



“For God and Country”
SEPTEMBER 2023 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For September 2023

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th St	7:00 PM	09/12/23
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th St	7:00 PM	09/12/23
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84th St	7:00 PM	09/14/23
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	09/21/23
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th St	6:30 PM	09/19/23
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58th St	6:30 PM	09/19/23
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	09/21/23
Buddy Check	Mill, 2021 Transformation Dr	6:00 PM	09/22/23
VA CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	09/15/23

Commander's Call

Twenty-two years. September 11, 2001.



Fellow Legionnaires,

Each generation has an event during their lifetime when individuals will remember exactly where they were and what they were doing. For my parents' generation, it was the assassination of JFK. I had just turned 8-years-old a few weeks before that day, so I have no clear memories of that particular day. It was the Friday before Thanksgiving, so I was probably more concerned about the Thanksgiving break than I was about the news of the day. No, for me, that event of my lifetime was 9/11/2001.

I was stationed at Fort Riley, KS, as a battalion commander. It was a Wednesday. I had joined my unit for PT, as usual, and had returned home to shower and get ready for the rest of the day. As was my usual custom, I had the television tuned to watch one of my favorite shows, LA Law. Reruns were aired from 7-9am on one of the cable channels. As I got back in my car to head to work, I noticed a spiral notebook in the middle of the road, so I picked it up and took it to work with me, noting that the owner had put his name and contact info on the inside cover.

When I got to work, I turned on the television in my office for some background noise. At that moment, I saw the rerun of the first plane crashing into the World Trade Center, closely followed by a live shot of the second plane slamming into the South Tower. I knew, instinctively, that the world had changed. That notebook belonged to one of the NCOs in the Division Emergency Operations Center. In his rush to the EOC, he had left the notebook on top of his car, and it had slid off as he rounded the corner to get to his duty station.

On 9/11, 2,996 innocent people lost their lives during a series of coordinated terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon (killing a close friend), and crashed United Airlines Flight 93 in a Pennsylvania field. It's a day Americans will never forget.

For 9/11 victims, and their families, September 11 isn't just one day of the year — It's a nightmare that many relive every single day. Even if you or someone you love wasn't directly affected by the events of September 11, it likely, still remains a day that you'll "never forget." The first of four attacks killed everyone on board American Airlines Flight 11 as it crashed into the North Tower. Just 17 minutes later, hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into the South Tower, killing all on board that flight as well. Not only were both Twin Towers targeted, but a third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, hit the Pentagon a little under an hour later, killing 125. And a fourth plane — United Airlines Flight 93 — crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, as crew and passengers struggled to wrestle control from the hijackers, again killing all on board.

Almost 3,000 people died in what many call the largest terrorist attack on U.S. soil, including 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 military personnel.

(Commander's Call – Continued)

Now some 22 years later, the World Trade Center has been rebuilt as a single tower named "One World Trade Center" — commonly known as "Freedom Tower" — alongside the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, located where the original World Trade Center once stood.

September 11th is also known as 9/11 Day or Patriot Day. It is meant to remember those who died in the attacks on September 11, 2001. Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Some people and organizations may take some time out to say prayers for the victims of the attacks.

On the direction of the President of the United States, the Flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House, and all United States government buildings. The Flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11th. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Please join me and show your respect on Patriot Day, September 11th.

Please continue to keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers, particularly those who may be in need. Keep the men and women of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers as well, wherever they may be dispersed.

For God and Country,

**Bruce Gubser
Post 3 Commander**

p.s. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!! There's still time for you to be included in the drawing sponsored by the Department Membership Committee. Five Legionnaires with "regular" memberships (those who renew annually) whose dues are paid and received in the Department Headquarters September 5, 2023 will be eligible for the drawings. Five names will be drawn, and each will receive \$200. Don't miss out on a chance to win! You can drop off your dues at the Post 3 business office (123 S 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68510) on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10am until noon. Or you can mail your dues to the Post 3 office (make sure they get to Post 3 in time to be processed and forwarded to Department Headquarters). Or you can renew online by clicking on the "RENEW" tab at www.legion.org Renewing online is quick and easy, and your membership posts as "paid" almost instantly!

