



"For God and Country"

DECEMBER 2024 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meetings For December 2024

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	12/10/24
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	12/10/24
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	12/12/24
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	12/19/24
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	12/17/24
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	12/17/24
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	12/19/24
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	12/21/24
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	12/20/24

Commander's call



Fellow Legionnaires,

Wow! We have come to the end of another year! 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. I am also so proud and thankful of everyone who has contributed to the success of our Post.

As we enter this holiday season, I would ask each of you to reflect on the many blessings this year has brought us and to look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead in 2025. Planning is already underway for activities for next year at our post.

It will not be long before we begin the process of electing new officers. I ask each of you to consider what you may be able to contribute to Post 3 and step forward to fill some of the available vacancies. We have several committees that need filling – Membership, Athletic, Finance, Youth Activities, and Americanism to name a few. While they do not meet often, their contribution, and impact, on the vitality of our Post is significant. If you find that you have a desire to serve your post, please make your interest known to Ron Hindmand, Rich Lemmerman or myself.

I would also ask each member to participate in our monthly meetings. Our December meeting will also include some fun activities with the Auxiliary Unit, more on that below.

There are other ways to participate in the activities of our Post. For example, if you have an hour or two available on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, you can help at the office. If you are available during the week (and occasionally on a Saturday), you could volunteer for our Honor Guard as we provide military honors to deceased Veterans. Or you could recruit an Individual who is eligible to join the American Legion. By the way, no one has yet to take me up on an offer for a free meal for a potential new member. I'll up the ante a little... I'll even buy dinner for the member who invites a potential new member to a meeting.

Although we are in pretty good shape so far for membership renewals for 2025, we still have a way to go... If you look at your membership card and it says 2024, you have not paid your 2025 dues yet. We have a goal of 100% membership renewal by December 31st. If you have not paid your 2025 membership dues, I encourage you to do so now. I thank all of you for your loyal support.

(Commander's Call – Continued)

Wreaths Across America – The wreath-laying program at Wyuka Cemetery is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 14th at 11 a.m. Activities take place at the New Soldiers Circle inside the north entrance off Vine Street. More information to follow.

As I previously mentioned, I hope you can join us after the December 10th meeting as we socialize with the Auxiliary. We plan to play card bingo, so feel free to bring some snacks to share as we socialize after the meeting. Also remember if you plan to play card bingo, please consider bringing a small gift (value \$10-\$15) to be given to the bingo winners. We will have bingo winners until all the gifts have been given away.

As we approach this holiday season, I want to wish every Post 3 member and their family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and all the best during this holiday season. This is a time when families and friends will come together, eat, exchange gifts, and enjoy fun, family, and fellowship.

From my family to yours, we wish all of you the Merriest Christmas ever and may the New Year bring Health, Prosperity, and Peace to all.

As always, I want to ask everyone to remember our service men and women, and their families, wherever they may be dispersed, during this Holiday Season. Please lift them in prayer.

For God and Country,

Bruce Gubser

Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Office hours during Christmas and New Years

Office staff will be taking a break to spend time with their families. The Office will be closed from December 22nd to January 6th, if you need our services, please call 402-480-8542.

2025 Renewals

Your 2024 membership card is good through 31 December 2024. As of January first, you will be classified as expired and you will stop receiving The Legion magazine, and you could be denied entry into a Legion Club.

National mailed renewal notices to current members who were in good standing at the end of Legion 2024. They should have reached your mailbox during October. I want to thank the many who have already renewed their membership for 2025.

I want to remind members that the dues for Post 3 are now \$56.00 dollars, as the National and Nebraska Department both increased their dues by five dollars. Post 3 did not increase its dues for 2025, remaining at eleven dollars.

PUFL 2025 membership cards were mailed out by the Legion's National offices. If you are a PUFL member and have not received your 2025 card, let us know and I can check your status.

The current 2025 membership stands at 717, just over 67% our 2025 goal of 1067.

Post 3 has 50 Department Life members and 122 PUFL members. 56 members have participated and paid their dues for 3 years.

For those who would like to renew for three years, you can do so by logging into Legion.Org and click the RENEWAL link. Once there, you will be given the opportunity to renew for three years. The rate for renewing will be at the current rate of \$56.00 dollars. The advantage of renewing for three years is that you will save on any new dues increases for the next three years.

