



“For God and Country”

February 2026 Post 3 Newsletter



February Meeting Schedule

Organization	Location	Time	Date
District 15 Convention	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	02/10/26
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	02/10/26
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	02/12/26
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	02/19/26
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	02/17/26
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	02/17/26
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	02/19/26
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	02/22/26
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	02/20/26

Commander's Call



We are beginning a busy year. This month we will hold our District 15 Convention in conjunction with our normal Post 3 meeting on Tuesday February 10th. We will be hosting multiple guests for this Convention. Prominent guests will include our Department Commander Judy Walters and our National Executive Committee representative, Jim Costello.

Additionally, we will be hosting several Legionnaires running for higher level offices. They will be introducing themselves and asking for our votes at the June annual Department Convention to be held in Columbus. Our own Bruce Gubser will be running for Area C Vice-Commander.

We will be electing a District 15 delegate and alternate to the National Convention to be held August 28th to September 3rd in Louisville KY. My term as District 15 Commander as well as Rich Lemmerman's term as District Vice Commander will be coming to an end. So, we will be nominating and electing new Post 3 members to fill these two year positions.

Important time, date and locations for 2026-2027 will be proposed and confirmed for our next District Convention, Junior Law Cadet board, Boys State Orientation, and Oratorical Contest. We also have a few awards to be presented. Please remember we start 30 minutes early at 6:30 PM for this meeting given we will be hosting several guests and it will last a little longer than a normal monthly Post 3 meeting. Hope to see you there!

The American Legion Department of Nebraska held its' Mid-Year Convention from January 16th to the 18th in Norfolk. Post 3 was represented by 11 of our members for at least one day with four attending for all three days. Highlights of the Mid-Year Convention included Americanism awards presented to representatives of the Boys State Program and Junior Law Cadet Program; and conducted the Department Oratorical Contest.

The winner of the Department Oratorical Contest was Frank Kovac, our Area C representative. These young citizens demonstrated the value of these Legion programs and give us optimistic hope for the future of America.

The Department Website is being updated and is scheduled to be ready for use on March 1st. Candidates for Department office in June were announced. Grand Island was announced as the location for the 2027 Department Convention. Of course, much more happened at the Mid-Year Convention, making it a very worthwhile event to attend.

Happy 2026 and USA 250th anniversary year!

For God and Country,

Ron Hindmand

Post 3 Commander

POST 3 ADJUTANT TRANSITION

As of February 1st, Edward Schabel has vacated the position of Post 3 Adjutant and being replaced by our new Adjutant, Stephen Fowles.

First of all, we owe Ed a huge thank you for being our Post 3 Adjutant for over 8 years and most of that time also serving as our Finance Officer. Ed is a 53-year American Legion Vietnam Era veteran.

In addition to being on our post Honor Guard, Ed is our VA Community Based Outpatient Representative (Lincoln CBOC). He routinely volunteers at the Clinic. He is a member of the 40&8 Veteran's organization. Ed is very active supporting his church. He is a great example of a patriotic American who has given countless hours of service to veterans and their families.

Thank you Ed for your selfless service to Post 3 and congratulations on your 80th Birthday!

Our new Adjutant is Steve Fowles who comes to us from Massachusetts. Steve is a Navy veteran with extensive American Legion experience. He spent 14 years as the Norfolk County Adjutant. He was a County Commander in 2006/2007. He was a Post Adjutant for 12 years and a Post Commander in 2003. He was a SAL Commander in 2004 and SAL Adjutant from 2005 until 2022.

Additionally, he was Adjutant and Past Commander of the Veterans Council. He assisted as Massachusetts American Legion State Department Clerk for 2 years helping with mail and membership.

We are very fortunate to welcome Steve as our new Adjutant.

Welcome aboard, Steve!

Ron Hindmand

Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



I would like to introduce myself to the members of Post 3. My name is Stephen Fowles and I am your new Adjutant. I moved to Lincoln in November of 2024 from Massachusetts.

I had served in the US Navy aboard the USS Myles C Fox DD829. My service in the Navy was from 1970 to 1976. My ship provided naval gunfire support in Vietnam. In 1983 I enlisted in the Army Reserve 114th Personnel Service Company as a records specialist. I was with the Reserve until 1994.

