



“For God and Country”

May 2026 Post 3 Newsletter



May 2026 Meeting Schedule

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	05/12/26
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	05/12/26
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	05/14/26
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	05/21/26
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	05/19/26
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	05/19/26
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	05/21/26
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	05/22/26
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	05/15/26

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

This month we will observe Armed Forces Day on 16 May and Memorial Day on May 25th. Thanks to President Harry S. Truman the third Saturday in May every year was designated Armed Forces Day during which America pays a special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces from all

branches of service. The first official Armed Forces Day took place on May 20th, 1950, and was themed "Teamed for Defense."

Lincoln Armed Forces Day 2026 will feature a free celebration at the Nebraska History Museum downtown from 9 am to 4 pm. This event includes Nebraska National Guard displays, military history exhibits, and family activities honoring service members.

Memorial Day honors US military personnel who died in service of this country. The first national observance of what would become Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, ultimately standardized by Congress in 1971 as Memorial Day, a federal Holiday to occur on the last Monday in May every year.

The day's traditional ceremonies in Lincoln occur at the Veterans Memorial Garden, Wyuka Cemetery, and Lincoln Memorial Park. As in past years our Post 3 Honor Guard will be very busy supporting these and other events honoring our fallen heroes. Memorial Day in Lincoln, this year will feature a major "Celebrate America 250" event, highlighted by the "[World's Largest Flag Unfurling](#)" on May 24th, at the Sandhills Global Event Center.

As mentioned in the April Newsletter we honored Post 3 members for 50, 60 and 70 Continuous Years in the American Legion. Three of these members were in attendance at our monthly meeting on April 14th at the Elks Club. See the detailed article later in this newsletter for photos and a detailed account. The names, branches and war eras of each of our 21 Legionnaires reaching these milestones were read and honored. In times of declining membership these Legionnaires in particular command our highest respect and admiration for maintaining such lengthy continuous membership in the American Legion.

(Commander's Call – Continued)

Bear with me for repeating information included in the last two months newsletters advertising our Post 3 Scholarship program. We are offering three \$500 scholarships to students who are related to Post 3 members for continuing education. Applications are available in this issue, on the Post 3 web site at www.lincolnpost3.org and available on request at our office.

Applications must be submitted to the Post not later than May 31st so if you have students who may qualify, please submit applications on time. Post 3 will convene a board to select the most outstanding candidates for these scholarships.

Finally, there is still time left if you have not renewed your Post 3 2026 membership please do that expeditiously. As you will see in this newsletter we are doing very good so far in getting over 94% of our membership renewed. That last 6% is a challenge for us to achieve.

Again, if you have not yet renewed please do so and as always please at every opportunity encourage any veteran you know that is not a Legion member to join us.

For God and Country,

Ron Hindmand

Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



Fellow Legionnaires,

Membership is currently at 887 members paid for 2026 or 94.6% of our goal of 938. Membership is slowing down now so if you have not paid for 2026 please do so. It is not too late. You can drop by the office, send a check to the post or go online and pay by credit card. We are close to 100% but need the help of all to achieve this goal.

The office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10AM to 1200PM. Other times I can be reached at 617-407-1841 for

any questions or help.

Our meetings can be seen via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM. The Zoom Link is <https://bit.ly/4gHqIYu>. Of course you can also attend in person. We Meet at the Elks Lodge 80 at 7PM.

Our honor guard has been quite busy with funerals and dedications. We are in the process of updating our Consolidated Post Report for 2026. This form shows what we have done over the past year.

This past month we have been working on 50 plus years of continuous membership certificates. Awards were presented to those who were able to attend our April meeting. The certificates for those who could not attend have been mailed to them.

Memorial Day is May 25th. Since a lot of people are still confused about Veterans Day and Memorial Day, you should know the difference to avoid any misunderstanding. We honor veterans on Veterans Day to express our gratitude and respect for their service. On Memorial Day, we remember those who died in wars. In honoring them, we can consider the price of war and pay tribute to those who paid in full. To express noble Memorial Day sentiments, you should remember that this is the time to commemorate those who gave their lives in service to our country. That is why you should not thank the living veterans on Memorial Day, but show respect to their fallen comrades in arms, friends, and family.