Nebraska Department Life members

2025 membership cards have been mailed to the address we had on file for you. If you have not received yours, or have moved during the past year, please let us know so we can get them to you.

(Adjutant's Remarks - Continued)

Member Information

We would like to thank those who have provided the request for mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email information. We have many members who have moved who we do not have a correct mailing address, phone number or email address. The US Postal service returns mail that they do not have a forwarding address on. We try to track down those members who have moved. Many locations respond with, "no longer living here."

The same for those members who have passed on to Post Ever Lasting. If you know of a member who has died, please let us know. This saves National and Post 3 postage on renewals that are returned to the Post.

This also goes for branch of service, or war era. National has been printing on the back of the renewal slips, the data that is in the Legion database. Please check and add as needed so we can correct our database. Thanks, it makes it so much easier to reach out to you if needed.

Department of Veterans Affairs, VFW, DAV, AMVETS web sites

These web sites are a great place to find current and helpful information on what Congress is currently working on and how it could affect you as a veteran. The VA website has many tips on filing claims and links to other VA services to which you are entitled. VA News <veteransaffairs@messages.va.gov>

The VFW, DAV, etc. do an excellent job of keeping track of Congressional activities that can or will affect veterans.

The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and your local County Service Office are there to serve you. They can pull up your records of military service and help track your claims you may have filed.

The members of the most current conflicts are now the backbone of not only the American Legion, but also the VFW, DAV, AMV, etc. Without these younger veterans we will no longer have a strong voice in Congress. Without a strong voice in Congress, we will keep losing funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the VA Health Care System.

If you are a member of this group of veterans or know a veteran from these conflicts, please ask them if they are a member of a VSO (veteran service organization) and if not, ask them to please join. They may not be using VA service now, but may wish to in the future. They may find that VA services have been cut back due to a lack of a strong voice in Congress.

Again, Thanks for your Service and Thanks for being a member of Post 3.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VA clinics will be closed on Wednesday 25 December and Wednesday 1 January. If you have an appointment during the period of late December and the first week of January please check to be sure your provider will be in their clinic.

Flu shots and Covid shots

Shots are being given to only those enrolled in the VA Health system. Those who have an appointment can receive a shot during their visit with their provider. Walk-ins can request a shot by speaking to the staff at check in and wait for a nurse to be free to give you the shot. VA clinics and hospitals no longer require the wearing of masks to enter clinics. As cases of covid rise masks might be required. Masks are available for those who still wish to wear them at the front doors of the clinics.

Express Care, is a walk-in service, for those who wish to have a nurse check out minor items. Times might be different at your local clinic, so give them a call and see if they offer Express Care (walk-in) service. This care is available to those who might wish to see a VA nurse without an appointment during normal hours. The Lincoln Clinic treats 300 a month as walk-ins.

Want to serve your fellow Veterans?

The VA can use more volunteers at your local clinic or hospital. You can volunteer to help veterans in the clinic or hospital, or a veteran home. Or you can donate to your local clinic, hospital, or veteran's home. They can always use a monetary donation, or you can donate activity bags for younger kids to have when they come to the clinic or hospital with a parent for their appointments. There is always a need for the younger kids who come with parents or grandparents when they are too young to be left at home alone.

Clinics / hospitals can always use books and magazines for patients. You would need to check with your local hospital, clinic. or veteran's home volunteer office to see what items they need or allow. This would be a great project for your church, school, or youth group.

(CBOC/VA News – Continued)

Hours given by the volunteers are credited with saving the VA Health at Omaha, Lincoln, and GI an equivalent of 25 full-time staff employees. This is based on an hour of service being credited at the rate of \$31.50 dollars per hour.

DAV Transportation, is looking into acquiring a new VA van. The VA will donate \$22,000.00 with the DAV covering the remainder of the cost.

Service animals

The only animals that should be brought into a VA Health clinic or hospital are trained service dogs that qualify under DAV requirements. Other pets and comfort dogs do not qualify and should be left at home.

VA Claims

With the signing of the PAC act, more veterans have become eligible for services, not only for those who served Boots on the ground, but anyone who has served since the Gulf War. If you have any questions, call your local service officer, VSO, county, or state. This only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for an increase, or a new VA disability rating.

