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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 11 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 18 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 20 Legion Riders Meeting
- 20 SAL / Salon 892 Meeting
- 20 Pitch at Risky's
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 25 Christmas



JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 8 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 15 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 17 SAL / Salon 892 Meetings
- 17 Legion Riders Meeting
- 17 Pitch at Risky's
- 21 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY

- 12 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 19 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 Legion Riders Meeting
- 21 SAL / Salon 92 Meetings
- 21 Pitch at Risky's



Commander Post #3
Dave Timmerman

COMMANDER'S CALL

Fellow Legionnaires,

When I started outlining this message, the weather was strange, 10 plus inches of rain, 90 degree temperature, then snow. But now it has settled down, for today anyway. The weather is always a concern of Blue Team 6 members when called to do a service. We have a busy schedule lined up, Veteran's Day parade, church and nursing home visits, oratorical contest, and

flag raisings will keep us busy.

I want to thank the service teams from the Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, and Coast Guard for their conduct, appearance, and respect to the families of the deceased veterans. The Honors team is proud to be able to stand in the rifle line to support them.

I would like to mention how impressed I was with Trevor Anderson, a delegate to the 2018 Cornhusker Boys State. He spoke at our July meeting about his time at Boys State and thanked us for the Boys State program. I want to thank him for speaking to us and I wish him well. Also, I want to thank our September speaker, Jennifer Hagen, LICSW, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Suicide Prevention Education and Outreach Specialist, who spoke on suicide prevention. I spoke to her after the meeting and she said to please contact her at the VA if anyone would have questions.

The following is an explanation of the resolutions at the Fall National Executive Committee meeting by Fred Craigie, Alternate National Executive Committeeman. This is his Reader's Digest version of nine pages of the resolutions:

At the Fall National Executive Committee meeting on October 17-18, 2018 Resolution #1 and #2 were approved. Resolution #1 titled Unrecognized Armed Hostilities Recognition defined the dates of all armed conflicts since December 7, 1941 to the end of hostilities as the U.S. government determines and listing the numbers involved, numbers of those who sacrificed their lives and numbers of those wounded. And that the Congress direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify all those as "war-time veterans" who served honorably under federal government Title 10 orders for at least one day during that said period. Basically Resolution #1 will define dates of eligibility for the American Legion.

With approval of Resolution #2 the National Legislative Commission is directed to petition Congress to amend the laws that define dates of eligibility as stated in Resolution #1 to the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Son's of the American Legion.

When and If Congress approves the petition listed in Resolution #2 the dates of eligibility will change for the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Son's of the American Legion. But until then nothing has changed and we continue with the current dates of eligibility for membership.

Thanks Fred. We know how Congress works, so this may be in limbo for a while.

Post 500, at the state level, is submitting their membership to the nearest post as transfers. We are welcoming these new members that are assigned to Post 3.

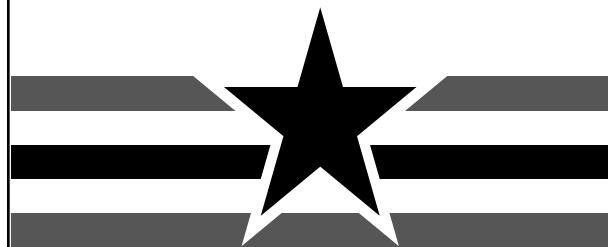
Our Legion Baseball program is still an unknown entity. Both plans that we are considering may have legal issues concerning our American Legion constitution and by-laws.

Sincerely,
Dave Timmerman

Commander, American Legion Post #3

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CHAPLAIN'S NOTES...

As you read this, Christmas is drawing closer and closer. The liturgical season leading up to Christmas is called Advent, the root word of adventure. Many people will tell us that they are adventurers. They love to experience new things in life whether it be mountain climbing or the excitement of visiting other lands and cultures.