Thank you for your membership one and all. Remember that we are the largest Veteran's organization and if it was not for the veteran there would be no freedom

Steve Fowles

Post 3 Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



The VA is currently requesting Veterans to update their VA Identification Cards that you received from the Department of Veteran Affairs. You can update your VA ID cards while in the Clinic. You will need to bring some form of a State issued ID, such as a Driver's License.

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

There will be a "Veteran Health Fair" at the Lincoln CBOC on Thursday, May 28th. Hours are 11:30 to 1:30. The event will be held in the West parking lot of the Lincoln VA Clinic. Spots are available for 50 vendors. VSO's have been invited to have a booth. A small lunch will be served.

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 shot, 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 might wish to see a VA nurse without an appointment during normal hours. The Lincoln Clinic treats 300 patients a month as walk-ins. Times might be different at your local clinic, so give them a call and see if they offer Express Care service.

(Lincoln CBOC/VA News – Continued)

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 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 and Nurse Practitioner to provide foot care for Veterans in the Lincoln area.

The Lincoln CBOC 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). 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 few requests for food items that need to be cooked, canned vegetables, or baked beans.

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 requested items by those with limited incomes. 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.

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 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 Riders and all,

Welcome to May! Riding season is in full swing. Your American Legion Riders, and other motorcyclists, will be on the road more and more over the coming weeks and months. Please look out for us, as we look out for you.

Our riding calendar is "chock-a-block" with numerous riding activities in May, including poker runs, and visits with Veterans. Here's a list of current activities as of the end of April:

- Saturday, May 16th, Armed Forces Day Patriot Run, Plattsmouth American Legion to Seward. Nebraska National Guard Museum. Registration at Plattsmouth VFW Post at 1100 KSU 1130. \$20 donation includes ride Museum tour and lunch in Seward.

- Sunday, May 24th, Thunder on the Missouri meet at 901 E. Topaz Dr., Sergeant Bluff, IA.

- Also, Sunday, May 24th, is the world's largest Flag display in Lincoln at Sandhills Global Event Center, time TBD. Sign up on Patriotic Productions web page. They need 650 people for this event.

- Friday, May 29th, Directors Dinner Ride. More to follow as it gets closer to the date.

-Saturday, May 30th, Sowers Club Poker run, registration at Frontier HD 1000-1130.

Remember to save the date for our annual Poker Run, August 29th. Registration from 10am until noon at Elway Powersports on N 27th Street. I hope you will all join us and help raise some money that will be used to support the Veterans' Mission of Mercy (free dental care for Nebraska Veterans) and the JAVELAN service dog project.

Lastly, it is not too early to put this year's Touch-A-Truck event on your calendar. Save the date! Saturday, September 26th, 10am until 2pm, at the Elks Club. The event last year was extremely well attended, and we are hoping for the same this year.

Until next time,

Ride (and drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser

Chapter Director

Post 3 Honor Guard



In April, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors teams at 7 funerals. Their civic involvement included attending and presenting certificates and medals for scholastic and military excellence to cadets and midshipmen at the UNL ROTC Chancellor's Review, attending and presenting medals to cadets at the Air Force JROTC awards ceremony at Lincoln Northeast High School, and presenting the Colors at the Nebraska Insurance Leaders Forum at the Innovation Campus.

In calendar year 2026, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 30 funerals and was present at 8 civic functions.

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

Post 3 TAPS – March 2026



ARMY



MARINE CORPS



NAVY



AIR FORCE



SPACE FORCE



COAST GUARD

LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Bernard F. Mertzmann	Korea	Army	66
John Munstermann	Vietnam	Air Force	1
Theodore F. Sanchez	WW II	Army	33
Brent E. White	Lebanon-Grenada	Air Force	30
Michael B. Wilson	Vietnam	Army	46

The Chaplain's Remarks



Has it ever occurred to you that there is something...fishy going on...in this seemingly vast universe of ours? For example, look at the way humans show their appreciation for Godly things in this world where the ungodly seem to have a greater foothold, i.a.w, Galatians 5:19 - 21: impurity, sensuality, enmity, and jealousy, among other sins, or disobedience to God and His Word.

