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Current Membership	1053	As of Feb 2023
2023 Goal	1217	86.5%

The voice of American Legion Post 3 and its family of veterans affiliated organizations in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Justice

Freedom

Democracy

Loyalty

"Pledged to serve the disabled, the distressed, the widowed, and the orphaned. Devoted to the cause of service to the community, state and nation."

COMING EVENTS

March

- 9 SAL Meeting
- 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 14 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 16 Legion Riders Meeting
- 16 Salon 92 Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 21 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings



April

- 2 Palm Sunday
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter
- 11 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 18 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 20 Legion Riders / Salon 92 Meetings
- 28 Arbor Day

May

- 9 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 11 SAL Meeting
- 16 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 18 Legion Riders / Salon 92 Meetings
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 29 Memorial Day Observed



LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It is time to address a Post 3 problem that we don't want to acknowledge. Post 3 is losing members at the rate of 8% to 10% per year. This is primarily because members are passing on to Post Everlasting.

We started out this year with about 85 members who had passed away but had paid their last year's dues. They remained on our membership numbers, but will not paying their dues this year. So far this year, we have about 55 members who have passed away and will not be able to pay their dues next year. That's about 140 members that were on our rolls last year that will not be available to pay their dues next year. There is not much we can do about that.

A few members do drop out for various reasons like reaching the age where the American Legion is not important anymore, transferring to a new post after moving, or just losing interest in the American Legion. They don't understand how important it is to keep their membership to support American Legion programs such as Veterans in the Classroom, Cornhusker Boys State, The American Legion Oratorical Contest, and the Junior Law Cadet Program --- just to name a few. Post 3 also is proud to have an Honor Guard that provides military honors at 125-150 funerals each year.

The Post 3 Leadership team has done everything they know how to do to add new members and have added some, but not enough. I am asking you to help us out. If you know someone who has served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 --- and was honorably discharged or is currently serving honorably --- ask that individual to join The American Legion.

You have a right to be proud of what Post 3 is doing, and you should share that pride with prospective new members. We are doing everything we can to make Post 3 more important to the Lincoln area veterans and always look for your input.

Membership Matters! And your membership is very important to the national organization, your post, and to veterans everywhere! We thank you for --- and appreciate --- your service to our country. And we thank you for belonging to American Legion Post 3 and helping to support the various American Legion programs in which we participate and/or sponsor.

When we joined this great organization that services veterans, youth, and the community, we obligated ourselves by pledging support through our mutual helpfulness. Let us take pride in who we are as an organization. Members, I encourage you to be more active --- serve on committees, enroll in training classes, and take a real interest in what it is to be a member of the Post 3 family. And, most importantly, pay your dues and recruit new members.

There is a job for everyone. The operation of a post is not and cannot be run by one, two, or just a few members. We all must work together for the good of our Post. Please continue to volunteer, donate, and support your post. Together, we can be more --- and better than we are.

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

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf
Post 3 Commander



Commander Post #3
Gerry Wolf

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Lincoln Unit 3 President
Barbara Skillman



Dear Members,
I hope you are keeping safe and well. I would like to say thank you to all the Legion and Auxiliary members who donated food to the VA Clinic. Gift cards were given to families for Christmas, and grocery cards were placed on the Giving Tree at the VA Clinic. Thank you, all.

Now, to the future. Members of Lincoln Unit 3, have you paid your 2023 dues? As for all the things we do for our community and our veterans, your dues help the unit make them happen.

Scholarship time is drawing near. The due date for the Unit Scholarship is April 1. Please check the American Legion Post 3 website (www.legionpost3.org) for the applications. Please send them to Shirley Horstman. For any questions, please call her at 402-467-1575.

On March 18, the District 12 meeting will be held in Hickman at their Community Building in downtown Hickman. Registration starts at 8:00 A.M., and the joint meeting begins at 9:00 A.M.

