



“For God And Country”
JUNE 2022 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For June 2022 – July 2022

Organization	Location	Time	June	July
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	06/14/22	07/12/22
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	06/14/22	None
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84th	7:00 PM	06/09/22	07/14/22
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	06/16/22	07/21/22
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	06/21/22	07/19/22
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	06/21/22	07/19/22
8 & 40 Salon 92	Braeda, 4231 South 33rd	12:00 PM	06/16/22	None
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 N 14th	7:00 PM	06/22/22	07/22/22
VA Coffeehaus	Antelope Park Bandshell	10:00 AM	06/17/22	07/15/22

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

The Second Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States by resolution on June 14, 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation officially establishing June 14th as Flag Day. Although it is not a federal holiday, it is observed in communities across our great nation.

Flag Day isn't simply about honoring a particular design on a cloth. It is more about taking time to reflect on our freedoms and the principles of our great nation for which that flag stands. The flag is a reminder of who we are.

America is not only the land of the free, it is the land of opportunity. The flag represents all that America has to offer. Americans everywhere should also be offended when someone desecrates our flag.

Fortunately, legislation is being considered in Washington, which would give Congress the constitutional authority to protect Old Glory from desecration.

Many Americans have raised their right hand and sworn an oath to protect and defend the Constitution from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. We believe that all Americans who put their right hand over their heart and recite the Pledge of Allegiance take that same oath. Both the oath and the pledge are taken in the presence of Old Glory to emphasize that our Flag is the symbol of our Constitution.

It is much easier for us to honor the flag in our comfortable surroundings than it was for Mike Christian.

Mike Christian was a naval aviator held in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp with future Senator John McCain.

One day, using a bamboo needle and some cloth scraps he had gathered, Mike made a small U.S. Flag, which he sewed inside his shirt. Each morning, Mike would remove his shirt, and the POWs would say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. When it was discovered by the guards, they beat him severely.

"After things quieted down, I went to lie down to sleep," Senator McCain recalled. "As I did, I happened to look in the corner of the room. Sitting there beneath a dim light bulb, with a piece of white cloth, a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. Sitting there, with his eyes almost shut from his beating, making another American flag. He was not making that flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was for us to be able to pledge our allegiance to that flag and our country."

On June 14th, Flag Day, make sure you proudly display your Flag in front of your home or business. Happy Flag Day!

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



Greetings, fellow Legionnaires,

We look forward to seeing you at the Post 3 meeting June 14th, 2022. We will be electing officers for the next Legion Year, 2022-2023. If you wish to become part of the Post 3 leadership, come and let us know.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have renewed for 2022. We really need your help; renewals were again very slow during May. We had hoped to have met our goal of 95% for May but fell short.

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.

We have been busy in the office transferring members to Post 3 that are in Nebraska's holding Post 500.

We have also been trying to contact those Post 3 members who have not yet paid their 2021-2022 dues.

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.

Now for 2022-2023, The National Headquarters will be mailing out renewal notices at the end of June. Be on the lookout for them, they should be in your mailbox the first week of July.

Again, Thanks for your service.

Remember to take time this Memorial Day to honor our fellow Veterans who have died in service to this Great Country.

Ed Schnabel
Adjutant

LINCOLN CBOC/VA NEWS



Clinic Update: The Lincoln clinic has begun a new walking in clinic for those needing urgent care. This new service hours are 3 – 7 pm Monday – Friday.

The clinic is currently giving the second booster shots for Covid 19. It is best to call and schedule an appointment, but they are doing walk-ins at this time. Remember to bring your shot record.

Unwanted drugs disposal: If you have old medication that you would like to dispose of, drop them off at the pharmacy. Get them out of your homes and out of our kid's hands.

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. The process is done by video computer link.

Did you know you can request refills of your medications, check your upcoming appointments, or 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, or if you need help in using it, or signing up for My Healthy Vet 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 Healthy Vet Account. To upgrade your account, you need to be authenticated. This only takes a minute, just stop and visit with the staff.

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. Starting with June, we will be moving outdoors, just to the west of the Auld Rec building to the band shell. Bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy some good music under the trees.

