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Current Membership	874	As of Aug 2020
2021 Goal	1427	61%

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COMING EVENTS

September

- 7 Labor Day
- 8 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 11 Patriot Day
- 15 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 17 SAL Meeting
- 17 Legion Riders Meeting
- 22 First Day of Fall



October

- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 15 SAL / Salon 92 Meetings
- 15 Legion Riders Meeting
- 20 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 31 Halloween

November

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 10 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 11 Veterans Day
- 17 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 19 SAL / Salon 92 Meetings
- 19 Legion Riders Meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 FAMILY COVID-19 UPDATE CALENDAR

ORGANIZATION	SEPTEMBER 2020	OCTOBER 2020	NOVEMBER 2020
Legion Post 3	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting
Auxiliary Unit 3	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting
SAL Squadron 3	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting
ALR Chapter 3	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting
40 & 80 Voiture 103	In-Person Meeting (Meal in question)	In-Person Meeting (Meal in question)	In-Person Meeting (Meal in question)
8 & 40 Salon 92	No Meeting Scheduled	In-Person Meeting	In-Person Meeting
8 & 40 Salon 832	In-Person Meeting (Meal in question)	In-Person Meeting (Meal in question)	In-Person Meeting (Meal in question)
Pitch Tournament	TBD depending on conditions and DHMs in effect.	TBD depending on conditions and DHMs in effect.	TBD depending on conditions and DHMs in effect.
			Updated August 20, 2020

Check the Post 3 website for updates to this schedule. <https://lincolnpst3.org>

POST 3 MEETING

American Legion Post 3 **normally** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month ---- except August --- at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80. The Elks Lodge is located in the Trade Center at 5910 S. 58th Street.

Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.

Due the pandemic, our meeting schedule remains fluid, but we are trying to return to a normal schedule.

A calendar (as above) showing the status of various monthly meetings can be found on our website.

<https://lincolnpst3.org/>

LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER



Commander Post #3
Wade Graft

Legion Family All ---

As your new Post 3 Commander, I have been asked to introduce myself to the entire membership in this issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire. So, here goes.....

I was born in Atlantic, Iowa; and my father was a manager for J.C. Penneys. We moved around the Midwest about every 2 years and ended up in Havelock where he opened his own small retail store.

I attended elementary school in Havelock and University Place and then went on to Northeast High School. The University of Nebraska was next on my educational journey (1958). I was drafted into the Army in 1962 and sent to Fort Leonard Wood for Basic Training --- and then on to Fort Sill for AIT where I trained on how to fire 105mm howitzers.

After graduation, I was assigned to a Nike Missile Battery about 60 miles out of Fairbanks, Alaska. There, I was a missile crewman-launch control operator and warhead team member. I was discharged in Fort Lewis in 1964 after driving

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the Alcan Highway from Fairbanks to Fort Lewis in Washington.

I spent most of my civilian working career in sales and marketing, the last 33 years of which I worked in wholesale paper distribution (Western Paper Co. and SCA Tissue --- a Swedish paper manufacturing company located in Stockholm, Sweden).

I am married to Mary Graft (my much better half) and together we have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. I have been blessed way more than I deserve.

I have been a proud member of Post 3 here in Lincoln for 31 continuous years. I have also served the Nebraska American Legion as District 15 Vice Commander, District 15 Commander, and Area C Vice Commander --- and I am very happy to say recently elected as your Post 3 Commander.

Post 3 is fortunate to have a number of very experienced Legionnaires on our membership rolls, and they are open to offering advice and leadership to me. My 1st Vice Commander is Gerry Wolf, and my 2nd Vice Commander is Bruce Gubser. They are experienced and knowledgeable leaders who will do us all proud.

Well, we remain in the midst of the pandemic and keep looking for good news. But, Post 3 has been very active during this Covid 19 issue with weekly Leadership Zoom meetings to make sure we keep on track to be the best we can be.

There's plenty of bad news --- like wearing our masks to make a run to Walmart, the grocery store, and church (if it's open). I'm just not getting used to wearing that blasted mask. I do it to protect others, but I don't like it (sorry).

