



“For God And Country”
JUNE 2023 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For June 2023

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th St	7:00 PM	06/13/23
Auxiliary Unit 3	Cornhusker Bank, 84th & “O”	7:00 PM	06/13/23
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84th St	7:00 PM	06/08/23
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	06/15/23
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th St	6:30 PM	06/20/23
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58th St	6:30 PM	06/20/23
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	06/15/23
Buddy Check	Mill, 2021 Transformation Dr	TBA	06/22/23
VA CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	None

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaire,

Wednesday, June 14th is designated as Flag Day in the United States. Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a legal holiday. But here are some interesting facts about the American Flag:

The American Flag is not just a piece of fabric. The Flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. It is symbolic of the fabric of our society as a nation. It has been carried far and wide as a symbol of American pride, all the while serving as an emblem of the freedom, we hold dear.

There have been 27 versions of the American Flag. The 1777 original one had 13 stars and 13 stripes for the American colonies. Each time a state was added to the union, a star was added. We, of course, now stand with 50 stars and 13 stripes.

The current Flag is the only one to have lasted more than 60 years. There have been many changes to the design of the American Flag. But the one we currently observe is the longest running symbol of our Nation, likely because no states have been added to the union since 1959.

The Flag can be displayed for all 24 hours. While it is Federal law that the Flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset (unless there's inclement weather), there are measures that can be taken to show the Flag for all 24 hours. All that needs to be added is proper illumination of the Flag so it can be seen in the dark.

The colors were chosen carefully. The Red, White and Blue did not just happen by accident.

The founding fathers wanted the colors to have meaning, not just look visually pleasing. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The Flag that flew at Ft. McHenry, immortalized by Francis Scott Key, is still around. A 2" x 5" swatch of that Flag was sold at an auction in 2011 for a whopping \$38,000. The rest of the Flag is on display at Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington D.C.

Five American Flags have made it to the moon. You have probably seen Neil Armstrong on the moon with an American Flag, but he is not the only one to plant one on the surface of the moon. Apollo missions, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17, ended with an astronaut placing a flag on the moon.

The Flag can touch the ground and still be used. There is a myth that once a Flag touches the ground it needs to be burned or disposed of. That's not entirely true. If a Flag is soiled or touches the ground, it can be washed and dry cleaned and continue to be used.

Flags should be disposed of in a "dignified manner." If an American Flag is damaged beyond repair and you need to dispose of it, you can burn it with dignity or give it to a local Veterans Service Organization (i.e., American Legion Post 3, DAV, VFW, etc.) for a dignified Flag disposal.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to call on government officials in the USA to display the Flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official Flag of the United States.

I hope you will join me in displaying "Old Glory" from your home or business on June 14th.

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.

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf
Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



A BIG THANK YOU to those who have renewed for 2023. On the other side, sorry to say we did not hit the 90% target date. This is the first time we have missed a target for 2023. We are just under 90%, so with a little effort we can make the 95% goal for June. 2023 dues can be paid through the end of July.

Renewals for 2024 should be mailed out by National to hit your mailboxes by the end of June. You can begin paying your 2024 dues in July. Legion year 2024 begins the first of August.

Post 3 has given support for Boy Scouts who have completed Eagle Scout projects and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Post 3 presented certificates to five young men of Troop 36 on May 22nd.

The boy's names are: Nathaniel Johnson, Owen Lingen, Harrison Gubser, Dylan Whitaker, and Gabriel Lingen.

As we near the end of Legion 2023 I have reviewed some of our membership data.

Membership report as of 30 May, 2023:

New members - 3

Transfer out - 6

Transfer in - 32

Deaths – 61 Listed as last year paid 2023.

Not renewed – 103 Listed as last year paid 2022.

Membership report as of 30 May 2023

PUFL - 129

Department Life - 56

Regular Paid Members - 902

Total - 1097 90% of our 2023 goal.

(Adjutant's Notes – Continued)

Membership report as of 30 May 2023 - Breakdown by war era:

WWII - 45

Korea - 186

Vietnam - 710

Gulf War - 283

GW Terrorism - 20

Panama - 10

Other - 13

No data - 1

Lebanon / Grenada – 48

Other items of interest:

841 of our 1097 members are from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam eras.

Members with the most years of continuous years – 77 – two from WWII.

Our oldest members were born in 1918 and 1927.

The youngest is 20, currently deployed with Nebraska National Guard.

We need to recruit more younger members to keep our numbers up.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



The VA no longer requires the wearing of masks to enter clinics. Masks are available for those who still wish to wear them.

The PACT Act and your VA benefits

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to these substances. This law requires the Department of Veteran Affairs to provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

If you have not filed a claim under the PACT Act, go to the Veterans Affairs web site. There you will find answers to your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

If you are awarded a new disability or have one upgraded, you will or should receive back pay to September 2022.

