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COMING EVENTS

December

- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 9 SAL Meeting
- 14 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 16 Legion Riders Meeting
- 21 Voiture 103 Meeting
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 25 Christmas

January

- 1 New Years Day
- 11 Post 3 Meeting
- 13 SAL Meeting
- 17 Martin Luther King Day
- 18 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 20 Legion Riders Meeting
- 21-23 Mid-Year Conference, Columbus

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February

- 8 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 10 SAL Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 17 Salon 92 Meeting
- 17 Legion Riders Meeting
- 21 President's Day



LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Season's Greetings to All.

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to reflect on 2021 just briefly. As a representative of our post, I am very proud to represent a post and organization whose focus is on veterans, their families, and our youth.



As we enter this holiday season, we have time to reflect

on the many blessings this year has brought us and the

opportunity to look forward to the many tasks that lie ahead in 2022. Now is the time to start planning for next year at our post. It will not be long before we begin the process of electing new officers at our post. In years past, we have struggled to achieve widespread participation in our elections. This year, I want to encourage all of you to consider what you may be able to contribute to Post 3 and step forward to fill some of the available vacancies.

If you find that you have a desire to serve your post membership at a higher level, please make your interest known to Bruce Gubser, Ron Hindmand, or me.

In 2022, I ask each member to consider getting more involved in our organization. Participate in our monthly meetings and be willing to be nominated to serve as one of our elected post officers. Serve on a committee when asked, help at the Post 3 office, volunteer for the Honor Guard, join the 40 & 8, or recruit a Very Important Person (VIP) --- an individual who has served and was discharged honorably in the military (or continues to serve). The list goes on and on.

All Legionaries are VIPs. So, if you have not paid your membership dues, I encourage you to do so and bring a veteran to our next meeting. "Each One Recruit One."

Soon we will have celebrated Christmas and entered a New Year. A time when families and friends will come together, eat, exchange gifts, enjoy fellowship, make resolutions for the New Year, and give thanks. From my family to yours, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring to all Health, Prosperity, and Peace.

As we come to the close of 2021, I want to remind everyone to remember our service men and women who are away from their families during this Holiday Season. Pray for them and their families.

Don't forget about our veterans, especially those who are homebound and may welcome a visit.

For God and Country,

Gerry Wolf
Post 3 Commander

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Members,

As this paper is being printed and mailed, it is really hard to believe Thanksgiving has come and gone, we are in the midst of Hanukkah, and Christmas is just around the corner. In no way am I ready for the Holidays, but I do so love being with my family.

As a unit, we are filling a Christmas Food Box by conducting a food drive between the November and December unit meetings collecting food for the Lincoln Food Bank and the Lincoln VA Clinic for veteran patients who have been screened by the social worker there. Below is a list of items we suggest you donate:

Box of cereal; Chicken noodle soup; peanut butter; tomato soup; stuffing mix; canned corn; boxed potatoes; canned mixed vegetables; Macaroni and Cheese; canned carrots; canned fruit; canned green beans; canned tomatoes; canned tuna; dessert mix; jar of applesauce; canned sweet potatoes; cranberry sauce; canned beans; box of crackers; package of rice; packaged oatmeal; package of pasta; spaghetti sauce.

Please bring the items you collect to our regular meeting on December 14th or deliver them to the Food Bank.

We are sending gift cards for groceries to veterans in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Always remember a veteran who might be having trouble making ends meet. After Covid-19, people are out of work and some have health problems. You may know someone --- give them a helping hand.

Unit 3 made centerpieces for the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home in Bellevue, and I have delivered them. They came out very cute. Also, we donated rolls of quarters for bingo prizes and puzzles.

Our Education Chairman was able to contact a Kindergarten teacher, and we were able to donate items for her class. I am so grateful to help young children. They are so wide-eyed to the world of learning.

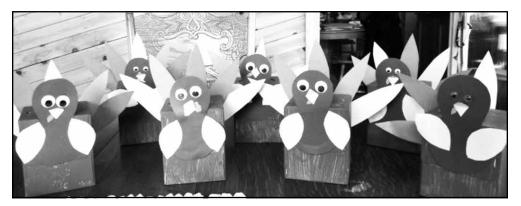
We will not have a regular meeting in January, so please attend the next meeting in February. However, the Department of Nebraska will be holding its annual Mid Year Conference at the Ramada Inn in Columbus January 21-23. Information will be in your Auxiliary Star, and I hope you can attend this leadership and educational activity.

