



# Lincoln Legionnaire



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Current Membership	1064	As of Feb 2024
2024 Goal	1107	96.1%

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

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*“Pledged to serve the disabled, the distressed, the widowed, and the orphaned. Devoted to the cause of service to the community, state and nation.”*

## COMING EVENTS

### June 2024

- 11 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 13 SAL Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Fathers Day
- 18 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 20 First Day of Summer
- 20 Legion Riders Meeting
- 20 Salon 92 Meeting
- 20 – 23 Department Convention - Kearney



### July 2024

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

### May 2024

- 8 \*\*\* NO SAL Meeting THIS MONTH
- 13 \*\*\* NO Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings THIS MONTH
- 15 Legion Riders Meeting
- 15 \*\*\* NO Salon 92 Meeting THIS MONTH
- 20 \*\*\* NO Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings THIS MONTH
- 23 – 29 National Convention – New Orleans



## LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

Thanks for your hard work on membership! While the 2023-2024 membership year officially extends through the end of 2024, we have essentially reached the end of the functional membership year (07/01/22 – 06/30/23) with 1,063 (as of 5/15/2024) members, which is just over 96% of our goal of 1,107 members. I appreciate everyone’s hard work! Dues notices for 2025 from the national headquarters in Indianapolis will be arriving about July 1.

Every year, Post 3 membership is reduced by 8-10%, primarily due to death and non-renewals. We need to replace members who renewed for 2023 and then died during the past year before renewing for this year --- as well as the members who had renewed for this current year but have since passed away. In addition, we need to replace the members who, for whatever reason, just decided not to renew. We still have our work cut out for us. If you haven’t renewed your membership for 2024, please do so now. I trust you will answer the call.

We all have time, treasures, and talents we can give to this organization. If you are looking for something new to do, come to a meeting and join us. I want to thank each one of you for being a member of Post 3. Just the fact that you send in your dues money allows us to support the many causes of the American Legion at the local, state, and national levels. I have often said that the American Legion is only as strong as its membership. We must continue to lead the way to ensure that our veterans, our military service members, and our community are assisted in whatever way we can.

I try to think of ways to get new members --- and especially the younger veterans --- involved in our American Legion. July starts a new year for not only membership but hopefully for a few new ideas from you, the members. I would suggest that if we want to see The American Legion grow, we need to find a way to interest our target members and perhaps make some changes ourselves in this ever-changing world. We can’t just ask for those young men and women to become new members. We must show them what they are missing.

Not long ago, I put together a list of activities that Post 3 has worked to support, like charitable events, college scholarships, city projects, Memorial Squad, and other veterans causes. That list was quite lengthy; and, when I took time to read and really absorb it, it made me feel proud to see what we had accomplished.

I’m sure that many non-members would also enjoy our American Legion Family. We need to see not only the familiar faces of Legionnaires who have made our post great in previous years --- but also some new members for our future. So, please step up when called upon because our Legion needs you!

Post 3 was recently approached by one of the area organizations that provides hospice support. They were seeking veterans who might be interested in volunteering to spend a little time, once in a while, visiting some of their hospice patients who were veterans. They also occasionally do



Commander Post #3  
Bruce Gubser

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pinning ceremonies for their veterans, and they would be most appreciative if some of our members could be there to support them. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda, the Heartland Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, by phone at 402-858-3700.

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, as well.

*For God and Country,*

*Bruce Gubser*  
Post 3 Commander

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Lincoln Unit 3 President  
Barbara Skillman



Dear Unit Members —

Our Unit 3 year is coming to an end and reports are being submitted. Plans are being made for the Department Convention, which will be held June 21-23 at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

In May, Unit 3 held its election of officers for the coming year. Elected were:

President --- Lori Gubser

Vice President --- Barbara Skillman

Secretary --- Barbara Michael

Treasurer --- Shirley Horstman

Chaplain --- Jeanie Harris.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held the week of June 2-8. We have three girls who will represent Lincoln Unit 3. And, some of us will be working at Girls State during the week.

At our Unit 3 meetings in April and May, we made 4th of July cards for our veterans in Lincoln care homes. We thank them for our Freedoms and Service to our country.

