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Current Membership	891	As of May 2026
2026 Goal	938	95.0%

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

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COMING EVENTS

June 2026

- 9 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 11 *** NO SAL Meeting THIS MONTH ***
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 18 Legion Riders Meeting
- 18 Salon 92 Meeting
- 21 Fathers Day
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 25 – 28 Dept. Convention - Columbus

July 2026

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 *** NO SAL Meeting THIS MONTH ***
- 14 Post 3 Meeting
- 14 *** NO Unit 3 Meeting THIS MONTH ***
- 16 Legion Riders Meeting
- 16 *** NO Salon 92 Meeting THIS MONTH
- 21 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings

August 2026

- 11 *** NO Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings THIS MONTH ***
- 13 *** NO SAL Meeting THIS MONTH ***
- 18 *** NO Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings THIS MONTH ***
- 20 *** NO Salon 92 Meeting THIS MONTH ***
- 20 Legion Riders Meeting
- 28 – Sept. 3 National Convention – Louisville, KY



LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

This quarter truly is a busy time of year for the American Legion and Post 3.

There are three events that occurred in April that I want to highlight.

We interviewed a male and female candidate for the 2026 Junior Law Cadet Program, and our Interview Board endorsed both candidates for attendance, respectively, at the Boy's Junior Law Cadet Academy and the Girl's Junior Law Cadet Academy, which both take place this June. Both of our candidates have agreed to attend one of our monthly Post 3 meetings and provide us with some feedback on their experiences at the Academy.

At our April Post 3 meeting, we honored 21 of our members who were recognized for 50, 60, or 70 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. Three were able to attend the meeting in person. All three were presented with certificates honoring their attainment of 60 continuous years of membership. We also recognized two members of the Sons of the American Legion for 50 years of continuous membership.

On April 16, Post 3 presented medals and certificates at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Annual Chancellor's Review, recognizing 12 ROTC cadets and midshipmen for Scholastic Excellence and another 12 for Military Excellence.

At our May monthly Post 3 meeting, the nominating committee submitted nominations for the Post 3 leadership positions of Commander, two Vice Commanders, and one Executive Committee member for a 3-year term. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of candidates will be elected at the June Post 3 monthly meeting.

Of course, by the time you receive this edition of the Lincoln Legionnaire, Memorial Day 2026 will have come and gone. I have seen our busy Honor Guard schedule supporting events on this annual day honoring service men and women who gave their lives that we might have the freedoms we enjoy today. Hopefully, you and your family were able to attend some of the events.

The American Legion Department of Nebraska will hold its Annual Convention from June 25th to June 28th at the Rivers Edge Hotel in Columbus. Reservations can be made by calling 402-910-6682. Rooms are \$112.95 for convention attendees so long as blocked rooms for the convention are available. At the June Post 3 monthly meeting, the Convention Call will be read. Resolutions to be considered at the convention will also be discussed, and agendas for each day will be available.

On Saturday, June 20, the Department Headquarters will be having an Open House to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of moving to their new location (150 NW 40th Street --- next to the Harley Davidson Motorcycle dealership).

The open house will be from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and there will be food and

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Commander Post #3
Ron Hindmand

snacks available. It is a great opportunity to check out the Headquarters’ Museum and office building. There will be a program starting at 2:30 PM with guest speakers and presentations. A USA 250 celebration and a Korean War recognition ceremony will be included --- as well as activities for the whole family.

Our Post 3 2026 membership renewal process is very quickly coming to a close. We are currently at a respectable 95.0% of goal --- and, hopefully, will have a few more renewals and new members to bring that percentage higher.

Time is running out! Please --- if you are one of the less than 30 members who have not yet renewed for 2026, do so either online, by mail, or by dropping by the Post 3 business office. Additionally, always be on the lookout for recruiting new members to Post 3. Membership dues allow us to support such worthwhile programs as Cornhusker Boy’s State, Junior Law Cadets, and the ROTC Cadet awards.

For those who pay their dues annually, renewal notices for the 2027 membership year will be mailed out from the national headquarters in Indianapolis beginning about July 1.

Thank you for your continued loyalty to our Lincoln Post 3 and the American Legion!

For God and Country,
Ron Hindmand
Post 3 Commander

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Lincoln Unit 3 President
Lori Gubser



Hello, Members!

In March, our District 12 Convention was held in Seward. Our Chaplain, Jeanie Harris, is the District Vice President. Jeanie's Prayer Book also won first place.

We will be delivering cards to our Veterans in a number of senior living communities in Lincoln for the 4th of July and in November for Veterans Day. We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy thanks to our veterans --- and for their service to our country.