Membership is moving along. 204 members have renewed their dues, and we are at 68% of goal. OK. Are you one of our members who has not paid your dues? Please do so today. We need your help so we can help our veterans.

I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and wish you Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas.

For God and Country,

Barbara Skillman President, Lincoln Unit 3



Unit 3 created and delivered these table centerpieces to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



I continue to hope that we can get more members to attend our monthly meetings held at the Post 3 business office at 84th and "O." We will continue to try to get more involvement.

I have recently retired and am now getting more involved myself in the activities. I retired from being a custodian at LPS, which meant that I was working the hours that we

held our meeting. Before that, I was very involved with the American Legion, holding offices as post commander, district vice-commander, and district commander. I am also a member of the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council --- and am the longest serving member of the council. So, I am in the process of getting back into the swing of things.

Our annual food basket program is on hold for a while since it is difficult to do much with the public because of the constraints associated with Covid and CDC guidelines.

I recently approached the Victory Park Apartments located next to the VA clinic. They are blessed to have a number of local businesses provide Thanksgiving meals to the residents there --- and are well taken care of in that department (at least for the foreseeable future). Samantha is the lady in charge of the apartment. She suggested that they would like patio furniture or patio heaters.

On Squadron 3's behalf, I purchased a couple of those heaters that were on sale. I did stop by and found that they had some concerns with the heaters' safety, but the problem was being resolved. They do have a storage facility in which they can store them during the summer when they are not in use.

If any members have other ideas to help the veteran community, please let me know. You can call me at 402-483-1510. A warning is that I don't normally answer if I don't know the person calling (spam calls). But, you can leave a message (if I am there and you start talking, I will pick up the phone). Or, you can leave a message with the American Legion Post 3 office.

Happy Holidays!

Brendan Moore
SAL Squadron 3 Commander



Victory Park Apartments located on the Lincoln VA Campus.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Well, late-November and early-December really marks the point where motorcycle riding for most people ends. Leaves on the trees have changed colors and have fallen to the ground. The temperatures continue to drop. Most sane people tuck their two- or three-wheeled vehicles in for a long winter's nap.

Not so for some of your American Legion Riders, many of whom will continue to support veterans, their families, and the Four Pillars of The American Legion --- regardless of the weather.

On Thursday, October 24th, Lincoln Chapter 3 Assistant Director Ray Paulson and Treasurer Dave Dietz traveled to Firth, Nebraska to present a donation of \$1,300 to the family of Kaylean Gentry. Our Riders chapter donated \$500, and the members present at the October meeting threw in another \$800.

Kaylean was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident earlier this year, leaving behind her husband, Brandon, and five children --- four boys and one girl --- ages 5-months to 9-years. Three of the five children have a blood disorder called Hemophilia.

Kaylean was very active, both in Nebraska and nationally, with bleeding disorder organizations. Brandon is a veteran of the US



Lincoln Chapter 3 Director Bruce Gubser on his motorcycle at the Lincoln Veterans Parade.

Marine Corps. Treasurer Dave reported that Brandon was very appreciative of all the support he has received and was especially grateful for our Chapter's donation. It was an honor to be able to provide some small measure of relief and help to the Gentry family.

Your Riders also participated in a once-in-a-lifetime event on Saturday, October 30th. We supported the inurnment of the cremains of a Civil War Veteran at Plattsmouth. Private Benton Kinkead served with the 77th Ohio Volunteers and saw action in four major battles, including the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. Shiloh is remembered as one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles, with over 23,700 casualties, including over 3,500 killed, in the two-day battle.

Private Kinkead sustained injuries during his service and was discharged. He married and moved to Plattsmouth, where he lived until his wife died in 1910. He moved to Washington state and died in 1916. His cremains remained, unclaimed, on a shelf at the mortuary for the next 105 years. On October 30th, a ceremony was held in Plattsmouth and Private Kinkead's cremains were joined with those of his beloved wife.

December marks the month for elections in the Chapter, and I appreciate everyone who has stepped forward to volunteer their time and efforts to help lead and support our Chapter.

Until next time, Ride (or Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
Director, Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



What's to Come

It started with a trip across a vast ocean of wind, water, and hope. It continued through strange shores, a worrisome survival, then a miraculous rescue. Eventually, the settlers in a foreign land made for themselves a new nation, based primarily upon the Holy Scriptures and their walk with Jesus

as a holy — sanctified — people.

