



**“For God And Country”**  
**November 2022 POST 3 NEWSLETTER**



**Meeting Schedule For November 2022 – December 2022**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<b>Legion Post 3</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11/08/22</b>	<b>12/13/22</b>
<b>Auxiliary Unit 3</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11/08/22</b>	<b>12/13/22</b>
<b>SAL Squadron 3</b>	<b>Post 3 Office, 123 S 84<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11/10/22</b>	<b>12/08/22</b>
<b>ALR Chapter 3</b>	<b>Denton Legion Club</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>11/17/22</b>	<b>12/15/22</b>
<b>40 &amp; 8 Voiture 103</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>11/15/22</b>	<b>12/20/22</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40 Salon 832</b>	<b>Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>11/15/22</b>	<b>12/20/22</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40 Salon 92</b>	<b>Olive Garden, Gateway Mall</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>11/17/22</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Buddy Check</b>	<b>The Foundry, 211 N 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11/22/22</b>	<b>12/22/22</b>
<b>VA Coffeehaus</b>	<b>Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>11/18/22</b>	<b>12/16/22</b>

# Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

November is a month that has some important dates that we should be aware of:

**Election Day:** Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. As a general rule, veterans will consistently vote. We need to maintain that status for which we not only earned the right to do, but for the service we gave to our Nation to maintain our right to vote!

Shortly after The American Legion was formed, it went on record urging all American Legion men and women to become qualified voters. Since then, the organization has passed countless similar resolutions advocating Legionnaires to not only exercise their constitutional responsibility to vote, but to also encourage others to do the same. Elections are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. Don't forget to vote.

**Veterans Day:** Friday, November 11th is Veterans Day and posts across our great nation will be participating in local observances. It is important to take the time to step back and reflect on the positives in our families, communities, and world. Today, Veteran's Day in the U.S provides one of those great reasons to pause, reflect, and recognize. On that day, be sure to thank a fellow veteran for his/her service.

In 1954, when November 11th was officially named Veterans Day, United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower called upon all citizens to join to "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom." Today, our troops continue to serve with dedication and honor, all around the world. We recognize the commitment, and sacrifices of our soldiers, sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners – and their families.

**Veterans Parade:** On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> the Lincoln Veterans Parade Group is holding the 2022 Veterans Parade. It will be held along K Street on Sunday November 13 at 2:00. The parade will start at 21st and K Street. Parade participants will walk west on K Street toward a reviewing stand in front of the Capitol where the parade will end. Come and join us!

**Thanksgiving Day:** Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, is traditionally a time when we gather as families to reflect on our blessings and focus on our gratitude for them. Because of that focus on family, spending Thanksgiving separated from loved ones is often tough for military members and their families.

As you gather with your family to reflect on your blessings, take a moment to reflect on what this day is truly about. To appreciate and recognize those who serve today and did so in the past. Remember the sacrifices, the service with honor and the dedication of those who serve. Take the extra time to extend your thanks to those who have or are serving their country. It is because of them, and their families, that we can enjoy the freedoms that we as Americans often take for granted.

As always, keep our veterans and our active-duty service men and women in your thoughts and prayers, particularly those who may be in need or in harm's way.

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf  
Post 3 Commander

## Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



The second mailing of dues notices for 2022-2023 were mailed out by the National Headquarters during the second week of October. As of today, membership stands at 810 paid members. If you happen to be one of the few who mailed their dues to the office after September 6th, you might receive a notice, as we received a few after the September cutoff date for the second mailing of dues notices.

Those who are receiving these second dues requests, please take the time to review the reverse side of the notice. These notices have been changed. They have added the basic information that they have on file for you. If the information is correct as listed, then throw it away if you have paid your 2023 dues already. If by chance some of your information is not correct, please correct the information and mail the form to the office, 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 total years of membership not being correct. It takes a lot of work to double check what is printed on the 2023 cards. If your is not correct, please email me, or text me, and I can correct the years for you. 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

Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of Post 3. Remember to thank your fellow Veterans for their service.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post 3 meeting on November 8th.

Ed Schnabel  
Adjutant

## Lincoln CBOC/VA News



During November, the Lincoln Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) will be giving flu shots on Wednesdays, between 4:00 and 6:30 pm. Covid-19 shots will not be available during these clinics. Those wishing to receive a Covid-19 booster shot should call your pharmacy to see if they have the type you wish to receive.

