



## **“For God And Country”**

### **November 2021 POST 3 NEWSLETTER**



### **Meeting Schedule For November 2021 – December 2021**

Organization	Location	Time	November	December
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	11/09/2021	12/14/2021
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	11/09/2021	12/14/2021
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 South 84th	7:00 PM	11/11/2021	12/09/2021
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	11/18/2021	12/16/2021
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	11/16/2021	12/21/2021
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	11/16/2021	12/21/2021
8 & 40 Salon 92	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	1:00 PM	11/18/2021	No Meeting
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 North 14th	7:00 PM	11/22/2021	12/22/2021
VA Coffeehaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	11/19/2021	12/17/2021

# **Commander's Call**



**Fellow Legionnaires:**

**I am sure you all know that Thursday, November 11th is Veterans Day.**

**Veterans Day is a time to honor not just those who have fought for us in battle, but, in fact, all the outstanding men and women who served in our nation's Armed Forces since our founding more than 245 years ago.**

**Peacetime or wartime, all Veterans have taken an oath indicating that they were willing to offer their lives to defend our Constitution and country. Most Veterans will agree that the best wars are the ones that are never fought.**

**While many realize that Veterans Day is a day to honor our Veterans, few realize the significance of the day.**

**Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of hostilities of World War I that occurred on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. Therefore, the day is always recognized on November 11<sup>th</sup>, regardless of the day of the week the 11<sup>th</sup> falls on.**

**The day was originally set aside to honor Veterans of World War I with a day of parades and remembrances as well as a pause in activities at 11 am on that day.**

**However, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress recognized a need to expand the meaning of the day to recognize all our veterans and not just those of World War I.**

**In 1954, the word "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans" as a way to formally include all Veterans of all American wars in the day of remembrance.**

**Since 1938, Veterans Day has been a federal holiday which many cities celebrate with parades and ceremonies. In Washington, D.C., there are ceremonies throughout the city including a wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery.**

**For the first time in nearly 100 years, and as part of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration, the public will be able to walk on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Plaza and lay flowers in front of the Tomb on November 9th and 10<sup>th</sup>. A privilege otherwise given only to the Sentinels of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard."**

**Americans are encouraged to say "Thank You" to those who fulfill the patriotic duty of maintaining the freedom of our country.**

**Please join us as we celebrate Veterans Day on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 with the Veterans Day Parade. We will march down K Street from 21<sup>st</sup> Street to the Capitol. Hope to see you there.**

**Happy Veterans Day,**

**Gerry Wolf  
Post 3 Commander**

# Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



**A BIG THANK YOU** to those who have renewed for 2022. Renewals stand at 925, about 69% of our 2022 goal.

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. I had knee replacement surgery on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October so have been out of the office for a few days.

Have been handling calls from home, so please allow a few extra days to receive a 2022 membership card if you just sent your payment. Thanks.

Last item on 2022 renewals, those who have not been credited for paying their 2022, should have received a second dues notice during the second week of October. Again, if you know you have paid your 2022 dues, just throw the notice away. Due to lag times with the mail and processing at National, some memberships are not credited before the next cutoff date for a renewal notice.

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

Where is your DD214 or Discharge Papers?  
And does your family know where to find it?

We keep getting a late request for Military Honors, without the DD214, this can cause the military branch not to be able to carry out your request, as they must have a DD214.

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I cannot over stress this, NOW is the time to be sure that your family knows your wishes. You can help your loved ones with your request for Military Honors by doing some simple things now.

If you desire Military Honors during your memorial service, you need to talk with your family, so they know your wishes. Your DD214 or discharge papers, is the key piece in requesting Military Honors that are provided by DOD personal.

You can find answers to many of your questions on the VA's web site. The VA's site will help with requesting a VA grave head stone, how to request burial in a National Cemetery, etc. Feel free to call the office for assistance with this effort.

Take time to remember our VETERANS on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Take time to thank a veteran or a soldier for their service.

Reminder that we will be hosting our American Legion Oratorical Contest on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

The contest will be held at 4PM at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 8300 East Pointe Road, Lincoln, NE. If you said you would be a judge, or another helper, please show up about 3:45 pm.

District 15 Commander, Ed Muggy, will be in charge of the program this year.

Hope we have a few speakers show up this year.