In May, we elected our new officers for the coming year:
President: Lori Gubser **Vice President:** (Vacant)
Secretary: Barbara Michael **Treasurer:** Shirley Horstman
Chaplain: Jeanie Harris

American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State will be held the week of May 31 – June 6. We have two girls who will be representing Lincoln Unit 3. Some of our members will also be volunteering during the week.

Department Convention will be held June 25-28 at the Rivers Edge Hotel & Convention Center (formerly Quality Inn) in Columbus.

We continue to have our monthly social luncheons, and we invite everyone to attend and have a good meal and great conversation. It is a nice opportunity to get together socially.

As our Auxiliary year comes to a close, I am thankful for our veterans and their families for all they have done, and to our Unit 3 members for their support. Without the support of unit members, we would not be able to do all the things we do for our veterans.

Please remember that we do not hold Unit 3 meetings during the months of July and August. Monthly meetings will resume on September 8th.

Have a wonderful summer!

For God and Country,
Lori Gubser
President, Lincoln Unit 3

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL Commander Sqd. #3
Brendan Moore

Summer is now upon us, and things are getting very slow for SAL activities.

At our last meeting, we decided not to have a meeting until September 10 --- at which time things will have picked up.

Our membership has been very good with an additional two members ready to sign up. But, since the new calendar year for membership begins in a couple of months, it would be more cost- beneficial to wait for the “new year” for membership.

I want to thank all the members who have continuously renewed their membership. It is very much appreciated.

I would encourage everyone to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. It’s participating in 4th of July events and backyard grilling that makes it truly, uniquely American.

Brendan Moore
SAL Squadron 3 Commander

COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC) LINCOLN, NE

The VA is currently requesting veterans to update their VA Identification Cards. If you received a notice from the Department of Veterans Affairs, you can update your VA ID cards while in the Clinic. You will need to bring some form of a state-issued ID, like a driver’s license, etc.

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

“Veteran Health Fair”

A “Veteran Health Fair” was held at the Lincoln CBOC on Thursday May 28th. The event was held in the west parking lot of the Lincoln VA Clinic. 50 vendors and VSOs were on hand for the event. A small lunch was served.

Flu Shots and Covid Shots

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

Finance Office

If you receive a statement from the VA for co-payments, remember that most CBOCs 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.



Mask Requirements

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

Express Care

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

The Lincoln Clinic treats about 300 a month as walk-ins.

VA Claims

With the signing of the PACT Act, more veterans have become eligible for services, not only for those whose service was “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.

Veteran Affairs Website / My Healthy Vet Website

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

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

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

Patient Advocate

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.

Open Positions

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

Want to serve your fellow Veterans?

There are many ways to serve them. The VA system has need of volunteers. The local clinics or hospitals can always use volunteers for greeters or escorts.

Food Drive to Collect Food Items for our Homeless Veterans.

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

Other items that our homeless veterans could use are hygiene care items. They should be the small size that would fit easily into a backpack. Also needed are household cleaning supplies. 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

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

Clinics / hospitals can always use books, magazines, etc. for patients. You would need to check with your local hospital / clinic / veteran's home volunteer office to see

what items they need or allow. This would be a great project for your church, school, or youth group.

Hours given by the volunteers are credited with saving the VA health care facilities at Omaha, Lincoln, and Grand Island an equivalent of 25 full-time staff employees. This is based on an hour of service being credited at the rate of \$31.50 dollars per hour.

Service Animals

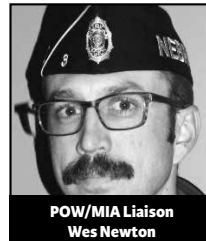
Only trained service animals should be brought into a VA Health clinic / hospital. Trained service dogs, etc., that qualify under DAV requirements are always welcome. Other pets / comfort dogs, etc., do not qualify and should be left at home. If you do bring a comfort or emotional support dog into a 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 Representative for the Lincoln CBOC

PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



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!

Wesley Newton

POW MIA Liaison



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 maintaining a lengthy, continuous membership in the American Legion.

Twenty-one Post 3 Legionnaires were recognized this year — 9 for 50 years of continuous membership, 9 for 60 years, and 3 for 70 years.

We salute you!

