

"For God And Country" October 2022 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For October 2022 – November 2022

Organization	Location	Time	October	November	
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7:00 PM	10/11/22	11/08/22	
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7:00 PM	10/11/22	11/08/22	
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th	7:00 PM	10/13/22	11/10/22	
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	10/20/22	11/17/22	
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	6:30 PM	10/18/22	11/15/22	
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	6:30 PM	10/18/22	11/15/22	
8 & 40 Salon 92	Anderson Library, 3635 Touzalin	1:00 PM	11/20/22	11/17/22	
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 N 14 th	7:00 PM	10/22/22	11/22/22	
VA Coffeehaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	10/21/22	11/18/22	

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires:

There is often confusion about The American Legion membership year. Does the year run from August 1 to July 31 or from January 1 to December 31?

A member's membership card is valid from the time of issue until December 31 of the calendar year printed on the card. After December 31, the member is considered delinquent. Posts begin collecting dues in July for the following calendar year. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the New Year by January 1, when the new year begins.

Think of it like a magazine subscription. With a magazine subscription, you pay in advance so that you do not miss an issue. With The American Legion, we attempt to collect all dues between July and December for the coming year so the member remains in good standing, and does not become delinquent or suspended, and will not miss out on any benefits.

If dues are not paid by January 1 of the year following that printed on your membership card, the member becomes delinquent. February 1, the member is suspended, July 31, the member is dropped from the membership rolls. I urge you to pay in a timely fashion to avoid being placed in a delinquent/suspended status and lose your post privileges.

Let us take pride in who we are as an organization.

I encourage you to be more active — pay your dues, serve on committees, and take a real interest in what it is to be a member of the Post 3 family. There is a job for everyone. The operation of a post is not and cannot be run by one, two, or a few members; we all must work together for the good of our Post. Please continue to volunteer, donate, and support your post.

With election day just around the corner, I would also like to cover another misunderstanding.

According to Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion, "The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment." Therefore, The American Legion, as an organization, is prohibited from contributing, helping or endorsing a candidate. However, a member, as a private citizen, and not representing the organization, can employ whatever legal and ethical means to advance his or her candidate.

The Legion cap is considered the official Legion uniform. It is not an individual Legion member's decision on the appropriate usage of the cap and emblem. If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with the emblem visible, should be removed so as not to imply endorsement by The American Legion. The problem is the assumption of endorsement by those who see the emblem or name worn at a political function.

I hope this clears up some misconceptions.

As always, keep our veterans and our activeduty 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



We look forward seeing you at the Post 3 meeting on October 11th at 7:00 pm at the Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th St.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have renewed for 2023. Thanks again for renewing with POST 3 and THE American Legion.

The second mailing of dues notices for 2022-2023, will be mailed out by the National Headquarters during the second week of October. As of today, membership stands at 765. 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.

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. Takes a lot of work to double check what is printed on the 2023 cards, so if yours 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; 402-480-8542

Coffeehaus is held the third Friday of the month. During the summer months it was held at the band shell in Antelope Park, 10:00 to Noon. For August, it will be returning to the Auld Rec Center, come and enjoy some good free music.

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

Again, Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of Post 3

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



Lincoln CBOC's 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, so if you need a nurse to look at something you think needs to be treated, make use of this new service.

Starting July 13th, the Lincoln clinic did away with the Kiosks and went to a system where you use your smart phone to sign in for appointments. This new system is called "VA Mobile Check-in for Appointments". This is to allow you to sign in for appointment without the need to touch anything while doing so. Clinics that are using this new system have a QR code for you to scan or you can text "CHECK IN" to 53079 posted in the check-in area as you enter the clinics. You will need to be sure that the VA system has the number for your smart phone. When you scan the QR code or text the message, the system will respond with a message and a link for you to respond to with your phone. You will not need to stand and wait to check in. After you have used the system, 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.

The LAB still has their Kiosk for the time being for signing in for blood draws. Look for changes during future visits, as this Kiosk may also go away.

Travel pay currently needs to be completed by paper form. Forms can be found on the tables in the check-in area. Complete forms can be deposited in the drop box check-in area.

For those travelling to Omaha or a clinic more than 40 miles from home may be eligible for travel pay. Be sure to complete a travel form if you have a service-connected disability rating of 30% or greater.

The Flag Hands outside the entrance have been repaired. The artist who designed the hands and flag has finished her work and the flag has been returned.

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 get rid of your out-of-date medications. Get them out of you homes and keep them out of our kid's hands.

(CBOC/VA News - Continued)

VA System ID Cards: 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 the link, www.myhealth.va.gov.