Ed Schnabel  
Adjutant

# **LINCOLN CBOC/VA NEWS**



**The VA Clinics are now providing special clinics for giving the Covid 19 Booster shots. Lincoln COBC had three Saturday clinics for three weeks starting this coming Saturday. These are for the newly approved booster shots. You might want to call if you have not received a notice from the VA to come and get your booster.**

**FLU shots will begin soon. If you have a doctor appointment, you should be able to request one during your visit. Walk Ins will begin the second week of the month. Again, dates and times will vary by the Clinic you go to for your VA care.**

**Remember your VA ID card. You are required to check in for your appointment on the Kiosk, you will need your VA ID card or your FULL SSA number. When checking in, the Kiosk will print off your appointments. Be sure to follow the prompts, Continue, to advance to the next screen, until you reach Exit. On the first print out is a number, disregard it, the second print out, it tells you your appointments and which waiting area to wait in. Staff will come out to the waiting areas and escort you to your appointments.**

**Those needing blood work, there is a Kiosk just for lab check in. It is just to the right of the entrance to the lab. The lab is located to the right of the main entrance in area B. Check in and take your number and have a seat, you will be called by number.**

**For those visiting the pharmacy, there are two Kiosks for pharmacy, one to speak to the pharmacy clerk and one to pick up your prescriptions.**

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

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

**The process is done by video computer link. Ask any VA clerk and they will show you where the room is for this video computer link. You can also get help to enroll in the VA system, etc. by using this computer link.**

**Waiting areas, two on the main floor and two on the second floor have NEW NAMES: Area A, to the left and Area B, to the right. The nurse / staff will come to the reception areas and call you by your name. Try and be in the reception area about 15 minutes prior to your appointment time.**

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

**EYEGLASSES.** Those who require eyeglasses may want to check with the VA. When I had my new glasses adjusted the tech told me that there was a change in VA policy, that made almost all veterans eligible to receive glasses from the VA. It would be worth a look to see if you are eligible to get eyeglasses from the VA.

**Do you need help traveling to your appointments?** You can request rides to the Lincoln clinic or the Omaha VA hospital through the VA.

**For appointments at the Lincoln clinic, call the DAV travel number.** They will pick up veterans in Lincoln.

**Call VTS, Veterans Transportation Service, 402-995-4200, for travel to appointments at the VA hospital in Omaha.**

**The earlier you call, the better chance of getting a ride. Travel to Omaha fills up quickly, best to request appointments on Tuesdays or Thursdays, as slots for travel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are very limited.**

**Morning appointments are best if you will be needing a return trip.**

**VTS will pick you up at your home and return you to your home. You must call at least 7 to 10 days ahead of the day of your appointment.**

**Last three items:**

**Voluntary Services has a new name: VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). If you want to donate items to the VA or Volunteer, you need to contact us at CDCE.**

**Treats for Veterans, was told at our meeting yesterday, that due to lack of space in the Lincoln CBOC, the VSO will not be allowed to set up tables to give out treats to veterans on special days, like Veterans' Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Last. If you would like to give calls to veterans, the VA has a new program, Compassionate Contact Care Volunteer Program. This would involve calling or receiving calls to talk with veterans. Details are still being worked out.**

**Remember, the VA will only be there for us if we use its services. If we do not use them, the government sees it as a service not needed here and will cut funding for the Lincoln CBOC. The government funds each CBOC / hospital based on the number of veterans signed up for services in its service area. They, the veterans, do not need to be using the VA for their medical needs, just need to be enrolled in the VA Health Care System.**

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

**Thanks for your service.**

**Ed Schnabel**

**Lincoln VAG member (Veteran Advisory Group)**

**Lincoln VA American Legion Representative for Nebraska**



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



**Riders and Friends,**

**Well, November really marks the point where motorcycle riding for most people ends. Leaves on the trees are changing colors and falling to the ground. The temperatures continue to drop. Most sane people tuck their two- or three-wheeled vehicles in for a long winter's nap. Not so for some of your American Legion Riders, many of whom will continue to support Veterans, their families, and the Four Pillars of The American Legion, regardless of the weather.**

**On Thursday, October 24th, Lincoln Chapter 3 Assistant Director Ray Paulson and Treasurer Dave Dietz traveled to Firth, Nebraska, to present a donation of \$1,300 to the family of Kaylean Gentry. Kaylean was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident earlier this year, leaving behind her husband, Brandon, and five children, four boys and one girl, ages 5-months to 9-years.**

**Three of the five children have a blood disorder called Hemophilia. Kaylean was very active, both in Nebraska and nationally, with bleeding disorder organizations. Treasurer Dave reported that Brandon was very appreciative of all the support he has received and was especially grateful for our Chapter's donation. It was an honor to be able to provide some small measure of relief and help to the Gentry family.**

