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## COMING EVENTS

### March

- 2 Ash Wednesday
- 8 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 10 SAL Meeting
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 17 Salon 92 Meeting
- 17 Legion Riders Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring



### April

- 10 Palm Sunday
- 12 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 14 SAL Meeting
- 15 Good Friday
- 17 Easter
- 19 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 21 Salon 92 Meeting
- 21 Legion Riders Meeting
- 29 Arbor Day

### May

- 8 Mothers Day
- 10 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 12 SAL Meeting
- 17 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 19 Salon 92 Meeting
- 19 Legion Riders Meeting
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 30 Memorial Day Observed



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED

Each year at its annual Christmas Party, Voiture 103 of the 40 & 8 presents a Distinguished Service Award to one of its members. It is the voiture's most prestigious award.

The recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Service Award was Jack Sibert. He is a 12-year member of American Legion Post 3 and has been a member of Voiture 103 for 6 years. He has been very active with the Post 3 Honor Guard and is a past Post 3 Commander and a past District 15 Vice Commander.

Jack is also the Post 3 Webmaster and has received Department recognition for his service in that capacity.

Voyageur Sibert was born in Red Cloud, Nebraska, graduated from Red Cloud High School in 1968, and then from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1972. Shortly thereafter, Jack entered the Army at Ft. Polk, Louisiana with aspirations to complete Basic and Airborne Infantry Training. Unfortunately, he suffered a back injury and was given an honorable medical discharge and returned to civilian life.

Jack was an elementary teacher for total of 33 years, partially at Norris, Fairmont, and Geneva Elementary Schools. He continued his final 19 years at Lincoln Public Schools with an additional 5 years as a computer specialist, retiring in June 2013.

Jack married Bonnie Wulf on August 7, 1971, in Red Cloud and has 2 children, Nicole and Anthony, and 4 fantastic and energetic granddaughters.

Congratulations, Jack!!



Grand Chef de Gare Passe Fred Cragie (L) and Chef de Gare Wade Graft (R) present the 2021 Distinguished Service Award to Jack Sibert.

## LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

If The American Legion family were not here, would Lincoln miss us? If you, as a member of The American Legion family, weren't here, would you be missed?

The answer to both of those questions is definitely a "YES." We would be missed, and you would be missed.

If Post 3 weren't here, its ability to sponsor or participate in activities which support our veterans, children, and youth would disappear. For instance: Color Guard and Honor Guard details, Cornhusker Boys State, and the American Legion Oratorical Contest. UNL



Commander Post #3 Gerry Wolf

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ROTC cadets and Junior Air Force ROTC cadets would not be awarded medals for academic and military excellence. Students would not be able to apply for \$500.00 scholarships to schools of higher education. The community would miss the many donations that the American Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion present every year. The list goes on and on.

Those things only happen because our membership enables it. Everyone in the post leadership positions talks about the membership struggles we are having right now. Those struggles reach outside the post though. Every member who doesn't renew causes our programs to be just that much smaller.

Why are our programs that important? The answer to that question goes back 100 years. The idea was that The American Legion posts needed to have a strong involvement in their local communities to become and remain a strong organization. It was true then, and it is still true today. We are a veterans' service organization, not just a community service organization.

We served our country once; now we serve our country through service in our community. I have continually stressed needing volunteers, and we do need them. First though, we need veterans and veteran family members to become Legion family members --- and then have them become volunteers.

If your membership card says 2022, "Thank You." If it doesn't, why not? Please renew and help make your Legion family stronger and the Lincoln community a better place to live.

We have all heard the words "All gave some; some gave All." I'm going to be blunt, when it comes to membership. Only half of the phrase is true ---, "Some gave All." By that, I mean that the same people show up to support whatever post function is planned. I know there are many older, long-time members who have given of their time and talents in the past --- and some continue to do so, and I thank them for that. My comments, however, aren't directed to them. There are other members who prefer to support the post through their donations, and that is much appreciated.

