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Current Membership	870	As of Feb 2026
2026 Goal	938	92.8%

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

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COMING EVENTS

March 2026

- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 10 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 12 SAL Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 19 Legion Riders Meeting
- 19 Salon 92 Meeting
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 29 Palm Sunday

April 2026

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 9 SAL Meeting
- 14 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 15 Tax Day
- 16 Legion Riders / Salon 92 Meetings
- 21 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 24 Arbor Day

May 2026

- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 14 SAL Meeting
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 19 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 Salon 92 / Legion Riders Meetings
- 25 Memorial Day Observed



LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

We are now in the year during which the 250th Anniversary of these United States will be celebrated. We have already celebrated Martin Luther King Junior Day, Presidents' Day, and the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. It will be a very eventful and exciting year.

We closed out last year in great form supporting our community and veterans with the Flags for Vets at the Havelock Legacy Senior Living Facility Residence, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and with generous food and cash donations to veterans and people in need. All thanks to a combination of members from Post 3, Chapter 3 American Legion Riders, Unit 3 Ladies Auxiliary, and our Sons of the American Legion Squadron 3. Of course, the Post Honor Guard also continued their loyal support to multiple community events and veteran funerals. Well done, all!

Excellent progress is being made in reaching out and getting Post 3 member renewals --- and even getting a few new members. Great work by all! Special thanks to Steve Bartos in his very active outreach in directly contacting members who had not yet renewed. Please, if you have not renewed, do so either online, by mail, or by dropping by the Post 3 business office.

The American Legion Department of Nebraska held its' Mid-Year Conference from January 16th to the 18th in Norfolk. Post 3 was represented by 11 of our members for at least one day, with four attending for all three days. Highlights of the Mid-Year Conference included Americanism awards presented to representatives of the Boys State Program and Junior Law Cadet Program --- and conducting the Department Oratorical Contest. The winner of the Department Oratorical Contest was Frank Kovac, our Area C representative. These young citizens demonstrated the value of these Legion programs and give us optimistic hope for the future of America. Candidates for election to Department office in June were announced, and Grand Island was announced as the location for the 2027 Department Convention.

On 10 February, we convened our 2026 District 15 Convention in conjunction with our monthly Post 3 meeting. Rich Lemmerman and John Ottoson were elected to be our new District 15 Commander and Vice Commander. They will be installed in those positions at the close of this years' Department Convention on 28 June in Columbus. Steve Bartos and Fred Craigie were elected our nominees for Delegate and Alternate to this year's National American Legion Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Department Commander Judy Walters presented a Certificate to Gerry Wolfe recognizing his outstanding support to the American Legion with his exemplary monthly Post 3 Newsletter. Additionally, we confirmed dates for District 15 events in 2026 and our next District Convention in 2027.

During the Post 3 meeting, Ed Schnabel was presented with a memento

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Commander Post #3
Ron Hindmand

recognizing his outstanding service to Post 3 in his recently relinquished positions as Post 3 Adjutant and Finance Officer. Ed will also be recognized at the Department Convention with the 2026 District 15 American Citizenship Award.

The Department website is being updated. It was offline in early February, but back up in less than a week. However, it is still in the process of being updated --- and not fully functional with all the features that it eventually will have. Hopefully, by the time you receive this edition of the Lincoln Legionnaire, it will be fully operational.

Finally, we do have a new Post 3 Adjutant as of February 1st. Taking over as our new Adjutant is Steve Fowles, who brings great experience from the Massachusetts American Legion. A Navy veteran, Steve has extensive experience as a Post, SAL, Veterans Council, and County Adjutant --- as well as commander of a Post, SAL, and Council Commander. Welcome, Steve!

For God and Country,
Ron Hindmand
Post 3 Commander

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Greetings, Auxiliary Members (and Legion Family) --- As I write this, in mid-February, we have been enjoying unseasonably warm weather. I hope everyone is enjoying it. But, remember, this is Nebraska... and it could be 70 degrees today and a blizzard tomorrow.

Lincoln Unit 3 members, have you paid your 2026 dues? Your dues help support all the things we do for our community and our veterans. If you have not yet done so, please pay your dues as soon as possible.



