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Current Membership	1597	As of May 2018
2018 Goal	1715	93%

The voice of American Legion Post 3 and its family of veterans affiliated organizations in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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“Pledged to serve the disabled, the distressed, the widowed, and the orphaned. Devoted to the cause of service to the community, state and nation.”

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 12 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Fathers' Day
- 19 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 21 Legion Riders Meeting
- 21 Pitch at Risky's
- 22 Veterans' Night @ I-80 Speedway
- 21-24 Department Convention (Kearney Ramada Inn)



JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Post 3 Meeting
- 17 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Potluck Picnic
- 19 SAL Meeting
- 19 Legion Riders Meeting
- 19 Pitch at Risky's

AUGUST

- 3 American Legion Night @ Lincoln Saltdogs
- 16 Legion Riders Meeting
- 16 Pitch at Risky's
- 24-30 National Convention (Minneapolis)



The American Legion commissioned and recently received two paintings to be displayed in the National Executive Committee meeting room at the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. One depicts the “War on Terror,” and the other is considered to be the “American Legion Centennial” piece. Both were painted by artist Matt Hall of Dripping Springs, Texas. Pictured is the “American Legion Centennial” piece. As described by the artist, “It is a very simple but formal design. It depicts a soldier from World War I and a soldier from 2018 standing guard yesterday, today, and into the future. The sunrise and the official emblem of the represent the timeless traditions and principles that will continue into the future.”



COMMANDER'S CALL Not Going Quietly

As many of you know, a post commander's term in office is usually one year. This article will be my final message as your Post 3 Commander. A two-year term has given me an opportunity to learn the “ins” and “outs” of being a commander of an American Legion Post. A one-year term just wouldn't have been enough time to fully understand the workings of the Legion programs --- and to understand what needs to happen.

Stepping aside, sliding into the shadows, and letting the new commander take my place just won't happen. Once you become vested with a group of veterans, your attitude and support of a group is forever changed. I will continue to be involved as Vice Commander of District 15, and Gerry Wolf will assume the role of Commander of District 15. Current District 15 Commander will seek to hold the office of Area C Department Vice Commander and hopefully will be elected to that office at the upcoming Department Convention.

Dave Timmerman was the only nominee for Post 3's next commander, and will assume my role as commander of Post 3 after his election and installation this summer. Pam Alm has been nominated for 1st Vice Commander, and Jerry Cummings has been nominated to fill the position of 2nd Vice Commander. Fred Craigie was nominated to serve another 3-year term on the Executive Committee.

You will be impressed with the quality of our leadership next year. Having said that, no leadership team will succeed or survive without the help and support of its members. When help is needed, step forward and offer assistance. It's not appropriate to sit back and watch others carry the load. No one person can run our program; so, your input and help is always needed. You are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings --- or just stop in the office to give us input.

The past 2 years have provided challenges and opportunities. We have worked on increasing membership by conducting revitalization efforts that included countless hours of personal contacts through the phone and in writing. We faced the possibility that our lengthy support of American Legion Baseball would end this year with the possibility of funding not being available for upcoming seasons.

Despite our 7 percent decrease in membership this year, we have continued to sign up or transfer in many members --- but we have not replaced all of those who have passed away or chose not to renew their memberships. It's a fact that the World War II and Korean veterans who have for so long supported the American Legion are quickly slipping away. It will take a combined effort from all of us to continue to seek replacements.

My term as Commander would not have happened without the support of many members. Our Adjutant has given endless hours maintaining our records and has kept us financially sound. Blue Team Six continues to be a vital part of our VSO (Veterans Service Organization) goal of honoring our departed veterans. These members show up in all kinds of weather and have never said “no” to a request to honor our deceased veterans. Proud would not even come close to how I feel about their service.

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Monthly newsletters and our quarterly newspaper, the Lincoln Legionnaire, would not happen without members submitting articles and a very talented member who edits and organizes the articles and submits them to the printer.

Thank you to the officers and past members who assisted me throughout my term of office. The constant support and help from our District Vice Commander have been invaluable. Your patience and guidance have been appreciated.