Unit meetings will not be held during July or August, but we will be getting ready for the next year. Meetings will resume on September 10th.

My year has come to an end. I have been serving our unit for three years, and it was time for new ideas. I am thankful for all we do to serve our veterans and their families. As a unit, we need you to help keep this unit going for our veterans causes. I wish our new President Lori a wonderful and successful year.

Have a wonderful summer.

*For God and Country*

*Barbara Skillman*  
President, Lincoln Unit 3

## MEDAL OF HONOR RECOGNITION

As her project for the year, Immediate Past Department President Vicki Ozenbaugh chose to honor all Nebraska recipients --- past or present --- of the Congressional Medal of Honor. PDP Vicki has continued with her project, even though her year in office is over.

Unit 3 was asked to take part in one of her Medal of Honor ceremonies on March 23rd at Lincoln's Calvary Cemetery. The Post 3 Honor Guard also participated.

The soldier being honored was Lieutenant Colonel Jean-Baptiste Victor Vifquain, a Belgian-born veteran of America's Civil War and the Spanish-American War who had settled in Saline County, Nebraska in 1857. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Vifquain joined the Fifty-Third New York Infantry, not wanting to wait for Nebraska to form a unit.

After other assignments, Vifquain eventually ended up commanding the Ninety-Seventh Illinois at the Battle of Fort Blakely in Alabama. It was for his action in that battle that he was awarded the Medal of Honor. (The Battle of Fort Blakely was an overwhelming victory for the Union forces and is by some

considered the last real battle of the Civil War.)

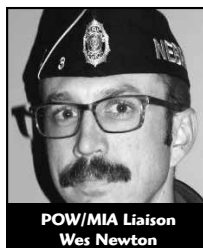
Vifquain eventually mustered out of the service in 1865 with the rank of brevet brigadier general, returned to Nebraska, and went on to serve his country again as the commander of the Third Nebraska Infantry Regiment during the Spanish-American War.

Vifquain died in Lincoln in 1904.



Placing a wreath at the gravesite of Lieutenant Colonel Jean-Baptiste Victor Vifquain are (from left): Unit 3 Chaplain Jeanie Harris, Unit 3 President Barbara Skillman, and Past Department President Vicki Ozenbaugh.

## PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



POW/MIA Liaison  
Wesley Newton

### Valor and Resilience

As we reflect on the anniversary of D-Day, we are reminded of the incredible acts of valor and the indomitable spirit of those who faced unimaginable challenges during World War II. This day marked a crucial turning point in the war, as Allied forces made the formidable assault on the beaches of Normandy. The stories of those who were captured and became prisoners of war (POWs) resonate deeply, illustrating profound resilience and heroism that transcend time.

Take, for instance, Captain Edward Grant. Captured shortly after the landings at Normandy, Grant spent several months in a POW camp under dire conditions. Despite this, he organized covert communications with the outside world and led his fellow inmates in silent defiance and preservation of morale. His leadership under such extreme circumstances exemplifies the courage and fortitude that characterize many of our greatest heroes.


Equally inspiring is the story of Sergeant Helen Doyle, a field medic who was captured and escaped twice from enemy hands. Her tenacity and bravery remind us that heroism knows no bounds and can manifest in unexpected forms and figures. Doyle's relentless spirit and commitment to her comrades make her a beacon of courage and hope.

These historical accounts from D-Day and the experiences of POWs teach us about the strength required to navigate adversities. These lessons are particularly relevant in our everyday challenges, whether personal or professional. The resilience demonstrated by these veterans can inspire us to approach our difficulties with courage and determination, striving to overcome and succeed despite the odds.


As we honor the memory of those who fought and those who endured captivity, let their stories remind us that our current struggles, however daunting, can be met with the same steadfastness and resilience. Their legacy teaches us that with perseverance and courage, we can confront any obstacle.

Let us carry forward the spirit of D-Day and our POW heroes, allowing their stories of strength and survival to inspire our paths. In their honor, let us embrace the challenges of today with resolve and optimism, ensuring that their sacrifices continue to light our way forward.


