



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



Meeting Schedule For September 2022 – October 2022

Organization	Location	Time	September	October
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	09/13/22	10/11/22
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7:00 PM	09/13/22	10/11/22
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84th	7:00 PM	09/08/22	10/13/22
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	09/15/22	10/20/22
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	09/20/22	10/18/22
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	6:30 PM	None	10/18/22
8 & 40 Salon 92	3601 South 16th Street	1:00 PM	09/15/22	TBD
Buddy Check	The Foundry, 211 N 14th	7:00 PM	09/22/22	10/22/22
VA Coffeehaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	09/16/22	10/21/22

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires:

Even 21 years later, our country is still healing from the horrific events of September 11, 2001. Though it still seems like yesterday to many, this year we commemorate the 21st anniversary of 9/11 and the four deadly attacks that claimed the lives of 2996 Americans on September 11, 2001.

On 9/11, 2996 innocent people lost their lives during a series of coordinated terrorist attacks that destroyed the Twin Towers, damaged the Pentagon, and crashed United Airlines Flight 93 in a Pennsylvania field. It's a day Americans will never forget. Though it was an unspeakable tragedy, the September 11 attacks allowed so many individuals to display immense strength, bravery, and resilience.

For 9/11 victims and the families of survivors, September 11 isn't just one day of the year — It's a nightmare that many relive every single day. Even if you or someone you love wasn't directly affected by the events of September 11, it likely, still remains a day that you'll "never forget."

The first of four attacks killed everyone on board American Airlines Flight 11 as it crashed into the North Tower. Just 17 minutes later, hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into the South Tower, killing all on board that flight as well.

Not only were both Twin Towers targeted, but a third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, hit the Pentagon a little under an hour later, killing 125. And a fourth plane — United Airlines Flight 93 — crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, as crew and passengers struggled to wrestle control from the hijackers, again killing all on board.

Almost 3000 people died in what many call the largest terrorist attack on U.S. soil, including 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 military personnel.

Now 21 years later, the World Trade Center has since been rebuilt as a single tower named "One World Trade Center" — commonly known as "Freedom Tower" — alongside the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, located where the original World Trade Center once stood.

While New York has healed in some ways since the tragedy, 9/11 has left a deep mark, not only on the city but also on the American people.

September 11th is also known as 9/11 Day or Patriot Day. It is meant to remember those who died in the attacks on September 11, 2001. Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Some people and organizations may take some time out to say prayers for the victims of the attacks.

On the direction of the President of the United States, the Flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House, and all United States government buildings. The Flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11th. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center.

Please join me and show your respect on Patriot Day, September 11th.

Please keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers, particularly those who may be in need. Keep our active-duty service men and women in your thoughts and prayers as well, especially those who may be in harm's way.

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf
Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



A BIG THANK YOU to those who have renewed for 2023. Membership currently stands at 712 paid members.

Thanks again for renewing with Post 3 and The American Legion. It is the eleven dollars of Post 3 dues that allows us to serve our fellow veterans at the local level. The remaining Thirty-Five Dollars goes to cover Department and National dues, which support Legion activities on the State and National level.

The Legion National Headquarters will be mailing out the second renewal notices for 2023 during the second or third week of September. If you have renewed, just throw it away.

Remember there is a delay between the time you mail your dues and the time that National shows that you have renewed for 2023.

This delay could be up to two or three weeks, depending on when we receive your payment and we get the membership slips to Department, and they process them and get them forwarded to National. Once at National, it will take them up to a week to process them and credit you with your payment. Only then, will the system stop sending out renewal notices to you.

If you wish to pay by credit card, you can do so by using the Legion's online renewal. Log into MyLegion.org, click on renewal, then input your name and data. You can also set up an annual payment or pay your dues for two to five years in the future.

If you have mailed your payment and have not received your 2023 card within two weeks, please let me know. Mail can and does get misdirected, damaged, or just lost. I will be glad to get a replacement mailed out to you.

Does your 2023 membership show your correct years of service?

We know that the National Headquarters made a major error when they listed 2022 as your first year.

