



“For God And Country”
September 2021 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule For September 2021 – October 2021

Organization	Location	Time	September	October
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	09/14/21	10/12/21
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7 PM	09/14/21	10/12/21
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 South 84th	7 PM	09/09/21	10/14/21
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6 PM	09/16/21	10/21/21
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7 PM	09/21/21	10/19/21
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th	7 PM	09/21/21	10/19/21
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 N 14 th	7 PM	09/22/21	10/22/21
VA Coffeehaus	Auld Pavilion	10 AM	09/17/21	10/15/21

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires:

August and September are busy months for Post 3. We are working on processing current memberships, completing transfers, and processing new memberships. We ended the 2021 year with 1325 members against a goal of 1427 as established by National. We recently received our 2022 membership goal of 1344 from National. As of this writing, we have 774 paid members or about 57.5% of our goal. We will have to work hard to meet our 2022 goal.

If you know of an honorably discharged veteran who is not an American Legion member, ask him/her why not. Tell the veteran that the American Legion was founded on four pillars: Supporting Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. If he/she believes in those four pillars, why would they not want to join the world's largest Veterans Service Organization.

In order for Post 3 to support these pillars, it needs money. That's where your membership dues help. Of the \$46.00 that you pay, \$18.50 goes to National, \$16.50 goes to Department, and \$11.00 goes to Post 3.

As membership declines, so does the money to support our pillars. With rising costs everywhere, it is important that we retain current members as well as increase our total membership. Last year we lost 62 members to Post Everlasting and are struggling to replace them. As you will see in the TAPs report in this issue, we lost 6 members in August that we have not replaced.

At the July 13th regular meeting, it was announced that in preparation for filing articles of incorporation for Post 3, the Constitution and Bylaws are being amended and changes would be acted upon at the September 14th meeting. Copies of both proposed documents were distributed in the July and August email newsletters and are posted on the Post 3 website: (<https://lincolnpost3.org>). The documents are also included again in this newsletter.

Upon motion, the post agreed to suspend what would be the normal rules for making amendments by eliminating the reading of both documents at the meeting. We are now accepting the email distribution and posting on the website as having given sufficient notice.

If you have any changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that you would like to discuss, you need to be present at the September 14th regular meeting. Meetings are held at the Elks Lodge #80, 5910 South 58th Street. Hamburger bar opens at 6:00. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,

**Gerry Wolf
Post 3 Commander**

Notes from the Adjutant's desk.



A BIG THANK YOU to those who have renewed for 2022.

As I wrote last month dues remain the same at \$46.00 dollars. With \$35.00 dollars of the dues being passed on to Department to cover State and National dues. The remaining \$11.00 dollars are used at the Post level, to cover administrative cost and support many of THE American Legion activities that Post 3 supports here in Lincoln and at the State and National level.

Renewals stand at 774, about 55% of our 2022 goal. You should receive your 2022 membership card about 10 days after you mail your funds to Post 3 office. We try and process dues daily during August, just to keep up. Allowing for three or four days for mail each way, thus the 10 days turn around.

For those who wish to use a credit card, you can renew your 2022 memberships online at MyLegion.org. You will need your name and membership ID number. You can print your 2022 card once you have paid your dues. We print off a list in the office daily of those who do pay online and mail out a 2022 membership card to those who have paid dues online.

If by chance you have not received your 2022 membership card let us know. You can call or email the office. Occasionally, we receive only parts of envelopes, where we do not receive the renewal slip or check, thus do not know whose it was.

Sometimes we get the membership card mailing back due to a poor mailing address. If you have moved, please be sure to let us know so we can update the Legion data base. It is nice when we have a phone number or email address, so we can call and verify a mailing address.

Last item on 2022 renewals, if you have not renewed yet, please do so, the cutoff date for the 2nd notices is just a few days out. Please pay by the 6th of September to stop National from sending you a second 2022 renewal. It saves The American Legion money if they do not have to mail out a second or third renewal notice. So, HELP SAVE MONEY and send in your renewals once you get your 2022 dues notice. Saving a little money now will save you from a dues increase down the road.

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

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, are 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.

**Ed Schnabel
Adjutant**

LINCOLN CBOC/VA NEWS



COVID 19 Update: VA is requiring the use of the blue paper masks. No cloth masks. They will provide a mask for you. They are still giving the Covid shots

The VA Web Site said they are now giving shots to partners of veterans. If you get care from the VA Health Care System, then you are enrolled. For those who do not currently use NWI (Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System), Omaha VA Hospital or the local CBOC's, you can call 404-828-5257 to check if you are enrolled and enroll if you are not currently enrolled to receive VA Health services. They request that you use the VA Facebook or VA web site to request an appointment. The VA will call you back to make the appointment with you. They are now taking walk ins, but it is best to call first for an appointment. Shots are only being given to the veteran and those who are enrolled as a Veteran Care Giver with the VA.