Buddy Check is on the 22nd of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at 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 as we will give you a ticket to use to get out.

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 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 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.

Even if you do not wish to use the VA services, we need you to be registered, as these funds are based on those registered not those receiving services.

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 Fellow Riders and all,

Well, it appears warm weather is here to stay for a few months... finally. How about that cold, rainy, snap at the end of May?

Your American Legion Riders continue to support our community, state, and nation by participating in funeral honors for veterans. A number of our members also participated in Omaha's Patriotic Parade on Saturday, May 28th. Four Riders teamed up with about 30 other American Legion Riders from around the state and rode the parade route. Five other Riders teamed up with the Patriot Guard and stood in the flag line at the beginning of the parade. I'd like to publicly thank Terry, Rick, Lori, Ray, Glenda, Neil, Hale and Kathy for their participation in that event.

It was an honor to meet some of the Gold Star families in whose honor the parade was planned and executed. Pictures are from the Patriotic Parade.

Planning continues for our fund-raising poker run effort, scheduled for Saturday, September 24th. We will be having a silent auction for a number of great items, in addition to the funds raised by the sale of poker hands. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of vehicle type. Again, funds raised will be donated to the JAVALAN Service Dog program. JAVALAN provides service dogs to needy veterans and other first responders.

We are always on the hunt for new members! So, if you (or someone else in the Legion Family) ride two- or three-wheels, I encourage you to come check us out.

I want to welcome Amanda W and John H as our newest members.

Until next time,

Ride (or Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser

Director, Lincoln Chapter 3

American Legion Riders



Message From The Voiture 103 Chef de Gare



On May 17th we met at the Lincoln Elks Lodge - 6:00Pm for adult beverages - at 6:30PM a great home cooked dinner prepared by Steve and Lorene Bartos was served prior to our Wreck Promenade conducted by Fred Craigie. We all learned a lot about the 40/8 and what they have accomplished for our country and our veterans since its beginning in 1920. We are all so proud to be a part of this important veteran organization. We had a regular 40/8 meeting after the Wreck where we accomplished the day-to-day requirements of 40/8. Good food - good friends serving our country, our community, and other veterans. Can't beat that. Our next meeting at the Lincoln Elks Lodge is on June 21st. Current 40/8 members, please try to be there. We need you.

Here's a quick reminder about the Veterans Freedom Music Festival coming up on Sat. June 11th at Antelope Park 11Am to 5PM

Opening ceremony starting at 11:00AM

5 great local bands starting at 11:30AM

Taps at 5:00PM

A UH-72 Lakota helicopter on display

Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit

Veteran Artists in the Auld Pavillion

Public welcome - Free Parking & admission

Bring your lawn chairs and stay awhile

Respectively,

Wade Graft

Chef de Gare Voiture #103

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The Chaplain's Remarks



Here you are, squatting with your comrades, at night, with your squad of riflemen. You try livening up this circle of wanna-be U.S. Army Rangers with tales of your exploits last summer when you heard that unmistakable sound of a pin loosed from it's cradle.

You thought you yelled "Grenade!" for everyone's benefit, but rolling on your back after what seemed like an eternity, and with just a little dizziness and some pain from the hard dirt beneath you making itself felt intensely, you now saw the aftermath of this attack. You think later about whether that was a time you should have called upon the Lord instead (Acts 11:12)?

I'm sure many of you may have experienced this sense of live action in training, and/or during one of your deployments. If this was one of your experiences, especially as a "close call," where was the Lord?

Did He appear in your mind's eye, or did you refuse His presence when you needed Him the most (James 1:8)?

So... what does it mean to be involved with life, yet hesitating to invite Jesus' participation to get you where you should be (2 Chronicles 32:10)? Are you...trusting in the Lord, especially for your daily victory over Satan and his ways, or are you double-minded: saying you trust Him but putting no faith in Him to do good by you?

Maybe...now's the time to seek His face...during this mini-Judgment phase we're going through. Oh, but you haven't understood that this troubling era in American life is very similar the sufferings of Israel, headquartered out of Samaria, and later Judah, headquartered at Jerusalem, circa 750 BC and 550 BC respectively? Other Biblical examples of God's people reaping Judgment are detailed in Ezekiel 5:8, Daniel 9:5, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, and Matthew 24:1-14.