However, there are many that do nothing. I'm sure there are many reasons for this --- health issues, family commitments, work, no time, etc. I'm not saying you need to be involved in everything, but get involved in something! The simplest way is to attend the monthly meeting.

These are open meetings, and you can hear what is being planned and even provide input into the decision-making process. Simply attending the meeting does not commit you to anything. The post is only as good as its members. Be part of something. Help the post help the community and your fellow veterans. Be part of the "all who gave some."

I hope to see you at our next meeting.

If you have suggestions, questions, or problems, or just want to say something about our post, please contact me. I would like to hear from you.

*For God and Country,*

*Gerry Wolf*

Post 3 Commander

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Lincoln Unit 3 President  
Barbara Skillman

Dear Members,  
I hope you are keeping safe and well.  
I would like to say "thank you" to all of the American Legion and Auxiliary members who donated food for the VA Clinic and the Lincoln Food Bank. I delivered 16 boxes worth \$40 each, and that amounts to a \$640 donation for our veterans. I wish I could leave more at the VA Clinic, but they just do not have room for storage and no longer hold a Food Bank for veterans.



Now to the future.

The American Legion Auxiliary has been holding County and District Meetings. The county meeting was held February 23rd at Hickman. On March 12th, the District 12 meeting will be held in Hickman at their Community Building in downtown Hickman. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, and the joint meeting begins at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be \$12.00, and registration is \$2.00.

In February, we picked girls from the Lincoln area schools to attend Cornhusker Girls State. Happily, Girls State will be held in person at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln starting June 5. The cost for Girls State is \$400 per girl.

In March, we will celebrate the American Legion's Birthday, which is their 102nd. And, we in the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary will have our 100-Year Birthday. Happy Birthday to all!

Elections for news officers will be held during the May meeting, and Lincoln Unit 3 will participate in Memorial Day services at Wyuka Cemetery.

So, members of Lincoln Unit 3. Have you paid your 2022 dues? All the things we do for our community and our veterans depend on your dues. Help the unit make this happen.

I would like to invite you to our unit meetings. You have a say in what we do at our meetings and want you to understand the programs of the Auxiliary. We could always need your help and ideas.

Happy Spring!

*For God and Country,*

*Barbara Skillman*

President, Lincoln Unit 3

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL Commander Sqd. #3  
Brendan Moore

The Sons of the American Legion squadron has been busy the winter supporting a number of veterans' and community causes. Having been dealing with the winter and COVID, we haven't been able to get any photo opportunities; but, as things improve, I hope to have pictures to go with the activities we are supporting.

One of our new members; Val Schmiedeskamp, has offered to donate to the Victory Park Apartments a patio set that has been sitting in his garage. It will be a welcome addition, since they have very little of those things now.

We are again supporting a pair of high school juniors to attend American Legion Cornhusker Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State. It will be good to get those programs up and going again --- live and in person.

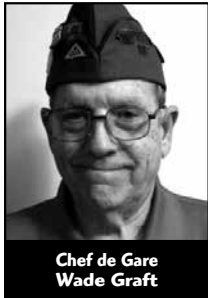
At our last meeting, it was discussed that we revamp the way we have donated food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is still a ways off, so if you have any input and thoughts, please attend a meeting or let us know what you think.

Our meetings are small and very informal, and you are welcome. The times and dates are listed, but if you can remember that they are held on the second Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post 3 business office at 123 South 84th Street (84th and "O" Street).

*Brendan Moore*

SAL Squadron 3 Commander

## WHAT IS THE FORTY AND EIGHT?



Chef de Gare  
Wade Graft

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses), is an independent, honor society of American veterans and service members --- more commonly known as The Forty and Eight.

Originally considered the "Honor Society" of American Legionnaires, The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion which only included members of the American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960 and has evolved into a veterans' service organization whose membership is by invitation of all honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces --- regardless of membership in the American Legion.

The titles and symbols of The Forty and Eight are derived from the experiences of U.S. troops during World War I. Americans soldiers were transported to the front on the French rail system. Cramped into narrow gauge boxcars, each stenciled with "40 Hommes/8 Chevaux," denoting its capacity to transport either 40 men or 8 horses.

