



“For God and Country”

APRIL 2024 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meetings For April 2024

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	04/09/24
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	04/09/24
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	04/11/24
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	04/18/24
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	04/16/24
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	04/16/24
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	04/18/24
Buddy Check	Rock-n-Joe, 5025 Lindburg St	6:00 PM	04/22/24
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	04/19/24

Commander's Call



Membership! Membership! Membership!

As Commander of Post 3, I feel my most important responsibility is membership. Maintaining our membership, growing our membership, and taking care of our membership. Serving as your Post 3 Commander is an honor and privilege. With that honor and privilege also comes a tremendous amount of responsibility to you, the membership of Post 3, and the Department of Nebraska. We remain Nebraska's largest Post and I thank you for your continued membership and support that allows us to claim that spot.

The membership goal for 2024 is 1107 members as set by The American Legion Department of Nebraska. As of this writing, there are 1045 veterans (paid up at least through 2024) who make up this Post. If you are among those 1045, I thank you for your support of Post 3 and The American Legion. There are 47 members who paid their dues in 2023 but have not yet renewed for 2024. What can I do to help? Is there a financial hardship? We might be able to help with that. We typically have around 20 to 30 members attend our monthly meeting. If you live in the Lincoln area, I ask that you seriously consider getting involved with the Post and its activities. Your membership is not only supporting our local Post but The American Legion nationwide. The American Legion has a strong voice in Congress which ultimately helps all our veterans.

Do you know a veteran who is not a member of The American Legion? Have you asked them to consider joining us? I ask you to make it a goal to bring one new member into The American Legion by the end of the year.

We all have time, treasures, and talents we can give to this organization. If you have recently retired and are looking for something to do, look no farther. You have found it. Do you have family or work responsibilities that prevent you from attending our regular meeting? Hey, we get that! I have been there and done that. Do you have an hour a month to deliver birthday cards to veterans living in a senior community or assisted living facility? I have something right up your alley. There are many other opportunities to share your talents and time. You will be able to help the community and the Post while staying active. Please consider staying a part of our Legion family.

(Commander's Call – Continued)

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.

The Post 3 family includes the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the Legion, and the American Legion Riders. Members come from many locations, backgrounds, and occupations. Together, these members work to organize a multitude of local veteran and community events. As I have stated in previous newsletters, historically, our membership is reduced by 8%-10% annually due to death and non-renewals. While much of this reduction is due to members joining Post Everlasting, we can't do much about that.

What you can do is get involved with our Post goal. This won't require much of your time and won't cost you any money. All you must do is ask your neighbors, friends, and family members to join the Post 3 family if they are not already a member. If just about 10% of you would recruit, reinstate, or renew a member, we would make our goal. Again, I ask you to make a personal goal of bringing in one new member this year.

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on the four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. These programs and the men and women who make them work, make a difference in the lives of our fellow Nebraskans each year. Our founders made this our mission and it's what we do as Legionnaires. Please get involved with the Post and remember that we are making a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families by being members of this great organization.

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, wherever they may be dispersed.

**Bruce Gubser
Post 3 Commander**

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



Welcome to spring.

For those who served in Vietnam, 29 March was a special day, Vietnam Memorial Day. That marks the day that the last US Troops left Vietnam on the 29th of March 1973. Many of us did not get a welcome homecoming. Vietnam Veterans are living in the so-called

Golden Years, still haunted by their service there. We need to call upon Congress to remember that we answered the call, when Uncle Sam called us to duty in a country that most of us had never heard of. Now we only ask Congress to live up to their end and fully fund the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As far as Post 3 2024 renewals are concerned, we currently stand at 1049 paid members – 95% of our goal of 1107.

Again, thanks to those who have let us know they had not received their 2024 membership cards. We have only had a few this year. If by chance you have not received your 2024 membership card and have sent a 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.

The American Legion National leadership has raised National dues \$5.00 a year beginning July first, 2024. Department of Nebraska most likely will raise their dues at their 2024 Department Convention this summer. At this time, Post 3 will not be raising its dues for 2025, remaining at \$11.00 dollars. The Post 3 dues beginning July 1st will be \$56.00 dollars. (National - \$23.50, Department - \$ 21.50, Post 3 - \$11.00)

Want to save 20 or 30 Dollars? As of this date, we have 14 members who have taken the opportunity to extend their membership for two or three extra years, saving themselves \$20 or \$30.