By the way, when Jesus does come, before the REAL Judgment for Heaven or Hell, His confessing church will experience the *Parusia* (Greek for Rapture), described in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. Don't be fooled into not considering your fate with God, BEFORE Jesus' arrival.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Lincoln ALP 3 Americanism

Memorial Day At Wyuka Cemetery



Memorial Day At Lincoln Memorial Cemetery



Memorial Day At Pemberly Place



Post 3 Honor Guard



In the month of May, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 11 Legion funerals and was asked to assist at 1 VFW funeral. Post 3 Honor Guard members were also present at 5 Memorial Day ceremonies. In calendar year 2022, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honor Teams at 79 combined funerals and appeared at 11 Civic functions. Recent turnout has been excellent. The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans is greatly appreciated.



Post 3 TAPS - May 2022

LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	CONT YRS
Ronald G. Jacoby	WW II	Navy	70
Michael J. Lintel	Vietnam	Navy	39
Francis W. Rezac	Korea	Army	34
Edward L. Schneider	Korea	Army	65
Kevin J. Valaika	Vietnam	Army	35
Dale C. Lange	Korea	Navy	65

Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3 - Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM. May 10, 2022

Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf opened the May 10, 2022 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with about 20 Legionnaires and guests present. The meeting was also being made available on Zoom.

The minutes of the April 12th Post 3 meeting were read and approved.

Bartos reported that the list of Lincoln-area boys being endorsed for Boys State by Post 3 had dropped to 17. He also reported that a Boys State Orientation had been held on May 1 and that 14 of the 17 boys attended. Department Adjutant Dave Salak conducted the orientation. Ed Muggy, Gerry Wolf, and Bruce Gubser also attended.

Adjutant / Finance Office Ed Schnabel gave the finance report for the month ending April 30, 2022 showing a balance on hand of \$42,702.45. The report was accepted and filed for review. Ed also reported that Post 3 had donated \$1000 to the Lincoln Baseball Association to help with the American Legion Baseball program.

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

Post 3 Legion Riders Director Bruce Gubser reported that the Riders plan to participate in a patriotic parade in Omaha on May 28th.

Bruce also reported on the post's birthday card program it remains active.

Voiture 103 Chef de Gare Wade Graft reported for the 40/8. He reported that the voiture will highlight some of the elements of a formal wreck at next week's promenade.

He also commented on the upcoming Show and Shine at Star City Shores and the June 11th Music Festival at Antelope Park.

Ed Schnabel reported that our number of Jr. Law Cadet candidates remains at one.

It was reported that Commander Wolf and Adjutant Schnabel participated in the ROTC Chancellor's Review at UNL and the JROTC program at Lincoln Northeast High School.

Nominations were received for next year's officers.

For the 3-year vacancy on the Executive Committee, Fred Craigie nominated Wade Graft and Jack Sibert nominated Karl Christensen.

Ed Schnabel suggested that the current commander and two vice-commanders each serve another term in their respective positions and jointly nominated Gerry Wolf to serve as commander, Bruce Gubser to serve as 1st Vice Commander, and Ron Hindmand to serve as 2nd Vice Commander.

Hearing no further nominations for any office, the nominations were closed. All nominees agreed to serve if elected.

Commander Wolf reminded those in attendance of several upcoming events.

Membership was reported to be 1174.

Wade Graft read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at 7:30 PM.

Steve Bartos, Recorder

WWII Vet's Remains Identified

MAY 05, 2022

BY MICHAEL TANENBAUM

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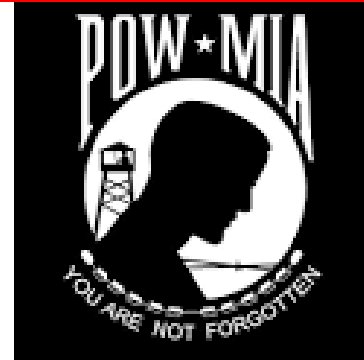


COURTESY/DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

Army Pvt. Walter G. Wildman, 20, of Bristol, was killed in World War II during the Hürtgen Forest offensive in late 1944. His remains had gone decades without being identified, but the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency confirmed Wildman's identity earlier this year. He will now be buried in Newtown Township.