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



We have been processing renewals as soon as they come into the office. As of this report, membership numbers for 2024 are: 520 regular paid members, 121 PUFL (Paid Up For Life), and 53 Department life. This brings the total for 2024 to 694 members (62.7% of our goal of 1107). The first 63% of our goal is easy. The hard part is the remaining 37%.

PUFL members should have received their 2024 cards. They were mailed out recently by the National Headquarters.

Thanks to those who have made use of the MyLegion web site to renew their membership. It is quick and easy. You can even print your own 2024 membership card.

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

For those who might be interested, you can set up auto renewal by using the MyLegion web site. Just a thought to those who want an easy way to remember to pay their yearly dues. One drawback is you need to remember to stop the payments once the member dies.

Visited with a few veterans at the Lincoln Airshow this past weekend. Was great to see so many young families out with their kids. It was a great way for them to see what the military does to protect us.

The Honor Guard has been busy this summer with memorial services and flag details. This would be a great time to review your memorial plans with the family. Locate your DD214 or other discharge papers. You have earned the right for a Veteran's military funeral, 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.

Thanks for your service and thanks for being a member of Post 3. Remember also to thank your fellow Veterans for their service.

Ed Schnabel
Post 3 Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



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.

On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law, extending VA health eligibility to many veterans. The PACT Act expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

If you had service in the 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 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](tel:800-698-2411). If you are awarded a new disability or have one upgraded, you will or could receive back pay to September 2022.

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

The Nebraska Warrior Writers project are free workshops providing 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 - 555@gmail.com, (402-440-9296) or Jen Stastny - 2029@gmail.com, (402-960-3955) for current dates and times.

The VA can use more volunteers at your local clinic, hospital, or a veteran's home. The VA can always use a monetary donation, or you can donate activities bags for younger kids to have 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., rather than left at home alone.

Clinics / hospitals can always use books, magazines, etc. for patients. You would 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.

(Lincoln CBOC/VA News – Continued)

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 and/or families.

Another way to serve your fellow Veterans is to donate to a local Veteran Service Organization, (VSO). They receive many requests for services during the holidays. From cash to purchasing food for a special meal, or car repairs, etc. Most local VSOs 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. It was pointed out that donations are needed all year, not just during the holiday period.

News from latest VA Representative meeting:

The VA System will be celebrating Veterans Appreciation Week, November 6th-10th, 2023. The Lincoln Clinic has invited the local VSO to bring in treats for the Veterans. They are asking for a different VSO to sign up to bring treats each day during the week. Treats need to be items that the Veterans can grab as they leave the clinic. Treats will be available 9-12.

Flu shots will begin the week of September 25th, between the hours of 9 to 3, for veterans enrolled in the VA system.

Foot care will be returning to the Lincoln Clinic. An ENT clinic is in the works. Again, this depends on meeting the required staffing.

Much of the hour was spent on services for our homeless veterans and the work of our Social Workers. Lincoln Clinic will again have a Giving Tree where tags for the veteran's wishes will be hung. One of the best ways to give to the Giving Tree is gift cards. The social worker can either use the cards to buy the items requested or give the gift card to the veteran. Social workers take care to screen the veterans, so the cards are not used for drugs, etc.

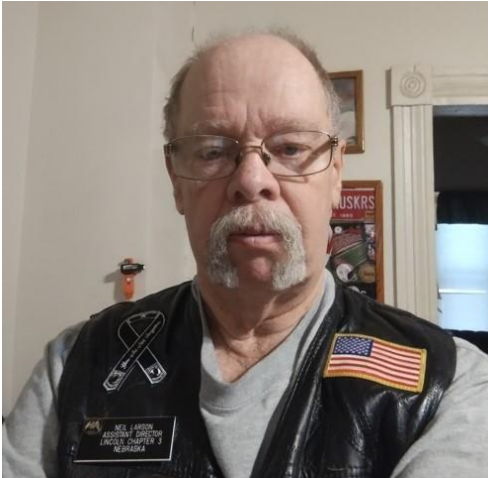
The Lincoln Clinic is trying to develop a "safety net", where the social workers can work with a veteran in need and match them up with a person/business that will work with the veteran. These donations could be to help with gas / light bills, to car repairs, etc.