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, and continue to advance to the next screen, until you reach Finish. On the first print out is a number, disregard it, on 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 to the right of the entrance to the lab. The lab is located to the right of 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.

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 a state issued driver's license and/or state issued ID card for them to verify your identity. 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.

Waiting areas, two on the main floor and two on the second floor have NEW NAMES. They are named Reception Area A or Reception Area B. Reception Area A is to the left and Area B is to the right of the main entrance. 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.

EYEGASSES 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.

Remember, the VA will only to 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 help 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 A L Representative for Nebraska**

Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks



**Greetings Fellow Legion Riders,
Legionnaires, and Legion Family,**

It has been a very busy summer for your Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders. Since my last note to you, we have participated in several parades and numerous other activities. I want to thank, once again, all those Riders and supporters who make our participation in all these events possible. Without that support, we would not be able to do what we do. We've been in parades from Milford, to Seward, to Dewitt, to Dwight, to Wilber, to Eagle, and beyond.

Our riders have participated in flag lines honoring deceased veterans and community heroes.

A couple of weeks ago, we were privileged to participate in a ceremony honoring the service and sacrifice of LPD Investigator Mario Herrera, who tragically lost his life last year while serving an arrest warrant. It is such an honor and privilege to be able to provide even a small tribute to these heroes, and we are happy to do it.

As I write this, America lost 13 heroes in Afghanistan, most of them under the age of 25, and one of them from Omaha. Your American Legion Riders stand ready to honor this brave Marine's service and sacrifice when we learn about his memorial/funeral service details. A sad duty, for sure. But one we are proud, humbled and honored to do.

Until next time,

Ride (and Drive) Safe!

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



The Chaplain's Remarks



What's UP with our beloved nation nowadays? It seems we have no leadership, a rather poor excuse for a government at many levels, and some downright **SOMETHINGS** going on behind closed doors to permit such a fiasco as this nation to be brought to our knees in shame and degradation (Judges 18:7).

Oh, sure, no one person in a given household here is **DIRECTLY** responsible for our nation's decline, but...have you ever thought, if God empowers me, what could I accomplish?

And, yes, you **CAN** do something, but....well...it's sort of...by some people...thought to be a bit much to corner others into doing what needs to be done to help restore this nation's greatness.

Yeah....you're right. Why quibble with such a near impossible event to handle? Unless...there's an open door right in front of you that'll aid your warrior-like turn-around (Job 34:30, 34)?



Back in ancient Israel, the struggle of following God's plan for their "milk & honey" reward often found them suffering from similar malaise as we today, such as ineffective leadership, an absence of management largess, and a seeming ignoring of better ways to live out God's great life for them. Judges appointed by God tried to deliver their people from foreign oppression as well as from their own spiritual sin; e.g. Samson (Judges chapters 13-16.), Deborah (Judges 4-5), Ehud (Judges 3:15-30), and Gideon (Judges 6:1-8:35).

The question that begs questioning is: why is God persecuting America like that of Israel of old, with all of the good we've done over our 245-year history as a democracy? Maybe...now is the time to get with the Lord to find out why, then follow His wisdom for rectifying our situation.

When Joshua was about to embark on the conquest of God's chosen land of "milk and honey" in Canaan, he counseled his people: "Choose ye this day which gods you will serve..." (Joshua 24:15). Have you done this lately? Yes, you vote and campaign for a given leader. I get it. But does God get it when you may not have chosen Him? To help alleviate this distress, and probably help America to get back on its feet, you and the Lord may have to get really chummy, like His judges and prophets did, to get the wisdom and blessing to move America forward again. It's up to us to do what's necessary if we want to remain Americans.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Lincoln ALP 3 Chaplain

Post 3 Honor Guard



In the month of August, the Honor Guard rendered “Honors” at 10 Legion funerals and was asked to assist at 4 VFW funerals. They also appeared at 1 civic function. In calendar year 2021, the Honor Guard has rendered “Honors” at 110 combined funerals and appeared at 21 civic functions.

AUGUST 2021 TAPS



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Harry Groathaus	Korea	USAF	58
Lumir Hulinsky	Vietnam	Army	48
Robert Lohrberg	Korea	Army	1
Charles Meisinger	Vietnam	Army	22
Gary Pavel	Vietnam	Army	39
Eugene Staberg	WWII	Army	26



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NEBRASKA-WESTERN IOWA HEALTH
CARE SYSTEM

Omaha NE 68105-1873

Lincoln
600 S 70th Street
Lincoln NE 68510-2493

Reply to: 838/1350

Grand Island
2201 N Broadwell Avenue
Grand Island NE 68803-2196

July 27, 2021

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

The Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission statement is to fulfill President Lincoln's promise, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are American's Veterans.