You may receive this Lincoln Legionnaire just about the time the District 12 Convention is happening. It will be (or was) at the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street in Seward, on Saturday, March 14th. Registration begins (or began) at 8:00 AM, with the joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting starting (or started) at 9:00 AM.

We have already picked two girls from schools in Lincoln to attend the 2026 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State. The session

American Legion Auxiliary Lincoln #3

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runs from May 31st through June 6th. The cost per girl is \$450.

In March, we celebrate the American Legion's birthday. Plan on election of officers in May, and remember that we will be participating in the Lincoln Memorial Day ceremonies at Wyuka Cemetery.

For fundraisers, we have started working with Don and Millie's at both locations (north of 56th and Nebraska Parkway in the Edgewood shopping center, and at their 81st & O Street location). Our designated day each month is the 3rd Sunday. Dates for the next few months are: March 15th, April 19th, May 17th, and June 21st. Please help support us by telling

the cashier that you are supporting the American Legion Auxiliary Lincoln Unit #3. Don and Millie's gives 20 cents of every dollar spent to our unit. This helps us support our donations to veterans and their families. Please see the Don and Millie's flyer in this issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire.

For our other very big fundraiser, we are having a Veterans and Family Fundraiser with an Elvis Tribute Night starring Joseph Hall. And, yes (contrary to some rumors I've heard), it is happening! Joseph appeared on America's Got Talent in Season 3 and was in the Top 10.

The show will be at the Pla-Mor Ballroom on Friday, April 10th, at 7:00 PM. Please see the flyer in this edition of the Lincoln Legionnaire for additional details and information on how to order tickets. Tickets are available NOW! This can only be a success if everyone helps. It is going to be a very fun evening!!

There are a limited number of VIP Reserved Seating tickets available for \$30. Your VIP ticket will include a meet-and-greet at 5:30 with Joseph. General Admission Reserved Seating tickets are \$25. There will be tickets available at the door for \$30, which do not include reserved seating or the meet and greet.

I'd like to remind everyone that we also do a social lunch each month on a Saturday. I send out the information for this separately each month, as the date changes every month.

By the time you receive the Lincoln Legionnaire, Spring will only be a few days away. Hooray!

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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Great news for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #3. We have achieved 100% membership for this year. Thanks to all who have renewed your membership.

We hope to continue this in the future with some ideas to increase membership. At this late date in the membership cycle, it seemed better to institute them in the next year's cycle.

Again this year, our grocery store program went extremely well. Thanks and hugs were welcome.

This year, we will be sponsoring two girls for American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, since there was an abundance of girls and a shortage of boys applying. With the help of members at our last meeting, I was able to select the five from the list for possible sponsorship of two. I have a problem with concentrating reading for extended periods of time (eye strain). The task of narrowing the choices was extremely helpful.

At our next meeting, we need to discuss possible events for the upcoming spring and summer. As with most organizations, we have a core of members who attend nearly all of the meetings, but we would like to have some new members attend and give us a fresh perspective.

Brendan Moore
SAL Squadron 3 Commander



COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC) LINCOLN, NE

The Lincoln CBOC Christmas Tree fulfilled between 150 and 170 tag requests. Gift cards and funds received above and beyond what was needed to fulfill the tags will allow volunteer services to meet the needs of our veterans through March of 2026.

Items that can always be used are bus passes, gift cards, or gas cards. Gift cards can be used to buy clothing, coats, etc. as needs come up during the year.

“Salute to Veterans Day”

There will be a “Salute to Veterans Day” at the Lincoln CBOC during the week of February 9th-13th. Veterans service organizations and other organizations are being asked to provide treats for our veterans daily during the hours between 0800 and 1400.

“Veterans Health Fair”

There will be a “Veterans Health Fair” at the Lincoln CBOC on Thursday, May 28th. More details to come at a later date.

“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 Offices”

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 payments 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 for those who wish to wear them at the front doors of the clinics.

“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 to 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 patients 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 a registered Veterans Service Office. It only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for an increase in your current rating or a new VA disability rating.

“Veteran Affairs website / My Healthy Vet website”

The Veterans 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. 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. They are seeking a podiatrist, including a nurse practitioner or nurse, to provide foot care for veterans in the Lincoln area.