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

ALR Riders Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



In July, we had a dinner ride to Nebraska City. We also had a ride to Dwight for a parade. In August, we participated in parades in Wilber and Milford. We will be going to Frontier Harley Davidson for a “meet and greet” August 26, and a dinner run to York on August 27. Remember our Poker Run on September 9 starting at Frontier Harley Davidson at 10:00 am

Neil Larson
Director
ALR Riders, Chapter #3



American Legion Riders at the Milford parade.



American Legion Rider, Mike Streeter, at the Wilber Czech Days parade.

The Chaplain's Remarks



What is it to be a Christian? A follower of Christ? A Disciple of Christ? A Redeemed person? A Servant of God? A Sanctified person? A Minister of God? An Apostle? Or is there some other way to describe what and who a person is when they reorder their lives in accordance with Jesus' teachings?

If you are aware of the current goings-on in this world, then you might know that our Heavenly Father is NOT satisfied with how we've been handling things here. Maybe you've heard of the "Judgment" (Malachi 3:5)? It's that which Yahweh (Exodus 3:4)—the Lord God and Preincarnate Christ of the Bible's Old Testament—levied against Israel just freed from Egyptian captivity for their sin with Baal worship (Exodus 32:4-6) at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Moses broke the first Ten Commandments tablets in anger over their idolatry.

Judgment is indeed upon us like our Godly forebearers for their sin against God by worshipping Baal. Our modern-day Baal is our egos, our lack of respect for God's Commandments, and utter disregard for morality and ethics in everyday life. In short, our Savior is letting us know of His displeasure for what we should know better to do.

No, only the Lord can Judge you, not any other human being. But during this interval of Godly pressure to get out attention, we will continue to find various weather, solar, atmospheric, economic, and leadership irregularities challenging us. God loves us enough to "lean" on us to show us a better way to live...His way.

For now, you might consider where you stand on God's Book of Life after His Judgment passes...until His Day of Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15). We are in the Last Days, as understood when Jesus ascended before His disciples (Luke 24:51) on the Mount of Olives. Time is on our side with the Lord...for now...

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

Post 3 Honor Guard



In August, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 11 funerals and made an appearance at 1 civic function. One of the funerals that we helped with was at Omaha National Cemetery for a deceased member of Post 3.

In calendar year 2023, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honors Teams at 72 funerals and was present at 37 civic functions. The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans is greatly appreciated. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

Post 3 TAPS – August 2023



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Gordon H. Bjerke	WW II	Navy	6
Philip A. Miller	Vietnam	Army	46
Richard Miller	WWII	USAF	62

Congratulations, Carpet Land of Lincoln's "Rugs"



Carpet Land's "Rugs" pose with the American Legion World Series Runner-Up Trophy

A tremendous ride through the spring high school and summer American Legion baseball seasons came to an end in defeat for Carpet Land of Lincoln East. The "Rugs" fell 1-0 to League City, Texas ending a miraculous run.

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" reached the World Series as champions of the Central Plains region. They reached the semifinals with a win over Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The opponent, League City, Texas punched its ticket to the semifinals when Cheyenne, Wyoming beat defending champion, Troy, Alabama, leaving League City as the only unbeaten team remaining in its pool.

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.

Congratulations, "Rugs". Truly, a tremendous accomplishment.

A welcome home celebration for the baseball team is scheduled for Saturday, September 2nd at Haymarket Park from 10:00-12:00. Come out and welcome home our "Baseball Champions".

\$ 1000



NEBRASKA LEGIONNAIRES

BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2024!

The first renewal notice for the 2024 membership year should have been mailed from Indianapolis about July 1st.