(Adjutant's Note – Continued)

To take advantage of this opportunity, you need to log onto **MYLEGION.ORG**. When there, click on renew, and it should bring up current renewal status, paid for 2024, etc. It then should allow you the opportunity to renew for an additional two or three years. If you have questions, give us a call.

Again, thanks to those who have provided the request for phone numbers and email information. We have many members who do not have a phone number or an email address on file. Same goes for branch of service, or war era. National has been printing on the back of the renewal slips, the data that is in the Legion data base. Please check and add as needed so we can correct our database. Thanks, makes it so much easier to reach out to you if needed.

Memorial Services: The Honor Guard is again busy with memorial services and flag details. Thanks to all who have taken the time to help our fallen brothers and sisters. We get many requests, some with short notice. With a great bunch of guys and gals, we can support 95% of these requests.

As our Veterans enter their golden years, this would be the time to review their memorial plans with their family. Locate your DD214 or other discharge papers. You have earned the right to burial in a VA cemetery or request a VA headstone for a private cemetery. You can do all this now by going to the VA web site and filling out the forms. If you need assistance, see your local county Veteran service officer, the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs or give me a call.

Again, Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of Post 3. Remember to also thank your fellow Veterans for their service.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



The Clinic is just about back to normal after the water pipe break. It is still advisable that you sign in through the MSAs to learn where your appointment will be held.

Flu shots and Covid shots are currently being given by appointment only. You need to call your local clinic to schedule an appointment. VA clinics and hospitals no

longer require the wearing of masks to enter clinics. Masks are available for those who still wish to wear them.

Express Care is a walk-in service for those who wish to have a nurse check out minor items. Express Care hours run from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Lincoln clinic. This care is available to those who might wish to see a VA nurse without an appointment during normal hours.

Want to serve your fellow Veterans? The VA can use more volunteers to help at your local clinic or hospital. Or you can donate to your local clinic, hospital, or veteran's home. They can always use a monetary donation, or you can donate activities bags for younger kids to have when they come to the clinic/hospital with a parent for their appointments. There is always a need as some younger kids come with parents, grandparents, etc., and are too young to be left at home alone.

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

The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs will be holding claims clinics this spring. They will be hosting one Fremont this month. I would view their website to check on the dates and locations.

Many Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) hold claim clinics throughout the state during the year. You just need to call their state HQs to find a date and location that works for you. It's never too late to file a new claim or appeal a claim or claim rating.

Thanks for you service to your fellow Veterans and thanks for your service to this great country.

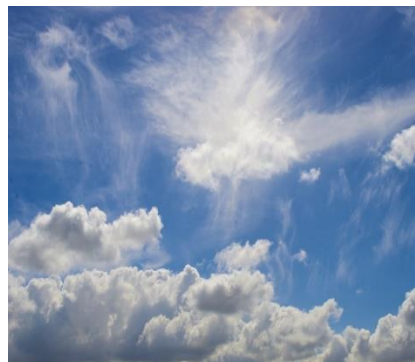
God Bless,

Ed Schnabel

American Legion Representative to Lincoln CBOC

The Chaplain's Remarks

NEW BEGINNING



There comes a time in everyone's life when he or she must take a stand, whether for virtue or evil. Consider the Holy Bible's offer of eternity for Eve and Adam...if they'd only followed Yahweh's direction about the Tree of Life (Exodus 3:14-15)...

On another occasion, Jesus asked someone—in need of His healing—to stretch forth their hand (Matthew 12:9-14). Now, if the one-to-be healed did not do what the Lord had asked, would there have been a healing? Now consider this: does God HAVE to heal anyone? No? Then why do many stumble towards not receiving God's free gift of salvation (Romans 10:9-10)?

The Decalogue (Bible Old Testament for 10 Commandments) specifies that following ALL of God's Law entitles one to not only receive pardon for sin but is welcomed into God's realm of worthwhile living. But no one may get there without confessing sin, asking for forgiveness, then making the effort to walk a holy life—focus on God; His Word, the Bible; and manifesting the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-3).

A major concern some self-professing Christ-ians may have overlooked lays with their lack of compassion for sinners, and their judgment of others. To be rid of this shortcoming, anyone must free their mind and heart of all cares save one: know—accept—follow Jesus to His destination.

And why is sticking close to Jesus of paramount importance? Recall that period in the Garden of Eden when our first parents knew no sin. Being untested, how would they know sin, but also, salvation? Yes, it was God's test of their faith, but God being Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent, He revealed His plan for a near-perfect creation—humankind—that would experience the sheer joy of God's forgiveness.