“Want to serve your fellow Veterans?”

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

A food drive to collect food items for our homeless veterans in the Lincoln are is still ongoing at the Lincoln CBOC. 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 must be thrown away. A can opener would be nice. There are a few requests for food items that need to be cooked, such as canned vegetables, baked beans, etc.

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

Household cleaning supplies are items requested by those with limited incomes.

While the weather is warming, our homeless veterans still have need of some clothing items. 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 a local clinic or hospital, or a veterans’ 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 GI the 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.

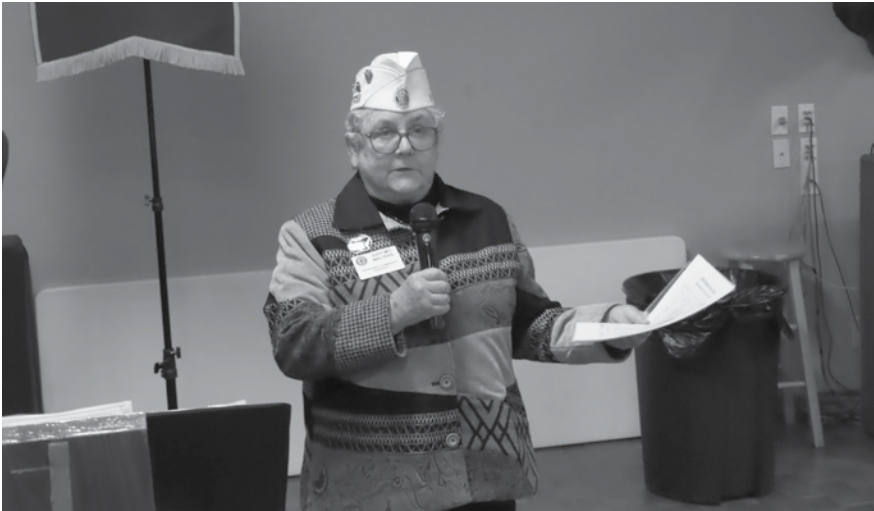
“Service Animals”

Only trained service animals should be brought into a VA Health clinic/hospital. Trained service dogs, etc., that meet DAV requirements are always welcome. Other pets/comfort dogs, etc., do not qualify and should be left at home.

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



Department Commander Judy Walters addressed the annual District 15 Convention held in conjunction with February meeting of Post 3. Commander Walters is a 45-year member of American Legion Post 79 in Wainsworth.



At the February 10th meeting of Post 3 / District 15, Department Commander Judy Walters presented Ron Hindmand a Special Americanism Citation awarded to Post 3.



American Legion Post 3

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA.....	DATE
Wallace L. Brown	WW II.....	12/24/25
Albin Dolezal	Korea.....	12/9/25
Wesley L. Haas	Vietnam.....	1/18/26
Danny M. Keller	Vietnam.....	11/24/25
Thomas R. Lewis	Vietnam.....	12/21/25
John W. Lofgren.....	Korea.....	12/22/25
Jerry W. Morris	Vietnam.....	11/3/25
Leroy D. Nelsen.....	Korea.....	11/18/25
Paul E. Nordstrom	Korea.....	12/20/25
Terry Ostgaard	Vietnam.....	12/23/25
Robert L. Rauch.....	Other	11/23/25
Norman Saale.....	Vietnam.....	1/15/26
Carl L. Struve.....	Vietnam.....	1/14/26
Lloyd J. Thomsen.....	Korea.....	1/23/26
Chandler A. Tyrrell	WW II	12/25/25
Verden R. Valasek	Korea.....	11/10/25

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250TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL OFFER FOR NEW MEMBERS

In 1976 — 50 years ago — Post 3 membership was over 8,000. Today, we are just under 1000. Like just about all other organizations — veterans service organizations or otherwise — Post 3 has experienced a steady decline.

There are probably many reasons why folks aren’t “joiners” anymore. Things change. And — unfortunately — Post 3 loses a large number of members to the Post Everlasting every year. Between February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026, Fifty-Nine Post 3 members passed away.

