



“For God and Country”

September 2026 Post 3 Newsletter



September 2026 Meeting Schedule

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	09/08/26
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	09/08/26
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	09/10/26
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	09/17/26
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	09/15/26
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	09/15/26
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	09/17/26
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	09/22/26
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	09/18/26

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

August was a very busy month for Post 3 and September looks the same.

First, congratulations to the Carpet Land American Legion Baseball team. They won the American Legion World Series and are the 2026 American Legion Champions. This team was formerly sponsored by Post 3. The last and only team from Nebraska to win this Championship was in 1939.

In August, Post 3 presented Korean War Challenge coins at ceremonies at Eastmont Retirement Home and Eventide Lincoln Care Center to Post 3 and several other Korean Era veterans. We have sent letters to all our Post 3 Korean war veterans (over 90+) informing them of ceremonies and options we can assist with to present them coins. Multiple Post 3 Korean War Era Veterans have taken advantage of these ceremonies. We encourage any of our eligible Post 3 members who have not received coins to please contact us, and we would be honored to assist in arranging presentations.

Post 3 Headquarters, our Post 3 Honor Guard and Chapter 3 American Legion Riders supported the National American Legion Rider 2026 Legacy Run that began here in Lincoln on August 23rd and ended in Fort Knox Kentucky on August 27th. We, in coordination with the Elks Club hosted the leadership meeting of approximately 70 riders. Our Honor Guard posted colors at an opening ceremony at the Lincoln Harley Davidson dealership and a wreath laying at the Strategic Air Museum in Ashland. Our Chapter 3 Riders provided a flag line seeing the Legacy Run off from Lincoln. Thank you, Bruce Gubser and Gerry Wolf, for leading our support of this 2026 Legacy Run.

The Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic was held on August 28th and 29th. This clinic supported veterans, their spouses and surviving spouses with needed general dental care. Post 3 donated \$750 to this good cause.

As the month of August was closing the 107th American Legion National Convention and the 54th Sons of the American Legion Conventions were held in Louisville Kentucky.

Our next Post 3 meeting as normal will be the second Tuesday of September and it will feature a full agenda. Both our male and female Junior Law Cadet Academy attendees will join us to tell us about their experiences. Also, hopefully we will have Dr. Craft to provide feedback on how this year's Mission of Mercy went. Additionally, our new budget will be presented and discussed. And we will have feedback from the National Conventions.

On September 26th our family event Touch-A-Truck will be held. See the flyer in this newsletter and please help publicize this event. It attracted over 1,000 attendees last year and we hope for similar numbers this year. Thank you to the Elks club for helping support this event and to Bruce Gubser for taking the lead in organizing it.

As mentioned last month notices for 2027 membership renewals are out and renewals are in progress. We have had a good start with over 500 members already having renewed their membership. Your continued dedication to the American Legion and membership in Post 3 is appreciated.

For God and Country,

Ron Hindmand

Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



Fellow Legionnaires,

Once again, it is time to let our members know what the office is doing. Membership is currently at 526 members paid for the year 2027 or 58.90% of our goal of 893. Thank you for your support.

If you have not paid your 2026 dues you can still do that and keep your continued years of service to this great organization that we all proudly support.

Our honor guard has been busy honoring our deceased and other requests that we have been asked for assistance.

Future events coming will include Touch a Truck that will be held with the Elks Lodge 80. This event was a big hit last year where people could take photos of vehicles and motorcycles and get information on the Legion and Elks and what we do. This event is September 26, 2026, Elks Lodge 80, 5910 S 58th St, Lincoln 68516.

Our next meeting will be September 8, at 7:00 PM at the Elks Lodge 80.

We are aware of concerns regarding continuous years shown on some printed membership cards. If the continuous years on a member's 6card appear to be incorrect, the following options are available:

- 1. The member, post, or department may print an individual membership card through MyLegion.**
- 2. The post or department may use a blank membership card and enter the correct continuous years.**
- 3. If the Department determines that a replacement card is necessary, it may submit a request for a single card reprint for review.**

To help manage these concerns as efficiently as possible, posts and individual members should work through their departments. Departments are encouraged to verify the member's record and use the first two options whenever practical before requesting a reprint from National Headquarters.