I want to take a moment and inform you of the upcoming needs for veterans in the Omaha metropolitan area and Eastern Iowa in the fall. The VA Hospital will hold a "Homeless Veterans Stand Down." The Homeless Veterans Stand Down is an outreach event where our staff meet with Veterans who are homeless or near homeless in the community. The Stand Down event will assist in providing Veterans with the necessary clothing items to properly prepare them for the cold, winter season ahead. We want to ensure as a Hospital System that we are providing support to our Veterans not only with clothing items but we are connecting them with resources to apply for housing - and/or intercede with those Veterans who are nearing homelessness. We are seeking the following items:

- **New Winter Coats:**
 - **Men's**
 - 10 coats size XXXL
 - 40 coats size XXL
 - 35 coats size XL
 - 10 coats size L
 - 5 coats size M
 - **Women's**
 - 1 coat size XXXL
 - 1 coat size XXL
 - 2 coats size XL
 - 1 coat size L
 - 1 coat size M
- **New Undergarments:**
 - Men's (same sizes and amounts as the winter coats)
 - Women's (same sizes and amounts as the winter coats)
 - Thermal Underwear Tops & Bottoms (same sizes and amounts as the winter coats)

- **New Winter stocking caps, pairs of gloves/mittens and scarves:**
 - 100 of each item listed
- **Tents:**
 - 30 tents
- **Sleeping Bags:**
 - 30 sleeping bags
- **Backpacks:**
 - 50 gender neutral backpacks
- **Emergency weather blankets (the kind that fold up very small and are silver on one side to retain heat):**
 - 30 emergency weather blankets
- **Hand and foot warmers (the pouches that warm up when shaken):**
 - As many as possible
- **Miscellaneous items needed:**
 - can openers
 - bus passes
 - gas cards
 - lip balm
 - sunscreen
 - toiletries
 - baggies or waterproof pouches they can keep valuables/ID in
- **Please note that socks are NOT needed as the Bombas Sock Company has graciously donated more than enough.** Thank you for your generous past assistance in making this happen for our VA.
- Monetary donations are also accepted -. Please make checks payable -to the **Omaha VA Hospital – Homeless Veterans Account.**

If your organization can assist with any of the items, it would be greatly appreciated. We are requesting the items by **Thursday, September 29th**. We will make arrangements to pick up the donations from you, or you can deliver them to the Voluntary Service Office by calling and making an appointment.

Please feel free to contact me at Kari.Bealer@va.gov or at 402-995-3284.

Sincerely,



KARI B. BEALER, CAVS
 Chief, Voluntary Service
 NWHCS – 1350
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 Omaha NE 68105

Marine leader whose troops planted the flag on Iwo Jima, dies at 102

There were actually two flag-raisings that February morning in 1945, the second of which was captured in one of warfare's most iconic photographs. Severance spent years quietly trying to set the record straight about who did what back then, and why.



Our Hero



Silver Star

DAVE E. SEVERANCE Colonel U. S. Marine Corps World War II - Korean War



Naval Aviator



Distinguished Flying Cross

MEDALS-RIBBONS: Air Medal w/3 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation w/1 Star, Navy Unit Commendation, American Defense Service, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, World War II Victory, Navy Occupation Service, National Defense Service, Korean Service, United Nations Service, Korean Presidential Unit Citation

During his illustrious 32 year career, Colonel Severance served as an Infantry company commander during WWII and was awarded the Silver Star for his actions during the Battle of Iwo Jima. His Marines from E-2-28 placed the iconic flag to secure Mt. Suribachi. Following the war, he became a Naval Aviator and flew 69 combat missions in Korea where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.



F7F-3P Tigercat



Severance's Men on Mt. Suribachi

He cared about the flag story, he told the San Diego Union-Tribune in a 2012 interview, because it spoke to the courage and sacrifice he witnessed every day for more than a month during the battle, one of the bloodiest of the war. His company came ashore in the 10th wave of what eventually would be about 70,000 Marines invading the island, a strategic slab of dormant volcano about 660 miles south of Tokyo. They were met by some 20,000 Japanese entrenched in fortified caves and tunnels and determined to die rather than surrender.

Severance's 240-man, six-officer unit out of Camp Pendleton (Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment, 5th Division) spent 33 of the battle's 36 days on the front lines. About 75% of the company was killed or wounded.

He earned a Silver Star — “I tell people it's for surviving,” he would later joke — and had several close calls, including a bullet that went between his legs and struck a lieutenant standing behind him.

(Severance – Continued)

Born Feb. 4, 1919, in Milwaukee, Severance grew up in Colorado and joined the Marines in 1938, hoping to become a pilot. He came to San Diego for boot camp and wound up in the ground forces. Severance first saw combat in December 1943, on Bougainville, where his patrol unit turned aside a Japanese ambush. Sent back to San Diego and then Hawaii for additional training, he was promoted to captain and dispatched to Iwo Jima.