(Adjutant's Notes – Continued)

This was only to show that you had paid dues for 2022, not the year that you first joined the Legion. Same for the sample card on the reverse side of the notice, they all showed one year, not your true years of service. The 2023 card that we will be mailing out should be correct.

If the years are not correct, please let us know and we can get it corrected for you. Not sure why the new membership software that the Legion rolled out last April still has lots of issues. We have fielded many calls about total years not being correct.

This would take 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)

It also helps us if you can keep us informed if you happen to move, are a snowbird, or if the member dies.

This saves Post 3, Department and the National office money by not having to send out a second or third renewal or mailing a renewal to a member who has passed away. It is these extra little costs that drives up your dues, as it costs us to pay for returned mail.

Post 3 receives lots of Honor Guard request, some at the last minute, if you wish for an Honor Detail for an event or for a Military Service, please call well ahead so that we can be sure to be there when asked.

If you have not talked with your family about your wishes for your funeral, do not put it off. Two items to let them know is do you wish Military Honors and where you would like to be interred.

If you wish an Honor Guard from your branch of service, you will need to produce a copy of your DD214 or discharge papers. Burial in a VA cemetery also requires a DD214 or discharge papers to show that you earned this honor. Your funeral home should do the contacting for you when the time comes. If you need help, please call and I will be glad to assist you.

Thanks for your Service. *We look forward seeing you at the Post 3 meeting on September 13th.*

**Ed Schnabel
Post 3 Adjutant**

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



Lincoln CBOC is now doing walk-in EXPRESS CARE starting at 3pm and going until 7pm. No appointment needed, 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. For those without a smart phone you will have to have the staff sign you in. This new system is called “VA Mobile Check-in for Appointments.” This is to allow you to sign in for appointments without the need to touch anything while doing so.

Clinics that will be using this new system will have a QR code for you to scan posted in the check-in area as you enter the clinics. To use this new system, you need a smart phone that is registered with the VA. When you scan the QR code, the system will text your phone to check you in for your appointments. When you use the system once or twice, it really will be faster. What is nice, you do 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.

One drawback to the new sign-in is that the Lincoln Clinic has limited bandwidth, thus downloading is very slow at times. Be patient, once loaded, the VA will send a link for signing in. Once you get the link, you will be asked to verify your personal information and that of your next of kin, etc. If all is correct, answer Yes (three times) and the system will check you in.

Another drawback to the system in Lincoln, is that it does not tell where to wait to see your provider. If you are seeing a new provider, you might have to ask a staff member where their waiting area is located. Primary care providers are on the first floor and most of the other services are on the second floor.

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 September, as this Kiosk may also go away.

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.

(Lincoln 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 by using this link:

[**www.myhealth.va.gov**](http://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 you need help in using it, or signing up for My HealtheVet, stop by their education center on your next visit. In Lincoln, their info center is just to the right of the front entrance. The Lincoln education center is staffed on Tuesday – Friday, 0800-1400 hours.

To get 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 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 service but have never signed up for this benefit of our service. Again, it is the old story, use them or lose them.

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

Thanks for your service.

Ed Schnabel

Lincoln VAG member (Veteran Advisory Group)

Lincoln VA American Legion
Representative for Nebraska

Post 3 ALR Director's Remarks



Greetings Riders and Legion Family,

Your American Legion Riders completed another month filled with events. We attended Wilber's Czech festival and participated in their parade, and also participated in the Milford Days parade (photos from Milford). Additionally, several riders supported the Patriot Guard by participating in flag lines honoring departed veterans across eastern Nebraska.

We are quickly approaching the date of our annual fundraiser, our poker run. Scheduled for September 24th. We encourage all members of the Legion family, whether on two, three, or four wheels, to help us raise funds for the JAVELAN service dog project. JAVELAN provides service dogs to wounded veterans and other first responders in the eastern Nebraska and western Iowa region. Registration starts at 10 AM at Frontier Harley-Davidson on West O Street. Stops include Ashland, Ceresco, and Branched Oak, and ending at the Denton American Legion club. We will also be having a silent auction and have several great items for folks to bid on. We look forward to seeing everyone who might come help us with this fundraiser.