In 2003, I began my service with the American Legion. I was the Adjutant for the County for 14 years and served as County Commander from 2006 to 2007. I served in all the chairs of my post and also served as Adjutant and Commander of the Veterans Council and the Sons of the American Legion. I am looking forward to continuing my service to the Legion here in Nebraska.

I would be greatly remiss if I did not thank Ed Schnabel for his tremendous support helping me to transition to Nebraska. I have very big shoes to fill.

We continue to process membership at the Post 3 office almost daily. As I write this article, we have 846 members of the post who have paid their dues for 2026. That is just over 90% of our goal of 938. That is very good. However, we need to do more.

Over the past year, Post 3 has experienced the loss of 59 valued members who have passed away. We can't do much about that. But we need to do something for the future of our post. If 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 to join the American Legion. Sign up that individual or let us know who they are. We'll contact them.

Stephen Fowles

Post 3 Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



The Lincoln CBOC Christmas Tree fulfilled between 150-170 tag requests. Gift cards and funds received above what was needed to fulfill the tags will allow volunteer services to meet the needs of our Veterans through March 2026. One item that can always be used are Bus Passes or gas cards. Gift cards can be used to buy clothing and coats as the needs come up during the year.

There will be a “Salute to Veterans Day” at the Lincoln CBOC, during the week, February 9th-13th. VSO’s and other organizations are being asked to provide treats for our veterans. Daily from 0800-1400.

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 would want a flu, or 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

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.

Currently there are no mask requirements at VA clinics and hospitals. Masks are available for those who wish to wear them at the front doors of the clinics.

Express Care is a Walk-in service, for those who wish to have a nurse check out minor items. Times might be different at your local clinic, so give them a call and see if they offer Express Care (walk in) service. This care is available to those who might wish to see a VA nurse without an appointment during normal hours. The Lincoln Clinic treats 300 a month as walk-ins.

With the signing of the PAC 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, it only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for an increase, or a new VA disability rating.

The Veteran Affairs web sites are great places to visit. You can find out the latest information affecting Veterans. You can track claim status, file for travel pay, view your VA account, payments received, or Copay owed. You can make the Copay payments online, etc.

My Healthy Vet site allows you to set up an account where you can view your VA medical records, track your meds, order meds, or contact your VA medical providers. It is a quick and easy way to see notes on your latest appointment and track your upcoming appointments.

If you need help getting onto the VA web site or My Healthy Vet, see if your CBOC has a VA Staff member assigned to help you. The CBOC Education office in Lincoln is located just east of the main entrance. Most of these offices have limited hours, so check their schedule when you are at your clinic.

(Lincoln CBOC/VA News – Continued)

The Lincoln Clinic does not currently have an Advocate on site. If you need to talk to an Advocate, you will need to contact their office by phone. There are numbers to call, based on your question, posted on the door of the Advocate Office in the Lincoln Clinic

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

Want to serve your fellow Veterans? There are many ways to serve them. The VA system has need of volunteers. The local clinics or hospitals can always use volunteers for Greeters or Escorts. Hours given by the volunteers are credited with saving the VA Health at Omaha, Lincoln, and GI have an equivalent of 25 full-time staff employees. This is based on an hour of service being credited at the rate of \$31.50 dollars per hour.

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

The food drive to collect food items for our homeless veterans is still ongoing. Items requested are shelf ready, power bars, easy to open items (pull tabs), etc. Please do not bring in food items that are past their expiration date, they just must be thrown away. A can opener would be nice. There are a few requests for food items that need to be cooked, such as canned vegetables, baked beans, etc.

Other items that our Homeless Veterans could use are hygiene care items. They should be the small size that would fit easily into a backpack. Household cleaning supplies are requested items by those with limited incomes.

As the weather has changed from fall to winter, our homeless veterans could use warm clothing, hats, gloves, underwear, etc. Volunteer Services has a list of the most requested items. In Lincoln, they can be reached by calling 402-486-7938 or texting Ty.Andrews@va. Gov

Clinics and hospitals can always use books, and magazines, for patients. You would need to check with your local hospital, clinic or 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.

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.

Additional information concerning My HealthVet, Tax Assistance and the Veteran Vehicle Tax Exemption are included later in this newsletter.

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

**Ed Schnabel
American Legion Rep
For the Lincoln CBOC**

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



Greetings Legion Riders and American Legion Family,

Well, winter has finally made its appearance, and it is cold! Definitely NOT riding weather!

