



“For God And Country”
AUGUST 2022 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For August 2022 – September 2022

Organization	Location	Time	August	September
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	None	09/13/22
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	None	09/13/22
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84th	7:00 PM	None	09/08/22
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	08/18/22	09/15/22
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	None	09/20/22
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	None	None
8 & 40 Salon 92	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	3:15 PM	None	TBA
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 N 14th	7:00 PM	08/22/22	09/22/22
VA Coffeehaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	08/19/22	09/16/22

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

I want to thank everyone for trusting me to lead this great American Legion post again this year. I am really honored to be the Commander of the State's largest American Legion post. I am fortunate to be joined by a slate of good officers. Bruce Gubser will be the 1st Vice Commander, Ron Hindmand will be your 2nd Vice Commander and Ed Schnabel is our Post 3 Adjutant.

Yes, we are the biggest post in the State even though we have lost so many fellow Legionnaires each month. Last year, we lost over 100 members to Post Everlasting and there is not much we can do about that. Just like about all other organizations today, the American Legion nationally and locally continues to dwindle. Unfortunately, Post 3 membership is following that trend

What we can do about the deaths that reduce our numbers is to increase our membership. The success of any program lies in the support of its membership, and the success of our many programs is no exception. We need to maintain and expand our current membership so that all of our programs can thrive and survive.

There are a lot of veterans in the National Guard and Reserves that are not current members of our organization. There are also many veterans out there who do not belong to any Veterans Service Organizations. We want them to know that they are welcome to join our post. If you know one of these veterans, please encourage them to join us. We need to recruit these people, now.

Simply by mentioning to people some of the good work that the American Legion is involved in may inspire someone to join us and become more active in our work.

We all know the importance of membership in maintaining a viable post. We all know that veterans are not going to seek us out, (unless they have a problem). We must find and invite them to join us. If you have a prospective member, please sign him/her up. A membership application is included at the end of this newsletter.

If you are a current member who hasn't renewed for 2023, please do so now. Your membership is important to us. We are all in this together.

If you have questions, please call the Post 3 Office at (402) 466-3958, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-12:00, or call my cell phone (402) 417-8230. We know what needs to be done: We know how to do it: So, let's do it!

I would like to see more people attend our monthly meetings but am unsure how to accomplish this. Some members are upset because we don't have a club of our own. They feel that they would miss the camaraderie of its members. To this, I would answer that attending meetings and getting involved in the many activities would fill the bill. The Elks Lodge #80 provides a hamburger buffet and a bar to provide a drink. You must provide the conversation.

Please remember that the month of August is the only month that Post 3 does not hold a monthly meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 13th. Burger buffet starts at 6:00 with the meeting to follow at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

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, especially those who may be in harm's way.

For God and Country,

Gerry
Wolf
Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



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

The National Headquarters has mailed out renewal notices for 2023. Be on the lookout for them. They should have been in your mailbox the first week or two of July. To date, we have processed 316 membership renewals that have come by mail and sixty-two that were renewed online. As of today, membership stands at 544.

Does your 2023 membership show your correct years of service? We know that the National Headquarters made a major error when they listed 2022 as your first year. This was only to show that you had paid dues for 2022, not the year that you first joined the Legion.

The same for the sample card on the reverse side of the notice. They all showed one year, not your true years of service.

We have fielded many calls about total years not being correct. This would take a lot of work to double check what is printed on the 2023 cards, so if yours is not correct, please email me, or text me. I can correct the years for you. Double check your card from 2022 to see if the 2023 card has added one year for you. If not, let me know and I will mail out a new card with the correct years and have National update your membership record. edschnabelasa@gmail.com, (402-480-8542).

The 2023 card that we will be mailing out should be correct. Not sure why the new membership software that the Legion rolled out last April still has many issues.

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

We look forward seeing you at the Post 3 meeting in September.

Ed Schnabel
Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



The Lincoln CBOC is now doing walk-in EXPRESS CARE starting at 3pm and going until 7pm. No appointment is needed.

Starting July 13th, the Lincoln clinic did away with the Kiosks and went to a system where you use your smart phone to sign in for appointments. For those without a smart phone or those who decline to use this service, the staff will sign you in. Clinics that will be using this new system will have a QR code for you to scan posted in the check-in area as you enter the clinics. After you scan the QR code, the system will call your phone to check you in for your appointments.