We have already picked several girls from the Lincoln schools to attend the 2023 session of American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State. Happily, Girls State will be held in person this year at the University of Nebraska starting June 4. The cost for Girls State is \$400 per girl.

In March, we will celebrate the American Legion's Birthday. Elections for new officers will be held during the May meeting. Lincoln Unit 3 will also participate in Memorial Day services at Wyuka Cemetery.

I would like to invite you to our Unit 3 meetings so you can have a say in what we do at our meetings and understand the programs of the Auxiliary. We could always need your help and ideas.

Happy Spring!

Barbara Skillman
President, Lincoln Unit 3

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL Commander Sqd. #3
Brendan Moore

At our last meeting, it was discussed whether or not we needed to meet every month. It was decided that if we meet every other month, we could still accomplish the needed business. Therefore, starting in March, we will meet in odd-numbered months.

Please see the article about the "Squadron 3 Holiday Project" elsewhere in this issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas event to help out grocery shoppers has been a huge success --- and will be continued. While our past efforts to buy groceries for needy families have been successful, it was sometimes difficult to get names and addresses and coordinate delivery along with not being sure exactly what the recipients wanted or had room for. The logistics were cumbersome.

Lincoln Squadron 3 of the SAL will proudly be sponsoring both a Cornhusker Girls State and a Cornhusker Boys State attendee. We made the selection of candidates we wish to sponsor at our last meeting.

On a membership note, we are very close to achieving 100% of our membership goal. Thanks to all who have sent in their dues.

I would again encourage members to attend one of our (now bi-monthly) meetings. Our meeting location is still at the American Legion Post 3 business office located in the office building at 123 South 84th Street (84th and "O"). New ideas are always welcome.

Brendan Moore
SAL Squadron 3 Commander

SQUADRON 3 HOLIDAY PROJECT

The sole purpose of the Sons of the American Legion is to support the ideals and programs of the American Legion.

In the past, we received from local service organizations the names of families in need of some help. It was usually a food basket at the holidays that was something we could help with --- and we usually were able to help with five or six families at Thanksgiving and at Christmas.

That being said, we tried something new this year. We expanded our giving to the help and support of veterans and other local families during the holidays. On November 21st and December 20th, we made up some cards to wish the families receiving our gifts a Happy Holiday --- and included a nominal cash donation along with the cards. The cards and money were presented to a number of shoppers as they checked out at one of Lincoln's larger grocery stores.

By doing this, we were able to help fifteen families at Thanksgiving and thirty families at Christmas time. Our total donation was \$2,500.00. There were many hugs --- and sometimes tears and hugs --- received as "thank you" from the folks who received these cards.

We even had folks ask the grocery checker if this was a scam, and they just grinned and said, "No, this is the real deal." There were even several potential recipients who declined the offer and told us to give the gift to someone who needs it more than they did. We think our project this year was a success, and it gave the Sons of the American Legion members present a warm feeling knowing that we were doing something good.

Fred Craigie
Adjutant, Lincoln Squadron #3 Sons of the American Legion

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Chaplain Post #3
Rev. Dr. William Jackson

Brave World

What makes for a wonderful menu of "...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..." that stems from our U.S. Constitution, yet appears to be denied various persons within this same country?

If God is God, then why aren't our inalienable rights being upheld from every corner of our land? Why is it being a person of God becomes a trial of faith towards withstanding a tribunal—of sorts—for simply portraying their right of peaceful protest against many ungodly persons, places, and things that same Constitution purports to protect?

As Legionnaires, we have the great distinction of standing before this nation, and the world, to serve our communities like we served the whole country during war and other missions of military significance. To be a Legionnaire nowadays is to remind others, through our selfless service in our various communities, that America is worth attending, especially its youth and children.

