to wear them.

Express Care is a walk-in service for those who wish to have a nurse check out minor items. Express Care hours run from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Lincoln clinic. This care is available to those who might wish to see a VA nurse without an appointment during normal hours.

PACT Act, have you checked it out? You need to make the effort; the VA is not going to call you.

On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law, extending VA health eligibility to many veterans. And expanding benefits to eligibility veterans. The PACT Act expanded benefits for exposures to toxic substances. This PACT Act now PRESUMES that exposure to toxics substances caused many health problems to 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. One of the major benefits for Vietnam veterans is that it now covers services for those who serviced in Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. It allows you to file new claims for many of your health problems without needing to prove your service there caused them. This is a major change; the VA now PRESUMES that service there is a direct cause for many health problems.

If you had service in Vietnam theater 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 or a VA service officer to file a new or updated claim.

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 who you might wish to make health care decisions if you become disabled and thus unable to do so. Not required, but it might be something that you may want to think about.

**(Lincoln CBOC/VA News – Continued)**

**Nebraska Warrior Writers project is a free workshop that provides 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 (tom.seib555@gmail.com or 402-440-9296) or Jen Stastny (jenstastny2029@gmail.com or 402-960-3955) for current dates and times.**

**The VA can use more volunteers at your local clinic or hospital. You volunteer to help veterans in the clinic or hospital, or a veteran home. Or you can donate to your local clinic, hospital, or veteran's home. They can always use a monetary donation, or you can donate activities bags for younger kids to use when they come to the clinic / hospital with a parent for their appointments. There is always a need. Younger kids come with parents, grandparents, etc., when they are too young to be left at home alone.**

**Clinics / hospitals can always use books, magazines, etc. for patients. You will need to check with your local hospital / clinic / veteran's home volunteer office to see what items they need or allow. This would be a great project for your church, school, or youth group.**

**During Christmas they all could use donations for gifts for those veterans who have no family who visit them.**

**Many clinics have an outreach program to reach homeless veterans. They always need extra donations for these veterans. Many of these veterans do not ask for items for themselves, but for their kids / families.**

**Another way to serve your fellow Veterans!**

**Donate to a local VSO (Veteran Service Organization). They also receive many requests for services during the holidays. From cash to purchasing food for a special meal, or car repairs, etc. Most local VSO would welcome a donation so they could give more to those who have given so much. The holidays will be here before we know it.**

**Thanks for your service to your fellow Veterans and thanks for your service to this great country. God Bless**

**Ed Schnabel  
Legion Representative to Lincoln CBOC**





## A JOINT MESSAGE FROM DAV and the DAV Auxiliary

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**The Improving Whole Health for Veterans with Chronic Conditions Act (H.R. 4150/S. 1954), would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide dental care services to enrolled veterans diagnosed with diabetes and heart disease.**

**These chronic conditions are closely linked with poor dental health and lack of dental care exacerbates these conditions, worsening their progression and increasing medical costs. However, only 15% of veterans are eligible for dental care through the VA health care system. Many of the remaining 85% of veterans who are not eligible for dental care struggle with access to affordable, quality dental care that meets their physical and oral health needs.**

**Dental advocates argue that veterans cannot maintain their overall health without good oral health and project that VHA could save an estimated \$3.4 billion dollars in medical costs—almost 1.5 times the annual VHA budget for dental care—by expanding access to dental care for veterans with heart disease and diabetes.**

**DAV supports this legislation in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 013, which recognizes the need for routine dental care to be afforded to all enrolled service-connected disabled veterans to ensure their whole health needs are met.**

**We call on all DAV members and supporters to contact their representatives and senators and urge them to co-sponsor and support the Improving Whole Health for Veterans with Chronic Conditions Act.**

# ALR Riders Chapter 3 Director's Remarks

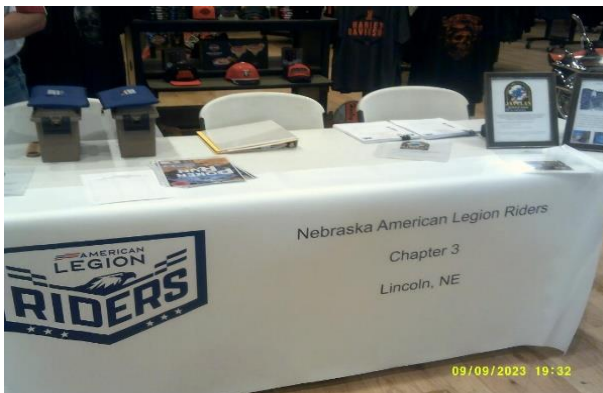


Our poker run was held September 9th. 83 people purchased over 140 hands. \$3,000 was raised and divided between Patriotic Productions and the JAVELAN organization. \$100 was also raised for the Lincoln Food Bank. We presented a check to Bill Williams of Patriotic Productions on September 21st at our monthly meeting for that organization's share of the poker run donations. We will present a check to JAVELAN at our October meeting.