The LAB still has their Kiosk for signing in for blood draws. Look for changes during September, as this Kiosk may also go away.

The Flag Hands outside the entrance has been going under repair. The artist who designed the hands and flag has finished her work and the flag should be returning soon.

Unwanted Drug Disposal: if you have old drugs that you would like to dispose of, you can drop them in the blue box in the pharmacy waiting area. Get them out of your homes and out of our kid's hands.

VA System ID Cards: If you do not have a current VA ID card you can request one while you are in the clinic. You will need to have some form of ID that will allow them to double check your identity. You can use a state issued driver's license and/or state issued ID card.

My Healthy Vet: Did you know you can request refills of your meds, check your upcoming appointments, send a note to your provider online?

The VA has a web site called "My Healthy Vet" that allows you to do this. If you are not currently using it, need help signing up, or need help in using it, stop by their education center on your next visit.

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

Coffeehaus: Third Friday of the month. During the summer months it was held at the band shell in Antelope Park, 10:00 to Noon. For August, it will be returning to the Auld Rec Center, come and enjoy some good free music.

Buddy Check: Held on the 22nd of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Bagels and Joe in The Foundry, 14th and P, downtown. Come and meet with your fellow veterans for free food and a drink. You can park in the garage just around the corner for free.

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

Funding is based on foreseen needs, not current need. There are many veterans who could receive medical service but have never signed up for this benefit of our service. Again, it is the old story, use them or lose them.

You may not know that the Lincoln CBOC receives \$4,000.00 dollars for each veteran registered as living in our service area. This area takes in most of southeast Nebraska and a few of the counties in northern Kansas.

Thanks for your service.

Ed Schnabel

Lincoln VAG member (Veteran Advisory Group)
Lincoln VA American Legion Rep. for Nebraska

Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks



Greetings Riders and all,

Well, July saw the Riders appearing in the Seward Grand Parade on the 4th. It was a bit warm, but we had a good turnout of Riders and the crowd seemed to enjoy watching us as we rode along the parade route. We had Riders representing Chapter 3 in the Czech Festival parade at Dwight on July 24th. We are also scheduled to ride in the Wilber Czech Festival on Saturday, August 6th. You will be receiving this newsletter before the Wilber parade, so I hope you take some time and come on over to Wilber to partake in the great festival put on by the Wilber community and see your Riders in action..

Riding season is in full swing, and our riders have also participated in a number of funeral honors for deceased veterans. We are also scheduled, on Tuesday, August 9th, to be part of an escort for "The Wall That Heals" as it makes its way from Gibbon to Kearney, where it will be on display at the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion.

The Wall That Heals is an exhibit, which will be hosted by the 37th Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion, that is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and mobile education center.


Please remember to add our Poker Run to your calendar on September 24th. All types of vehicles are encouraged to participate in this, our major fundraising activity of the year, as we raise funds in support of the JAVALAN service dog organization which provides service dogs to veterans and first responders in the eastern Nebraska and western Iowa area. Registration starts at 10am at Frontier Harley-Davidson and ends at the Denton Legion Club. In addition to poker hands, there will also be a silent auction on a number of great items.

I guess that is about all for now.

Until next time,
Ride (and Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
Director
Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders




 - SILENT AUCTION
 - 50/50
 - RIDE PRIZES
 - RAFFLE
 - GIVEAWAYS

ALR
 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
 Lincoln Chapter 3

POKER RUN

REGISTRATION: 10AM-NOON
 FIRST BIKE OUT AT: 10AM
 LAST BIKE IN: 3PM
 PRIZES/AWARDS: 3:30PM

**SATURDAY
 SEPT 24**

-STARTS AT FRONTIER HARLEY-DAVIDSON,
 205 NW 40TH ST, LINCOLN
 -WITH STOPS IN ASHLAND,
 CERESCO, BRANCHED OAK
 -ENDS AT DENTON LEGION CLUB,
 7226 LANCASTER AVE, DENTON

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
 ALONG THE ROUTE AND AT
 DENTON LEGION CLUB

**PROCEEDS
 SUPPORT
 JAVELAN**

Jack Assisted Veterans Enjoy Life Again!
JAVELAN
 SERVICE DOGS
 for HEROES

One of the events Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders we will be part of this year is the annual poker run fundraiser on Saturday, September 24th. This year all proceeds will go to JAVELAN. The JAVELAN program provides funding for service dogs for military veterans and retired first responders in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. JAVELAN is for our nation's heroes who are suffering from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), traumatic brain injury and many other affiliated physical and emotional disabilities. JAVELAN partners these heroes with trainers and dogs to improve the quality of life of our nation's heroes through the medical assistance and healing power of their new canine partners.