(Adjutant's Report – Continued)

If further review or a reprint is needed, please provide:

- **The affected member's ID number**
- **The continuous years printed on the membership card**
- **The continuous years currently shown in Personify**
- **Any additional information that may help determine whether the membership record requires correction**

Please note that reprinting a card does not, by itself, correct the continuous years in the membership record. If the information in Personify/MyLegion is incorrect, that concern should be identified when the request is submitted so the record can be reviewed before a replacement card is issued.

Once the information is received, Internal Affairs & Membership Division staff will review the matter and provide guidance regarding the appropriate next steps.

Steve Fowles

Adjutant Post 3

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



September is Mental Health / Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

The Lincoln Clinic is asking local VSOs for support during the month. VSOs can have a table to display ways they support their fellow veterans. They cannot use the table as a means to recruit new members.

VSOs can provide treats and coffee, just need to follow the VA guidelines.

I noticed a few changes while at the VA Lincoln Clinic. There is a new counter as you enter the building. This gives the greeters a place to sit while helping veterans fill out various forms. Seating areas have been changed, unused tv cabinets have been removed.

After my last appointment, I was provided with a summary of my visit. From the vitals taken by the nurse, a list of upcoming VA appointments, and listing of current meds were provided. Was nice to have it all provided on one or two sheets.

The VA is still requesting Veterans to update their VA Identification Cards. If you receive a notice from the Department of Veteran Affairs to update your information, you can update your VA ID cards while in the Clinic. You will need to bring some form of a State issued ID, like a Driver's License.

The Lincoln CBOC Volunteer Services can always use Bus Passes, Gas cards, and Grocery Cards. Gift cards to Sam's or Walmart are used to buy clothing as the needs come up during the year. Currently there is a need for summer items. Items include small, travel size items that can fit into small hygiene kits, soaps, sunscreen, hand towels, and wet wipes. Other items requested are handheld USB fans, USB cables, batteries, and box fans.

Flu shots and Covid shots are now being given for those with appointments, walk-ins, or through urgent care. When you have an appointment, you will be asked if you wish a flu, covid shot, or to update any other vaccines that show up as overdue on your VA Health records. If you do not have an upcoming appointment, call your local clinic to schedule one. Covid shots are being given by appointment only

(Lincoln CBOC/VA News – Continued)

If you receive a statement from the VA for co-payments, remember that most CBOC do not have finance offices. IF you have a billing question, you need to call the number that is listed on your statement. Mail payment to the address shown on your statement. You should find a finance office at most of the VA Hospitals, but they may have limited hours. This is true for the Omaha VA hospital.

With the signing of the PACT ACT, more veterans have become eligible for services, not only for those who served “boots on the ground,” but anyone who has served since the Gulf War. If you have any questions, call your local county, or state service officer, or registered VSO, only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for an increase, or a new VA disability rating.

The Lincoln CBOC is trying to fill open staff positions. Podiatrist, including a NP or nurse to provide foot care for Veterans in the Lincoln area.

Only trained service animals should be brought into a VA Health clinic or hospital. Trained service animals that qualify under DAV requirements are always welcome. Other pets or comfort dogs do not qualify and should be left at home. If you do bring a comfort or emotional support dog into a VA clinic, you are responsible for cleaning up after them. Please do so. Don't leave a mess for others to clean up.

Thanks for your service to this great country and to your fellow Veterans.

Ed Schnabel

American Legion Representative for the Lincoln CBOC

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



Greetings Fellow Legion Riders and Legion Family,

Who'd have thought after the scorchingly hot days of early- and mid-August, we'd be having 60* nights by late-August? I'm thinking some Indian Summer days in early-September, how about you?

Riding season will end in the next few weeks. Harvest will soon be under way, which means farm implements of all sizes will be sharing the roadways of Nebraska. I urge everyone, whether on two (or three) wheels or on four (or more) wheels, to be vigilant as you drive Nebraska highways and byways in the next couple of months.

I was deeply saddened during August by two motorcycle fatalities here in Lincoln. While I did not know either rider, it reminded me to remain extra aware as I ride and drive. One of the accidents occurred not far from my residence. I drive by that spot nearly every day and can still see evidence of the crash on the roadway. These accidents are a grim reminder to watch out for one another on the road (and to not act the fool by excessive speed).