Some adventures never get old. Personally, I have led groups to the Holy Land seven times over the years. As our adventure leads us to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, as we sing carols in that ancient cave which once held cattle and touch the fourteen point star where He was born, we can feel the adventure. Or, as we walk the Via Dolorosa before coming to the place of the crucifixion, we get a real sense of adventure.

The point I am trying to make is that without that adventure there would be no Christmas. The shepherds who were watching their flocks in the royal grazing land would not have asked, "What great thing is this?" Without the Wise Men, or Magi, who asked, "What great thing is this," the adventure of Christmas would not have happened.

God it is always an adventure whether we recognize it. There are some 100 names for God: Adonai- my Great Lord, El Shaddai - All Sufficient One, Jehovah-Jireh - The Lord Who Provides, Yahweh, Dios, and Abba are only a few. By whatever name you or others call God, it is, and always will be, an adventure whether it is in a church, synagogue, cathedral, or a cold, damp, smelly cave in Bethlehem.

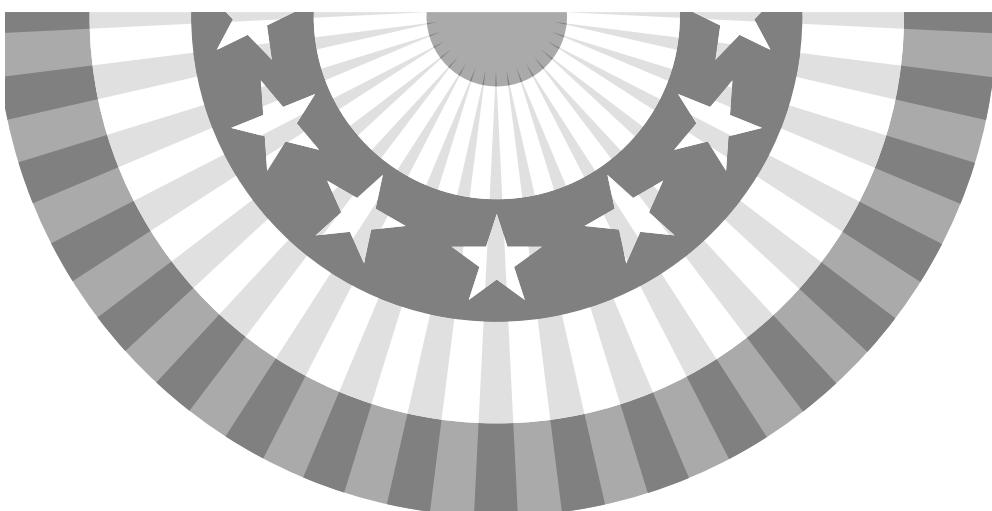
Many of us decorate our homes with lights, Santas, and often a star. This Christmas, as we remember the some 1.3 million active duty personnel serving at home and around the globe, let us remember the Star of Hope. It was a star, if you recall, that led the Magi to the greatest adventure ever. They proclaimed, "What great thing is this?"

Whether we are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or some other religion, the Good News is for all people. Thousands have died in combat to protect that freedom. I suspect we will continue to do that. Yet, we pray for peace, which is more than the absence of conflict. It is a peace that lives in each of us. There is a Greek word, "pneuma," which means breath or spirit. That "pneuma" was given to us at creation when God breathed His breath into Adama meaning "first man." That breath leads us on an adventure through our years. That adventure, that mystery, is that the body will die but the breath, the pneuma, the adventure lives on for all eternity. As we walk through Christmas and all the days following, let us truly experience the Adventure of God's creation and our place in it. Let us never stop defending peace loving children of God as long as we have the pneuma in us. We are called to defend "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" at home, across the country, and indeed around the world.

Finally, never grow weary of praying for our sons and daughters who are in places they could not spell a few years ago. And remember PEACE IS ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE.