Remember, Lincoln CBOC's does walk-in EXPRESS CARE, 3pm to 7pm. This is not for care that should be seen in a hospital emergency room, but for treatment of minor items that do not need to be seen in an emergency room. No appointment needed for this new service.

This new sign in system called "VA Mobile Check-in for Appointments" seems to be getting better. The quickest way is by texting, "**CHECK IN**" to **53079**. Also, to use this new system, you need to be sure that the VA system has the number for your smart phone listed as your contact number. After you scan the QR code or text the message, the system will respond with a message with a link for you to respond to with your phone. You do not need to stand and wait to be checked in. After you have used the system once, you can refresh an old VA check-in message and use it again to check into your next appointment.

If you do not use a smart phone, or do not wish to use this new system, you will have to check in with the staff.

For those travelling to Omaha or a clinic more than 40 miles from home may be eligible for travel pay. Travel pay currently needs to be completed on a paper form. Forms can be found on the tables in the check-in area. Completed forms can be deposited in the drop box in the check-in area. Be sure to complete a travel form if you have a service-connected disability rating of 30% or greater.

Unwanted Drugs disposal: 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.

VA System ID Cards: If you do not have a current VA ID card you can request one while you are in the clinic. You will need to have some form of ID that will allow them to double check your identity. You can use a state issued driver's license and/or state issued ID card. The process is done by video computer link. Ask any VA clerk and they will show you where the room is for this video computer link. You can also get help enrolling in the VA system, etc. by using this link, [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov).

**(VA Report – Continued)**

**My HealtheVet:** Did you know you can request refills of your meds, check your upcoming appointments, send a note to your provider online? The VA has a web site called, My HealtheVet that allows you to do this.

If you are not currently using it, or you need help in using it, or signing up for My HealtheVet stop by their education center on your next visit. In Lincoln, their info center is just to the right of the front entrance. The Lincoln education center is staffed on Tuesday – Friday, 0800-1400 hours.

To get full use of the web site, you need to have a Premium My HealtheVet Account. To upgrade your account, you need to be authenticated. This only takes a minute, just stop, and visit with the staff.

**Coffeehaus:** Held on the third Friday of the month. The November and December Coffeehaus will be our last ones. Attendance is just not enough to ask groups to play when there are more people in the band than in attendance.

**Buddy Check:** Held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Bagel and Joe in The Foundry, 14<sup>th</sup> and P, downtown. Come and meet your fellow veterans for free food and a drink. You can park in the garage just around the corner for free as we will give you a ticket to use to get out.

Remember, the VA will only be there for us if we use its services. If we do not use them, the government sees it as a service not needed 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. 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 needs, thus we need to talk with our fellow veterans to be sure they are enrolled in the VA system. There are many veterans who could receive medical service but have never signed up for this benefit of our service. Again, it is the old story, use them or lose them.

You may not know that the Lincoln CBOC receives \$4,000.00 dollars for each veteran registered as living in our service area. This area takes in most of southeast Nebraska and a few of the counties in northern Kansas. Even if you do not wish to use the VA services, we need you to be registered, these funds are based on those registered not those receiving services.

Thanks for your service.

Ed Schnabel

Lincoln VAG member ( Veteran Advisory Group )

Lincoln VA American Legion Representative for Nebraska

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



Greetings Riders and all,

Well, if September was almost the end of the riding season, October must be even closer... and November... well let's just leave it there. October has been mostly kind to riders, and I expect there will even be some days in November and December that aren't horrible for riding.

At our October meeting, we were able to present the proceeds of our September poker run to our designated charity, the First Responders Foundation JAVELAN Service Dog program. The JAVELAN program provides funding for service dogs for military veterans and retired first responders in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. This program enriches the lives of veterans and retired first responders, by enabling independence and giving life-changing support. You will recall from my previous report on the poker run that we were able to raise over \$1,750 dollars from participants. Your American Legion Riders just didn't think that was enough, so we voted during the meeting to kick in a few more dollars to make the donation an even \$2,000.