*Wesley Newton*  
POW MIA Liaison



Lincoln Chapter 3  
American Legion Riders



**RAFFLE**  
**HENRY GOLDEN BOY RIFLE, .22LR**



**TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20**

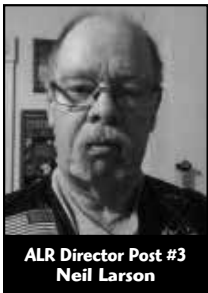
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PRIZE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE WINNER THROUGH NEBRASKA GUN OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER

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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



ALR Director Post #3  
Neil Larson

We cancelled our April meeting to attend the visitation prior to Ceresco Police Officer Ross Bartlett's funeral. We also attended the funeral the next day.

We also attended the funeral of veteran Steve Smith in Lincoln on May 14th.

Also during May, we had Chapter 3 Riders participating with the Flag Exchange sponsored Scheel's and attending

Memorial Day Observance activities at Wyuka Cemetery and Lincoln Memorial Park.

We are scheduled to participate in several parades during June and July.

*Neil Larson*  
ALR Director

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL Commander Sqd. #3  
Brendan Moore

At our last SAL meeting, we discussed having a social get-together. Jon Hempel and Fred Craigie were to decide the time and place. May 18th was determined to be a good time and we were to forgo the monthly meeting.

Health issues arose, so we will now have our get-together at Fred's residence on our regular meeting night in June. It will be a "bring your own meat" to be grilled event. Fred will email our regular attendees with the full details.

If you are not one of our "regulars" but would like to join us, please contact me or Fred Craigie. I can be reached by email at [prairieroseman@yahoo.com](mailto:prairieroseman@yahoo.com), or call my home phone at 402-483-1510.

June will be a busy month with vacations, American Legion convention in Kearney, and a number of summer activities. Since August is busy with a host of activities and most of the American Legion Family are not have meetings that month, I thought it best that we forgo our August meeting and resume meetings in September.

*Brendan Moore*  
SAL Squadron 3 Commander

## NOTES FROM THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE

### 2024 Renewals.

Paid Post 3 renewals for the 2024 membership year currently stand at 1064 members. That is a little more than 96% of our goal of 1107.

June 30th --- or perhaps a little before --- will probably be the last date to renew for 2024 at the current rate of \$46.00 dollars as the national per capita dues increase \$5.00 on July 1 and the Department dues are probably going to be increased at the Department convention, also.

For sure, Post 3 dues for the 2025 membership year have been set to increase from \$46 to \$56 on the first dues notice scheduled to be sent out from Indianapolis about July 1.

For the few members who have not yet renewed for 2024, be aware that you are delinquent but can still renew for 2024 for \$46 if you do so in the next couple weeks. You can also renew online and take advantage of a 3-year renewal option and renew for 2024, 2025, and 2026 ---- all at the \$46 rate. But, you must do that online and do it during June before the dues go up.

If you are currently paid for 2024, you, also, can take advantage of the 3-year renewal option and go online and renew for 2025, 2026, and 2027 ---- all at the \$46 rate. It's really quite a good deal, but you must do so before the end of June.

To take advantage of the 3-year renewal, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and click on the "RENEW" button. It's fairly simple as it walks you through the options. Currently, 7 members have renewed for 2024-2025-2026, and 19 members have renewed for 2025-2026-2027.

This saving is only available to those who are paying their dues online. If you have any questions, please call the office and we will try to help you complete the process.

If you have not received your 2024 membership cards, and you mailed your payment, please let us know. Mail does get lost or damaged, going both ways. We try to get cards out within a day or two of receipt of payment.

Thanks to those who have made use of the [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) website to renew their membership. It is quick and easy; you can even print your own 2024 membership card. It also saves us some processing time. We encourage you to pay online as the 2025 membership years begins.

### Member Information

We would like to thank those who have responded to our request to provide us with information on your mailing address, phone number, and email address. We have lots of members who have moved but have not provided us with updated information. The US Postal service returns mail for which they do not have a forwarding address. We try to track down those members who have moved, but sometimes only get a response like "no longer living here."

The same goes for those members who have passed on to Post Everlasting. If your member has died, please let us know. We want to keep our records current, and it saves both the national organization and Post 3 on postage expense.