We have had two dinner runs: on August 27th to York (Chances R) and on September 24th to Seward (El Carreto).

At our September 21st meeting, Bruce Gubser presented several chapter members commemorative pins for their service during the Vietnam War era. Bruce also read an article detailing what the pin represents. The article also noted that 58,276 died in Vietnam, the average age was 23. 7,500 women also served in-country. 1,578 are still listed as missing-in-action.

Included are photos of our poker run, check presentation to Patriotic Productions and of gathering for our dinner run to Seward.



Neil Larson ALR director

## **The Chaplain's Remarks**



**THE COMING AGE—It's actually occurred several times in human history. It's called...the Judgment. No, not the one that guarantees you a spot in Heaven or Hell as with the End Times (Revelations 20:11-15), but the one that serves like a parent's discipline to get you back on the path to obedience (Exodus 24:3).**

**And why shouldn't God be like a parent to all of us? Who created us (Genesis 2:7)? Who sustained us (Genesis 1:30)? Who gave us the right to think and feel about our environment in His own image (Genesis 1:26-28), plus have stewardship over Earth?**

**So, if God is our Creator, very much a parent, and has given us rule over this planet in His stead, what's wrong with Him periodically setting the record straight about what we SHOULD be doing with some of His corrective measures (Malachi 3:5)?**

**But just what is this Judgment of God that so...scares people...around this big globe of ours? If God IS God, then should it not be prudent for Him to...once in a while...get our attention when we err in our lifestyles? What about His emphasis on continuous training about His Decalogue (i.e., Ten Commandments) for improved living (Proverbs 22:6)?**

**Some of these Judgments you've probably already observed, far beyond today's imagined "global warming" scare. "Global warming": have you not studied Holy Scripture with respect to God's imperiousness over air, land, and sea since His Creation? Our biosphere—living planet—near constantly goes through upheavals, with NARY a one destroying us.**

**A last ploy for God's Judgment: carbon dioxide is necessary for photosynthesis; i.e., the exchange for the CO2 we exhaust for the oxygen**

**from vegetation we breath in. God's Carbon-Hydrogen-Oxygen-Nitrogen (CHON) chemicals offers life as we know it. That is: warming and cooling is STILL God's domain, not humans. Don't allow our leaders' fear-mongering to alter your faith in God...period.**

**Rev. Dr. William Jackson  
Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain**



## Post 3 Honor Guard



In September, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 8 funerals and made appearances at 3 civic functions by presenting the Colors for the American Legion Baseball World Series runners-up, the Carpet Land “Rugs” Welcome Home Celebration at Haymarket Park, a Patriot’s Day program at SAC Museum and a Nebraska Insurance convention at the Innovation Campus.

In calendar year 2023, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honors Teams at 80 funerals and was present at 40 civic functions. The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans and for appearances at local civic functions is greatly appreciated. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

## Post 3 TAPS – September 2023



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Rue D, Chambers	Korea	Army	52
Charles W. Langloss	Korea	Navy	44
Glen F. Lau	Korea	USMC	60

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3  
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80  
September 12, 2023**

**Commander Bruce Gubser opened the September 12, 2023 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with about 20 Legionnaires present.**

**The minutes of the July 11, 2023 Post 3 meeting were read and approved.**

**Ed Schnabel gave a financial report for the month ending August 31, 2023, showing a balance on hand of \$46,008.66. He pointed out that this is the time of year when we take in most of our income from dues. Upon proper motion, the report was accepted and filed for review.**

**Commander Gubser reported that the meeting was being made available on Zoom --- and that 1 member had been on briefly.**

**A new member recently transferring in from Post 500 was introduced, and he made a few comments on his background.**

**Gerry Wolf reported for the Memorial Squad. He detailed the numerous funerals and other events at which the squad presented the flag or rendered other honors. He extended a special thank you to Dave Timmerman for filling in for him while he had been on vacation.**

**Brendan Moore reported for the SAL and indicated that they would be meeting this week.**

**As Area C Vice Commander, Brendan reported that he has begun working on preparations for the Area C Oratorical Contest.**