The picture features, from left to right, Chapter 3 Assistant Director Neil Larson; JAVELAN representative Bob Dean and his dog, Jack; JAVELAN recipient Tom Fairchild and his dog, Duke; Chapter 3 Treasurer David Dietz.

Meanwhile, your American Legion Riders continue to support and honor our veterans by participating in various honors ceremonies and other events. We look forward to seeing everyone at Lincoln's Veterans Day parade on Sunday, November 13th.

Until next time,  
Ride (and drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser  
Director, Lincoln Chapter 3, ALR

## The Chaplain's Remarks



**LIFE OUT LOUD**—What is it to be lost in the barens among all your friends and associates to keep you company? What if this possibly was about to happen to YOU?

**Satan**  
KNOWS YOUR NAME  
BUT HE CALLS YOU BY YOUR SIN

**But God**  
KNOWS YOUR SIN  
BUT HE CALLS YOU BY YOUR NAME

**OK**, you just woke up from a lifelike dream where you were lost among the world's most exhilarating adventure, nonstop, for as long as could manage to stop screaming at the top of your lungs. And there in the midst of your supposed nightmare was the image of Jesus appearing to be looking ONLY at you?

**Is** it the Judgement (Malachi 4:1), or is it the Lord paying a visit to you to chat about your life so far? Maybe its simply... God... knocking on your door, so-to-speak, because you've never taken more time express your worship of Him to help you through the many concerns you endured over the years. Might that be so, if yes, **WHEN** are YOU going to face the Lord **NOW** before His Judgment comes after the Rapture, and your facing eternity...someplace...?

**Your** role now is to wonder how does this pertain to your life before you get the message clearly spelled out. Are you going to make God work to show you the way? If He has to work for what He's already shared with you...???

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## Post 3 Honor Guard



In October, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 7 Legion funerals and was asked to help at 6 VFW funerals. Honor Guard personnel also made appearances at 2 civic functions. In calendar year 2022, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honor Teams at 125 combined funerals and appeared at 34 civic functions. Turnout has been excellent.

## Post 3 TAPS – October 2022



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Thomas D. Burns	Vietnam	Air Force	40
Raymond W. Steinman	Korea	Unknown	65

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3  
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM  
September 13, 2022**

Blood pressure checks were available prior to the meeting.

Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf opened the October 11, 2022 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 17 Legionnaires present. The meeting was also being made available on Zoom.

The minutes of the September 13, 2022 Post 3 meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Finance Officer, Commander Wolf read the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2022 showing a balance on hand of \$45,869.74. The report was accepted and filed for review.

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

Vice Commander Bruce Gubser reported on the Oratorical Contest scheduled for Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It appears there will be contestants --- A judge, timekeeper, and tabulator are still needed.

Bruce also reported that the Legion Riders had a very successful poker run. 51 entrants, 127 hands, and a lot of the winnings donated back to the fundraiser for Javalan. Bruce also reported that the chapter had received a plaque from National in recognition of its support of the Child Welfare Foundation.

Vice Commander Gubser finally reported that the post now has 189 members in 7 different facilities currently enrolled in the birthday card program.

Commander Wolf read a note from Vice Commander Ron Hindmand.

The report detailed the arrangements that have been made so far for Salvation Army Bellringers in December. Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Commander Wolf gave an update on recent activities by the Memorial Squad, and Brendan Moore announced that this month's SAL meeting would be delayed from October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup> this month.

Ed Muggy gave a pitch for the Elks Fundraising calendar.

Commander Wolf reported on some recent veteran's outreach events recently attended by Post 3. He pointed out that other VSOs seem to get more traffic --- and that most other VSOs utilize some kind of "giveaways" to encourage prospective members to stop at their tables to visit. Upon motion by Gubser and a proper second, the post authorized the use of up to \$1000 in the membership budget to purchase similar items for our use.

Commander Wolf reported on a number of upcoming events, to include an open house at the new Vets Center adjacent to the Post 3 business office, Coffeehaus, Buddy Check, Stars Hockey, Remembering American Heroes, and the Lincoln Veterans Parade.

Post 3 membership was reported at 779.

Vice Commander Gubser commented that Nathan Thedford had experienced a fire at his home.

The Chaplain read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:30.