The Forty and Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurses training.

While membership in the 40/8 is still by invitation, you are encouraged to talk to any local voyageur (member of the 40/8) and express your interest in becoming a member. You do need to be a veteran or active duty serviceperson of good reputation, and you will need a current member to vouch for you and submit a nomination for you. Once your nomination has been approved by the membership and you are "wrecked" or sworn in --- as is more prevalent now --- you will be a member of what can be described as The Honor Society Of American Veterans.

We meet at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 on the third Tuesday of each month --- except August --- with Salon 832 of the Eight and Forty. (They are not an Auxiliary of the Forty and Eight, but an independent ladies group whose relationship with the American Legion Auxiliary parallels the current relationship between the Forty and Eight and the American Legion.)

A dinner, usually prepared by one of our members and his wife as a fundraiser, is served at 6:30 PM. The promenade (meeting) follows dinner. These dinners are famous for being outstanding and very reasonably priced, currently a \$6.00 donation. The Elks bar is open to us from approximately 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for those who want to socialize with their buddies and tell about their past exploits, etc. This is a great time to make new friends and keep up with your old ones.

Our local group --- Voiture 103 --- supports a variety of causes, but our primary project each year is to raise money for two Nurse's Training Scholarship Funds maintained by the Bryan School of Health Sciences and the Southeast Community College Nursing Program. (Both are named after Robert Riddle, a long-time member of Voiture 103). We conduct a raffle each year to raise money for these donations, and the raffle drawing is held at our annual Christmas Party.

Also occurring at the annual Christmas Party each year is the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award. This is the voiture's most prestigious award, and Jack Sibert was selected as the 2021 recipient. Very deserving for all Jack has done for veterans and Post 3.

Our membership numbers have been increasing somewhat recently, and we want that trend to continue. The voyagers of Lincoln Voiture #103 invite you to let us know if you have an interest in being considered for membership in this very veteran-friendly organization.

Respectfully,

**Wade Graft**

Chef de Gare, Voiture 103

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Chaplain Post #3  
Rev. Dr. William Jackson

### The Big Journey

After they'd secured their stealthy approach, the easy part now comes: maintaining that stance until their attack after sundown. The enemy was still celebrating their recent victory. It was very much like that with Abram when his forces rallied to rescue his nephew, Lot, from the clutches of Chedorlaomer, King of Elam. He and five other kings abducted Lot and the people he lived with in Sodom and Gomorrah for their failure to contribute their regular tribute after a 12-year agreement (Genesis 14:5-16).

The "father" of many nations was originally known as Abram (Aramaic), exalted father, for having faith in God to leave Ur of the Chaldees and head westward with his family (Genesis 12:1). He was renamed Abraham (Aramaic), father of many, intoning that he will sire --- By faith and genes --- a nation of believers in his journey towards Canaan, the "promised land" (Romans 4:3).

We were all on a mission to defend America's interest at home and abroad. We served by His grace, by our Pledge of Allegiance, and the sacrifices of being away from family and friends. There was little complaining for lack of sufficient income, times for family, and adapting to new environments. We did what we did because we CHOSE to do it, much like Abraham did for his historic journey to the promised land in Canaan.

Are we not like our holy father Abraham, who trusted God, even to the sacrifice of his legitimate son, Isaac? (Genesis 22:9) Being holy, sanctified, or walking in the way of Christ is our calling --- very much like Abraham listening and harkening unto the Lord's will.

Have you forgotten God's promise to you about "...all thing work together for the good to them who are the called according to his purpose?" (Romans 8:28) Our job now, even after serving America, is to keep the faith in Jesus going so that family, friends, co-workers, and others will know why you STILL serve --- after all you've been through. Stand and be counted among those who still kneel to the cross of God while standing for "Old Glory." Are YOU with the Lord, soldier-sailor-airman-marine-coast guardsman?