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 need help 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 the 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.

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.

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 us the VA services, we need you to be registered as these funds are based on those registered not those receiving services.

Thanks for your service.

Ed Schnabel Lincoln VAG member (Veteran Advisory Group) Lincoln VA American Legion Representative for Nebraska

Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks



Greetings Riders and all, Well, another Poker Run is in the history books. And what a run it was!! Here it is by the stats:

- 51 riders and passengers
- 127 poker hands
- Over 4,000 cumulative miles ridden
- Winning hand was a full house, Aces over 3's
- Second highest hand was a heart flush
- Low hand was a 9 high
- The three cash winners donated all, or a portion, of their winnings to JAVELAN
- 50/50 winner donated all his share to JAVELAN
- Silent auction raised \$473
- In total, \$1,754 raised for JAVELAN!

I want to, again, thank our members for supporting this effort!

Riding season is winding down for most. There are a few hardy riders who will continue to ride year-round, but many of us will be winterizing our rides and perhaps getting some deferred maintenance completed. Whichever is the case, know that your American Legion Riders will continue to support our Veterans, whenever and wherever we are needed.

Until next time, Ride (or drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
Director
Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders







The Chaplain's Remarks



(Autumn's Whim)

It's Autumn, the season of the Earth's 11¾ degree turn away from our parent star, Sol. In times past, there have been festivals and other pagan celebrations of nature's seemingly regular sway. But what about God's place in this circus of mankind's awareness of his and her surroundings?

Scripture tells us that the Lord—El Ohime (Genesis 1:26)—meaning Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are the Godhead—Trinity—that created ALL things, like nature and humans, for His good pleasure and desire for close company (Colossians 1:16).

Has His appreciation for His creation, especially humankind, dimmed in some way for Him to visit us with His Judgment (Matthew 12:36)? Wwweeellll...not...exactly. Jesus is NOT back NOW to take you to Heaven or Hell, based upon your response to Jesus' Ministry and the nature of your service to Him. But the Lord is visiting...you might say..." correction"... designed to at least get your attention (e.g., earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, wars and rumors of wars, economic disasters, political upheavals, etc.) to pray and ponder the nature of things.

If you want to know if you, your family, the nation, or this world is facing God's Judgment before Jesus' return, why not ask Him? You DO pray, don't you...daily,,,weekly...monthly...sometime in your lifetime other than in Church?

Well, I guess you have your answer then. He IS trying to flag you down from your race through life for a pit stop that just may change your life...for the better.

So envision this Judgment as God's way of getting your attention to help you improve your life...for the better.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain

Post 3 Honor Guard



In September, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 10 Legion funerals and was asked to help at 2 VFW funerals. Honor Guard personnel also made an appearance at 3 civic functions. In calendar year 2022, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honor Teams at 112 combined funerals and appeared at 32 civic functions. Turnout has been excellent.

Post 3 TAPS – September 2022



WAR ERA	BRANCH	YRS
Korea	Army	59
Vietnam	Army	33
WW II	Navy	63
Vietnam	Army	46
Korea	Army	22
WWII	Navy	56
Korea	USMC	64
Vietnam	Navy	37
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Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3 Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and also on ZOOM September 13, 2022

Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf opened the September 13, 2022 meeting of the American Legion Post 3 at 7:03 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 21 Legionnaires present. The meeting was also being made available on Zoom.

James Foster, State Service Office manager from the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs State Service Office talked briefly about the PACT Act and veterans' benefits. He also warned veterans about "claim sharks". There are hundreds of lawyers trying to help with claims for the cancer related to the Camp LeJeune water. It could affect your VA claim if suits are brought about. He recommended not signing anything. Also introduced was Mark Lakamp, Lancaster County Veterans Service Officer.

The minutes of the July 12, 2022 Post 3 meeting were read and approved.

Finance officer Ed Schnabel read the financial report of the month ending August 30, 2022 showing a balance on hand of \$46,878.06. The report was accepted and filed for review. The finance office then presented the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. After some discussion and explanations, the budget was approved as presented. There was a motion by Wade Graft to add a line item for an annual amount of \$1,200.00 for adjutant expenses, hearing a second the motion carried.

District Commander Bruce Gubser reported on the upcoming District 15/Post 3 Oratorical contest. This will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 4:30 PM at Good Shepard Presbyterian Church. Rally time is 4:00 PM. He also reported that 18 veterans' birthday cards had been presented. The Legion Riders will have their annual poker run on Saturday, September 24, 2022 starting at Frontier Harley Davison and finishing up at the Denton Legion Post.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Commander Wolf reported on the Honor Guard activities. They provided services at 15 funerals in July/August and 13 civic functions. To date they have done 100 funerals and 29 civic functions.