We've all heard recently that the Big Ten has cancelled all fall sports for this year. Hard to imagine fall in Nebraska without Cornhusker Football. We hear so much conflicting information concerning the virus that it's difficult to know for sure if we are gaining or losing ground. At this point, about all we can do is mask up and keep six feet of separation while awaiting the "all clear."

On the plus side of things, The American Legion remains focused on doing what we do best --- helping veterans and their families. No changes or slowdown there. The Post 3 Leadership Team is working hard to keep the positive momentum from last year (2019 -2020) rolling into the new year.

We are currently working on processing membership renewals and applications. If you have a couple of hours on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, we could use some help in the office (call me if interested).

We expect (at this time) to have an in-person Post 3 meeting at the Elks Lodge on September 8th at 7:00PM with the Elks' hamburger buffet starting at 6:00 P.M. Hopefully, this meeting will get us back on track of in-person fellowship and conducting our business face-to-face. Let's make this meeting the best attended meeting we have had so far this year.

Sure will be good to see you all!

Respectfully,

Wade Graft

Post 3 Commander

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Lincoln Unit 3 Members ---

It is a new year for Lincoln Unit 3, and we have new officers for 2020-2021:

President --- Barbara Skillman

Vice President --- Char Moore

Secretary --- Nancy Vallis

Treasurer --- Lorie Gubser

Historian --- Hellen Faust-Chrastil

Chaplain --- Jeanie Harris

It is nice to have new faces representing our unit.

With a new year, we would love to have you as a member to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be September 8th, and this will be the first meeting since Covid-19 appeared on the scene and caused the cancellation of our April, May, and June meetings.

We normally meet at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (no meetings in January, July, and August). The Elks Lodge is located in the Trade Center at 5910 S 58 Street in Lincoln. The Elks serve hamburgers and fixings beginning at 6:00 PM for a nominal fee.

Please come and join us.

The wearing of masks and social distancing will be in effect at all meetings.

At our first meeting on September 8th, we will conduct the installation of new officers. On October 13th, we will have a guest --- Linda Varejcka. Linda is the Lincoln VA Medical Center Representative for the Department of Nebraska. On November 10th, we will recognize and celebrate Veterans Day and the American Legion Auxiliary Birthday.

Dues notices are being sent by mail or email from the National American Legion Auxiliary. Please pay your dues right away. The sooner you pay, the less chance there is that you will forget. Remember, the honor we give our husbands, fathers, or sons and daughters who served our country by being members of the American Legion Auxiliary is one way we can give back for their service to our country.

Hope to see you soon.

For God and Country,

Barbara Skillman

President, Lincoln Unit 3



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



With the COVID-19 pandemic, information is at a premium.

The Lincoln Legionnaire is published 4 times a year and has been the primary method of getting out news to you. With the self-quarantine that most of us have been doing --- and not having meetings --- we are in an information vacuum.

Lincoln Post #3 also publishes a monthly electronic newsletter via email. We started sending it to 53 of 156 Sons members in the Squadron for whom we have email addresses. If you would like to receive this electronic newsletter monthly, send me an email at fred.craigie@gmail.com and we will add your name to the list.

It's time to start a new membership year. Thanks to all who have renewed, those that came back after an absence, and those new members who have joined us. Remember that your membership allows you access to any American Legion club in the world, and that's a really big place. There are also many member benefits available by going to the American Legion website at <http://www.legion.org/benefits>. Some of those benefits include: computers/electronics, home improvements, moving, real estate & mortgage services, vision care, mobile phones, insurance, travel, prescription drug, medical, satellite TV, and auto club. Using just one of these benefits will more than pay back the cost of your dues in a year.

Also, as a member of the American Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST TO YOU coverage. Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal, covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for American Legion business --- or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents.

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust program is a free benefit to all members of The American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion. Those wishing to sign-up for the free benefit should go to www.TheLIT.com/LegionCare2. Scroll down and click on the "SIGN UP NOW" box. You then enter your Zip Code, Date of Birth, Department, and select if you are signing up as a Legionnaire, Sons, or Auxiliary. Click "CONTINUE" and fill out your Membership ID Number, email address, name and address, and phone. Click "CONTINUE". Lastly, click "YES" to the three boxes agreeing to the terms and click "FINISH". It's just that easy and takes all of three minutes to complete.