The remains of a soldier from Bucks County have been identified more than 77 years after he was killed at the tail end of World War II during one the U.S. Army's deadliest battles.

Army Pvt. Walter G. Wildman, 20, of Bristol, was killed in action during the Hürtgen Forest offensive in a densely wooded area east of the border between Belgium and Germany. The military campaign, which came after the pivotal D-Day operation in Normandy, stretched from Sept. 19, 1944 to Feb. 10, 1945 — making it the longest battle ever fought by the U.S. Army.



Wildman was killed in action on Nov. 13 after he was assigned that month to Company M, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. His body could not be recovered due to the intense fighting between U.S. soldiers and the entrenched German forces, who put up a strong defense despite the tide having turned toward the Allies in Europe.

On Thursday, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency reported that Wildman's remains had been positively identified at its lab in Nebraska. His remains previously were discovered by a German demining team working in the forest in 1947. They were subsequently buried at Ardennes American Cemetery, a war memorial in the Belgian village of Neuville-en-Condroz.

(Hürtgen Forest – Continued)

In the aftermath of the war, the American Graves Registration Command conducted several investigations in the Hürtgen area between 1946 and 1950 to recover missing American personnel. The AGRC had declared Wildman non-recoverable in December 1951, after his remains had been found by the Germans.

A DPAA historian who was studying unresolved American losses in the Hürtgen Forest had the remains disinterred in April 2019 after concluding that they might belong to Wildman. Scientists used DNA, dental and anthropological analysis, in addition to material and circumstantial evidence, to confirm the soldier's identity in January.

Wildman's remains were buried in Newtown Township on May 23, officials said.

Wildman entered the U.S. Army in March 1943 and initially had been sent to England, according to contemporaneous news clippings shared by DPAA. He was later sent to France, where he was shot in the jaw a few days after arriving. He recovered in England and returned to action in the months leading up to his participation in the Hürtgen Forest offensive.

Wildman also had a brother, Tech Sgt. Maurice Wildman, whose skull was fractured in a jeep accident in New Guinea.

He returned to the United States and was stationed at Camp Butner, a U.S. Army installation in North Carolina.

The Hürtgen Forest offensive, sometimes called "America's Meat Grinder," was waged in treacherous, hilly terrain with declining temperatures during the course of the extended battle. Estimates of American casualties, including wounded soldiers, range between 33,000-57,000. Many were injured or killed in combat, but others were ravaged by illness. An estimated 28,000 German casualties were recorded in the battle. Combined, an estimated 25,000 soldiers died on both sides.

The German resistance, considered a defensive victory, overlapped with the Ardennes Offensive and has been historically overshadowed by the Battle of the Bulge, an even more costly but decisive moment in the war. The Allies claimed victory in that battle on Jan. 25, 1945 and the Germans surrendered five months later on May 7.

Wildman's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Margraten that includes the names of missing soldiers from World War II. A rosette will now be placed next to Wildman's name to indicate he has been accounted for after the passage of so many years.

How nearly 900 soldiers earned (and lost) the Medal of Honor

It's not uncommon for military awards and medals to receive upgrades or downgrades if supporting evidence warrants such action. For most decorations, a packet is submitted to a Board for Correction of Military Records. But what about something as prestigious as the Medal of Honor?

The nation's highest medal for valor has such a rigorous approval process that there's a cumbersome flowchart just for the procedure. This can take months, if not years, to go through, which begs the question: can a Medal of Honor Recipient have their medal downgraded or taken away? As it turns out, the answer is yes.

In fact, 911 medals have been revoked since it was created during the Civil War. If that's not shocking enough, 864 of them belonged to one unit: the 27th Maine Infantry Regiment and most of them have disappeared.

