



## **“For God And Country”**

### **MARCH 2023 POST 3 NEWSLETTER**



### **Meeting Schedule For March 2023**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Legion Post 3</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>03/14/23</b>
<b>Auxiliary Unit 3</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>03/14/23</b>
<b>SAL Squadron 3</b>	<b>Post 3 Office, 123 S 84<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>03/09/23</b>
<b>ALR Chapter 3</b>	<b>Denton Legion Club</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>03/16/23</b>
<b>40 &amp; 8 Voiture 103</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>03/21/23</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40 Salon 832</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58<sup>th</sup> St</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	<b>03/21/23</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40 Salon 92</b>	<b>VFW 3606, 3340 West A St</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>03/16/23</b>
<b>Buddy Check</b>	<b>The Foundry, 211 N 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>03/22/23</b>
<b>VA CoffeeHaus</b>	<b>Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>03/17/23</b>

## **Commander's Call**



**Fellow Legionnaire,**

How often have we heard our Legion members say, "Not that many in our neighborhood know just what we really stand for or why we exist"? Maybe we need to recruit them. I try to think of ways to get new members, especially the returning veterans from deployment. I would suggest that if we want to see The American Legion grow, we need to find a way to interest our target folk and make some changes along with this ever-changing world.

We can't just ask for those young men and women to become a new member. We must tell them what they are missing and how they will enjoy our Legion and our Legion Family. Not long ago I made a list of what Post 3 worked to support. The list included charitable events, higher education scholarships, civic events, Honor Guard, Boys & Girls State, Junior Law Cadet and other veterans causes. That list was quite lengthy and when I took time to read and really absorb it, it made me feel great.

I could go on and on and on, but I think you get the idea. Our Legion, The American Legion of Post 3, must keep on keeping on. We need to see not only the faces that have made our post great in previous years but also some new members.

**So please step up when called on because our Legion Post needs you.**

**Thanks for your hard work on membership. We are nearly through 75% of our membership year, (07/01/22 – 06/30/23) at just over 85% of our membership goal of 1217 members. That's not bad considering the high goal that was put in to place for us. I want to thank each one of you for being a member of Post 3. Just the fact that you send in your dues allows us to support the many causes of the Legion at the local, state, and national level.**

**We all have time, treasures, and talents we can give to this organization. If you are looking for something new to do, come to a meeting and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Elks Lodge #80 at 7:00, except August.**

**As you might recall, we had a water pipe break in the building where the Post 3 office is located during the Christmas Holiday Season. We had to vacate the office for about a month while the "flood damage" was repaired. We did a little updating and rearranging of the office during the repair. We plan to hold an "Open House" on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 to "show off" our new home. Plan to stop by and have a cup of coffee and a roll and visit with us. Remember the address, 123 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite L.**

**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**



While Winter is mostly behind us, March can still bring some nasty weather. If Lincoln receives an ice or snow storm, the Post 3 office will be closed. If you need my services, please text me, as I can do all services from the safety of my home. Stay home, stay safe, and text me. Thanks!.

**Renewals.** A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have renewed for 2023 your membership in Post 3 and THE American Legion. The third mailing of dues notices for 2022-2023 was sent out by the American Legion National Headquarters during the second week of November --- and a more recent notice went out in early February.

Current membership near the end of February stands at 1049 members. If you happen to be one of the few whose dues were received after the most recent cut-off date, you might receive a dues notice. If you know that you have paid your 2023 dues, just throw the notice away.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please pay them. We need you and want you as a member.

Post 3 membership currently stands at a little more than 85% of our assigned goal for 2023. We are down to under two hundred renewals to make 100%. To make 100% will require the 150 +/- members who have not yet renewed for 2023 to pay their 2023 dues. Then, we need to replace the 55 members who have died this past year. If only one in five members would bring in a new or transferred member, we could be recognized as a 100% Post for 2023. Time to hit the street and find those who earned the right to be a Legionnaire.