The Chaplain's Remarks

(Judgement)



It's often dark and dreary when a soldier-sailor-marine-airman braves an upcoming battle, no matter the best-laid plans of generals, admirals, and noncoms for that momentous advent.

But what if that prepared-for battle...concerns...your soul...as your spirit fights to keep you within God's comfort and grace? If you hadn't noticed it, America is taking a beating physically, mentally, and spiritually.

There are sociocultural breakdowns, i.e., the Black Lives Matter forum, the Critical Race Theory dogma, and the purposeful misalignment of gender

Identifications. Then there are the excessive spending and outright rape of our taxes as these obvious efforts to destroy America are the unmitigated thrust to destroy our free enterprise capitalist system that has been the envy of the free world, and those aspiring to be free.

If you are a person of God, then you have your marching orders as foretold in Ephesians 6:10-18. Whether you realize it or not, the battle has been going on since the rise to power of a particular political party bent on their "Green New Deal" in their struggle to "Build Back America Better." Sound familiar?

So what does it matter to you being a mere veteran retiree or a separated veteran? Nothing...if that's all America is to you...with no kneeling at the cross, show of patriotism, or even an ounce of remembrance. So what do you do now to stand your ground against this...empiricism of those little anti-Christ's?

Consider this then: pray for your family, pray for better national, state, and local leadership; and pray for our nation's return to God's sovereignty. Only then may America be healed (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM
July 12, 2022**

Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf opened the July 12, 2022 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 19 Legionnaires present. The meeting was also being made available on Zoom.

The minutes of the June 14, 2022 Post 3 meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Finance Officer, Commander Wolf read the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2022 showing a balance on hand of \$41,015.50. The report was accepted and filed for review.

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

Post 3 Legion Riders Director Bruce Gubser reported that about a dozen Riders had gone to Seward for the 4th of July festivities there.

Bruce also reported that 17 birthday cards had been delivered to several senior living facilities during the past month.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Wade Graft reported for the 40/8 and indicated that the annual potluck dinner would be held next Tuesday.

Wade also announced that Kent Colson would make a 2-hour presentation on suicide prevention tomorrow night from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge at 27th and “B.”

Commander Wolf reported for the Memorial Squad and indicated that activity had tapered off during the last month. It was also reported that Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home had honored the Post 3 Memorial Squad by hosting them for a breakfast and presenting them a Certificate of Appreciation.

Jerry Salber announced that Gary Burk’s wife had passed away.

Past District 15 Commander Ed Muggy announced that Jack Sibert had won 2nd Place as Webmaster in the “Over 150 Members” category. He also announced that the Post 3 Email Newsletter produced by Gerry Wolf had won 2nd Place in the Print Media Category. Both awards, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion Media Alliance, were announced at the Department convention.

National Executive Committeeman Fred Craigie was called to the podium for the purpose of installing next year’s officers. Installed were:

Commander --- Gerry Wolf
1st Vice Commander --- Bruce Gubser
2nd Vice Commander --- Ron Hindmand
3-Year term on Executive Committee --- Wade Graft.

Brendan Moore announced that he had received an email from the University of Nebraska announcing a veterans’ appreciation project by which veterans could purchase 2 football tickets to three specific games for \$10 each.

Fred Craigie announced that Woody Williams, the last surviving WWII Medal of Honor recipient, had died. Funeral services are this week.

Commander Wolf made an announcement of several upcoming events --- and pointed out the special Early Bird drawing for regular members who pay annually and renew their dues by September 6th.

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

Steve Bartos,
Recorder

Post 3 Honor Guard



In July, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 7 Legion funerals. Honor Guard personnel also made appearances at 11 civic functions (8 Flag postings at the Pinewood Bowl's presentation of "Newsies", 2 Flag postings for Legion Baseball games and 1 Flag posting for a local convention). In calendar year 2022, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honor Teams at 91 combined funerals and appeared at 27 civic functions. Turnout has been excellent.