70-YEAR MEMBERS (3)

DONALD E. HIATT (Korea, USA)	DONALD E. IBURG (Korea, USAF)	RONALD KROON (Korea, USA)
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60-YEAR MEMBERS (9)

STEVEN D. CHERUP (Vietnam, USAF)	JEROME J. KOHL (Korea, USN)	TERRY EDWARDS (Vietnam, USA)
DENNIS L. DERMANN (Vietnam, USAF)	ELBERT C. MACEK (Vietnam, USA)	DANIEL T. ROTHERHAM (Vietnam, USA)
JACK C. EDSON (Vietnam, USAF)	MARK T. MERWICK (Vietnam, USN)	ROBERT FALOS (Korea, USA)

50-YEAR MEMBERS (9)

REX R. BRINTON (Korea, USA)	MARION HIMMELBERG (Vietnam, USN)	JOHN D. ROUSE (Vietnam, USA)
BERNARD J. DIVIS (Vietnam, USN)	GEORGE J. KETTERER (Korea, USN)	STEPHEN L. CHARKO (Vietnam, USN)
C. W. HUG (Vietnam, USA)	ELWYN K. LOCKARD (Korea, USA)	RICHARD H. WEGENER (Vietnam, USAF)

While most certificates were mailed to the Legionnaires or their families, 3 recipients were present at the April meeting of Post 3 and received their certificates from Commander Ron Hindmand, who thanked them all for their many years of supporting Post 3.



Pictured are (L-R): Commander Hindmand, Dan Rotherham, John Edson, and Terry Edwards.

Additionally, Squadron 3 of the Sons of the American Legion recognized two members this year for 50 years of continuous membership. They were Thomas Cyphers and William Fleming.

SCHEELS®

FLAG EXCHANGE

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
2:30PM–6:30PM
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UNLIMITED DROP OFFS ACCEPTED

Bring in your worn or damaged American flags and allow us to honorably dispose of them with the respect they deserve. In return, you will receive a new American flag while supplies last.

A special thank you to the American Legion of Nebraska for their help with this event.

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American Legion Post 3

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA.....	DATE
Earnest G. Bailey	Vietnam.	4/23/25
Lee M. Hinrichs	Korea	2/11/26
Vern A. Jansky, Sr.	Korea	2/21/26
John N. Lamm	Vietnam.	2/2/26
Bernard F. Mertzmann	Korea	UNKNOWN
John Munstermann.....	Vietnam.	1/17/26
Robert C. Rhodes.....	Vietnam.	UNKNOWN
Theodore F. Sanchez	WW II.....	2/21/24
Gerald A. Saunders	Vietnam.	1/7/26
Joseph M. Strobl	Vietnam.	12/30/25
George H. Weekly	WW II.....	1/22/26
Brent E. White	Lebanon-Grenada	3/26/26
Charles I. Wigton.....	Vietnam.	3/13/25
Michael B. Wilson	Vietnam.	4/13/26

LINCOLN AREA YOUTH PICKED TO ATTEND AMERICAN LEGION CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CORNHUSKER GIRLS STATE



Cornhusker Boys' State and Cornhusker Girls State, educational programs sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion and Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary that teach about city, county, and state government in a nonpartisan manner, remain two of the best-known and most respected projects associated with the American Legion Family.

Seven young men and twenty-three young women from the Lincoln area were chosen to be among the approximately 300 high school junior boys and 300 high school junior girls scheduled to attend the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's 2026 sessions of Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State. The

week-long events began on Sunday, May 31, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

The delegates will have hands-on learning as they hold their own elections for public office, legislature, and court systems while participating as citizens of their mythical towns. Students selected to attend must have demonstrated good scholastic records, leadership qualities, honesty, and good character.

Lincoln's American Legion Post 3 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 and other area Legion or Auxiliary units sponsor (endorse) the Lincoln area boys and girls who are scheduled to attend --- and contribute the enrollment fee for some. A number of other community organizations and individuals also contribute enrollment fees.

Schools represented, students, parents, and financial contributors are as follows:

Lincoln High School:

Ben Lanham, son of Todd and Amy Lanham, Lincoln 40/8 Voiture 103; **Griffin Reece**, son of Jeremy Reece and Jory Wheeler, Lincoln Post 3; **Emily Crotteau**, daughter of Andrew and Susan Crotteau, Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis; **Karen Mares**, daughter of Marisila Mares & Gabriel Mares, Lincoln Legionnaire Club Board; **Jovie Walter**, daughter of Jamie Colgrove, Lincoln American Legion Riders; **Harper Wold-Smith**, daughter of Nathan Wold and Kaydee Smith; Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; and **Josephine Youkum**, daughter of Joanne Davis-Smith, Sons of American Legion Squadron 3.