The Veteran Affairs web site is a great place to visit. You can find out the latest information affecting Veterans. You can track claim status, file for travel pay, view your VA account, payments received, or Copay owed. You can make the Copay payments online.

Thanks for service to your fellow Veterans and thanks for your service to this great country. God Bless and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ed Schnabel

American Legion Representative to Lincoln CBOC

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



We were involved in two events in September and November. Our poker run was held on September 29. We raised about \$5,200.00 in total. The money was split between Wheels 4 Warriors and the Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF). We were also involved with the Veterans Day Parade on November 10th. Eight of us rode in that.

We will have our year-end party in December, with officer elections at the meeting. We will be raffling a rifle at next year's poker run. We will attend the gun show in January and the bike show in February which will be held at the Sandhills Event Center in Lincoln.

The attached pictures are from the poker run and the Veterans Day Parade.



The Chaplain's Remarks



IT CAME UPON—It's once again the time in America when a lot of people say, "Happy Holidays, Good Yule, Feliz Navidad, or Seasons Greetings," but where is the "reason for the season" long heralded...God (Micah 5:2)?

Sometimes, humankind gets so caught up in the here-n-now, that they manage to overlook the then-now-coming up. But why does humanity—and certainly not you—allow themselves...to forget...WHY there is...Christmas (Luke 2:11)?

Maybe...it's nothing special to worry about, right? I mean: God IS forgiving, so He says. He did forgive you, right? So you're now "Scott free" to continue pursuing sins, gaining absolution at Confession or a personal one-on-one with Jesus, but then there's the "woe is me" routine because you just can't figure why God loves you, or anyone else for that matter (2 Corinthians 5:7).

You might consider...that at Christmas...you feel closer to the reality of your position within the cosmic play of things. That is: through your Catechism, weekly Bible studies, Sunday School, or as an at-home person because you can not trust any "organized" religion. By faith you accept God's grace; i.e.,

your trust in God's grace, not in your fellow humans' rituals or occasions to find God (Hebrews 11:6; James 1;26).

But, life by His grace is NOT a time for beating yourself up over your sins. Therefore, be blessed—and bless others—for what YOU have discovered so others may benefit as you did.

Praise Jesus through the celebration of His Incarnation-Birth-Life-Death-Resurrection. That way, Christmas will be in your heart year round.

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Chaplain, Lincoln ALP 3

Post 3 Honor Guard



In November, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 7 funerals and was present at 12 civic functions preceding and on Veterans Day. Those activities included visits to local schools, visits to local retirement facilities, conducting a Dignified Flag retirement, attending the Veterans Parade and acting as Military Service Flag bearers at the Veterans Gratitude Service at St. Mark's Methodist Church

In the Calendar year 2024, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 80 funerals and have made appearances at 45 civic functions.

Keep December 9th on your calendar for the Governor's Wreaths Across America Proclamation at the Rotunda of the Capitol at 11:00 and December 14th for the actual Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Wyuka Cemetery's New Soldier's Circle at 11:00.

The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans and for appearances at local civic functions is greatly appreciated. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

Post 3 TAPS – November 2024



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Michael J. Connelly	Vietnam	Army	30
David L. Krumm	Vietnam	Air Force	58
Sally Truhlar	Korea	Air Force	61
Donovan E. Williams	WW II	Navy	39
William J. Williams	Vietnam	Air Force	46

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80, November 12, 2024**

Commander Bruce Gubser opened the November 12, 2024 American Legion Post 3 meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 20-25 Legionnaires and guests present.

Veterans of the various war eras were asked to stand and be recognized.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Ed Schnabel gave the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2024; and it was approved and filed for review.

Membership was reported as 678.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Ron Hindmand reported on Salvation Army Bellringers and indicated that Post 3 is signed up to cover a number of locations on several days in early December.

It was announced that due to the illness of a contestant, the District 15 oratorical contest had been postponed to November 19th.

Gerry Wolf reported for the Memorial Squad. A flag retirement was held November 9th. In addition to funeral details, the Memorial Squad led the Lincoln Veterans Parade and participated in the Veterans Gratitude Service at St. Marks Church.