Only God is perfect. To be like God is to emulate His unique qualities.

**Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain**

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



Pictured above is the rifle and display case to be raffled off on September 22 as part of our poker run. Stops have been planned for the poker run. More details to follow.

We sold rifle raffle tickets at the Hickman Legion fish fry March 8. A few of us also attended the Hickman fish fry March 22. We have sponsored a high school girl to the Cornhusker Girls State event to be held this summer. We attended the ABATE bike show in February.

The Legacy Run will be held in July as was discussed at our monthly meetings in February and March. No decision yet as to who is participating.

Two events in May: we will attend the Veterans Advisory Group Show and Shine event May 15, and we will attend the Memorial Day observance activities at Memorial Park cemetery.

We are still planning on what dinner runs to hold this summer.

**Neil Larson
Director
American Legion Riders, Chapter 3**

Lincoln Chapter 3 Riders' Henry Golden Boy .22 LR Rifle



Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders



RAFFLE

HENRY GOLDEN BOY RIFLE, .22LR



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

Drawing held 9-22-2024 YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

YOU MUST BE OLDER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE A TICKET

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

ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FIREARM PURCHASE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY

Post 3 Honor Guard



March has been a slow month for the Post 3 Honor Guard. The Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 2 funerals and made appearances at 5 civic functions. It seems like we are getting more requests to post the Colors at these civic events. It appears, however, that the slow months are over as we already have 4 funeral requests for the first week in April.

In the Calendar year 2024, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 16 funerals and made appearances at 8 civic functions.

The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans and for appearances at local civic functions are greatly appreciated. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

Post 3 TAPS – March 2024



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Dale E. Boettcher	Korea	Army	59
Dean M. Cunningham	Korea	Navy	39
Arthur W. Nelson	WW II	Navy	14
Raymond A. Neujahr	Korea	Army	53
Arlen Olmsted	Korea	Unknown	54
James A. Rotter	Korea	Army	50
Dean A. Schroeder	Korea	Army	43
Steven G. Seglin	Vietnam	Army	1
Terry A. Sindelar	Vietnam	Navy	38
Kenneth D. Stofferahn	Other	Air Force	2

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80
March 12, 2024**

Commander Bruce Gubser opened the March 12, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 26 Legionnaires present.

New Post 3 member and first-time attendee Ranier Aumer was introduced.

Veterans of the various war eras were asked to stand and be recognized.

Steve Bartos reported that he had submitted the applications for only 10 Lincoln area boys to attend Boys State this year ---- down considerably from what used to be 15-20. He did say, however, that there might be one or two more boys from Pius X High School who have an interest.

Ed Schnabel gave an abbreviated financial report, and it was approved and filed for review.

Membership was reported as 1044 --- a little over 94% of goal.

NEC-man Fred Craigie indicated that the national commander had visited Nebraska this past weekend, and Fred passed out commander's pins to all.

William Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Gerry Wolf reported for the Honor Guard. He indicated that they remain busy --- but perhaps a little less busy just recently. He indicated that they would assist the Auxiliary at their upcoming event at Calvary Cemetery.

It was announced that Voiture 103 of the 40/8 would meet next Tuesday.

Commander Gubser reported for the Legion Riders. He said that they were having amazing success with their Rifle Raffle and that there were exceptional ticket sales at the recent ABATE show.

Commander Gubser also indicated that the Birthday Card Program in the senior living facilities continues.

(Minutes – Continued)

Adjutant Schnabel indicated that about 10 members had taken advantage of the 3-year renewal option so far. He also asked that everyone be aware of the kinds of things that can be reported on the Consolidated Post Report and encouraged everyone to notify the Post 3 Office of their hours, miles, dollars spent, etc. that qualify.

Commander Gubser indicated that he is still trying to schedule a speaker from the Vet's Center to make a presentation at a meeting ---- next month, hopefully.

Squadron Commander Brendan Moore reported for the Sons of the American Legion. He indicated that he has been bringing pizza to the meetings.

Brendan also reported that although he continues to serve as a member of the Lincoln Memorial Day Observance Association, he has stepped down as a co-chair.

Wendy Gumb reported that she had attended the District 12 Convention in Weeping Water last week and was impressed with National Commander Dan Seehafer. She also talked about some of her ideas regarding Post 3 and indicated that her priorities were baseball, youth education, and supporting veterans in the private sector.

William Jackson offered a few comments about his participation in a program for writers.

Fred Craigie announced that National Commander Seehafer was scheduled to testify before Congress tomorrow morning at 9:00 CDT. He said everyone could watch it live at Legion.org.