Steve Bartos,  
Recorder

## **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**



**Christmas is nearing as the year is fast passing. Post 3 currently is scheduled for three days of bell ringing to support good causes in our area that the Salvation Army sponsors. Our Legion Riders are out front covering all day on 1 December at Hobby Lobby, 66th & O Street (1100am to 7pm). We need volunteers for two-hour time slots on Wednesday 7 December and Thursday 8 December (11am to 7pm) at the Williamsburg Hy-Vee at 40th and Old Cheney Road.**

**At our October Post 3 meeting we recruited 9 volunteers for 7 and 8 December. At our November meeting we need about that same number of additional volunteers to completely cover these two days. Please consider signing up to fill the remaining schedule. Most of our members are signing up as two man/lady teams to cover two-hour time slots.**

**Final schedules and information will be sent out via email and will be provided at our Post 3 November meeting.**

**Post 3 contact is Ron Hindmand:**

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

"Some people live  
an entire lifetime  
and wonder if they  
have ever made a  
difference in the world.  
A veteran does  
not have that problem."

**RONALD REAGAN**



## Airman Accounted For From World War II



**WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Zelwood A. Gravlin, 21, New Vineyard, Maine, killed during World War II, was accounted for July 12, 2022.**

**In the summer of 1943, Gravlin was assigned to the 343rd Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Gravlin was serving as the armorer-gunner was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation TIDAL WAVE, the largest bombing mission against the oil fields and refineries at Ploiesti, north of Bucharest, Romania. His remains were not identified following the war. The remains that could not be identified were buried as Unknowns in the Hero Section of the Civilian and Military Cemetery of Bolovan, Ploiesti, Prahova, Romania.**

**Following the war, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), the organization that searched for and recovered fallen American personnel, disinterred all American remains from the Bolovan Cemetery for identification. The AGRC was unable to identify more than 80 unknowns from Bolovan Cemetery, and those remains were permanently interred at Ardennes American Cemetery and Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, both in Belgium.**

**In 2017, DPAA began exhuming unknowns believed to be associated with unaccounted-for airmen from Operation TIDAL WAVE losses. These remains were sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for examination and identification.**

**To identify Gravlin's remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological and dental analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) and Y chromosome DNA (Y-STR) analysis.**

**Gravlin's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Impruneta, Italy, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.**

**Gravlin will be buried on Nov. 11, 2022, in Avon, Maine.**

## Medal of Honor Recipient Ernest Childers



"2nd Lt. Ernest Childers of Tulsa, OK receives the Medal of Honor from Lt. General Jacob L. Devers, Allied Deputy Commander, Mediterranean Theater" US Signal Corps Archive

"After graduating from the Chilocco Indian Agriculture School in Chilocco, OK, Childers enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard 1937 as a Private; promoted to First Sergeant, Company 'C,' 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. He took part in Allied assaults on Sicily and Salerno, 1943, and Anzio, 1944, receiving battlefield appointment to Second Lieutenant and remained in Army after war, retiring in 1965 as Lieutenant Colonel." (National World War II Museum)

Ernest was the recipient of the Medal of Honor, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Italian Cross of Valor, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the first Oklahoma soldier to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Second Lieutenant Childers' official Medal of Honor Citation reads as follows:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action on 22 September 1943, at Oliveto, Italy. Although 2d Lt. Childers previously had just suffered a fractured instep, he, with eight enlisted men, advanced up a hill toward enemy machine-gun nests. The group advanced to a rock wall overlooking a cornfield and 2d Lt. Childers ordered a base of fire laid across the field so that he could advance. When he was fired upon by two enemy snipers from a nearby house he eliminated both of them. He moved behind the machine-gun nests and eliminated all occupants of the nearer one. He continued toward the second one and threw rocks into it. When the two occupants of the nest raised up, he responded. 2d Lt. Childers continued his advance toward a house farther up the hill, and singlehandedly, captured an enemy mortar observer. The exceptional leadership, initiative, calmness under fire, and conspicuous gallantry displayed by 2d Lt. Childers were an inspiration to his men.

Childers remained in the Army after the war, retiring in 1965 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Ernest worked for the US Department of Interior in addition to volunteering much of his time mentoring the youth of his community.