For those of you who have not paid your 2023 dues, please take the time to review the reverse side on the notice. These notices have been changed, and they have now added the basic information that the American Legion has on file for you --- branch of service, war era, phone number, and email address. If some of your information is not correct, please correct the information and mail the form with your 2023 dues payment to 123 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite L, Lincoln, NE, 68510, and I will see that it gets corrected. Thanks for your help.

Does your 2023 membership show your correct years of service?

The 2023 card that we are mailing out should be correct. If the years are not correct, please let us know and we can get it corrected for you. We have fielded many calls about the total years of membership not being correct. It takes a lot of work to double-check what is printed on the 2023 cards, so if your is not correct, please email or text me, and I can correct the years for you.

## **(Adjutant's Report – Continued)**

**You can double-check your card from 2022 to see if the 2023 card has added one year for you. If not, let me know; and I will mail out a new card with the correct years and have National update your membership record. ([edschnabelasa@gmail.com](mailto:edschnabelasa@gmail.com) 402-480-8542)**

**As of February 17, 145 members had not renewed for 2023. I did a search for a breakdown by “war era” for the members who have not yet renewed.**

<b>Gulf War on Terrorism</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Korea</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Panama</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Persian Gulf</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>WWII</b>	<b>12</b>

### **Two Kinds of Buddy Checks.**

**The Veterans Administration (VA) has a Buddy Check program, and the American Legion has a Buddy Check program. The difference between the two is that one is a social event, and the other is a veteran contact of some kind --- phone call, email, card, etc.**

**The VA started theirs to bring notice to the number of veterans committing suicide each day. In Lincoln, it is held at a local establishment on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of each month as that was the daily average of veteran suicides when the program was started. Veterans can gather for light refreshments, conversation, and support.**

**The American Legion Buddy Check is a program where the local posts try to make personal contact with members that they have not seen for a while. It can be a one-day event or scheduled at some other interval by the members of the post.**

**As most of you know, we had a frozen water pipe in our office building during the Christmas season and had to vacate the office for about a month while the landlord completed repairs to the “flood damage.” We took advantage of the misfortune to do a little updating and rearranging --- and are now putting the finishing touches on the office.**

**We hope to hold an open house for our refurbished Post 3 Office from 10:00 AM to noon on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Drop by and see where the work gets done to keep Post 3 functioning.**

**Again, Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of American Legion Post 3 --- and remember to thank your fellow veterans for their service.**

**Ed Schnabel  
Adjutant**

## **Lincoln CBOC/VA News**



**A note to my fellow Vietnam veterans who happen to serve in theater, but outside of South Vietnam or served in the Middle East Gulf Wars.**

**On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law, extending VA health to eligibility to many veterans and expanding benefits to eligible veterans. The PACT Act expanded benefits for exposures to toxic substances. This PACT Act now PRESUMES that exposure to toxics substances caused many health problems to those who served in these theaters. If you have filed a claim for Agent Orange, or other toxic agents and it was denied, you need to file a claim update and get a new review.**

**For me, my service in Thailand is now covered for toxic exposures and allows me to file new claims for many of my health problems, without needing to prove my service caused them.**

**This is a major change; the VA now PRESUMES that service is a direct cause for many health problems.**

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

**You can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now. Call [800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411)**

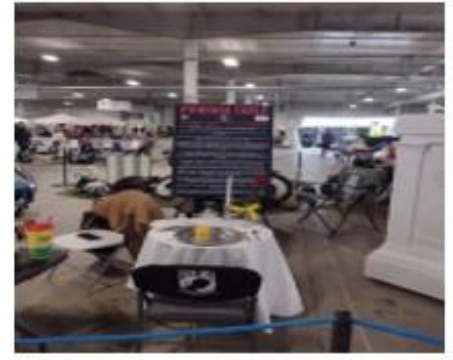
**Visit the VA web site and read the list of medical problems that are now presumed to have a link to service in these theaters. If you have any, contact your Service Office to file a new or updated claim.**

**Masks are still mandated at the VA Hospitals and Clinics. They are providing them as you enter the buildings.**

**Ed Schnabel  
Legion Rep. to Lincoln CBOC**



## **Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks**



The ALR Chapter 3 had a table at the ABATE bike show February 17-19, 2023. We handed out decks of playing cards and business cards promoting awareness of veteran suicide prevention. We also had available applications for the Legion, Sons of the Legion, the Auxiliary, and for the Riders.