What may you do to support our Constitution and prevent our American way of life from turning into a dystopian nightmare? Raise your children by God's grace, love your spouse, and be available to defend America through our Four Pillars in every community.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Chaplain, American Legion Post 3

ASK THE CHAPLAIN

If any of you have a Biblical question or life issue concerning your walk with Jesus, call me confidentially at 402.613.9774, leaving a message so I may get back with you. You may also leave a text message or email me at wjdoc@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



At the December meeting of Chapter 3, we discussed and made plans for some of our members to participate in the "Wreaths Across America" event held at Wyuka Cemetery on December 17th. Held at cemeteries where veterans are buried, wreaths were laid at the headstones of the veterans --- with each ceremony coordinated at the same time of day across the country.

We also discussed the American Legion's "Be The One" campaign for veteran suicide prevention. Prior to concluding business and having our Christmas party after the meeting, officers were elected for 2023.

Post 3 Commander Gerry Wolf installed the following Chapter 3 officers for 2023 at our January meeting:

Director --- Neil Larson

Vice Director --- John Humphrey

Treasurer --- Lori Gubser

Ride Captain --- Bruce Gubser

Sgt. - at - Arms --- Ron Brevard

The outgoing Ride Captain, Bill Smizek, was presented with a plaque thanking him for his time serving in that role.

The chapter discussed upcoming ride events for 2023, including the State Romp to be held in Grand Island in August. We set our 2023 Chapter Poker Run for September 9. Details to follow as plans are made.

At our February meeting, we made plans to have a presence at the ABATE Bike Show which was held February 17-19 at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln.

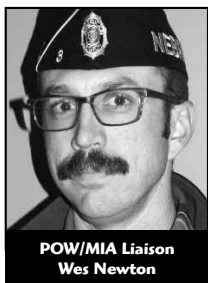
Neil Larson

Director



New officers for the coming year were installed at the January 19th meeting. Pictured, L-R, are Riders Director Neil Larson, Vice Director John Humphrey, Treasurer Lori Gubser, Ride Captain Bruce Gubser, and Secretary Mike Streeter. Not pictured are Post 3 Commander and Installing Officer Gerry Wolf and Sgt-at-Arms Ron Bevard.

PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



Time for Renewal

As we head into Spring, it is important to take advantage of this time of year and recognize the opportunity for renewal as we reemerge from our winter burrows and begin to enjoy the outdoors again. For me, Spring has always been an excellent time to evaluate where I am in life and direct my focus on areas that may need some attention.

It's a period of renewal, both physically and mentally, an overwhelming and exciting sense of freshness that urges us to focus on the future and cultivate new personal growth. I believe the incredible story of Walter Ram encompasses the ever-needed renewal that we seek.

Walter Ram enlisted into the Army in 1940 at the age of 16. Having pulled one

over on the Army and lying about his age on his enlistment papers, he still had to promise his mother that he would finish school upon returning from war in order to obtain her blessing. Ram was trained to be a radioman / gunman on B-24s. However, he found himself in the back of a B-17, graciously named the "Helno-Gal," as a radio operator by the time he reached the war. On June 13, 1943, Ram and his crew were on their sixth mission when they were shot down deep into German territory --- with only four of the ten men surviving.

Ram would eventually find himself in the infamous Stalag 7A, Germany's largest POW camp where he would endure incredible challenges and witness horrific atrocities daily. Ram recalls being sent to solitary confinement for two weeks for a menial offense that he couldn't even recall. After being released from solitary confinement, Ram stated that he felt free, even though he was still in the dire confines of the prison camp. Instead of crushing his spirit, the Germans had reinvigorated his will to live. That sense of being free kept him pushing through the eventual 18-day, 281-mile march, as their German captors attempted to evade the allied forces.

On May 8, 1945, after enduring 19 grueling months as a prisoner of war, Ram and his fellow POWs were liberated by Patton's 13th Armored Division. Ram's overwhelming realization of his freedom enveloped his entire being; and, at that point, he vowed to make the most of this beautiful gift called life. Ram went on to complete high school (as he had promised his mother), then went on to earn a bachelor's degree, and eventually marry the love of his life. He and his loving wife, Katherine, would go on to have three boys and six grandkids and a fulfilling marriage of 60 plus years.