Upon inquiry, there was some additional discussion about the meaning of the CPR acronym for the Consolidated Post Report and the kinds of things that can be reported on it.

The Chaplain read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at 7:40 PM.

**Steve Bartos
Recorder**

A Message From National Commander, Daniel J. Seehafer



Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

If the trend continues, the 2024 membership year can be a special one for The American Legion. Departments and posts have recruited and renewed about 15,000 more members than we had at this time last year. While our direct mail efforts have been less successful, this only demonstrates the proven success of personal contact, even if it's by phone.

A larger American Legion benefits all Americans. This means more Legionnaires to engage in Buddy Checks, as we commit to "Be the One" to stop veteran suicide. It means more Legionnaires to operate great programs such as Boys State, Junior Shooting Sports, oratorical contests and American Legion Baseball.

Trends can be deceiving, however. In the past, we have started the membership year strong only to lose momentum in the final stretch. "Wait till next year," has been the battle cry for many losing teams. I reject that mentality. There is no time like the present and our membership year runs through June 30.

"Rocky" fans of a certain age are familiar with the song "Eye of the Tiger." The chorus is meant to channel the passion and commitment it takes to win. Generations ago, it took Eye-of-the-Tiger dedication to make The American Legion the largest and greatest veterans organization in the country. We still are.

(Commander's Message – Continued)

My predecessor set a goal to recruit 75,000 new members during the 2023 membership year. We surpassed that. The goal for 2024 is 78,000 new members and it is perfectly achievable.

Any Legionnaire who recruits two new members to our organization will receive a “Be the One” dog tag coin from me.

If you are not a current member, you can join simply by [clicking here](#). You can [renew just as easily here](#). If you want to beat inflationary ^{dues} increases, consider a [Paid Up for Life membership](#). You could also join more than 10,000 other Legionnaires and try our [new three year membership option](#).

As I said earlier, personal contact matters. Legionnaires who are welcomed by active and engaged posts in their communities are more likely to stay Legion. One of the highlights of my time in The American Legion was when my post, 157 in Horicon, Wis., was recognized for “100 percent” and “All Time High” membership awards during years that I served as its commander and adjutant. It was never about “me.” It was always about “we.”

As The American Legion observes its 105th birthday, I can think of no better manner of celebrating than to put our organization on the path for growth. With your help, I know that we can do just that.



**Daniel J. Seehafer
American Legion National Commander**

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War



On March 22, 2024, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Jimmy D. Smith, 21, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Sept. 11, 2023.

In July 1950, Smith was a member of Medical Company, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Eighth U.S. Army. He was killed in action after his unit engaged in defensive actions near Changchong-ni, Republic of Korea (South Korea), on July 30. Due to intense fighting, his body could not be recovered at that time, and there was never any evidence that he was a prisoner of war. With no further information the Army declared Smith killed in action on July 30, 1950.

In early 1951, the Army began recovering remains from the area and temporarily interred them at the United Nations Military Cemetery (UNMC) Pusan. One set of remains recovered during this period was designated Unknown X-340 Tanggok (X-340), recovered in the vicinity of Nae-dong, South Korea, near where Smith went missing. A tentative association was made between X-340 and Smith, but definitive proof could not be found, and X-340 was determined to be unidentifiable. The remains were sent to Hawaii where they were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. DPAA disinterred Unknown X-340 as part of Phase Two of the Korean War Disinterment Project and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory for analysis.

To identify Smith's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the [Armed Forces Medical Examiner System](#) used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Smith's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Pfc. Smith will be buried in Kingsburg, California, on a date to be determined.

Medal of Honor Recipient, Victor Vifquain



Jean-Baptiste Victor Vifquain (20 May 1836 – 7 January 1904) was a Belgian-born veteran of the American Civil War and the Spanish–American War. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for capturing a Confederate flag during the Battle of Fort Blakely.

Vifquain was born as Jean-Baptiste Victor Devuyst in Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, Belgium on 20 May 1836. His father, Jean-Baptiste Joseph Vifquain, was an engineer and served under Napoleon during the Napoleonic Wars. Vifquain received military training at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, and served in the Belgian Army for a year. In 1857, he moved to the United States and settled in Saline County, Nebraska.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Vifquain joined the Fifty-third New York Infantry so he would not have to wait for a Nebraska unit to be created. The infantry unit was disbanded before it could become involved in the fighting. Following the disbandment, Vifquain and three colleagues snuck into Richmond in an unsuccessful attempt to kidnap Confederate President Jefferson Davis. In 1862, the governor of Illinois appointed Vifquain to be the Ninety-seventh Illinois's adjutant.