On a happier note, I am so excited to tell you that our annual Poker Run was a resounding success! The weather was perfect for riding, and nearly 70 riders and passengers signed up to participate. Between the poker hands, silent auction and raffle, we cleared just under \$2,000. We also gave away the rifle, for which we have been selling tickets for the last six months or so. Our rifle raffle netted just over \$4,000.

Added to the mix this year was a motorcycle raffle. Donated to the Riders by a Post 3 member, we were able to raise another \$4,000 or so in that raffle. The lucky winner won a motorcycle, valued at about \$10,000, for a measly \$20. Outstanding!! Our two charities, the Veterans Mission of Mercy (which provides FREE dental care to Nebraska Veterans) and the JAVALAN service dog project (which provides service dogs to Nebraska Veterans and first responders), will reap the rewards of the Poker Run and motorcycle and rifle raffles.

(Chapter 3 Director's Remarks – Continued)

Lincoln was selected as the start point for the 2026 American Legion National Legacy Run. What an honor, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your ALR Chapter 3! Each year, American Legion Riders from all across the USA meet at a designated start point and ride to the city hosting the National Convention.

The American Legion Legacy Run supports the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF), which provides temporary financial assistance grants for military and veteran families facing sudden hardships and funds training for Legion service officers. This year, over 290 Riders gathered in Lincoln to start the ride to Knoxville, Kentucky. In addition to several Chapter 3 Riders participating in one (or more) days of the Legacy Run, we also provided a flag line as the group departed Lincoln. It was an awesome experience!

I want to give a big shoutout and a huge thank you to every Rider, Legionnaire, Son and Auxiliary member who has supported your American Legion Riders Chapter 3 in our fund-raising efforts.

Until next time,

Ride (and Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser

Director

Lincoln ALR Chapter 3

After Action Report - Legacy Run 2026

Two Chapter 3 ALR members departed Lincoln with the National Legacy Run on Sunday, August 23. Those Riders, Mike Streeter and I, joined about 240 ALR members from across the nation on a five-day trek across Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky on the way to National Convention. Due to previous commitments, I was only able to ride on Day 1 and returned to Lincoln after we reached the Day 1 destination of Ames, Iowa. Mike continued riding on Day 2, then returned home.

What an amazing, and humbling, experience! Along the entire route, citizens in towns large and small lined the streets with American Flags. I want to especially call out the residents of Denison, Iowa. I swear half the population (of about 1,500) were lined up and waving us on. It caught me right in "the feels." I'm proud to be an American!

When the Legacy Run arrived at the final destination in Fort Knox, Kentucky, the National ALR Chairman, David Heredia, presented National Commander Wiley with a check representing the over \$520,000 raised by ALR members for the Veterans and Children's Fund. Your Lincoln ALR Chapter 3 donated a total of \$1,000 to the VCF this year, \$500 through the Nebraska Legacy Run and \$500 through the Department.

I am sad to report there was one fatality during the Legacy Run. A Rider from Kansas, Michael Haas, who was on the Road Guard Team, was involved in a fatal accident on Day 3 of the ride. It appears he experienced a medical emergency while riding and crashed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and the entire Department of Kansas American Legion Family.

Bruce Gubser

Director, Lincoln ALR Chapter 3



After Action Report - Poker Run

We held our annual Poker Run on Saturday, August 29th. The weather was favorable, even a little hot, and some riders even experienced a little watery blessing from Heaven while on the route. We had 51 logged participants, sold \$930 in poker hands, our share of the 50/50 was \$205, and we raised \$261 in a silent auction.

All three winners of the poker hands (High, 2nd High, and Low) donated their winnings back, totaling \$600. We ended up with a net income of \$1,426. We also held drawings for our Rifle Raffle and Motorcycle Raffle. The Rifle Raffle net income was \$4,288, and the winner, Jeff F from Lincoln, will be putting his new rifle to good use. He mentors and trains at-risk youth by teaching them all kinds of outdoor skills including camping, hunting and shooting.