**Although I am writing this in late-October, there is still one event that will have happened before you actually read this newsletter. Your American Legion Riders will be participating in a once-in-a-lifetime event on Saturday, October 30th. We will be supporting the inurnment of the cremains of a Civil War Veteran at Plattsmouth. Private Benton Kinkead, served with the 77th Ohio Volunteers and saw action in four major battles, including the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. Shiloh is remembered as one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles, with over 23,700 casualties, including over 3,500 killed, in the two-day battle.**

**Private Kinkead sustained injuries during his service and was discharged. He married and moved to Plattsmouth, where he lived until his wife died in 1910. He moved to Washington state and died in 1916. His cremains remained, unclaimed, on a shelf at the mortuary for the next 105 years.**

**On October 30th, a ceremony will be held in Plattsmouth and Private Kinkead's cremains will join those of his beloved wife.**

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

**Bruce Gubser  
Director  
Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders**

# **The Chaplain's Remarks**

(Trouble )



We're in it now. You know: that sinking feeling that something's amiss. Well...it didn't just happen in recent history. No, it's taken a few decades—maybe some hundred years—but it's definitely a reality. It's called...a loss of freedom.

Remember when there came into being our U.S. Constitution, offering the "...inalienable rights..." of "...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..." It's been over 245 years, but now...well...it may all come to an end because some persons ruling our nation take no stock in our Constitutional rights and privileges. And it's all due to a negative spiritual presence among us all, referred to as little anti-Christ.

If you review your *Eschatology* (Greek...study of the last), it entails the end of times to come (i.e., afterlife, Heaven and Hell, the Second Coming of Jesus, the resurrection of the dead, the Rapture, the Tribulation, Millennialism, the end of the world, the Last Judgment, and the New Heaven and New Earth in the world to come). Such Scriptures as Isaiah 24–27, Isaiah 46:10, and Daniel 11:6 give more detail on the same.

But what should all this forecasting of “doom-n-gloom” say to you as a follower of Christ.

Or even to one who is striving to know our Lord and Saviour? It comes down to this: if you have any inkling about your life's reward—Heaven or Hell—then it just may be time to get your act together. But...it is it really all that essential to “get my act together” before you die?

Let's put it like this. There IS a Creator God, from all accounts in Scripture (Romans 1:20). There IS a Heaven (Genesis 1:1). There is a Hell (Psalm 9:17). And there is the Judgment for humanity for one's reward to Heaven or Hell (Romans 2:2). As a counter to the Creator God, there have been numerous, pagan beliefs which have driven present and past civilizations to prepare for an afterlife, similar to current Christian believers' hope for Heaven.

You must make up your own mind as to the direction of your current life as a preparation for some disposition beyond this current existence. If the pagans know there is life after death, what makes you think you won't be facing that demarcation to something...completely different...from this way of life? Be real and trust the Lord for your presence, your future, and life with Jesus when your time comes.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson  
Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain



## Post 3 Honor Guard



In the month of October, the Honor Guard rendered “Honors” at 11 Legion funerals and was asked to assist at 2 VFW funerals. In calendar year 2021, the Honor Guard has rendered “Honors” at 138 combined funerals and has appeared at 23 civic functions. We are also scheduled to appear at 7 Veterans Day ceremonies in November.

## October 2021 TAPS



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
John W. Andrews	Vietnam	Army	2
Michael Gutschenritter	Vietnam	Army	56
Robert Oglevie	Vietnam	Unknown	47
Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr.	Vietnam	Army	10
Earl L. Lahm	Korea	Air Force	62
Galan Prai	WWII	Army	43
Benjamin Allen	Korea	Army	46
William Wieland	Vietnam	Army	43



## **MISCELLANEOUS**



### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

Christmas season is almost here!

We are registered with the Lincoln Salvation Army as Group Name, AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 2021 for volunteering.

Post 3 currently has filled the schedule for four days of volunteering. Legion Riders are covering all day on 1 December at Hobby Lobby at 64th & O Street. Our Legion Ladies are covering all day on 2 December at Hy-Vee at 40th & Old Cheney Road. Additionally, we have volunteers covering all day on 8 & 9 December at Hy-Vee at 40th & Old Cheney. All day equates to 11am to 7pm at each location. Ron Hindmand is our group leader and will coordinate additional days and times as volunteers are added. No Bell Ringing is done on Sundays. Please contact Ron to volunteer and he will coordinate for us depending on your availability.