Patriotic Productions had its 3/4 size replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, plus a table with the organization's information. We had a POW/MIA table and chair set up. Several people volunteered to fill time slots manning the table throughout the weekend. We had a few people stop by and talk with us. Our presence was made!

Just another quick reminder: our Poker Run is set for September 9th this year. Flyer and details to follow. We are also looking at several rides and parades to participate in.

Neil Larson  
Director  
Lincoln Chapter 3  
American Legion Riders

## **The Chaplain's Remarks**



**How may you get past this Judgment that is upon us? No, I don't mean running to another country or burying yourself underground.**

**No, I mean, for real: how DO you get past the Almighty's worldwide efforts to reach His greatest Creation—you and me among the rest of humanity—to get back on His path of a decent life, as evidenced by our holiness, or keeping to His Word (the Bible) while forsaking the world (Satan's domain) as noted in Jude 1:15?**

**How prayer, for one. It's the first and last step a person of God may take to plead the Lord's forgiveness as a sinner—and we all are sinners. Next, there's pledging to God your intention to walk His path of life—being holy—from now on. If you fail, which you probably will, God will be there to take your repentance once again. One day, your holiness will help pave the way to Heaven, versus being thrown into Hell with your buddy Satan.**

**It's not that God is not able to control you. He loves us enough to allow you free reign in your life to accept or reject Him. Perfect love (1 John 4:18) knows no limits, if you are sincere in your repentance. His Judgment is like that of Egypt's turmoil for His people (Exodus 6:6). In our times, that Judgment will manifest in terms of weather, earth tremors, and any number of natural and unnatural occurrences.**

**Take the time God has given YOU to repent, because He loves YOU, as well as many believers on this planet. Don't waste His time if you're more interested in Satan's so-called rewards for fleshly things.**

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

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3 (District 15 Convention)**  
**Lincoln Elks Lodge #80**  
**February 14, 2023**

District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser opened the February 14, 2023 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at the District 15 Convention at 6:30 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 21 Legionnaires present.

Commander Gubser read the convention call. A number of visiting Legionnaires were introduced.

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

Alternate National Executive Committeeman Jim Costello reported for the national organization and discussed adopted or pending national resolutions, appointments of Nebraska Legionnaires to various committees or commissions, the Veterans and Children's Foundation, Consolidated Post Reports, and the Washington Conference.

Department Commander Don Suchy discussed membership and the 85% target date tomorrow. He encouraged everyone to keep working on membership and indicated he had a bet with the Department of Kansas that Nebraska would have a higher percentage of goal than Kansas on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Department Adjutant Dave Salak reported on Boys State, the Jr. Law Cadet program, reporting IRS Form 990, the upcoming Department Convention in Kearney, and the upcoming National Convention in Charlotte.

Dave Timmerman was announced as the recipient of the 2023 District Citizenship Award. He will receive his medal and be recognized at the Department Convention in June.

Speaking to the convention and requesting support for their candidacies for 2024 office were John Henry Percy (Department Commander), Carl Lorenzen (Department Sr. Vice Commander), and Boyd Yochum (Department Sr. Vice Commander).

Nominated by Fred Craigie, Steve Bartos was elected as District 15's delegate to the 2023 National Convention.

Several awards and certificates for the 2021-2022 year were presented to Post 3. Also, Jack Sibert and Gerry Wolf received certificates recognizing their activity with the Post 3 website and the monthly email newsletter.