Have you ever considered why...He puts up with his Greatest Creation's contrary ways? In other words, why does humankind NOT love God enough to be obedient versus nearly always in rebellion against God ?

Maybe the answer lays much closer to home than you think.

If God is Omniscient, Omnipotent, AND Omnipresent (Jeremiah 31:17), then what further "otherness" could God allow us to see Him as He is, and not as we think ourselves to be? The answer to this apparent conundrum has beset humans dating back to Creation itself. He bequeathed us with a body to evidence the pleasures and pitfalls of reality as our five senses portrayed to you.

Then there's the soul and personality He gave you to respond to Him uniquely from your inner being. Finally, God gave us His spirit connection so that we'd relish His grace for eternity, once we were on the road to Heaven. All of this was described in the Bible's Book Genesis.

So what now? Does knowing—again—the truth of your fleshly nature, spur you to eliminate the space you've built between you and Him so you could enjoy the full measure grace and mercy? Give it shot. What do you have to loose, except your soul through damnation for eternity?

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain

Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80, April 14, 2026

Commander Ron Hindmand opened the April 14, 2026, meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 27 Legionnaires and guests present.

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

The minutes of the March 10th meeting of Post 3 were read and approved.

Steve Bartos reported that eight boys from Lincoln are still scheduled to attend Boys State.

Finance Officer Bruce Gubser gave the financial report for March showing a balance on hand of \$46,805.58.

The Finance Office also reported on a proposal to increase the Americanism budget by \$4700 to accommodate several ongoing projects such as the flag presentations made at one or more senior living facilities in Lincoln. Having been recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee, the proposed change was adopted without dissent.

The Finance Officer announced that the post was going to place an advertisement in the Department Convention program (full page for \$60).

Bruce Gubser reported that he had attended County Government Day today. 70-80 students from Lincoln Christian, Norris, Waverly, and Malcolm attended.

Chapter 3 Director for the Legion Riders reported on upcoming chapter activities --- and urged everyone to keep an eye out for cyclists.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report. He also presented a copy of his first book to Post 3.

It was announced that Jr. Law Cadet interviews had been held, and Post 3 / District 15 will be sponsoring 1 boy and 1 girl this year.

Gerry Wolf reported for the Memorial Squad. The squad remains busy and some folks will be attending the Chancellor's Review at the University of Nebraska and the JROTC program at the Lincoln Northeast High School later this week. Memorial Day will be another busy one.

(Meeting Minutes – Continued)

It was announced that Rich Lemmerman and Bruce Gubser represented the post at the Military Appreciation Day recently held at the Haymarket ballpark in conjunction with some UNL sporting events.

Adjutant Steve Fowles reported Post 3 memberships for 2026 stood at 882 ----- 94% of goal.

Squadron 3 Commander Brendan Moore reported that the squadron met last week --- and that they are at 100% of their membership goal.

Commander Hindmand read a list of 21 Post 3 Legionnaires who would be receiving Continuous Membership Certificates for 50, 60, or 70 years. Present to receive their certificates were Dan Rotherham (60 years), John Edson (60 years), and Terry Edwards (60 years).

Angela Hutchings reported that her team of bowlers were winners at the state Legion bowling tournament in Columbus.

The Chaplain read the TAPS report, and the meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:45 PM.

Steve Bartos

Recorder

Junior Law Cadet Program 2026

The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program, co-sponsored by the Nebraska State Patrol, is held annually during the summer after the junior year of high school. This year, the boy's session is June 20-21, and the girl's session is June 22-23.

Students stay at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island for the training. The purpose of the program is to allow male and female students the opportunity to explore and experience the various aspects of law enforcement.

A 3-person committee was formed on April 2nd to interview prospective candidates. The committee consisted of Commander Ron Hindmand, State Trooper Sean Velte, and Past Commander Gerry wolf.