If you had service in Vietnam or the Middle East, visit the VA web site and read the list of medical problems that are now presumed to have a link to service in these theaters. If you have any, contact your Service Office to file a new or updated claim. I was able to file claims for four medical problems that are now covered by this change.

(CBOC/VA News – Continued)

Advance Directives

One of the forms that the VA would like to have on file for all veterans who use its hospitals and clinics is an Advance Directive Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will. Form VA 10-0137 can be picked up at your local clinic or hospitals. This form allows you to inform the VA who you might wish to make health care decisions in the event that you become disabled to do so. Not required, but it might be something that you may want to think about.

Nebraska Warrior Writers project

These free workshops provide professional instruction, support, and guidance in writing of all kinds from memoir to fiction.

Workshops are held on Saturdays at Pius X High School, 6000 A Street, Lincoln, NE.

To sign up, contact Tom Seib or Jen Stastny for current dates and times.

tom.seib555@gmail.com or 402-440-9296

jenstastny2029@gmail.com or 402-960-3955

Ed Schnabel

Legion Representative to Lincoln CBOC

Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks



Just three things for the American Legion Riders:

- 1) We have been invited to bring various types of snacks to the Eastern Nebraska Vets Home in Bellevue. We will do this three or four times a year. We are approved to spend a maximum amount of money for the year for the endeavor.**
- 2) We are also invited to participate in the Memorial Day Observance festivities on May 29.**
- 3) Also, June and July are filling up with various poker runs and parades around this end of the state.**

**Neil Larson
Post 3 ALR Director**

The Chaplain's Remarks



What happened?!?!

Was there some sort of...alien invasion that was not broadcast...for the benefit of us victims...usually referred to as American citizens???

Oh! I'm, sorry...you didn't know? You were one of those U.S. citizens that...kinda...hid...from clear thinking because the President assured you that the world falling apart around you was fake; that the government would soon resolve your problems; and all YOU need to do...is wait on the government...

Yeah...like many of you surviving an actual battle, or were prepared to do so, misinformation, or a leader who ineptly tried to execute a "lawful order", made you wonder about the state of your military group. Nowadays, that doubt should arouse strong sentiments as to whether or not there will BE a country, such as the U.S., to live, work, and play if evil persists here.

Considering the Bible's assertion that Satan is the "prince and power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), it's a wonder that those doing evil here in the name of democracy falsely believe that they are saving this nation, not trying to destroy. But God still asserts that those little Anti-Christ's do Satan's bidding as evidenced by the attempted destruction on many levels, resulting in the destruction of our families, our government, and attacks on us, the people of God, His church.

Time is on our side as we struggle to remain faithful to our Saviour and resist the errant ways of these Anti-Christ's in the midst of God's Judgment (Matthew 7:2) against all humanity, here and abroad. Beware of foolishness as noted in the Palms (107:17) and Proverbs (1:7).

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

Post 3 Honor Guard



Post 3 Honor Guard Participating in Flag Ashes Burial (05/25/23)

In May, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 9 Legion funerals and was present at 12 civic functions. 8 of the civic functions were for Memorial Day appearances. In calendar year 2023, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honors Teams at 46 Legion funerals and was present at 24 civic events. The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans is greatly appreciated. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

Post 3 TAPS – April 2023



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Douglas A. Fowler	Vietnam	Army	13
Gwendell Hohensee	Korea	Air Force	54
Edward A. Wortman	Korea	Army	64

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80
May 9, 2023**

Commander Gerry Wolf opened the May 9, 2023 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 18 Legionnaires present.

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

The minutes of the April 11th Post 3 meeting were read and approved.

Steve Bartos reported on Boys State and indicated that an orientation for the Lincoln area boys had been held on May 7th with Commanders Wolf and Gubser in attendance.

Bartos also reported on some current activity at the Spring Meetings in Indianapolis that affects a potential plan to offer a 3-year membership option which would be operated and maintained by the national headquarters. A resolution affecting the same is on the National Executive Committee's agenda this week.

Ed Schnabel gave a financial report for the month ending April 30, 2023, showing a balance on hand of \$39,960.93. Upon proper motion, the report was accepted and filed for review.

Vice Commander Bruce Gubser reported for the Legion Riders. The Poker Run is scheduled for September 9, and the chapter had already obtained sponsors to cover the cost of prize money.

He also indicated that Post 3 is continuing with its birthday card program for veterans in a number of the Lincoln senior living facilities. Eight cards had been distributed for May.

William Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Squadron 3 Commander Brendan Moore reported for the Sons of the American Legion. He indicated that there would be no SAL meeting in May.

The squadron was going to return to holding meetings every month.

Commander Wolf made brief comments about the Jr. Law Cadet program.