Vifquain commanded the Ninety-Seventh Illinois during the Battle of Fort Blakely. On April 9, he advanced towards and jumped onto the parapet of the Confederate fort. Surviving a barrage of Confederate gun fire without serious injury, Vifquain ordered a general charge of the fort by his unit. During the ensuing fighting, Vifquain used his sword to sever the halliard holding up the fort's Confederate flag while the flag-bearer of the Ninety-Seventh Illinois planted the Union flag in its place. The flag-bearer was killed by Confederate gun fire immediately after placing the flag. Vifquain was concealed by the falling Confederate flag during the attack, so he was not targeted. Vifquain survived the battle and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Near the end of the Civil War, Vifquain yet again attempted to capture Davis. He successfully captured a train believed to be carrying Davis near Selma, Alabama. Davis was not actually a passenger, but Vifquain was able to secure three-thousand heads of cattle and two-thousand horses from the train. Vifquain ultimately achieved a rank of brevet brigadier general by the time he was mustered out of service in October 1865.

After the end of the Civil War, Vifquain ran for a seat in Congress, but did not win the election. He also attended the Nebraska Constitutional Convention. Vifquain founded the Daily State Democrat in 1879 and was appointed US consul to Columbia by President Grover Cleveland in 1886. He would later serve as the leader of multiple diplomatic posts in Panama.

In 1891, he was selected to be the adjutant general of his home state of Nebraska. Vifquain returned to active military service during the Spanish–American War. He served as commander of the 3rd Nebraska Infantry Regiment following the resignation of Colonel William Jennings Bryan. His regiment remained in Cuba at the end of the war to aid in the occupation of the island. Vifquain died in 1904 at his house in Lincoln, Nebraska. Vifquain is buried in Calvary cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Honoring Victor Vifquain, Civil War Medal Of Honor Recipient

Past Department President (2022-2023) of the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary, Vicki Ozenbaugh, chose the project of having a wreath placed at each of the Medal of Honor recipients buried in Nebraska.

To complete Vicki's project, she is conducting a special service at each of the Medal of Honor recipient's grave site to lay the wreath made in honor of the individual. A short history of the Medal of Honor is shared as well as the history of the individual and when their Medal was presented. The local Post and Unit are involved with the service, which concludes with the military gun salute and taps.

Further statistics shows there were fifteen recipients from the Civil War, eight from the Indian Wars, two from the War with Spain, four from World War II, one from the Korean Conflict, and three from Vietnam. This represented twenty-six serving in the Army, two in the Navy, and five in the Marine Corps.

On March 22nd, members of the Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 3, and members of the Post 3 Honor Guard assisted Vicki in laying a wreath and conducting a ceremony for Victor Vifquain, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient buried at Calvary cemetery, Lincoln.