Post 3 is proud to announce our candidates: Terra Thoms and Judah Hilton.

Both individuals are very involved in their school and church activities.



Commander Hindmand, Tara Thoms, Trooper Velte

Tara Thoms is a Junior at Lincoln East High School. In her own words:

“I would like to experience law enforcement training firsthand and decide whether to pursue it as a career. This has been an interest of mine since my dad was a police officer in Colorado.”



Commander Hindmand, Judah Hilton, Trooper Velte

Judah Hilton is a Junior at Hilton Homeschool Academy. In his own words:

“This program would allow me to learn more about law enforcement and what is required. I also feel a duty to serve my community and country in some way like my father, grandparents and many relatives.”

The Post 3 screening committee fully endorses these two individuals to attend the Junior Law Cadet Program and wishes them both well and continued success in their future endeavors.

Continuous Membership

Each year, we recognize members who are celebrating some milestone years of continuous membership with the American Legion. This year, Post 3 had 9 people with 50 years, 9 with 60 years, 3 with 70 years. At the April regular meeting, we had some of these members in attendance. These members were honored and presented with a certificate of continuous membership and a lapel pin indicating their years of dedicated support to the American Legion.



(L-R): Commander Ron Hindmand, Daniel Rotherham, John Edson, and Terry Edwards

Not all could be with us that evening. Those who were not present were mailed their certificates. We thank all our honorees for their continued support of the American Legion.

Listed below are the members and their years of continuous service.

50 Years		
Rex Brinton	Bernard J. Divis	Stephen L. Charko
Marion H. Himmelberg	C. W. Hug	George J. Ketterer
Elwyn K. Lockard	John D. Rouse	Richard H. Wegener
60 Years		
Steven D. Cherep	Dennis L. Dermann	John C. Edson
Terry Edwards	Robert Falos	Jerome Kohl
Elbert C. Macek	Mark Merwick	Daniel Rotherham
70 Years		
Donald Hait	Donald Iburg	Ronald Kroon

(Continuous Membership – Continued)

It is an honor to recognize these members for their commitment to the American Legion and its programs. Most importantly, we thank them for their military service to their country.

Additionally, Squadron 3 of the Sons of the American Legion was able to award certificates to recognize 50 years of continuous membership in that organization. Squadron 3 was chartered in 1975.

Two Squadron 3 members were recognized this year.

SAL 50 Years		
Thomas M Cypher		William M. Fleming

Neither were in attendance and they were mailed their certificates.

The Sons of The American Legion's mission is to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion. Therefore, Squadron 3 campaigns place an emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

We thank the Sons for their support.

Chancellor's Review

On April 16th, the University of Nebraska Lincoln's ROTC Big Red Battalion held their annual Chancellor's Review of Cadets and awards ceremony. Department Commander, Judy Walters, Post 3 Commander, Ron Hindmand, Post 3 Past Commander, Gerry Wolf and 40&8 Adjutant, Fred Craigie, attended the ROTC Chancellor's Review.

The annual event is a celebration of the ROTC cadets and their commitment to service and organized by the university's Big Red Battalion (featuring representatives of the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine ROTC programs). The event is open to university leaders, alumni, community members, ROTC program partners and special guests.

The university's military science program was established in 1876 under the provisions of the Morrill Act of 1862. Today, the Military Science and ROTC programs are an integral part of the university's commitment to the veteran and military-connected communities.

Commander Walters presented 5 Cadets or Midshipmen with The Edger J Boschult Memorial Scholarship; Post 3 Commander Ron Hindmand presented awards to 12 Cadets or Midshipmen with certificates and medals for Scholastic Excellence and another 12 Cadets or Midshipmen for Military Excellence; Adjutant Fred Craigie presented a Cadet with the 40&8 award for Academic Excellence.

Later that day, similar certificates and medals were given to 2 Air Force JROTC Cadets at Lincoln Northeast High School. It might be mentioned that Lincoln Northeast High School is the only Lincoln High School that provides JROTC training in the city.



