



“For God And Country”
July 2021 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For July 2021 – August 2021

Organization	Location	Time	July	August
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	07/13/21	No Meeting
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7 PM	No Meeting	No Meeting
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 South 84th	7 PM	07/15/21	08/19/21
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6 PM	07/15/21	08/19/21
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7 PM	07/20/21	No Meeting
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7 PM	07/20/21	No Meeting
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 N 14 th	7 PM	07/22/21	08/22/21
VA Coffeehaus	Antelope Park Bandshell	10 AM	07/16/21	08/20/21

Commander's Call



Legion Family All.....

August 1st begins a new Legion year. Post 3 will have a new Commander, a new 1st Vice Commander and a new 2nd Vice Commander. We will also have a new National Executive Committee member. I know these outstanding Legionnaires will bring experience, leadership, new ideas, and a commitment to the American Legion and Post 3 with them in their new assignments. Please give them your support, they deserve it. Post 3 deserves your support as well. We have been operating at a stage 3 1/2 level for the last year and I expect the performance of our new officers will move us into the full stage 4 level early into their first year. Make a commitment to submit your ideas, suggestions, and questions to them. They want to hear from you.

I want to thank you all for your support this past year. We have started a number of new programs and supported veterans and their families in the Lincoln area.

Although we added many new veterans to our Post 3 Roster, Post Everlasting has been winning this tug of war. I believe 12 Post 3 members died this past month alone. What can you do to turn this trend around? Here's a suggestion, make your personal commitment to ask one of your family members, a friend or a complete stranger these questions:

- 1. Have you ever served in the military?**
- 2. If you have, do you belong to the American Legion?**
- 3. If you don't belong, would you please consider joining Lincoln Post 3?**
- 4. Do you know what Post 3 does?**
- 5. Do you know what Post 3 does with your dues?**
- 6. Have you ever visited the Post 3 website?**
- 7. Did you know how hard Post 3 works to earn your support?**
- 8. Will you join us in serving veterans and their families?**

Thanks again for all your support of me as the Post 3 Commander this past year. It has been a complete privilege and honor. I am very grateful to you all.

Respectfully,

Wade Graft

Post 3 Commander

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Adjutant's Report



-The Department of Nebraska held their 103rd State Convention, June 24-27, 2021. Post 3's Honor Guard was called upon to present the Colors and perform the Post Everlasting Ceremony. They did an outstanding job, which was noticed by the current and past Department Leadership. Thanks to all those who answered the call to serve not only Post 3, but our fellow veterans of Nebraska.

July is the start of 2022 Legion membership renewal period. Be looking for your renewal notices that should arrive during the first part of July. We hope to start processing them as they come in. Depending on mail, it can take up to four or five days for us to receive your payment by mail. Processing can take another five or six days based on the number received each day. It will be mid to late July before you will receive your 2022 membership card in the mail. Again, Thank You for being a member of Post 3 and for your service to this Great Country.

Where is your DD214 or Discharge Papers? And does your family know where to find it? This would a great time to track it down if you are not sure where you have filed it. 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.

Two pieces of legislation that will influence our military family. Legislative bills #387 and #64 (taxation of military and social security benefits).

The Nebraska Legislature passed the two bills dealing with taxation of Military Retirement pay and Social Security benefits and were signed in law by Governor Ricketts. Every little bit helps make Nebraska more tax friendly for our veterans.

If by chance you renewed for 2021 and never received your 2021 membership card, please let the office know. Items do get lost or damaged in the mail, so please call, and let us know and we will see that you are paid for 202 and get a membership card to you.

Have a great summer and stay safe out there as you enjoy getting out of the house for a change and Happy 245th Birthday, America!

Again, thanks to all those who have served.

**Ed Schnabel
Adjutant**

LINCOLN CBOC/VA NEWS

(Safety)



The new Lincoln Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), just south of 70th and O streets.

The VA is still giving covid shots. NOTE: To receive a shot from the VA you must be enrolled in the VA Health Care System. The VA sent out a message on their VA Web Site that they are now giving shots to partners of veterans. If you get care from the VA Health Care System, then you are enrolled.

For those who do not currently use NWI (Nebraska Western Iowa) Health Care System, Omaha VA Hospital or the local CBOC's: you can call 404-828-5257 to check if you are enrolled and enroll if you are not currently enrolled to receive VA Health services. They request that you use the VA Facebook or the VA web site to request an appointment. The VA will call you back to make the appointment with you. They are now taking walk ins, but it is best to call first for an appointment. Shots are only being given to the veteran and those who are enrolled as a Veteran Care Giver with the VA.