Since that seemingly fabled era of discovery and nation-building some many centuries ago, America has stood out among the world's peoples as the embodiment of the Christ-like way of life on earth (Romans 6:4). What with missionaries around this globe we call earth, hospitals and senior care facilities becoming a way of life, and free food distributions wherever needed, there was no end of charity made manifest from America for the whole planet to experience.

So, what happened to this seemingly ordained circumstance the world came to know as the United States of America? Who are these women, men, and children who once sported "Jesus wear" and similar attributes of their "holy" lifestyles? What changed to reveal America as a has-been among the nations? Where and why did things go so inexplicably wrong?

First, as an interested follower of Christ, you must take stock of your life, examining through the Holy Spirit and Jesus' lifestyle while He incarnated for our redemption and salvation. When wrongs are admitted and repented, you and God may be made one again by His forgiveness and your confession (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Second, take a stand against all things and persons who, by their actions, are following Satan and not demonstrating the love of God (Romans 16:20). The Lord is the judge of such amoral and immoral behavior. Your role is to evidence God's mercy and grace by loving Satan's adherents while distaining their works; i.e., "love the sinner, hate their sin" (Deuteronomy 30:6).

Third, recognize that this world, though subject to the "prince and power of air," Satan (Ephesians 2:1-3), is under the cover of the Creator God—the Elohim (Hebrew) for Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. Know that "…if God is for us, who can stand against us?" (Romans 8:31b).

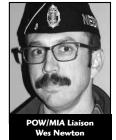
Think of these: global warming, food shortages, water shortages, energy availability, disintegrating human relationships (e.g., NTIFA, BLM, CRT, etc.), COVID-19, etc. are a matter of God's wrath upon a disobedient world, meaning, the people that live on earth.. With God you ARE victorious over Satan's anti-Christs' peddling all of the above disasters. Know God, know peace (2 Chronicles 30:22).

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 wcjdoc@gmail.com

PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION



Hardships Make Us Stronger

On Thanksgiving Day of 1944, Harry and Daisy Reab were informed that their son had gone missing two weeks earlier on November 9 while fighting near Vossenack, Germany, in the battle of Hurtgen Forest. Amongst one of the most cherished

and most joyful times of the year, they were devastated when

they heard this news; but they continued to hope that he would resurface.

However, seven months later, the Army informed the Reabs that their son Lyle had been presumed dead. Harry and Daisy would live out the rest of their days



wondering whatever happened to their son Lyle, as Harry passed away in 1973 and Daisy in 1986.

Some 80 years later, the living relatives of Lyle Reab were notified that his remains had been identified and plans had been made to return them to his hometown to be buried next to his parents in Giltner, Nebraska. What a moment of solace and joy this news must have brought to the Reab family. By the amazing work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, this family was able to

receive the closure they so desperately sought.

The hardship that this family experienced yielded profoundly positive effects in the long term. They were saddled with such a difficult reality to endure, yet they carried it with pride. In a world full of anger and hurt, we need to be able to find that same resilience and realize that we must face our own hardships and create a new and better reality after embracing them.

As Craig D. Lounsbrough said, "Without mountains, we might find ourselves relieved that we can avoid the pain of the ascent, but we will forever miss the thrill of the summit. And in such a terribly scandalous trade-off, it is the absence of pain that becomes the thief of life." As we encounter hardship, we're conditioned. We learn how to endure and be patient. We learn adaptability and resilience, we grow stronger, and we learn gratitude for our trials. Most importantly, we learn that, without the storm, we won't ever be able to appreciate the calm.

Even though it may take some time to see it, there's always something tremendously positive in any hardship. As the saying goes, it's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.

Wes Newton
POW/MIA Liaison

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Legion Auxiliary provides various scholarships at the Unit, Departmental, and National levels for traditional and non-traditional students. The scholarships benefit veterans and the descendants of veterans and service members in support of education beyond high school.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER TO BE THINKING ABOUT PREPARING THEIR APPLICATIONS!

All National and Departmental scholarship packets must be submitted through an Auxiliary Unit by MARCH 1, 2022. Unit #3 scholarship packets must be submitted to Unit #3 or one of our Scholarship Chairmen by APRIL 1, 2022. Do not delay. The sooner the applications are received, the greater the possibility of helping the student secure a possible scholarship or scholarships.