Ram's renewed spirit is what drove him to fulfill a meaningful life after the war. He dusted himself off after surviving an incredibly terrible situation and decided to make the best of what he had. It's this spirit that lies within each one of us that we need to employ. We need to shake off the dirt, emerging with a grateful spirit and make the most of the life we've been blessed with!



"I would like to have the young people in this country know more what it is to keep our freedoms because we paid a high price for freedom, and it wasn't in dollars and cents." - Walter Ram

Wes Newton
POW/MIA Liaison

HONORING YOUR VETERAN OR CURRENT MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER

Membership in Lincoln Unit No. 3, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), is a way to honor members of your family who have served or are currently serving in the United States military. Membership is open to male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion. Female veterans who served any time after December 7, 1941 are also eligible for membership. Those relatives of deceased veterans who served during World War I and/or after December 7, 1941, may also be eligible.

Dues for 2023 are \$30 and are payable now. Check your card to make sure it shows "2023" as the current year. If not, payment can be sent to: American Legion Auxiliary #3, PO Box 30129, Lincoln NE 68503-0129.

Because of dues increases at the state and national levels, a proposal to increase the unit dues rate to \$40 beginning with payment of 2024 dues was presented and voted on at a Unit 3 meeting. The proposal was adopted by vote of the members present.

This would be a great time to consider becoming a "Paid Up For Life" (PUFL) member to avoid higher dues. PUFL is a National ALA plan that allows you to make a one-time payment that covers your dues for life. Currently, you can use the \$30 dues rate as a basis for computing the PUFL cost which is based on your age and the current Unit 3 dues.

These rates will apply until June 1, but applications and payment should reach me by May 15th to be processed prior to the National deadline. After that, PUFL would be calculated at the \$40 dues rate.

Your Age	PUFL at \$30 current rate	PUFL at \$40 rate
50-59	\$787	\$1,037
60-69	\$624	\$ 822
70-79	\$457	\$ 602
80 and over	\$297	\$ 392

If interested in PUFL or becoming a regular member of Lincoln Unit No. 3, please contact me at 402-464-1191. Leave a phone number and message if I'm not available to take your call.

Lynne Wild
Membership Chairman

NOTES FROM THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE

While Winter is mostly behind us, March can still bring some nasty weather. If Lincoln receives an ice or snow storm, the Post 3 office will be closed. If you need my services, please text me, as I can do all services from the safety of my home. Stay home, stay safe, and text me. Thanks!.

Renewals, A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have renewed for 2023 your membership in Post 3 and THE American Legion. The third mailing of dues notices for 2022-2023 was sent out by the American Legion National Headquarters during the second week of November --- and a more

recent notice went out in early February.

Current membership near the end of February stands at 1053 members. If you happen to be one of the few whose dues were received after the most recent cut-off date, you might receive a dues notice. If you know that you have paid your 2023 dues, just throw the notice away.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please pay them. We need you and want you as a member.

Post 3 membership currently stands at a little more than 85% of our assigned goal for 2023. We are down to under two hundred renewals to make 100%. To make 100% will require the 150 +/- members who have not yet renewed for 2023 to pay their 2023 dues. Then, we need to replace the 55 members who have died this past year. If only one in five members would bring in a new or transferred member, we could be recognized as a 100% Post for 2023. Time to hit the street and find those who earned the right to be a Legionnaire.

For those of you who have not paid your 2023 dues, please take the time to review the reverse side on the notice. These notices have been changed, and they have now added the basic information that the American Legion has on file for you --- branch of service, war era, phone number, and email address. If some of your information is not correct, please correct the information and mail the form with your 2023 dues payment to 123 South 84th Street, Suite L, Lincoln, NE, 68510, and I will see that it gets corrected. Thanks for your help.