Members of the baseball committee have spent hours maintaining the fields and preparing for and running the games. This program would not exist without their efforts. They are still looking for more volunteers to help maintain American Legion Baseball. Want to help? All you need to do is ask!

I recently attended a show, "The Bretts," in Branson, Missouri. Andrea Christensen Brett recited a poem to honor all veterans. I have been given permission from the Brett family to include in the Lincoln Legionnaire this touching and meaningful honor to all veterans. I, too, honor your service and sacrifice. Stay strong, involved, and active in your American Legion post. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

I AM A VETERAN

You may not know me the first time we meet,
I'm just another you see on the street.
But I am the reason you walk and breathe free.
I am the reason for your liberty,
I am a veteran.

I work in the local factory all day,
I own the restaurant just down the way,
I sell your insurance...
I start your IV,
I've got the best looking grandkids you'll ever see.
I'm your grocer, your banker, your child's schoolteacher.
I'm your plumber, your barber, your family's preacher.
But there's part of me you don't know very well.
Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell.
I am a veteran.

I joined the service while still in my teens,
I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens.
I'm the first in my family to do something like this.
I followed my father like he followed his.
Defying my fears and hiding my doubt,
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out.
I missed Christmas, then Easter.
The birth of my son.
But I knew I was doing what had to be done.

I served on the battle front, I served on the base.
I bound up the wounded and begged for God's grace,
I gave orders to fire,
I followed commands,
I marched into conflict in far distant lands.
In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores,
In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors.
While I fought on the ground, in the air, on the sea,
My family and friends were home praying for me.
For the land of the free and the home of the brave,
I faced my demons in foxholes and caves.
Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife,
I lost an arm, my buddy lost his life.

I came home and moved on, but forever was changed.
The perils of war in my memory remain.

I don't really say much. I don't feel like I can,
But I left home a child,
And came home a man.

There are thousands like me,
Thousands more who are gone,
But their legacy lives as time marches on.
White crosses in rows,
And names carved in queue,
Remind us of what these brave souls had to do.

I'm part of a fellowship,
A strong mighty band,
Of each man and each woman,
Who has served this great land.
And when old glory waves,
I stand proud,
I stand tall,
I helped keep her flying over you, over all,
I am a veteran.

Poem by Andrea Brett
Permission Granted by Andrea Brett



Sincerely,

Jack Sibert

Commander, American Legion Post #3

**8th Annual
VETERANS FREEDOM
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

LINCOLN'S LARGEST FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL

OPENING CEREMONY 10:30 am | CLOSING CEREMONY 5 pm

**Saturday,
June 23, 2018**
in the Railyard

6 top local bands

ENIGMA • 3 CHORDS AND A CLOUD OF DUST •
HARD KNOX BAND • PINKERTONES • LOOSE
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Please bring your own lawn chairs. We invite you to donate a can of food with the Lincoln Food Bank for the Veterans Food Pantry.

Check out our website VFME.net for more information.

SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION ...

Squadron #3 has found its way through another year and is looking forward to the new year.

Again this year, as we have done for the past several years, Squadron #3 continues to support the programs of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary by financially sponsoring one candidate each to attend Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State. These very worthwhile programs continue to benefit the youth of Nebraska by educating them in the workings of state government --- as well as the politics involved with the various offices.

The squadron is always looking for new ideas and thoughts from our members about ways we can support and acknowledge our veterans --- past and present --- for their sacrifices for our country.

If you have one of those ideas or thoughts, please come out to the Squadron #3 meetings which are held every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 located in the Trade Center.

SAY THANK YOU TO OUR VETS!!!



Respectfully submitted,

Brad King, SAL Squadron #3 Commander



SAL Commander Post #3
Brad King

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

"Get Your Motor Runnin', Head Out on the Highway....."



Pictured is the 36" x 21" cold-rolled steel "Battle Flag" which is being raffled off at the ALR Chapter 3 Flag Day Poker Run on Saturday, June 9th. The drawing will take place at the Denton American Legion Post.

Okay, we may not all be "Born To Be Wild" (thank you Steppenwolf), but we are (finally) in that time of the year where motorcycles are back on the road. They aren't just out on the weekends for poker runs or day rides, but people use them to run errands and get to and from work. Thankfully, this Spring has been much quieter than a year ago for motorcycle accidents --- but they are still happening. I asked then that you keep an eye out for motorcycles as an ALR member may

be riding it, and I'm asking for that again this year.