Lieutenant Colonel Ernest Childers passed in 2005 at the age of 87. Before his death, a middle school was named in his honor, Ernest Childers Middle School which is a part of Broken Arrow Public Schools and services grades 6th through 8th grade. The Veteran's Administration Medical Center Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma is named in his honor, the Ernest Childers Out Patient Clinic.

Lieutenant Colonel Childers lies in rest at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow Oklahoma. Lest We Forget.

[WW II uncovered](#)

## How 60 Coast Guard Cutters Saved Over 400 Men On D-Day



**“0530, accompanied invasion barges into shore under severe shelling attacks and with mines going up all around us. 0730, LCF-31 hit by shell 800 yards off shore, sinking immediately. While engaged in picking up survivors, a shell struck PC-1261, which disintegrated, scattering men and debris over a wide area. While so engaged, shells and bullets were falling nearby, and just after last man picked up, small landing craft only few hundred yards off shore blew up. Proceeded to spot and picked up all living survivors.” (CGC-16 Log.)**

**This is how June 6th, 1944, began for the crew of CGC-16. They were part of a group of US Coast Guard patrol boats assigned to the Invasion of Normandy during World War 2. On paper, their mission was simple: assist any allied ships in distress. In practice, though, it proved to be anything but.**

**The plan to have Coast Guardsmen rescuing ships in the invasion originated only a matter of weeks earlier. President Roosevelt requested that Admiral Ernest M. King, chief of naval operations, create a small group of rescue ships to help lower the casualty count at D-Day. Knowing the Coast Guard had the experience and ships necessary, King then contacted the Coast Guard Commander, Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche.**

**Waesche selected the 83-foot cutters of the “Matchbox Fleet”, small wooden ships used for antisubmarine patrols off the coast. 60 of these small, lightly armored ships were sent over to England to prepare for the invasion.**

**From the very beginning of the action, it was clear nothing would go according to plan. Most of the cutters formed up with the rest of the fleet around 05:30 AM, often to a mixed reception. While some troop ships simply told these small craft to stay back out of the fire, HMS Hind almost fired on four of them.**

## **(Coast Guard – Continued)**

**There was a constant fear of German torpedo boats hindering the invasion, and from a distance, the German and American vessels looked similar. Other vessels, though, understood the usefulness of the small ships and greeted them enthusiastically. And despite the early SNAFUs, these ships proved their worth during the battle. Out of the 60 ships, three especially distinguished themselves.**

**CGC-1 is a clear example of the kind of rescues these ships performed, and the dangers they faced. Attached to the Omaha Beach Assault Sector, CGC-1 joined the force at 06:00 AM on June 6th, just as the entire fleet began steaming towards the Nazi Atlantic Wall.**

**Its initial duty was to escort a group of LCVPs towards the beaches. But two miles off the shore they spotted a sinking British LCA. The cutter rushed to help, knowing that hypothermia could kill in minutes, rather than hours. The British soldiers and sailors were already feeling its effects and were too weak to climb up the side of the cutter.**

**Without a second thought, the Coast Guardsmen on board tied lines about their waists and jumped into the freezing water. They pulled and pushed the survivors up and on to the deck, saving 28 men in total. They then sped back to get them medical attention at a waiting hospital ship. But the freezing water wasn't the only trouble these men faced.**

**CGC-35 braved a burning sea to rescue a British crew. They had found a burning LCT, full of fuel, oil, and ammunition. The fuel had spilled out into the surrounding water, and immediately went up in flames. The crew was sitting on a floating bomb, trapped on all sides by flames licking up at the steel hull. Despite the amazing risk, the small, WOODEN, cutter drove into the flames, up to the side of the landing craft. To add to the danger, the cutters had fuel tanks amidships, full of high-grade gasoline.**

**But thanks to the Coast Guardsmen's bravery, the British crew was able to exit their sinking vessel, and be taken back to the safety of a hospital ship. For their actions that day, the crew of CGC-35 was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, by the British First Lord of the Admiralty. While every ship had a harrowing story that day, one truly stood above the rest.**

**CGC-16, nicknamed "The Homing Pigeon", was the most successful rescue ship on D-Day. Her operational day started at 05:30 AM on June 6th when she met with the rest of her convoy group. They immediately joined the invasion force, as the entire fleet sped towards the Normandy coast. CGC-16 was placed directly behind the landing craft of the Red Beach at the Omaha Sector. The Germans had placed mines, and underwater obstacles to slow the invasion, and these proved effective.**