Nevertheless, your American Legion Riders are doing what they do best... supporting Veterans. During January, we stood flag lines, supporting the Patriot Guard, at a number of funerals of our fellow Veterans, began our 2026 fundraising activities that will benefit

Veterans across Nebraska, and determined a route for our annual Poker Run to be held on August 29th.

Whether we get there on two-, three- or four-wheels, it is an honor and privilege for American Legion Riders to proudly stand, with American flags, to honor the service, legacy and sacrifice of Veterans who have been called to their final duty station by our Supreme Commander. My continued thanks to Riders for manning the ranks.

Our 2026 gun raffle is underway! See the flyer in this newsletter. Contact any Chapter 3 American Legion Rider for raffle tickets. We attended a gun show held at the Sandhills Global Event Center and sold nearly \$1,000 in raffle tickets. We hope to raise over \$4,000 in this fundraiser. We'll decide soon on the exact charities to receive these funds, and those of our Poker Run.

Speaking of the Poker Run... Put it on your calendar now! Saturday, August 29th. See the flyer in this newsletter. We'll start out at Elway Powersports, 6600 N 27th St, with registration from 10am until noon. Intermediate stops will be in David City, Beaver Crossing and Dorchester, with our final destination at Denton Post 355. Please note that all types of vehicles are invited to participate! You don't have to ride a motorcycle. Our goal is more than just "knees in the breeze." We ride (and drive) so that we can contribute to the welfare of Veterans and their families. I hope to see you all there!

And, finally, we recently received the donation of a motorcycle. The donor asked us to use it to generate additional funds to support Veterans. We are considering a couple of options on how best to do that and will keep you all posted on our course of action. Stay tuned!

That's it for now. Stay warm, and stay safe.

Until next time, Ride (and Drive) Safe.

Bruce Gubser

**Director, Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders**

Post 3 Honor Guard



In January, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors teams at six funerals. Their civic involvement was limited to one event: providing a Color Guard for the Nebraska NRD Convention at the Embassy Suites.

The dedication of the Honor Guard in paying tribute to our fallen veterans is truly valued. I sincerely thank all those who continue to offer their support.

Post 3 TAPS – January 2026



ARMY



MARINE CORPS



NAVY



AIR FORCE



SPACE FORCE



COAST GUARD

LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Wesley L. Haas	Vietnam	Army	39
Thomas R. Lewis	Vietnam	Army	47
John W. Lofgren	Korea	Unknown	48
Norman Saale	Vietnam	Navy	14
Carl L. Struve	Vietnam	Army	60
Lloyd J. Thomsen	Korea	Army	69

The Chaplain's Remarks



Is God...whom we think He is? February 2026—God is spirit, and may be worshipped in spirit and truth (John 4:24). But if you're not really sure about all that "holy stuff," or simply have difficulty accepting God's nature, what is open to you if you still strive for God, but can't quite get it?

Let's take a look at how this "God thing" got going:

- "In the beginning, God..." all of Creation (Genesis 1:1)
 - Primeval account (Gen. 1 – 11) deity, nature, humanity
 - Ancestral account (Gen. 12 – 50) nature, man, deity concerns
- Socio-culture: humankind's modern profile
 - Dust into body & brain using five senses for behavior
 - Personality or soul
 - Spirit...God's or Satan's

After the *Elohim* (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) formed-made-breathed mankind,

He led His people out of captivity in Egypt, then on through Canaan as:

- Hebrews...Moses people through the desert (Exodus 5:3)
- Israelites...resiliency of Jacob for Canaan (Joshua 3:14 – 17)
- Jews...various battles after Jerico (Joshua 13 – 21)

Jews' rule came to the Middle East to a land with various names signaled geopolitical changes: Canaan, Philistia, and Palestine. Jesus later came to fulfill His Garden of Eden promise of redemption (Genesis 3: 14 – 15).

It IS the Lord whom has redeemed us, saved us, and placed us high on His standing for any and all in Creation for Eternity. Know the Lord for "who" and "whom" He is, as told in His Word, the Bible, and by your Salvation.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain

Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80

January 13, 2026

Commander Ron Hindmand opened the January 13, 2026, meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 19 Legionnaires present.

Introduced was a new member --- Ron Hoppes. He did a brief self-introduction.

Veterans of the various war eras were asked to stand and be recognized.

The minutes of the December 9 2025, meeting were read and approved.