On Feb. 23, 1945, the fifth day of fighting, about 40 members of Severance’s company were sent up Mt. Suribachi, the highest point on the island, with orders to plant the flag. When it was raised, Americans on the island cheered. Ships offshore blew horns and sirens.

“The event,” Severance recalled, “gave a real boost to the morale of the troops in the midst of a grim battle.” He and others thought the fighting would soon be over. They were wrong. A short time later, another group was sent up with a second flag to replace the first. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal followed and took the picture that would become famous and win a Pulitzer Prize: six men heaving the pole into position, the Stars and Stripes snapping in the wind.

The photo ran in newspapers across the country, an image so powerful it stirred the spirits (and war-bond-buying wallets) of Americans. Later, it became the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va. It’s also been a source of controversy, with various people coming forward over the years to claim they had a role in raising the flag. Rosenthal, who died in 2006, was dogged the rest of his life by rumors that he had staged the photo.

For many years, the official Marine version had it that the first flag was replaced because the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Chandler Johnson, wanted a larger one that more troops could see. That’s not what Severance remembered.

When the first flag was raised, he said, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, who had just arrived on the island, asked to have it as a souvenir. “Hell, no,” Johnson said, according to Severance. “We put it up there, and we are going to keep it.” A second group of Severance’s Marines was sent up with orders to replace the flag. The Marines would keep the first one, and the Navy secretary would get the replacement, which flew over Mt. Suribachi for the rest of the battle. Both flags are now in the National Museum of the Marine Corps near Quantico, Va.

After years of writing letters about the flag-raising, Severance got a note in 2014 that the Marines would include an addendum in their records, acknowledging that there’s more to the story.

He became a pilot after World War II and flew combat missions during the Korean War, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross. He was promoted to colonel in 1962 and retired six years later. In his home in La Jolla, Severance had a copy of the Rosenthal picture, signed by the photographer. He also had a poster for the 2006 movie “Flags of Our Fathers,” about the Iwo Jima battle, signed by director Clint Eastwood. Severance, portrayed in the film by Neal McDonough, was a consultant on the movie.

Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

Following the recommendations of the national and state organizations, Post 3 is moving forward with plans to file Articles of Incorporation. As a precursor to incorporation, the post is updating its Constitution and Bylaws.

Over the years, the original Constitution and Bylaws have become outdated, and documentation for a number of revisions and amendments have been lost. As a result, the two documents have essentially been refreshed as new documents.

The proposed changes were officially presented to the membership at the July 13th meeting and laid over. They will then be discussed, amended if necessary, and voted upon at the September 14th meeting.

A copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws have been posted on the Post 3 website, (<https://lincolnpost3.org>) and are included in this newsletter for your review.

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PROPOSED

REVISED AND AMMENDED CONSTITUTION OF LINCOLN AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CONFORMANCE WITH NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Any and all provisions or prohibitions affecting Lincoln American Legion Post 3 or its members contained in the National Constitution of The American Legion, as the same may from time to time be amended, are by reference made a part of this Constitution.

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to Community, State, and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

(Constitution – Continued)

ARTICLE ONE

NAME

Section 1. The name of this post shall be Lincoln American Legion Post 3, Department of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as Lincoln Post 3 or Post 3.

ARTICLE TWO

NATURE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. Lincoln Post 3 shall be a civilian organization, and membership therein shall not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the American Legion, and no member shall be addressed by his or her military or naval title in any meeting of the American Legion.

Section 2. Post 3 shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office.

Section 3. Post 3 shall be a service organization for veterans and their families and shall, to the extent that it is able,

- (a) actively engage in the rehabilitation of all disabled veterans,**
- (b) take care of the dependents of deceased veterans, and**
- (c) assist those who are unable to provide for their families.**

Furthermore, Post 3 shall participate in educational programs for our youth and serve our community, state, and nation.

ARTICLE THREE

ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Eligibility requirements for membership in Lincoln Post 3 shall be as provided in the National Constitution of the American Legion.

Section 2. (a) There shall be no form or class of membership in Post 3 except an active membership. Dues shall be paid annually or by having purchased an approved permanent membership plan (the retired Department Permanent Membership Plan or the National Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Plan).

(b) A member who has been honored by receiving a Life Membership from Post 3 will have his or her dues paid annually by the post.

(Constitution – Continued)

Section 3. (a) Annual membership in Post 3 shall be for the calendar year January 1 to December 31.

(b) Suspensions for the delinquent payment of dues and reinstatements shall be governed by the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4. No member of Post 3 shall hold membership in any other post.

ARTICLE FOUR

OFFICERS

Section 1. Administration and Executive Committee: The administrative affairs of Lincoln Post 3 shall be accomplished under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of 3 members of the post and the Commander, Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant (if not a salaried employee), Chaplain, and Immediate Past Commander.