LTC Victor Vifquain's grave



Jeanie Harris, Barb Skillman & Vicki Ozenbaugh



3-shot volley by Lincoln Post 3 Honor Guard

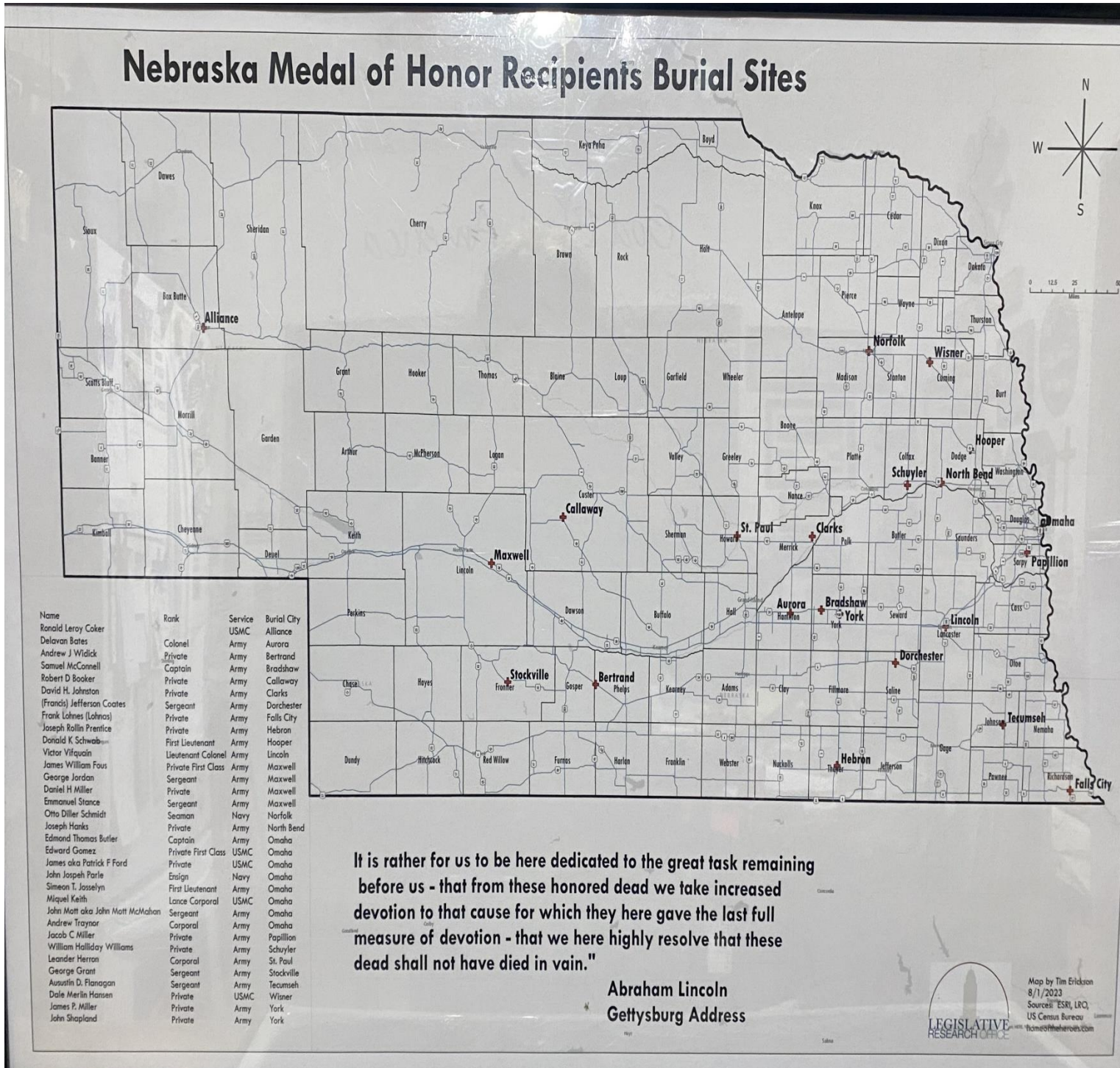


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"Taps"

(Medal of Honor – Continued)

There are 33 Medal of Honor graves across the state. Of those, only one was for military action that took place in Nebraska (during the Indian Campaigns), nine were born in Nebraska, and eight enlisted in Nebraska.



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Throughout our history as a nation, American Prisoners of War have made great sacrifices. They have kept faith in God, our nation and their families in the face of great hardships; and

WHEREAS,

Our Prisoners of War and those who remain missing in action have earned through their great sacrifices and unflinching courage a special place in the hearts of every American; and

WHEREAS,

The people of Nebraska deeply appreciate the acute suffering and pain of the families of our service members held in captivity or missing in action and support all efforts to end the uncertainties with which they continue to live; and

WHEREAS,

We will continue to honor those brave men and women who have given their most prized possession, their liberty, in selfless service to our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 9th day of April, 2024, as

POW RECOGNITION DAY

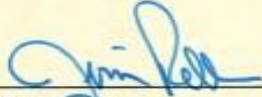
in Nebraska, a day dedicated to all former American Prisoners of War, to those still missing, and to their families. I urge all Nebraskans to join me in honoring those who made the uncommon sacrifice of being held captive in war or who are still missing as a result of war and to pray for their families and them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Twenty-four.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor

LOCK IN
MULTI-YEAR
MEMBERSHIP
RENEW TODAY

and select the
three-year
membership
option.

VISIT [LEGION.ORG/RENEW](https://www.legion.org/renew)





OCS of Lincoln

2024 High School Enlistee Recognition Ceremony

Welcome to OCS of Lincoln! We are now accepting registrations for our upcoming ceremony.

April 24, 2024, 05:30 pm

Lincoln Fire Fighters Reception Hall

241 Victory Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68528

About the Ceremony:

Our Community Salutes of Lincoln, NE will host its Annual High School Enlistee Recognition Ceremony to honor its Class of 2024 high school seniors and their families on April 24, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Featured speakers will be announced shortly.