*Rev. Dr. William Jackson*  
Chaplain, American Legion Post 3

## ASK THE CHAPLAIN

*If any of you have a Biblical question or life issue concerning your walk with Jesus, call me confidentially at 402.613.9774, leaving a message so I may get back with you. You may also leave a text message or email me at wcjdoc@gmail.com*

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



ALR Director Post #3  
Bruce Gubser

Greetings, American Legion Riders and Friends ---

Wow! How about those February temperatures? They say Nebraska isn't for everyone, and that may be true --- but, this February, there was definitely some good riding weather.

Your American Legion Riders continue to support our veterans. Remember to mark your calendars for our annual fundraiser poker run, to be held this year on Saturday, September 24th. Anyone on two, three, or four wheels is welcome to come on out and support our fundraising efforts.

Not much else to report, so that's it for now.

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*Until next time, Ride (or Drive) Safe!*

**Bruce Gubser**

Director, Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

While there was no formal ceremony to attend, a Wreaths Across America wreath-laying was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021. It was a cold, windy, and dreary day. Present and participating were Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf, VFW Post 131 Commander Tony Anton, Department Commander Dan Benes, Department Senior Vice-Commander Don Suchy, and Post 3 Legionnaires Pam Umphenour, Dave Timmerman, and Ed Schnabel.



Brendan Moore, Steve Bartos, Dean Dumler, Angela Hutchings, John Trayer, Jack Sibert, Rev Dr. William Jackson, Wade Graft, and Gerry Wolf.

*Ron Hindmand*  
Vice Commander, Post 3 Coordinator



Wade Graft and Gerry Wolf ring bells at Hy-vee for the Salvation Army.

## NOTES FROM THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE

A big BIG "THANK YOU" to those who have renewed for 2022. But, we need your help. Renewals have for some reason been very slow during January and February. We failed to meet the 85% target date goal on February 16th and need about 100 new members or renewals to meet the next National target date goal of 90% on March 9th. If you haven't renewed, please do so now!!

If you have sent in your 2022 dues payment and have not received your 2022 card, please call and let us know. This is the only way we know that you have not received your 2022 card. Mail does get damaged or mis-directed occasionally, so please let us know.

National should have mailed out another renewal notice about February 25th. If you paid your dues during late January or early February, chances are that you may receive a notice due to lag time in processing between Post 3 / Department / National. If you know you have paid your 2022 dues, just throw the notice away. Be assured we do our best to promptly process dues received in the Post 3 in order to get them to Department to meet the target and cut off dates set by National.

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

You've heard this before, and I cannot over state this. "Where is your DD214 or your discharge papers?" And, does your family know where to find them? We keep getting requests for military honors; but, without the DD214, active military personal are not able to carry out your request as they must have a copy of your DD214.

Here's another thing I'd like to stress. NOW is the time to be sure that your family knows your wishes. You can help your loved ones with your request for military honors by doing some simple things now. If you desire military honors during your memorial service, you need to talk with your family and let them know. Your DD214 or discharge papers are the key piece in requesting military honors when they are provided by DOD personnel. You can find answers to many of your questions on the VA's web site. The VA's site will help with requesting a VA grave headstone, how to request burial in a National Cemetery, etc. Feel free to call the office for assistance with this effort.

As a VSO (Veteran's Service Organization), we are called upon to help with

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 2 SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Post 3 completed its bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 9th. The Salvation Army representative for Bell Ringing in Lincoln thanked our Post 3 group for ringing and informed us that our group raised \$ 2,216.00!!! The Salvation Army used or will be using funds we collected for the distribution of food and toys to those in need in our community.

Post 3 rang for a total of 36 hours. We had 34 volunteers who rang at two locations. Our Legion Riders rang for a complete 8-hour day at Hobby Lobby, and our Auxiliary ladies rang for one eight-hour day at the Williamsburg Mall Hy-Vee. The remaining Post 3 volunteers all rang at the Williamsburg Hy-Vee. Our ability to volunteer at Hy-Vee provided us good flexibility in scheduling.

