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JULY 2020 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meeting Schedule for July - August 2020

Organization	Location	Time	July	August
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	07/14/20	None
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	None	None
SAL Squadron 3	Elks lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	07/16/20	None
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6 PM	07/16/20	8/20/2020
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	07/21/20	None
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th	7 PM	07/21/20	None
Pitch Tournament	Risky's, 4648 Leighton	7 PM	None	TBD
Buddy Check	Foundry, 211 N 14th	7 PM	07/22/20	08/22/20
VA Coffeehaus	VA Clinic, 600 S 70th	11 AM	None	None

Commander William Jackson's Message



You're done with the U.S. Armed Forces after serving time in the Continental United States and abroad. Life is settling down to a dull roar of excitement, with family, friends, and the job. You're retired, or just separated from the military. Life is good...or is it...?

Something may be missing. But what is it: the camaraderie, the adventure, and maybe the sense of duty to God, country, and family? If

it's any one of those three, the American Legion Post 3 has an opportunity for you: serving on their Honor Guard. That's right: become a member of your Post 3 Honor Guard.

What's in it for you? Among other things, like doing your duty to honor fallen veterans and their families, fellowship with Nebraska Legionnaires, and that sense of belonging to something more than yourself. It's being a part of a group of comrades who know the story of serving our military, of struggling to raise families while extensively traveling, and of doing their best to represent America in the best light possible.

As an Honor Guard member, you'll receive a uniform, and use a rifle (M-1) for volleys at funerals, bear flags in parades and other patriotic venues, and otherwise represent the Legion throughout our city and state when called upon.

So, If you are wanting to serve since departing the military, here's your chance, we need your help. Contact ALP 3 officials at 402-466-3958, or email at post3legionlincoln@gmail.com.

A chance to something worthwhile again is only a phone call or email away.

It's that time when a new "sheriff" is coming to take a hold of the reigns of ALP 3, one Wade Graft, duly elected and accepted by his peers to take this honorable position.

Change is an evitable fact of life. But change also involves the best interest of everyone when Lincoln Legionnaires come together to applaud the change of leadership that comes with a new Commander like Mr. Graft.

Finally, I offer my praise for the work and cooperation of the Post 3 Executive Committee who helped keep this ship of state afloat through many challenging circumstances. I know they'll be there for Commander Wade through his leadership of ALP 3.

William Jackson

Commander

Adjutant Ed Schnabel's Message



We have been busy in the office during this pandemic. Remember 2020 renewals are about to end. Our current membership stands at 1392 or 95.80% of our assigned goal.

Watch your mailbox for the 2021 renewal slips mailed out by the Legion National office. You may remit your 2021 dues on the first of August, which is the start of the 2021 Legion year. Dues for 2021 are the same

as last year:

National	\$18.50
Department	\$16.50
<u>Post 3</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
Total	\$46.00

We held a Post 3 meeting on June 9th on ZOOM so that the election of 2021 Post 3 officers could be held. Elected were, Wade Graft as Commander, Gerry Wolf as first Vice Commander, Bruce Gubser as second Vice Commander. Jack Sibert was elected to fill the three-year position on the Executive Committee.

Gerry Wolf has volunteered to publish our monthly newsletter, so keep watching as we try to keep you updated on the activities of Post 3.

As we lose our WWII and Korean war members, we lose many years of service and knowledge that have led The American Legion to be the largest VSO. To preserve the Legion, we need to expand our outreach to those currently serving and to those, like us, who joined later in life after raising our families.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Things are moving ahead with the new Lincoln VA Clinic. They hope to have the building ready by the end of the year. Once the VA has control of the new building, they have 90 days to finish outfitting it before the clinic can open. They are about done with the brick work, windows are going in, and drywall is being installed. The parking lots and driveways are being poured.

VA Coffeehaus is on hold at the present time. The same is true for our Show and Shine car show and our summer Veterans Freedom Music Festival. I hope they can be held next spring.

Keep watching for email updates if things change.

Ed Schnabel

American Legion VA Representative

ALR Commander Bruce Gubser's Message



Dear Riders and all,

It appears the 12th of Never has arrived! Places are starting to open up. The traffic is returning to pre-COVID levels. And your American Legion Riders were able to have an in-person meeting for June! Yay! Although we met by Zoom in May, it sure was nice to see the great turnout in person! We did have a few join us for the June meeting via Zoom, and it was great to have those folks join us as well.

We had a "Right Turn Clyde" ride in June. Sadly, due to construction, we had to modify the route slightly. So, instead of 14 consecutive right-hand turns enroute to our destination in Nebraska City for lunch, we made ten rights and a left. Twelve riders made the trek. Good food, great friends. Also, in June, we were privileged to participate in a Birthday Ride-by to help a 91-year-old veteran celebrate his birthday. I forgot to count, but about a dozen Riders participated. After the conclusion of the Ride-by, I circled back around and presented the Birthday Boy with an ALR hat. He was very appreciative.