This Spring has not only been quiet for accidents but for our Chapter activities as a whole. We were recently at the Star City Customer Expo and helped at a few other events; but, otherwise, not much has been going on. That will soon change!

We will kick off the Summer as many of you will --- paying our respects to those in Heaven's ranks by being part of Memorial Day services. We will be part of the services at Lincoln Memorial (as usual), and some members will be part of their home post activities. Then, there will be weekend after weekend of poker runs, parades, and surrounding community events.

Our own Poker Run will be Saturday, June 9th --- with an Auction and our Raffle drawings to follow. Our poker run ends at the Denton Legion Post. Everyone is invited to meet us there, bid on items in the Auction, buy some Raffle tickets, eat dinner, and meet some great folks.

Our Chapter is currently holding two raffles. One is for a "Battle Flag" made of cold-rolled steel from a company in North Carolina. It's painted and treated to be displayed outside with mounting brackets already part of the flag. The second raffle is for a quilt that was made by ALR Vice Commander Jerry Hutchinson's wife, Lynda, and their daughter. It has a center panel with a motorcycle and the words "Born to Ride." The panel is then bordered by fabric strips in matching red and yellows. The quilting is in the shape of flames and was wonderfully done by a local quilter. Don't ride yourself? How about a family member? You can be ahead of the game for a birthday or Christmas if you win!! Tickets for either raffle are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The quilt has a limit of 500 tickets, the Battle Flag a limit of 1,000.

Some of the funds raised this year have already been designated to go into an emergency fund that is dispersed by Post 3. The more we raise, the more veterans who are in need of emergency assistance can be helped. These emergencies arise from vehicle breakdowns, utility bills and rent assistance, and even medical bills. We all have had a time or two where some extra cash was needed to get you through and you couldn't wait for red tape to obtain government assistance. Last year, we were able to donate \$2,000 to start this fund; and it has been completely depleted. It would be great to be able to have a larger reserve after the Poker Run and Raffles have been tallied. The rest of the funds raised will also be going to other veteran programs, usually locally. Our members like helping local veterans rather than sending funds that might sit in a program for a long time.



Pictured are Lynda and Jerry Hutchinson showing off the "Biker for Life" quilt top which is being raffled off at the ALR Chapter 3 Flag Day Poker Run on Saturday, June 9th, at the Denton American Legion Post.



ALR Commander Post #3
Jody Schmale

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Lincoln Unit 3 News

I hope everybody is enjoying these wonderful days!!! Although, as this is being written, we could use a little rain.

There are several patriotic days coming up (or perhaps just passed) when we should fly our flags --- Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day on the Fourth of July.

On Memorial Day, Unit 3 members walked in the Wyuka parade and laid wreaths at the Civil War Monument.

Following the Memorial Service at Wyuka, my husband, Bill, and I attended the services at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. The Legion Riders participated with their motorcycles in the opening. A Girl Scout troop participated in the flag folding ceremony, and their precision was awesome. Ron Leckner narrated a description of the meaning of each fold as they folded the flag.

On Memorial Day evening, there was a candlelight ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Gardens in Antelope Park. I took part in the reading of the names of deceased veterans --- as I have done now for about 7 years. The Lincoln Memorial Day Observance Association is always in need of good readers.

Nominations for Unit 3 officers for the 2018-2019 year took place at our May meeting. Nominees were:

- President..... Rebecca Bowman
- Vice President.... Char Moore
- Secretary..... Nancy Vallis
- Treasurer..... Barb Skillman
- Chaplain..... Marilyn Johnson

I attended the Doolittle Monument dedication at the Veterans Memorial Gardens on April 18th. It was a wonderful event. Some of the Raiders' family members were present and participated in the dedication. The monument has an interesting design and it is worth taking a trip over to the Memorial Gardens to see this new addition to monuments on display there. It sits opposite of the Burma Monument.

Have a safe summer, and God Bless.