Thank you to all the following folks who volunteered to support Post 3 and the Salvation Army:

Mike Streeter, Ed Muggy, Ron Bevard, Kathy Enlow, William Smisek, Ray Paulson, John Brehm, Mary Brehm, Carl Fitzke, Brad Christian, John Stevens, Lori Gubser, Bruce Gubser, Bill Spellman, Stan Fraas, Paula Hindmand, Ron Hindman, Barb Skillman, Jeanie Harris, Nancy Vallis, Lynne Wild, Barbara Michail, Shirley Horstman, Carol Nelson, John Ottoson, Dave Timmerman,

these military honors. We receive many questions as to why we fire three shots? Where or how does a family request a burial flag?

For those that have never attended an American military funeral, it can be difficult to understand all the different honors and traditions involved. Funeral honors and traditions differ for each member of the military depending on whether the deceased was active duty or retired, what rank they were; and branch of the military in which they served.

One thing that is common among many of these funerals, however, is that rifle salutes are involved. However, many folks don't understand how they are performed, the difference between the types of salutes, or why the salutes started in the first place.

### **Three-Volley Salutes**

The gun salute that is performed at most military funerals and some police funerals is called a three-volley salute --- which represents duty, honor, and country. The salute is performed by a rifle party from the Honor Guard, usually consisting of three, five, or seven members.

During the salute, the rifle party aims their rifles in a direction over the casket and fires blank cartridges into the air three times in unison. Taps, the bugle call played at military funerals, is typically played directly following the three-volley salute. This custom originates from the European dynastic wars --- battles would cease, and then after the dead and wounded were removed from the battlefield and cared for, three shots were fired into the air to signal that the battle could resume.

The three-volley salute we see at military funerals is sometimes mistaken for a 21-gun salute, especially if there are seven members present in the rifle party. While seven rifles shooting three times does equate to 21 shots, it is not the same salute.

### **21-Gun Salutes**

One major difference is that a 21-gun salute is typically performed with cannons rather than rifles, and the cannons are fired 21 times rather than three times. The other major difference is that 21-gun salutes are reserved only for the President of the United States, former presidents, presidents-elect, chiefs of state, heads of government, and reigning monarchs. They are saluted upon their arrival, and only at funerals in the case of a U.S. presidential death.

The 21-gun salute also is sometimes performed during national holidays such as **Memorial Day** and **Independence Day**. Variants of the 21-gun salute are performed for other members of government or military. For example, a 19-gun salute is performed like a 21-gun salute for the Vice President of the United States, Chief Justice of the United States, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and many others. There also are 17-gun, 15-gun, 13-gun, 11-gun, 7-gun, and 5-gun salutes.

The history behind a 21-gun salute also is a bit different than the history behind the three-volley salute. The salute was first used by ships who were coming to shore and wanted to show that they meant no harm by discharging their cannons seven times.

Eventually, once this practice caught on, cannons on land would return the salute by firing three shots for every shot the ship discharged. This is how the 21-gun salute was born.

### **Burial Flags**

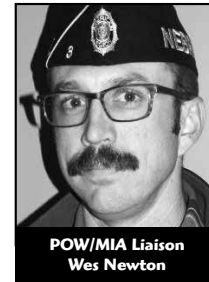
Burial Flags are provided by the US Government at no cost. The funeral home will (or should) provide the flag as part of their services. They (the funeral homes) get them from the US Postal Service, who gets them from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This is why they need the DD214, as it is the proof of military service provided to the member as he/she leaves active duty.

If you are not using a funeral home's services, you can request a burial flag at the following link. <https://www.leafcremationohio.com/content/media/>

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

*Ed Schnabel*  
Adjutant

## PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



POW/MIA Liaison  
Wes Newton

**Things aren't always what they seem.**

On July 5, 1967, COL Dewey Wayne Waddell was flying over North Vietnam when his jet was struck by enemy fire and brought down in the jungle. After a brief period of evasion, he was captured and sent to the infamous Hanoi Hilton. In an attempt to belittle the heroic perception of the American soldier, the North Vietnamese staged a propaganda photo shoot of a small framed, young lady holding a rifle, with a bayonet fixed to the end of it, seemingly having captured an American soldier all on her own. At first glance, one would immediately be filled with thoughts of hopelessness, humiliation, and anger. However, there was more to it than what met the eye.