The Motorcycle Raffle net income was \$4,829. We sold only 249 of the available 750 tickets. Honestly, I was a little disappointed in the sales volume, but since the motorcycle cost us nothing (other than \$12 to put the title in our name and \$138 to print the raffle tickets), that \$4,800 was all profit. Combining the Poker Run, Rifle Raffle, and Motorcycle Raffle proceeds, we will share OVER \$10,500 with our two designated charities (JAVELAN Service Dog Project and the Veterans Mission of Mercy).

I am SO proud of the efforts by YOUR Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders to make these things happen!

Bruce Gubser

Director

Lincoln ALR Chapter 3

Post 3 Honor Guard



Our Honor Guard remains exceptionally active, providing steadfast support at funerals and a wide range of veteran and civic ceremonies. Their dedication continues to reflect great credit upon Post 3.

In August, the Honor Guard assisted Military Honors teams at seven funerals. Their civic involvement included six appearances: Presenting Korean War veterans with a commemorative coin from the Governor of Nebraska on two occasions, attending the Governor's Welcome Home Dinner for National Guard members recently returned from deployment, and providing a Color Guard and support at three meetings during the Riders' annual Legacy Run.

For calendar year 2026, the Honor Guard has assisted Military Honors teams at 63 funerals and participated in 28 civic functions.

The Honor Guard's dedication to paying tribute to our fallen veterans and supporting civic functions is truly valued. I sincerely thank everyone who continues to offer their time, service, and support.

Post 3 TAPS – August 2026



ARMY



MARINE CORPS



NAVY



AIR FORCE



SPACE FORCE



COAST GUARD

LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Jerome Kohl	Korea	Navy	62
Donald J. Miller	Korea	Air Force	55

🇺🇸 WHAT ARE VETERANS DOING WHEN THEY SALUTE? 🇺🇸



You may notice it at a ceremony...During the National Anthem...

**Or as the flag is raised, lowered, or carried past in quiet dignity.
A veteran brings their hand to their brow in a salute.**

For many years, tradition and law limited the hand salute to those in uniform. Veterans who were no longer serving—and not wearing an organizational uniform—were expected to stand at attention with the right hand over the heart, honoring the moment in respectful silence.

That changed in 2008.

That year, federal law updated the U.S. Flag Code to allow veterans and active-duty service members who are out of uniform to render a military salute during the raising, lowering, or passing of the American flag. Later that same year, this authorization was extended to include the National Anthem.

So when you see a veteran salute today, they are exercising a hard-earned privilege. They are honoring the flag, fallen friends, shared sacrifice, and a lifetime of service.

Because that salute is not just a gesture. It is a right restored. And a promise remembered.

🇺🇸 It's a privilege. One earned and never forgotten. 🇺🇸

Chaplain's Remarks



Known Universe

There comes a time in every American Legionnaire's life, when the thought may hit them, at any hour of the day, or night: What have I really done worthwhile for God, my family, and people I've known over the years?

From a Godly perspective, this personal "time out" serves as one's self-inventory of your soul's awareness of God's plans for you, and how you fit into His overall purpose for you in this world.

Being an AL member puts you on a level of awareness of what it takes to help a nation like ours continue to set an example for free nations around the world. Each of us has that Abraham call that the: Lord—Yahweh—made of that maker of idols in ancient Chaldee land in the city of Ur (Genesis 12:1 - 9). His answering that Godly call of service led to our call by the Lord in our present time (Matthew 4:23).

We're amid changing times, with our changing socioeconomic headway now facing destruction at the hands of some of our own

Citizenry with a fascination for Communism. Yet, take heart, for the Lord is with us. As *Legionnaires*, we know how to fight for truth and justice (John 14:6)?

You and I are among that continuing line of veterans who have sworn to uphold our pledge for "One country, one nation, one flag." Spiritually, the Lord expects that same as those Egyptian Hopliters described in Ephesians 6:13 – 17.

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

\$ 1000



NEBRASKA LEGIONNAIRES

BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2027!

The first NATIONAL renewal notice to Nebraska for the 2027 membership year HAS BEEN mailed from Indianapolis, and the Department Membership Committee is again this year sponsoring an Early Bird Drawing.

ALL regular members (those who pay their dues annually or are multi-year members) whose 2027 dues are paid and received in Department Headquarters by September 8, 2026 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!!

