# Lincoln Legionnaire



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Current Membership	1182	As of May 2022
2022 Goal	1344	87.9%

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

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# COMING EVENT

#### June

- 9 SAL Meeting
- 14 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Legion Riders Meeting
- 19 Fathers' Day
- 21 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 23-26 Department Convention (Columbus)

#### July

- 4 Independence Day
- 12 Post 3 Meeting. No Auxiliary Meeting.
- 14 SAL Meeting
- 19 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 Legion Riders Meeting

# August

- 9 No Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings this month.
- 11 SAL Meeting
- 18 Legion Riders Meeting
- 27-SEP 1 National Convention (Milwaukee)

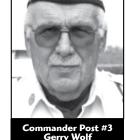


# LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

Look in your wallet! Do you have your 2021 membership card? If you do, you have not renewed for 2022. Please do so. As you all know, events and programs require support. Support primarily comes from our members volunteering to make it happen. Yes, this is where I solicit.

If you are a current member who hasn't renewed for the 2022 year, please do so today. Pease take a moment to send in your dues (which are still just \$46 / year) to the post. You can send them in via US Mail or you can stop by the Post 3 business



office during our operating hours (Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00) and pay your dues by cash or check. You can also go to MyLegion.org and pay your dues online!

The success of any program lies in the support of its membership, and the collective success of our many programs is no exception. We need to maintain and expand our current membership so that all of our programs can thrive and survive.

Just like all other organizations today, the ranks of the American Legion nationally and locally, continue to dwindle. Unfortunately, Post 3 membership is currently following that trend. Fortunately, however, we have a small corps of dedicated Legionnaires who refuse to let our support of American Legion programs dwindle along with it.

We must constantly encourage the renewal of current unpaid members and the recruitment of new members to replace those who have died (as of this post, we have had over 100 members die in the last year) as well as those who, for some reason, just let their membership slip away. Here is what we would like you to do: Help us grow!

If your relative, neighbor, or friend is on active duty in the military, he or she is eligible for membership in the American Legion. If your relative, neighbor, or friend is a veteran who previously served one day on active duty since December 7th, 1941, he or she is eligible for membership in the American Legion. If your relative, neighbor, or friend is a member of the National Guard or Reserve and has served in Afghanistan or the Persian Gulf area, he or she is eligible for membership in the American Legion.

Please contact them. Talk to them. Make them aware that they are eligible to belong to the largest and strongest veterans' service organization in the world. Let them know that programs such as Boys State, Junior Law Cadet, American Legion Oratorical Contest, or American Legion Baseball rely on their support.

As an American Legion member, you might also qualify to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) or the American Legion Auxiliary. Please give some thought to joining the SAL and Auxiliary. If you are a motorcycle enthusiast, don't forget to join the Post 3 American Legion Riders organization.

Above all, please let the prospective member know how membership in the American Legion is probably most important for the message it sends to our legislators in Washington. Veterans' benefits are constantly under attack in a Congress comprised of fewer and fewer veterans. It is through the efforts of organizations like the American Legion that the erosion of benefits is slowed or eliminated. A strong membership translates into a stronger voice in Congress.

American Legion Family, please pray for the people living in Ukraine and all of those who have lost their lives. As always, keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers, particularly those who may be in need. Keep our active-duty service men and women in your thoughts and prayers also, especially those who may be in harm's way.

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf Post 3 Commander

# **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**



Dear Unit 3 Members ---

Our unit's 2021-2022 American Legion Auxiliary year is coming to an end, and reports are being submitted. Plans are



being made for the Department Convention to be held June 23-26 in Columbus at the Ramada Inn and River's Edge Convention Center (formerly the New World Inn).

In May, Unit 3 held elections to fill offices for the coming year. Those elected were:

President Barbara Skillman

Vice President Char Moore

Secretary Barb Michael

Treasurer Lorie Gubser

Historian Shirley Horstman

Chaplain Jeanie Harris

The Installation of officers and a Memorial Service for our unit members who passed during the year will be held at the June 14 meeting. Also during the Unit 3 meeting in June, we will conduct a Gold Star service for our Gold Star members.

American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State will be held the week of June 5-11, and we have two girls who will represent Lincoln Unit 3. Additionally, some of us will be working at Girls State during the week.