American airman Dewey Wayne Waddell being held captive in Vietnam --- 1967

After being released back to the U.S. in 1973, Waddell would later disclose his thoughts about that photo. Surprisingly, Waddell recalled that photo op giving him a secret sense of possibility. He said "that day was a breath of relief, and cause for a silent prayer of gratitude," for he knew that if this photo were to reach the U.S., his family would know that he was still alive. That is exactly what happened, and it instilled a renewed sense of hope for his family and

the families of other POWs. Waddell told interviewers that the photo op had positively impacted his life!

This photo is a perfect example of our perception of animosity in our own lives. Maybe we encounter a seemingly unsurmountable problem, and only dwell on the potential negatives when, instead, there could be incredible hope, potential growth, and positive results. Our problems are what we make of them, and I think we can learn a lot from the way that Waddell dealt with his situation --- and applying it to our day-to-day lives by finding the positives.

When animosity invades your life, try to maintain hope that there will be positive impacts --- whether it be personal growth, a chance to positively touch another's life, or simply being more self-aware to the fact that you're strong enough to push through whatever life throws your way.

As is always the case, you don't have to look far to find hope when delving into the stories of our country's bravest --- and Waddell's story is no different.

*Wes Newton*  
POW/MIA Liaison

## 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 **May 10, 2022**.



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The new Lincoln Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), just south of 70th and “O” Streets in Lincoln.

To get the full use of the web site, you need to have a Premium My HealtheVet Account. To upgrade your account, you need to be authenticated. This only take a minute, so just stop and visit with the staff.

A word on Veterans Advisory Group (VAG) events.

**Coffeehaus.** As there is no longer space for it in the new clinic, we are now meeting at the Auld Recreation Center in Antelope Park on the third Friday of the month starting at 10:00 AM and going until noon. Come and join your fellow veterans for some great music, coffee, and a roll. The Auld Recreation Center building is a terrific location with all activities on one floor, no stairs, lots of space, and parking at the door.

**Buddy Check.** This event is held on the 22nd of the month, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Foundry, located downtown at 14th and “P” Streets. Come and meet with your fellow veterans for free food and a drink.

**New VA Program.** Lastly, if you would like to make calls to veterans, the VA has a new program called the “Compassionate Contact Care Volunteer Program.” Participation would involve making calls to or receiving calls from veterans and talking with them. Details are still being worked out. This program offers another way to volunteer, but without having to come to a clinic or hospital to do so.

Remember, the VA and its facilities and services will only to be here for us if we use its services. If we do not use them, the government sees it as a service not needed here and will cut funding for the Lincoln CBOC. The government funds each CBOC / hospital based on the number of veterans signed up for services in its service area. You, the veteran, do not necessarily need to be using the VA for your medical needs --- but you just need to be enrolled in the VA Health Care System to be counted in their funding formula.

Funding is based on foreseen needs, not current needs. Thus, we need to talk with our fellow veterans to be sure they are enrolled in the VA system. There are many veterans who could receive medical service but have never signed up for this benefit of having served our country. When it comes to these benefits, it’s definitely a case of “use them or lose them.”

You may not know that the Lincoln CBOC receives \$4,000 for each veteran registered as living in our service area. This area takes in most of southeast Nebraska and a few of the counties in northern Kansas. Even if you do not wish to use the VA services, we need you to be registered since these funds are based on those registered --- regardless of whether or not they are receiving services.

Thanks for your service.

*Ed Schnabel*

Lincoln Veterans Advisory Group

Lincoln VA American Legion Representative for Nebraska

**LINCOLN CBOC / VA NEWS**

**Unwanted Drugs Disposal.** If you have old meds you would like to get rid of, you can now drop them off in the Pharmacy waiting area. There is a locked BLUE drop box where they can be deposited. Get them out of you homes and keep them out of our kids’ hands.

