



“For God And Country”
January 2022 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For January 2022 – February 2022

Organization	Location	Time	January	February
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	01/11/22	02/08/22
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	No Meeting	02/08/22
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 South 84th	7:00 PM	01/13/22	02/10/22
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	01/20/22	02/17/22
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	01/18/22	02/15/22
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	01/18/22	02/15/22
8 & 40 Salon 92	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	1:00 PM	No Meeting	02/17/22
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 North 14th	7:00 PM	01/22/22	02/22/22
VA Coffeehaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	01/21/22	02/18/22

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

Happy New Year to you and yours.

As the new year approaches, new opportunities emerge.

At the annual Honor Guard Christmas dinner, Fred Chrastil announced that he was stepping down as the Post 3 Honor Guard Commander at the end of the year. He would, however, remain a member of the Honor Guard.

Fred has been a loyal member of the Honor Guard for 13 years and its Commander for the last 11 years. We will certainly miss his knowledge, leadership, and devotion to duty. As Fred steps down from his duties, a new Commander needed to be appointed.

In a meeting with Post 3 leadership, it was decided that I should become the interim Post 3 Honor Guard Commander and serve as such until my term of duty as Post 3 Commander is completed. At that time, the newly elected Post 3 Commander could appoint a permanent Honor Guard Commander.

As a result, effective January 1st, I will assume the duties as the interim Post 3 Honor Guard Commander.

You might ask, "Who are the Post 3 Honor Guard members and what do they do?" The Honor Guard is made up of 18 dedicated, patriotic, American Legion members who range in age from a 91-year-old Korean War Veteran to a 41-year-old veteran who served in the Global War on Terror. However, the average age of its members is 78 years old.

The Honor Guard's primary responsibility is to augment the Military Honors teams in rendering "Honors" to deceased military veterans. Under federal law, the Department of Defense is responsible for providing military funeral "Honors" to eligible veterans when asked to do so. It requires an Honor Guard detail of at least two uniformed (currently serving) military persons (at least one from the veteran's parent service) and a bugler, if available. There must also be the playing of Taps, folding of the U.S. flag, and presentation of the flag to the veteran's family.

The military Honor Guard detail may be augmented with volunteers who are military veterans, including retirees; members of veterans' service organizations (e.g., the American Legion); or other approved organizations. This augmentation (Post 3 Honor Guard) includes the 3 shot volley and the playing of "Taps" by a live bugler supplied by the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

If the family of a deceased veteran can't locate the veteran's discharge papers, (DD214), the military "Honors" teams are not authorized to perform the honor ceremony. In that case, if requested, your Post 3 Honor Guard team will fold and present the Flag to the next of kin, perform the 3 shot volley and play "Taps" by a live bugler.

(Commander's Call – Continued)

The Honor Guard is also available to participate in patriotic civic functions. Patriotic functions could be a Flag raising, a school visit, talks to students or other organizations, or possibly a visit to a retirement home to honor veterans living there.

I am using this forum to offer more men and women the opportunity to join our Honor Guard. In an average year, we will perform 150-175 military funerals and attend 25-50 civic functions. Your uniform will be furnished with the exception of the Legion cap. We cover the most basic manual of arms. We use the M1 Garand rifles for the 3 shot volley and Springfield '03 rifles for Flag guard rifles. The average funeral will take 2 hours of your time and we will render "Honors" in all kinds of weather. You would not be required to do every funeral – only those for which you are able or available.

As stated earlier, the average age of our members is 78 years. How much longer these men will be able to help with "Honors" is uncertain. Wouldn't it be a shame if these "Oldtimers" were not replaced as they step down and the Honor Guard should disappear? We need to make sure that never happens.

If you are interested in joining the Honor Guard, contact me, Gerry Wolf, @ 402-417-8230 or Gerrywolf@aol.com or call our office 402-466-3958, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-12:00.

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf
Post 3 Commander



Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



Happy New Year!

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have renewed for 2022. As of today, 30 December 2021, we had 1051 paid for 2022. This is about 24 short of our next goal of 80%.

If you have sent in your 2022 dues payment and have not received your 2022 card, please call, and let us know. This is the only way we know that you have not received your 2022 card. Mail does get damaged, or missed directed, so please let us know if you do not receive a 2022 membership card.

National will be mailing out the next renewal notice about January 8th. If you paid your dues during December, chances are that you may receive a notice due to lag time in processing between Post 3/Department and National. Again, if you know you have paid your 2022 dues, just throw the notice away. We do our best to process dues received in the Post 3 office daily and forwarded to the Department to meet the cut off dates set by National.