Until next time,
Ride (and drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
Director, Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders



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POKER RUN

**SATURDAY
SEPT 24**

REGISTRATION: 10AM-NOON
FIRST BIKE OUT AT: 10AM
LAST BIKE IN: 3PM
PRIZES/AWARDS: 3:30PM

**FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
ALONG THE ROUTE AND AT
DENTON LEGION CLUB**

**PROCEEDS
SUPPORT
JAVELAN**

JAVELAN
SERVICE DOGS
for HEROES

SILENT AUCTION
50/50
RIDE PRIZES
RAFFLE
GIVEAWAYS

\$10/HAND OR \$20 FOR 3

**-STARTS AT FRONTIER
HARLEY-DAVIDSON,
205 NW 40TH ST, LINCOLN**
**-WITH STOPS IN ASHLAND,
CERESCO, BRANCHED OAK**
**-ENDS AT DENTON LEGION CLUB,
7226 LANCASTER AVE, DENTON**

One of the events Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders will be part of this year is the annual poker run fundraiser on Saturday, September 24th. This year all proceeds will go to JAVELAN. The JAVELAN program provides funding for service dogs for military veterans and retired first responders in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. JAVELAN is for our nation's heroes who are suffering from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), traumatic brain injury and many other affiliated physical and emotional disabilities. JAVELAN partners these heroes with trainers and dogs to improve the quality of life of our nation's heroes through the medical assistance and healing power of their new canine partners.

The Chaplain's Remarks



DARING ERA—It's come to pass, as once prophesied in the Bible's Old Testament (Ezekiel 20:16), that this nation of ours would face its Judgment, ahead of Jesus' return, due to Americans' seeming preoccupation with fleshly desires (Ezekiel 5:7).

What are those idols that warranted God's wrath over his new world's "chosen people" (Romans 1:26-32)? They lead from egotism to wholesale debauchery of every kind. And then there's the notion of having an abundant concern with personal interests over God's commandments.

God's will had become a matter of happenstance versus God's repeated ovations for obedience from His people out of Egyptian bondage through today's churches, denominations, sects, or non-denominations. Like our forebearers, Eve and Adam, humankind leaned towards finding their ways to know God and His creation—called religion—as opposed to trusting in God—called faith.

So...to get through this Judgment of God for our not being obedient, we must redouble our efforts to find out about God's will, study His word, then live holy so our "light of God," or righteous living by His Word, is readily witnessed by anyone.

Will God's Judgment...go away...because His people have finally gotten the message of holiness over sin? That'll be up to God, and everyone's desire to remain in His will. But the Word (i.e., the Bible) says that prayer is a key element for salvation (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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

Post 3 Honor Guard



In August, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 8 Legion funerals and was asked to help at 1 VFW funeral. Honor Guard personnel also made an appearance at 1 civic function. In calendar year 2022, the Honor Guard was asked to assist the Military Honor Teams at 100 combined funerals and appeared at 29 civic functions. Turnout has been excellent.

Post 3 TAPS - August 2022



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Donald G. Wolf	Vietnam	Navy	37
George Brock	Vietnam	Army	33
Lyle M. Jones	Korea	Army	22
Norman L. Stentz	WWII	Navy	56

Legion Membership Notice

\$ 500



BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2023

ALL REGULAR MEMBERS (THOSE WHO PAY THEIR DUES ANNUALLY) WHOSE 2023 DUES ARE PAID AND RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 WILL BE IN A DRAWING FOR \$500 THIS YEAR!!

HELP US BUILD MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!

BE IN THE DRAWING!!

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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Devon Buckland

Director of Gameday Operations

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devon@lincolnstars.com

2022 - 2023 SEASON SCHEDULE

HOME AWAY

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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!