Additionally, we like to have our records reflect your branch of service. We have the war eras identified for almost everyone, but our database does not show a branch of service for all.

**The Honor Guard**

On April 24th, Post 3 provided a color guard for “Our Community Salutes,” a program held to recognize and honor those high school graduates who have enlisted for military service following graduation this spring.

May is always a busy month for the Post 3 Honor Guard, as we are called upon to provide details for Memorial events to honor our fellow veterans living in retirement or nursing homes. Memorial Day is another very busy day for the Honor Guard (plus the week leading up to Memorial Day). Last month was no exception.

This would be the time to review your memorial plans with the family and locate your DD214 or other discharge papers. You have earned the right to burial in a VA cemetery or to request a VA headstone for a private cemetery. You can do all this now by going to the VA website and filling out the forms. If you need assistance, see your local service officer, or give me a call. Be sure to tell your family your plans and where to find your DD214, etc.

Remember to thank your fellow veterans for their service.

Again, Thanks for your service and thanks for being a member of Post 3,  
*Ed Schnabel*  
Adjutant

**CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

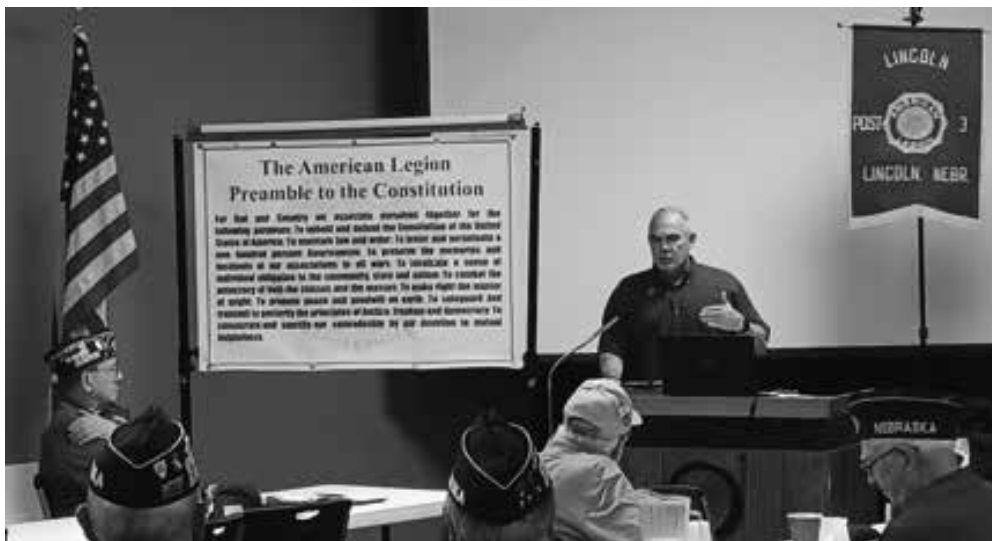
Each Spring, Post 3 attempts to recognize those Legionnaires who have demonstrated proven loyalty to the American Legion. In times of declining membership, these Legionnaires in particular command our highest respect and admiration for maintaining a lengthy continuous membership in the American Legion.

Twenty-two Post 3 Legionnaires were recognized this year ---- 19 for 50 years of continuous membership, 2 for 60 years, and 1 for 70 years.

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

Pictured are (L-R): John Brehm (50), Richard Reiman (50), Marvin Wilson (50), Robert Taylor (70), and William Eckles (50).

We salute you!



At the May meeting of Lincoln Post 3, Commander Gubser introduced Mike Wood of the Lincoln Vet Center. Mike made a presentation outlining the extent of its affiliation with the Veterans Administration and a summary of the services it offers to veterans in the Lincoln area. The Lincoln Vet Center (Veteran Counselling and Outreach) is located at 211 South 84th Street in Lincoln. (Next door and just south of the Post 3 business office)