As for membership, the Squadron needs some help with members to attend the SAL meetings. The normal attendance has been very low --- even when we do meet. We can't lower the number for a quorum any lower and still be able to do business.

We meet at 7:00 P.M. on the third Thursday of the month at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 located in the Trade Center (5910 South 58th Street) when the Elks are open --- but COVID-19 has made this difficult in the recent past. We try to have the meeting over in an hour. Try to join us for the camaraderie

For God and Country,

Fred C. Craigie

Commander, Squadron #3

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN "The Game"

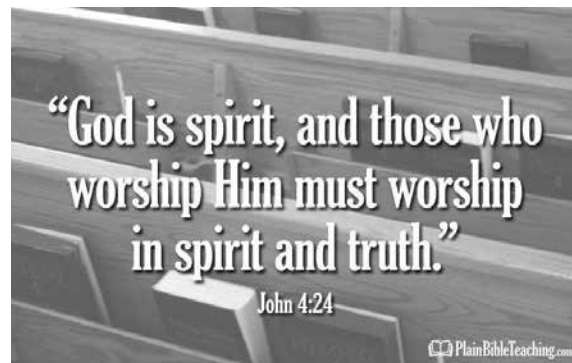


OK, so you've figured out that this...this...whatever it is...is for REAL! I mean: how could ANYTHING be this disturbing in so little a time and affect so many across the country and around the globe. But...are we...missing something...still???

Alright, I'll jump-start my notions for those who didn't quite get it the first time. No offense, though. So, it's about God. No secret there, huh? But, what about God? Is He absent? Is He trying to do something for the sake of humanity? Is there any evidence of His presence right here and now? The answer to those questions is an unequivocal YES! Soooooo...some of you might be pondering...what is the message, and what am I to do about it?

Let's start with an age-old prophesy of things to come in our present time. This Bible study is known as Eschatology, or "end times" prognostication. By the way, we're in the "last days" portion of that study, which began with Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:11). That means, as Jesus said in that Acts witnessing, that He WILL return to "rapture" His Ecclesia (i.e., church), then return again for the Judgement of sinners refusing to acknowledge Him, or the actual "end times."

Now comes the question of what does this prophesy stuff have to do with



me, a devoted church-goer? Well...how about eternal life (John 3:15)? Yep, that's right, ETERNAL LIFE with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or Elohim (Genesis 1:26). The alternative for unrepentant sinners is death eternal...

in hell...away from God forever and ever (Psalm 9:17). Of special note is the reality that a human church affiliation and/or religion (e.g., Catholic, Protestant, Hebrew, Islam, etc.) will not afford anyone the reward of heaven with the Elohim. If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then heaven is far from you and forbidden to you, no matter your tally of earthly accomplishments (Matthew 6:19-20).

Now, as to the question of God's presence in the here-n-now, who makes the storms regale across the globe with no strings from mankind? How does the moon wax and wane every month like clockwork with nary a hand from humans to start or stop those phases? And, how is it that, without fail, the polar ice caps warm and cool with no human involvement? One more thing. How can a submicroscopic spore --- Covid-19 --- wreak havoc over a world gone mad with its own sense of morality and ethics, unless, it's God's emphatic way of getting everyone's attention? The faithful have no problem. They're being tested. Others, though, are experiencing an "act of God" such as the world has not seen in recent history or memory.

Let's do a little addition, shall we? Take one part human behavior containing thoughts and feelings. Add to that self-expressions of esteem, power, and competition. Then, round out this stew of delectable soul-resurgence with

unending pride and --- VOILA! You have a sinner! The one circumstance that could off-set this dangerous brew of human failure is God’s love, as expressed by Jesus’ incarnation, birth, life, death, and resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

So, in this day and age of humankind’s seeming obliviousness to the works of God, beware: He IS indeed in the here and now. This Covid-19 thing, global warming, numerous hurricanes, and a host of many other environmental disasters give a clear sign of things as they really are, and of what’s coming. Jesus IS returning. Holy Scripture has foretold of America’s misfortune as a sign of the last days coming to a close. The next stop: the Judgment (Jude 1:15). By the way, only believers in Jesus can comprehend God’s message --- prophesy --- to His church, that is, you (1 Corinthians 14:22).