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

We want to stop in Lincoln, NE. on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd. 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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Marine Accounted For From World War II



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Jack S. Brown, 22, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, killed during World War II, was accounted for May 11, 2022. In July 1944, Brown was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, which was part of the invasion force of the island of Saipan in a larger effort to capture the Mariana Islands from Japan. Brown was reported killed in action on July 8, but his body was not able to be recovered. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Following the end of the war, the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) was tasked with investigating and recovering missing American personnel in the Pacific Theater. They searched for and disinterred remains on Saipan, but could not identify any as Brown. He was declared non-recoverable in November 1950.

Remains designated as Unknown X-30 2nd Marine Division Cemetery Saipan were recovered from Saipan and interred in the Fort William McKinley Cemetery, now the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in the Philippines.

After thorough historical research, it was determined that X-30 could likely be identified. Unknown X-30 was disinterred in March 2021, and sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis.

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

Brown's name is recorded in the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others who are still missing from World War II. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Brown was buried Aug. 13, 2022, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Medal Of Honor Recipient, Francis S. Currey



"Francis Sherman Currey, of Hurleyville New York, joined the US Army at age 17, one week after graduating from Hurleyville High School. "Frank" completed Officer's Candidate School, at 18 years old, but did not receive a commission due to his young age.

After training with the 75th Infantry Division in Louisville and Kentucky, Currey landed at Omaha Beach in July 1944, a few weeks after D-Day. In September, he was assigned as a replacement to 3rd Platoon, K Company, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, in Netherlands. Six weeks later, he would be a sergeant and 3rd Platoon Leader in K Company. On December 21, 1944, Currey was an automatic rifleman in a squad which was guarding a bridge crossing and strongpoint. He repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire while firing upon and fatally wounding several German infantrymen during an early morning German tank advance in Malmedy, Belgium. During the attack, he used a bazooka and anti-tank grenades which caused four enemy tank crews to abandon their tanks and also enabled him to rescue five comrades who had been pinned down in a building by enemy fire."

After the Battle of the Bulge, he became a squad leader, and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at his regiment's command post. In March 1945, Currey's company commander recommended him for the Medal of Honor for his actions on December 21st. The Medal of Honor was presented to Frank on July 27, 1945, by the 30th Infantry Division division commander, Major General Leland Hobbs, near Reims, France; the medal was officially awarded to him on August 17, 1945. After the war was over in Europe, he received his 3rd Purple Heart for being shot in Bavaria while disarming German soldiers." (Source: National World War II Museum, US War Department press release and Ancestry Database)

According to a US Army Press Release (C409 dated 1945) Curry is quoted as saying "I wanted to stick right through with the fellows. Now that I'm setting foot on American soil again it's going to be a pleasure to get out. I've had all the fighting I want, and I'm lucky to be able to talk to you."

"Sergeant Currey completes his Army career in "Grand Slam" fashion. He was awarded just about everything there was to be awarded. Besides the Medal of Honor, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Certificate of Merit, and his outfit earned a unit citation, giving him the right to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge. He also wears three battle stars." (Source C409)

After the war he returned to New York. Currey worked as a counselor at the VA Medical Center in Albany, New York from 1950 until he retired as a supervisor, in 1980. After he retired from the VA, he started and ran a landscaping business. He also worked at a hotel booking conventions in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, until 2002.

Sergeant Frank Currey died on October 8, 2019, in Selkirk, New York. He was 94 years old at the time of his death. Frank lies in rest at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem New York.

LEST WE FORGET



On August 18, 1976, North Korean soldiers brutally axed to death two US Army officers. The next day, the world was teetering on the brink of war . Captain Arthur "Art" Bonifas, a 33-year-old US Army Airborne Ranger and Vietnam veteran, was leading a routine mission to trim a tree that blocked American observation points in the DMZ when things went horribly wrong.

The commanding officer of the Joint Security Force and his men were confronted by approximately 15 North Korean troops led by Pak Chul, or "Lt. Bulldog," as he had been nicknamed for his frequent confrontations with the Americans.

After a few tense minutes of attempted intimidation and posturing, the North Korean officer approached Captain Bonifas, demanding that US soldiers stop trimming the tree because it had been "personally planted and nourished by Kim Il Sung." Bonifas, unfazed by the arrogant North Korean officer, turned away and ordered his men to continue their work. Moments later, a truck with twenty additional North Korean soldiers, all carrying crowbars, steel pipes, or clubs, appeared.