Steve Bartos gave a brief update on the status of Cornhusker Boys State.

Ed Schnabel reported that 2026 membership tonight stood at 826 --- 88% of goal. Commander Hindmand then recognized Ed for all the work he has done for Post 3 as Adjutant --- and for his volunteerism in a variety of activities in Lincoln.

Commander Hindmand then welcomed and recognized Steve Fowles and announced that he will be transitioning in the Adjutant's position.

Finance Officer Bruce Gubser gave the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2025 showing a balance on hand of \$46,733.92. He also reported that the post had received an unexpected donation of about \$4000 and was going to use a small part of it to make current the dues of several WWII, Korean, and 50+year members.

Bruce Gubser also reported for the Legion Riders. They are going to do a gun raffle again this year --- and mentioned that Scheel's had made a significant donation toward the purchase of the rifle to be raffled.

(Meeting Minutes – Continued)

Bruce also reported that the Riders had received a donation of a relatively valuable motorcycle, and that the chapter is discussing some possibilities regarding a raffle for that.

Gerry Wolf reported for the Memorial Committee. They have been busy with funerals and other activities.

It was announced that the annual Legislative Day will be held at the State Capitol on Friday, January 30th.

Brendan Moore reported for the SAL. He said that their membership for 2026 was 134 --- 100% of goal. He also reported on the squadron's holiday grocery donations and gave a little history about "Anchors Aweigh."

It was announced that the Mid-Year Conference was scheduled for this coming weekend in Norfolk --- and the Department Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday evening.

Commander Hindmand reported on several programs which might need to be addressed (Eagle Scout awards, Jr. Law Cadets, etc.).

It was announced that the February meeting of Post 3 will begin at 6:30 PM and will also serve as our District 15 Convention.

With the reading of TAPS, the meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:45 PM.

**Steve Bartos
Recorder**

Soldier Accounted For From World War II



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that U.S. Army Pvt. Ira Warren, 26, of Seth, West Virginia, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for June 11, 2025.

In late 1942, Warren was a member of Headquarters Company, 194th Tank Battalion, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942.

Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured and interned at POW camps. Warren was among those reported captured when U.S. forces in Bataan surrendered to the Japanese. They were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and then held at the Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the war.

According to prison camp and other historical records, Warren died July 19, 1942, and was buried along with other deceased prisoners in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 312.

Following the war, American Graves Registration Service personnel recovered 40 sets of remains buried in Common Grave 312. However, 28 were unable to be identified at the time and were buried at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial as Unknowns.

In January 2018, as part of DPAA's Cabanatuan Project, the remains associated with Common Grave 312 were disinterred and sent to the DPAA laboratory for analysis.

To identify Warren's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental, anthropological, and isotope analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial and Y-chromosome DNA analysis, as well as mitochondrial genome sequencing data.

Although interred as an Unknown in MACM, Warren's grave was meticulously cared for over the past 70 years by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Warren will be buried in Bloomingrose, West Virginia, in Spring 2026.

Army Aviator receives the Medal Of Honor



58 years ago, January 6, 1968, 31-year-old Major Patrick Henry Brady of the United States Army Medical Service Corps flew into the fog of war near Chu Lai, Vietnam. He served as the commander of the 54th Medical Detachment, flying unarmed UH-1H "Dustoff" helicopters to evacuate wounded soldiers.

Early that morning, a call came in for the evacuation of two severely wounded South Vietnamese soldiers located in enemy-held territory. The landing zone was blanketed in dense fog and heavy smoke, making visibility nearly zero. Two other helicopters had already attempted the rescue but were forced to turn back. Major Brady volunteered to make the attempt.

He flew his helicopter into the soup, descending slowly while maneuvering backward and sideways to blow the fog away with his tail rotor. Through sheer skill, he located the landing zone, loaded the casualties, and flew them to the safety of a hospital.

He had barely returned when another desperate call came in for American casualties trapped in a valley surrounded by enemy forces. The valley was completely obscured by fog, and the enemy was directing heavy fire at the trapped unit. Major Brady returned to the air and hovered over the valley. He spotted the trail flares on the ground and dropped into the fire-swept zone. Despite the enemy shooting at his aircraft, he landed, loaded the wounded, and successfully evacuated them.