Honorable Carry at Offutt Air Force Base



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency conducted an honorable carry on April 7, 2026, at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The agency received evidence from recovery sites across Europe in support of the search for missing U.S. personnel from World War II. The remains and material evidence are linked to ongoing investigations into 36 missing U.S. Airmen from nine separate losses.

Through close collaboration with agency partners and host nations, recovery teams successfully worked challenging sites in Italy, Poland, Germany, and an underwater site in Croatia. The evidence has now been transferred to the DPAA-Nebraska Laboratory, where scientists will begin forensic analysis as part of the identification process.

Each step forward brings DPAA closer to providing answers to families and fulfilling the nation's promise to those who never returned.

By Karen Foreman

He Was Being Marched to His Death. Then the Sky Opened Up.



On October 29, 1963, First Lieutenant James "Nick" Rowe — a U.S. Army Green Beret stationed deep in the Mekong Delta — was ambushed by Viet Cong forces and taken prisoner. He was 25 years old.

For the next 62 months, he lived in a bamboo cage barely large enough to lie down in. Two cans of rice a day. Dysentery. Beriberi. Psychological torture designed to dismantle a man's identity piece by piece. To survive, Rowe did something remarkable — he lied. He told his captors he was just a low-level Army engineer, a draftee building schools. For years, the deception held.

Then anti-war activists in the United States inadvertently exposed him. They published a detailed biography of American POWs, and when it reached the Viet Cong, Rowe's cover was blown. His captors — furious at being deceived — sentenced him to death.

On December 31, 1968, they led him into the jungle to execute him.

But as the patrol moved through the undergrowth, American helicopters roared overhead. In that single moment of distraction, Rowe shoved a guard aside, broke into a sprint, and burst into a clearing — waving his arms wildly at the sky. The pilot nearly fired on him. Then he saw it: a thick, full beard. No Vietnamese man could grow a beard like that. He pulled the helicopter down and scooped Rowe out of the jungle.

Nick Rowe had survived — by five seconds and a beard.

Rowe – Continued)

He came home. But he didn't rest. He spent the next decade turning every scar, every lesson, every sleepless night in that cage into something that would outlive him. In 1981, he built the U.S. Army's SERE program — Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape — a grueling course that has since trained thousands of American warriors to endure the unendurable and come home with their honor intact.

The training facility where soldiers learn these skills today bears his name: **The Colonel James "Nick" Rowe Training Compound**** at Camp Mackall, North Carolina.**

In 1987, Rowe answered one more call — this time to the Philippines, advising local forces fighting communist insurgents. On April 21, 1989, his vehicle was ambushed in Quezon City. He was killed instantly.

He survived five years of captivity in Vietnam. He was taken in a moment of peace, doing exactly what warriors do — serving.

In his memoir **Five Years to Freedom, Rowe wrote something that still echoes through every SERE class taught in his name:**

"Survival is a state of mind."

Not a weapon. Not a rescue. A mind. His mind — sharpened in a bamboo cage — is still protecting American lives today.

God bless Colonel James "Nick" Rowe. A true American legend.

Airman Awarded The Medal Of Honor



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Airman First Class Pitsenbarger distinguished himself by extreme valor on 11 April 1966 near Cam My, Republic of Vietnam, while assigned as a pararescue Crew Member, Detachment 6, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron.

On that date, Airman Pitsenbarger was aboard a rescue helicopter responding to a call for evacuation of casualties incurred in an ongoing firefight between elements of the United States Army's 1st Infantry Division and a sizeable enemy force approximately 35 miles east of Saigon. With complete disregard for personal safety, Airman Pitsenbarger volunteered to ride a hoist more than one hundred feet through the jungle, to the ground. On the ground, he organized and coordinated rescue efforts, cared for the wounded, prepared casualties for evacuation, and insured that the recovery operation continued in a smooth and orderly fashion.