Section 2. Officers: (a) The elected officers of Post 3 shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, and 3 At-Large Executive Committee Members.

(b) The appointed officers of this post shall be an Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Post Service Officer.

Section 3. Election of Officers: (a) The elected officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws on the day of the regular meeting next preceding the Annual Department Convention, and shall take office at the first regular meeting following the Department Convention of each year.

(b) (i) The Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Post Service Officer shall be appointed by the Commander subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

(ii) The appointive officers shall not have a vote at the Executive Committee meetings.

(c) All officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly selected and qualified.

(d) Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled as provided in the Bylaws.

(e) Insofar as Lincoln Post 3 is the only post constituting District 15 of the American Legion, Department of Nebraska, a District 15 Commander and District 15 Vice Commander shall be elected for 2-year terms in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Nebraska and the Constitution and Bylaws of Post 3.

(Constitution – Continued)

Section 4. Every member of Post 3 in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the post.

Section 5. The duties of officers and Executive Committee-persons shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or committee-persons and as provided in the By-laws.

Section 6. No officer of Post 3 shall during his or her term of office endorse publicly in his or her official capacity any political candidate or party or any policy of any candidate or party until such policy has been endorsed by the post.

Section 7. No employee of Post 3 shall during his or her term of employment, directly or indirectly, attempt to influence the nomination or election of any individual to an office in this post. Further, no employee shall recommend an individual to an appointive position of Post 3 unless requested to do so by the Post Commander or Executive Committee. Failure to adhere strictly to these provisions may result in termination of employment.

ARTICLE FIVE

DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Post Executive Committee, after receiving a written notice and conducting a hearing, may --- for good cause having been shown --- by a two-thirds vote recommend to the post the removal of any officer or member of the Executive Committee. Such recommendation shall be made at a regular business meeting of the post, and a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required for its adoption.

Section 2. The discipline of members of this post shall be governed by the provisions of Article XIII of the Department of Nebraska Constitution and Article XI of the Department of Nebraska Bylaws.

ARTICLE SIX

FINANCE

Section 1. (a) The revenue of Lincoln Post 3 shall be derived from the payment of annual dues by regular members, from the payment of annual dues by the Department for residual members of the Department's Permanent Membership Plan, from the payment of annual dues by the national organization for members enrolled as Paid-Up-for-Life (PUFL) members, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

(b) The fiscal year for the operation of American Legion Post 3 shall be from August 1 to July 31 of the succeeding year.

(Constitution – Continued)

Section 2. The amount of annual membership dues shall be determined and fixed by the membership.

Section 3. The Commander, Adjutant, and Post Finance Officer shall be required to give good and sufficient bond in such amount as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE SEVEN

AUXILIARIES

Section 1. The eligibility requirements for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders shall be as provided in the National Constitution of the American Legion.

ARTICLE EIGHT

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and the Department of Nebraska Constitution of the American Legion. Any amendment to said National and Department Constitutions which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. (a) This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the post by a two-thirds vote of the members of said post in attendance provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the preceding regular meeting and then submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee of Post 3 for its recommendation to the Executive Committee.

(b) The Post Executive Committee shall then, either with or without their recommendation, report such amendment back to the next regular post meeting for approval or disapproval.

PROPOSED

LINCOLN AMERICAN LEGION POST 3

BYLAWS

REVISED AND AMENDED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

ARTICLE ONE

NAME; NATURE, AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The Post existing under these Bylaws is to be known as Lincoln American Legion Post 3, Department of Nebraska; hereinafter referred to as Lincoln Post 3 or Post 3.

Section 2. The nature and objectives of Post 3 are as set forth in the Constitution.

ARTICLE TWO

GOVERNANCE

Section 1. The government and management of Lincoln Post 3 shall be as provided in Article Four of the Constitution.

Section 2. The election of officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be as provided in Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Section 3. All vacancies occurring in the Executive Committee or in any of the elected offices of Post 3 from any cause other than expiration of term shall be filled by election at a regular Post meeting within thirty (30) days after the creation of such vacancy; and the person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the committee member or officer whom he or she succeeds, provided that in the event of a vacancy of the office of Commander or Vice Commander, the next ranking Vice Commander shall automatically advance to such vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

ARTICLE THREE

ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 1.a. Nominations of candidates for the respective offices may be made in writing signed by a member of the Lincoln Post 3 in good standing, giving the name of the candidate and the office for which he or she is nominated, and shall be filed in the office of Post 3 no later than the regular meeting next preceding the annual election. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the regular meeting next preceding the annual election.

b. The names of those nominated shall be published to the membership in such form and manner as the Executive Committee shall direct.

c. Each candidate to be voted upon must provide the Post 3 Office with satisfactory documentation of his or her military service and/or discharge prior to the election

d. Any candidate who desires to withdraw his or her candidacy must notify the Adjutant in writing or by email prior to the date of the annual election.