Later that same day, he responded to a third request to rescue American troops. As he approached the landing zone, his helicopter was raked by intense machine-gun fire. The enemy bullets damaged his flight controls and partially shot away his pedals. Fighting with the damaged controls, he managed to land the aircraft and extract the wounded men before limping back to base.

He immediately procured a second helicopter to continue his mission, but it too was soon damaged by enemy fire. Undaunted, he secured a third helicopter and responded to a call for a platoon trapped in an active minefield. With no safe place to land, Major Brady navigated the aircraft directly into the minefield to reach the casualties. As he touched down, a land mine detonated near the helicopter, spraying the aircraft with shrapnel and wounding two of his crew members. Despite the explosion and the damage to his third aircraft of the day, he refused to leave. He waited until six wounded men were loaded aboard and then flew them out to safety.

By the time night fell, Major Brady had flown over 40 sorties in three different helicopters. He successfully evacuated 51 seriously wounded men in a single day, saving them from almost certain death.

On October 9, 1969, President Richard Nixon presented the Medal of Honor to Major Patrick Henry Brady during a ceremony at the White House. Patrick Henry Brady survived the war and retired from the Army as a Major General. He is currently 89 years old and living in retirement.

Friday, February 20th, 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 CoffeeHaus is the Elks Lodge #80.



MORE INFORMATION!

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

Sunday, February 22nd, 6:00-8:00 P.M.



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BUDDY CHECK

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Working together to end veteran suicide.

MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter

1650 Memorial Dr., Lincoln, NE 68508

Next to The Veterans Memorial Garden

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

★ **Coffee, refreshments, and snacks are provided.** ★

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 is partnering with Don & Millie's (at both locations, 56th & Nebraska Parkway and 81st and O Street), with an ongoing fundraiser. Every 3rd Sunday, from 11am-9pm. Just tell the cashier that you are supporting Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 when you dine in or drive through. Don & Millie's will donate 20% of your order to the Auxiliary. You eat there anyway (you know you do, admit it), so why not support a worthy cause while you're at it!



American Legion Auxiliary Lincoln #3

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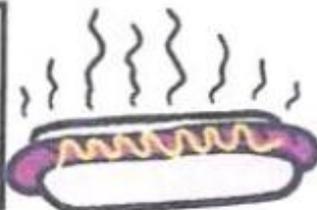
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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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6600 WEST 'O' STREET; LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

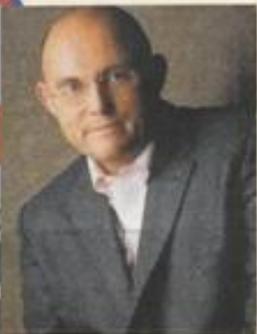
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[See ALA website: nebraskalegionaux.net/calendar](http://nebraskalegionaux.net/calendar) for further details

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Requires 650 people to unfurl & raise this 250' x 505' flag.

Groups of all ages welcome! Sign up on our website below.

Sponsorships Still Available.

TWO
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EVENTS



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OMAHA



SUN, MAY 24, 2026
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Lincoln (Nebraska)
Chapter 3

POKER RUN



REGISTRATION: 10AM-NOON
FIRST BIKE OUT AT: 10AM
LAST BIKE IN: 3:30PM
PRIZES/AWARDS: 4PM

BRING NONPERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE FOOD BANK (OR DONATE \$5) AND GET AN EXTRA CARD!

**SATURDAY
AUG 29**

- STARTS AT ELWAY POWERSPORTS, 6600 N 27TH ST, LINCOLN, NE
- WITH STOPS IN DAVID CITY, BEAVER CROSSING & DORCHESTER
- ENDS AT DENTON AMERICAN LEGION

NEBRASKA VETERANS Mission of Mercy

www.nvmdental.org

Nebraska Dental Foundation

UNMC

Creighton University

SEPT. 26-27, 2025

789 County Road J, York, NE
TITAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS CENTER

PROCEEDS GO TO THE NEBRASKA VETERANS MISSION OF MERCY AND OTHER CHARITIES SUPPORTING VETERANS IN NEBRASKA



Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders



RAFFLE

Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport
.22 LR Rifle with Red-Green Dot Optic



TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

The drawing will be held in August at our poker run.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

YOU MUST BE OLDER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE A TICKET

PRIZE WILL BE TRANSFERED TO THE WINNER THROUGH A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER and

ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FIREARM PURCHASE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY



Signing in to My HealtheVet on VA.gov

Follow these steps to sign in to My HealtheVet on VA.gov:

1. Go to va.gov/my-health. We'll prompt you to sign in.
2. Select your sign-in account (**Login.gov** or **ID.me**).
You'll go to the sign-in screen for your account.
3. Enter your email address and password. Then select **Sign in** (for **ID.me**) or **Submit** (for **Login.gov**).
Note: If you forgot your password, select **Forgot password** to reset it. You'll get an email that will help you reset your password.
4. Select your multifactor authentication (MFA) method. Then select **Continue**.
5. Follow the instructions for your MFA method. For example, if you chose text message for your MFA method, select **Text message**. Then enter the 6-digit code sent to you by text in the next screen and select **Continue** (for **ID.me**) or **Submit** (for **Login.gov**).
Note: You may need to wait a few minutes for the text code to come through. If you don't get the text after 5 minutes, choose the **Call me** option (for **ID.me**) or **Automated phone call** (for **Login.gov**) instead to get the code by phone.
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Go to My HealtheVet on VA.gov now:

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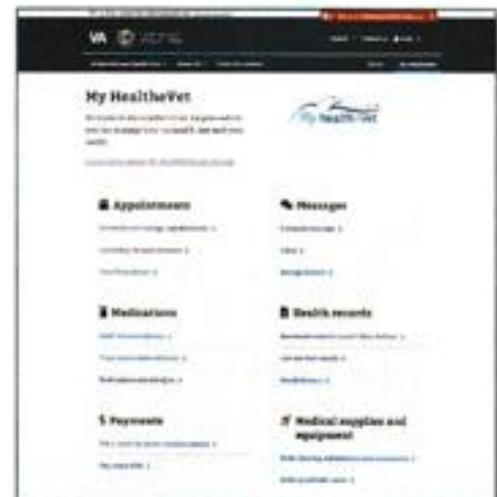
Get step-by-step instructions: www.va.gov/sign-in-changes

Have questions?

Call us at 877-327-0022 (TTY: 800-877-8339). We're here Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.

Or contact the My HealtheVet coordinator at your local VA health facility.

Find your facility's contact information at www.va.gov/find-locations.





My HealthVet on VA.gov

My HealthVet on VA.gov is our new unified health portal on VA.gov.

Here's what to know about the new experience:

- You can now manage your VA health care in the same place you manage your other VA benefits and services. And we've added features like the ability to order certain medical supplies and equipment online.
- The new mobile-first design makes it easier to manage your care—anywhere, on any device.
- Our accessibility improvements make it easier for all Veterans to use health tools—especially if you use a screen reader or other assistive device.
- You can no longer use My HealthVet as a personal health record to enter and store your own health information outside of your electronic health record. This change helps us make sure that all your important information is in the record your care team has access to.

What's new for appointments

- You can now do everything in one place—from reviewing your upcoming and past appointments lists to scheduling, requesting, and canceling some appointments online.
- You can now review submitted travel pay reimbursement claims and after-visit summaries online. And you can quickly access other helpful features related to appointments, copays, and travel pay reimbursement.
- You can no longer enter your own events or to-dos. But you can add your appointments to your personal digital calendar.

What's new for messages

- You can now find all messages threaded in a conversation—so nothing is lost.
- Drafts now autosave every 10 seconds instead of 2 minutes—so you know your in-progress messages are always saved.

What's new for medications

- You now have one medication list—so you can review your entire VA medication history at once.
- Your list will now include only medications you filled at a VA pharmacy or reported to your VA provider. If you have new medications to add to your health record, send a secure message to your care team. You can still download a copy of any past self-entered medications.

What's new for medical records

- You can now easily review, print, and download each part of your medical records online —like allergies or care notes—without having to download your full Blue Button report.
- To track your vitals and other health data and share it with your provider, you can now use our Share My Health Data app.

TAX ASSISTANCE *for free* by IRS Certified Volunteers

2025 Federal and Nebraska State Tax Returns

The Lincoln VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Coalition will sponsor this outreach event to assist Veterans and VA employees with their tax returns.