There was no unfinished or new business.

Commander Wolf also reported on several upcoming events.

Post 3 membership was reported currently at 753 paid members.

At National Convention the "Be the One" program was initiated with the number #988, option #1 being the new suicide prevention number.

The Chaplain read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at 7:59 PM.

Fred Craigie, Substitute recorder

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



Christmas Greetings, almost! It is that time of year again to start planning on supporting good causes in the Lincoln area. Last year we had 34 volunteers and collected over \$2,200!

Post 3 currently is scheduled for three days of bell ringing. 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.

A signup sheet will be at our October Post 3 regular meeting. Please look at your December schedules and think about signing up for a slot on one of those two days. Last year it seemed to work out well with two volunteers signing up as a team for each two-hour slot, although some signed up singularly. I enjoyed teaming up with my wife.

We are flexible because we are signed up as a group. Our Legion Auxiliary Ladies will also be supporting this good cause at a day and time that suits their schedule.

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: Phone (254) 291-1514 Email rhindmand@gmail.com

Patriot's Day, September 11, 2022

On September 11th, 2022, the "Capital City Ford and Mustang Cub" sponsored an "All Makes, All Models Car Show" featuring numerous cars in "show" condition at the Southeast Community College Campus. They also wanted to show tribute to the many Americans who lost their lives on that day 21 years ago. They asked the Post 3 Honor Guard for help in the opening ceremony. The Honor Guard posted the Colors, provided a 3-shot volley, played "TAPS" and had a moment of silence. Below, are some of the pictures of the opening ceremony:













UNL Veterans' Tribute Dedication, September 11, 2022

On September 11, 2022, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and members of the larger Nebraska community dedicated a Veterans' Tribute on Memorial Mall, near the Pershing Military and Naval Science building, to honor veterans and their military service. A beautiful, thought-provoking space is a permanent reminder of the courage and sacrifice of so many veterans, men and women, from all branches of the military, and their families.

The project is military neutral without specific names of service branches or individuals who have served. It treats the military branches as one family, indicating that military service is universal, and illustrate the many multiple positive attributes of serving in the military.

The Tribute features glass panels, similar to those featured in the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C. The glass panels illustrate the multiple facets of a service member's life, including the importance of family, faith, and camaraderie, while also depicting the personal sacrifice military service entails.

In consultation with a Veterans' Tribute committee, the university included stories from selected veterans and their family members for inclusion on the panels within the site. More than 900 quotes were submitted for the tribute. All of the submissions, including those not selected for inclusion in the site, are held in the University Archives and Special Collections for future reflection and potential publication.

Attending the dedication were (L-R below right): Department Adjutant, Dave Salak, Past Department Commander, Rolle Otte, National Executive Committeeman, Fred Craigie, Post 3 Commander, Gerry Wolf, Post 3 Adjutant, Ed Schnabel, Past Post 3 Commander, Wade Graft. Also in attendance, but not pictured, was Ron Hindmand, Post 3, 2nd Vice Commander.









USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From WWII

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Roman W. Sadlowski, 21, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 4, 2018.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Sadlowski was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Sadlowski. From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crewmen, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uanu Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks. The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS Oklahoma at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. In October 1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable, including Sadlowski.

<u>Footnote:</u> The remains of Roman W. Sadlowski, a sailor from Massachusetts who died when the USS Oklahoma was struck by multiple torpedoes during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, September 19, 2022. The interment comes more than four years after Sadlowski was accounted for using advanced DNA and anthropological analysis.

WWII Medal Of Honor Recipient Laid to Rest



U.S. Army Air Forces Lt. Col. Addison E. Baker, who earned the Medal of Honor posthumously, was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on September 14, 2022. Baker gave his life trying to save the lives of his bomber crew and the crews around him during the bombing of Romanian oil fields and refineries—the famed Ploesti Raid—during World War II.

Baker was commanding the 328th **Bombardment Squadron on August 1, 1943,** when enemy fire hit his B-24 Liberator bomber on the way to Ploesti, Romania. His bomber, like all those on the raid, was flying at low level to hide from enemy radar. Once hit, Baker refused to land his plane on the open fields and instead led his squadron to the target and dropped his bombs. Afterward, Baker's stricken bomber dropped out of formation, yet he kept enough control to prevent hitting other bombers. He tried to gain enough altitude for his men to bail out, but the aircraft stalled and crashed into the town of Ploesti. His actions earned him the Medal of Honor in 1944.