e. Prior to the election, the Adjutant will cause the ballots to be prepared, showing the offices to be filled and the names of the candidates therefore.

f. The Post Commander shall cause notice of the annual or any special election to be given at least two weeks prior thereto.

g. When there is a contest for any office or delegate's position, the election shall be by ballot, and every member in good standing is entitled to vote in person.

h. The election shall be under the direction of a commission appointed by the Commander. Such commission shall consist of a chairperson and two to five other members, none of whom shall be a candidate for office in the election which they supervise. The members of said commission shall be responsible to organize the election, deliver and receive ballots, count the ballots, and monitor the election in its entirety to insure a fair election is held.

i. The chairperson and commission shall arrange a convenient place for receiving ballots, and the polls shall be open for voting on the day of the election one hour before the meeting and close no sooner than one hour later, but in time to count the ballots and report the results before the close of the meeting on the day of the election.

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j. As soon as practicable after the closing of the polls, the counting board shall report and certify the results to the Post Commander. Prior to such report and certification, no person on said election commission shall disclose, in whole or in part, any of the results of the election.

ARTICLE FOUR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Lincoln Post 3 Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such other business as may come before it at the call of the Post Commander within ten days after the installation of the new officers. Thereafter, the Post Executive Committee shall meet regularly each month at the call of the Commander.

Section 2. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the qualified members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by any qualified member thereof with the joint consent of two additional qualified members. The Post Adjutant shall prepare and mail a notice of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting to all qualified members of the Post Executive Committee. Such a meeting is empowered to transact only such business within its authority as is stated in the written notice of such meeting, provided a quorum is present as provided in Article 4, Section 2 of these Bylaws.

Section 4 The Post Executive Committee shall hire such employees as may be necessary within the limitations of the budget and shall require adequate bonds as provided in Article Six, Section 3 of the Constitution; shall hear the reports of Post committee chairpersons, and generally shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Post.

Section 5. The Post 3 Executive Committee may, by majority vote, bestow upon any individual, whether a member or non-member, any honorary or complimentary title or designation. Such honorary title or designation shall be perpetual unless rescinded by the Executive Committee. Rights carried with such honorary title or designation shall include the right to attend meetings and to speak, but not to make motions or vote, except as provided by the Post 3 Constitution and Bylaws, unless such individual is a regular and duly qualified member of Lincoln American Legion Post 3.

ARTICLE FIVE

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of the Commander: It shall be the duty of the Post Commander to preside at all meetings of the Post and have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post, and such officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Post. The Commander shall be jointly responsible with the Finance Officer for the disbursement of funds and shall countersign all checks disbursing money of the Post, and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post for the year. The Commander shall perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee upon recommendation by Post 3 members.

Section 2.a. Duties of the Vice-Commanders: It shall be the duty of each Vice Commander to discharge such duties as assigned by the Commander. The First Vice Commander shall discharge the duties of the Commander in the absence or disability of the Post Commander.

b. The First Vice-Commander shall perform the duties of the Membership Committee Chairperson unless the Commander appoints another member to perform those duties. The Second Vice-Commander shall perform the duties of Salvation Army Bell Ringers Chairperson unless the Commander appoints another member to perform those duties.

Section 3. Duties of the Post Adjutant: The Adjutant shall have charge and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all Post and Executive Committee meetings, keep such records as the Department and National organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon to do so at a meeting, and under the discretion of the Commander handle all correspondence of the Post except when such duties are otherwise delegated by the Executive Committee. The Adjutant's duties shall be as set out in the approved "Job Description," and he or she shall fully advise and inform the Commander of all activities, routine or otherwise.

Section 4. Duties of Finance Officer: The Finance Officer shall be charged with the responsibility of seeing that proper and sufficient safeguards and accounting procedures are being followed, and that cash on hand does not exceed that which is reasonable and safe. He or she shall recommend to the Post Executive Committee for their approval federally insured financial institutions for handling the Post's various accounts, including recommendations for investments of idle or excess funds. Such investments may include reputedly insured investment grade bonds. The Finance Officer shall countersign all checks disbursing the monies of the Post.

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Section 5. Duties of the Historian: The Post Historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the Post members, and shall perform such other duties as may be determined by the Post or Executive Committee.

Section 6. Duties of the Post Chaplain. The Post Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post comrades and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, or public functions; and adhere to such ceremonials and rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters.

Section 7. Duties of the Sergeant-At-Arms: The Sergeant-At-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned by the Post Commander.

Section 8. Duties of the Service Officer: The Service Officer shall aid all veterans, their dependents, and survivors in connection with just claims against the United States or State or Local Governments in matters of employment, financial relief, hospitalization, medical services, or community welfare matters.

Section 9. Duties of the Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate shall advise the officers of the post and the Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws, or obtain proper counsel to assist doing so. The Judge Advocate shall perform such other duties usually incident to the office.