Commander Wolf reported for the Memorial Committee. Among other things, he said that Post 3 would be participating in a ceremony later this week associated with the issuance of a commemorative stamp for Chief Standing Bear. He also introduced Rich Lemmerman as the newest member of the squad.

Commander Wolf called for nominations for next year's officers.

Ed Schnabel nominated Bruce Gubser for Commander. Bruce was present, and he said he was willing to serve.

Ed Schnabel nominated Ron Hindmand for 1st Vice Commander. Ron was present, and he said he was willing to serve.

Ed Schnabel nominated Rich Lemmerman for 2nd Vice Commander. Rich was present, and he said he was willing to serve.

Bartos nominated Jack Sibert to serve another 3-year term on the executive committee.

Commander Wolf went over a number of upcoming events, including the VAG Show and Shine, Coffee House, Scheel's Flag Exchange, and Memorial Day.

Membership was reported at 1087 --- an increase of only 7 members from what was reported last month.

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

Steve Bartos, Recorder

Post 3 Honor Guard Presents The Colors



(L to R) Dean Dumler, Wade Graft,
Ed Schnabel, Bruce Gubser

Nebraska's Chief Standing Bear was honored Friday, May 12th, with a ceremony celebrating the release of his Forever Postage stamp.

Post 3 was honored to post the Colors at the dedication.

Chief Standing Bear, the Ponca chief, who won a landmark 1879 court case that ruled Native Americans were people under the law with inherent rights.

The USPS has printed 18 million copies of the stamp.



(L to R) Dale Nurnberg, Dean Dumler,
Bruce Gubser, Ron Hindmand, Ed Schnabel

Legacy Estates recently held a Pre-Memorial Day Ceremony for its residents. Post 3 was asked to present and retire the Colors for the ceremony.

The program included the Pledge of Allegiance, The Star Spangled Banner and other patriotic songs.

Bruce Gubser also recited the Toast to the Flag.

It was a very well planned Memorial Day ceremony.



(L to R) Gerry Wolf, Ed Schnabel, Ron Hindmand,
Dale Nurnberg

Post 3 was recently asked to present the Colors at an American Legion Baseball tournament at Haymarket Park.

Prior to the game, Jim Jackson, Gold Star Father of SGT Jessica Jackson was introduced to the crowd.

Jessica's bio was read, and 2 players displayed Jessica's Honor and Remembrance flag.

Jim then threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Flag Exchange At Scheels



On Saturday, May 27th, Scheels, in partnership with The American Legion Post 3 and the American Legion Riders Chapter 3, held their annual Flag Exchange. Customers were encouraged to turn in their old torn and faded American Flags and were given a new 3'X5' American made Flag.

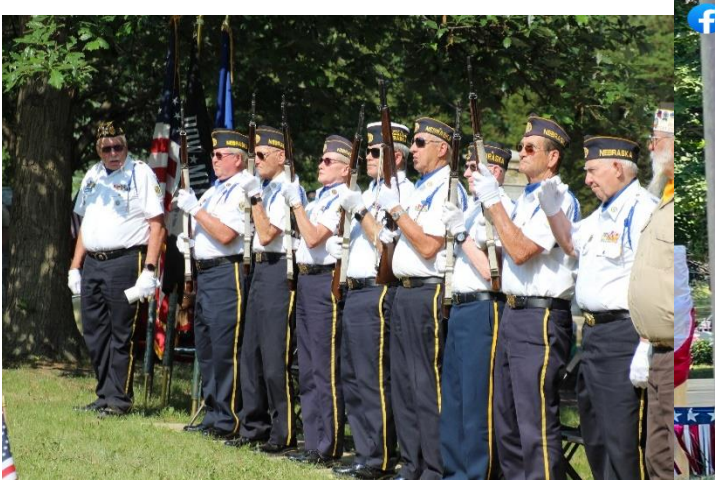
Some of the Riders also displayed their motorcycles in front of the store.

In a 3-hour span, over 300 Flags were given out and approximately 600 torn and faded Flags were turned in. Members from Post 3 and Chapter 3 who came out to help are too numerous to list here, but I would like to thank all who came out to help with the distribution.