**Commander Gubser introduced ALR Chapter Director Neil Larson, and they reported on the Poker Run held September 9<sup>th</sup>. 80 participants bought 150 hands. About \$2600 was raised from a variety of events.**

**(September Meeting Minutes – Continued)**

**Commander Gubser reported that the Birthday Card program continues --- and that there are now 9 facilities participating.**

**In the way of sick call, it was reported that Wade Graft had not been feeling well.**

**Steve Bartos reported on the recently concluded national convention that had been held in Charlotte, North Carolina. He informed everyone that a \$5 national dues increase was adopted, and it will take effect with the first dues notices that come out next July at the start of the 2025 membership campaign.**

**Bartos pointed out that a declining membership is probably the driving force behind the dues increase --- and that a dues increase by the Department of Nebraska is also likely. He indicated that Post 3 will also have to study the matter and decide if it wants an increase.**

**Bartos discussed the now-defunct Nebraska Department Life membership program and the national Paid-Up-For-Life program and suggested it might be worth considering by some of our members as a hedge to the potential for some significant dues increases in the future.**

**Bartos read the TAPS reports for July and August.**

**Mention was made that the Lincoln East baseball team playing under the sponsorship of Carpetland had finished as runner-up in the American Legion College World Series in Shelby, North Carolina. A ceremony honoring them took place at Haymarket Park on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**The meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:45 PM.**

**Steve Bartos, Recorder**

## **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**



Yes, it is time to start thinking about Christmas! Post 3 for the last few years has volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Hy-Vee store at Williamsburg Mall at 40th & Old Cheney and Hobby Lobby at 66th & O Street. Last year we raised a total of \$2,366.25 during four days/30 hours of bell ringing to support good causes managed by the Salvation Army in our area.

Bell Ringers included ladies from Post 3 Auxiliary, our Legion Riders as well as Post 3 members. Please think about volunteering again this year. We will begin discussing our participation in this worthy Christmas program during our October meeting.

### **Some American Legion Family Bell Ringers**

**Auxiliary**



**Babara Michael**

**Legion Riders**



**Lori Gubser & Grandson,  
Carter Morris**

**Post 3 Members**



**Gerry Wolf & Wade Graft**

**Ron Hindmand  
Bell Ringing Chairman**



## Congratulations, Carpet Land of Lincoln's "Rugs"

The Lincoln East "Rugs" Baseball Team, sanctioned by Post 3 and sponsored by Carpet Land of Lincoln, fell one run short of becoming Nebraska's first American Legion World Series Champion in 84 years when Creighton Prep won the crown in 1939.

The "Rugs" came up short in their first ever bid in the American Legion World Series in the championship game in Shelby, North Carolina. They finished as the NSAA Class A State Champions, Class A State Legion Baseball titleholders and champs of the American Legion Central Regional with a combined 84-16 record.

A welcome home celebration for the baseball team was held on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Haymarket Park.



## **Veterans and military permits**

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is proud to offer special permits to veterans age 64 and older, deployed military and disabled veterans at reduced or no cost.

### **Disabled Veteran Park Permit**

Disabled Veterans who are legal residents of Nebraska and who have been deemed 50 percent or more service related or 100 percent disabled non-service connected and receive a pension from the Veterans Administration, are eligible for one (1) perpetual Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Park Entry Permit at no fee.

### **Veteran Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit**

Veterans age 64 and older who are legal residents of Nebraska are eligible for a Veteran's Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit for \$5. This permit includes all state stamps.

### **Deployed Military Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit**

A Nebraska resident who is or has been deployed out of the state with a branch of the United States military within the last 12 months shall, upon returning to the state, be eligible to receive an Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit on a one time basis for \$5. This permit includes all state stamps. A copy of deployment paperwork must be presented in person at the time of application.

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For information: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/permits/veterans-and-military-permits>



LINCOLN

# Buddy Check

"TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE"

MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

At 'The Mill' Coffee and Bistro

2021 Transformation Drive

(on the Nebraska Innovation Campus)

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

## Buddy Check

A social gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to those who served at our side. We stood together then, and we stand together now.