**VA System ID Cards.** If, by chance, you do not have a current VA ID card, you can request one while you are in the clinic. You will need to have some form of ID that will allow them to double check your identity. You can use a state issued driver’s license and/or other state issued ID card. The process is done by video computer link. Ask any VA clerk and they will direct you to the room where you can use a computer.

You can also get help enrolling in the VA system, etc. by using this link: [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov).

**My Healthy Vet.** Did you know you can request refills of your meds, check your upcoming appointments, or send a note to your provider online? The VA has a web site called “My Healthy Vet” that allows you to do this. If you are not currently using it, or If you need help in using it or signing up for My Healthy Vet, stop by their education center on your next visit --- just to the right of the front entrance. The Lincoln education center is staffed on Tuesday – Friday, 0800-1400 hours.





Post 3 Legionnaire Robert Selig gave a short talk about the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court Program at the January meeting. Bob is a mentor in the program and shared information about the program's purpose and successes. He indicated they were always looking for veterans to be mentors to the veterans enrolled in the program.



## DISTRICT 15 CONVENTION

Lincoln American Legion Post 3 is unique in that it also is the lone post in District 15. At one time, Omaha Post 1 functioned as the lone post in District 14, but they have now given up that status and become a post in District 8. While the Nebraska American Legion is now comprised of only 14 districts, we retain our identification as District 15.

With District 15 Commander Ed Muggy presiding, the February 8th meeting of Post 3 also served as our District 15 Convention. Department Commander Dan Benes, Department Senior Vice Commander Don Suchy, Assistant Department Adjutant Brent Hagel-Pitt, and SAL Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bud Neal attended the convention and made remarks. Several other Legionnaires campaigning for Department offices also were in attendance.

This was an election year for the 2-year terms for our district commander and vice commander. Ron Hindmand was elected as district vice commander, and Bruce Gubser was elected as district commander. They will be installed and take office at the Department Convention in June.

Each district is entitled to one delegate to the national convention in Milwaukee for each 1000 members (or major fraction), and Steve Bartos was elected to be a delegate. Post 3 member Fred Craigie will also serve as a delegate to the national convention by virtue of his office as National Executive Committeeman.

Assistant Adjutant Hagel-Pitt and Commander Dan Benes presented citations to Post 3 representing awards for 2021 Membership Retention and Americanism.

District Commander Muggy announced that Art Jones, a 53-year member of Post 3, had been selected as the 2022 recipient of the District 15 Citizenship Award. At age 93, Art continues to help out on the Honor Guard.



With Department Commander Dan Benes' appointment of Father Alexander Borzych as the Department Chaplain, Past Post 3 Commander and current Post 3 Chaplain William Jackson completed six and one-half years of service as Department Chaplain. He was presented with a Citation and Letter of Commendation by Commander Benes at the department's Mid-Year Conference in January. Dr. Jackson served as Department Chaplain from June of 2015 to December of 2021.



Department Commander Dan Benes presents a 2021 Membership Retention Award to Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf.



# 3,100

Approximate number of cemeteries nationwide that participated in Wreaths Across America, which placed more than 2.4 million holiday wreaths at veteran graves, including 257,000 at Arlington National Cemetery, in December. American Legion posts and districts throughout the country volunteered and assisted with the program, which resumed in force after it had to be scaled down in 2020 due to the pandemic.



# 854

Number of competitors, representing 104 clubs, who registered for the first round of the 2021-22 National Postal American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Tournament by the Dec. 15 deadline.

## 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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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 eventually be dropped from the mailing list for the Lincoln Legionnaire.

While the submittal of dues for the 2022 membership year is well underway, 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!!

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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**

Eligibility Periods (Check One)

- April 6, 1917 thru November 11, 2018
- December 7, 1941 thru the present
- Merchant Marine: December 7, 1941 thru December 31, 1946

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BRANCH OF SERVICE

- US ARMY
- US NAVY
- US AIR FORCE
- US MARINES
- US COAST GUARD
- SPACE FORCE

DATES OF SERVICE

- April 6, 1917 – November 11, 2018
- December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
- August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
- December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
- August 2, 1990 – Present
- Other Conflicts (LEGION Act)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_