Please check out the information on American Legion Auxiliary scholarships on the web: https://lincolnpost3.org. Select the tab "MORE." Then scroll down to American Legion Auxiliary.

If you have questions on how the application process is handled, please contact one of our Scholarship Co-Chairmen: Shirley Horstman (shorstman1@gmail. com) or Jeanie Harris (ne-15322Genie@hotmail.com).

THANK YOU

Thanks for a great presentation last night!

This is Bonnie writing an official thank you for P.E.O. Chapter GQ. I had so many wonderful comments about the program last night that I wanted to convey a heartfelt thank you for spending time with us. Many of our members learned new content, and several said they even had tears in their eyes during the flag folding ceremony.

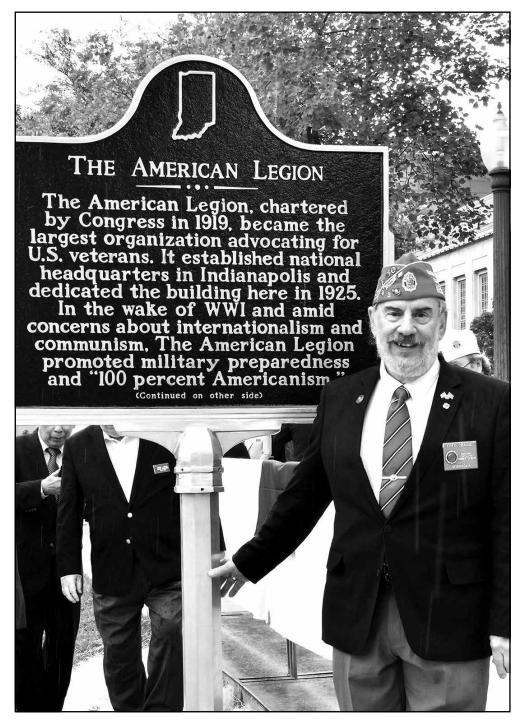
You provide a great service for so many!!

Bonnie Sibert



On Veterans Day, four members of the Post 3 Honor Guard presented a short seminar on the folding of the American Flag to a P.E.O. group that meets at Christ United Methodist Church in Lincoln. Pictured are Jack Sibert, Wade Graft, Gerry Wolf, and Bruce Gubser, who folded a Flag and talked about the meaning of each fold, flag etiquette, and military funerals.

INDIANA HISTORICAL MARKER BUREAU SIGN UNVEILED



Post 3 member Fred Craigie (National Executive Committeeman for Nebraska) was in Indianapolis in October for the Fall Meetings of the American Legion. While there, he attended the unveiling of a new Indiana Historical Marker Bureau sign in front of the original permanent national headquarters of the American Legion.

The national headquarters moved nearby to its current location at 700 North Pennsylvania Street in 1950.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 SALVATION ARMY BELLRINGERS

Christmas season is here, and with it comes the ringing of the Salvation Army bells.

Organized and coordinated by 2nd Vice Commander Ron Hindmand, members of the Post 3 American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons of the American Legion) have made a good showing as they volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army in Lincoln this year. On four full days and one half-day --- as a group (in shifts) --- they took responsibility to ring bells at one of the available sites.

Thanks to all who helped out and supported the effort to ring bells and help raise funds for the many great local causes of the Salvation Army. Those who were signed up to participate are listed below:

Ron and Paula Hindmand, Bill Speilman, Stan Fraas, Mike Streeter, Ed Muggy, Ron Bevard, Kathy Enlow, William Smisek, Ray Paulson, John Brehm, Mary Brehm, Carl Fitzke, Brad Christian, John Stevens, Lori Gubser, Bruce Gubser, Barb Skillman, Jeanie Harris, Nancy Vallis, Lynne Wild, Barbara Michail, Shirley Horstman, Carol Nelson, John Ottoson, Steve Bartos, Brendan Moore, Dave Timmerman, Angela Hutchins, John Trayer, Jack Sibert, Rev Dr. William Jackson, Wade Graft, and Gerry Wolf.

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!



Post 3 Legionnaire Ron Hindmand and his wife, Paula (Auxiliary Unit 3), drew a sunny and mild day to ring bells.

Membership Renewal time is upon us!

The new year is just about upon us.