Department Adjutant Salak introduced Eric Martin, the new Department Assistant Adjutant.

The meeting was closed in proper form at 7:20 P.M.

Steve Bartos, Recorder



## **Post 3 Honor Guard**



In February, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 10 Legion funerals and was asked to assist at 2 VFW funerals. In calendar year 2023, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honors Teams at a combined 22 funerals and was present at 2 civic events. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

## **Post 3 TAPS – February 2023**



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YRS
Lyle E. Davis	WW II	Army	51
Robert A. Dunn	Korea	USMC	39
Milan A. Frey	Korea	Army	44
Harvey Froscheiser	Vietnam	Navy	14
Richard Mitchell	Vietnam	Air Force	17

## District 15 Convention



(L to R) Department Commander, Don Suchy, Dave Timmerman, District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser



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Bruce Gubser accepted several awards and certificates for the 2021-2022 year that were awarded to Post 3. Also, Jack Sibert and Gerry Wolf received certificates recognizing their activity with the Post 3 website and the monthly email newsletter.

## **Our “New” Post 3 Office**

As previously reported, a water line at the American Legion Post 3 office froze and broke over the Christmas Holiday and flooded the building. The water damage caused quite a mess. The office was closed for repair during the months of January and half of February.

While the water made a mess of things, very few things belonging to Post 3 were lost or damaged. Repairs were covered by the building's insurance. During the renovation, we did some re-arranging and updating of the office layout. We plan to hold an “Open House” on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 to “show off” our new home. Plan to stop by and have a cup of coffee and a roll and visit with us. Some pictures of our “new office” are posted below:





## Operation School Talk

Our Americanism Committee sponsors "OPERATION SCHOOL TALK" to educate and inform the youth on the principles and programs of The American Legion and our proud military service. Those that have gone to a school and talked to the students are encouraged to fill out the form below and return it to the Department by May 1, 2023. The awards will be presented at the Department Convention in Kearney.

### OPERATION SCHOOL TALK PROGRAM

#### Legionnaire Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Nebraska County: \_\_\_\_\_ Class attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours spent in class: \_\_\_\_\_

Topics discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Legionnaires present: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

National Commander, Jim Troiola, will award his National Commander pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains three new members into The American Legion.



NATIONAL COMMANDER VINCENT J. "JIM" TROIOLA  
2023 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN  
CERTIFICATION FORM



Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address  
provided is for the recruiter and not the post.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MAIL TO RECRUITER ☐ MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WERE NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION.  
PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2023.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed forms to:  
The American Legion  
Internal Affairs & Membership Division  
PO Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413  
Email: [kadams@legion.org](mailto:kadams@legion.org)



National Commander, Jim Troiola, will also award his V.E.T.S. incentive pin to anyone who reinstates five expired members.



NATIONAL COMMANDER VINCENT J. "JIM" TROIOLA  
2023 V.E.T.S. EXPIRED MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN  
CERTIFICATION FORM



Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address  
provided is for the recruiter and not the post

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MAIL TO RECRUITER ☐ MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO REINSTATE (5) EXPIRED MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION  
FOR THE 2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WERE NOT A MEMBER DURING THE 2022 MEMBERSHIP  
YEAR.

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR  
SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR  
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WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2023.

(5) REINSTATED EXPIRED MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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# **KOREAN WAR - UNITED STATES NAVY**

## **Unaccounted For – Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown**



Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, who entered the U.S. Navy from Mississippi, was the first African-American aviator with the U.S. Navy and a member of Fighter Squadron 32, embarked aboard the USS Leyte (CV-32).

On December 4, 1950, he piloted a single-seat F4U-4 Corsair that took off from the Leyte as a section leader in a flight supporting the withdrawal of Marines near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Arriving in the target area, Ensign Brown made a bombing run on a target and after making his pass and while still at a low altitude, his aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire and began to trail smoke.