Does your 2023 membership show your correct years of service?

The 2023 card that we are mailing out should be correct. If the years are not correct, please let us know and we can get it corrected for you. We have fielded many calls about the total years of membership not being correct. It takes a lot of work to double-check what is printed on the 2023 cards, so if your is not correct, please email or text me, and I can correct the years for you.

You can 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 402-480-854 }

As of February 17, 145 members had not renewed for 2023. I did a search for a breakdown by "war era" for the members who have not yet renewed.

Gulf War on Terrorism	4
Korea	33
Lebanon	7
Panama	2
Persian Gulf	15
Vietnam	97
WWII	12

Two Kinds of Buddy Checks.

The Veterans Administration (VA) has a Buddy Check program, and the American Legion has a Buddy Check program. The difference between the two is that one is a social event, and the other is a veteran contact of some kind --- phone call, email, card, etc.

The VA started theirs to bring notice to the number of veterans committing suicide each day. In Lincoln, it is held at a local establishment on the 22nd day of each month as that was the daily average of veteran suicides when the program was started. Veterans can gather for light refreshments, conversation, and support.

The American Legion Buddy Check is a program where the local posts try to make personal contact with members that they have not seen for a while. It can be a one-day event or scheduled at some other interval by the members of the post.

As most of you know, we had a frozen water pipe in our office building during the Christmas season and had to vacate the office for about a month while the landlord completed repairs to the “flood damage.” We took advantage of the misfortune to do a little updating and rearranging --- and are now putting the finishing touches on the office.

We hope to hold an open house for our refurbished Post 3 Office from 10:00 AM to noon on March 16th. Drop by and see where the work gets done to keep Post 3 functioning.

Again, Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of American Legion Post 3 --- and remember to thank your fellow veterans for their service.

Ed Schnabel
Post 3 Adjutant

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Our Christmas Salvation Army Bell Ringing took place over several days in December. We raised a total of \$2,366.25 for good causes in our community!!! We rang at two locations for a total of 30 hours.

The Legion Riders led the way collecting \$716.09 in eight hours of ringing at Hobby Lobby. The Legion Riders team consisted of Mike Streeter, Dave Dietz, Jerry Hutchison, John Humphrey, John Brehm, Ed Muggy, and Lori & Bruce Gubser with our youngest ringer, their grandson, Carter Morris.

Our Auxiliary Ladies, consisting of Barb Skillman, Lori Gubser, and Barbara Michael collected \$487.04 in donations in six hours of ringing at the Williamsburg Mall Hy-Vee.

During 16 hours of ringing over two days at that same location, \$1,163.12 was collected by Fred Chastil, Dave Timmerman, Nathan Thedford, Rich Lemmerman, Wade Graft, Steve Bartos, Ron Hindmand, Marshal Logan, John Ottoson, Rev Dr Jackson, and Gerry and Nancy Wolf.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who stood out there in cold windy conditions donating their time to do good for others this past Christmas season. Well done!

Ron Hindmand
Bell Ringing Chairman



STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

The purpose of the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the United States Constitution. Contestants must present without notes an 8 to 10-minute oration on some aspect of the Constitution and then give a 3 to 5-minute speech on an assigned topic with only five-minute preparation time. Winners of state competitions receive a \$1,000 scholarship and compete 21-23 April in Indianapolis, Indiana as part of the National Convention. They receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship for each time/round they compete in the national completion. The first-place national winner will receive a scholarship of \$25,000, second place \$22,500, and third place \$20,000.

Mary Worthing, a Senior at Arthur County High School, earned first place at the 84th annual American Legion Oratorical Contest held on January 14 at the Norfolk Lodge and Suits in Norfolk. She was awarded a check from the Nebraska American Legion for \$1,000.