We need to add some new members to our roster. Post 3’s annual dues are currently \$56 — of which \$11 are the post’s portion. For this special promotion, we are waiving the \$11 post dues and signing up NEW members to the American Legion for just the state and national dues of \$45.

Please help us find and enroll some new members. Do you have a son, or daughter, or grandchild, or neighbor, or coworker who might be eligible? Ask them to join.

Under the current rules of the American Legion, any veteran who has been honorably discharged — or continues to serve — and has at least 1 day of active duty since December 7, 1941, is eligible for membership in the American Legion. Remember, membership in the American Legion is the best way for veterans to have a voice when it comes to protecting the rights and benefits they have earned.

Please help us. We know there are veterans amongst us who are eligible to join the American Legion. We just sometimes are unaware.

It might be interesting to note that Nebraska is one of the leading states when it comes to signing up eligible veterans as members of the American Legion — about 20%. Nebraska currently has about 20,000 Legionnaires. That means there are about 80,000 veterans in the state that could — and should — join us.

Just use the membership application published on the last page of the paper. Mention or include this special notice and submit the application with a check for \$45. We look forward to hearing from you — and increasing our membership.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings, Fellow Riders and Post 3 Legion Family —
Wow! Who'd have thought that we'd be experiencing temperatures in the 70's in early February? Yet, here we are. I've noticed many motorcycles on the road these past days, so please be on the lookout for those on two (or three) wheels.
There's lots going on with your American Legion Riders.

Here's a snapshot:

- Gun Raffle. We are well along in selling tickets. Our goal is to raise over \$4,000 from this raffle. Proceeds from the gun raffle, as well as the motorcycle raffle and the poker run, will benefit veterans in the local area and across the state.
- Motorcycle Raffle. You may remember that our chapter was recently donated a 2011 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited. This bike is in great shape; and, after receiving low offers from local Harley dealerships, we decided to raffle it off. Only 749 tickets are available at \$20 each. Someone is going to win a great bike at a fantastic price. If interested, please see me (or any other Rider) for tickets.
- We've set the date, August 29th, and stops for our annual Poker Run. We'll start out at Elway Powersports on North 27th Street, with stops in David City, Beaver Crossing, and Dorchester --- then finishing at the Denton Legion. Everyone is welcome to participate. We hope to see you all there.
- As usual, our "dance card" of parade activities will continue to populate in the next few months. Your American Legion Riders will continue to represent Post 3 in a positive way around southeast Nebraska.

Until next time,
Ride (and Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
ALR Director



At the February 10th meeting of Post 3 / District 15, Department Commander Judy Wallters presented a plaque to Chapter 3 American Legion Riders Director Bruce Gubser as a token of appreciation for the Riders’ participation in the Legacy Run and for their donation to the Veterans & Children’s Foundation.

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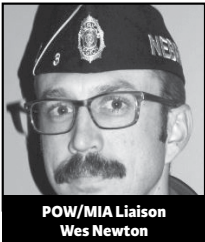
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PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



When Spring Comes Again

Every year, when winter begins to loosen its grip and the first signs of spring appear, I'm reminded that endurance is often quiet, patient, and unseen. One of the clearest examples of that kind of strength is the story of **Everett Alvarez Jr.**, an American POW whose name isn't always mentioned first—but whose courage deserves remembering.

In August of 1964, Alvarez was a young Navy pilot flying one of the earliest combat missions of the Vietnam War. His aircraft was hit by enemy fire, and he ejected over North Vietnam. Within hours, he became the first American aviator captured in what would become a long and brutal conflict. He was just 24 years old.

What followed were more than eight years of captivity. Alvarez endured solitary confinement, beatings, malnutrition, and relentless psychological pressure. For long stretches, he was kept isolated, forbidden to speak or make eye contact, cut off from any sense of time or progress. Like many POWs, he faced moments when survival felt uncertain and release seemed impossibly distant.

What sustained him was not any single heroic act, but something quieter and more familiar to many of us: routine, faith, memory, and resolve. He learned to mark the passage of time in his mind. He prayed. He recalled family, home, and the life he hoped to return to. He later spoke about choosing --- again and again --- not to give his captors control over his inner life.

That mindset matters. Because captivity isn't only about bars and walls. It's about waiting. It's about enduring long winters with no clear end in sight.