**But while vessels had to worry what was below them, they were also being shelled by the German shore batteries ahead of them. One craft, LCF-31, an anti-aircraft boat was hit by a German shell at 07:30 AM, less than half a mile off the shore. CGC-16 immediately sped to her rescue.**

## **(Coast Guard – Continued)**

Once all men were off the LCF, a 173-foot patrol craft, PC-1261, was also hit. The small, 83-foot cutter picked all 90 survivors out of the water, then headed off to a hospital ship.

These cutters were never designed to hold more than about 20 wound personnel, in addition to their 13-15 man crew, but they often did so. In CGC-16, the men were crammed into every available space, with weapons and wet clothing piled around the gun mount on the bow and any wounded men unable to stand lying on the deck. From the engine room to the crew quarters, there wasn't an inch of unused space.

Once the cutter offloaded the 90 men, she sped out to find more. Finding an LCT, sinking and on fire, the Coast Guardsmen responded quickly. They knew that if the ammunition and fuel on board were to catch fire, nearly everyone present, including them, would be killed. They rescued all survivors they could find and began pulling away.

But one survivor told them there was a man still on board, whose legs were badly injured. Coxswain Arthur Burkhard, Jr. tied a line around his waist and made his way towards the LCT. They knew it was only a matter of time before the fire reached the fuel and ammunition, but the small cutter remained next to the transport.

Burckhard found the wounded man and picked him up. He brought him to the ship's rail, but at this point, the cutter had to back off, for fear of being crushed by the much larger ship. Burckhard ran out of options, and threw the wounded man off the side of the ship, diving in after him. They quickly got a line under the wounded man's arms and hauled him aboard. Just as Burckhard and the last survivor were crawling back on the cutter, the transport finally capsized, and sank; they made it off just in the nick of time.

CGC-16 sped back to the hospital ships and offloaded her wounded. By the end of the day on June 6th, 1944, the 15 man crew of CGC-16 had saved 126 souls, more than any other ship present that day. For their bravery, the entire crew, which included a war correspondent, was awarded the Bronze Star.

By the end of operations on D-Day, Rescue Flotilla 1 had saved over 400 of the soldiers from the stormy sea. They were eventually disbanded in December 1944, after saving a grand total of 1,483 souls.

**From: Together We Served**

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**Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.**

**Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.**

### **CONFIRMATION REQUIRED TO FINALIZE LEGIONCARE UP TO \$5,000.00. NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENT COVERAGE**

**As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for the following coverage:**

- **\$5,000.00 NO COST To You Accidental Death Protection if traveling on official American Legion business.**
- **\$1,000 Accidental Death Protection for all other covered accidents.**

**But to enroll we require your Confirmation on file in order to finalize this complimentary coverage. Please activate your NO COST To You insurance coverage today.**

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# Watch A Lincoln Stars Hockey Game With Your Family For Free

We honor one service member and their family a game. They are honored during our first media timeout by coming out on the ice for a brief ceremony. This is usually about 40 seconds. The service member and their family will also get complimentary tickets to the game! If you have any members interested in this opportunity, feel free to tell them to reach out to **Devon Buckland**, (607)-765-6758, [www.lincolnstars.com](http://www.lincolnstars.com).

We accept current and former service members. Enlarge the schedule below for better viewing.

**2022 - 2023 SEASON SCHEDULE**

HOME AWAY

**S M T W T F S**

**SEP**

20	21	22	23	24
		CR 1:30 11:00 AM	GB	
25	26	27	28	29
			SF 7:05	

**S M T W T F S**

**OCT**

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16	17	18	19	20	21
					22 DM 6:05
23	24	25	26	27	28
					29 OMA 7:05
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**S M T W T F S**

**NOV**

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			OMA 7:05	SC 6:05	
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**S M T W T F S**

**DEC**

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					31 TRI 7:05

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**JAN**

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29	30	31			

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					SF 6:05

**S M T W T F S**

**MAR**

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				OMA 7:05	OMA 6:05
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**APR**

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As we move into November for our season, we have one of our biggest nights of the year coming up. Our annual "Military Night" on Saturday, November 12th. This is a great chance for veterans or current service members to come down and check out a hockey game for a great price! We offer our military discount, and we have great deals on group rates as well. If you are interested in attending this game, feel free to reach out to me! Looking forward to having another great military night!