God Bless each and everyone,

Ray Norris, Post 3 Chaplain



WELCOME HOME PICNIC

On September 14th at an event held on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion, Governor Pete Ricketts hosted a "Welcome Home" picnic for about 45 recently-discharged veterans and their families. This was the third year for the event, which was co-hosted by the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, the Nebraska 150 Commission, and Walmart.

About 20 veterans service organizations --- including American Legion Post 3 --- set up tables or booths at the event to share information on veterans' benefits and on how they can network with other veterans regarding employment and membership in the various organizations.

Also in attendance were Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs Director John Hilgert and the United States Under Secretary for Memorial Services Randy Reeves.



Governor Ricketts greets a young veteran at his "Welcome Home" picnic held on September 14th.



Pictured manning the American Legion Post 3 table at the Governor's "Welcome Home" picnic are (L-R): Area C Vice-Commander Wade Graft, Susan Burgess, Department Commander Lyle Bartels, Post 3 Commander Dave Timmerman, Post 3 First Vice-Commander Pam Umphenour, District 15 Vice-Commander Jack Sibert, and District 15 Commander Gerry Wolf.



SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION ...

Lincoln Sons of the American Legion Squadron #3 continues to run thru their holiday scheduling, with the recent distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets and looking forward to the Christmas holidays --- as well as breakfasts at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach for those in the community needing a meal. It's another year coming around the corner.

The Squadron is hopeful that we all take a moment to remember our Armed Services members, here and abroad. They are all deserving of our support, respect, and recognition for the job that they do in defense of our country --- past, present, and future.

Squadron #3 invites anyone to come and attend our meetings to share your thoughts and ideas to support our area's veterans and their families --- and to give them the support they need. Squadron #3 meets at 7:00 P.M. every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 located in the Trade Center.

Squadron #3 extends a joyous season's greetings over the holiday season. For God and Country,

 *Brad King,*
Squadron #3 Commander



SAL Commander Post #3
Brad King



American Legion Post 3

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA	DATE
William H. Bauer	Korea8/20/2018
Wilber E. Carley	WWII10/26/2018
Alexander A. Curtis, Jr.	Lebanon / Grenada9/14/2018
Robert E. Duden	Korea8/16/2018
Everett A. Evnen	WWII10/5/2018
Mary Goldstein	WW II7/27/2018
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Eugene E. Harmon	WWII9/30/2018
Wilmer D. Hubka	WW II8/20/2018
James L. Kirk	Vietnam10/24/2018
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Clayton D. Murphy	Korea10/27/2018
Donald J. Ray	WW II8/26/2018
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George R. Strait	Korea9/16/2018
Terry L. Straatman	Vietnam10/7/2018
Randy Streeton	WW II9/1/2018
George W. Underwood	WW II8/5/2018
Lowell A. Vestal	Vietnam9/19/2018

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Lincoln Unit 3 News

I have heard nothing but good things about the Veteran's Day parade that was held in Lincoln on November 3, 2018. There was a good turn-out. The more we can celebrate to honor our Veterans the better!!!!

The 100th year celebration of the end of World War I recently took place. Many countries, including the United States, were represented in France for their celebration.

In December, we recognize Pearl Harbor Day in memory of the December 7, 1941 attack in Hawaii. Watch for a date on a program to be held at the Lincoln Memorial Gardens.

Also In December, the Auxiliary will be collecting Items for the Victory Gardens Apartments and for the VA Homeless program. Please bring your items to the December meeting.

Wishing you a blessed Holiday Season and Safe Travels

 *Rebecca Bowman,*
President, ALA Lincoln Unit 3



Auxiliary Unit 3 President
Rebecca Bowman

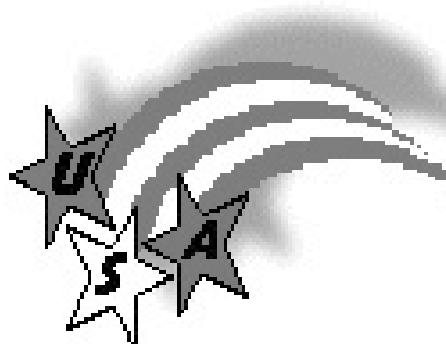


At the passing of Unit 3 Past President Diane Craigie, memorials were designated to American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State. At the November meeting of Unit 3, Fred Craigie was pleased to present a check to the unit that brought the total donations to \$1875. That amount will be enable the unit to sponsor 5 girls to Girls State.