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!

HELP US BUILD MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!

BE IN THE DRAWING!!



- SILENT AUCTION
- 50/50
- RIDE PRIZES
- RAFFLE
- GIVEAWAYS

\$10/HAND OR \$20 FOR 3



\$500 HIGH, \$300 2ND HIGH,
\$100 WORST

Lincoln Chapter 3

POKER RUN

REGISTRATION: 10AM-NOON
FIRST BIKE OUT AT: 10AM
LAST BIKE IN: 3PM
PRIZES/AWARDS: 3:30PM

**SATURDAY
SEPT 9**

-STARTS AT FRONTIER
HARLEY-DAVIDSON,
205 NW 40TH ST, LINCOLN
-WITH STOPS IN ASHLAND,
WAHOO, VALPARAISO
-ENDS AT DENTON LEGION CLUB,
7226 LANCASTER AVE, DENTON



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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.

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Marine Accounted For From World War II



WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA

Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. John P. Langan, 18, of Columbus, Nebraska, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 7, 2020.

In November 1943, Langan was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Langan died on the third day of battle, Nov. 22, 1943. He was reported to have been buried in Row D of the East Division Cemetery, later renamed Cemetery 33.

In 1946, the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company centralized all of the American remains found on Tarawa at Lone Palm Cemetery for later repatriation. However, almost half of the known casualties were never found. No recovered remains could be associated with Langan, and, in October 1949, a Board of Review declared him “non-recoverable.”

In 2009, History Flight, Inc., a nonprofit organization, discovered a burial site on Betio Island believed to be Cemetery 33, which has been the site of numerous excavations ever since. In March 2019, excavations west of Cemetery 33 revealed a previously undiscovered burial site that has since been identified as Row D. The remains recovered at this site were transferred to the DPAA Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

To identify Langan’s remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), Y chromosome DNA (Y-STR), and autosomal DNA (auSTR) analysis.

Langan’s name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific along with the others still missing from World War II.

Langan will be buried in Platte Center, Nebraska. The date has yet to be determined.

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Army SFC Edward A. Carter Jr. - Medal Of Honor Recipient



Army SFC Edward Allen Carter Jr. dealt with a lot of discrimination during World War II, but his determination to be part of the fight kept the pain of that at bay. His heroics in Germany in 1945 were downplayed for years, and he was even discharged unceremoniously for reasons he later learned had no basis in fact. After 50 years, though, those wrongs were finally righted, and Carter was posthumously given the Medal of Honor.

Carter was born on May 26, 1916, in Los Angeles to missionaries Edward Sr. and Mary Carter. He had two younger siblings, William and Miriam. When Carter was 9, his parents moved the family to Calcutta, India, so they could start a church in his mother's homeland.

While there, Carter became enthralled by the military and often snuck away to watch troops maneuver at a nearby British army base, according to the Association of the U.S. Army.

At some point, Carter's mother abandoned him, leaving him with his father, according to a biography written by a family member. In 1927, the boy's father then moved him and his siblings to Shanghai, where Carter was enrolled in a military school. He received extensive combat training and learned several languages, including German, Mandarin and Hindi.

By the age of 15, Carter was so determined to get involved in the military that he ran away from home and joined the Chinese Nationalist Army, which was fighting Japanese troops who had invaded Shanghai.

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Carter wasn't with the army long before his father tracked him down and brought him home, but he was there long enough to earn the rank of lieutenant, a Department of Veterans Affairs article said.

Carter tried to join the U.S. Army when he was 18, but he was rejected because of racial prejudices. He moved back to Los Angeles and, in 1936, joined the Merchant Marine instead. But that still wasn't enough action for him. By early 1937, he'd heard about the Spanish Civil War and decided to make his way to Spain, where he joined the Abraham Lincoln Brigade – an American volunteer military unit that fought against Gen. Francisco Franco and his fascist troops. By 1938, though, the unit was forced to flee to France, so Carter returned home.