Unit 3 meetings will not be held in July or August, but we will be getting ready for the next year. We will resume monthly meetings on September 13

Unit 3 members --- you will be invited to a Membership Tea to be held Saturday, August 6, at the Second Baptist Church. Please come; we would love to see you.

Until we meet again, have a wonderful summer.

For God and Country,

Barbara Skillman President, Lincoln Unit 3

# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Squadron 3 of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is still looking to have more participation in our meetings.

With the small number that have been attending, the meetings are informal and fairly brief. Most of our time is spent building camaraderie. We would like to have new ideas on projects that we might endeavor accomplishing. Some ideas that have come up include having the meeting at the same place with the American Legion Riders, but some logistics will need to be worked out. So, for the present

time, we will continue to have our meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Post 3 business office located at 123 South 84th Street (84th and "O").

New members are always needed. If you know of someone who is eligible, please invite them. If they can become active, so much the better. A dual membership in the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion (as I am one) is a plus.

Would offering refreshments be an incentive for better attendance? Since I regularly enter some of my baking at the county fair (and regularly win), Jon has complained about weight gain.

If you have comments or suggestions, you can email me at prairieroseman@yahoo.com

Have a great summer.

Brendan Moore SAL Squadron 3 Commander

# **FORTY AND EIGHT**



Spring is always a great time of the year. It makes us all think of renewal and brings positive thoughts about the future. Your Voiture #103 is no different, we are growing our numbers and busy with all our local endeavors like American Legion Cornhusker Boys State, raising funds to contribute to Nurses Training Scholarship Funds at the Bryan College of Health Sciences and at Southeast Community College, etc.

This Spring brought the Show and Shine Car and Motorcycle Show at Star City Shores on May 11th, and the Veterans Freedom Music Festival will be held at Antelope Park on June 11th. If you didn't find the time to make the Show and Shine, do yourself a favor and make sure you and your family/friends save June 11th to go to Antelope Park and take in an outstanding day. Bring your lawn chairs and an iced-down cooler with your favorite soft drinks. Festivities begin at 11:00 AM and wrap up at 5:00 PM.

The following will be there for you to see and enjoy beginning at 11:00 AM:

Presentation of the Colors.

Star Spangled Banner sung by Madison Hoffer.

Opening Ceremony by Bill (Elvis) Chrastil.

Local bands --- The Pinker Tones; Cole Younger and the Renegades;

McGovern String Band; 3 Chords and a Cloud of Dust

5:00 PM Closing Ceremony with Taps by Kevin Murray.

UH-72 Lakota Helicopter on display. Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit and Veteran Artists in the Auld Pavilion.

Public Welcome-Free Parking and Admission with Free Will Donation to the People's City Mission.

So, Spring is starting out with a bang. I hope to see you all at these great veteran sponsored events.

Respectfully,

Wade Graft

Chef de Gare, Voiture 103

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# **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, 2022**.

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings, Fellow Riders and All,

May was Motorcycle Awareness Month. I'm sure everyone noticed MANY more motorcycles on the road. Motorcycle awareness did not, however, end on May 31st.

Remember that game many of us played as children called "Slug Bug?" It was a great opportunity to punch our sibling on the shoulder (or elsewhere) when we saw a VW Bug on the road. There aren't many Bugs on the road

nowadays, so how about teaching your children (or grandchildren) to play a version of that game --- but using motorcycles instead of a VW Bug. It's a great opportunity for sibling bonding, and it teaches young children to be on the lookout for motorcycles --- hopefully becoming a lookout habit that continues into adulthood. Nearly 2/3 of fatal motorcycle accidents happen because a motor vehicle turns left in front of an approaching motorcycle.

May also brought with it Memorial Day. Your American Legion Riders participated in several activities in conjunction with the Lincoln Memorial Day Observance Association. Beginning with a ceremony at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, visits at a number of cemeteries in the Lincoln area, and ending with an evening ceremony. My sincere thanks to all ALR members who participated in those events.

Remember that our annual Poker Run fundraising event will happen on September 24th. All are invited, regardless of the number of wheels on your vehicle. We'll start at Frontier Harley-Davidson and end at the Denton Legion Club. We will be raising funds for the Javalan Service Dog project.

Until next time, Ride (or Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser

Director, Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders



when they came upon a village and asked the villagers for food, which proved to be a mistake. One of the villagers started angrily swinging his machete at the two service members and managed to cut Duane's head clean off. Dieter, completely devastated, managed to find the energy to run back into the woods and evade the villagers.