Remember to bring your VA ID card. You are required to check in for your appointment on the Kiosk, you will need your VA ID card or your FULL SSA number. When checking in, it will print off your appointments, in small print it tells you which waiting area to wait in. Staff will come out to the waiting areas and escort you to your appointments.

Waiting areas, two on the mail 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.

For those who are required to make a Copay: If you made a payment to the VA during the last 9 months of 2020, you should receive a refund. The VA sent out notices of the refund and any amount due you. If you have not received a notice and made payments, I would call the VA to check the status of your account.

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. They, 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 need, 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.

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



Greetings Riders and Friends,

The 2021 riding season is in full swing. Your American Legion Riders are riding. This year, we will be attending a number of parades, after having had so many parades cancelled last year during the scourge known as Covid-19. Thankfully, many communities are moving ahead with their July 4th activities and other community celebrations, and we are happy to be able to represent the American Legion Family at these events. Next month, we will share some pictures of our various activities.

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

**Bruce Gubser
Director
Lincoln (Nebraska) Chapter 3
American Legion Riders**



The Chaplain's Remarks



(Safety)

**Rev. Dr. William Jackson
AL NE Department Chaplain**

When is the moon not so bright, the sun not shining so harshly, or the days appearing to drag on endlessly with no distinction or specialty? Have you ever been taken so completely by surprise by what you thought you knew that you felt yourself...well...not feeling so good...in your soul, body, and spirit...while searching for some kind of respite (1 Peter 5:7)?

The Coming Darkness, or the growing awareness of Satan's lackeys trying to subvert our nominally American Christian following, is happening right now (1 Peter 5:8). The Adversary's ways become more evident, especially to the everyday person, so that there is no excuse NOT to be aware of the Devil's plan unfolding (Revelation 12:9). But how does all this help YOU to not only confront mankind's spiritual nemesis, but to make a strike for freedom from his evil influences? It starts with Jesus Himself, as prophesied in the Bible's Old Testament known as the *Protoevangelium*, Greek, for first Gospel (Genesis 3:15).

We are in a spiritual battle. Due to its namesake, it's a fight that's unlike our collective U.S. Armed Forces war experiences have prepared us to confront. Some disciples of Christ have yet to admit that they are in a battle far beyond their individual capability. They are being deceived by Satan. Remember: it works for the Devil's benefit that we think of him as a red-suited, two-horned, pitch-forked tail being of horror and repulsion. On the contrary, Satan IS an Archangel of light whose name is Lucifer (2 Corinthians 11:14-15). He uses humankind's failure to truly recognize their arch enemy for what and who he really is to his advantage. When will those on the sidelines finally wake up to Satan's deceit and treachery (Psalm 101:7)?

Let's armor up and get on with the battle that God is preparing all of us to do. It starts with studying His "lock-n-load" to "rock-n-roll" anthem penned in Ephesians 6:10-18. God's armor has no faults, dents, or piercings from Satan's fiery darts (Ephesians 6:16). What are you waiting for? It's time to "kick the tires" and "light the fires" for a whale of an adventure following God into battle against Satan. And guess who wins EVERY time, hhhhuuummm....? God!

Post 3 Honor Guard



In the month of June, the Honor Guard rendered “Honors” at 11 Legion funerals and was asked to assist at 3 VFW funerals. They also appeared at 7 civic functions. In calendar year 2021, the Honor Guard rendered “Honors” at 84 combined funerals and appeared at 17 civic functions.

Make sure you fly your American Flag high and proudly on Sunday, July 4, America’s 245th Birthday. Please remember to celebrate our Nation’s Independence Day responsibly and with respect!

JUNE 2021 TAPS



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Dean K. Barnell	Korea	USAF	47
Owen L. Doty	Korea	Navy	44
Robert S. Hall	WW II	Army	60
Frank Hlavica	WW II	Army	55
Alan R. Metzger	Vietnam	Army	34
Robert E. Orshek	WW II	Army	52
Steven Packard	Vietnam	Army	35
Leslie A. Roberts	Korea	USAF	44
Arthur R. Rockel	Vietnam	Army	10
Steven Songster	Vietnam	USAF	2
Thomas J. Soukup	Korea	Army	20
Raymond G. White	Korea	Army	39

Sad but true! – Littlest Angels



We are starting to possibly see the end of Covid. Many of us have had our shots and resumed somewhat of a normal life again. Without a doubt we all have known someone who was infected and recovered or passed due to the illness. Memorial Day has passed with many of us returning to cemeteries to place flowers on our loved one's graves. What if you had a child pass at birth or at a young age and was buried without a headstone to mark their final resting place? Without a doubt that would be a very depressing moment. This is a Sad and True story.