(L to R) Department Commander Don Suchy, Mary Worthing, Jack Watermolen, Reagan Choat, Joshua Mammen, and Department Oratorical Committee Chairman Michael Landkamer.

Jack Watermolen, our District 15 / Post 3 and Area C Contests winner from Lincoln Southwest High School, placed second and was awarded \$600; Reagan Choat, Plainview High School, placed third and was awarded \$400; and Joshua Mammen, Creighton Prep High School, placed fourth and was awarded \$200.

Jack is 16 years old and a Junior at Lincoln Southwest High School, where he is the Debate Team Captain. He aspires to study International Relations in college after graduation from high school. The title of his oration was “A More Perfect Union” and addressed the constitutional changes originating out of the American Civil War. Jack will be eligible in his senior year to compete again in the American Legion Oratorical Contest this coming year.

Congratulations to Jack and all our Nebraska orators. Best wishes for a promising future!

Ron Hindmand



At the District 15 Convention meeting held on February 14th, Past Post 3 Commander Dave Timmerman was announced as the recipient of the 2023 District Citizenship Award. Dave will be recognized and receive his medal at the Department Convention in June. Pictured, L-R, are Department Commander Don Suchy, Dave Timmerman, and District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser.



Several awards were presented at the District 15 Convention meeting held on February 14th. Post 3 was recognized with Certificates and Citations for activities in Americanism and Children & Youth for the 2021-2022 year. Jack Sibert received a certificate from the Department Public Relations Committee for his work on the Post 3 website. Commander Gerry Wolf received a certificate for the editing and production of the monthly Post 3 email newsletter. Pictured, L-R, are District Commander Bruce Gubser, Past Commander Jack Sibert, Commander Gerry Wolf, and Department Commander Don Suchy.



VA CLINIC NOTES

Masks.

Masks are still mandated at the VA Hospitals and Clinics. They are providing them as you enter the buildings.

The PACT Act and your VA benefits

The following information should be of interest to my fellow Vietnam veterans who happened to serve in theater, but outside of South Vietnam. And, it's also pertinent to those who served in the Middle East Gulf Wars.

On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law, extending VA health care eligibility to many veterans. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. It adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or "presume") are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps us provide generations of veterans --- and their survivors --- with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

This PACT Act now PRESUMES that exposure to toxic substances caused many health problems for those who served in these theaters. If you have previously filed a claim for Agent Orange, etc., or other toxins and it was denied, you need to file a claim update and get a new review. For me, my service in Thailand is now covered for toxic exposures. It allows me to file new claims for many of my health problems without needing to prove my service caused them. This is a major change. The VA now PRESUMES that service is a direct cause for many health problems.

If you had service in Vietnam or the Middle East, visit the VA web site and read the list of medical problems that are now presumed to have a link to service in these theaters. If you have any, contact your Service Office to file a new or updated claim. I was able to file claims for four medical problems that are now covered by this change.

You can also call 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711) for more information. And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

Ed Schnabel

American Legion Representative to the Lincoln CBOC



DECEMBER FREEZE

The Post 3 business office utilizes rented space on the lower level of an office building near 84th and “O” Streets. Cold weather toward the end of December caused a water pipe to freeze elsewhere in the building, and the resulting “flood” made its way into the Post 3 office.

While the water certainly made a mess of things, very few things belonging to Post 3 were lost or damaged. The drywall and baseboards in the office didn’t fare so well, and we were required to vacate the premises for about a month to dry things out, make repairs, and give the office a fresh coat of paint. The landlord came in and hauled most of our possessions to storage.

Commander Gerry and Adjutant Ed kept things running out of their homes, but we are now back into the refurbished office ---- and have done some re-arranging and updating at the same time. We plan to have an informal “open house” on March 16th from 10:00 AM until noon.




37%

Veterans identified as concerns for exposure to toxic contamination while in the military, after more than 19,000 were screened between September and December, to determine eligibility for disability benefits under The American Legion-supported PACT Act, signed into law last August.