Dieter finally collapsed in a riverbed, having finally met his breaking point. By the grace of God, several United States air assets spotted his body; and a pair of UH-1 helicopters were able to retrieve him from the jungles of Laos. Doctors reported that had he not been found at that point he would have died within days.

I'd like to think it was the camaraderie that Dieter formed with his fellow POWs in that horrible prison camp that kept him going. He was doing it for them!

Merriam-Webster defines 'camaraderie' as a spirit of friendly good-fellowship. As I reflect on my years served in the Army, I have many fond memories of the many encounters where I experienced true camaraderie amongst others I was serving with. In many instances, it was that very camaraderie that motivated me to so willingly risk my life for my fellow brothers and sisters in arms. Camaraderie is a quintessential ingredient in this profession that we chose, and I don't believe I would have made it through certain situations without it. It is our responsibility to ensure that camaraderie continues today, within the ranks of our post, and within the friendships we've formed over the years. Never forget.

Wes Newton
POW/MIA Liaison

# PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



Camaraderie Yesterday; Camaraderie Today

In February of 1966, the German-born Dieter Dengler was shot down near the Laos-Vietnam border while performing a bombing run in his AD-1 Skyraider. He spent the next week being interrogated by a provincial officer, gradually progressing into a torture session due to his refusal to sign a statement degrading the United States of America and its policies. At one-point, Dengler found himself hanging by

his ankles from a tree while guards beat him unconscious, brought him back to consciousness, and then beat him unconscious again.

When the guards and the provincial officer were through interrogating him, they sent him to a remote prison camp where he found two other American POWs, Duane Martin and Gene DeBruin, and several Thai POWs. Duane, Gene, and Dieter formed an unbreakable camaraderie that carried them through the next six months of captivity, at which point Dieter had formed an incredibly detailed plan to break out of the camp. While they were in the camp, the three POWs formed an incredible bond and kept each other's spirits up even as they faced food shortages and horrendous treatment.

Finally, the day came when they were all to escape. Through Dieter's incredible awareness and drive to survive, they made it out of the prison walls successfully. Gene DeBruin decided to stay with one of the severely ill Thai POWs to ensure his safety. However, he was never seen or heard from again.

Dieter and Duane relied on their strongly formed camaraderie to carry through the next few days. Both Dieter and Duane were almost at their breaking point





Commander Wolf and Adjutant Schnabel attended and participated in the 2022 ROTC Awards programs at the University of Nebraska and Lincoln Northeast High School.

# **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.

Fourty-nine Post 3 Legionnaires were recognized this year ---- 39 for 50 years of continuous membership, 7 for 60 years, 2 for 70 years, and 1 for 75 years.

While most certificates were mailed to the Legionnaires or their families, six recipients were present at the April meeting of Post 3 and --- assisted by Jack Sibert ---- received their certificates from Commander Gerry Wolf. Commander Wolf thanked them all for their many years of supporting Post 3.

We salute you!

### 75-YEAR MEMBERS (1)

FRANK CHAMBERS

#### **70-YEAR MEMBERS** (2)

ROBERT BURTON RONALD JACOBY (deceased)

#### **60-YEAR MEMBERS** (7)

ALBIN DOLEZAL	FREDERICK NOVAK
LAVERN FOSS	ROBERT RUHLE
CHARLES GESS	CHARLES WARREN

RICHARD MILLER

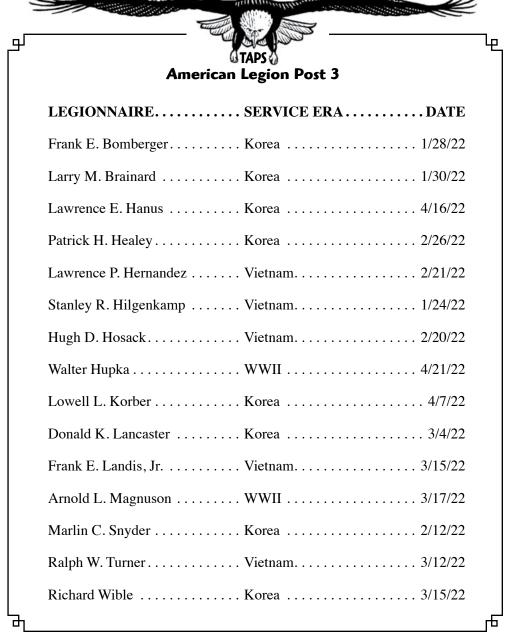
#### **50-YEAR MEMBERS** (39)