Post 3 TAPS - July 2022

LEGIONNAIRE	ERA	BRANCH	CONT YRS
Allen R. Jensen, Jr.	Vietnam	USMC	10
Jerry A. Leach	Korea	Army	39
Willard Opocensky	WW II	UNK	77
Dale H. Randall	Vietnam	Navy	2

Legion/SAL Membership Notices

\$ 500



BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2023

ALL REGULAR MEMBERS (THOSE WHO PAY THEIR DUES ANNUALLY) WHOSE 2023 DUES ARE PAID AND RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 WILL BE IN A DRAWING FOR \$500 THIS YEAR!!

HELP US BUILD MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!

BE IN THE DRAWING!!

SAL Members

Due to a paper problem at National, the Squadron has NOT received the 2023 membership cards yet. Therefore, there has been no dues notice for next year yet. As soon as we receive the 2023 cards, dues notices will be sent out.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Squadron #3 Adjutant,

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Pictures From The July 12, 2022 Post 3 Regular Meeting



During the July meeting, National Executive Committee Man, Fred Craigie installed Gerry Wolf as the Post 3 Commander for another year.



After installation, new Post 3 Officers were introduced to members. (L to R). Wade Graft, 3 year Member on the Post 3 Executive Committee, Ron Hindmand, 2nd Post 3 Vice Commander, Bruce Gubser, 1st Post 3 Vice Commander.



Commander Wolf displaying the Certificate of Appreciation that was given to the Post 3 Honor Guard from Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery for the Honor Guard's continued service to the facility.



(L to R). Post 3 member, Angela Hutchings, and 2 of her co-workers, Alicia Fox, and Nancy Exstrom, provided blood pressure checks for everyone at the July meeting.

Gov. Ricketts Honors Veterans with Purple Heart Day

By Alex Fernando



Governor Ricketts with Nebraska Purple Heart veterans.

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation designating August 7, 2022 as Purple Heart Day in Nebraska. This proclamation honors the state's Purple Heart recipients and thanks them and their families for their military service.

The Purple Heart is the oldest medal presented to military service members and was created by General George Washington in 1782. It is awarded to those who are wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Governor Ricketts says Nebraska is working hard to support veterans and their families in many ways.

“And of course, here in Nebraska, we want to make sure we are the most veteran friendly state in the country, that’s a goal that we’re working towards. And we do that in a variety of ways. We also work very much on trying to create employment opportunities for active military, our veterans, and their spouses,” Ricketts said.

Gov. Ricketts was joined by Nebraska Department of Veteran’s Affairs Director, John Hilgert and the Military Order of the Purple Heart President, Wade Jensen, at the proclamation signing ceremony at the capitol.

“Celebrating Their Service” Traveling Women Veteran Artist Exhibition



CALLING ALL NEBRASKA WOMEN VETERAN ARTISTS!

Call for Art

The Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, in conjunction with New Century Art Guild and Uniting Us, announces a call for Women Veteran Artists of Nebraska.

Title: “Celebrating Their Service”
Traveling Women Veteran Artist Exhibition

When: September 24-25, 2022

Where: Starting point - Nebraska Women Veterans Symposium, Holiday Inn Kearney. Other locations TBA.

**No fee - all mediums welcome - 3 submissions per veteran.
Entries due by August 30, 2022. Submission form at:
veterans.nebraska.gov/womenveterans**

The Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, in conjunction with New Century Art Guild and Uniting Us, announces a call for women veteran artists of Nebraska to submit artwork to the “Celebrating Their Service” traveling women veteran artist exhibition.

All mediums are welcome, with three submissions allowed per veteran. Submissions are due by August 30, 2022. The art exhibition's starting point will be at the Nebraska Women Veterans Symposium at the Holiday Inn in Kearney on September 24-25, after which it will travel the state (future locations to be announced).

A submission form and additional details are available at veterans.nebraska.gov/womenveterans.

For questions about the exhibition or submitting artwork, please contact Erin Colson, Erin.Colson@va.gov or Troy Muller, TMuller@newcenturyartguild.org.

Medal of Honor Pilot Accounted For From World War II



WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Air Forces Lt. Col. Addison E. Baker, 36, of Chicago, killed during World War II and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, was accounted for April 8, 2022.