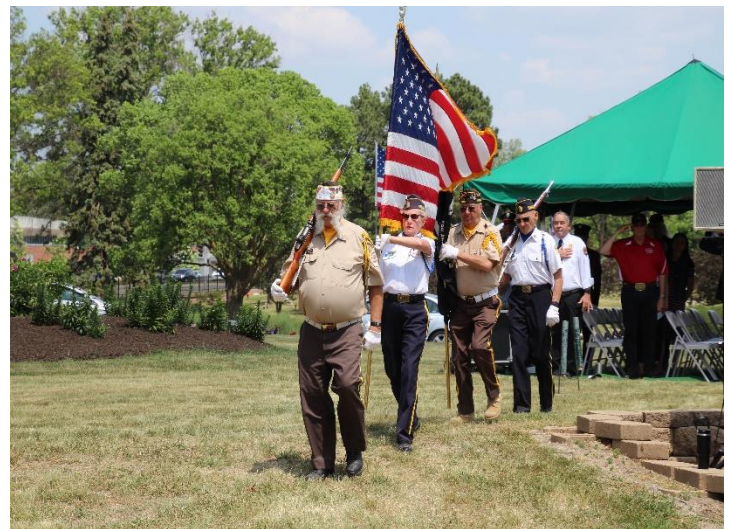
In addition, I would like to thank Scheels for their excellent assistance and willingness to help. If you are thinking of purchasing some new sports clothing or equipment, I would encourage you to give Scheels a chance at your business.

Scheels is a very Veteran friendly organization.

Memorial Day At Wyuka Cemetery



Memorial Day At Lincoln Memorial Cemetery



Remains Of Medal Of Honor Recipient Laid To Rest



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) recently announced that Army Cpl. Luther H. Story, 19, of Americus, Georgia, killed during the Korean War, and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, was accounted for April 6, 2023.

In late 1950, Story was a member of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. On Sept. 1, 1950, a savage daylight attack by elements of three enemy divisions penetrated the thinly held lines of the 9th Infantry. Pfc. Story, a weapons squad leader, was heavily engaged in stopping the early attacks. He observed a large group of the enemy crossing the river to attack Company A. Seizing a machine gun from his wounded gunner he placed deadly fire on the hostile column killing or wounding an estimated 100 enemy soldiers. Pfc. Story noticed the approach of an enemy truck loaded with troops and towing an ammunition trailer. He fearlessly stood in the middle of the road, throwing grenades into the truck. Out of grenades, he crawled to his squad, gathered up additional grenades, and again attacked the vehicle. Story was wounded in this action, but, disregarding his wounds, rallied the men about him and repelled the attack. Realizing that his wounds would hamper his comrades, he refused to retire to the next position but remained to cover the company's withdrawal. When last seen he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault.

There is no indication his remains were recovered after the battle, and he was never recorded as a prisoner of war. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Sept. 1, 1953, and his remains were determined to be nonrecoverable in January 1956.

In October 1950, 11 sets of remains were recovered near Sangde-po, South Korea. Eight were identified. One set remains designated X-260 were thought to be Story, but investigators at the Central Identification Unit-Kokura in Japan didn't have enough identifying data to positively ID the remains. X-260 was later transported with all of the unidentified Korean War remains and buried as an Unknown at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. In June 2021, the DPAA disinterred X-260 as part of Phase Three of the Korean War Disinterment Plan and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis.

To identify Story's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis

Story was buried in Andersonville, Georgia, on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023.



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

\$10/HAND OR \$20 FOR 3



\$500 HIGH, \$300 2ND HIGH,
\$100 WORST

Lincoln Chapter 3

POKER RUN

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

**SATURDAY
SEPT 9**

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

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13th Annual

VETERANS FREEDOM

 **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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11AM TO 5PM

ANTELOPE PARK

6 LOCAL BANDS – ANTELOPE BANDSHELL

11:00A – PRESENTATION OF COLORS

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

– MARIE BARRETT

OPENING CEREMONY

11:15A – BILL CHRASTIL (ELVIS)

12P – MOJO FILTER

1P – DIRTY BOOTS

2P – BOLZEN BEER BAND

3P – COLE YOUNGER AND THE RENEGADES

4P – 3 CHORDS AND A CLOUD OF DUST

5P – CLOSING CEREMONY WITH TAPS

BY KEVIN MURRAY

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Food service by Knights of Columbus

UNL Dairy Store Ice Cream

Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit

Veteran Artists - Auld Pavilion

**PUBLIC WELCOME
FREE PARKING & ADMISSION**

(Free will donation to Peoples City Mission)

Bring Lawn Chairs, Coolers (Subject to inspection) No alcohol or pets (Service animals only)

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



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Happy Flag Day On June 14th



That Look on Your Face ...



**When You Step on The American Flag ...
In Front of The Wrong American**

Sons Of The American Legion Application



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

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

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

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

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

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

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

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

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

Signed _____
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____
(Post Adjutant)

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RECEIPT


Date _____ Received of _____

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

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____



Become a Member of The American Legion

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

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

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

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

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

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

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

Signature of applicant Date Name of recruiter

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To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this and a check for \$46 made out to “American Legion Post 3” to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 2023, and want to transfer to Post 3, only sign below and return the bottom portion to us.

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

Signature

Membership Number

Email address



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Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 466-3958**

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Web Site: lincolnpost3.org

[2022 - 2023 Post 3 Officers](#)

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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 Commander for approval. All requests must be received one week before the 1st of the month.