As this issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire goes to press, Post 3 has 979 members paid for the 2022 membership year — almost 73% of our goal. A big THANK YOU to all who have renewed. If you have paid your 2022 dues and haven't received your card, please call the Post 3 office to make sure we have received them.

All current members whose dues haven't been paid and forwarded to Department Headquarters by December 8th will be scheduled to receive another dues notice in January. Please understand that those who paid just prior to December 8th might get a notice if there's a snag along the way getting them processed and forwarded to the national headquarters.

Membership seems to be coming in a little slower than usual. If you haven't renewed, please do so. We value you as a member—and your continued membership helps keep the American Legion a strong organization from the post level to the national level.

UNIT 3 SUPPORTS KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Lincoln Unit 3 were busy in September and October shopping for items for a kindergarten classroom at Arnold Elementary School that the unit is supporting this year.

The unit also donated two copies of a special book, "Hero at Home" by Sarah Verardo, for their classroom and school library. In addition, small flags, patriotic stickers, and American Legion Auxiliary coloring books were given to the class for the children to take home.

The class was very excited to receive the gifts and supplies, especially items such as markers, highlighters, chalk, and glue sticks. Unit 3 members Shirley Horstman and Carol Nelson received hugs and many thanks from the class --- along with a thank you note to the unit.



Pictured with students in her Arnold Elementary School kindergarten class is teacher Katie Henely.



Pictured with the items being provided to the kindergarten class at Arnold Elementary School are Unit 3 members Shirley Horstman, Barbara Skillman, Lynne Wild, Carol Nelson, Nancy Vallis, Paula Hindmand, Jeanie Harris. Lori Gubser, Charlene Moore, and Barbara Michael.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

On a sunny and pleasant November 9th, a number of Post 3 Legionnaires conducted a dignified ceremony to retire about 700 unserviceable flags that had accumulated in the Post 3 business office.

Appreciation is extended to Past Commander Dave Timmerman for allowing the service to be performed on his rural property near Lincoln. Thanks, also, to Dave and Past Commander Jack Sibert for transporting flags and equipment to the site.

Those participating were Pam Umphenour, William Jackson, Gerry Wolf, Dave Timmerman, Jack Sibert, Wade Graft, Bruce Gubser, Fred Chrastil, Jim Mutthersbough, and Steve Bartos.







LINCOLN VETERANS PARADE

On the afternoon of Sunday, November 7th, the Lincoln Veterans Parade was held.

The parade route was from 21st and "K" Street to the State Capitol, and the parade lasted about an hour. Five Lincoln high school bands, two helium balloon floats, and a variety of marching and mobile units participated.

Lincoln Post 3 was proud to participate in the parade.



Paula Hindmand, Jeanie Harris, and Unit 3 President prepare for the parade.



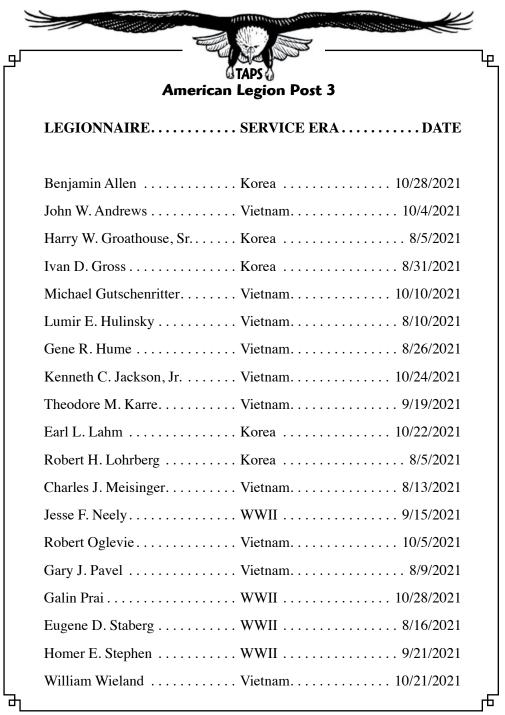
Carrying the Post 3 colors in the Veterans Parade are Pam Umphenour, Jack Sibert, Dean Dumler, and Nathan Thedford.



Chapter 3 Riders participated in the parade.



Post 3 Commanders Wade Graft, Dave Timmerman, and Gerry Wolf carry the Post 3 banner in the parade.





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

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