Pilot Accounted For From Vietnam War



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced on August 5, 2026, that U.S. Air Force Col. Walter A. Renelt, 40, of Roberts County, South

Dakota, who was killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for June 23, 2025.

In 1969, Renelt served with the 20th Tactical Air Support

Squadron. On Nov. 20, he was an instructor pilot aboard an O-2A Skymaster aircraft with another crew member on a visual reconnaissance mission over the Lao People's Democratic Republic. During the mission, the plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed. Bad weather and enemy activity around the crash site prevented ground rescue attempts and subsequent searches for both crew members were unsuccessful. The Air Force made a presumptive finding of death on July 12, 1973.

Beginning in 1994, the Department of Defense initiated a comprehensive review of each case involving unaccounted-for American service members or civilians from the war in Southeast Asia. Between 1995 and 2022, the DoD and Laotian government conducted a number of Joint Field Activities in an attempt to find Renelt and his crew member. During JFA 22-2LA from Jan. 25 to March 3, 2022, the team found a rank insignia individualized to Renelt.

In May 2025, during JFA 25-4LA, the team discovered possible human remains, possible material evidence, and possible osseous material. All items recovered from the site were accessioned into the DPAA Laboratory for scientific analysis.

To identify Renelt's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental analysis, as well as material evidence.

Today, Renelt is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, and on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., (Panel 16W, Line 103). A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Renelt was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on Aug. 17, 2026.



DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE



Deep in Sicily, Italy, the search continues. 🇺🇸 🇮🇹

Members of the DPAA 26-1IT Recovery Team are conducting an intensive excavation at the crash site of a World War II B-25 Mitchell medium bomber.

Every team member plays a critical role in this mission. From Scientific Recovery Experts meticulously mapping the site, to team members setting up wet screening stations and operating metal detectors.

With approximately 71,694 personnel still missing from WWII, our mission remains clear: to provide the fullest possible accounting for missing U.S. personnel to their families and the nation. We will not stop searching.

📷: U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Taylor Crul

Corporal awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Korea



On August 14, 1952, 21-year-old Corporal Lester Hammond Jr. marched two miles deep into enemy territory. Hammond served as a radio operator with Company A of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. This elite paratrooper unit had already earned a fierce reputation in Korea. Hammond himself had enlisted at just 17 years old in Quincy, Illinois, and reenlisted to deploy to the combat zone..

His six-man reconnaissance patrol advanced roughly 3,500 yards beyond friendly lines near Kumwha, deep inside the heavily fortified Iron Triangle. Suddenly, a massive and numerically superior enemy force ambushed the small American patrol. The men opened fire immediately to push back the hostile forces.

Realizing they were vastly outnumbered, the team withdrew up a narrow ravine in search of protective cover in a ditch. Enemy fire struck Hammond during this initial exchange. Teammate Corporal William J. Liell attempted to pull the injured radio operator into the safety of the ditch. Hammond refused the help. Instead of seeking shelter from the imminent danger of being overrun, Hammond intentionally remained in a completely exposed position.

He stayed in the open so he could maintain a clear view of the enemy movements. Using his radio, Hammond called in artillery strikes to support his patrol and their defensive action. He constantly exposed himself to hostile observation and concentrated enemy fire while coordinating the artillery.

Hammond directed crippling fire directly onto the advancing assailants. His precise coordinates inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy forces. He successfully repulsed multiple attempts by the enemy to overrun their position. Understanding the desperate situation, Hammond eventually requested an artillery strike directly onto his own position. Major Walter J. Klepeis, who received the radio transmissions, noted that the young corporal knew exactly what he was asking for and the fatal consequences it carried.

During these devastating airstrikes and artillery barrages, Hammond was wounded a second time. He refused to yield and maintained his stand against the onslaught. Hammond continued to direct the artillery fire until he was mortally wounded. His relentless radio transmissions kept the enemy pinned down and away from his injured teammates.

Because Hammond stemmed the enemy advance, a friendly relief platoon was able to reach the beleaguered patrol. The platoon evacuated the wounded men and effected a safe withdrawal back to friendly lines. He died on the battlefield that day at the age of 21.