Mary Spencer, Director of the Historical Board Wyuka Cemetery Foundation, was a guest speaker at our June Meeting. She gave a summary of the history of Wyuka. It was established in 1869 as both a cemetery and park by state legislation. That legislation provided free burial for state wards, indigents, and orphans from birth to the age of 18. The first child was buried in 1870. Today there are 2,800 children buried at Wyuka that don't have headstones. The funeral home wasn't established until 1999. Prior to that time only a plot and service were provided; headstones were not provided. The infant was buried in a plot and only marked by a numbered cement cone. Most of the children were buried between 1870-1920. Cause of death in many cases was the Spanish flu, polio, pneumonia, and, saddest of all, starvation. Poverty or lack of a family often meant a marker wasn't purchased.

It's unthinkable that police officers during this time would routinely bring in a child that had starved on the streets of Lincoln.

Littlest Angels is a project that Mary Spencer and friends are trying to rectify. This project endeavors to place a headstone on all graves. Each child must be identified through extensive research. Headstones would have the name, birth date and death date along with two angels. Children whose records are not found would have "unknown child" on the headstone. At this time 2,150 have been named with no headstone. Each headstone costs \$250. Many headstones have already been placed in Section 28.

So what can we do to help this project? One of four pillars that the Legion supports is Children and Youth. Post 3 has decided to help support this project in any way we can. We have contacted the Ladies Auxiliary, and other organizations, to help support this noble cause. At this time, we will purchase one headstone and place this on our yearly budget to purchase more. If you are able and want to help out, please contact Post 3. We will make sure all funds go to Mary. If you belong to other organizations, please let your members know of this project. Small babies should not be forgotten.

Jack Sibert

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM
June 8, 2021.**

**Commander Wade Graft opened the June 8,
2021 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00
PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 22
Legionnaires and guests present. The meeting
was being made available on Zoom.**

**The meeting was recessed, and members of the
Elks and Auxiliary Unit 3 joined the group to
hear the evening's guest speaker. Introduced
was Mary Spencer and her husband, Lorre.
She explained her role with the Wyuka
Cemetery Foundation and made a presentation
on the history of Wyuka and the 2000+ children
buried there without a headstone. She
described the "Littlest Angels Project" --- which
endeavors to place a stone on all of those
graves --- and invited any kind of support she
can get to keep the project going. Mrs.
Spencer was excused.**

**Steve Bartos read the minutes of the May 11,
2021 meeting.**

**Ed Schnabel gave the financial report for the
month showing a balance on hand of
\$39,432.42. The report was filed for review.**

**47-year member and first-time attendee Marvin
Williams was introduced and made a few
remarks about his time in the service.**

**Several new members or guests were asked to
introduce themselves, and they made a few
remarks. Veterans of the various war eras were
asked to stand and be recognized.**

**Ed Schnabel reported Post 3 membership as
1325.**

**Bruce Gubser reported for the Legion Riders.
The Poker Run had 15 Riders playing 42 hands,
almost \$800 was raised. The Riders will meet
on the 17th. Bruce indicated that the parade
season had started.**

**Bruce also reported on the Birthday Card
Program for the senior living centers.**

**Fred Chrastil reported for the Memorial Squad.
He indicated that the team has been preparing
for the Department Convention and that they
had put in a long day attending a number of
events on Memorial Day.**

**Fred Craigie reported for the SAL. He indicated
that they would be meeting at the Post 3
business office on the 17th and were planning to
move their meeting night back to the 2nd
Thursday in the near future.**

Wes Newton gave the POW/MIA report.

**Since there were no contested positions, Fred
Craigie moved that the Adjutant be instructed to
cast 1 vote for each candidate for office
representing the entire membership present.
The motion was unanimously approved, and the
Adjutant submitted a ballot representing the
unanimous election of officers.**

Elected were:

Commander --- Gerry Wolf

1st Vice Commander --- Bruce Gubser

2nd Vice Commander --- Ronnie Hindmand

**3-Year Term on Post Executive Committee ---
Fred Craigie**

**Commander Graft announce that the Elks were
doing a flag / flagpole dedication on June 12th at
2:00. All are invited.**

**The Commander mentioned an incident in Ohio
on Memorial Day involving some inappropriate
action taken by a local post at their Memorial
Day services. He indicated that the national
organization plans to impose sanctions.**

**It was announced that the Veterans Music
Festival would take place on the VA Clinic
grounds this coming weekend.**

**Chaplain Jackson read TAPS and the meeting
was closed at about 8:00 PM.**

Steve Bartos, Recorder

Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

Following the recommendations of the national and state organizations, Post 3 is moving forward with plans to file Articles of Incorporation. As a precursor to incorporation, the post is updating its Constitution and Bylaws.