Brendan Moore reported for the Sons of the American Legion and indicated they were planning to do some charitable giving for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Commander Gubser reported for the American Legion Riders. Almost \$6,000 was raised in conjunction with their poker run activities. The money is going to be divided between the American Legion National Emergency Fund and the Wheels for Warriors program.

Commander Gubser read a statement regarding identical complaints filed with the national headquarters by several American Legion posts in District 12 alleging some kind of wrongdoing by Post 3 in regard to American Legion baseball and operations in the department headquarters. He indicated an investigation is underway and further updates will be provided when available.

Ed Muggy pitched the Elks raffle.

The Chaplain read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:35 PM.

Steve Bartos, Recorder

Notes From Auxiliary President, Unit 3



Well, Thanksgiving has passed, and Christmas is right around the corner. This is truly one of my favorite times of the year!

In October, we had our first social get-together on October 12th at IHOP. It was fun to eat and visit with each other. Our next luncheon was on November 23rd. It was so fun to see all of you at these luncheons!

We participated in the Lincoln Veterans Parade on November 10th. Our Chaplain, Jeanie Harris, once again drove. We had US flags to pass out to the crowd. Thank you to Jeanie and Susan for providing the flags. Jeanie's grandson, niece and grand-nephew passed them out for us. We had so much fun!

We provided cookies to the VA Clinic to celebrate our Veterans. We also provided cupcakes to Lincoln Post 3 at their November meeting.

Gift cards for groceries for our Veterans in need were given out for Thanksgiving, and we will give more out for Christmas. We are also participating in the Gifting Tree at the VA Clinic and will be providing those gifts during December. Thanks to Luana for your work on this!

Our next meeting is on December 10th, I hope you will attend so that you can participate with our joint Christmas party with Post 3 following the meeting. There will be food and games. Please bring a wrapped gift (value of no more than \$10, please).

Also in December is the District 12 American Legion & Auxiliary Family Christmas at the Weeping Water American Legion Post on Sunday, December 15th, from 1-4pm.

Although we do not have a meeting in January, remember that Mid-Year Conference is scheduled from January 17-19 at the Norfolk Lodge in Norfolk. If you intend on staying overnight, please make your reservations sooner rather than later. The meeting in February will be on February 11th, 7pm, at the Elks Club. I hope to see you there!

Membership is moving along slowly, with 159 members renewed at the time I am writing this note. If you have not done so already, please pay your dues promptly. We are not able to do what we do without your support. We need your help so we can help our Veterans.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please also have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy (and healthy) New Year! In Hawaii, we say, "Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!" (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year).

For God and Country,

Lori Gubser

President, Lincoln Unit 3

District 15 Oratorical Contest



District 15 Oratorical Contest winner, Tera Thoms with her mother and District 15 Commander, Ron Hindmand

On 15 November 2024 District 15 held its' High School Oratorical Contest. This contest was part of the American Legion 87th annual Oratorical Constitutional Speech Contest. This Oratorical program was developed primarily to instill a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution in high school students. It also assists students in affording a college education, with the first-place national winner receiving \$25,000 for college.

The District 15, Post 3 sponsored winner was Tera Thoms, a Home School sophomore from Lincoln. Her prepared oration was titled, "The Ratification of the 27th Amendment." The 27th Amendment states that no law varying the compensation for the services of Senators and Representatives shall take effect until an election of Representatives shall have intervened. Her presentation on this not very well known amendment was very interesting and an example of an admirable study and knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

Essential in conduct of this contest were Rich Lemmerman, Gerry Wolf, and Wade Graft as Judges; John Ottoson as Tabulator and Fred Craigie as Timer. Ed Schnabel coordinated use and assisted in set up at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Our District 15 winner will next compete in the Area C Contest on 1 December at 1pm at the National Guard Museum in Seward. From District 15 our winner will receive a check for \$100 with a gift from Post 3 of \$400 for school related costs upon acceptance into college. The Nebraska American Legion Department will also give all participants in the Area contest \$100. The State Contest consisting of Area winners will be held on January 18th in Norfolk NE and the National final will be held on May 16-18 in Hillsdale, MI for the winners of the State contests.

Christmas Bells are Ringing



Yes it is already that wonderful time of year that volunteers are ringing bells at many locations around Lincoln collecting money for the Salvation Army as they support people in need. From home-cooked dinners to a good night's sleep, and Christmas gifts for children. Donations to the Salvation Army help our less fortunate neighbors.