American Legion Post 3

LEGIONNAIRE.....	SERVICE ERA.....	DATE
Timothy F. Bukoske.....	Vietnam.....	11/21/22
Leonard O. Beckenbach.....	Korea	1/12/23
Gregory R. Beebee.....	Vietnam.....	11/24/22
Charles Bolus.....	WW II.....	12/20/22
Richard Bradley.....	Vietnam.....	11/17/22
Ronald L. Burke.....	Vietnam.....	12/12/22
Richard W. Cave.....	Korea	1/3/23
John Edelmaier.....	WW II.....	12/22/22
Roger P. Frerichs.....	Vietnam.....	12/20/22
Gerald R. Gabelman.....	Korea	12/30/22
Joseph H. Gillispie.....	WW II.....	11/2/22
Arthur D. Hillman.....	WW II.....	1/22/23
Douglas W. Johnson.....	Vietnam.....	1/4/23
Robert H. Pegler.....	Korea	11/9/22
Frank W. Rall.....	WW II.....	12/27/22
Johnny S. Robinson.....	Korea	12/25/22
Roscoe L. Shields.....	WW II.....	12/23/22
Floyd E. Wilkinson.....	Korea	12/2/22
Virgil L. Wipf.....	Vietnam.....	12/8/22
John A. Wright.....	Vietnam.....	1/29/23

**RECRUIT A MEMBER FOR POST 3
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

Yes! I want to help my community and my fellow veterans by becoming a member of the American Legion. I certify that I have at least one day of active military duty during one of the periods identified below and was honorably discharged --- or am still serving honorably. Enclosed is my check made out to

"American Legion Post 3" in the amount of \$46.

Please fill out the information requested below and submit your application and payment to:

**American Legion Post 3
123 South 84th Street Suite "L"
Lincoln, NE 68510**

Eligibility Periods (Check One)

- April 6, 1917 thru November 11, 2018
- December 7, 1941 thru the present
- Merchant Marine: December 7, 1941 thru December 31, 1946

FOR DEMOGRAPHIC PURPOSES

BRANCH OF SERVICE

- US ARMY
- US NAVY
- US AIR FORCE
- US MARINES
- US COAST GUARD
- SPACE FORCE

DATES OF SERVICE

- April 6, 1917 – November 11, 2018
- December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
- August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
- December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
- August 2, 1990 – Present
- Other Conflicts (LEGION Act)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

**Lancaster County
Veterans Services**

Mark Lakamp –
Veterans Service Officer
605 South 10th St. • Lincoln, NE 68508
441-7361 • Fax: 441-7392

IF YOU ARE MOVING!

Please notify us if you have a change of address. Post #3 has to pay 75 cents for each incorrect address on a bimonthly paper. Send address changes to:

AMERICAN LEGION POST #3 • 123 S. 84th St., Suite L, • Lincoln, NE 68510

Or call us at 466-3958 Thank you for helping us keep expenses down!

(This also include Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and 40 & 8)



**EMAIL ADDRESS?
OTHER INFORMATION?**

We have email addresses for only a little more than 50% of our current members. We know and understand that not every, single member has a computer and uses email, but I think we all are confident that in this day and age it's quite a bit more than 50%. If you have and use email, do we have yours?

Your email address is primarily used to send out the monthly Post 3 Newsletter. We also use it occasionally for membership recruitment and membership renewal projects.

It's a quick and economical way for us to keep in touch with our members. If you know we don't have it, are unsure about whether we have it, or need to notify us about a change in your email address, please email us a note to post3legionlincoln@gmail.com.

We'd also like to have your record in the national American Legion database show your birthdate, the branch of service in which you served, and the war era when you served. The national organization uses that information for various demographics, and we also have a need for it occasionally. This information can also be sent to us at the email address shown above.

Thanks in advance for helping update our records.

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