Baker's body remained unidentified and was eventually buried in an American cemetery in Belgium. In 2017, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) exhumed Baker's remains and identified them on April 8, 2002.



As a pilot, Baker enjoyed flying low over Howard Lake in Akron, Ohio, and 'buzzing" the houses, including his brother's.

Three generations of Bakers arrived at Arlington National Cemetery for the funeral service, including a few named Addison, to honor their hero uncle. "Out of respect for our mom and her family," said great nephew Joshua Greenberg, "we named our son Addison, and he grew up hearing stories about [Uncle Addison's] childhood but also his heroism."

The funeral service, which included a flyover by a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber, impressed the family. "It was very honoring and we're very grateful," said great niece Mary Ostrow. Joshua Greenberg marveled at "the degree extra respect paid to somebody who paid that ultimate sacrifice." After the funeral service, four family members laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The four represented three generations of Bakers: nephew John Baker; great nephew Paul Addison Baker; and great-great nephews Addison Greenberg and Benjamin Burlin. "We just felt it was important to honor the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," explained Mary Ostrow, "because our Addison was unknown for so many years."

Kevin Hymel

MAMber Vincent

Army Veteran's Epic Beer Run Was World War II Legend For 65 Years



Even as the World War II Allies pushed the German Army back toward their homeland in 1944 and 1945, victory was never a sure thing. Nothing illustrated that fact more than Nazi Germany's 1944 surprise counterattack through the Ardennes Forest. It threatened to cut the Allied

army in two, cut them off from their supply center at the port of Antwerp and destroy four armies in the field.

"The Battle of the Bulge," as it came to be known for the large bulge that protruded in Allied maps of the front line, was Nazi Germany's last grasp to force the Allies into a negotiated peace. And that's where Vincent Speranza made an epic beer run for a wounded comrade.

Speranza was a member of the storied 101st Airborne, 501st Parachute Infantry Company and was in the American-held city of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. Within five days of the German surprise attack, Bastogne was surrounded and under siege. The only defenders of the city were the 101st Airborne, the all-Black 969th Artillery Battalion, and Combat Command B of the 10th Armored Division.

These soldiers would not give up the city despite being completely surrounded and cut off from the rest of the Allied forces. It would be nearly a week before Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army would arrive to relieve them. When the German asked for American terms of surrender, commanding Gen. Anthony MacAuliffe famously replied, "Nuts!"

While that makes for a great story some 80-plus years later, for the men on the ground in Bastogne in December 1944, things were looking pretty grim. Toward the end of the siege Vincent Speranza was helping tend to the wounds of his fellow soldiers. He recognized one of the wounded men, his friend and assistant machine gunner Joe Willis.

"I found him," Speranza told the Springfield, Illinois State Journal-Register. "And asked 'How you doin?" He said, "I got a couple pieces of shrapnel in my leg. It's not too bad." I asked if there was anything I could do for him. He said, 'Yeah, go find me something to drink."

(Speranza – Continued)

By this time, Bastogne had seen a lot of fighting and was in shambles. Many of the city's defenders were wounded and some had been massacred by the Germans. But Speranza went out in search of a drink for his buddy anyway. He left the church where Willis was resting and found a bombed-out tavern. Inside the tavern was, of course, a beer tap.

When Speranza pulled the tap, beer actually came out. So Speranza did what he said he would, filling up his helmet with the liquid and bringing it back to his buddy Joe. When other wounded men saw Joe Willis having a beer, they wanted one too, so Speranza went to fill up his helmet once more.

When he came back with the second beverage, he was confronted by a regimental surgeon, who threatened to have him shot if he kept up the beer runs. Beer might kill some of those wounded men. Vincent Speranza was just giving aid and comfort to the wounded, but he didn't want to kill anyone.

The Siege of Bastogne was eventually lifted, the Allies won the war and Vincent Speranza returned home. Some 65 years later, he returned to Bastogne to commemorate the anniversary and a new museum of the battle.

While there, he met two European tank officers, one from Belgium, the other from the Netherlands. He told them the story of his World War II beer run, and they looked at him incredulously.

"You were the GI who gave beer to the wounded?" they asked him. "You're famous in Europe!"

Speranza had no idea what they were talking about until the two men ordered him an Airborne Beer. The beer was designed by a local brewer 20 years before to honor the legend of the GI who made a beer run for his friend, but no one realized it was real until Vincent Speranza told them the story.