Thanks again for renewing with POST 3 and The American Legion.

Eleven dollars of your dues goes to Post 3 which 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.

“Where is your DD214 or Discharge Papers?” And does your family know where to find them? We keep getting requests for Military Honors, but without the DD214, active military personal are not able to carry out your request, as they must have a copy of your DD214.

NOW is the time to be sure that your family knows your wishes. You can help your loved ones with your request for Military Honors by doing some simple things now. If you desire Military Honors during your memorial service, you need to talk with your family, so they know your wishes. Your DD214 or discharge papers, are the key piece in requesting Military Honors that are provided by DOD personal. You can find answers to many of your questions on the VA's web site. The VA's site will help with requesting a VA grave head stone, how to request burial in a National Cemetery, etc. Feel free to call the office for assistance with this effort.

We look forward seeing you at the Post 3 meeting on the 11th of January 2022.

Ed Schnabel,
Adjutant

LINCOLN CBOC/VA NEWS



Covid 19 Update: VA is requiring the use of masks. They are requiring the blue paper masks, no cloth masks. They will provide a mask for you. They are also giving Covid and Flu shots

I need to thank those who were very generous with their gifts to our fellow veterans this Christmas season. Volunteer services were able to give gift cards to over 150 veterans who had requested them for themselves and their families.

FLU shots. If you have a doctor appointment, you should be able to request a flu shot during your visit. Walk IN's Again, dates and times will vary by the Clinic you go to for your VA care.

Just a note, if you have old meds you would like to get rid of, you can now drop them off in the Pharmacy waiting area. There is a locked BLUE drop box where you can deposit your old, out of date meds. Get them out of you homes and keep out of our kid's hands.

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

The process is done by video computer link. Ask any VA clerk and they will show you where the room is for this video computer link.

You can also get help to enroll in the VA system, etc. by using this computer link.

Waiting areas, two on the main floor and two on the second floor have NEW NAMES. They are named Reception Area A or Reception Area B. Reception Area A is to the left and Area B is to the right of the main entrance.

The nurse/staff will come to the reception areas and call you by your name. Try and be in the reception area about 15 minutes prior to your appointment time.

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

Buddy Check is on the 22nd of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Foundry, 14th and P Street downtown. Come and meet with your fellow veterans for free food and a drink.

Lastly, if you would like to make calls to veterans, the VA has a new program, **Compassionate Contact Care Volunteer Program**. This would involve calling or receiving calls to talk with veterans. Details are still being worked out. This is another way to volunteer, but you will have to come to a clinic or hospital to do so.

Remember, the VA will only to 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, just need to be enrolled in the VA Health Care System.

Funding is based on foreseen needs, not current needs. Thus, we need to talk with our fellow veterans to be sure they are enrolled in the VA system. There are many veterans who could receive medical service but have never signed up for this benefit of our service. Again, it is the old story, use them or lose them.

Thanks for your service,

Ed Schnabel
Lincoln VAG member (Veteran Advisory Group)

Lincoln VA American Legion Representative for Nebraska

Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks



**Happy New Year Greetings to Riders and Friends,
Well, the holidays are behind us, the days are getting longer (a minute or two each day, but I will take it), and riding season is just around the corner (well, three or so months, but...).**

For the business part of our December meeting, we held elections. I am happy to announce the election results here:

- Director - Bruce Gubser**
- Assistant Director - Neil Larson**
- Secretary - Mike Streeter**
- Treasurer - Dave Dietz**
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Robert Underwood**

I have also asked Glen Masek, and he agreed, to continue to serve in the appointed role of Chaplain. Installation of the 2022 officers will happen at the January meeting, on 20 January, at the Denton Legion Club, dinner at 1800, meeting at 1900.

For the fun part of our meeting, we did a white elephant/Chinese auction gift exchange. Those wanting to participate brought a wrapped gift and put their name in a hat. Names were drawn. The first person chose a gift and unwrapped it. The second person could either steal the previous gift or choose a new one and unwrap it. The third person could either steal any other previous gift or choose a new one, and so on until all gifts were opened. We had some crafty stealers of gifts, and everyone had a good time.

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

Bruce

The Chaplain's Remarks



What is it that happens daily, appears invisible, yet is very integral to every citizen's sense of well-being? I'd probably call it...oh...something like...it's related to ah...say...freedom to realize one's importance in the scheme of things. Get it? No? Well...it's just that ole standby some people call...balance...reciprocity...justice.