There is no cost to attend this event. Local businesses and individuals are underwriting the entire cost of the ceremony in honor of our Class of 2024 high school enlistees who have made the selfless decision to serve our country.

Suggested dress attire is business or business casual. Everyone must register, two weeks in advance, to attend the event.

Please be sure to register by April 14th :

Register at <https://community.ocsusa.org/lincoln/>

Contact Information:

- **Nora Lee Huscher**
- **402-310-2794**

Veterans Advisory Group

Veterans Advisory Group Lincoln had a wonderful time at Rocky Maginelli Swap Meet at Sandhills Global Event Center. We had conversations with 150 / 200 veterans , passed pins to about 25 Viet Nam vets and welcomed them home. Sold 40/45 of our tool raffle tickets.

If you are interested contact one of our members, myself, Mike Kunce, or Skip Gill.

Flier attached eight places top prize \$2500.00 Dewalt tool package #8 \$250.00 drill package.

Remember upcoming events:

15 May 4 to 9 PM Show and Shine Star City Shores.















1 June, 10:30 till 6:00 PM, Veterans Freedom Music Festival and Art Show, Antelope Park.

Bruce L. Trautwein



\$10 Raffle Tickets

Supporting Veterans in Your Community

<p>1st Place</p>			<p>Dewalt® 20V MAX 10 Tool Combo Kit with 2 Batteries, Charger, (2) Contractor Bags</p> <p>+</p> <p>Dewalt Cross Line Laser Level</p>	
<p>2nd Place</p>			<p>Milwaukee M18 18V Lithium-Ion Cordless Combo Kit 5-Tools with 2-Batteries, Charger and Tool Bag</p> <p>+</p> <p>M18™ 2-Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum</p>	
<p>3rd Place</p>			<p>Milwaukee M18 18V Lithium-Ion Cordless Combo Kit 5-Tools with 2-Batteries, Charger and Tool Bag</p>	
<p>4th Place</p>				<p>Milwaukee M12 Cordless 2-Tool Combo</p> <p>+</p> <p>Milwaukee Rechargeable Work Light</p> <p>+</p> <p>Milwaukee 120 Pc Drill + Drive Bit Set</p>
<p>5th Place</p>			<p>DEWALT ATOMIC 20V MAX Cordless Brushless 4 Tool Combo Kit , (2) 2.0Ah Batteries, Charger, and Bag</p>	
<p>6th Place</p>			<p>Milwaukee M18 1/2" Compact Drill</p> <p>+</p> <p>Milwaukee M18 1/4" Compact Driver</p> <p>+</p> <p>3/8 in. Drive SAE/Metric Ratchet and Socket Mechanics Tool Set (56-Pcs)</p>	
<p>7th Place</p>			<p>Milwaukee M12 FUEL 12V Cordless Hex Impact Driver Kit w/Two Batteries & Bag</p> <p>+</p> <p>Milwaukee M12 Inflator Kit</p>	
<p>8th Place</p>			<p>DEWALT ATOMIC 20V MAX Cordless Brushless Compact Drill and Driver Tool Combo Kit with Two Batteries & Bag</p>	

Drawing will be held July 4th, 2024.

Need not be present to win.

VETERANS ADVISORY GROUP 11th ANNUAL Show & Shine!



Sponsored By Your Veterans Advisory Group

**Wednesday May 15,
2024, 4:00 to 9:00 PM,
Rain Date is May 16
Event to Be Held At
33rd & Nebraska
Parkway (old Hwy 2)**



**Food by K. of C.
Brats, Dogs, Chips,
Drinks, Shredded
Beef Sandwiches,
UNL Ice Cream
Truck, and More!**

AT STAR CITY SHORES!

4375 S 33rd Ct, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

- *No Entry Fees - Just bring your ride*
- *No Attendance Fees - Just bring a non-perishable food item donation for the Peoples City Mission*
- *Plus! Learn More about your Veterans Affairs Health Care System*

Contact Bruce Trautwein, (402) 560-7304, or Email to: brucon11@zitomedia.net,

Visit Us On the Web at: www.VAGLincoln.org

14th Annual
**VETERANS FREEDOM
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