Ron's contact information: Phone (254) 291-1514: Email [rhindmand@gmail.com](mailto:rhindmand@gmail.com)

Signup sheets will again also be at our November 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Legion meeting.

Thank you for the outstanding volunteering so far proving the Legion contributes to this community.

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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #3 has purchased (in perpetuity) a bed of "Veterans' Honor" roses at the city's Hammond Rose Garden. It has not been formally dedicated as yet, but the bed location is the first bed on the southeast entrance to the garden. It has a bronze marker that indicates that it was purchased by the Auxiliary Unit #3. Please stop by and see it.



A little bit about the "Veterans' Honor" rose. It is one of the top exhibition hybrid tea roses of the American Rose Society. The rose was introduced in 2013 and is a beautiful shade of red that doesn't fade and the stems are long lasting in a vase. The fragrance is mild. But the color and form are outstanding.

The rose will be in the height of its beauty around late May or early June (it depends on the weather).



Post 3 Commander, Gerry Wolf, recently presented Robert Vanvalkenburg with his 50 Year continuous membership award.

Robert actually has 51 continuous years, but his 50-year award was not presented at the appropriate time due to a clerical error.

Robert also recently volunteered to act as Post 3's liaison to the University of Nebraska ROTC.

Thanks, Robert

**(Miscellaneous – Continued)**

## **Sons Of The American Legion News**



**The SAL meetings are now on the second Thursday of each month and are held at the Post 3 office just south of 84<sup>th</sup> and “O” street. Please try to attend if you are able.**

**It has been a tradition for the SAL to provide food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but with the situation that we are in now it isn't feasible. I have been looking for other outlets for SAL to contribute to veterans' community. With the addition of the Victory Park apartments, I have offered the services of the SAL to see what we could do for the residents. It appears that the meals are taken care of by HyVee and other local groups. It is a new complex so they do have some other things that we can provide. Rugged**

**patio furniture would be nice, but it is too late in the season for that. Patio heaters seemed to be a good solution, so I purchased two of them in the name of the SAL.**

**They came un-assembled so that the veterans would take some claim to them and take good care of them.**

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**Each year, the Department Commander and Adjutant are invited to Fall Meetings in Indianapolis. During that meeting, time is set aside for Department Commanders/Adjutants to enter into a competition with other Departments. The competition is to predict where the Departments believe their respective membership numbers will be (percentagewise) when the March membership goal date rolls around. All Departments are supposed to be at the 90% mark by that March date.**

**Department Commander Benes and Department Adjutant Salak pledged Nebraska would be at 91.15% or 23,787 members as of March 2022. Post 3 has a goal of 1344 members at year end. Let's try to do our part before that. If you have not renewed, do so now. If you know of a veteran who has served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged or are currently serving honorably, let's get him/her signed up.**

**Adjutant Schnabel reported that we are at about 69% of our 2022 goal. Let's help Commander Benes win this competition!**

## **Hardships Make Us Stronger.**



On Thanksgiving Day of 1944, Harry and Daisy Reab were informed that their son had gone missing two weeks earlier on November 9 while fighting near Vossenack, Germany, in the battle of Hurtgen Forest.

Amongst one of the most cherished and most joyful times of the year, they were devastated when they heard this news, but they continued to hope that he would resurface. However, seven months later, the Army informed the Reabs that their son Lyle had been presumed dead. Harry and Daisy would live out the rest of their days wondering whatever happened to their son Lyle, as Harry passed away in 1973 and Daisy in 1986.

Some 80 years later, the living relatives of Lyle Reab were notified that his remains had been identified and plans had been made to return them to his hometown to be buried next to his parents in Giltner, NE. What a moment of solace and joy this news must have brought to the Reab family. By the amazing work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency this family was able to receive the closure they so desperately sought.



The hardship that this family experienced yielded profoundly positive effects in the long term. They were saddled with such a difficult reality to endure, yet they carried it with pride. In a world full of anger and hurt, we need to be able to find that same resilience and realize that we must face our own hardships and create a new and better reality after embracing them.

As Craig D. Lounsborough said, “Without mountains, we might find ourselves relieved that we can avoid the pain of the ascent, but we will forever miss the thrill of the summit. And in such a terribly scandalous trade-off, it is the absence of pain that becomes the thief of life.” As we encounter hardship, we’re conditioned, we learn how to endure and be patient. We learn adaptability and resilience, we grow stronger, and we learn gratitude for our trials. Most importantly, we learn that, without the storm, we won’t ever be able to appreciate the calm.