Unit 3 President Becky Bowman accepted the memorial donation check from Fred Craigie.



Jennifer Hagen, an outreach special with the Department of Veterans Affairs, spoke about suicide prevention at the October meeting of Post 3.



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

Please visit the Post 3 website!
www.legionpost3.org

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Baby, It's Too Cold Outside to Ride!

Fall is officially here, and Winter has already been sneaking it's icy fingers around the corner. I just saw my neighbors had their Christmas tree up already. The American Legion Riders of Chapter 3 – Lincoln have tucked in their babies for the winter, except for a couple crazy guys who will ride ANYTIME.

Our group was busy through a lot of the Summer, but Winter still has things for us to do. Our December meeting will bring election of officers to serve in 2019. If called upon, we will still stand a Flag Line, but our ranks will be fewer in number. We trade parades for planning our annual Poker Run.

There has been talk of moving our Poker Run to a different time in the summer. June is a super busy time where there can be 3 or more Poker Runs in a weekend. It makes it tough to get people to come support our causes. Members are encouraged to give solid suggestions on when they feel this event should happen. We are also open to suggestions on raffle prizes. Sometimes, you do something for so long you miss opportunities to do something new that can make your event better.

ALR members also need to send in their membership dues for 2019. Dues are now \$20 for the year, in addition to the Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL dues that should be paid FIRST. The first requirement of being a Rider is being a part of the Legion Family. Watch your email for the membership form and send it in as soon as you can.

The Department of Nebraska ALR family has gotten bigger. Statewide, we are up to 42 chapters. The newest one to get its charter is sponsored by Benson American Legion Post 112. I wish them success and love to see we are still expanding and gaining a presence in our communities.

For those of you wondering how our showing of the movie "Sgt Stubby: An American Hero" went, I have a disappointing report. The first showing had about 20 viewers, and the second had less than 10. The Edgewood Theatre was great to work with, and I appreciate all the help I got from them and the production company (Fun Academy Productions). I know that the movie will be available on DVD, just in time for Christmas. Copies of the movie can be pre-ordered on funacademystudios.com, then go to the "Shop" tab. Movies can be purchased on Blu-Ray or DVD, in addition to other miscellaneous merchandise. I know I'll be getting some copies for family and friends. Maybe consider getting a copy for a school library to expose younger kids to a view of World War I that not many get.

To wrap up for the year, I want to thank everyone for all their help this year and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To quote an episode of M*A*S*H that I just watched, "Happy New Year. Let's hope the new one is better than the last."

Jody Schmale
Commander



ALR Commander Post #3
Jody Schmale



Chapter 3 American Legion Riders present a Flag Line at Jim Kirk's funeral.

MEDAL OF HONOR

The Congressional Medal of Honor (CMoH), our nation's highest and most prestigious military award, has been awarded to 3522 members of our Armed Forces --- to include one member of the US Coast Guard and to eight civilians. The CMoH has been awarded to twenty-one servicemen born in Nebraska. The most recent, posthumously, was awarded to SFC Randall David Shughart, Delta Force, for extraordinary courage during the Battle of Mogadishu, Somalia. SFC Shugart was born in Lincoln. Co-Rux-Te-Chod-Ish (Mad Bear), a Pawnee scout born in the vicinity of Columbus, was the first Native American awarded the CMoH.