Ben Lanham



Griffin Reece



Emily Crotteau



Karen Mares



Jovie Walter



Harper Wold-Smith



Josephine Youkum

Lincoln East High School:

Grace Cai, daughter of Biyv Wv and Wenyi Cai, Bethany Lions Club; **Alexandra Ham**, daughter of Elaine Chan, Capital City Kiwanis; **Andrea Hu**, daughter of Steve Hu and Hua Guo, Captial City Kiwanis; **Avery Nordhues**, daughter of Josh Nordhues and Joanna Nordhues, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; **Poppy Peter**, daughter of Sarah Peter, Southeast Kiwanis; and **Piper Sibert**, daughter of Sarah Sibert, Sons of American Legion Squadron 3.



Grace Cai



Alexandra Ham



Andrea Hu



Avery Nordhues



Poppy Peter



Piper Sibert

Lincoln Southeast High School:

Carter Camp, son of Jonathan Camp and Laura Espejel and Miranda and Dason Wente, Lincoln Post 3; **Scott von Scheliha**, son of Lori and Lloyd Scheliha, Bethany Lions Club; **Annika Carlson**, daughter of Justin Carlson and Liz Ring Carlson, Cornhusker Kiwanis; **Madeline Jensen**, daughter of Eric and Julie Jensen, Lincoln Optimist Club; and **Taya Waller**, daughter of Jeanna Waller, Star City Lions.



Carter Camp



Scott von Scheliha



Annika Carlson



Madeline Jensen



Taya Waller

Lincoln Pius X High School:

Noah Russell, son of David and Denetter Russell, St. John Paul the Great Assembly Knights of Columbus and Bishop Kucera Assembly Knights of Columbus; **Gianna Gutierrez**, daughter of Juan Carlos and Jennifer Gutierrez, 8/40 Les Femmes Fatales 832; and **Elise Schlautman**, daughter of Bill and Sandra Schlautman, Lincoln Center Kiwanis.



Noah Rusell



Gianna Gutierrez



Elise Schlautman

Lincoln North Star High School:

Lauren Hellbusch, daughter of Jason Hellbusch and CiLeigh Hellbusch, Lincoln Center Kiwanis; and **Alyse Lausterer**, daughter of Anthony Lausterer, 40/8 Voiture 103.



Lauren Hellbusch



Alyse Lausterer

Lincoln Southwest High School:

Josue Suazo, son of Ana Vllalta. Lincoln Post 3; **Berkleigh Gish**, daughter of Lenny Gish and Sheri Irwin-Gish, Cornhusker Kiwanis; **Kaitlin Skelton**, daughter of Layne Magel, Lincoln Center Kiwanis; and **Weili Wang**, daughter of Quin Lin and Haichuan Wang, Lincoln Optimist Club.



Josue Suazo



Berkleigh Gish



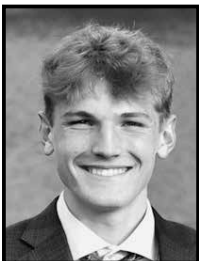
Kaitlin Skelton



Weili Wang

Lincoln Standing Bear High School:

Aidan Garito, son of Phil and Shawna Garito, Lincoln Post 3.



Aidan Garito

Lincoln Lutheran High School:

Clara Stuckwisch, daughter of Gregory Stuckwisch, Odell American Legion Auxiliary Unit 231.



Clara Stuckwisch

Home School – La Vic Academy of Excellence:

Katherine Tran, daughter of Svoida and Rachel Tran, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3.



Katherine Tran

THANK YOU, DONORS!!

Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State remain two of the most visible and important programs sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

While the many local American Legion posts and American Legion Auxiliary units across the state “endorse” or “sponsor” the attendance of the delegates to Boys State and Girls State, there are many generous organizations and individuals who donate the fees for the boys and girls to attend. Without their support, it would not be possible for many boys and girls to participate.

This year, 7 boys and 23 girls from the Lincoln area were selected to attend Boys State and Girls State thanks to the generosity of the following organizations, who funded the registration fees for one or more boys and/or girls. A most appreciative "Thank You" is extended to them for their generosity in providing the opportunity for so many Lincoln-area youths to participate!

- Capital City Kiwanis
- Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders
- Star City Lions
- Optimist Club of Lincoln
- Lincoln SAL Squadron 3
- 8/40 Salon 832
- Legionnaire Club, Inc.
- Lincoln American Legion Post 3
- Bethany Lions Club
- St. John Paul the Great Knights of Columbus
- Bishop Kucera 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
- Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3
- 40/8 Voiture 103
- Cornhusker Kiwanis Club
- Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis Club
- Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club

If you or your company or organization are interested in being contacted about becoming a donor for the 2027 sessions of Cornhusker Boys State or Cornhusker Girls State, please contact us so we can provide you with more detailed information when it becomes available later in the year.