Rebecca Bowman,
President, ALA Lincoln Unit 3



Auxiliary Unit 3 President
Rebecca Bowman



2018 Boys State and Girls State Delegates



Dorian Bobbett
Lincoln Northeast
Havelock ALA Unit 342



Hayley Long
Lincoln Northeast
8/40 Salon 832



Quinn Keller
Lincoln Northeast
Lincoln Center Kiwanis



Ryan Secord
Lincoln Northeast
American Legion Post 3



Susie Cho
Lincoln East
Capital City Kiwanis



Madeline Haun
Lincoln East
Lincoln Women's Chamber of Commerce



Elizabeth Jurich
Lincoln East
8/40 Salon 832



Elise Roselius
Lincoln East
40/8 Voiture 103



Morgan Valley
Lincoln East
ALA Unit 3



Trevor Anderson
Lincoln East
Cornhusker Kiwanis



Turner Linafelter
Lincoln East
Optimist Club of Lincoln



Sophia Fahleson
Lincoln Lutheran
Optimist Club of Lincoln



Alexandria Shambaugh-Miller
Lincoln Lutheran
Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis



Cayden Bergt
Lincoln Lutheran
Star City Lions



Grant Donovan
Lincoln Lutheran
American Legion Post 3



Jackson Oerman
Lincoln Lutheran
Optimist Club of Lincoln



Noah Stueber
Lincoln Lutheran
Dept. Commander
Jim and Jeannie Costello



Isaac McCoy
Lincoln Lutheran
Legionnaire Eric Jones



Zac Streich
Lincoln Lutheran
Kreikemeier Law, LLC



Josephina Caruso
Lincoln High
Bethany Lions Club



Mary Sophia Olson
Lincoln High
Optimist Club of Lincoln



Miriya Pinkerman
Lincoln Southeast
SAL Squadron 3



Addison Wanser
Lincoln Southeast
Lincoln Center Kiwanis



Walter Turner
Lincoln Southeast
SAL Squadron 3



Avery Watts
Lincoln Southeast
Lincoln Center Kiwanis



Thomas Woods
Lincoln Southeast
Legionnaire Club, Inc.



Christopher Payant
Lincoln Southeast
Cortland American
Legion Post 253



Josephine Medill
Pius X
Legionnaire Club, Inc.



Kloee Sander
Pius X
ALA Unit 3



Caroline Schieuer
Pius X
Cornhusker Kiwanis



Kendall Scott
Pius X
HBE



Henry Blankenau
Pius X
Bishop Kucera
Knights of Columbus



Samuel Rice
Pius X
St. John Paul the
Great Knights of Columbus



Trinity Hawke
Parkview Christian
ALA Unit 3



Matthew Case
Parkview Christian
40/8 Voiture 103



Alexander Morey
Parkview Christian
Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis



Grant Stoll
Parkview Christian
Legionnaire Rick Berkshire



Mark Demyanovskiy
Parkview Christian
SAL National Commander
Danny Smith



Kiley Kahler
Lincoln North Star
Lincoln Center Kiwanis



Jennifer Velazquez-Perfecto
Lincoln North Star
Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders



Matthew Ho
Lincoln North Star
American Legion Post 3



Matthew Nguyen
Lincoln North Star
Capital City Kiwanis



Xander Schmit
Lincoln North Star
Legionnaire Eric Jones



Andrew Anderson
Lincoln North Star
Department Athletic Committee



Connor Collingsworth
Lincoln Southwest
Lincoln Bethany Lions Club

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If you have any questions about the Poker Run, Raffles, on how you can help, feel free to contact ALR Commander Jody at (402) 817-8422, by email at proudnavysister75@gmail.com, or on Facebook at American Legion Riders Post 3 – Lincoln Ne. You can also use those methods of contact if you know of any veterans who ride and would be an asset to our ranks! Now, to finish the first verse of “Born to Be Wild”...we are ‘lookin’ for adventure and whatever comes our way’. Just keep looking out for those motorcycles!!

Jody Schmale
Commander



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES...

By the time you read this, we will either be preparing to celebrate Memorial Day or we will have already done so. However, every day is an appropriate time to remember and give thanks for all those men and women who serve and who have served this “One Nation Under God.” Every person who puts on the uniform of our great nation knows the risk, and yet they serve faithfully with pride and dignity --- and we are a grateful nation.