**Devon Buckland**  
 Director of Gameday Operations  
 (607)-765-6758  
[www.lincolnstars.com](http://www.lincolnstars.com)



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Dear American Legion Department of Nebraska & Adjutant, Dave Salak,

We want to stop in Lincoln, NE. on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. We will be at the Auld Pavilion at 11A.M. We want to meet, thank, honor, and apologize for how our Vietnam veterans were treated when returning home. We do not want any money! We just hope and pray that many Vietnam veterans, spouses, families, and other veterans can meet with us. We can talk about this later.

It is undeniable that many American Vietnam veterans on returning home were mistreated. Many were spit on, called horrible names, and for some far worse happened, all just for having served in Vietnam. I feel that as a country, we have swept this issue under the carpet, and I believe we Americans and our nation need to apologize.

So why apologize now? A couple of years ago, I approached a gentleman at a restaurant in Portland, Oregon, who was wearing a Vietnam veteran's cap. He had a strong accent, and I asked where he was originally from. "I'm from New Zealand, and yes, we had troops in Vietnam just like the Aussies. We had your Yank's backs," he said laughing. I responded, "Wow, I had no idea. Well, I bet you weren't treated like our veterans when they came home"? He immediately got tears in his eyes and in a raised voice said, "Oh hell yes! It happened to us and the Aussies too." Then after a moment of silence, he said, "I was spit on and called a baby killer."

"I'm so sorry, I had no idea," I responded. Then his face lit up, and he proudly said, "In 2008, New Zealand had a National Vietnam Veterans Apology Day. It was so emotional, powerful, and healing. There were thousands of people, including us veterans. We were hugging and crying with each other. It was a day I'll never forget." After saying this, tears again returned to his eyes. Since then, I have dreamed about driving across the United States with this message on the vehicle –

**"DEAR VIETNAM VETERANS, WE HONOR YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, VALOR, AND SACRIFICE AND WE ARE SORRY FOR HOW YOU WERE TREATED WHEN YOU CAME BACK HOME"**

Recently my dream is becoming a reality. I am proud to announce that Weston Dealerships in Gresham, Oregon is providing a Hummer H2, Carroll Signs and Graphics will wrap it with our message. LaQuinta Inn & Suites are sponsoring lodging in every city. Malinda and I will drive across America with the message starting on Friday, October 28th in Canby, Oregon. First, we will head to Milwaukie American Legion Post 180, then to Weston Dealership for the kickoff, then travel across the nation to The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., arriving before Veterans Day 2022.

At every stop, I will thank and personally apologize to as many Vietnam veterans as possible, and Malinda will sing "Wind Beneath My Wings

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One hundred years ago, on Armistice Day 1922, a parade of veterans marched from downtown Lincoln to the Capitol along spectator lined streets to join the thousands of Nebraskans on hand to witness the cornerstone of the new Capitol being set in place. Veterans spanning service from the Civil War to the Great War were there to witness the dedication of the Capitol to "THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO FELL IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY."

THE NEBRASKA CAPITOL COMMISSION  
AND THE  
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE  
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CORNERSTONE OF THE CAPITOL OF NEBRASKA



NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL  
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NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.  
*Veterans Day*



# The Lincoln Veterans Parade, November 13, 2022



**The Lincoln Veterans Parade Group is holding the 2022 Veterans Parade along K Street on Sunday November 13. The parade will start at 21st and K Street at 2:00 p.m. Parade participants will walk west on K Street toward a reviewing stand in front of the Capitol where the parade will end. Some of the streets around the Capitol will be closed that day. Come and join us!**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Gulf War <input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> Korea <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
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Signature of applicant
Date
Name of recruiter

To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this and a check for \$46 made out to “American Legion Post 3” to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 2022, and want to transfer to Post 3, only sign below and return the bottom portion to us.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership Number**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Email address**



**American Legion Post 3  
123 South 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)**

**[2021 - 2022 Post 3 Officers](#)**

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

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

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

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

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

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