Medals and decorations for military service were largely eschewed by America from the Revolutionary War until nearly the 20th Century. During the Civil War, General Winfield Scott, Army Chief of Staff, dismissed the notion for a medal of honor as a European tradition. The first military medal awarded was the Fidelity Medallion, created in 1780 by the Continental Congress and preceded the Purple Heart by almost two years, was awarded to the three New York militiamen responsible for capturing British spy John André who was directly connected to Benedict Arnold. The Badge of Military Merit was also created during the Revolutionary War to recognize "any singular meritorious action." In 1847 during the Mexican-American War, Congress created the Certificate of Merit for Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers who distinguished themselves in service. In addition to the certificate, awardees received an additional \$2/month.

On 21 December 1861, President Lincoln signed into law the CMoH to be "bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamen-like qualities during the present war." You'll note, this award was exclusively for persons serving in the United States Navy. It wasn't until 12 July 1862 that the CMoH was approved for "enlisted men of the Army." In 1863, the award was extended for Army officers, but it wasn't until 1915 that the Navy followed suit. The Air Force was approved to issue the medal in 1960 and the Coast Guard in 1963, but it has not designed or awarded one.

The CMoH has been awarded twice to nineteen men. Of those, five Marines received them for one action, which was recognized by both the Navy and the Army. Three sailors received double awards for rescuing sailors, during peacetime, who had fallen overboard.

The accounts of these men, and others who received the CMoH, are fascinating. For this article, I have space for one. LT Thomas Ward Custer, younger brother of George Armstrong Custer, was twice awarded the MoH for capturing Confederate colors during two separated battles. During the first, he had a horse shot out from under him. Requisitioning a replacement, he continued to fight and captured a flag. During the second battle, he was shot in the face as he rode into the rebel formation. Undeterred, he captured the flag and returned to his lines, presented the flag to his brother, Armstrong. Thomas attempted to rejoin the fight when ordered by his brother to report to the surgeon. Thomas served as Armstrong's Aide-de-Camp during the Battle of the Little Bighorn and died by his side.

For next time, Congressional Medals of Honor with Nebraska connections during the Indian Campaigns.

Sources: Congressional Medal of Honor Society (cmohs.org); Home of Heros (homeofheros.com) and Wikipedia are good places to search.

Jerry Cummings
POW / MIA Liason

DENNIS POPE MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Dennis Pope graduated from Lincoln High School in 1968 and was a member of the high school baseball team. He participated in all phases of American Legion Baseball.

Dennis drowned in Pawnee Lake on July 14, 1968. At that time, his family was approached by the American Legion and coaches, suggesting that this memorial award be established. A fund was also established to provide for the annual presentation.

Each season, the Dennis Pope Memorial Sportsmanship Award is given to a senior American Legion baseball player who has demonstrated true sportsmanship during that season --- and upholds the creed of the American Legion Baseball program.

There are two parts to the award. An individual trophy is presented to the player. Additionally, the player's name, the name of the team for which he played, and the year of the award are inscribed on a permanent plaque containing the names of all previous award winners. This plaque is displayed in the press box window at Sherman Field during the baseball season.

Selected as the recipient of the 2018 Dennis Pope Memorial Sportsmanship Award was Bobby Mercier. Mercier graduated from Lincoln High School and played one year for the Junior Legion team sponsored by Surface Sealers and three years for the Senior Legion team sponsored by Sampson Construction. He was coached by Daniel Beckmann.

In Coach Beckmann's nomination of Bobby for this award, he indicated that "Bobby Mercier was consistently not only one of our top hitters and pitchers, but was our top leader on the team. Bobby's determination and consistency was remarkable."

Coach Beckmann also wrote that "Bobby's leadership throughout his time at Lincoln High and with Sampson Construction has left an imprint of his legacy that will be felt by the players who looked up to him. He set the expectation for what a player should do in the weight room, how they should act in the class room, how they should compete on the field, and how they should represent the program in the community."