To understand why so many were rescinded, we need to look at why they were presented in the first place. The 27th mustered in 1862 for a nine-month tour of duty. The unit was commanded by Col. Mark F. Wentworth and marched to the National Capital region on October 20th that same year. While deployed, the regiment was attached to XXII Corps and migrated through several encampments around the Washington D.C. and northern Virginia area. On June 25, 1863, just shy of the soldier's enlistment expiration, the unit was mistakenly transferred to XII Corps in Leesburg, Virginia to prepare for the defense of the capital against Gen. Robert E. Lee's troops as they made their way toward Gettysburg.

When the mistake was discovered, the soldiers were ordered to return home. However, much of the Union's fighting force was ordered to move North and meet Lee's troops, leaving only a skeletal reserve to defend the city. With the Confederate army in such close proximity to Washington, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, at the request of the president, asked the Soldiers of the 27th to extend their service.

The soldiers initially balked, so Lincoln and Stanton sweetened the request by offering a Medal of Honor to any soldier who agreed to stay. In the end, 300 soldiers from the 27th remained behind. Their extended tenure only lasted four days. Following Lee's defeat at the Battle of Gettysburg, those soldiers returned home and mustered out of service on July 17, 1863.

(Medal of Honor – Continued)

One might think the story ends there, but in classic Army fashion, the paperwork for the Medals got messed up. No one maintained a clear record of which soldiers opted to stay and, rather than hunting down this information, the Army took the path of least resistance and issued Medals of Honor for all 864 soldiers of the regiment.

By the time the big box of Medals arrived in the state capital, the soldiers from the 27th had returned to their lives, spread out across the country. As commander, Col. Wentworth was assigned the responsibility of handing out the medals, and, while he did the best he could, many remained unclaimed and were allegedly put in a shed before vanishing after his death.

Ironically, members of the 27th may have retained their Medals if it wasn't for Henry Brown Osgood, a first lieutenant in the 27th during the war, noticing a typo.

“[Henry Brown Osgood] would serve in the U.S. Army for 40 years, retiring at the rank of Brigadier General in 1907,” said Steve Dow, a 27th Maine historian and descendant of Pvt. James William Brown. “It was him, in 1891, who contacted the War Department when he had found that his name had accidentally been left off an 1886 Medal of Honor Publication.”

While investigating this mishap, concerns were raised about the merit behind the actions of several recipients. In response, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Congress ordered the Army to establish a special board in 1916 to review every issued Medal of Honor and validate whether they met the appropriate requirements.

At the end of their review, the board chose to rescind 911 Medals. Some of the more notable recipients affected were Dr. Mary Walker, the first and only woman to receive the Medal, William “Buffalo Bill” Cody, and four other civilians who served as scouts for the military. All six of these recipients would have their medals reinstated in 1989. Unfortunately for the 300 Soldiers who were promised Medals of Honor (and the 564 clerical mistakes), spending four extra days on orders didn't make the cut by any version of the eligibility requirements.

What happened to all the Medals after they were rescinded?

In a word, they disappeared.

(Medal of Honor – Continued)

“Whoever was in charge of ‘hiding’ the undistributed medals, following Col. Wentworth’s death in 1897, did an excellent job,” said Dow. “According to John J. Pullen’s 1966 book *A Shower of Stars*, witnesses claimed the medals were located in two different locations near the Wentworth property. The majority of them, it was said, were mixed with concrete and buried in a nail keg (a 1960s search failed to find them). “A small number of medals had been tucked away in a wooden box in a shed attic but had been pilfered through over the years. Personally, I believe this latter cache was the source for many of the undistributed medals currently found in the hands of private collectors. Others had been taken by the veterans themselves, following a Kittery reunion in 1888 or ’89, but this number of medals is unknown.”

With their names officially struck from the Medal of Honor Roll, it would be fair to assume there might be some animosity from the soldiers or their descendants about the board’s decision, but according to Dow, everyone seemed to avoid the subject, at least publicly.

“I have not read of there being any animosity. Searching through newspaper accounts of the annual reunions of the 27th Maine, especially those in 1916-1918, there was no mention of the ‘purge’ or even the medal at all. Considering 2/3 of the regiment hadn’t volunteered to stay behind when asked, perhaps it was a subject avoided at the reunions.”