In the summer of 1943, Baker was the commander of the 328th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 93rd Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, Baker was piloting a B-24 Liberator bomber during Operation TIDAL WAVE, the largest World War II bombing mission against the oil fields and refineries at Ploiesti, north of Bucharest, Romania. During its bombing run, his plane was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed, but not before he dropped his bombs on the target and avoided crashing into the other B-24s in his formation. Baker's remains were not identified following the crash. Remains that could not be identified were buried as Unknowns in the Hero Section of the Civilian and Military Cemetery of Bolovan, Ploiesti, Prahova, Romania.

Following the war, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), the organization that searched for and recovered fallen American personnel, disinterred all American remains from the Bolovan Cemetery for identification.

The AGRC was unable to identify more than 80 unknowns from Bolovan Cemetery, and those remains were permanently interred at Ardennes American Cemetery and Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, both in Belgium.

In 2017, DPAA began exhuming unknowns believed to be associated with unaccounted-for airmen from Operation TIDAL WAVE losses. These remains were sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for examination and identification.

To identify Baker's remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) and Y chromosome DNA (Y-STR) analysis.

Baker's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Impruneta, Italy, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

The date and location of Baker's funeral have yet to be decided.

Four Vietnam Vets Receive Medals Of Honor



**DEPARTMENT OF
THE AIR FORCE**



**DEPARTMENT OF
THE NAVY**



**DEPARTMENT OF
THE ARMY**

More than 50 years after their heroic actions, President Joe Biden recognized Staff Sgt. Edward Kaneshiro, Spc. 5 Dwight Birdwell, Spc. 5 Dennis Fujii and retired Maj. John Duffy with the nation's highest award for valor July 5th, 2022 at the White House.

Kaneshiro was honored posthumously.

All four men had previously received awards for their actions in Vietnam—Kaneshiro, Fujii and Duffy received the Distinguished Service Cross, while Birdwell was awarded the Silver Star.

The upgrades are the result of extensive reviews of past valor awards to determine if a soldier's actions merit a higher award. Additionally, the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act included a provision waiving the time limit that requires the medals be awarded within five years of the combat action for Kaneshiro and Fujii.

(Medal Of Honor – Continued)

Staff Sgt. Edward Kaneshiro

On Dec. 1, 1966, Kaneshiro was an infantry squad leader with the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, on a search and destroy mission near Phu Huu 2 in Vietnam's Kim Son Valley.

Two squads of soldiers entered a village that they didn't know was heavily fortified and garrisoned by a much larger force of North Vietnamese troops, according to the citation accompanying his Distinguished Service Cross.

The enemy opened fire, killing the platoon leader and point man, wounding four others and pinning down the rest.

Kaneshiro and his men moved to the gunfire. Quickly assessing the situation, Kaneshiro crawled forward alone to attack a fully bunkered and concealed trench system the enemy was using to attack the soldiers.

Using grenades and his rifle, Kaneshiro silenced an enemy machine gunner and jumped into the trench to clear it, the citation says. "Over the distance of about 35 meters, he worked the ditch alone, destroying one enemy group with M-16 fire and two others with grenade fires," the citation says.

His assault enabled his fellow soldiers to fall back, move the dead and wounded and reorganize, the citation says. He died on March 6, 1967, from a hostile gunshot wound while serving in Vietnam, according to the White House.

(Medal Of Honor – Continued)

Spc. 5 Dwight Birdwell

A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Birdwell was serving with the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, on Jan. 31, 1968, when a large enemy force attacked the Tan Son Nhut Airbase near Saigon, Vietnam, according to the White House.

Enemy fighters disabled or destroyed many of the unit's vehicles and incapacitated Birdwell's tank commander. Under heavy enemy fire, Birdwell moved the tank commander to safety and fired the tank's weapons at the enemy, according to the White House.

After running out of ammunition, he jumped out of the tank, grabbed an M60 machine gun and continued fighting until he was wounded in his face and torso. Refusing evacuation, Birdwell led a small group of defenders to disrupt the enemy assault until reinforcements arrived, according to the White House.

Birdwell then helped evacuate the wounded until he was ordered to seek medical attention for his own wounds.

He received the Silver Star for his actions on that day. In all, he would earn two Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts during his time in Vietnam, according to the Oklahoma History Center.

He was honorably discharged on Dec. 29, 1968, and today practices law in Oklahoma City.

Receiving the Medal of Honor is "a bit overwhelming," Birdwell told the *Washington Post*.

He also told the newspaper that he still replays the battle in his mind.