When Alvarez was finally released in 1973, he stepped back onto American soil after nearly nine years as a prisoner. He was changed but not broken. He went on to continue serving his country in public service, carrying with him a perspective shaped by hardship and patience.

Spring feels connected to stories like his. It doesn't arrive all at once. It comes slowly --- first a longer day, then a warmer breeze, then signs of life returning where it once seemed dormant. That's how endurance works, too.

Many veterans know what it's like to live through winters --- some overseas, some long after coming home. Alvarez's story reminds us that perseverance is often quiet, deeply personal, and incredibly powerful.

No winter lasts forever. Spring always comes again.

Wesley Newton
POW MIA Liaison



At the February meeting of Post 3 / District 15, Commander Ron Hindmand presented a desktop memento to Ed Schnabel in appreciation of his many years of service to veterans, the community, and Post 3 --- the last eight years of which he served Post 3 as Adjutant. Ed turned over the duties of Post 3 Adjutant to Stephen Fowles in January.



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MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION

Starting January 1, 2026, disabled veterans in Nebraska can receive a motor vehicle tax and fee exemption for one vehicle owned and used for their personal transportation. The new exemption is part of LB650, which passed and was signed into law in 2025.

The law provides two definitions of a “disabled veteran”, which are:

- 1 --- an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces, has separated under honorable conditions, and has established the present existence of a service-connected disability (including those rated at 0%); or
- 2 --- an individual who is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or a military department.

Veterans must apply to the Nebraska Department of Veterans’ Affairs (NDVA) Military & Veterans’ Registry, which can be found at veterans.nebraska.gov/registry, so their eligibility can be verified. Qualifying veterans who are already in the registry will need to have their registry information updated by an NDVA state service officer (402-420-4021 or ndva.sso@nebraska.gov) or their county veterans service officer, whose contact information can be found at veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso.

Veterans are encouraged to apply in advance of their registration or renewal, as it may take up to 48 hours for information to be available to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) after a registry application is approved.

When registering or renewing a vehicle in person, a qualifying veteran will need to inform the county treasurer’s staff they qualify for the exemption. When renewing online, they will need to select the “Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption” option on the online application.

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

Full details on the exemption, eligibility, application process, and more can be found at veterans.nebraska.gov/vehicletax.

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At the February 10th meeting of Post 3 / District 15, Department Commander Judy Walters presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Gerry Wolf recognizing his many years of dedicated service Lincoln American Legion Post 3. Specific mention was made of his time spent leading the Honor Guard and producing the post’s monthly email newsletter.

NOTES FROM THE ADJUTANT’S DESK



Hello to all. I'm Steve Fowles, your new Post 3 Adjutant. I am a 30-year member of the American Legion and transferred to Post 3 last year from Massachusetts Post 294. I’m also a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

I took over the adjutant’s duties from Ed Schabel after the first of the year. The office hours will remain the same --- Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 AM until noon. If

there is an occasion where you need to contact me after hours, I can be reached at 617-407-1841. Leave a phone number, your name, and a brief message. I’ll return your call as soon as possible.

Membership is currently at 870 paid members for 2026. This is 92.75% of our goal of 938. We still have about 50 2025 members who have not renewed for 2026. You can see that even if we successfully renewed all the 2025 members, we would still fall short of our goal. It isn't too late. You can stop by the office or renew online if that makes it easier. You can use a debit card or credit card.

In the past year, we have lost about 60 members to Post Everlasting. We can’t do much about that. What we can do is recruit new members. If you know someone who has served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged (or continues to serve). they are eligible to join The American Legion. Let’s sign that someone up! See the special offer for new members elsewhere in this issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire.

We will be honoring our members who have 50, 60, and 70 years of continuous membership in The American Legion in April. We have selected a young man and a young woman who will attend Junior Law Cadet Training at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island in June.

We only had 8 boys from Lincoln apply for Cornhusker Boys’ State fthis year. Last year, there were 21. There were 37 girls who applied to Cornhusker Girls State. Post 3 is going to sponsor 4 boys, 40&8 Voiture 103 is going to sponsor 1 boy and 1 girl, the Legionnaire Club, Inc. is going to sponsor 1 boy and 1 girl, the Bethany Lions are going to sponsor 1 boy and 1 girl, two Knights of Columbus Councils are going to share sponsorship of 1 boy, Squadron 3 of the SAL is sponsoring 2 girls, and the Chapter 3 Riders are sponsoring a girl.