Most of the usual events in which we typically participate have been canceled... Czech Days in Wilber, Seward 4th of July Parade, and many others... not happening in 2020. We are still planning to have a poker run later this summer, and a raffle, so keep your eyes posted for more info on those. In the meantime, we are planning to have a monthly "fun" ride each month.

Any member of the Legion Family who owns a motorcycle (larger than 350cc) is eligible to join the American Legion Riders. If that description fits you, I encourage you to join us.

Until next time,
Bruce Gubser
Commander

Children & Youth Donation

As part of our mission to support children and youth, American Legion Post 3 and American Legion Riders Chapter 3, in Lincoln, Neb., stepped up to help some families during the COVID-19 outbreak. Post 3 and the Riders paid off the outstanding lunch account balances of students at Pyrtle Elementary School who had fallen behind in paying for their lunches. This will allow these students to start the next school year with a zero balance.

The total number of students affected by our donation is not known at this time, but nearly \$600 was provided by Post 3 and the American Legion Riders. At some point in the future, a photo will be taken and shared with our members. Thank you to the Legion Riders and Post 3 in this effort.

Bruce Gubser
Post 3 ALR Commander

Honor Guard Commander Fred Chrastil's Message



The Honor Guard had to stand down for almost 2 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We began to receive requests for Honors in the last couple of weeks. As of this post, we have rendered Honors at 20 Legion funerals and 25 VFW funerals. We have also appeared at various community activities 10 times. However, we need help. We are looking for a "Few Good Men" to help us. Our ranks are getting older and we are looking for some younger blood. We presently have 17

members on our roster. The average age of these members is 77. Of the 17, 7 are available only occasionally because of health problems, other commitments, or weather-related issues. To equip a proper Honor Guard, we should have a minimum of 7 riflemen and a Commander. We have 4 flag stands for the various flags, and we work with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra to supply a live bugler at all funerals. The Honor Guard is a personal commitment, but If you are interested, contact the Post 3 Legion office at 402-466-3958 or email at post3legionlincoln@gmail.com .



TAPS for June 2020

Last Name	First Name	War Era	Years	Reported
Delong	Dean	WWII	14	06/08/2020
Doughty	Gene	WWII	54	06/17/2020
Glaser	Lawrence	WWII	50	06/16/2020
Schroer	S Joe	WWII	60	06/01/2020
Ziegelbein	Charles	Korea	49	06/23/2020

Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Post 3 ZOOM meeting

These minutes have not been read and adopted by the post.

Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3

Held Virtually on ZOOM

June 9, 2020

The colors being in place, Commander William Jackson opened the June 9, 2020 meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held virtually on ZOOM. 10 Legionnaires were present online.

Ed Schnabel gave the finance report for the month ending May 31, 2020, reporting a balance on hand of \$33,214.35. He indicated that the \$1000 received from the sale of the golf cart was included in that balance. Ed also gave an update on the current balances in several other savings and investment accounts. The report was accepted and filed for review.

The minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting were accepted as previously posted online. No meetings were held in April or May due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It was reported that the Post 3 Honor Guard was getting back into doing funerals. It was also reported that the National Cemeteries were beginning to allow funeral ceremonies again.

It was announced that the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 was slowly returning to being open, but ----- for now --- was only open for short periods of time on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

There was some discussion about American Legion Baseball and the numerous changes and restrictions being imposed this year. It was agreed that with rising costs, severely reduced opportunities for revenue, a shortage of help, and the impacts of the COVID-19, Post 3 cannot continue supporting baseball to the extent it has in the past. The Post is still discussing with the Lincoln Baseball Association just exactly what our involvement might be this year --- and going forward.

The following nominations for 2020-2021 officers were properly received.

Commander --- Wade Graft

1st Vice Commander --- Gerry Wolf

2nd Vice Commander --- Bruce Gubser

Executive Committee (3-year term) --- Jack Sibert

Since there was no competition, and upon a proper motion and second, the Adjutant announced that he was casting 1 ballot for the quorum present to elect the entire slate of candidates by acclamation.

Membership was reported at 1371.

The virtual meeting was closed in proper form at 7:35 PM.

Steve Bartos,

Recorder



Veterans Helping Veterans

As we near the close of our membership year, several of our members observed that a few of our WWII and Korean War veterans had not yet renewed their membership for 2020. Many of these veterans had a considerable number of continuous years of membership. Understanding that there may be several reasons that might make it difficult to renew, Post 3 members wanted to thank and honor the veterans who served us so many years ago.

The Post agreed to waive the \$11.00 portion of the 2020 dues, and members who participated contributed \$35.00 to sponsor a veteran. The following Post 3 Legionnaires sponsored 1 or more members --- and we would like to thank them all for their generosity and concern for their fellow Legionnaires!