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. While today we also remember our friends and loved ones who have been part of our lives, we must never forget that “all gave some and some gave all.”

As Julia Ward Howe wrote, “in the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us die* to make men free, While God is marching on.” More than 1.1 million Americans have died in all wars. So, whether you are participating in a Memorial Day event or if you will remember in your own way, the most important thing is to simply remember and celebrate the peace that we enjoy.

Remember the Bible story about a young shepherd boy who came against a formidable enemy. Because he was willing to possibly lay down his life, many were saved.

Not just on Memorial Day --- but every day --- say thank you to those who serve the cause of freedom in places we cannot pronounce. And say thank you to all those who have served whether in combat or here at home. They are all American heroes.

Ray Norris, Post 3 Chaplain



American Legion Post 3 recently made a \$500 donation to the Coffee Fund at the Lincoln VA Hospital. Pictured is Adjutant Ed Schnabel presenting a check to Ty Andrews, Volunteer Coordinator at the hospital.

ROTC

In addition to being the birthday month, the March meeting of Post 3 also recognized ROTC activities at the University of Nebraska. Members of Pershing Rifles from the University of Nebraska Air Force ROTC detachment conducted the POW/MIA ceremony. Professor of Military Science MAJ Jamie Peer (Army), Recruiting Officer CPT Keyona Dibbern (Air Force), and several cadets from the Army and Air Force ROTC detachments provided an update on activities in the UNL ROTC program.



Pictured (L-R) and representing the Air Force are Captain Keyona Dibbern, Cadet Brian Niedert, Cadet Trey Alexander, Cadet Max DeMayo, and Cadet Zackery Day. (Not Pictured is Cadet Joe Stara.)



Pictured (L-R) and representing the Army are Cadet Andrew Hunt, Major Jamie Peer, and Cadet Melissa Throener.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please send articles and pictures for the next issue of the *Lincoln Legionnaire* to Steve Bartos, Editor. 7441 San Mateo Lane, Lincoln, NE 68516 or email them to LB32906@windstream.net. Electronic submittals are preferred and should include reference to “*Lincoln Legionnaire*” in the subject line of your email. Materials for the next issue need to be submitted by August 10, 2018.

POST 3 MEETING

American Legion Post 3 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month --- except August --- at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80. The Elks Lodge is located in the Trade Center at 5910 South 58th Street.

Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M

PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION

World War II saw more than 16 million Americans in uniform with more than 400,000 killed. As of this posting, 72,934 service personnel remain unaccounted.

Honor States (<http://Honorstates.org>), is a web site dedicated to presenting vital achievements, recognition, affiliations, awards, and images that honor fallen U.S. service members and is an outstanding source for information on US Service personnel from all services to include the National Guard as well as those who served in the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines. Information on the 2703 Nebraska Gold Star casualties from the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam can be found at this site.



SGT Anderson commanded an M10 Tank Destroyer, which was a modified M4A2 or M4A3 Sherman tank mounted with a 76.2mm main gun. It had a five-man crew. On 25 November 1944, SGT Anderson's M10 was hit by enemy fire. He was believed to have attempted to escape the damaged M10 and was ultimately listed as missing in action. His remains have never been recovered. A Tablet of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery, Margraten, Netherlands, bears his name; and he was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star shortly before the end of the war in Europe.

The 803d's unit motto was 'Seek, Strike and Destroy' but at least one soldier joked it was 'Sneak, Peek and Retreat'. The 803rd earned five campaign stars, a Presidential Unit citation, and the French and Belgian Fourré à Guerre's.

Nebraska Missing In Action



Navy **Petty Officer, First Class Charles Henry Alexander**

Born September 15, 1921, Petty Office First Class Alexander grew up in the sandhills village of Springview, Nebraska.