Over the years, the original Constitution and Bylaws have become outdated, and documentation for a number of revisions and amendments have been lost. As a result, the two documents have essentially been refreshed as new documents.

The proposed changes will be officially presented to the membership at the July 13th meeting and laid over. They will then be discussed, amended if necessary, and voted upon at the September 14th meeting. (There is no meeting in August.)

A copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws have been posted on the Post 3 website, (<https://lincolnpost3.org>), and included in this newsletter for your review.

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PROPOSED

REVISED AND AMMENDED CONSTITUTION OF LINCOLN AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CONFORMANCE WITH NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Any and all provisions or prohibitions affecting Lincoln American Legion Post 3 or its members contained in the National Constitution of The American Legion, as the same may from time to time be amended, are by reference made a part of this Constitution.

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to Community, State, and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

(Constitution – Continued)

ARTICLE ONE

NAME

Section 1. The name of this post shall be Lincoln American Legion Post 3, Department of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as Lincoln Post 3 or Post 3.

ARTICLE TWO

NATURE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. Lincoln Post 3 shall be a civilian organization, and membership therein shall not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the American Legion, and no member shall be addressed by his or her military or naval title in any meeting of the American Legion.

Section 2. Post 3 shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office.

Section 3. Post 3 shall be a service organization for veterans and their families and shall, to the extent that it is able,

- (a) actively engage in the rehabilitation of all disabled veterans,**
- (b) take care of the dependents of deceased veterans, and**
- (c) assist those who are unable to provide for their families.**

Furthermore, Post 3 shall participate in educational programs for our youth and serve our community, state, and nation.

ARTICLE THREE

ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Eligibility requirements for membership in Lincoln Post 3 shall be as provided in the National Constitution of the American Legion.

Section 2. (a) There shall be no form or class of membership in Post 3 except an active membership. Dues shall be paid annually or by having purchased an approved permanent membership plan (the retired Department Permanent Membership Plan or the National Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Plan).

(b) A member who has been honored by receiving a Life Membership from Post 3 will have his or her dues paid annually by the post.

(Constitution – Continued)

Section 3. (a) Annual membership in Post 3 shall be for the calendar year January 1 to December 31.

(b) Suspensions for the delinquent payment of dues and reinstatements shall be governed by the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4. No member of Post 3 shall hold membership in any other post.

ARTICLE FOUR

OFFICERS

Section 1. Administration and Executive Committee: The administrative affairs of Lincoln Post 3 shall be accomplished under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of 3 members of the post and the Commander, Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant (if not a salaried employee), Chaplain, and Immediate Past Commander.

Section 2. Officers: (a) The elected officers of Post 3 shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, and 3 At-Large Executive Committee Members.

(b) The appointed officers of this post shall be an Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Post Service Officer.

Section 3. Election of Officers: (a) The elected officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws on the day of the regular meeting next preceding the Annual Department Convention, and shall take office at the first regular meeting following the Department Convention of each year.

(b) (i) The Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Post Service Officer shall be appointed by the Commander subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

(ii) The appointive officers shall not have a vote at the Executive Committee meetings.

(c) All officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly selected and qualified.

(d) Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled as provided in the Bylaws.

(e) Insofar as Lincoln Post 3 is the only post constituting District 15 of the American Legion, Department of Nebraska, a District 15 Commander and District 15 Vice Commander shall be elected for 2-year terms in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Nebraska and the Constitution and Bylaws of Post 3.

(Constitution – Continued)

Section 4. Every member of Post 3 in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the post.

Section 5. The duties of officers and Executive Committee-persons shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or committee-persons and as provided in the By-laws.

Section 6. No officer of Post 3 shall during his or her term of office endorse publicly in his or her official capacity any political candidate or party or any policy of any candidate or party until such policy has been endorsed by the post.