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

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## **Finding Remains of Missing Service Members a Diplomatic Success Story**



**The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has been searching for remains of U.S. military members in 45 nations.**

**Besides bringing closure to their loved ones, this effort has strengthened America's diplomatic ties with those nations, said the agency's director, Kelly McKeague, who spoke virtually today with the Center for a New American Security.**

**The Defense Department partners with the State Department in this effort, as well as the local population of each country, he said. When the agency sends investigative or recovery teams to those nations, local residents are usually employed to assist, McKeague said.**

**"Villagers from far and wide descend upon the site and help the team with the labor that's associated with that particular excavation," he said. "We are projecting American values in a positive way. And more importantly, for many of these cultures and many of these citizens, it's an opportunity to give back."**



**(Success Story – Continued)**

**McKeague provided three examples:**

**Spotlight: National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

**In the South Pacific islands of Papua New Guinea, Palau and the Solomons, inhabitants revere ancestors who have passed away. "When they hear of our teams coming into their village to look for what they call 'our grandfathers,' it's an amazing dynamic. Some of our team leaders who are captains and master sergeants are made tribal chiefs, which I think is an incredible dynamic in that people-to-people contact. ... It's also a means of projecting soft power in terms of American values at the local and regional level," he said.**

**In 1985, just 10 years after the last U.S. servicemember left South Vietnam, the government of Vietnam approached the United States and said that they wanted to cooperate with the United States, because they knew that finding missing Americans is important to us, McKeague said.**

**That conversation took place amid economic sanctions and trade embargoes with Vietnam, and predated normalization of relations 10 years later, he noted.**

**Today, Vietnam is a prosperous, stable country, due in part because they manifested their trust in the U.S. by unconditionally cooperating in the recovery of MIA remains.**

**(Success Story – Continued)**

### **Spotlight: Commemorating the Vietnam War**

Vietnam's expertise in recovering remains is outstanding, McKeague said. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when agency personnel could not travel, Vietnam's teams unilaterally excavated remains of U.S. service members.

One of those remains identified was Navy Cdr. Paul Charvet, an A-1H Skyraider pilot shot down over North Vietnam on March 21, 1967. About two years ago, the agency received those remains from Vietnam and identified him. His mother, then 101 years old, was on hand to receive the news that her son had been found, he said.

"What an incredible moment that was, made possible because the American-trained Vietnamese recovered those remains that we then identified," he said.

South Korea, another big success story, approached the United States about 20 years ago and said that they still had about 300,000 people missing from the Korean War, and they asked for help from the U.S., McKeague said.

### **Spotlight: Commemorating the Korean War**

The agency helped South Korea set up a similar agency. "Their laboratory rivals ours in terms of expertise. We have had joint scientific exchanges. We've had joint operations," he said.

McKeague said his greatest wish is that North Korea will resume repatriation of remains of U.S. service members. "North Korea presents a great opportunity ... that might one day lead to better relations," he said.

**Aug. 23, 2023 | By David Vergun , DOD News**

## **Former Army Cpt. Larry Taylor Receives The Medal Of Honor**



**For the past six years, individuals, lawmakers, and groups in Tennessee and across the country have been leading an effort to upgrade a veteran's Silver Star to the nation's highest military award for valor. That mission was completed September 5th, when President Joe Biden presented former Army Capt. Larry Taylor the Medal of Honor during a White House ceremony.**

**Taylor was joined by his wife, Toni, at the event. Several Medal of Honor recipients attended the ceremony as did Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, VA Secretary Denis McDonough, and Sens. Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty of Tennessee.**

**Taylor, 81, grew up just south of Chattanooga. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he participated in the ROTC program. He attended the Army's Aviation School after receiving his commission and served as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War.**

**While assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Taylor flew over 2,000 combat missions in UH-1 and Cobra helicopters. He was engaged by enemy fire 340 times and was forced down five times.**

**On June 18, 1968, Taylor rescued a four-man long-range reconnaissance patrol that had been surrounded by hostile forces near the village of Ap Go Cong. After using all his ammunition, Taylor landed his Cobra, and the four soldiers clung to the skids and rocket pods as Taylor flew them to safety.**

(MOH – Larry Taylor – Continued)

CITATION

First Lieutenant Larry L. Taylor distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Troop D (Air), 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, on June 18, 1968, near the village of Ap Go Cong, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, First Lieutenant Taylor commanded a light fire team of two Cobra helicopter gunships scrambled on a nighttime mission in response to an urgent call for aerial fire support from a four-man long range patrol team. Upon arrival, First Lieutenant Taylor found the patrol team surrounded and heavily engaged by a larger Viet Cong force. He immediately requested illumination rounds from supporting artillery to assist with identifying the enemy positions.

Despite intense enemy ground fire, he flew at a perilously low altitude placing a devastating volume of aerial rocket and machine gun fire on the enemy forces encircling the friendly patrol. For approximately 45 minutes, First Lieutenant Taylor and his wingman continued to make low-level danger-close attack runs on the surrounding enemy positions. When enemy fire increased from the village of Ap Go Cong, he requested artillery rounds with lower illumination altitudes be fired on that portion of the village so that the burning rounds ignited the enemy positions.