So, how does the notion of justice become a partner with the likes of freedom, importance, and value? Justice contains these and other virtues relative to maintaining a sense of order when chaos appears to abound. All organizations, businesses, and or governments must attain to a similar array of order if their avowed projects are to continue, let alone exist.

Considering all other forms of people-gatherings, justice helps maintain a balance between what should be done, and what needs to be done to restore that balance. Without balance, or the fulcrum of justice, chaos reigns supreme, with no accountability or other efforts to keep things working efficiently and effectively.

**Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Post 3 Chaplain**

Message From the 40&8 Chef de Gare



What is The Forty and Eight?

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

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

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

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

While membership in the 40/8 is still by invitation, you are encouraged to talk to any local voyageur (member of the 40/8) and express your interest in becoming a member. You do need to be a veteran or active-duty serviceperson of good reputation, and you will need a current member to vouch for you and submit a nomination for you.

After your nomination has been approved by the membership and you are “wrecked” or sworn in --- as is more prevalent now --- you will be a member of what can be described as The Honor Society Of American Veterans.

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Wade Graft
Chef de Gare
Voiture 103

Steve Bartos
Correspondent
Voiture 103

Post 3 Honor Guard



In the month of December, the Honor Guard rendered “Honors” at 9 Legion funerals and was asked to assist at 2 VFW funerals. Members of the Honor Guard also participated in the Annual Wreaths Across America at Wyuka Cemetery on December 18th. In calendar year 2021, the Honor Guard has rendered “Honors” at 163 combined funerals and appeared at 32 civic functions.

Post 3 TAPS - December 2021



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Eugene C. Hartz	Vietnam	Army	48
Eugene D. Horner	Korea	Army	53
James E. Risor	Vietnam	USAF	8
Dan R. Sutton	Vietnam	Army	27

In 2021, Post 3 lost 85 members to Post Everlasting.

Comments from the Department Membership Chairman



A renewal notice will be mailed from the national headquarters about January 7th to all members who haven't renewed for 2022 ---- and to those who did renew after the first or second week of December. The 75% target date was moved from the 8th to the 15th, but I don't know if the extract date for the upcoming dues notices was moved as well. I think the extract dates are usually set in stone --- regardless of the target date being extended.

Members with dues still unpaid are encouraged to pay promptly --- either by mail or on-line. (We're actually getting quite a few on-line renewals the last week or so. I hope it keeps up.)

As of this writing, our Post 3 records show us with 1051 paid for 2022 ----- a hair over 78%. We need 24 more to make the 80% target date, which falls just before Mid-Year Conference. I suspect --- and hope --- we'll get a little up-tick from those members who routinely pay their dues after January 1.

It might also be a good time to take a look at the administrative Headquarters Post 500 Legionnaires. There are still a 100 or so in the Lincoln area who haven't renewed for 2022, and they would be good candidates to renew and transfer their membership to Post 3. There's also about the same number of Post 500 members who have renewed for 2022. No cost at all, of course, for those paid members who just want to transfer. They all are certainly welcome to become members of Lincoln Post 3.

Happy New Year!!

Steve Bartos
Department Membership Chairman

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM
December 14, 2021**

Commander Gerry Wolf opened the December 14, 2021 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with about 20 Legionnaires present. The meeting was also being made available on Zoom.

Steve Bartos read the minutes of the November 14, 2021 meeting; and they were approved pending a minor correction detected by Bartos after they were read (struck a line that was a carryover from the previous month's minutes).

Adjutant / Finance Officer Ed Schnabel gave the financial report for the month ending November 30, 2021 showing a balance on hand of \$50,582.52. The report was filed for review.

Commander Wolf recognized a new Post 3 member, Ed Saffold. He indicated he had been a member of the American Legion in several states, was a former member of the 101st Airborne, and worked for the Detroit police department at one time.

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

Riders Director Bruce Gubser reported for the American Legion Riders. Bruce indicated that the chapter had held their December meeting / Christmas party last Saturday and elected new officers for the coming year. Bruce said he had been elected to serve another term as director. Bruce also said that the Riders had donated \$750 to the "Giving Tree" at the VA CBOC. He said that requests for help were up considerably this year.

Dr. Jackson gave a brief Americanism report.

Vice Commander Hindmand reported on Bellringers. He said that 34 Post 3 Family members covered several locations for a total of 36 hours over several days. The Salvation Army reported that the effort yielded a little more than \$2200.

SAL Squadron 3 Commander Brendan Moore reported that the squadron was at 93% of their membership goal.