Back in Los Angeles, Carter met Mildred Hoover in 1940. They married and had a son, Edward III. By September 1941, Carter tried to enlist in the U.S. Army again. This time, the U.S. buildup of troops due to World War II had begun, and he was accepted.

However, his time in the service wasn't easy. Carter trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, which was still segregated, so he and many other Black enlistees faced discrimination. Despite his prior military combat experiences, Carter was relegated to being a cook and a baker, as most Black men were at the time, according to AUSA. According to the VA, many Black men wouldn't put up with the discrimination and were dishonorably discharged. Carter, however, didn't want that, so he dealt with it, despite receiving several unjust demotions.

Carter still managed to rise to the rank of staff sergeant. While at Fort Benning, he and his wife had their second son, William.

By November 1944, Carter's unit, the 3535th Quartermaster Truck Company, was sent to France, where they were on supply duty. But when combat replacements started running short about a month later, as the Battle of the Bulge started, Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called for more soldiers to be brought to the front lines. That order allowed Black soldiers to finally serve in white infantry and armored units.

After three years of trying, Carter was finally going to get to see combat. In order to do so, though, he had to give up his staff sergeant rank and volunteer as a private. That was because his superiors still wouldn't allow a Black man to command white troops.

(Carter – Continued)

Carter was placed with the all-Black 1st Infantry Company Provisional, 7th Army, which was attached to Company D of the 56th Armored Infantry Battalion, 12th Armored Division. He even got to serve temporarily as a guard for famed Army Gen. George S. Patton, who felt there was no room for prejudice in the ranks.

On March 23, 1945, Carter's company was making its way toward Speyer, Germany, to secure a bridge needed to cross the Rhine River. At about 8:30 a.m., the tank Carter was riding in came under small arms and bazooka fire.

The men quickly took cover behind a road bank. Carter then volunteered to lead a three-man patrol to a warehouse from where soldiers had seen the bazooka fire originate. Their goal was to get about 150 yards across an open field so they could determine the size and strength of the enemy.

Naturally, the field exposed the patrol to enemy fire, so when the four men left their covered position, they were quickly bombarded. One of the patrol members was killed instantly. Carter then ordered the other two men to get back to cover so they could shoot at the enemy as he proceeded forward alone. Unfortunately, more enemy fire killed the second man and seriously wounded the third before they could get back to the safety of the road bank. Carter continued forward and was shot three times in the left arm. He kept moving and was shot again in the left leg, a wound that knocked him off his feet.

When he tried to drink from his canteen to wash down some wound tablets while lying on the ground, he was hit yet again, with a bullet going through his hand. Despite all his injuries, Carter continued to advance, crawling within about 30 yards of the warehouse. When the enemy fire became too heavy, he took cover for about two hours behind a riverbank until eight German riflemen approached to try to take him prisoner. Carter got the jump on them, though, killing six of the soldiers and capturing the remaining two.

Thanks to his fluency in German, Carter was able to interrogate the two prisoners, who gave him valuable information that helped clear the route to Speyer for the Allies. Carter refused to get any medical attention until he'd briefed leaders on what had happened and what he'd learned.

(Carter – Continued)

When Carter's wounds healed after about a month, he hitched a ride back to his unit on the front. His staff sergeant rank was restored, he was made an infantry squad leader, and he spent the rest of the war training troops. However, due to discrimination of the time, Carter only received the nation's second highest award for his actions, the Distinguished Service Cross.

By the war's end, Carter was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was promoted to sergeant first class. He tried to reenlist in 1949, but he was barred from doing so and discharged without explanation on Sept. 30, 1949.

It was eventually uncovered that the Army Counterintelligence Corps had opened an investigation into Carter early in his career due to his time living in the Far East and serving with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Investigators wanted to keep an eye on him for potential communist activity, so unbeknownst to Carter, his commanders had been reporting on his every move for years.

Heavily disappointed after being discharged, Carter returned to civilian life, which wasn't easy with the rumors of communism following him. According to the National Park Service, he lost two jobs because of the allegations and had trouble finding employment. He eventually found a job working in the vehicle tire industry while he continued to raise his family.