So, keep looking up, for you will see Him return from heaven the same way He ascended while some of His apostles looked on (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

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



Your American Legion Riders (ALR) held their July meeting; and, by the time you read this, will have had their August meeting at our usual venue in Denton.

Many of the annual summer events we usually attend as a group were cancelled due to COVID. Nevertheless, we have had a couple of rides as a group. Commander Gubser led a dinner ride with eleven Riders and guests to the Davey Tavern where we enjoyed what is arguably the best pizza in Lancaster county (maybe even the state). If you have never been there, we highly recommend it.

Sadly, one of our former members, Del Scott, passed away in June. The family requested that the ALR form a flag line at his Celebration of Life service on August 15th, and we did that.

Also, by the time you read this, the ALR will have held our annual Poker Run on August 29th. This is our major fundraising activity for the year, and we hope to have had a good showing. This year’s proceeds will benefit the American Legion’s Operation Comfort Warrior program.

Until next time, Ride Safe!
Bruce Gubser, Commander
Post 3 American Legion Riders

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

Post 3 conducted its installation of officers at the July 14th meeting. District 15 Commander Ed Muggy was the installing officer.

Elected at the June 9th meeting (held virtually), the following were installed:

- Commander --- Wade Graft
- 1st Vice Commander --- Gerry Wolf
- 2nd Vice Commander --- Bruce Gubser
- Executive Committee (3-year term) --- Jack Sibert



Pictured, L-R, are: Jack Sibert, Bruce Gubser, Gerry Wolf, and Wade Graft

DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Every year, each American Legion district in Nebraska selects a recipient for an annual District Citizenship Award. The District 15 recipient this year, announced at the District 15 convention held in February, was Wade Graft.

Presentation of a certificate and medal to the recipients is usually done at the Department Convention, but that was not possible this year. Wade’s certificate was presented to him by immediate past District 15 Commander Gerry Wolf at the July meeting of Post 3.



ADJUTANT’S REPORT

We are off to a good start on 2021 renewals. Currently, we stand at almost 900 members (including 92 Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) and 84 Nebraska Life members. This is just over 60 percent of our 2021 goal of 1427 members.

For this past Legion year, 2020, we stood at about 96 percent of goal with 1409 members on July 31st. Thanks to a lot of help from some very generous Legionnaires, we were able to renew about 45 World War II and Korea veterans. That was a significant event to raise District 15 (Lincoln Post 3) into second place in the district standings.

For those who have not sent in their 2021 renewals, please be aware that the next renewal notice form the national headquarters is scheduled to mail on October 9th. Dues paid soon enough to be processed and received in Indianapolis by September 10th will hopefully be dropped from that mailing.

If you happen to receive a second renewal mailing, and you know that you have paid your 2021 dues and received your 2021 Membership Card, just throw the renewal slip away. If you have mailed a check and have not received your 2021 Membership, please call and let us know. Mail does get lost, going both ways.

Again, thanks for the good start. Let’s keep it up and reach 100% for 2021.

Other News:

As we start the 2021 American Legion year, we have one of our youth programs that will be coming up very soon. That is the Oratorical Contest. We will be needing judges, timers, etc. Keep watching the monthly email newsletter for further news as we get closer to November.

Regarding our office hours, please call to be sure we are in the office. Normally, there is someone here on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 to noon.

LB 153, a bill related to Taxation of Military Retirement Benefits was passed by the Legislature. It provides for exempting some military retirement pay from taxation.

Thanks for your service and thanks for being a member of Post 3.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

THANK YOU! WE ASKED YOU TO HELP --- AND YOU DID!



In the last issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire, we pointed out that we had almost 50 WWII and Korea veterans who, for one reason or another, had not yet renewed their American Legion membership for 2020. In light of the pandemic and the state of the economy at the time, we asked if any of our members would like to say “Thank You” and honor these long-time Legionnaires for their service by paying their dues. Post 3 agreed to waive its portion of the annual dues and asked for only the \$35 state and national dues.

To the say least, we have quite a few very charitable and appreciative Legionnaires in our post. The response to our request was more than overwhelming!!!