Alexander enlisted in the Navy and served as a Yeoman (administrative specialist) aboard the submarine USS Argonaut. The Argonaut entered service in 1927 as a minelayer but was converted in 1942 into a troop transport submarine. Not an attack submarine, it did carry out attack missions against Japanese warships. During an attack mission on 2 January 1943, Argonaut sank the Japanese gunboat Ebon Maru in the Bismarck Sea, northeast of New Guinea. Eight days later, the Argonaut spotted a convoy of five freighters, which were escorted by three Japanese destroyers. According to a report submitted by a crewmember of an Army Air Force bomber, who witnessed the engagement, the Argonaut hit one of the destroyers with a torpedo. The destroyers counterattacked, and it appeared at least one of the depth charges they launched caused catastrophic damage to the Argonaut. The aircrew member reported the Argonaut's bow suddenly broke the water at an unusual angle. The wounded and hapless submarine was then circled by the destroyers and shelled until it disappeared beneath the sea. The Argonaut carried one hundred and two officers and men --- the worst loss of life for an American submarine in wartime. Prior to that final cruise, the Argonaut's bell was donated to the chapel at the Pearl Harbor submarine base, where it remains in service today.



Army **Sergeant Melvin C. Anderson**

Born December 12, 1912, Sergeant Anderson was raised in Douglas County, Nebraska. He enlisted in the Army and rose to the rank of Sergeant as a Gun Commander in the 803rd Tank Destroyer (TD) Battalion (Bn).

The 803d TD Bn participated in the Normandy Beach landings, arriving in the vicinity of St. Lo, France on 8 June 1944. Their arrival marked the first of the unit's 330 days of combat. From 19 September - 16 December 1944, the 803rd fought in the Hürtgen Forest offensive in the eastern Belgium border region with Germany. That engagement was the longest battle the U.S. Army has ever fought. The Allied objective was to pin the Germans in the Aachen, Germany area. Casualties were horrific, with U.S. forces suffering over 33,000 killed and the Germans over 28,000.



Army Air Force

2LT Edgar A. Waite

Born 11 May 1921, in Crawford, Nebraska, 2LT Waite graduated from Scottsbluff High School where he had been a star athlete. He enlisted in the Army Air Force and became a co-pilot of a B-25 'Mitchell' (named for MG William 'Billy' Mitchell), two-engine medium bomber. He was assigned to the 345th Bomber Group in the Pacific.

The B-25 medium bomber was converted to enable it to function in a strafing role because bombing in the heavily jungled environs of the South Pacific was determined ineffective. The 345th became well-known for the success it achieved in this role.

The conversion included placing four forward-firing .50-caliber machine guns in the plane's nose section. Armed with eight fifty-caliber machine guns, twin fifties in the top turret and tail, and single fifties at the waist positions made the B-25 a formidable ground attack aircraft. Later versions would bring the total forward firing capabilities to 14 forward firing .50 caliber machine guns that could be used effectively against the superstructure of an enemy ship as the armor-piercing incendiary projectiles melted it.

On 25 January 1944, a B-25 dubbed the 'Dittum-Dattum II', which 2LT Waite co-piloted, was on a low-level strafing run of the Momote, Los Negros airfield in the Admiralty Islands north of Papua, New Guinea. Waite's bomber was struck by anti-aircraft fire causing it to crash and explode. There were no survivors.

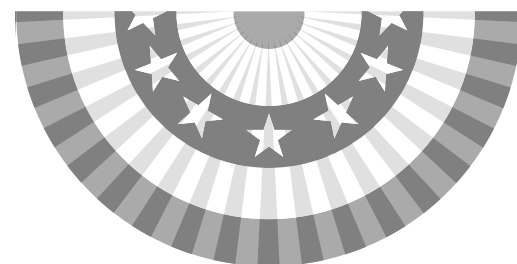
2LT Waite is listed on the Tables of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery.

Jerry Cummings

POW / MIA Liason



At the May meeting of Post 3, forensic anthropologist Dr. Traci L. Van Deest was the guest speaker. Dr. Van Deest works for the Defense POW/MIA Agency at Offutt Air Force Base and gave a very interesting presentation on the work she and others do recovering and identifying the remains of veterans lost in service to their country.