In 1962, doctors discovered Carter had lung cancer. While he had been a smoker, the doctors attributed the diagnosis to shrapnel from the war that was still in his neck, an Army article said.

Carter died on Jan. 30, 1963, at age 47. He was initially buried in the National Cemetery on the grounds of the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

In 1992, a study was commissioned to review records of Black World War II soldiers to see if they may have been passed over for awards due to prejudices of the time. The study was completed in 1996. Carter was one of several men identified as someone who deserved an upgrade.

(Carter – Continued)

On Jan. 13, 1997, Carter was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. President Bill Clinton presented the medal to Carter's son, Edward Carter III, at a ceremony in Washington. Six other Black men retroactively received the honor, as well.

During the ceremony, Carter's family was also given three awards that his personnel file showed he qualified for but never received: the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal and the American Campaign Medal.

Days prior to the ceremony, Carter's body was exhumed, and he was honored in Los Angeles. He was reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 14, 1997, the day after the Medal of Honor ceremony.

After years of pressure from Carter's family, the Army formally apologized in November 1999 for discharging him so unceremoniously, and it officially erased the stain of suspicion of communism around him. The family was given a corrected set of military records, which cleared his name and gave him an honorable discharge backdated to October 1949. The records also stated that declassified intelligence records showed the suspicions against him had no basis in fact.

April 3, 2023 | By [Katie Lange](#) , DOD News

George Washington Creates The Purple Heart



On August 7, 1782, in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, creates the “Badge for Military Merit,” a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with a narrow binding of silver, with the word *Merit* stitched across the face in silver.

The badge was to be presented to soldiers for “any singularly meritorious action” and permitted its wearer to pass guards and sentinels without challenge. The honoree’s name and regiment were also to be inscribed in a “Book of Merit.”

Washington’s “Purple Heart” was awarded to only three known soldiers during the Revolutionary War: Elijah Churchill, William Brown and Daniel Bissell, Jr. The “Book of Merit” was lost, and the decoration was largely forgotten until 1927, when General Charles P. Summerall, the U.S. Army chief of staff, sent an unsuccessful draft bill to Congress to “revive the Badge of Military Merit.”

In 1931, Summerall’s successor, General Douglas MacArthur, took up the cause, hoping to reinstate the medal in time for the bicentennial of George Washington’s birth. On February 22, 1932, Washington’s 200th birthday, the U.S. War Department announced the creation of the “Order of the Purple Heart.”

In addition to aspects of Washington’s original design, the new Purple Heart also displays a bust of Washington and his coat of arms. The Order of the Purple Heart, the oldest American military decoration for military merit, is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who have been killed or wounded in action against an enemy. It is also awarded to soldiers who have suffered maltreatment as prisoners of war.

America's First Therapy Dog



Smoky was a 4 lb. - 7 inch tall, Yorkshire Terrier who served in World War II. In 1944 Smoky was found in a foxhole in the jungles of New Guinea by an American soldier who brought her back to camp and sold her to Corporal William A. Wynne for \$6.44. For the next 2 years Smoky lived a soldier's life. Because she was not an official military dog, she did not get dog food or medical care. She shared Wynne's meals and slept beside him in his tent.

The little dog even flew 12 air/sea rescue and photo reconnaissance missions, secured in the soldier's backpack. She survived 150 air raids and saved Wynne by warning him of incoming shells. Like many Yorkies, Smoky also loved to learn tricks and perform. She did so with the Special Services – entertaining soldiers in hospitals.

After the war Smoky was flown back to the US hidden in a oxygen mask carrying case. For the next 10 years she made television and public appearances in Veterans hospitals until her death in 1957.

Smoky is considered the first Therapy Dog.

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 84th 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 _____

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____



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 84th 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 84th St. Suite L
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 466-3958**

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

Web Site: lincolnpost3.org

2023 - 2024 Post 3 Officers

Commander – Bruce Gubser – Cell: 402-470-1700

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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