Presentation of the 2018 Dennis Pope Memorial Sportsmanship Award was made by Jon Sterns and Coach Beckmann at the annual Post 3 American Legion Baseball Volunteers' appreciation dinner held at Valentino's on September 26th. Bobby accepted the award with his parents --- John and Peggy Mercier ---- at his side.

Congratulations, Bobby --- and good luck in all of your future endeavors!



The 2018 Dennis Pope Award recipient is flanked by his parents, John and Peggy Mercier.



Sampson Construction Coach Daniel Beckmann (L) and Athletic Committee Member Jon Sterns (R) presented the 2018 Dennis Pope Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy to Bobby Mercier.

STEP FORWARD AWARD

ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, coordinates and supports community involvement by Nebraskans that address the needs of our communities. They coordinate AmeriCorps programming, celebrate volunteer achievements through quarterly and annual Awards, provide training and technical assistance, and work to ensure that those with disabilities are fully involved.

The annual presentation of Step Forward Awards was held in October at the Quarry Oaks Golf Club in Ashland. Awards were presented in nine categories --- Adult Volunteer, Corporate Community Volunteer, Disaster Volunteer, Lifetime Achievement, National Service, Senior Volunteer, Veteran Volunteer, Volunteer Group, and Youth Volunteer --- celebrating volunteers throughout the State of Nebraska.

This year's awardee in the Veteran Volunteer category was Post 3 Legionnaire Art Jones. Congratulations, Art, on being honored with this prestigious award.



A Christmas Poem for Our Veterans

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.

In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.

Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.

Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!

Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."
"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,

That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at ' Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ' Nam '
And now it is my turn and so, here I am..

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.

I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother...

Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?"

It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.

To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.

Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

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OUT OF THE PAST

Nebraska Nurse Inducted into Hall of Fame



A veteran of World War I and a founding administrator of Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln was honored October 4 by the Nebraska Nurses Association with induction to the Nebraska Nurses Hall of Fame. The nomination of Myrtle Dean recognized over 40 years of service in the training of nurses, hospital administration, and service during World War I. The induction occurred October 4 at the Nebraska Nurses Association convention and awards banquet in LaVista.

When the American Red Cross was called upon to organize medical personnel before America's entry into World War I, she immediately volunteered. Her unit was mobilized to Europe in May of 1917, even before American soldiers arrived for overseas duty. It was one of six base hospitals to be assigned to the British army and later the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Her unit of 63 nurses was assigned to Dannes-Camiers, France, which treated the largest number of wounded patients - over 60,000 - while retaining the lowest casualty rate than any other base hospital during the war. She was awarded a British

service medal and three stripes from the American army, before nurses were generally recognized for wartime service.

After the armistice ended the war in 1918 she remained in Europe with the American Red Cross, establishing orphanages for children displaced by the war in Serbia and Montenegro (later regions of the former Yugoslavia). She returned to Constantinople (now Istanbul) Turkey in 1923, to train women in the field of nursing, overcoming barriers in language, customs, and gender.

She returned to Nebraska and joined the newly-founded Bryan Memorial Hospital in 1926. She served from 1926-1937 as superintendent of the school of nursing and the superintendent of the hospital from 1927-1941. She retired in 1954 from the Commonwealth Fund of New York, after working to establish rural hospitals in Kentucky and Illinois. She passed away in 1975.

NNA has established The Nebraska Nursing Hall of Fame to honor those nurses who through their work, scholarship, and accomplishments have brought honor and fame to the profession of nursing and the state of Nebraska. Established in 1906, the NNA is a membership organization that engages in legislative advocacy, education, and professional development. NNA does not engage in individual workplace advocacy, but works holistically to support the profession of nursing.

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For Veterans' Day, Area C Vice Commander Wade Graft and District 15 Commander Gerry Wolf participated in a presentation of "We Appreciate Our Veterans" certificates to veterans living at the Bickford Senior Living Center in Lincoln. Staff and residents alike expressed their appreciation for the program and indicated that it was very emotional for many.



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