"I also think quite a bit about the bullets whizzing by me," he said, according to the *Post*. "I can still hear that unique sound they make. It's a bit terrifying. It stays with you."

(Medal Of Honor – Continued)

Spc. 5 Dennis Fujii

Fujii is being honored for his actions while serving as a crew chief aboard a helicopter ambulance with the 67th Medical Group during rescue operations in Laos and Vietnam from Feb. 18–22, 1971, according to the White House.

On Feb. 18, 1971, Fujii and his team were tasked with evacuating seriously wounded Vietnamese soldiers from a “raging battlefield” in Laos, according to the citation accompanying his Distinguished Service Cross.

As the helicopter approached, it came under heavy enemy fire and crashed. A second American helicopter landed near the wreckage and extracted all the downed crewmen except for a wounded Fujii, who was unable to board because of the intense enemy fire directed at him, the citation says.

Although injured, he waved off the other helicopter and remained behind as the only American on the battlefield, according to the White House.

During the night and throughout the next day, Fujii disregarded his own wounds and tended to the allied casualties. The next night, the allied perimeter came under another fierce assault. Fujii got a radio transmitter and called in American gunships to help repel the attack.

For more than 17 hours, he repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire as he left the security of his entrenchment to better observe enemy troop positions and to direct air strikes against them until an American helicopter could attempt to airlift him from the area, according to the White House.

When he was finally rescued on Feb. 20, the helicopter he was in came under heavy enemy fire and was forced to crash land at another South Vietnamese Ranger base. Fujii stayed at the camp for two more days until another helicopter could fly him to safety.

Upon completion of his tour, Fujii joined the Army Reserve and today resides in Hawaii, according to the White House.

(Medal Of Honor – Continued)

Maj. John Duffy

Duffy, who served multiple tours in Vietnam in various Special Forces assignments, is being honored for his actions on April 14–15, 1972, while serving as the senior adviser to the South Vietnamese army’s 11th Airborne Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Airborne Division.

Two days earlier, the commander of the 11th Airborne Battalion had been killed, the battalion command post destroyed, and Duffy was twice wounded, but he refused to be evacuated, according to the White House.

Early on April 14, after a failed effort to establish a landing zone for resupply aircraft, Duffy moved close to enemy anti-aircraft positions to call in airstrikes and was wounded again, but he still refused evacuation.

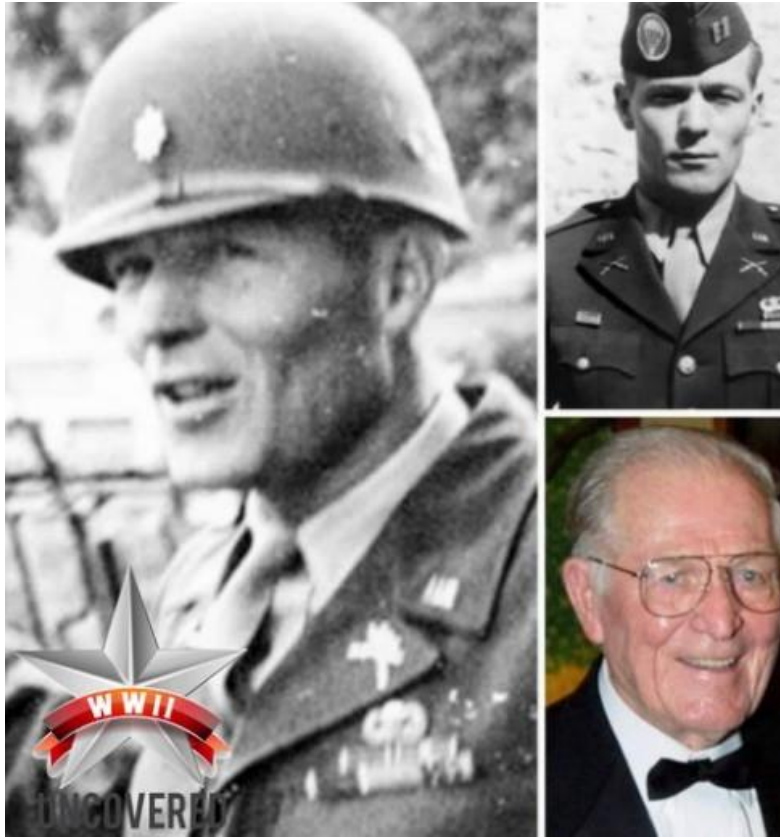
When the enemy launched a ground assault from all sides later that day, Duffy moved from position to position to adjust fire, spot targets for artillery and direct gunship fire, according to the White House. He “ignored the massive small-arms fire as he adjusted gunships and artillery on the advancing enemy formations,” according to his Distinguished Service Cross citation. “When the enemy finally gained control of a portion of the base and advanced to within ten meters of his position, Major Duffy had the supporting gunships make a run directly on him.”