MARK BELGER	THOMAS MILLS
DONALD BERGMEYER	JERRY MORRIS
JAMES CATHER	DWAYNE NOVAK
GERALD CHRISTEN	RENE OJEDA
DAVID DUNNING	DENNIS OMEARA
LEE FOSTER	WAYNE PAGE
JAMES HANDELAND	LYLE PAUL
DARWIN HANNEMAN	MICHAEL POWERS
JAMES HANSEN	JAY RINGENBERG
BRUCE HAUSCHILD	RICHARD ROBINSON
HARRY HILL	KAY SCHROEDER
JOHN JACOBS	KENNETH SCOTT
RICHARD JOHNSEN	GENE SELK
DANNY KELLER	JOHN SIMPSON
WILLIAM LAGGETT	ROBERT STALLINGS
ARIJS LIEPINS	RICHARD WALLER
<b>GUY LINDERMAN</b>	RONALD WASSERMAN
MARSHALL LOGAN	DAVID WILLIAMS
JAMES LONERGAN	<b>ELDON WOOTERS</b>
DONALD MLLER	



Pictured with Commander Wolf are (L-R): Robert Ruyle (60), Marshall Logan (50), Lee Foster (50), Mark Belger (50), John Simpson (50), and Robert Stallings (50).





# 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.

Seventeen young men and thirteen young women from the Lincoln area were chosen to be among the approximately 200 high school junior boys and 250 high school junior girls scheduled to attend the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's 2022 sessions of Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State. The week-long events are scheduled to begin on Sunday, June 5th. After two years of dealing with the pandemic, both Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State intend to hold traditional in-person sessions 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 sponsored the Lincoln area boys who are scheduled to attend and contributed the enrollment fee for some. A number of other community organizations also contributed enrollment fees.

Lincoln's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 sponsored the Lincoln girls who are scheduled tp attend and contributed the enrollment fee for some. A number of other community organizations also contributed enrollment fees.

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

#### **Lincoln High School:**

**Ian Burbach**, son of Mason and Mindy Burbach, Southeast Lincoln Kiwanis Club; **Hailey Lichtenberger**, daughter of Katie and Daniel Kinman, Bethany Lions Club; and **Anok Timothy**, daughter of Akeul and Deng Koc, Lincoln Women of Today, Inc.







Hailey Lichtenberger



Anok Timothy

#### **Lincoln Northeast High School:**

Katherine Mattson, daughter of Sara Mattson; Lincoln Optimist Club.



Katherine Mattson

#### **Lincoln East High School:**

Daniel You, son of Lianlin Zhao, Lincoln American Legion Post 3; Cooper Thayer, son of Scott and Susan Thayer, Capital City Kiwanis Club; Stephen Exon III, son of Kathy and Steve Exon, Jr., Lincoln Squadron 3 Sons of the American Legion; John Dynek, son of Peggy and Greg Dynek, Lincoln American Legion Post 3; Daniel Kumm, son of Todd and Suzan Kumm; Legionnaire Club, Inc.; Catherine (Cate) Doering, daughter of Shannon Doering and Lindy Vodicka, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; and Berlyn Schutz daughter of Anothony, Schutz, Capitol City Kiwanis Club.



Daniel You



Cooper Thayer



Stephen Exon III



xon III John Dynek



Daniel Kumm



Cate Doering



Berlyn Schutz

#### **Lincoln Southeast High School:**

**Leo Turner**, son of Joseph and Mary Turner, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; **Aiden Cotter**, son of Gene and Sherri Cotter, Lincoln American Legion Post 3; **Samuel Koebernick**, son of Mike and Sarah Koebernick, Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders; **Isabella Lecher**, daughter of Jennifer DeCamp and Jeffery Lecher, Star City Lions Club; and **Taylor Streich** daughter of Chad and Anne Streich, 8/40 Salon 832.