He managed a crash-landing. However, he was mortally wounded during the landing. Rescuers arrived at the crash site but were unable to remove Ensign Brown from the aircraft. He died while still inside the cockpit during the attempt to extricate him. Because the Leyte was relocating and needed to depart, rescuers were ordered to return to the ship and could make no further attempts to recover Ensign Brown's remains.

Prior to the ship's departure, pilots were directed to drop munitions on the downed aircraft to destroy the wreckage and Ensign Brown's remains. However, this only damaged the aircraft, and did not completely destroy it.

Today, Ensign Brown's body has never been recovered but he is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Based on all information available, DPAA assessed the individual's case to be in the analytical category of [Deferred](#).

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“Devotion” is a 2022 American [biographical war](#) film based on the 2015 book “Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism, Friendship, and Sacrifice” by [Adam Makos](#), which retells the comradeship between Naval officers [Jesse Brown](#) and [Tom Hudner](#) during the [Korean War](#).

## **NEBRASKAN AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR VIETNAM SERVICE**



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a rifleman with Company M in action against enemy forces. While serving as point man for the 2d Platoon, Pfc. Coker was leading his patrol when he encountered five enemy soldiers on a narrow jungle trail. Pfc. Coker's squad aggressively pursued them to a cave.

As the squad neared the cave, it came under intense hostile fire, seriously wounding one Marine and forcing the others to take cover. Observing the wounded man lying exposed to continuous enemy fire, Pfc. Coker disregarded his safety and moved across the fire-swept terrain toward his companion. Although wounded by enemy small-arms fire, he continued to crawl across the hazardous area and skillfully threw a hand grenade into the enemy positions, suppressing the hostile fire sufficiently to enable him to reach the wounded man. As he began to drag his injured comrade toward safety, a grenade landed on the wounded Marine.

Unhesitatingly, Pfc. Coker grasped it with both hands and turned away from his wounded companion, but before he could dispose of the grenade, it exploded. Severely wounded, but undaunted, he refused to abandon his comrade. As he moved toward friendly lines, two more enemy grenades exploded near him, inflicting still further injuries. Concerned only for the safety of his comrade, Pfc. Coker, with supreme effort, continued to crawl and pull the wounded marine with him. His heroic deeds inspired his fellow marines to such aggressive action that the enemy fire was suppressed sufficiently to enable others to reach him and carry him to a relatively safe area where he succumbed to his extensive wounds.

Pfc. Coker's indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and selfless devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CONFLICT/ERA:</b> VIETNAM WAR</li><li>• <b>UNIT/COMMAND:</b><br/>2D PLATOON, COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION,<br/>3D MARINES,<br/>3D MARINE DIVISION (REIN) FMF</li><li>• <b>AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY:</b> YES</li><li>• <b>PRESENTATION DATE &amp;<br/>DETAILS:</b> APRIL, 20, 1970<br/>THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESENTED BY VICE<br/>PRES. SPIRO T. AGNEW TO HIS FAMILY</li><li>• <b>MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH:</b> U.S. MARINE<br/>CORPS</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE:</b> MARCH<br/>24, 1969</li><li>• <b>MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION<br/>PLACE:</b> NORTHWEST QUANG TRI<br/>PROVINCE, QUANG TRI PROVINCE,<br/>REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM</li><li>• <b>BORN:</b> AUGUST 9, 1947, ALLIANCE, BOX<br/>BUTTE COUNTY, NE, UNITED STATES</li><li>• <b>DIED:</b> MARCH 24, 1969, REPUBLIC OF<br/>VIETNAM</li><li>• <b>BURIED:</b> FAIRVIEW CEMETERY (MH),<br/>ALLIANCE, NE, UNITED STATES</li></ul> |
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## **Very Interesting, But Very Sad Reading!**