**70-YEAR MEMBERS (1)**

ROBERT H. TAYLOR

**60-YEAR MEMBERS (2)**

LYMAN FREEMON

SALLY J. TRUHLAR

**50-YEAR MEMBERS (19)**

- |                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN J. BREHM         | KENNETH M. MORRISON            |
| JAMES F. DAUBERT      | DANIEL L. PARKER               |
| ROBERT K. DENNIS      | RICHARD E. REIMAN              |
| WILLIAM K. DERRMANN   | JAMES A. ROTTER (deceased)     |
| JACK DILLON           | JAMES F. SCHMIDT               |
| WILLIAM L. ECKLES JR. | CHARLES E. STEINKAMP           |
| TAD D. HAMMOND        | THOMAS E. SYNOVEC              |
| ROBERT L. HOUSER      | MARVIN L. WILSON               |
| RAYMOND E. JUDDS      | RICHARD R. STAUFFER (deceased) |
| ROCCI R. MARR         |                                |



**AMERICAN LEGION**

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## 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.

Thirteen young men and twenty-two young women from the Lincoln area were chosen to be among the approximately 270 high school junior boys and 330 high school junior girls scheduled to attend the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's 2024 sessions of Cornhusker Boys State and Cornhusker Girls State. The week-long events are scheduled to begin on Sunday, June 2nd on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

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

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

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

### Lincoln High School:

**Scarlett Anderson**, daughter of Carissa Anderson, Cornhusker Kiwanis Club; **Karen Cortez-Gortia**, daughter of Guillermina Gortia, Lincoln Legionnaire Club, Inc; **Luna Juneau-Garcia**, daughter of Danielle Juneu, Sidney American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17; **Daniela Portales-Mendoza**, daughter of Alma Mendoza and Juan Portales, Amend Family; **Gabriela Portales-Mendoza**, daughter of Alma Mendoza and Juan Portales, Lincoln Legionnaire Club, Inc; **Angelica Soriente**, daughter of Shannon Soriente, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; and **Jacob Duncan**, son of Jayne and Brent Duncan, Bethany Lions Club.



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Gabriela Portales-Mendoza Angelica Soriente Jacob Duncan

### Lincoln East High School:

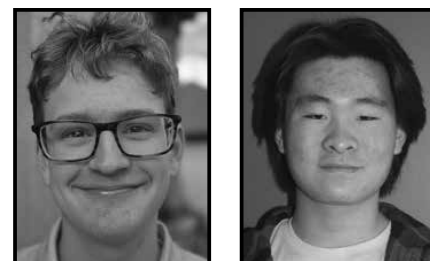
**Ella Halvorsen**, daughter of Lisa Halvorsen, 40/8 Voiture 103; **Lillian Korpas**, daughter of Angela Williams Korpas and Denes Korpas, Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders; **Elizabeth Mason**, daughter of Mark and Rebecca Mason, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; **Lawson Martinez**, daughter of Roman Martinez, Lincoln Women of Today; **Ananya Bindu Mirle**, daughter of Sowmya Namagondlu Madhavmurthy, Lincoln Capitol City Kiwanis Club; **Emma Yin**, daughter of Hui Liv, Optimist Club of Lincoln; **Logan You**, son of Lianlin Zhao and Jinsheng You, American Legion Post 3; **Hunter Warneke**, son of Marcus Warneke and Cindy Koenig-Warneke, Capital City Kiwanis Club; **Blake Schlegelmilch**, son of Tim and Amy Schlegelmilch, American Legion Post 3; and **Nicholas Li**, son of Hui and Yonghong Li, Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis Club.



Ella Halvorsen Lillian Korpas Elizabeth Mason Lawson Martinez



Ananya Bindu Mirle Emma Yin Logan You Hunter Warneke



Blake Schlegelmilch Nicholas Li

### Lincoln Southeast High School:

**Maren Steinke**, daughter of Diane and Nick Steinke, Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis Club; **Maizie Stricker**, daughter of Jane and Matt Stricker, Star City Lions Club; **Henry Cline**, son of Kristin and Geoff Cline, American Legion Post 3; and **Charlie Mach**, son of Jane and Jeff Mach, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 3.



Maren Steinke Maizie Stricker Henry Cline Charlie Mach

**Lincoln Lutheran High School:**

**Sawyer Benne**, daughter of Fran and Jeff Benne, 8/40 Salon 832; **Avery Holle**, daughter of Jason and Noel, 40/8 Voiture 103; **Micah Pracheil**, son of Tracy and Brad Pracheil, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; and **Cooper Schelkopf**, son of Scott and Jane Schelkopf, Cornhusker Kiwanis Club.