What happened next would shock and enrage Americans, South Koreans, and freedom-loving people around the world.

According to eyewitnesses, Lt. Pak calmly took off his watch, wrapped it in a handkerchief, placed it in his pocket, and yelled, "Kill the bastards!" Instantly, the North Korean soldiers, under direct orders from their lieutenant, began beating and hacking the American and South Korean soldiers near the tree.

In the ensuing 30 seconds of violence, Capt. Bonifas, who was scheduled to leave Korea the following week and reunite with his wife and three children, and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett, a 25-year-old Jacksonville, Florida native who had recently married, was bludgeoned to death.

Within hours of the brutal murders, the North Korean government issued the following statement: "At around 10:45 a.m. today, the American imperialist aggressors sent in 14 hoodlums with axes into the Joint Security Area . . . they attacked our guards en masse and committed a serious provocative act of beating our men and wielding murderous weapons."

Two days later, the bodies of Capt. Bonifas and Lt. Barrett were escorted to Kimpo Airport, outside of Seoul, and flown to the United States, where both men were buried with full military honors.

Postscript:

On August 21, the United States, in what was called "Operation Paul Bunyan," sent 23 American and South Korean vehicles filled with soldiers and a 64-man task force of South Korean Special Forces troops to the site of the incident.

With US Army Cobra attack helicopters on the horizon, B-52 bombers and F-4 Phantoms flying overhead, and the USS Midway (CV-41) task force steaming offshore, the Americans cut down the tree.

Approximately 200 North Korean soldiers, with locked and loaded rifles and machine guns, watched the forty-minute tree cutting. Miraculously, they never fired a shot. Kim Il Sung had backed down.

US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, however, wasn't pleased. He had advocated for bombing a North Korean barracks in retaliation. "Just chopping down a tree isn't enough," he remarked. "I have never seen the North Koreans so scared. I am positive they would not have hit back."

We pay tribute to Art Bonifas, Mark Barrett, their families, and all the Americans who served, sacrificed and died on the DMZ. We will never forget you!

Credit:

Ned Forney, Writer, Saluting America's Veterans.

The Badge Of Military Merit

Two hundred forty years ago on August 7, General George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit. He wanted to bestow the badge for “any singular meritorious action”. He obviously had high standards for the recognition because he only personally awarded the badge three times during the Revolutionary War. All three of the recipients were sergeants.

The award is still in existence today, albeit under a different name. It was not awarded after the Revolutionary War until reinstituted by General Douglas MacArthur in 1932. MacArthur was the first modern recipient of the badge. It is estimated that it has now been bestowed two-million times.

You may be wondering why you can’t recall a Badge of Military Merit that has been awarded so many times in our history. You may not know it as the Badge of Military Merit - but I’m sure you know the badge itself. The original design called for purple silk in the shape of a heart. The image of General Washington was added when it became known as the Purple Heart.

Almost half of all Purple Hearts ever awarded were during World War II while the Vietnam War saw over 350,000 Purple Hearts presented. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor has a great website located at www.thepurpleheart.com, where you can learn more about the award and the men and women who have received it. It is important that we take time to reflect on the sacrifices of our fellow service members. When we appreciate the price paid for our freedom, we become better guardians for those who will come after us.



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Buddy Check

TOGETHER ENDING VETERAN SUICIDE™

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7PM TO 9PM

Buddy Check

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

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

Sons Of The American Legion Application



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

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

Sons of The American Legion
ATTN: Brendan Moore
123 South 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 _____	Telephone _____
Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____	
(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No _____, Dept. of _____	
OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____	
(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____	
I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.	
Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)	
Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant)	00-001 (2014)

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

For God and Country

Become a Member of The American Legion

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

**American Legion Post 3
123 South 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)		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female (Gender)	(Dues)
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.			
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below			
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy		
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard		
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)		
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts			
30-009	Signature of applicant	Date	Name of recruiter

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

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

_____	Signature
_____	Membership Number
_____	Email address



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

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