31 Post 3 members and another individual stepped up and donated enough funds to sponsor 46 renewals. With donations to sponsor from 1 to as many as 5 renewals, we were able to achieve our hopes of getting all of the WWII and Korea veterans on our roster up to date and able to keep their continuous membership intact.

Thank you again for your generosity!!

Following are the Legionnaires who contributed to this most worthwhile project:

Steve Bartos	James Buckwalter	Burdette Burkhart
James Childers	Fred Chrastil	John Coupe
Fred Craigie	Ron Epp	Wade Graft
Bruce Gubser	James Heinke	John Hoppe, Jr.
Allen Kobes	Dale Lange	Roger Lempke
Eddy Muggy	Wesley Newton	Jerry Nuss
Clarence Olberding	Onofre Perez	Stephen Robinson
Gerald Salber	Ed Schnabel	Jack Sibert
Adolf Siegl	Allen Snowden	Harry Stubbendeck
Robert Taylor	Kenneth Vonbargen	James Wharry
Leonard Wilsey		Gerry Wolf



\$600

Amount American Legion Post 3 and its Legion Riders chapter paid in June to erase outstanding school lunch balances at Pyrtle Elementary School in Lincoln, Neb., which serves lower-income families in the community.

LINCOLN VA CLINIC REPORT

While at the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, I was able to talk with the staff. They are still looking for the new clinic to be finished around the first part of December of this year. They will then take about 90 days to outfit the building with furniture, equipment, etc.

Accordingly, the VA is looking at some time in March of 2021 to move the clinic operations from the old hospital to the new Community Based Outpatient Clinic. Until this pandemic is over, the current clinic is closed to walk-Ins.

Here is the current guidance from the VA as to how to make use of the existing Lincoln clinic:

- NO WALK-INS are allowed in any departments.
- DO NOT enter building more than 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment time.
- If needed, you may be accompanied by ONE person. No visitors under age are 18 allowed.
- TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL 402-489-3802.
Then choose Option 2 and Option 2 a second time. Remember. All Services Require an Appointment. NO WALK-INS.
- If you need to talk with Eligibility, their hours are 0900 to 1500. Do not try to call between 1200 noon and 1300; you will have to wait. When you arrive at the VA and are asked if you have an appointment, tell them you wish to talk to Eligibility. Another number to call for help with Eligibility is 402-995-4050.
- The following services are now being done by way of a Zoom meeting. For the Eye Clinic, call 402-489-3802 (Extension 6991). For Audiology, call 402-489-3802 (Extension 7863).
- The Patriot Pride Shop is now closed. Joe MOVED his business to the College View area on the corner of 48th and Calvert.

Finally, I'd like to note that the new addition to the VA Hospital in Omaha is now open.

Ed Schnabel
American Legion VA Representative

POST MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AWARD

At the July meeting of Post 3, Gerry Wolf --- with incoming Commander Wade Graft looking on --- presented a 2020 Post Membership Retention Award Certificate to Adjutant Ed Schnabel, who accepted the award for the post.

This national award is presented to posts who exceed 90, 95, or 100% of their previous year's membership by the May target gate.



American Legion Post 3		
LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA.....	DATE
Gene R. Doughty	WWII	06/12/2020
Frank S. Dougherty	Korea	07/08/2020
Howard D. Earl	Vietnam.....	07/20/2020
Thomas J. Eckery, Jr.	WWII	11/19/2018
Lawrence A. Glaser	WWII	06/10/2020
Bill L. Heinzman	Korea	05/10/2020
Gerald A. Jochum.....	Vietnam.....	05/16/2020
Raymond C. Lemon.....	Vietnam.....	05/05/2020
Dale B. Lloyd.....	Korea	05/22/2020
Allan D. Mack	Korea	11/22/2019
George H. Nuss	Korea	05/01/2020
LeRoy M. Otte.....	Korea	07/21/2020
Lloyd R. Priess.....	Korea	07/13/2020
Robert H. Rutford	Korea	12/01/2019
Sylvester J. Schroer	WWII	05/28/2020
Aulden L. Steward.....	Korea	01/24/2019
Merle R. Stromberg	Korea	06/17/2019
J. B. Weaver	Korea	07/26/2018
Arthur A. Wiater.....	WWII	05/23/2020
Charles H. Ziegelbein	Korea	06/12/2020

NEW DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER

Post 3 is singularly unique in Nebraska in that Post 3 also constitutes the entirety of the posts that make up District 15. Yup. Just us. Omaha Post 1 was similarly structured as the only post in what used to be District 14. In 2012, however, they opted to discontinue District 14 and became a part of District 8. Nebraska now has just 14 districts, but we continue as District 15.