*Sawyer Benne*



*Avery Holle*



*Micah Pracheil*



*Cooper Schelkopf*

**Lincoln Pius X High School:**

**Aubrey Bucknell**, daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Bucknell, Bethany Lions Club; **Lily Russman**, daughter of Corey and Nicole Russman, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; **Maddison Stokes**, daughter of Jeanne Stokes and Robert Stokes, 40/8 Voiture 103; **Lucy Willis**, daughter of Andrew and Erin Willis, Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; **James Heyne**, son of Todd and Nancy Heyne, St. John Paul the Great Assembly Knights of Columbus; and **George Ivanov**, son of Ivan and Lynette Ivanov, Bishop Kucera Assembly Knights of Columbus.



*Aubrey Bucknell*



*Lily Russman*



*Maddison Stokes*



*Lucy Willis*



*James Heyne*



*George Ivanov*

**Lincoln North Star High School:**

**Kristi Chumber**, daughter of Suman Bala, Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3; and **Hannah Hollman**, daughter of Scott Hollman and Jennifer Hollman, Lincoln Center Kiwanis.



*Kristi Chumber*



*Hannah Hollman*

**Lincoln Southwest High School:**

**Spencer Krenk**, son of Ken Krenk and Julia McConnell, Optimist Club of Lincoln; and **Johnny Hudgens**, son of Lisa and John Hudgens, Havelock American Legion Post 342.



*Spencer Krenk*



*Johnny Hudgens*

**THANK YOU, DONORS!!**

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

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

This year, 13 boys and 23 girls from the Lincoln area were selected to attend Boys State and Girls State thanks to the generosity of the following organizations who funded the registration fees for one or more boys and/or girls. A most appreciative “Thank You” is extended to them for their generosity in providing the opportunity for so many Lincoln-area youths to participate!

- Havelock American Legion Post 342
- Capital City Kiwanis
- Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders
- Star City Lions
- Optimist Club of Lincoln
- Lincoln SAL Squadron 3
- 8/40 Salon 832
- Legionnaire Club, Inc.
- Lincoln American Legion Post 3
- Bethany Lions Club
- St. John Paul the Great Knights of Columbus
- Lincoln Women of Today, Inc.
- Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3
- 40/8 Voiture 103
- Cornhusker Kiwanis Club
- Bishop Kucera 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
- Southeast Kiwanis Club
- Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club
- Valparaiso American Legion Auxiliary Unit 371
- Cook American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360
- LPS Foundation Elliot Fund
- Denton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355

If you or your company or organization are interested in being contacted about becoming a donor for the 2024 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





**American Legion Post 3**

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA.....	DATE
Dale E. Boettcher.....	Korea .....	7/10/23
William H. Browne, Jr. ....	Korea .....	2/10/24
Jerrold W. Copley.....	Vietnam.....	2/23/24
Dean M. Cunningham .....	Korea .....	1/30/23
Kenneth E. Houchens, Sr. ....	Korea .....	2/17/24
Russell R. Kendle.....	Vietnam.....	3/8/2024
Arthur W. Nelson .....	WW II.....	3/14/24
Raymond A. Neujahr .....	Korea .....	3/26/24
Gene R. Niebuhr .....	Vietnam.....	4/30/24
Arlen Olmsted .....	Korea .....	3/16/24
Thomas A. Rogers .....	Vietnam.....	11/27/23
Dalyce F. Ronnau.....	Korea .....	3/29/24
James A. Rotter .....	Korea .....	3/28/24
Dean A. Schroeder .....	Korea .....	4/21/23
Steven G. Seglin.....	Vietnam.....	3/28/24
Terry A. Sindelar .....	Vietnam.....	3/26/24
Kenneth D. Stofferahn .....	Other.....	3/18/24
Richard A. Wiese .....	Korea .....	2/22/24
Jerry L. Williams .....	Vietnam.....	4/1/24

**NOTES FROM THE VA REPRESENTATIVE**

Since the beginning of FY24 (October through April), The Lincoln CBOC (Community-Based Outpatient Clinic) has served 11,397 veterans.