According to an article in the Portland Daily Press, dated Aug. 4, 1890, one of the undistributed medals, engraved to Philip Banfield of E Co. was found on a beach in Wells, Maine. Others have circulated in private collections, but as for the search for the remaining missing Medals, it doesn’t appear to be on the radar for most treasure hunters.

“To my knowledge, no one is out there hunting for these medals,” said Dow. “I have been asked many times over the years about the missing medals, but don’t believe they were fielding me for clues to their whereabouts in order to make an active search for them.”



This recent West Point graduate is Alex Idrache. He grew up in a slum in Haiti, and he tells the story of how U.S. soldiers were deployed to his neighborhood following the earthquake there several years ago. He says their presence was the first experience of "hope" he recalls in his childhood.

He remembers looking at his dad and asking him who the people were that were helping. His dad looked at him and said, "They are American soldiers." He looked back at his father and said, "One day, I will be an American soldier." His father knew the situation in Haiti was unworkable and tried for several years to obtain a visa to come to the United States.

After being denied for several years, he was finally granted a spot in Baltimore. He purchased a ticket on a boat for his family and left Haiti. They arrived and Alex, remembering his dream in the slum several years prior, looked for a way to join the U.S. Army. He found a national guard program that allowed him to join the Army in exchange for citizenship. He didn't hesitate.

After a series of fortunate occurrences, he was given one of the few spots at West Point for prior enlisted soldiers. Despite his severe lack of formal education, he graduated as an honor graduate (top 5% physically and academically) and the top student in the Physics Department.

This picture was taken just prior to tossing his hat in the air, the realization of a dream that began 10 years ago in a slum in Port-au-Prince.

Brady Stringer

The History Of Flag Day

Have you wondered about the history of Flag Day? When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the War for Independence fought under their own flags.

In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army, a unified colonial fighting force. This led to the creation of the first "American" flag, the Continental Colors. For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too much like that of the British flag. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

In 1916, President Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about "Old Glory."

Bernard Cigrand, a Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day in 1885, to be celebrated across the country every June 14. He led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life. –

It is widely believed that Betsy Ross, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made and helped design the first American flag. However, there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory's creation. It was not until her grandson William Canby held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of her possible role.

And that in a nutshell is the history of Flag Day.

"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it."

- John Thune, United States Senator -



12th Annual

VETERANS FREEDOM

MUSIC FESTIVAL

SAT • JUNE 11 • 2022

11AM TO 5PM

ANTELOPE PARK

5 LOCAL BANDS – ANTELOPE BANDSHELL

11:30A – OPENING CEREMONY – BILL CHRASTIL

12P – BILL CHRASTIL (ELIVS)

1P – PINKERTONES

2P – COLE YOUNGER AND THE RENEGATES

3P – MCGOVERN STRING BAND

4P – 3 CHORDS AND A CLOUD OF DUST

5P – CLOSING CEREMONY WITH TAPS
BY KEVIN MURRAY

ON DISPLAY

UH-60 BLACKHAWK HELICOPTER

Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit
Veteran Artists - Auld Pavilion

**PUBLIC WELCOME
FREE PARKING & ADMISSION**

(Free will donation to Peoples City Mission)



2022 VETERANS FREEDOM MUSIC ART SHOW

JUNE 11TH 11:30 - 2 PM

Free Family Friendly Event

Original artwork created by various Veteran
artists and their families

**AULD PAVILION
1650 MEMORIAL DR
LINCOLN, NE 68508**

[Facebook.com/Veterans-Freedom-Music-Art-show](https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-Freedom-Music-Art-show)

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MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

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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

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 _____

For God and Country

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

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____



Become a Member of The American Legion

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

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

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

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

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

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

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



30-009 Signature of applicant Date Name of recruiter

To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this and a check for \$46 made out to "American Legion Post 3" to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 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



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

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

Web Site: lincolnpost3.org

[2021 - 2022 Post 3 Officers](#)

Commander – Gerry Wolf – Cell: 402-417-8230

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

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

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

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

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