Even though it may take some time to see it, there’s always something tremendously positive in any hardship. As the saying goes, it’s not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.

Submitted by Wes Newton  
POW/MIA Liaison



**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3  
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM  
October 12, 2021**

**Vice-Commander Bruce Gubser opened the October 12, 2021 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with about 20 Legionnaires present. The meeting was also being made available on Zoom.**

**Steve Bartos read the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting; and they were approved without correction.**

**Ed Schnabel gave the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2021 showing a balance on hand of \$45,964.69. The report was filed for review.**

**Adjutant Schnabel also reported that Post 3 membership for 2022 stood at 856.**

**Vice-Commander Gubser introduced a first-time attendee --- Bob Selig. Legionnaire Selig made a few remarks and indicated he served on the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court and had worked in airport management for a number of years, including an appointment to the Lincoln Airport Authority Board.**

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

**Vice-Commander Gubser indicated that he was serving as membership chairman this year and welcomed any help in the task of growing our numbers.**

**Bruce also reported for the Legion Riders. He indicated that the riding season was slowing down and that the "Lack of Cents" fundraiser was going to end this month.**

**Dr. Jackson gave a report on Americanism making reference to the principles of never leaving any comrade behind and suicide prevention.**

**It was reported that Nathan Thedford and his helpers have been providing some weekly clean-up at Pine Lake Park.**

**Ed Schnabel reported on the Oratorical Contest to be held on November 3. The contest is at 4:00 PM. Helpers need to arrive by 3:30.**

**Brendan Moore reported for the Sons of the American Legion. They will meet this Thursday at the Post 3 business office.**

**Brendan also commented on the Veterans Parade to be held November 7<sup>th</sup> and a dinner dance to be held at the Auld Pavilion on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Brendan wished the Navy a Happy 246th Birthday tomorrow.**

**Vice Commander Ron Hindmand reported on Bellringers. Post 3 (American Legion Riders) will fill all the time slots at Hobby Lobby on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Post 3 will also commit to ring bells the entire day (1100 – 1900) at the Williamsburg Hy-Vee.**

**Vice Commander Gubser reported that the Memorial Squad is keeping busy serving at funerals and doing other events.**

**Vice-Commander Gubser read a report detailing the identification of WW II remains of Denis J. Hiskitt of Nebraska City.**

**Bartos reported that Voiture 103 of the 40/8 would meet next Tuesday at the Elks. He said he wasn't sure what would be on the menu.**

**Bartos also reported that Post 3 needed to recommend a Legionnaire for a 4-year term on the Legionnaire Club, Inc. board of directors. He then moved that the post recommend Fred Craigie to succeed himself for another term. The motion was adopted unanimously.**

**Adjutant Schnabel made a few comments about the Coffeehaus being held at the Auld Pavilion and that the music festival would be in the park next year, also. Buddy Checks are held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at The Foundry Coffee Shop, and the Veterans Parade will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Adjutant also indicated that he hoped to have a budget formulated by the end of the month.**

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

**Steve Bartos, Recorder**

JOIN US



# CENTRAL NEBRASKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

*Dedication Ceremony*



THURSDAY

NOV 11, 2021

2:00 PM

4510 E 56TH STREET, KEARNEY, NE



The ceremony will be streamed live @ [www.facebook.com/KACCNebraska](https://www.facebook.com/KACCNebraska)  
FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, WE INVITE YOU TO WALK THROUGH THE MEMORIAL



## **Medal Of Honor Awarded to Army Specialist In The War On Terrorism**



**Specialist Ty M. Carter distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Scout with Bravo Troop, 3d Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, during combat operations against an armed enemy in Kamdesh District, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan on October 3, 2009.**

**On that morning, Specialist Carter and his comrades awakened to an attack of an estimated 300 enemy fighters occupying the high ground on all four sides of Combat Outpost Keating, employing concentrated fire from recoilless rifles, rocket propelled grenades, anti-aircraft machine guns, mortars and small arms fire.**

**Specialist Carter reinforced a forward battle position, ran twice through a 100 meter gauntlet of enemy fire to resupply ammunition and voluntarily remained there to defend the isolated position. Armed with only an M4 carbine rifle, Specialist Carter placed accurate, deadly fire on the enemy, beating back the assault force and preventing the position from being overrun, over the course of several hours.**

**With complete disregard for his own safety and in spite of his own wounds, he ran through a hail of enemy rocket propelled grenade and machine gun fire to rescue a critically wounded comrade who had been pinned down in an exposed position.**