SAT • JUNE 1 • 2024

10:30 AM — 6 PM

ANTELOPE PARK

7 LOCAL BANDS • ANTELOPE BANDSHELL

10:30 AM — PRESENTATION OF COLORS

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

— MARIE BARRETT

OPENING CEREMONY

11 AM — BILL CHRASIL (ELVIS)

12 PM — 3 CHORDS AND A CLOUD OF DUST

1 PM — PINKERTONES

2 PM — THE SHUCKS BROTHERS

3 PM — COLE YOUNGER AND THE RENEGADES

4 PM — MOJO FILTER

5 PM — THREE SPEED BAND

6 PM — CLOSING CEREMONY

— *TAPS* BY KEVIN MURRAY

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Food service by Knights of Columbus

UNL Dairy Store Ice Cream

Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit

Veteran Artists - Auld Pavilion

**PUBLIC WELCOME
FREE PARKING & ADMISSION**

(Free will donation to Peoples City Mission)

Bring Lawn Chairs, Coolers (subject to inspection) • **No alcohol or pets** (service animals only)

RAIN DATE: June 2, 2024

The Veterans Freedom Music Festival
is produced by the
Lincoln Veterans Advisory Group
VAGLincoln.org



PRESENTING SPONSORS:



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VETERAN ART EXHIBIT

JUNE 1, 2024

11AM - 6PM



FREE ART
& MUSIC FESTIVAL

AULD PAVILLION
1650 MEMORIAL DR,
LINCOLN, NE 68508





Lincoln VAG eAlert

A Message from Your Veterans Advisory Group!

VAG Lincoln Coffeehaus!



**JOIN US ON
FRIDAY!**

A CoffeeHaus Event has been scheduled for the third Friday each month from 10:00 AM to Noon, at Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park

In addition, Quilts of Valor Ladies will be awarding quilts to Veterans touched by war, and the presentation begins at Noon.

CoffeeHaus is a monthly gathering to honor our Veterans, with **FREE** Coffee, Beverages, Snacks, Fellowship, and Entertainment.

Join us - reach out and bring a guest too!

OUR SPONSOR

The Sponsor for
CoffeeHaus is the Elks
Lodge #80.



MORE INFORMATION!

For a Calendar of Upcoming VAG Events, visit our Website, at www.VAGLincoln.org!

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Buddy Check

"TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE"

MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

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At 'Rock-n-Joe' Coffee Bar

5025 Lindberg Street

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to those who served at our side. We stood together then, and we stand together now.

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

At Ease

39th Annual Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion

August 8th thru Sunday, August
11th, 2024

Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker
Hotel

333 South 13th Street - Lincoln,
NE.

402-399-9000

For registration forms, update
schedules, and hotel information,

go to: vetsreunion.com

Contact information:

Jaime Obrecht 402-486-4010

Roy Schoen 402-477-9113

Sons Of The American Legion Application



To be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion, you must be a male descendant (son, grandson, stepson, or adopted son) of:

- A member of The American Legion, or
- A veteran who died in service during World War I or since December 7, 1941, or
- A veteran who died after their honorable discharge from such service, and
- Return the application below along with \$35.00 to:

**Sons of The American Legion
 ATTN: Brendan Moore
 123 South 84th Street, Suite L
 Lincoln, Ne. 68510**

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No _____, Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____
(Post Adjutant)

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RECEIPT

Date _____ Received of _____

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____

Become a Member of The American Legion

Do you want to help your community and fellow Veterans by becoming a member of the American Legion? Would you want to help recruit a new member? If you can certify that you served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and were honorably discharged or are currently serving honorably, you are eligible. Complete the application below and send it with a check in the amount of \$46.00 to:

American Legion Post 3
123 South 84th Street, Suite L
Lincoln, Ne 68510

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

(City) (State) (Zip) (Post #)

(E-mail) Male Female (Gender) (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



30-009 Signature of applicant Date Name of recruiter

To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this and a check for \$46 made out to “American Legion Post 3” to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 2024, and want to transfer to Post 3, only sign below and return the bottom portion to us.

YES! Please transfer my membership to Lincoln American Legion Post 3

Signature

Membership Number

Email address



**American Legion Post 3
123 South 84th St. Suite L
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 466-3958**

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

[Web Site: lincolnpost3.org](http://lincolnpost3.org)

2023 - 2024 Post 3 Officers

Commander – Bruce Gubser – Cell: 402-470-1700

First Vice Commander – Ron Hindmand – Cell: 254-291-1514

Second Vice Commander – Rich Lemmerman – Cell: 402-694-9834

Adjutant & Post Service Officer – Ed Schnabel – Cell: 402-480-8542

Chaplain – William Jackson – Cell: 402-613-9774

Please submit any announcements or items for the monthly newsletter to the Editor for approval. All requests must be received one week before the 1st of the month.