Section 7. No employee of Post 3 shall during his or her term of employment, directly or indirectly, attempt to influence the nomination or election of any individual to an office in this post. Further, no employee shall recommend an individual to an appointive position of Post 3 unless requested to do so by the Post Commander or Executive Committee. Failure to adhere strictly to these provisions may result in termination of employment.

ARTICLE FIVE

DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Post Executive Committee, after receiving a written notice and conducting a hearing, may --- for good cause having been shown --- by a two-thirds vote recommend to the post the removal of any officer or member of the Executive Committee. Such recommendation shall be made at a regular business meeting of the post, and a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required for its adoption.

Section 2. The discipline of members of this post shall be governed by the provisions of Article XIII of the Department of Nebraska Constitution and Article XI of the Department of Nebraska Bylaws.

ARTICLE SIX

FINANCE

Section 1. (a) The revenue of Lincoln Post 3 shall be derived from the payment of annual dues by regular members, from the payment of annual dues by the Department for residual members of the Department's Permanent Membership Plan, from the payment of annual dues by the national organization for members enrolled as Paid-Up-for-Life (PUFL) members, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

(b) The fiscal year for the operation of American Legion Post 3 shall be from August 1 to July 31 of the succeeding year.

(Constitution – Continued)

Section 2. The amount of annual membership dues shall be determined and fixed by the membership.

Section 3. The Commander, Adjutant, and Post Finance Officer shall be required to give good and sufficient bond in such amount as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE SEVEN

AUXILIARIES

Section 1. The eligibility requirements for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders shall be as provided in the National Constitution of the American Legion.

ARTICLE EIGHT

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and the Department of Nebraska Constitution of the American Legion. Any amendment to said National and Department Constitutions which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. (a) This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the post by a two-thirds vote of the members of said post in attendance provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the preceding regular meeting and then submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee of Post 3 for its recommendation to the Executive Committee.

(b) The Post Executive Committee shall then, either with or without their recommendation, report such amendment back to the next regular post meeting for approval or disapproval.

PROPOSED

LINCOLN AMERICAN LEGION POST 3

BYLAWS

REVISED AND AMENDED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

ARTICLE ONE

NAME; NATURE, AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The Post existing under these Bylaws is to be known as Lincoln American Legion Post 3, Department of Nebraska; hereinafter referred to as Lincoln Post 3 or Post 3.

Section 2. The nature and objectives of Post 3 are as set forth in the Constitution.

ARTICLE TWO

GOVERNANCE

Section 1. The government and management of Lincoln Post 3 shall be as provided in Article Four of the Constitution.

Section 2. The election of officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be as provided in Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Section 3. All vacancies occurring in the Executive Committee or in any of the elected offices of Post 3 from any cause other than expiration of term shall be filled by election at a regular Post meeting within thirty (30) days after the creation of such vacancy; and the person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the committee member or officer whom he or she succeeds, provided that in the event of a vacancy of the office of Commander or Vice Commander, the next ranking Vice Commander shall automatically advance to such vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

ARTICLE THREE

ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 1.a. Nominations of candidates for the respective offices may be made in writing signed by a member of the Lincoln Post 3 in good standing, giving the name of the candidate and the office for which he or she is nominated, and shall be filed in the office of Post 3 no later than the regular meeting next preceding the annual election. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the regular meeting next preceding the annual election.

b. The names of those nominated shall be published to the membership in such form and manner as the Executive Committee shall direct.

c. Each candidate to be voted upon must provide the Post 3 Office with satisfactory documentation of his or her military service and/or discharge prior to the election

d. Any candidate who desires to withdraw his or her candidacy must notify the Adjutant in writing or by email prior to the date of the annual election.

e. Prior to the election, the Adjutant will cause the ballots to be prepared, showing the offices to be filled and the names of the candidates therefore.

f. The Post Commander shall cause notice of the annual or any special election to be given at least two weeks prior thereto.

g. When there is a contest for any office or delegate's position, the election shall be by ballot, and every member in good standing is entitled to vote in person.

h. The election shall be under the direction of a commission appointed by the Commander. Such commission shall consist of a chairperson and two to five other members, none of whom shall be a candidate for office in the election which they supervise. The members of said commission shall be responsible to organize the election, deliver and receive ballots, count the ballots, and monitor the election in its entirety to insure a fair election is held.

i. The chairperson and commission shall arrange a convenient place for receiving ballots, and the polls shall be open for voting on the day of the election one hour before the meeting and close no sooner than one hour later, but in time to count the ballots and report the results before the close of the meeting on the day of the election.