Leo Turner



Aiden Cotter



Samuel Koebernick



Isabella Lecher



Taylor Streich

## **Lincoln Lutheran High School:**

**Alex Halvorsen**, son of Jeff Halvorsen and Lisa Halvorsen, Lincoln Cornhusker Kiwanis Club; **Brady Franzen**, son of David and Becky Franzen, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; **Hudson Davis**, son of Jason and Amber Davis, Lincoln Bethany Lions Club; **Jacob McClellan**, son of Michael and Rhonda McClellan, Legionnaire Club, Inc; **Elise Huscher**, daughter of Ted and Nora

Huscher, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; and **Harper Stull**, daughter of Cory and Jeanette Stull, Lincoln Cornhusker Kiwanis Club.







Alex Halvorsen

Brady Franzen

Hudson Davis







Jacob McClellan

Elise Huscher

Harper Stull

#### Lincoln Pius X High School:

Nick McGahan, son of Chris and Julie McGahan, Optimist Club of Lincoln; Connor Theisen, son of Dale and Kim Theisen, Bishop Kucera Assembly 595 Knights of Columbus; Thomas Neal, son of Scott and Kelly Neal, St. John Paul the Great Assembly Knights of Columbus; Catherine (Cate) Barry, daughter of Andre Barry and Jennifer Carter, Southeast Kiwanis Club; and Brooklyn Shotkoski, daughter of Elizabeth and Damian Shotkoski, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3.







 $Nick\ McGahan$ 

Connor Theisen

Thomas Neal





Cate Barry

Brooklyn Shotkoski

# **Lincoln North Star High School:**

**Hayden Nagel**, son of Doug and Lexie Nagel, Lincoln American Legion Post 3; **Alyssa Hellwege**, daughter of Pat and Jennifer Hellwege, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; and **Greta Zastrow**, daughter of Heather Harrington and Tracy Zastrow, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 3.



Hayden Nagel





Alyssa Hellwege

Greta Zastrow

# **NOTES FROM THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE**

Spring is very busy for those of us in the office.

Commander Gerry Wolf and I spent two days sending out 250 letters to Department Headquarters Post 500 members who live in the Lincoln area --- as well as to some Lincoln area Legionnaires who are assigned to headquarters posts in other states --- inviting them to transfer to Post 3.

The commander and I also helped man our Post 3 tent at the Veteran's Advisory Group's (VAG) annual car show at Star City Shores. Coming up on June 11th, we will be helping with the VAG's Music Festival, manning our tent as we are able.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post 3 meeting on June 14th. This meeting will include the election for Post 3 officers for Legion year 2022-2023.

Renewals have been really slow these past two months. Thank you to those who have renewed for 2022. We really need your help if we hope to close the gap to reach our assigned goal for 2022.

Again, if you have sent in your 2022 dues payment and have not received your 2022 card, please call to let us know. This is the only way we know that you have not received your 2022 card. Mail does get damaged or misdirected, so please let us know if you do not receive a 2022 membership card.

I want to say thank you to all our members. I have had very few notes telling me that you had already paid your 2022. If you know you have paid your 2022 dues, just throw the second or third notices away. We do our best to process dues received in the Post 3 office daily and get them to Department to meet the cut off dates set by National.

The national headquarters in Indianapolis has mailed out the final dues notice for the 2022 membership year, and we have received a few responses from this latest mailing.

Keep an eye open for the 2023 dues notices. The American Legion national offices are currently printing the 2023 membership cards, and the first dues renewal notices for 2023 will hit your mail boxes the first week of July.

Thanks again for renewing with Post 3 and THE American Legion. It is the eleven dollars Post 3 portion of your annual dues that allows us to serve our fellow veterans at the local level. The remaining thirty-five dollars goes to cover Department and National dues --- which support Legion activities on the State and National level.

Here's another reason to keep up your American Legion membership. As the membership numbers drop, the Department of Nebraska and National Headquarters have to raise their dues to maintain the same level of service to our veterans.

Again, Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of Post 3.

Ed Schnabel Adjutant

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**

Post 3 Legionnaire Angela Hutchings and two of her fellow nurses from the Lincoln Surgical Center provided a blood pressure check for those attending the April meeting of Post 3. The group plans to do the blood pressure checks quarterly.



Pictured, L-R, are: Aletha Sands, Phil Hutchings, Angela Hutchings, and Nancy Exstrom.

# 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. In a normal year, about 350 boys and 400 girls between their junior and senior years in high school participate in a week-long session to learn more about Americanism, patriotism, and the various ways that our local, state, and national governments function.

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 attend.