Post 3 Legionnaires including members of Post 3 Auxiliary will be ringing bells at the Williamsburg Hy-Vee at 40th & Old Cheney Road on 4th & 5th December from 12pm to 7pm. Sixteen volunteers will be out there in support of our community on these two days. Additionally, our American Legion Riders will be ringing bells at the 66th & O Street location Hobby Lobby from 11am until 7pm.

Merry Christmas!!!

Ron Hindmand

Bell Ringing Chairman

Honor Guard Veterans Day Activities

In the days leading up to and on Veterans Day, the Honor Guard participated in 12 Veterans Day activities in Lincoln. We made school visits, retirement facilities visits, St. Marks Gratitude Service, held a Dignified Flag Retirement, led the Lincoln Veterans Parade and threw in a breakfast and a few funerals to keep us busy. Very busy week indeed! A few pictures are shown below.

Northeast Lincoln Senior Center



AVIVA Woodlands



The Legacy



(Veterans Day Activities – Continued)

Veterans Day Breakfast at Hy-Vee



Faith Lutheran School



Pemberly Place



Dignified Flag Retirement

It is fitting and proper that Flags which have been used for the decoration of graves or displayed at homes or businesses be collected and inspected. Worn and unserviceable Flags will be condemned and properly destroyed.

The approved method of disposing of unserviceable Flags has long been that they be destroyed by burning. The purpose of The American Legion in adopting this ceremony was to encourage proper respect for the Flag of the United States and to provide for disposal of unserviceable flags in a dignified manner.

On Saturday, November 9th at 8:00, members of Post 3 conducted a Dignified Flag Retirement Ceremony at Dave Timmerman's acreage. Thanks to all who helped, especially Dave who provided the facility, burn barrels, set up and tear down.



Lincoln Veterans Parade



Saint Mark's Veterans Gratitude Service

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church hosted a Veterans Gratitude Service on Sunday, November 9th. It was a special service for those who have served, are serving, or know someone who made that sacrifice.

The program included music from the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America "Raptor" Band. During the event, veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families were invited to stand during the presentation of each branch's flag and singing of the respective branch song.

Retired Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac was the keynote speaker who honored the service, sacrifice and commitment of service members. A moment of silence was also observed for fallen troops and those currently serving. The service ended with a reception for all who attended.

Members of the Post 3 Honor Guard were asked to post the American Flag and were the six military service branch flag bearers for the event. Other Post 3 members were also in attendance.



Bruce Gubser posts the American Flag



Ret. Maj. Gen. Bohac delivering the keynote speech



The audience, 1,157 in attendance



Post 3 military service branch flag bearers



*Sunday
December 8th*

2:30-4:30 pm

Governor Jim Pillen & First Lady Suzanne Pillen
invite all Nebraskans to the 2nd Annual

Hometown Christmas

at the Governor's Residence

1425 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Please join us in celebrating the spirit of
Christmas and to give a special salute
to our veterans and active military.



Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus • Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides • Hayrack Rides
Live Nativity Scene • Face Painting • Balloon Artist • Hot Cocoa & Cookies, and more!

Wreaths Across America 2024



On Monday, December 9, 2024, Governor Jim Pillen will issue a Wreaths Across America Proclamation at the State Capitol Rotunda at 11:00.

Each December, on National Wreaths Across America Day, we honor our deceased soldiers' graves with a fresh evergreen wreath with a traditional hand tied red bow placed on their headstones.

The wreath laying ceremony will be held at Wyuka Cemetery on December 14, 2024, starting at 11 a.m. We invite the public to join us for a short program. Please use the Vine Street entrance to watch the program and afterwards, help us to lay the wreaths.

Our ceremony is coordinated with the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, including more than 2,500 additional locations across the country and around the world.

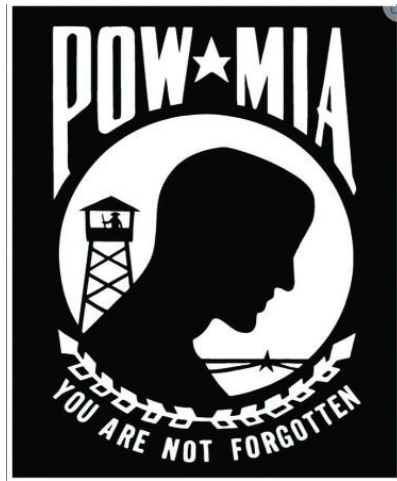
REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH

Remember - Sponsor a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in our armed forces.