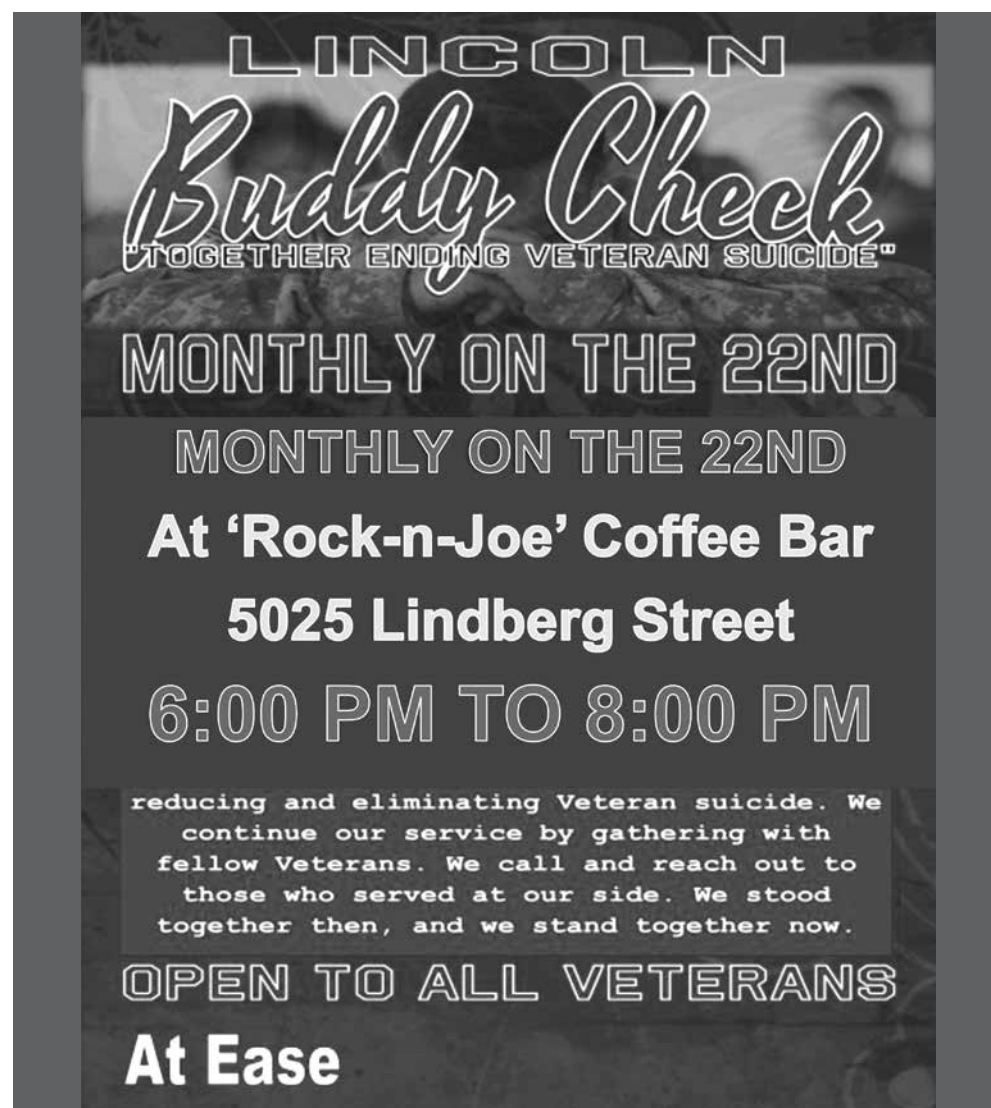
And, I can’t forget our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month --- except in August. They are held at the Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th St. The Elks have a light meal for around \$10.00 starting at 6:00 PM. The meeting starts at 7:00. I hope to see you there.

Steve Fowles
Post 3 Adjutant

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 **May 12, 2026**.



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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.)

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