James Buckwalter

Bruce Gubser

John Hoppe

James Childers

Ed Schnabel

Jerry Nuss

Stephen Robinson

Steve Bartos

Wade Graft

Jack Sibert

Fred Craigie

Ed Muggy

Gerry Wolf

Allen Snowden

Ron Epp

Leonard Wilsey

Wesley Newton

Dale Lange

John Coupe

Kenneth Vonbargen

Allen Kobes

Robert Taylor

Gerald Salber

Clarence Olberding

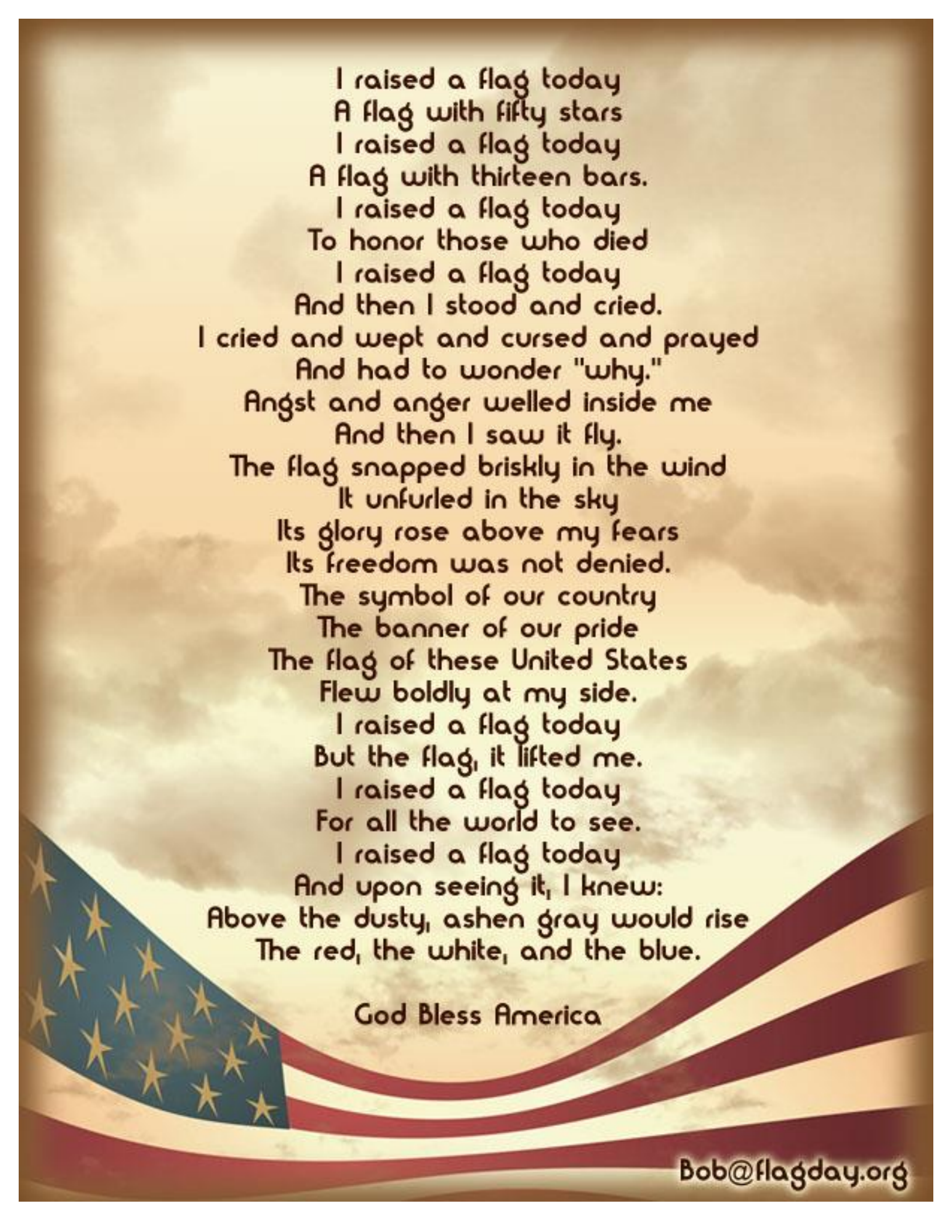
Onofre Perez

James Heinke

Harry Stubbendeck

Jim Wharry

If you would like to sponsor a renewal, send a check for \$35.00 to American Legion Post 3 at 123 South 84th Street, Suite L, Lincoln, NE 68510.



I raised a flag today
A flag with fifty stars
I raised a flag today
A flag with thirteen bars.
I raised a flag today
To honor those who died
I raised a flag today
And then I stood and cried.
I cried and wept and cursed and prayed
And had to wonder "why."
Angst and anger welled inside me
And then I saw it fly.
The flag snapped briskly in the wind
It unfurled in the sky
Its glory rose above my fears
Its freedom was not denied.
The symbol of our country
The banner of our pride
The flag of these United States
Flew boldly at my side.
I raised a flag today
But the flag, it lifted me.
I raised a flag today
For all the world to see.
I raised a flag today
And upon seeing it, I knew:
Above the dusty, ashen gray would rise
The red, the white, and the blue.

God Bless America

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) 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)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



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Signature of applicant Date Name of recruiter

Please submit any announcements or items for the monthly newsletter to the Adjutant for approval. All requests must be received two weeks before the monthly meeting.