Honor - Volunteer with us as we honor our veterans by laying wreaths on their graves.

Teach - Invite your network of friends, family, coworkers and organizations to join us as we strive to honor every veteran. Help us to spread the word!

Soldier Accounted For From Korean War



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Cpl. Waymon Slaten, 18, of Arab, Alabama, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 14, 2024.

Slaten's family recently received their full briefing on his identification, therefore, additional details on his identification can be shared.

In September 1950, Slaten was a member of B Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Sept. 1, 1950, after his unit engaged in combat actions with the enemy on Hill 209, west of Yongsan, South Korea. Due to intense fighting in the area, his body could not be recovered at that time. The exact circumstances of his death were unknown, and the U.S. Army issued a presumptive finding of death of December 31, 1953.

On Oct. 22, 1950, American Graves Registration Service recovered Unknown Remains X-256 from the ground surface at the base of Hill 209, approximately 11 miles west of Yongsan, where Slaten was reported missing. However, those remains could not be identified as Slaten at the time, and they were subsequently buried as an unknown in the United Nations Military Cemetery, Tanggok, South Korea. Later, in 1954, X-256 was reexamined and deemed still unidentifiable. The remains were repatriated to the United States and interred in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In May 2021, during phase 3 of DPAA's Korean War Disinterment Project, Unknown X-256 was disinterred and sent to the DPAA laboratory for analysis.

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

Slaten's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Slaten will be buried in his hometown on Jan. 13, 2025.

William Carpenter: Medal of Honor Recipient



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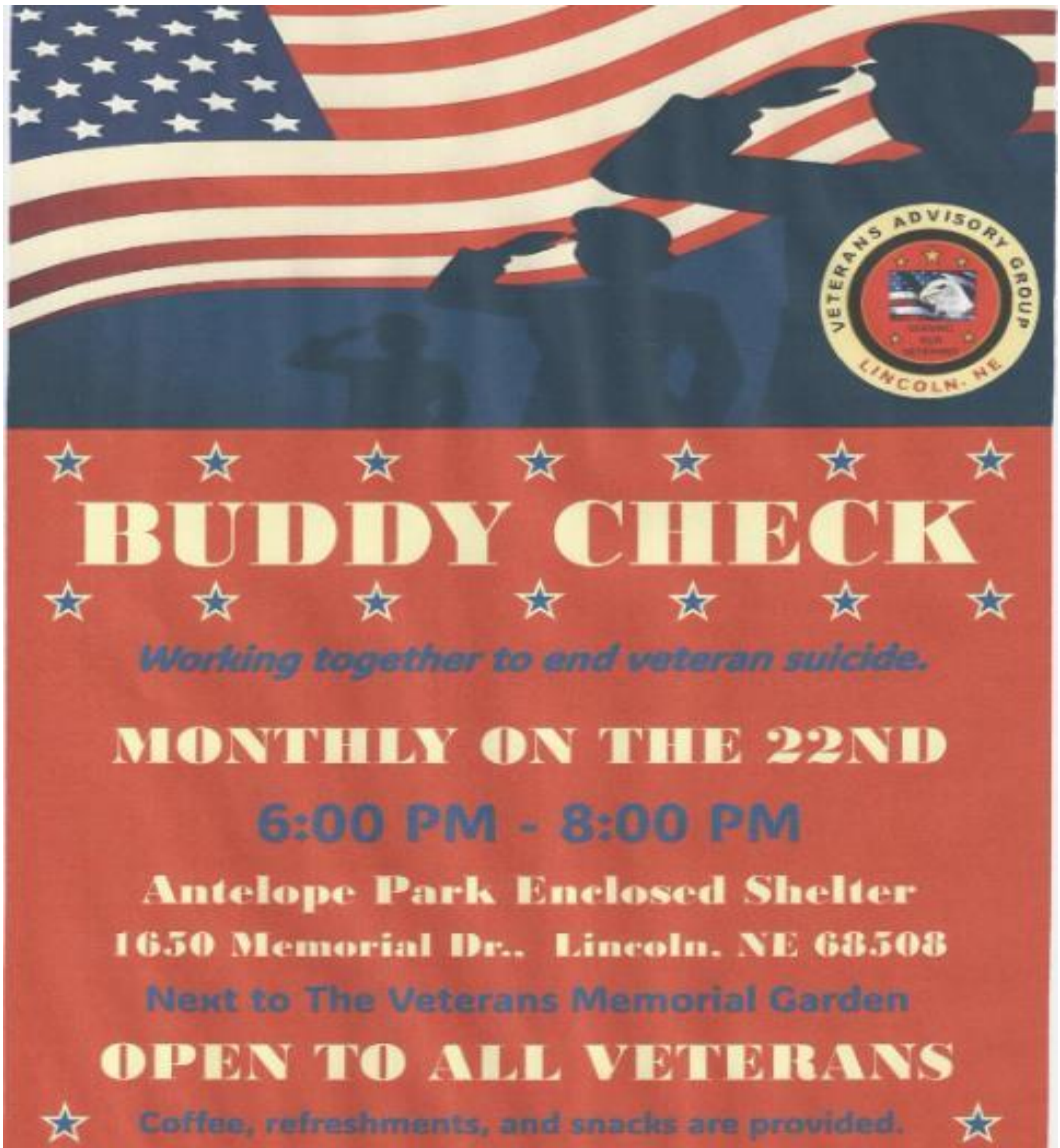
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Automatic Rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division (Forward), 1 Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on 21 November 2010. Lance Corporal Carpenter was a member of a platoon-sized coalition force, comprised of two reinforced Marine squads partnered with an Afghan National Army squad.