9% of the veterans served were female veterans. 58% of the veterans served were 65+ years old. On an average day, the clinic serves 394 veterans.

New services are being added, and an Orthopedic Clinic is now seeing veterans in Lincoln.

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

Express Care hours at the Lincoln Clinic have expanded, and Express Care is available from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

During FY23, 315 new veterans enrolled for service at the Lincoln campus.

For flu shots and Covid shots, you need to call your local clinic to schedule an appointment. VA clinics and hospitals no longer require the wearing of masks to enter, but masks are available for those who still wish to wear them.

Do you want to serve your fellow veterans?

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

Clinics / hospitals can always use books, magazines, etc. for patients. You would need to check with your local hospital / clinic / veterans' home volunteer office to see what items they need or allow. This would be a great project for your church, school, or youth group.

**VA Claims**

With the signing of the PACT ACT, more veterans have become eligible for services, not only for those who served "boots on the ground," but anyone who has served since the Gulf War.

If you have any questions, I suggest you call your local service officer ---, VSO, county, or state. It only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for a new VA disability rating or an increase to a current disability rating.

Volunteer Services at the Lincoln CBOC is looking into adding more services for our veterans --- services like we had in the old clinic. Cookies, popcorn, coffee, etc.

Thanks for your service to your fellow veterans and thanks for your service to this great country. God Bless

*Ed Schnabel*

American Legion Representative to the Lincoln CBOC

**BARBER BOB**

After "retiring" from the business of owning two downtown barbershops in Lincoln (the El Toro and the Clipper), Bob Taylor was asked to "fill in" for a few weeks until another barber could be found for the 1-chair barber shop located in the Lincoln VA Hospital (CBOC). Barber Bob agreed and "filled in" for about the next 25 years

The pandemic put an end to getting a haircut from Bob at the clinic, and the barber shop did not make the move to the new clinic --- but a lot of veterans from Lincoln and southeast Nebraska have fond memories of visiting with and getting clipped by Bob while visiting the clinic.

Bob, now 93, is a member of Post 3 and received a certificate this spring for 70 continuous years of membership in the American Legion.



**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” for \$56. (Effective 7-1-2024 for 2025 membership year)  
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

FOR DEMOGRAPHIC PURPOSES (Please check)

- | DATES OF SERVICE  | BRANCH OF SERVICE                       |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – November 11, 2018    | <input type="checkbox"/> US ARMY        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 | <input type="checkbox"/> US NAVY        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955     | <input type="checkbox"/> US AIR FORCE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975      | <input type="checkbox"/> US MARINE      |
| <b>CORPS</b>  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984      | <input type="checkbox"/> US COAST GUARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990 | <input type="checkbox"/> US SPACE FORCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August 2, 1990 – PRESENT             | <input type="checkbox"/> US MERCHANT    |
| <b>MARINE</b>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts (LEGION ACT)         |   |

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



**\$1,000 EARLYBIRD  
BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2025**

The first renewal notice for the 2025 membership year will be mailed from Indianapolis about July 1. The Department Membership Committee is again this year sponsoring an Early Bird Drawing.

All regular members (those who pay their dues annually or are multi-year members) whose 2025 dues are paid and received in Department Headquarters by September 3, 2024 will be in a drawing for \$1000.

**5 names will be drawn for a \$200 prize each this year!**

Mail in your dues, stop in the office, or pay online.

**HELP US BUILD MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!  
BE IN THE DRAWING!!**

**Lancaster County  
Veterans Services**

Mark Lakamp – Veterans Service Officer

600 South 70th Street • Building 2, Suite 200 • Lincoln, NE 68510

402-441-7361 • Fax: 402-441-7392

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

**EDITOR’S NOTE:**

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**IF YOU ARE MOVING!**

Please notify us if you have a change of address. Post #3 has to pay 75 cents for each incorrect address on a bimonthly paper. Send address changes to:

AMERICAN LEGION POST #3 • 123 S. 84th St., Suite L, • Lincoln, NE 68510

Or call us at 466-3958 Thank you for helping us keep expenses down!

(This also include Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and 40 & 8)



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