American Legion Post 3

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA	DATE
Dewey R. Anderson	WW II	4/21/18
Terry F. Chrapkowski. . . .	Vietnam	3/14/18
Carl C. Clopeck	Korea	
Peter C. Debus	WW II	10/17/17
John Dietz, Jr.	Korea	2/16/18
Carl G. Easton	WW II	2/1/18
Ray Hickerson	WW II	4/11/18
Kenneth L. Holm	Vietnam	3/16/18
Eugene P. Jorgensen	WW II	2/1/18
Donald E. Juranek	Korea	2/25/18
William W. Kipper	WW II	1/31/18
Albert D. Kirlin	WW II	2/11/18
Elvin E. Koenig	WW II	4/24/18
LaVern L. Kohlhof	Korea	4/8/18
Andy J. Nielsen	WW II	7/27/17
Robert S. Pollock	WW II	3/11/18
Richard S. Policky	Korea	3/31/18
James Robinson	WW II	2/27/18
Robert E. Sherman	WW II	1/31/18
Bonnie A. Shimonek	WW II	4/17/18
Neil W. Solomon	WW II	3/19/18
Leander A. Stachura	Korea	2/28/18
Charles Thone	WW II	3/7/18
Emil J. Trouba	Korea	3/12/18
Ervin W. Vosta	Korea	3/8/18
Samuel A. Whitworth	Korea	4/2/18
Henry A. Willemson	WW II	4/2/18

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Each Spring, Post 3 attempts to recognize those Legionnaires who have demonstrated proven loyalty to the American Legion. In times of declining membership, these Legionnaires in particular command our highest respect and admiration for maintain a lengthy continuous membership in the American Legion.

We salute you!

50 Year Members

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| LEONARD C. BAUSBACK | STEPHEN H. HULL |
| WAYNE BURLING | STEPHEN H. LEEPER |
| DWAINE L. FAGLER | ALLEN L. NEEMANN |
| TED C. FASTABEND | DALE D. NURNBERG |
| CHARLES C. HAGEMEISTER | DARYL L. PEARSON |
| KENNETH H. HARTWIG | STEPHEN R. ROBINSON |
| DONALD G. HARVEY | ROBERT D. ROGERS |
| GWENDELL G. HOHENSEE | DONALD E. SHASTEEN |
| WILLIAM E. HOKANSON | OTIS L. SUNDERMAN |
| JOHN L. HOPPE, JR. | FRANK G. WILLEY, JR. |
| EUGENE D. HORNER | |

50 Year Members

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| C. ARLEN BEAM | PAUL W. REINSCH |
| SIDNEY FIX | WAYNE E. SCHMIDT |
| DONALD R. GRANT | HARRY L. SCHNEIDER |
| ELVIN KOENIG | MELVIN L. SHEARY |
| WARREN R. OPPEGARD | DON W. STEWART |
| LAWRENCE PIENKA | HERBERT D. STORTZ |

75 Year Member

CHARLES THONE

County Service Officer Update

The Lancaster County Service Officer is Rick Ringlein. He is located in the Lancaster County Veterans Services Center, Room 373, located south of the Lancaster County Courthouse/ Hall of Justice at 605 South 10th Street. Rick can be contacted at 402-441-7361.

Office hours are weekdays, 8:00 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00. Public parking is located on the street or in the City/ County lot north of the City/ County Building. Two stalls for veterans are available near 10th and "H" Streets.



Present and receiving their 50-Year certificates from Commander Sibert and District 15 Commander Wade Graft were Stephen Robinson, Dale Nurnberg, Donald Fricke (awarded in 2017), and Donald Harvey.

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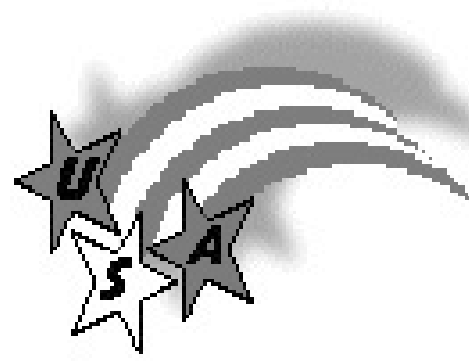
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Caleb Larson, a Unit Manager at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, spoke at the April meeting of Post 3. He explained that a Veterans Service Group of about 40 prisoners had been formed there and had begun a project to purchase a flagpole. Donations are being accepted.

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