As each of the nine casualties evacuated that day was recovered, Airman Pitsenbarger refused evacuation in order to get more wounded soldiers to safety. After several pick-ups, one of the two rescue helicopters involved in the evacuation was struck by heavy enemy ground fire and was forced to leave the scene for an emergency landing. Airman Pitsenbarger stayed behind on the ground to perform medical duties.

When the enemy launched the assault, the evacuation was called off and Airman Pitsenbarger took up arms with the besieged infantrymen. He courageously resisted the enemy, braving intense gunfire to gather and distribute vital ammunition to American defenders. As the battle raged on, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to care for the wounded, pulled them out of the line of fire, and return fire whenever he could, during which time he was wounded three times. Despite his wounds, he valiantly fought on, Simultaneously treating as many wounded as possible. In the vicious fighting that followed, the American forces suffered 80 percent casualties as their perimeter was breached, and Airman Pitsenbarger was fatally wounded.

Airman Pitsenbarger exposed himself to almost certain death by staying on the ground, and perished while saving the lives of wounded infantrymen. His bravery and determination exemplify the highest professional standards and traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Air Force.

Friday, May 15th, 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!

Wednesday
May 20th, 2026
5 - 8 PM

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Elks Care - Elks Share

Friday, May 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



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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
EVENING
EVENTS



FRI, MAY 22, 2026
MEMORIAL PARK
OMAHA



SUN, MAY 24, 2026
SANDHILLS GLOBAL
EVENT CENTER, LINCOLN



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Official Memorial Day Ceremonies

The Lincoln Memorial Day Observance Association (LMDOA) organizes three primary ceremonies on Monday, May 25:

- **Wyuka Cemetery & Funeral Home (8:30 a.m.):** Includes a wreath-casting ceremony at the historic bridge to honor service members lost at sea, followed by a parade to the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Circle for a formal program.
- **Lincoln Memorial Park and Funeral Home (11:30 a.m.):** A ceremony featuring color guards from the American Legion and VFW, along with the placing of a wreath and battlefield cross.
- **Veterans Memorial Garden at Antelope Park (8:00 p.m.):** A traditional candlelit ceremony involving the reading of names of Lancaster County veterans who have passed away in the previous year. In case of inclement weather, this event typically moves to the nearby Auld Pavilion.

America 250 Semi-quincentennial Events

As part of the nationwide 250th-anniversary celebrations, special large-scale events are planned for the 2026 Memorial Day weekend:

- **World's Largest American Flag Unfurling (May 24, 2026):** Volunteers (700–1,000 needed) will gather at the Sandhills Global Event Center at 6:00 p.m. to unfurl a 3,000-pound, 250' x 505' flag at dusk. The event includes patriotic drone lighting and free entertainment.
- **Official State Observance (May 25, 2026):** The Patriotic Productions series concludes with a ceremony at the state capitol area in Lincoln.

Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day. This day is a Federal Holiday observed to honor the men and women who died while serving their country in the United States Military.





Virtual Healing Circle For Female Military/Veterans

This is a safe and supportive space in Lincoln, NE for female military members who have experienced trauma during their military service. Through therapeutic mindfulness practices and peer-led discussions, this group offers a community where women can connect, share and heal together.

Every other Thursday
7-8 pm CST

Beginning January 8th, 2025



Pre-Register
to Secure
Your Spot



Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax & Fee Exemption

Receive an exemption for the Motor Vehicle Tax and Fee for one vehicle owned and used for your personal transportation!

State of Nebraska - Vehicle Registration
MADE IN NEBRASKA COUNTY REGISTRATION
LINCOLN OFFICE - LINCOLN NE 68502

Plate # AAAT102

Type PASSENGER (2011)
Use PASSENGER

Vehicle Details
VIN 4JVC1AP81E7020
2010 Hyundai SANTA FE
4 DOOR (SULEV) GASOLINE

Owner
JANE DOE
JOHN SMITH
200 A ST
LINCOLN NE 68502-1010

Reg # RD9900020336
Title # 4810000704704

Expires May 2020

Reg Date 24 May 2019 Title Number 4810000704704

Exemptions
Total Paid \$ 1,020.10

State of Nebraska - Registration Receipt
Vehicle # RD9900020336

Tax & Fee Summary	
Motor Vehicle Tax	263.00
Motor Vehicle Fee	4.00
Reg. Extension	6.50
Registration	6.50
Public Fee	15.00
Wheel Tax	9.00
State Sales Tax	74.00
Title Tax	205.00
Title Fee	5.00
Title Print	10.00
Jan. Fee	7.00
Total Paid	7,020.10

Request for refund or credits of fees upon loss of possession or transfer of ownership of the registered motor vehicle must be made within sixty days from the date of the loss or transfer.