While attendance at both Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State is down from "normal" numbers this year, both Boys State and Girls State intend to hold traditional in-person sessions on the University of Nebraska campus this year.

This year, 17 boys and 13 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 youth to participate!

Havelock ALA Unit 342 Capital City Kiwanis Post 3 American Legion Riders Star City Lions Optimist Club of Lincoln Lincoln SAL Squadron 3 8/40 Salon 832 Legionnaire Club, Inc.

Lincoln Women's Chamber of Commerce

Lincoln Post 3

Bethany Lions Club

St. John Paul the Great Knights of Columbus

Lincoln Women of Today, Inc.

Lincoln ALA Unit 3

40/8 Voiture 103

Cornhusker Kiwanis Club

Bishop Kucera 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

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 2023 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 Coordinator lbartos1@unl.edu

# **EDUCATION**

In conjunction with Post 3's support of American Education Week activities, Commander Wolf participated in the Lincoln Public School's 25th Anniversary Celebration at Lincoln Southwest High School on April 18, 2022. Educators and employees with 25 years of service were recognized. Because of the pandemic, LPS did not hold the event last year, but recognized 2021 and 2022 honorees at this year's event (about 200 in all).



Commander Wolf gave those in attendance some information about the American Legion and participated in the presentation of certificates to the honorees.



# SHOW AND SHINE CAR SHOW

The Veterans Advisory Group of Lincoln (VAG), formed to enhance the patient experience of veterans utilizing the Veterans Administration's Lincoln Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), recently sponsored its annual Show & Shine Car Show at Star City Shores.

Post 3 Legionnaires Bruce Gubser, Ed Schnabel, and Jack Sibert are pictured manning the Post 3 tent in support of the VA's community outreach efforts.





#### **CURRENT POST DUES BREAK DOWN**

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National \$18.50 Dept. \$16.50 Post 3 \$11.00

TOTAL \$46.00

#### **ARE YOU A BLOOD DONOR?**

Each year, every American Legion post in the country is asked to complete what's known as "the CPR" --- the Consolidated Post Report. Although not every post completes the form, it is a tool by which the American Legion gathers data about the extent to which Legionnaires from every department



participate in and support the programs and activities sponsored and promoted by the American Legion.

One of the things we are asked to report is the number of blood donors we have and the number of pints of blood our members donate each year. We know many of our members donate blood, but we lack a good way to come up with the numbers to report.

If you are a blood donor, we'd like to hear from you --- just a simple email telling us that you are a donor and letting us know how many pints of blood you donate --- on average --- during a normal year. Depending on the response, perhaps we'll investigate establishing a "donor group" at the blood bank. Regardless, we'll have a better idea of what to put on the CPR. (Post 3 does complete the report every year.)

Thanks in advance for your participation in our simple survey.

Send your emails to: post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

#### 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)

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#### 2021-2022 COMMANDER: Gerry Wolf

First Vice-Commander – Bruce Gubser Second Vice Commander – Ron Hindmand Adjutant – Ed Schnabel Finance Officer – Ed Schnabel Chaplain – Rev. Dr. William Jackson Immediate Past Commander – Wade Graft Post Service Officer – Ed Schnabel

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Fred Craigie, 3 yrs., Bill Bowman, 1 yr., Jack Sibert, 2 yrs.

## **SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE**

Post 3 members ---

If the last membership year for which you have paid American Legion dues is 2021, then you are considered an "expired" member --- and will be dropped from the mailing list for the Lincoln Legionnaire after this issue is mailed --- unless your 2022 or 2023 dues re paid.

While the collection of dues for the 2022 membership has slowed to a trickle, you can still pay your 2022 dues to maintain your years of continuous membership --- and keep your subscription active.

We appreciate the support you have given us in the past and hope we can count on your support in the future!!

# Lancaster County Veterans Services

Lisa Helms -

Veterans Service Officer 605 South 10th St. • Lincoln, NE 68508

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# RECRUIT A MEMBER FOR POST 3 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Yes! I want to help my community and my fellow veterans by becoming a member of the American Legion. I certify that I have at least one day of active military duty during one of the periods identified below and was honorably discharged --- or am still serving honorably. Enclosed is my check made out to

"American Legion Post 3" in the amount of \$46.

Please fill out the information requested below and submit your application and payment to:

American Legion Post 3 123 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street Suite "L" Lincoln, NE 68510

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