For his actions on August 14, 1952, the United States posthumously awarded Corporal Lester Hammond Jr. the Medal of Honor. His remains were returned home, and he was eventually buried with full military honors in Sunset Cemetery in Quincy, Illinois.

In 1976, the World was teetering on the brink of war.



CPT. Arthur Bonifas

1st Lt. Mark Barrett

On August 18, 1976, Captain Arthur “Art” Bonifas, a 33-year-old US Army Airborne Ranger and Vietnam veteran, was leading a routine mission to trim a tree that blocked American observation points in the DMZ when things went horribly wrong.

The commanding officer of the Joint Security Force and his men were confronted by approximately 15 North Korean troops led by Pak Chul, or “Lt. Bulldog,” as he had been nicknamed for his frequent confrontations with the Americans.

After a few tense minutes of attempted intimidation and posturing, the North Korean officer approached Captain Bonifas, demanding that US soldiers stop trimming the tree because it had been “personally planted and nourished by Kim Il Sung.”

Bonifas, unfazed by the arrogant North Korean officer, turned away and ordered his men to continue their work. Moments later, a truck with twenty additional North Korean soldiers, all carrying crowbars, steel pipes, or clubs, appeared.

What happened next would shock and enrage Americans, South Koreans, and freedom-loving people around the world.

According to eyewitnesses, Lt. Pak calmly took off his watch, wrapped it in a handkerchief, placed it in his pocket, and yelled, “Kill the bastards!” Instantly, the North Korean soldiers, under direct orders from their lieutenant, began beating and hacking the American and South Korean soldiers near the tree.

(Korea – Continued)

In the ensuing 30 seconds of violence, Capt. Bonifas, who was scheduled to leave Korea the following week and reunite with his wife and three children, and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett, a 25-year-old Jacksonville, Florida native who had recently married, was bludgeoned to death.

Within hours of the brutal murders, the North Korean government issued the following statement: "At around 10:45 a.m. today, the American imperialist aggressors sent in 14 hoodlums with axes into the Joint Security Area . . . they attacked our guards en masse and committed a serious provocative act of beating our men and wielding murderous weapons."

Two days later, the bodies of Capt. Bonifas and Lt. Barrett were escorted to Kimpo Airport, outside of Seoul, and flown to the United States, where both men were buried with full military honors.

Postscript:

On August 21, the United States, in what was called "Operation Paul Bunyan," sent 23 American and South Korean vehicles filled with soldiers and a 64-man task force of South Korean Special Forces troops to the site of the incident.

With US Army Cobra attack helicopters on the horizon, B-52 bombers and F-4 Phantoms flying overhead, and the USS Midway (CV-41) task force steaming offshore, the Americans cut down the tree.

Approximately 200 North Korean soldiers, with locked and loaded rifles and machine guns, watched the forty-minute tree cutting. Miraculously, they never fired a shot. Kim Il Sung had backed down.

US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, however, wasn't pleased. He had advocated for bombing a North Korean barracks in retaliation. "Just chopping down a tree isn't enough," he remarked. "I have never seen the North Koreans so scared. I am positive they would not have hit back."

Today we pay tribute to Art Bonifas, Mark Barrett, their families, and all the Americans who served, sacrificed and died on the DMZ. We will never forget you!

Friday, September 18th, 10:00-12:00 A.M.



Lincoln VAG eAlert

A Message from Your Veterans Advisory Group!

VAG Lincoln Coffeehaus!



**JOIN US ON
FRIDAY!**

A CoffeeHaus Event has been scheduled for the third Friday each month from 10:00 AM to Noon, at Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park

In addition, Quilts of Valor Ladies will be awarding quilts to Veterans touched by war, and the presentation begins at Noon.

CoffeeHaus is a monthly gathering to honor our Veterans, with **FREE** Coffee, Beverages, Snacks, Fellowship, and Entertainment.

Join us - reach out and bring a guest too!

OUR SPONSOR

The Sponsor for
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Lodge #80.



MORE INFORMATION!

For a Calendar of Upcoming VAG Events, visit our Website, at www.VAGLincoln.org!

Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:00-8:00 P.M.