Section 10. Duties of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the members of the Executive Committee upon taking office to immediately familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of Lincoln Post 3.

ARTICLE SIX

DELEGATES

Section 1. Delegates and Alternates to the Department of Nebraska Convention shall be elected by the membership of Lincoln Post 3 at the regular meeting next preceding the Department Convention. The delegates elected to the Department Convention shall include the District 15 Commander; the newly elected Commander of Post 3, and all newly elected officers of Post 3, all of whom shall be declared as automatically elected delegates to the Department Convention.

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Section 2. The balance of the authorized Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be selected in order of their registration at the Department Convention, and shall be considered elected delegates and alternates to the Department Convention.

Section 3. Each duly registered delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any registered delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the registered delegates present from Post 3. Alternates for registered delegates shall have all the privileges of registered delegates except that of voting. A registered delegate is one who has received his or her credentials after his or her registration fee has been paid.

Section 4.a. Members of Post 3 desiring to be Delegates to the National American Legion Convention shall be recommended and nominated to the Department of Nebraska by nomination and election of the membership of Post 3 at the regular meeting chosen to serve as the District 15 Convention.

b. Any members of Post 3 holding a National Appointment to a Standing National Commission or a Standing National Committee shall automatically be considered as nominated for election by Post 3 to be recommended and nominated as a Delegate to the National American Legion Convention unless they declare at the District 15 Convention that they do not intend to attend the National Convention.

c. When the number of members nominated for delegate to the National Convention exceeds the number of delegates authorized from District 15, the results of the election, beginning with the candidate receiving the most votes, shall determine the selection of delegates and alternates to the National Convention. There shall not be a separate nomination and election for alternates.

ARTICLE SEVEN

ANNUAL COMMITTEES

Section 1.a. The Lincoln Post 3 Commander, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint a chairperson and an appropriate number of additional committee members (if necessary or desirable) to the following annual committees. These appointments will be for the tenure of his or her office.

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Membership Committee

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Committee

Publicity Committee

Hospital Visitation Committee

Boys State Committee

County Government Committee

Oratorical Committee

Law & Order Committee

b. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall have charge of matters pertaining to membership of the Post, including the procurement of new members, reinstatements, and eligibility of members subject to the Constitution and By-Laws.

c. Salvation Army Bell Ringers Committee. The Salvation Army Bell Ringers Committee shall be charged with scheduling and coordination with the Salvation Army a time a place for members of the Post 3 American Legion Family to participate in volunteer bell ringing activities for the Salvation Army.

d. Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee shall be charged with the promotion of public support of the American Legion's programs by the establishment of proper contact with the American Legion magazine and other Department and National publicity resources. The committee shall promote publicity of Post programs and activities utilizing the Post 3 newspaper, email newsletter, and website.

e. Hospital Visitation Committee. The Hospital Visitation Committee is charged with visiting and comforting members and their families when sick or bereaved and with visiting veterans in nearby hospitals.

f. Boys State Committee. The Boys State Committee shall coordinate the selection process of Boys State citizens from the Lincoln area by keeping in contact with the Lincoln area schools and donors. It shall also schedule and conduct a Boys State Orientation for the Lincoln area Boys State citizens.

g. County Government Committee.. The County Government Committee shall coordinate with the Lancaster County Commander any efforts to provide a County Government Day for the students in Lancaster County.

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h. Oratorical Committee. The Oratorical Committee shall endeavor to promote the American Legion Oratorical Contest to the students of Lincoln and conduct a Post 3 / District 15 Oratorical Contest each year.

i. Law & Order Committee. The Law & Order Committee shall endeavor to promote the Nebraska American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program and coordinate the efforts to select boys and girls from the Lincoln area to participate in the program.

Section 2. The Post 3 Commander may also appoint other special committees as may be deemed necessary for the proper operation of the Post.

ARTICLE EIGHT

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1.a. The following committees are declared to be standing committees of the post:

Athletic Committee

Memorial Committee

Finance Committee

Youth Activities Committee

Americanism Committee

Past Commanders' Advisory Committee

Scholarship Committee

Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee

b. When inactivity or other circumstances justify the action, the Executive Committee may place a standing committee on an inactive status.

c. The Post Commander, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint or re-appoint to each active standing committee a single replacement to serve for a period of three years and then designate a chairperson .

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d. Committees may set up rules of procedure, conduct, or discipline within the sphere of their activities when such rules are expedient, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.a. The Athletic Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms.

b. The Athletic Committee shall have the specific duties relating to the extent of the post's involvement in American Legion Baseball and any other activities the Post undertakes in the field of men's and women's athletics.

Section 3.a. The Memorial Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms. However, the formal appointment of three members to the standing committee is in no way intended to limit or inhibit any member's participation in Memorial Squad activities.

b. The Memorial Committee shall have the specific duties to insure that proper burial ceremonies are conducted when requested for our departed comrades and any other civic function where memorial services are requested of the Post.