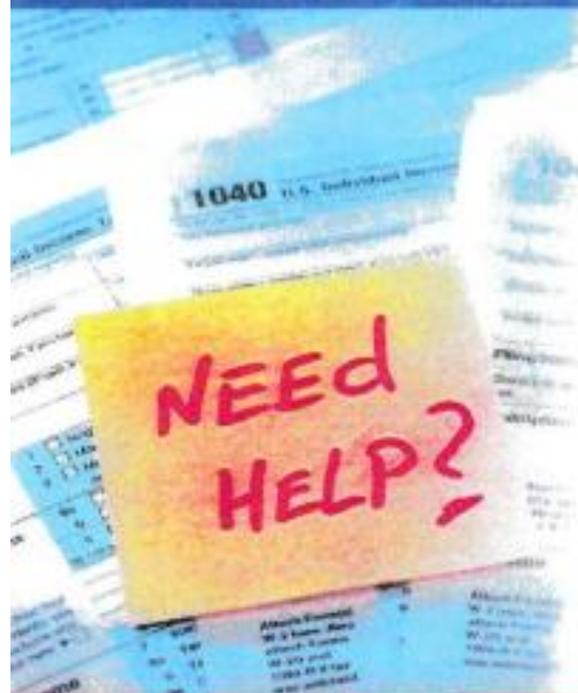
SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT: 402-489-3802, ext. 25-6804

Feb 20th, March 6th, March 13th, March 27th and April 3rd

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lincoln VA, 420 Victory Park Drive, First Floor/Room 1529

Handicap Parking Available / No Walk In Appts Available



BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

Mandatory Items *(Required by IRS regulation)*

- Social security cards / CITIN letters for each person being filed on, including children
- Photo ID for adults
- Checking or saving account numbers, bank routing numbers

Needed *(if applicable to you)*

- Pension statements
- 1095s showing creditable health insurance coverage
- Child care information
- A copy of last year's taxes
- Statements from school showing the breakdown of expenses/credits and any 1098T received
- W-2's from employment
- Any other pertinent tax information

The volunteers are NOT certified to prepare complicated or business returns

If Lincoln Public Schools are closed, Tax Assistance is also cancelled

For questions regarding the event or to schedule an appointment contact:
Jana Jacobson-Langhorst at 402-489-3802 ext. 25-6804



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

How does a veteran apply for the tax exemption?

First, the veteran **MUST** be in the [NDVA Military & Veteran Registry \(http://veterans.nebraska.gov/registry\)](http://veterans.nebraska.gov/registry) as this is how DMV will verify eligibility. Veterans must include a benefit summary that shows a service-connected disability rating or demonstrates the veteran is in receipt of compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the VA.

NOTE: it takes up to 48 hours after approval for registry applications to be processed and visible to DMV. Applications received after 5 p.m. CT on Friday will be processed the following Monday and in the DMV database by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Once in the registry, the veteran needs to do the following when registering or renewing:

In person - tell the county treasurer staff they qualify for the disabled veteran tax exemption.

Via mail - include a note requesting the exemption along with your social security number.

Online - on the second step (Eligibility) check the box that says, "I am eligible for the disabled veteran motor vehicle tax and fee exemption and want to claim it on one of the vehicles I am renewing."

The veteran may need to provide their social security number when registering/renewing if it is not already associated with their registration record.

When does a veteran apply for the tax exemption?

The request for the tax exemption must occur within 30 days after the purchase of a vehicle. For registration renewal, the request must occur prior to the final day of the expiration month. If the request is outside the required timeframe, the veteran will not qualify for the exemption until the next renewal period.

Can the tax exemption be transferred to another vehicle?

Yes. If a veteran wishes to transfer the exemption to a different vehicle, this must be done at the time the vehicle is sold or during the month of expiration of the existing vehicle.

Does a veteran have to apply for the tax exemption every year?

No. The exemption will automatically be applied to future renewals unless the veteran requests it is transferred to another vehicle.

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)	00-001 (2014)

RECEIPT	Date _____
	Received of _____
For God and Country	\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____
	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 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

<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 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



American Legion Post 3

123 South 84th St. Suite L

Lincoln, NE 68510

(402) 466-3958

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

Web Site: lincolnpost3.org

2025 - 2026 Post 3 Officers

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

First Vice Commander – Rich Lemmerman – Cell: 402-694-9834

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

SAL Commander – Brendan Moore – Cell: 402-417-9586

SAL Adjutant – Fred Craigie – Cell: 402-499-0079

Please submit any announcements or items for the monthly newsletter to the editor for approval, (Gerrywolf@aol.com or 402-417-8230). All requests must be received one week before the 1st of the month.