With both Cobra gunships nearly out of ammunition and the enemy still closing in on the patrol team, First Lieutenant Taylor flew the patrol team's potential ground evacuation route, finding it unviable based on the heavy enemy fire encountered. Returning to the patrol team's location, he continued to circle it at a low level under intense enemy fire, employing his search light to make fake gun runs on the enemy positions to distract them from the patrol team.

Running low on fuel and with the patrol team nearly out of ammunition, First Lieutenant Taylor decided to extract the team with his two-man Cobra helicopter gunship, a feat never before accomplished. He directed his wingman to fire their remaining mini-gun rounds on the patrol team's east flank. First Lieutenant Taylor then fired his own last mini-gun rounds on the enemy positions, opening an avenue of movement to the east for the patrol team. He directed the patrol team to move 100 yards towards the extraction point where First Lieutenant Taylor, still under enemy fire, landed his helicopter and instructed the patrol team to climb aboard anywhere they could. With the four-man long range patrol team seated on rocket-pods and skids, he evacuated them to the nearest friendly location, undoubtedly saving their lives.

First Lieutenant Taylor's conspicuous gallantry, his profound concern for his fellow soldiers, and his intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



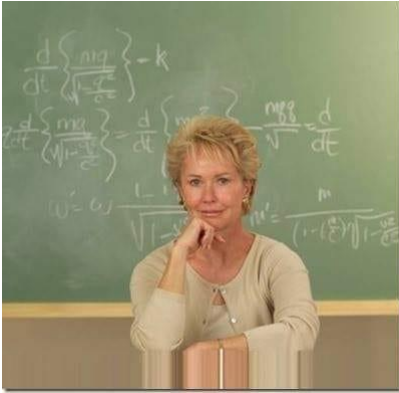
**(MOH – Larry Taylor – Continued)**

**For his actions, Taylor was awarded the Silver Star — one of many decorations over the course of his career, including the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, two Bronze Stars, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, 44 Air Medals, among others.**

**But those who knew Taylor's story from Vietnam thought he wasn't getting his due recognition. In 2017, the process to upgrade Taylor's Silver Star began, led by Chattanooga MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) Chapter members Gen. B.B. Bell, USA (Ret), and Gen. Bill Raines, USAR (Ret), as well as Tennessee lawmakers.**

**The secretary of defense approved the upgrade in April and sent it to the White House for approval by the president.**

**On July 8, President Biden called Taylor to congratulate him.**



**In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a history teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten.**

**With the permission of the school superintendent, the principal, and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room, they discovered that there were no desks.**

**'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?' She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earned the right to sit at a desk.'**

**They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.**

**'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'**

**And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.**

**The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'**

**At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.**

**Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'**

**By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.**

**John Shultz**

# Sons Of The American Legion Application



To be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion, you must be a male descendant (son, grandson, stepson, or adopted son) of:

- A member of The American Legion, or
- A veteran who died in service during World War I or since December 7, 1941, or
- A veteran who died after their honorable discharge from such service, and
- Return the application below along with \$35.00 to:

Sons of The American Legion  
 ATTN: Brendan Moore  
 123 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite L  
 Lincoln, Ne. 68510

**Sons of The American Legion Membership Application**

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Post Adjutant)

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**RECEIPT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Received of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**For God and Country**

# Become a Member of The American Legion

Do you want to help your community and fellow Veterans by becoming a member of the American Legion? Would you want to help recruit a new member? If you can certify that you served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and were honorably discharged or are currently serving honorably, you are eligible. Complete the application below and send it with a check in the amount of \$46.00 to:

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

**The American Legion Membership Application**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Date of Birth)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip) (Post #)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail)  Male  Female (Gender) (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.  
**Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below**

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



30-009 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter

To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this and a check for \$46 made out to "American Legion Post 3" to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 2024, and want to transfer to Post 3, only sign below and return the bottom portion to us.

***YES! Please transfer my membership to Lincoln American Legion Post 3***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address





**American Legion Post 3  
123 South 84<sup>th</sup> St. Suite L  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
(402) 466-3958**

**Email: [Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com](mailto:Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com)**

**Web Site: [lincolnpost3.org](http://lincolnpost3.org)**

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**First Vice Commander – Ron Hindmand – Cell: 254-291-1514**

**Second Vice Commander – Rich Lemmerman – Cell: 402-694-9834**

**Adjutant & Post Service Officer – Ed Schnabel – Cell: 402-480-8542**

**Chaplain – William Jackson – Cell: 402-613-9774**

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