(By-Laws – Continued)

j. As soon as practicable after the closing of the polls, the counting board shall report and certify the results to the Post Commander. Prior to such report and certification, no person on said election commission shall disclose, in whole or in part, any of the results of the election.

ARTICLE FOUR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Lincoln Post 3 Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such other business as may come before it at the call of the Post Commander within ten days after the installation of the new officers. Thereafter, the Post Executive Committee shall meet regularly each month at the call of the Commander.

Section 2. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the qualified members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by any qualified member thereof with the joint consent of two additional qualified members. The Post Adjutant shall prepare and mail a notice of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting to all qualified members of the Post Executive Committee. Such a meeting is empowered to transact only such business within its authority as is stated in the written notice of such meeting, provided a quorum is present as provided in Article 4, Section 2 of these Bylaws.

Section 4 The Post Executive Committee shall hire such employees as may be necessary within the limitations of the budget and shall require adequate bonds as provided in Article Six, Section 3 of the Constitution; shall hear the reports of Post committee chairpersons, and generally shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Post.

Section 5. The Post 3 Executive Committee may, by majority vote, bestow upon any individual, whether a member or non-member, any honorary or complimentary title or designation. Such honorary title or designation shall be perpetual unless rescinded by the Executive Committee. Rights carried with such honorary title or designation shall include the right to attend meetings and to speak, but not to make motions or vote, except as provided by the Post 3 Constitution and Bylaws, unless such individual is a regular and duly qualified member of Lincoln American Legion Post 3.

ARTICLE FIVE

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of the Commander: It shall be the duty of the Post Commander to preside at all meetings of the Post and have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post, and such officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Post. The Commander shall be jointly responsible with the Finance Officer for the disbursement of funds and shall countersign all checks disbursing money of the Post, and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post for the year. The Commander shall perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee upon recommendation by Post 3 members.

Section 2.a. Duties of the Vice-Commanders: It shall be the duty of each Vice Commander to discharge such duties as assigned by the Commander. The First Vice Commander shall discharge the duties of the Commander in the absence or disability of the Post Commander.

b. The First Vice-Commander shall perform the duties of the Membership Committee Chairperson unless the Commander appoints another member to perform those duties. The Second Vice-Commander shall perform the duties of Salvation Army Bell Ringers Chairperson unless the Commander appoints another member to perform those duties.

Section 3. Duties of the Post Adjutant: The Adjutant shall have charge and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all Post and Executive Committee meetings, keep such records as the Department and National organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon to do so at a meeting, and under the discretion of the Commander handle all correspondence of the Post except when such duties are otherwise delegated by the Executive Committee. The Adjutant's duties shall be as set out in the approved "Job Description," and he or she shall fully advise and inform the Commander of all activities, routine or otherwise.

Section 4. Duties of Finance Officer: The Finance Officer shall be charged with the responsibility of seeing that proper and sufficient safeguards and accounting procedures are being followed, and that cash on hand does not exceed that which is reasonable and safe. He or she shall recommend to the Post Executive Committee for their approval federally insured financial institutions for handling the Post's various accounts, including recommendations for investments of idle or excess funds. Such investments may include reputedly insured investment grade bonds. The Finance Officer shall countersign all checks disbursing the monies of the Post.

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Section 5. Duties of the Historian: The Post Historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the Post members, and shall perform such other duties as may be determined by the Post or Executive Committee.

Section 6. Duties of the Post Chaplain. The Post Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post comrades and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, or public functions; and adhere to such ceremonials and rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters.

Section 7. Duties of the Sergeant-At-Arms: The Sergeant-At-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned by the Post Commander.

Section 8. Duties of the Service Officer: The Service Officer shall aid all veterans, their dependents, and survivors in connection with just claims against the United States or State or Local Governments in matters of employment, financial relief, hospitalization, medical services, or community welfare matters.

Section 9. Duties of the Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate shall advise the officers of the post and the Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws, or obtain proper counsel to assist doing so. The Judge Advocate shall perform such other duties usually incident to the office.

Section 10. Duties of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the members of the Executive Committee upon taking office to immediately familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of Lincoln Post 3.

ARTICLE SIX

DELEGATES

Section 1. Delegates and Alternates to the Department of Nebraska Convention shall be elected by the membership of Lincoln Post 3 at the regular meeting next preceding the Department Convention. The delegates elected to the Department Convention shall include the District 15 Commander; the newly elected Commander of Post 3, and all newly elected officers of Post 3, all of whom shall be declared as automatically elected delegates to the Department Convention.