**A little history most people will never know.**

### **Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall**

**There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.**

**The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.**

**The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth , Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.**

**There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.**

**39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.**

**8,283 were just 19 years old.**

**The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.**

**12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old**

**5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.**

**One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.**



## **(The Wall – Continued)**

**997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam ..**

**1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam ..**

**31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.**

**Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.**

**54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.**

**8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.**

**244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.**

**Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.**

**West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.**

**The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.**

**The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.**

**The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.**

**The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.**

**For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.**

**Author - Unknown**



# **Oldest Recruit In The History Of Parris Island**



The average age of a United States Marine Corps recruit is 21 years old. When Paul Douglas enlisted in 1942, he left behind his wife, child, and career and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island at the ripe age of 50.

After completing boot camp, Douglas proudly wrote "I found myself able to take the strenuous boot camp training without asking for a moment's time out and without visiting the sick bay." Following a recommendation from his commanding officer (and a strong recommendation from his old friend Frank Knox,) Douglas was commissioned as a captain in the Marine Corps, after seven months as an enlisted Marine.

Douglas went on to serve in the battle of Okinawa, often being remembered by Marines for running around the battlefield with the vigor of a much younger Marine. He was promoted to major during the battle of Okinawa.

Douglas had been hit by a machine gun in his left forearm and was evacuated by the men that he had dedicated his life to serving. After being hit, he proceeded to use his uninjured hand to take off his major rank insignia so that he wouldn't receive special attention.

Douglas expressed passionate interest in returning early to his men to continue serving on the front lines. He was hospitalized in San Francisco and subsequently moved to Bethesda, Maryland where it took more than 14 months to be dismissed from the hospital and was medically retired from the Marine Corps, only regaining partial use of his left hand.

Because of his brave actions under fire and unselfish service he was promoted to lieutenant colonel a year after he retired in January of 1947. After returning to Chicago as a war hero, Douglas won his spot as Illinois state senator in 1949. Even in public office Douglas continued to advocate for the Marine Corps, and proudly kept the Marine Corps standard displayed in office.

**Semper Fi, Sir!**



# Lincoln VAG eAlert

**A Message from Your Veterans Advisory Group!**

## VAG Lincoln Coffeehaus!

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**JOIN US ON  
FRIDAY!**

A CoffeeHaus Event has been scheduled for the third Friday each month from 10:00 AM to Noon, at Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park

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In addition, Quilts of Valor Ladies will be awarding quilts to Veterans touched by war, and the presentation begins at Noon.

CoffeeHaus is a monthly gathering to honor our Veterans, with **FREE** Coffee, Beverages, Snacks, Fellowship, and Entertainment.

**Join us - reach out and bring a guest too!**

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### OUR SPONSOR

The Sponsor for  
CoffeeHaus is the Elks  
Lodge #80.



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### MORE INFORMATION!

For a Calendar of Upcoming VAG Events, visit our Website, at [www.VAGLincoln.org](http://www.VAGLincoln.org)!



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# Buddy Check

TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE™

MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

# FOUNDRY

211 N. 14TH ST.

7PM TO 9PM

## Buddy Check

A social gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to those who served at our side. We stood together then, and we stand together now.

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

# 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 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite L  
Lincoln, Ne. 68510

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application	
Detachment of ____ Squadron No. _____	Birth Date _____ Date _____
Name _____ (First) (Initial) (Last)	Recruited by _____ (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)	00-001 (2014)

RECEIPT	
Date _____	Received of _____
\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____	
Squadron _____ Detachment of _____	
By _____	

**For God and Country**



## 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 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite L  
Lincoln, Ne 68510

**The American Legion Membership Application**

LEGION ACT

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female (Gender) (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below**

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

30-009 Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_



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





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

**Email: [Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com](mailto:Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com)**

**Web Site: [lincolnpost3.org](http://lincolnpost3.org)**

**2022 - 2023 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 Commander for approval. All requests must be received one week before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.**