In regard to publicity, Bartos asked that any and all articles and pictures are welcome for the *Lincoln Legionnaire*. The *Lincoln Legionnaire* is usually short of copy, and it would be better to have plenty of material to choose from. He indicated that while the post's email newsletter is excellent, there are members who don't have email. Steve said he had no problem putting things in the paper that may have already appeared in the electronic newsletter.

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In regard to Cornhusker Boys State, Bartos reported he would start working on that soon. Steve explained how Post 3 enlists the help of a number of donors and the counsellors in the high schools to get as many boys to attend as we can.

In Wade Graft's absence, Bartos reported for Voiture 103 of the 40/8. The annual Christmas Party will be next Tuesday at the Elks. Reservations confirmed with payment are due this week. Anyone with raffle ticket stubs and money needs to make sure they get turned in prior to or at the party.

Commander Wolf read Wes Newton's POW / MIA report. Gerry clarified that Wes' guard unit was on duty at the California-Mexico border --- not the Texas-Mexico border.

Commander Wolf reported for the Honor Guard and detailed the number of funerals and events in which the group participated this year.

Ed Muggy explained the Elks Lodge 80 Calendar Raffle and indicated he had \$10 entries for sale.

Vice Commander Gubser spoke again on the subject of the "Giving Tree" at the VA CBOC. He offered a motion that Post 3 support the effort. Finance Officer Schnabel, during discussion, indicated that the post could donate \$250; and Jack Sibert offered an amendment to the original motion that the donation be for \$250. The motion to amend was adopted, and the amended original motion was then also adopted.

Commander Wolf announced that at their recent Christmas Party, Honor Guard Commander Fred Chrastil announced his resignation as squad commander. He does intend, however, to stay on the squad. Gerry indicated that he was willing and able to assume Fred's duties on an interim basis and would leave it up to the next commander to appoint a permanent commander.

Mention was made of the upcoming Coffeehaus and Buddy Check. It was also reported that there would be a placing of Wreaths Across America at Wyuka at 1100 on Saturday, December 18th. There will be no formal ceremony of any kind.

Membership was reported as 1104 --- 74.7% of goal.

Chaplain Jackson read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:45 PM.

Steve Bartos, Recorder

Other Noteworthy Events



Each year the Veterans Affairs clinic in Lincoln hosts a "Giving Tree" during the Christmas season where veterans-in-need can hang a request for something that will enhance the quality of their life. Requests are typically for items such as warm coats, warm socks, warm clothing, etc. In a "normal" year, there are around 50 requests. This year there were over 150 requests. At the Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders December meeting and Christmas party, the ALR members voted to donate \$750 to help meet the needs of those requests. Several members also donated privately. Shown in the picture is Chapter 3 ALR Secretary Mike Streeter presenting a check to Linda Varejcka at the VA clinic.

For God and Country,

Bruce Gubser
Director, Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders



Each year at our annual Christmas party we take time to honor an outstanding member of the American Legion and the Forty & Eight. This award is the highest honor that the Forty & Eight can award to one of its own for his or her outstanding contributions to the betterment of the American Legion and Forty & Eight.

This year's recipient of our Annual Distinguished Service Award for a member of Voiture 103 is Jack Sibert, a native Nebraskan. Jack served his country during the Viet Nam War. He is a 12-year member of the American Legion, Lincoln Post #3

and has been a member of Voiture 103 for 6 years. He has been very active with the Post #3 Honor Guard. He is a past Commander of Lincoln Post #3 and past District #15 Vice Commander. He is also the Post #3 Webmaster and received Department recognition for his service as Webmaster.

Pictured above is past Chef de Gare, Fred Craigie (L), and current Chef de Gare, Wade Graft (R), presenting the Voiture 103 Distinguished Service Award to Jack Sibert.

American Legion Post 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Ron and Paula Hindmand



Wade Graft and Gerry Wolf

Post 3 completed its bell ringing for the Salvation Army on 9 December. The Salvation Army representative for Bell Ringing in Lincoln thanked our Post 3 group for Ringing and informed us that our group raised \$ 2,215.81!!! The Salvation Army will be using funds we collected for the distribution of food and toys to those in need in our community.