The platoon had established Patrol Base Dakota two days earlier in a small village in the Marjah District in order to disrupt enemy activity and provide security for the local Afghan population. Lance Corporal Carpenter and a fellow Marine were manning a rooftop security position on the perimeter of Patrol Base Dakota when the enemy initiated a daylight attack with hand grenades, one of which landed inside their sandbagged position.

Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter moved toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his fellow Marine from the deadly blast. When the grenade detonated, his body absorbed the brunt of the blast, severely wounding him, but saving the life of his fellow Marine.

By his undaunted courage, bold fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death, Lance Corporal Carpenter reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

December Buddy Check will be held Saturday, 21 December, because of a conflict with holiday rental.



The poster features a top section with a stylized American flag and silhouettes of three veterans saluting. A circular seal on the right reads "VETERANS ADVISORY GROUP LINCOLN, NE" with a central emblem. The main body is red with white stars and contains the following text:

BUDDY CHECK

Working together to end veteran suicide.

MONTHLY ON THE 22ND

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter
1650 Memorial Dr., Lincoln, NE 68508
Next to The Veterans Memorial Garden

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

Coffee, refreshments, and snacks are provided.

We will have coffee and snacks. All veterans and SO's welcome. Hope to see you there! CoffeeHaus will be held on Friday, December 20th, 10:00 until noon. Will also have Quilts of Valor and presentation of a check by Three Chords and A Cloud of Dust for KFOR Operation Santa Cause.



Lincoln VAG eAlert

A Message from Your Veterans Advisory Group!

VAG Lincoln Coffeehaus!



**JOIN US ON
FRIDAY!**

A CoffeeHaus Event has been scheduled for the third Friday each month from 10:00 AM to Noon, at Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park

In addition, Quilts of Valor Ladies will be awarding quilts to Veterans touched by war, and the presentation begins at Noon.

CoffeeHaus is a monthly gathering to honor our Veterans, with **FREE** Coffee, Beverages, Snacks, Fellowship, and Entertainment.

Join us - reach out and bring a guest too!

OUR SPONSOR

The Sponsor for
CoffeeHaus is the Elks
Lodge #80.



MORE INFORMATION!

For a Calendar of Upcoming VAG Events, visit our Website, at www.VAGLincoln.org!

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

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 \$56.00 to:

American Legion Post 3
123 South 84th Street, Suite L
Lincoln, Ne 68510

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To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this and a check for \$56.00 made out to "American Legion Post 3" to the address listed above. If you have already renewed for 2024, 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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