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Section 2. The balance of the authorized Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be selected in order of their registration at the Department Convention, and shall be considered elected delegates and alternates to the Department Convention.

Section 3. Each duly registered delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any registered delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the registered delegates present from Post 3. Alternates for registered delegates shall have all the privileges of registered delegates except that of voting. A registered delegate is one who has received his or her credentials after his or her registration fee has been paid.

Section 4.a. Members of Post 3 desiring to be Delegates to the National American Legion Convention shall be recommended and nominated to the Department of Nebraska by nomination and election of the membership of Post 3 at the regular meeting chosen to serve as the District 15 Convention.

b. Any members of Post 3 holding a National Appointment to a Standing National Commission or a Standing National Committee shall automatically be considered as nominated for election by Post 3 to be recommended and nominated as a Delegate to the National American Legion Convention unless they declare at the District 15 Convention that they do not intend to attend the National Convention.

c. When the number of members nominated for delegate to the National Convention exceeds the number of delegates authorized from District 15, the results of the election, beginning with the candidate receiving the most votes, shall determine the selection of delegates and alternates to the National Convention. There shall not be a separate nomination and election for alternates.

ARTICLE SEVEN

ANNUAL COMMITTEES

Section 1.a. The Lincoln Post 3 Commander, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint a chairperson and an appropriate number of additional committee members (if necessary or desirable) to the following annual committees. These appointments will be for the tenure of his or her office.

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Membership Committee

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Committee

Publicity Committee

Hospital Visitation Committee

Boys State Committee

County Government Committee

Oratorical Committee

Law & Order Committee

b. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall have charge of matters pertaining to membership of the Post, including the procurement of new members, reinstatements, and eligibility of members subject to the Constitution and By-Laws.

c. Salvation Army Bell Ringers Committee. The Salvation Army Bell Ringers Committee shall be charged with scheduling and coordination with the Salvation Army a time a place for members of the Post 3 American Legion Family to participate in volunteer bell ringing activities for the Salvation Army.

d. Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee shall be charged with the promotion of public support of the American Legion's programs by the establishment of proper contact with the American Legion magazine and other Department and National publicity resources. The committee shall promote publicity of Post programs and activities utilizing the Post 3 newspaper, email newsletter, and website.

e. Hospital Visitation Committee. The Hospital Visitation Committee is charged with visiting and comforting members and their families when sick or bereaved and with visiting veterans in nearby hospitals.

f. Boys State Committee. The Boys State Committee shall coordinate the selection process of Boys State citizens from the Lincoln area by keeping in contact with the Lincoln area schools and donors. It shall also schedule and conduct a Boys State Orientation for the Lincoln area Boys State citizens.

g. County Government Committee.. The County Government Committee shall coordinate with the Lancaster County Commander any efforts to provide a County Government Day for the students in Lancaster County.

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h. Oratorical Committee. The Oratorical Committee shall endeavor to promote the American Legion Oratorical Contest to the students of Lincoln and conduct a Post 3 / District 15 Oratorical Contest each year.

i. Law & Order Committee. The Law & Order Committee shall endeavor to promote the Nebraska American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program and coordinate the efforts to select boys and girls from the Lincoln area to participate in the program.

Section 2. The Post 3 Commander may also appoint other special committees as may be deemed necessary for the proper operation of the Post.

ARTICLE EIGHT

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1.a. The following committees are declared to be standing committees of the post:

Athletic Committee

Memorial Committee

Finance Committee

Youth Activities Committee

Americanism Committee

Past Commanders' Advisory Committee

Scholarship Committee

Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee

b. When inactivity or other circumstances justify the action, the Executive Committee may place a standing committee on an inactive status.

c. The Post Commander, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint or re-appoint to each active standing committee a single replacement to serve for a period of three years and then designate a chairperson .

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d. Committees may set up rules of procedure, conduct, or discipline within the sphere of their activities when such rules are expedient, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.a. The Athletic Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms.

b. The Athletic Committee shall have the specific duties relating to the extent of the post's involvement in American Legion Baseball and any other activities the Post undertakes in the field of men's and women's athletics.

Section 3.a. The Memorial Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms. However, the formal appointment of three members to the standing committee is in no way intended to limit or inhibit any member's participation in Memorial Squad activities.

b. The Memorial Committee shall have the specific duties to insure that proper burial ceremonies are conducted when requested for our departed comrades and any other civic function where memorial services are requested of the Post.