Thanks again for everyone’s support!

Steve Bartos

Lincoln Area Boys State Coordinator
LB32906@windstream.net

Lorene Bartos

Lincoln Area Girls State Liaison
lbartos1@unl.edu

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



- June means that riding season is now in full swing! Your American Legion Riders have several events on our calendar. Here is our “dance card” for May (those events already happened) and the next few months:
- May 24, Sunday, World's Largest American Flag, Sandhills Global Event Center
 - May 29, Friday, Director's Dinner Ride
 - May 30, Saturday, Sowers Club Poker Run
 - June 13, Saturday, Oregon Trail ALR Poker Run,
 - June 13-14, Saturday & Sunday, Ride for America - Nebraska 250 Flag Escort
 - June 26-28, Friday to Sunday, Gun Show @ Sandhills Global Event Center
 - June 25-28, Thursday to Sunday, Nebraska Dept. Convention in Columbus



- July 17-19, Friday to Sunday, Legacy Run Across Nebraska,
- July 18, Saturday, BACA Poker Run
- August 1, Saturday, Stronger Than Suicide Poker Run
- August 8-9, Saturday & Sunday, Offutt AFB Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show
- August 23-28, National American Legion Riders Legacy Run (starting in Lincoln and finishing in Louisville, Kentucky.)
- September 8, Tuesday, Escort Vietnam Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute, Crawford, NE
- September 26, Saturday, Touch-A-Truck
- November 15, Sunday, Lincoln Veteran's Day Parade

In short, your Riders will have lots of fun opportunities for spreading the word about The American Legion and the American Legion Riders over the coming weeks and months.

Please also remember that we are currently selling raffle tickets for a rifle and a motorcycle. If interested in either of these, please see one of the Legion Riders (or reach out to me) for tickets before they are gone.

MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

Sponsored by Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders



2011 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited
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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.

Remember that our Poker Run is coming up on Saturday, August 29th. You do NOT have to ride a motorcycle in order to participate. Some great prize money, more than likely a very high 50/50 payout, some fantastic silent auction items, and a fun time guaranteed! We are still in search of sponsors, so if you know of any companies (or individuals) that would be interested in donating to our project, please let me know and I will follow up. The

recipients of this year's raffle and poker run proceeds will be the Veterans Mission of Mercy (provides FREE dental care to Veterans and spouses) and the JAVELAN service dog project.

Until next time,
Ride (and Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
ALR Director



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 TRANSFERRED TO THE WINNER THROUGH A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER and
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Lincoln (Nebraska)
Chapter 3

POKER RUN



SATURDAY
AUG 29

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 \$\$) AND GET AN EXTRA CARD!

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



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NEBRASKA VETERANS MISSION
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VETERANS IN NEBRASKA

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IF YOU ARE MOVING!
Please notify us if you have a change of address. Post #3 has to pay 75 cents for each incorrect address on a bimonthly paper. Send address changes to:
AMERICAN LEGION POST #3 • 123 S. 84th St., Suite L, • Lincoln, NE 68510
Or call us at 466-3958 Thank you for helping us keep expenses down!
(This also include Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and 40 & 8)

Lancaster County Veterans Services
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**(The Lancaster County Veterans Service Office has relocated
to the former Veterans Hospital on the Victory Park campus.
Parking and entrance are on the east side of the building.)**



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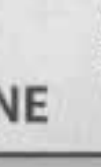
LINCOLN, NE

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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 Christl Show

12:00 PM – Three Chords and a Cloud of Dust

1:00 PM – Dave Epr & The Howling Coyotes

2:00 PM – The Pinkstones

3:00 PM – Closing Ceremonies

DETAILS

Open to the Public

No Cost – Free will donation or canned food donation for People's City Mission

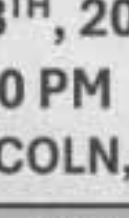
Free Parking

Rain Date – Sunday, June 14th

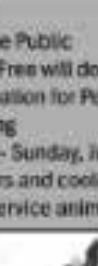
Lawn chairs and coolers welcome (no alcohol)

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 Share Food Truck, Veteran Organization Outreach Booths, Kids Activities, Lincoln Kid's Market, Quilts of Valor

Wendy Gumb. 1 yr., Fred Craigie. 2 yr., Wade Graft. 3 yr.