In the early morning of April 15, after an enemy ambush, Duffy led evacuees, many of them seriously wounded, to an evacuation area where he directed gunship fire on enemy positions and marked a landing zone for the helicopters.

Only after ensuring all evacuees were aboard did he board as well, assisting a wounded friendly foreign soldier and administering aid to a wounded helicopter door gunner.

A resident of Santa Cruz, California, Duffy retired from the Army on May 31, 1977, but he remains connected to his fellow soldiers.

Richard "Dick" Winters – "A Band Of Brothers"



Richard "Dick" Winters

Winters enlisted in the US Army on August 25, 1941 in New Cumberland Pennsylvania. He was 23 years old.

According to The Vantage Point Blog: "Dick reported for basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina in 1942. Winters was selected to attend the Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) in Fort Benning, Georgia. Once he completed his time at OCS he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

In the 101st, Richard volunteered for the paratrooper training program and was assigned to Company E, commonly referred to as "Easy Company," of the 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Platoon, where he was made platoon leader.

The regiment was considered experimental at the time as they were part of the first soldiers to be given airborne training. While still in paratrooper training, Richard would receive another promotion, this time to the rank of First Lieutenant and assigned the role of Executive Officer of 1st Platoon. Dick along with the rest of the 101st Airborne Division, was deployed to England in September 1943 to begin preparing for the invasion of Normandy."

(Winters – Continued)

"Eventually, this training was put into action and in the early hours of June 6, 1944, Easy Company was deployed alongside the 82nd and the rest of the 101st Airborne Divisions to commence Operation Overlord and the D-Day invasion."

"During the early moments of this operation, the plane carrying all of Easy Company's leading officers, who made up the Company Headquarters, was shot down, which left Richard, a First Lieutenant, as the acting commanding officer. In the following days, he destroyed a full battery of German howitzers and the platoon that commanded them, as well as acquired key information detailing German defenses at Utah Beach. Richard achieved these feats with only 13 of his men used in the action dubbed, the Brecourt Manor Assault. Richard was recommended for the Medal of Honor and received the Distinguished Service Cross and a promotion to the rank of Captain for his actions. He would go on to fight in Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge. On March 8, 1945, Richard was promoted to the rank of Major."

"After World War II, he stayed in Europe as part of the occupation and demobilization effort even though he had the option of returning home. Dick was later offered a regular commission, as opposed to his reserve commission, but declined and was discharged in January 22, 1946. Upon his return to the US, he would meet and marry Ethel Estoppey. The couple was married on May 16, 1948 in New Jersey and had two children. In 1951, Dick was reactivated by the Army and trained infantry and Army Rangers at Fort Dix, New Jersey for three more years.

In later years Dick Winters and his family relocated to Hershey Pennsylvania. After starting his own business. He retired in 1997.

Major Richard Davis Winters passed away on January 2, 2011 at the age of 92. He lies in rest at the Bergstrasse Cemetery in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. Rest in peace Sir and thank you for a lifetime of service from a grateful nation. Lest We Forget.

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Buddy Check

TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE™

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7PM TO 9PM

Buddy Check

A social gathering of Veterans dedicated to 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.

Lincoln Buddy Check is a casual gathering of Veterans at the Foundry Coffee Shop. This joining together of Veterans is hopefully a way to help reduce veteran suicide and help with mental health thru comradeship. The Veterans Advisory Group will supply soft drinks, coffee, and snacks. This endeavor is supported by an Open-Door Grant from Lincoln Community Foundation

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

LEGION Act

(Name)	(Date of Birth)
(Mailing Address)	(Phone Number)
(City)	(State)
(E-mail)	(Post #)
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <small>(Gender)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> (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"/> Gulf War <input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> Korea <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
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Signature of applicant	Date	Name of recruiter
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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 2022, 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



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Web Site: lincolnpost3.org

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

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

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