**Specialist Carter rendered life extending first aid and carried the Soldier to cover. On his own initiative, Specialist Carter again maneuvered through enemy fire to check on a fallen Soldier and recovered the squad's radio, which allowed them to coordinate their evacuation with fellow Soldiers. With teammates providing covering fire, Specialist Carter assisted in moving the wounded Soldier 100 meters through withering enemy fire to the aid station and before returning to the fight. Specialist Carter's heroic actions and tactical skill were critical to the defense of Combat Outpost Keating, preventing the enemy from capturing the position and saving the lives of his fellow Soldiers.**

**Specialist Ty M. Carter's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Bravo Troop, 3d Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and the United States Army.**



# PVT. BENTON KINKEAD BURIAL SERVICE



LAST UNION CIVIL WAR VETERAN  
BURIED IN CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA



Private Benton Kinkead served in Company D of the 77th Ohio Voluntary infantry. (Photo courtesy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War)

On Saturday, October 30, 2021, a Civil War Veteran's ashes were buried in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Private Benton Kinkead's remains have returned home.

Flashback to the five bloodiest years in American history, the war between the States affected almost every household in the country. More than 160 years later, the remains of many who served are still unaccounted for.

Benton Kinkead served the Union, enlisting with Company D, 77th Ohio Volunteers. Kinkead fought in four major battles including Shiloh. He survived the war and moved west, settling in Plattsmouth before moving on to Washington state.

But to Kinkead, Plattsmouth was always home.

Kinkead's ashes were recently discovered in Seattle through the ['Missing in America Project'](#) where he passed away in 1916.

John Surman with the [Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#) said it's special for his organization to be able to return Kinkead's remains to Plattsmouth.

"I think any Veteran has a right, and I don't care what war they were in, to have a proper burial," Surman said. "It's the very least that we owe them, and we actually owe them a lot more than that."

Kinkead was buried next to his wife, who passed away in 1910.

Private Kinkead's two oldest surviving direct descendants, his great granddaughter and great grandson, will be mailed a flag from the ceremony.

# **Commemorating a Century of Honor**

**The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 1921-2021**



**For 100 years, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has served as the heart of Arlington National Cemetery. As a sacred memorial site and the grave of three unknown American service members, the Tomb connects visitors with the legacy of the United States armed forces throughout the nation's history. It stands as a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning. Since November 11, 1921, the Tomb has provided a final resting place for one of America's unidentified World War I service members, and Unknowns from later wars were added in 1958 and 1984.**

**Throughout 2021, Arlington National Cemetery is holding a series of commemorative events, exhibits and ceremonies that will culminate on November 11 in conjunction with the National Veterans Day Observance**

**In November, events will include a ceremony during which visitors may place flowers onto the tomb plaza. "This will be the first time in many years that the public will be allowed to walk across the tomb plaza and honor the unknowns at their gravesite," said Charles Alexander, superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery.**

**We welcome you to join in the commemoration of the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.**



# WHAT IS A VETERAN?

He or she is a cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He or she is the bar room loudmouth, dumber than a hammer, whose out grown young behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by the exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

He or she is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He or she is the POW who went away one person and came back another, or didn't come back at all.

He or she is the boot camp

drill instructor who has never seen combat, but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no account rednecks and gang members into Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen by teaching them to watch each other's back.

He or she is a parade riding, hat wearing, flag waving person who pins on their ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He or she is the career Quartermaster who watches the medals and ribbons pass him by.

He or she is the three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, whose presence at Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all anonymous heroes whose valor dies

unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless depths.

He or she is that old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, hands palsied and aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp, and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He or she is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being. A person who offered some of his life's most vital years in service to his Country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He or she is a Soldier and a Savior and a Sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony

on behalf of the finest, greatest Nation ever known.

They come in all shapes, ages, genders, colors, religions, education and political beliefs, but they all share one common bond. They displayed that outstanding unselfish call to duty and answered when their Country called.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our Country, just stop and say "Thank You." That's all most of them need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot to that person we know as a Veteran.



*Nov 11 and Every Day*

## VETERANS DAY



## **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**

<b>The American Legion Membership Application</b>			
(Name)		(Date of Birth)	
(Mailing Address)		(Phone Number)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Post #)
(E-mail)		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female (Gender)	(Dues)
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.			
<b>Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below</b>			
<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***

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Signature

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Membership Number



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123 South 84<sup>th</sup> St. Suite L  
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**Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com**

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