The waiter brought the men a bottle featuring a U.S. soldier carrying a helmet full of beer, and a bit of it served in a small ceramic helmet. The locals of Bastogne and the brewer of Airborne Beer were shocked to actually meet the legendary paratrooper, but no one was more surprised than Vincent Speranza.

Watch A Lincoln Stars Hockey Game With Your Family For Free

If you are a hockey fan and would like to attend a game with your family, contact Devon Buckland. You and your family would receive complimentary tickets to the game and you would be honored in a brief ceremony at the first media timeout. Their game schedule is listed below. You may enlarge the schedule for better viewing.

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 me. We accept current and former service members

Look forward to working with you!

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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

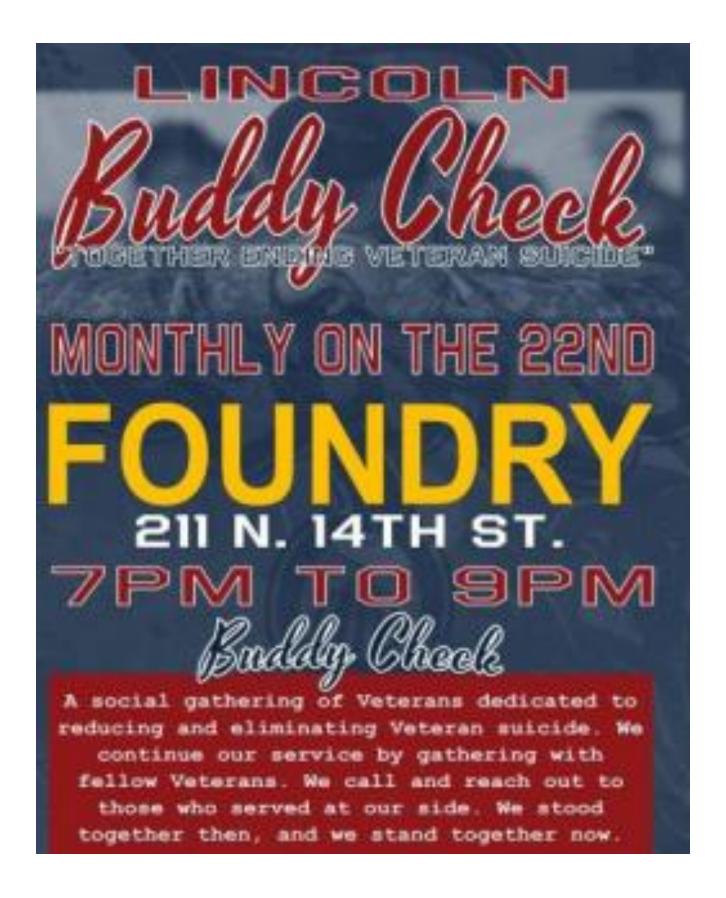
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The Lincoln Veterans Parade, November 13, 2022



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!



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

Sons Of The American Legion Application

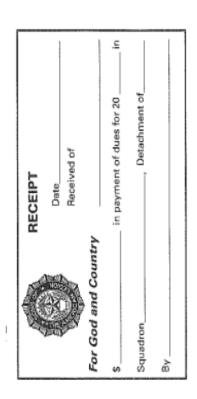


To be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion, you must be a male descendant (son, grandson, stepson, or adopted son) of:

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

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

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application			
Detachment of Squadron No	Birth Date	Date	
Name (First) (Initial) (Last)	Recruited by	(Initial)	(Last)
Address(Street)	(City)	(State)	{Zip}
E-mail Address	Address Telephone		
Veteran through whom eligibility is est	ablished		
(a) Above is a member in good standing	g of Post No	Dept. of	
OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran wh	o served honorably from_	to	
(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran			
I hereby subscribe to the Constitution	of the Sons of The America	n Legion, apply for i	membership, and
transmit \$ as annual memb			
	Signed	(By Applicant or Paren	r()
Eligibility certified by	Post Adjutant)		00-001 (2014)



Become a Member of The American Legion

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

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

	(Name)	(Date of Birth))
	(Mailing Address)	(Phone Number)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) (Post #)
		☐ Male ☐ Female	
	(E-mail)	(Gender) (Dues)	
□ Panama □ Lebanon/Grenada	☐ U.S. Marines ☐ U.S. Coast Guard	EGIO CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT	
☐ Vietnam ☐ Korea ☐ WWII ☐ Other Conflicts	☐ Merchant Marines	(WWII only)	

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 members	hip to Lincoln American Legion Post 3
	Signature
	Membership Number
	Email address



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

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

Web Site: lincolnpost3.org

2021 - 2022 Post 3 Officers

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

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

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

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

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

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