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

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

Mike Streeter, Ed Muggy, Ron Bevard, Kathy Enlow, William Smisek, Ray Paulson, John Brehm, Mary Brehm, Carl Fitzke, Brad Christian, John Stevens, Lori Gubser, Bruce Gubser, Bill Speilman, Stan Fraas, Barb Skillman, Jeanie Harris, Nancy Vallis, Lynne Wild, Barbara Michail, Shirley Horstman, Carol Nelson, John Ottoson, Dave Timmerman, Brendan Moore, Steve Bartos, Angela Hutchins, John Trayer, Jack Sibert, Rev Dr. William Jackson, Wade Graft, Gerry Wolf, Paula Hindmand, Ron Hindmand

**Ron Hindmand
Bellringing Chairman**

Wreaths Across America 2021



On a cold and windy December 18th morning, members of the American Legion joined forces with a large group of volunteers to lay wreaths on the graves of deceased soldiers in Wyuka Cemetery during the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony. This year, there was no formal ceremony as in years past.

Pictured above:

Top left: Wreaths for POW/MIA's and all Branches of the Service.

Top right: Old Soldiers Circle.

Bottom left: Post 3 Commander, Gerry Wolf, VFW Post 131 Commander, Tony Anton, Department Commander, Dan Benes, Department Senior Vice Commander, Don Suchy, Past Post 3 Vice Commander, Pam Umphenour, Past Post 3 Commander, Dave Timmerman, Post 3 Adjutant, Ed Schnabel.

Bottom right: New Soldier's Circle

Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Rowland, J.)

WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Army Pfc. Jimmy Rowland, 19, of Baldwin, Mississippi, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Nov. 5, 2021.

In July 1950, Rowland was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 16 while fighting North Korean forces along the Kum River north of Taejon, South Korea. He was never found, nor were any remains recovered that could be identified as Rowland. He was declared non-recoverable in January 1956.

In February 1951, four sets of remains were recovered at the foot of a bridge west of the Seoul-Taejon main supply route and south of Taepyong-ni. Three of the individuals were identified as casualties from the 19th Inf. Reg., but the fourth was unable to be identified. Those remains were designated Unknown X-418 Tanggok and were later transported with all of the unidentified Korean War remains and buried as Unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In July 2018, DPAA historians and anthropologists proposed a plan to disinter and identify the 652 Korean War unknown burials from the Punchbowl. X-418 was disinterred March 4, 2019, as part of Phase 1 of the Korean War Identification Project and transferred to the DPAA Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

To identify Rowland'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.

Rowland's name is recorded on the American Battle Monument Commission's 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.

Rowland will be buried Jan. 15, 2022, in his hometown.

Medal Of Honor Recipient - War on Terrorism (Afghanistan)



Staff Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee distinguished himself by acts of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty on August 28th, 2013, while serving as a weapons sergeant, C company, 4th Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) in support of Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Plumlee instantly responded to an enemy attack on Forward Operating Base Ghazni—Ghazni Province, Afghanistan—that began with an explosion that tore a 60-foot breach in the base’s perimeter wall. Ten insurgents wearing Afghan National Army uniforms and suicide vests poured through the breach. Sergeant Plumlee and five others mounted two vehicles and raced toward the explosion. When his vehicle was engaged by enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee reacted instinctively, using his body to shield the driver prior to exiting the vehicle and engaging an enemy insurgent 15 meters to the vehicle’s right with his pistol.

Without cover and in complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced on the enemy, engaging multiple insurgents with only his pistol. Upon reaching cover, he killed two insurgents—one with a grenade and the other by detonating the insurgent’s suicide vest using precision sniper fire. Again, disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Plumlee advanced alone against the enemy, engaging several insurgents at close range, including one whose suicide vest exploded a mere seven meters from his position. Under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee temporarily withdrew to cover, where he joined up with another soldier and, together, they mounted another counterattack.

Under fierce enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee again moved from cover and attacked the enemy forces, advancing within seven meters of a previously wounded insurgent who detonated his suicide vest, blowing Sergeant Plumlee back against a nearby wall. Sergeant Plumlee, ignoring his injuries, quickly regained his faculties and reengaged the enemy forces. Intense enemy fire once again forced the two soldiers to temporarily withdraw.

Undeterred, Sergeant Plumlee joined a small group of American and Polish soldiers, who moved from cover to once again counterattack the infiltrators. As the force advanced, Sergeant Plumlee engaged an insurgent to his front left. He then swung around and engaged another insurgent who charged the group from the rear. The insurgent detonated his suicide vest, mortally wounding a U.S. soldier. Sergeant Plumlee, again, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran to the wounded soldier, carried him to safety, and rendered first aid.

Staff Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee’s extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Special Forces Regiment, and the United States Army.

Presented by President Joseph R. Biden on December 16, 2021 at the White House.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO OUR TROOPS & VETERANS

LINCOLN

Buddy Check

"TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE"

MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

FOUNDRY

211 N. 14TH ST.

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

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) (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 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



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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.