Monthly Veteran Buddy Check

Each month, we come together to:

- Honor and remember our comrades lost to suicide
- Support those going through difficult or lonely times
- Celebrate the good days, milestones, and victories we share as a veteran community

When: Monthly on the 22nd from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter
1650 Memorial Dr., Lincoln, NE 68508
Next to the Veterans Memorial Garden

Who: Open to All Military and Veterans

Details: No Cost to Attend
Coffee, Refreshments, Snacks Provided

Host: Veterans Advisory Group of Lincoln



www.vaglincoln.org

Working together to end veteran suicide.

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Touch-A-Truck



A FAMILY

EVENT

Join us for a family-friendly event where children can explore and climb on a variety of vehicles

FREE ENTRY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES

- Activities like honking horns, setting off sirens, and kicking tires
- Questions and answers with truck operators

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

SEE • TOUCH • EXPLORE • HONK

From 10am until 2pm
5910 S 58th Street

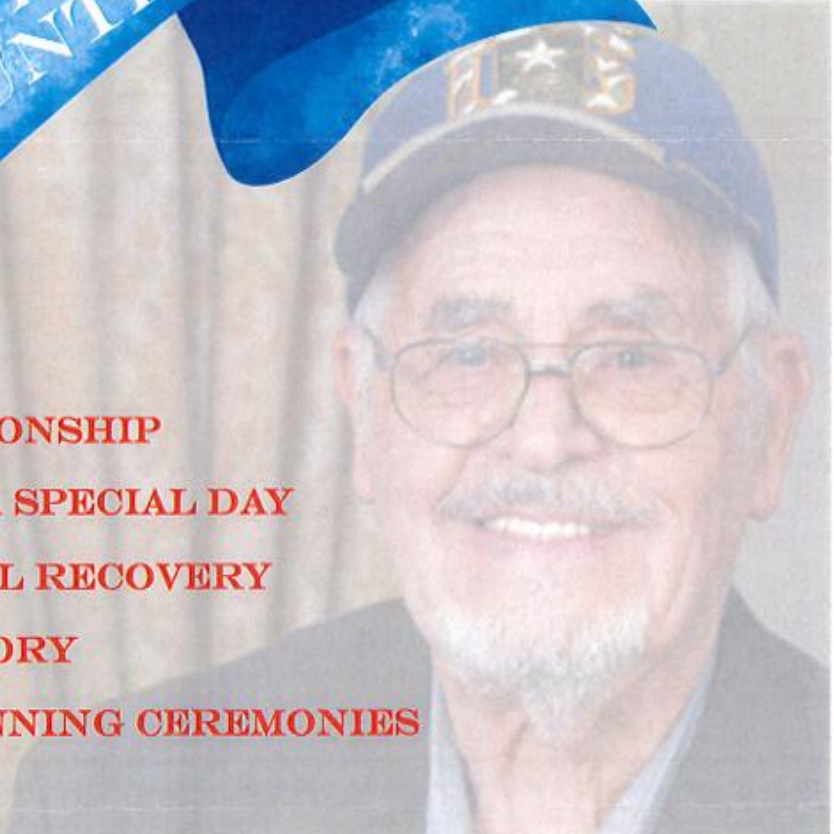
We will observe a "quiet hour" from 10-11am, with no sirens or horns, so that visitors with sensitivity to loud noise can enjoy the displays.



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A PAPER APPLICATION.



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 _____ (First) (Initial) (Last)		Recruited by _____ (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)				
00-001 (2014)				

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 you, or do you know someone, who served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged or are currently serving honorably? Then they are eligible. Complete the application below and send it with a check in the amount of \$56.00 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			
☐ Global War on Terror	☐ U.S. Army		
☐ Gulf War	☐ U.S. Navy		
☐ Panama	☐ U.S. Air Force		
☐ Lebanon/Grenada	☐ U.S. Marines		
☐ Vietnam	☐ U.S. Coast Guard		
☐ Korea	☐ Merchant Marines (WWII only)		
☐ WWII			
☐ 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 application and a check for \$56.00 made out to “American Legion Post 3” to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 2025, 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



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(402) 466-3958

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2026 - 2027 Post 3 Officers

Commander – Ron Hindmand – Cell: 254-291-1514

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Second Vice Commander – John Ottoson – Cell: 402-314-8707

Adjutant – Stephen Fowles – Cell: 617-407-1841

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

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

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