Eligibility requirements, application process, and more information available at veterans.nebraska.gov/vehicletax



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Good Life. Great Sacrifice.
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16TH ANNUAL
VETERANS FREEDOM
MUSIC FESTIVAL
LINCOLN, NE

www.VAGLincoln.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ANTELOPE PARK, LINCOLN, NE



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND PERFORMERS

10:00 AM – Flag Day Observance and Presentation
 10:30 AM – Opening Ceremonies
 11:00 AM – The Bill Chrastik Show
 12:00 PM – Three Chords and a Cloud of Dust
 1:00 PM – Dave Egr & The Howling Coyotes
 2:00 PM – The Pinkertones
 3:00 PM – Closing Ceremonies

DETAILS

Open to the Public
 No Cost – Free will donation or canned food donation for People's City Mission
 Free Parking
 Rain Date – Sunday, June 14th
 Lawn chairs and coolers welcome (no alcohol)
 No Pets (service animals only)

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Other Attractions: Veteran art and makers show, Remembering our Fallen Exhibit, Food Service by Knights of Columbus, UNL Dairy Store Food Truck, Veteran Organization Outreach Booths, Kids Activities, Lincoln Kid's Market, Quilts of Valor



**16TH ANNUAL
VETERANS
ART SHOW**
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

June 13th, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Auld Pavilion
Antelope Park
1650 Memorial Dr,
Lincoln, NE 68508

Contact / Reservations

Patricia Miller
(402) 730-3905
funamboly@gmail.com

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at
the **Veterans Freedom Music Festival**

**Artists and makers exhibiting, selling,
demonstrating, and inspiring others.**

Open to all Military and Veteran Exhibitors

Free Parking and Free Public Admission

SATURDAY JUNE 13th, 2026



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

\$10/HAND OR \$20 FOR 3

\$300/HIGH \$200 2ND HIGH
\$100 LOW



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.ncdental.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

MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

Sponsored by Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders



2011 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited
42,000 miles

DRAWING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS IN NEBRASKA

\$20 PER TICKET

ONLY 749 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Do not need to be present to win.





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



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Lincoln Post No. 3
123 South 84th Street, Suite L
Lincoln NE 68505-0525

NEBRASKA POST SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

Name of applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Marital status: _____ No. of dependents: _____

Name of parents: _____

Name of Post 3 member: _____ Current member ID #: _____

Relationship to Post 3 member: _____

Are you a Veteran? _____ (if yes) Do you receive benefits from the VA to attend school? _____

Are you a War Orphan? _____ (if yes) Do you receive benefits from the State to attend school? _____

EDUCATION OF APPLICANT:

High School: _____ Years attended: _____ Course of study: _____

Other schools attended: _____ Course of study: _____

Other Scholarships or Grants: _____

Do you have brothers or sisters attending post-secondary schools? _____ How many? _____

Name of school the scholarship will be used at: _____

Course of study: _____ Length of course: _____ Tuition rate: _____

Have you been accepted for admission? _____ When: _____

Sources of income to be used for tuition and expenses: _____

Attach One Letter of personal reference from someone other than a relative.

Attach One Letter of reference from a present or former teacher.

NOTE: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE MUST BE IN THE POST 3 OFFICE POST MARKED NO LATER than MAY 31 OF CURRENT YEAR. THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mail to: American Legion Post 3

Attn: Scholarship committee

123 South 84th Street Suite L

Lincoln Nebraska 68510

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.