At the February meeting of Post 3 --- which also served as the District 15 convention, Ed Muggy was elected as the new District 15 commander for a 2-year term. Bruce Gubser was elected as District 15 Vice Commander.

Installation of the new district commanders usually occurs at the Department Convention. This year, unfortunately, the convention was canceled as a result of the pandemic. Eventually, however, the Department Executive Committee did hold an in-person meeting on June 28th. Ed was installed at that time.

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 November 10, 2020.

SENATE PASSES BILL TO COVER MORE AGENT ORANGE CONDITIONS

On July 22, the U.S. Senate voted 94-6 to pass a measure to be included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to expand the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) list of conditions presumptive of Agent Orange exposure.



The addition to the NDAA, introduced by Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Ranking Member Jon Tester, adds bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson's to the 14 illnesses already covered by VA for their links to the toxic herbicide. While not yet signed into law, the passage of this bill brings many veterans who've been impacted from exposure to the chemical defoliant a step closer to having their conditions covered by VA.

"This is a historic win for thousands of Vietnam veterans who have been suffering from illnesses after being exposed to Agent Orange, but who have been unjustly denied benefits for decades," said Tester. "With the inclusion of my amendment in this must-pass defense bill, we are now one step closer to providing our Vietnam War heroes with the treatment and benefits they deserve from VA."

The American Legion previously joined with 16 other VSO's in issuing a joint letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie that urged VA to add these three additional conditions — as well as hypertension — to those covered by VA for exposure to Agent Orange.

"For too long, our Vietnam veterans have had to fight for and have been denied the critical health care they need to treat medical conditions resulting from exposure to Agent Orange," American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford said. "We have made significant strides in ensuring that these veterans are given the care they deserve for their service and sacrifice to our nation. However, there is still more work to be done and these veterans continue to suffer the detrimental effects of their exposure each day. This amendment would provide a presumption of service connection for Bladder Cancer, Hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism for veterans exposed to certain herbicide agents while serving in Vietnam."

"The American Legion is proud to support this amendment and believes the evidence overwhelmingly supports adding these diseases to the presumptive list."

Remembering

"Never shall I forget the time I spent with you."
—Isabel, Via Burlesque

The greatest tribute to someone we love is found in remembering the moments shared together. As we journey through our days, we honor their life each time we are moved to action for a cause they taught us to care about deeply. Their vision and hope for the universe becomes our own. Each memory gradually becomes a part of us, nourishing and renewing our souls and determining our legacy to future generations. We celebrate a life lived, not the heartbreak of a life lost. And by doing so, we honor our loved one in a way that never could be forgotten.

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IF YOU ARE MOVING!

Please notify us if you have a change of address. Post #3 has to pay 75 cents for each incorrect address on a bimonthly paper. Send address changes to:
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Or call us at 466-3958 Thank you for helping us keep expenses down!
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Second Vice Commander – Bruce Gubser
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Post Service Officer – Ed Schnabel

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
Fred Craigie, 1 yrs., Bill Bowman, 2 yrs., Jack Sibert, 3 yrs.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES:

Membership - Ed Schnabel	Communications - Steve Bartos
Americanism - VACANT	Boys State - Steve Bartos
SAL Liaison - Fred Craigie	County Government - VACANT
Law & Order - VACANT	Children & Youth - VACANT
Girls Athletics - VACANT	Hospital Visitation - Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Oratorical & Education - Ed Schnabel/Gerry Wolf	

STANDING COMMITTEES:
Memorial Squad - Fred Chrastil; POW/MIA - VACANT; Finance - Steve Bartos, Jerry Salber & Jack Sibert; Scholarship - Fred Craigie & Curt Sanford

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 84th 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

FOR DEMOGRAPHIC PURPOSES

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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____