Section 4.a. The Finance Committee shall consist of five members, three of which shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms. The Finance Officer and the Immediate Past Post 3 Commander shall be automatic members of this committee.

4.b. The Finance Committee shall be charged with the administration of the financial policy, preparation of the budget, making recommendations for and supervision of receiving, disbursing, and accounting of all Post funds and an annual audit. It shall be its duty to prepare and make reports to the Post or Executive Committee whenever requested by the Post Commander. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to prepare a report showing the anticipated expenditure for the coming year, and to submit the same with recommendations to the Post following the annual election of officers. The Finance Committee shall, not later than the second regular meeting after the election, submit a proposed budget, its recommendation for the ensuing year which shall be placed before the Post for adoption or such other action as the Post shall consider necessary.

Section 5.a. The Youth Activities Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms.

b. The Youth Activities Committee shall be charged with making recommendations to the Commander regarding youth activities.

Section 6.a. The Americanism Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms.

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b. The Americanism Committee shall be charged with the inspiration of patriotism and good citizenship by arrangement for proper observance of patriotic occasions, encouragement of patriotic and civic phases of instruction in schools; Americanization of aliens, combatting anti-American propoganda by education of the general public in American Ideals, through public forums, etc., and activities for community and civic betterment.

Section 7.a. The Past Commanders Advisory Committee shall be composed of the five immediate past Post 3 Commanders, the chairperson of which shall be the senior ranking Past Post Commander in point of succession.

b. It shall be the duty of the committee to offer counsel and guidance to the active Post Commander. This committee shall be convened from time to time as needed either at the call of the active Post Commander or the chairperson of the committee.

Section 8.a. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of five members, three of which shall be for three-year staggered terms. The Finance Officer and the current Commander of Post 3 shall be automatic members of this committee

b. The Scholarship Committee shall be charged with the duty of administering the Post 3 Scholarship Fund with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 9.a. The Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee shall consist of four members, three of which shall be for three-year staggered terms. The Post 3 Judge Advocate shall be an automatic member of the committee.

b. The Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee shall be charged with receiving, reviewing, and processing any proposed changes to the Post 3 Constitution and Bylaws. Further, the committee shall be responsible to review and report on any resolutions offered by individual members or any Post 3 committee regarding American Legion matters of any kind to be brought before the membership for consideration and adoption.

ARTICLE NINE

PURCHASING AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1. Purchases of goods, services, or property, disbursements, and indebtedness shall be handled in the manner.

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Section 2.a. All contracts for service or materials within the limitations of the budget shall be authorized by the Finance Committee.

b. Other disbursements and donations outside of budgeted items must be authorized by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Post; and, when so authorized, such disbursements shall be supervised and accounted for by the Finance Officer. No request for such expenditures of Post 3 funds shall be voted upon at a regular Post 3 meeting without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

c. Amounts in excess of \$300 shall first be submitted to the Post Finance Officer, who shall report to the Post Executive Committee the availability of funds. The Post Executive Committee shall have authority to recommend approval or denial of such requests to the Post.

d. Items not in excess of \$300 may be authorized by the Commander or Executive Committee without formal action by the Post provided that there are sufficient contingency funds remaining in the annual budget.

Section 3. All real and personal property shall be purchased and held in the name of Lincoln American Legion Post 3.

Section 4. All disbursement of funds of the Post shall be by warrant, which shall show thereon the purpose for which drawn. Such warrants shall be signed by the Finance Officer and countersigned by the Commander.

Section 5. All vouchers or evidence of indebtedness shall be signed by the Finance Officer and countersigned by the Commander.

ARTICLE NINE

MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meeting of Lincoln Post 3 shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, except in August when there shall not be a meeting.

Section 2. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Post.

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Section 3.a. All meetings of Post 3 and the Executive Committee of Post 3 shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order unless in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Nebraska American Legion.

b. In most cases, meetings will be conducted in-person; but on those rare occasions when uncontrollable, catastrophic circumstances prevent in-person meetings, the Commander is authorized to conduct the Post 3 meeting or Executive Committee meeting electronically. All business of Post 3 can be administered provided the necessary quorum is present.

ARTICLE NINE

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.a. The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of Lincoln Post 3 by a two-thirds vote of the members attending such regular meeting provided that the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been read at the preceding regular meeting of Post 3; then submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee of Post 3 for their consideration and recommendation to the Post Executive Committee.

b. The Post Executive Committee shall then, either with or without their recommendation, report such amendment or amendments back to the next regular Post 3 meeting for approval or disapproval.

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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 2021, 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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