Section 4.a. The Finance Committee shall consist of five members, three of which shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms. The Finance Officer and the Immediate Past Post 3 Commander shall be automatic members of this committee.

4.b. The Finance Committee shall be charged with the administration of the financial policy, preparation of the budget, making recommendations for and supervision of receiving, disbursing, and accounting of all Post funds and an annual audit. It shall be its duty to prepare and make reports to the Post or Executive Committee whenever requested by the Post Commander. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to prepare a report showing the anticipated expenditure for the coming year, and to submit the same with recommendations to the Post following the annual election of officers. The Finance Committee shall, not later than the second regular meeting after the election, submit a proposed budget, its recommendation for the ensuing year which shall be placed before the Post for adoption or such other action as the Post shall consider necessary.

Section 5.a. The Youth Activities Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms.

b. The Youth Activities Committee shall be charged with making recommendations to the Commander regarding youth activities.

Section 6.a. The Americanism Committee shall consist of three members for three-year staggered terms.

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b. The Americanism Committee shall be charged with the inspiration of patriotism and good citizenship by arrangement for proper observance of patriotic occasions, encouragement of patriotic and civic phases of instruction in schools; Americanization of aliens, combatting anti-American propaganda by education of the general public in American Ideals, through public forums, etc., and activities for community and civic betterment.

Section 7.a. The Past Commanders Advisory Committee shall be composed of the five immediate past Post 3 Commanders, the chairperson of which shall be the senior ranking Past Post Commander in point of succession.

b. It shall be the duty of the committee to offer counsel and guidance to the active Post Commander. This committee shall be convened from time to time as needed either at the call of the active Post Commander or the chairperson of the committee.

Section 8.a. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of five members, three of which shall be for three-year staggered terms. The Finance Officer and the current Commander of Post 3 shall be automatic members of this committee

b. The Scholarship Committee shall be charged with the duty of administering the Post 3 Scholarship Fund with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 9.a. The Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee shall consist of four members, three of which shall be for three-year staggered terms. The Post 3 Judge Advocate shall be an automatic member of the committee.

b. The Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee shall be charged with receiving, reviewing, and processing any proposed changes to the Post 3 Constitution and Bylaws. Further, the committee shall be responsible to review and report on any resolutions offered by individual members or any Post 3 committee regarding American Legion matters of any kind to be brought before the membership for consideration and adoption.

ARTICLE NINE

PURCHASING AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1. Purchases of goods, services, or property, disbursements, and indebtedness shall be handled in the manner.

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Section 2.a. All contracts for service or materials within the limitations of the budget shall be authorized by the Finance Committee.

b. Other disbursements and donations outside of budgeted items must be authorized by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Post; and, when so authorized, such disbursements shall be supervised and accounted for by the Finance Officer. No request for such expenditures of Post 3 funds shall be voted upon at a regular Post 3 meeting without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

c. Amounts in excess of \$300 shall first be submitted to the Post Finance Officer, who shall report to the Post Executive Committee the availability of funds. The Post Executive Committee shall have authority to recommend approval or denial of such requests to the Post.

d. Items not in excess of \$300 may be authorized by the Commander or Executive Committee without formal action by the Post provided that there are sufficient contingency funds remaining in the annual budget.

Section 3. All real and personal property shall be purchased and held in the name of Lincoln American Legion Post 3.

Section 4. All disbursement of funds of the Post shall be by warrant, which shall show thereon the purpose for which drawn. Such warrants shall be signed by the Finance Officer and countersigned by the Commander.

Section 5. All vouchers or evidence of indebtedness shall be signed by the Finance Officer and countersigned by the Commander.

ARTICLE NINE

MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meeting of Lincoln Post 3 shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, except in August when there shall not be a meeting.

Section 2. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Post.

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Section 3.a. All meetings of Post 3 and the Executive Committee of Post 3 shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order unless in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Nebraska American Legion.

b. In most cases, meetings will be conducted in-person; but on those rare occasions when uncontrollable, catastrophic circumstances prevent in-person meetings, the Commander is authorized to conduct the Post 3 meeting or Executive Committee meeting electronically. All business of Post 3 can be administered provided the necessary quorum is present.

ARTICLE NINE

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.a. The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of Lincoln Post 3 by a two-thirds vote of the members attending such regular meeting provided that the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been read at the preceding regular meeting of Post 3; then submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee of Post 3 for their consideration and recommendation to the Post Executive Committee.

b. The Post Executive Committee shall then, either with or without their recommendation, report such amendment or amendments back to the next regular Post 3 meeting for approval or disapproval.

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

American Legion Post 3

123 South 84th Street, Suite L

Lincoln, Ne 68510

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

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

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

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

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



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