



“For God and Country”

April 2025 Post 3 Newsletter



April Meeting Schedule

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	04/08/2025
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	04/08/2025
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	04/10/2025
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	04/17/2025
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	04/15/2025
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	04/15/2025
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	04/17/2025
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	04/22/2025
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	04/18/2025

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaire,

Let me ask you this... If a family member, friend, or even a stranger, asked you to describe The American Legion... How would you answer them? What's your "elevator speech"?

Now, you may be asking yourself, "What the heck is an elevator speech?" An elevator speech is a brief (think 30 seconds!) way of introducing yourself, getting across a key point or two, and making a connection with someone. It's called an elevator speech because it takes roughly the amount of time you'd spend riding an elevator with

someone. For example, if you happened to bump into someone you'd been dying to meet in an elevator, how would you introduce yourself, get your point across, and ask to stay connected—all before that person gets off the elevator?

Here's an example of one (that could be modified to better suit your own experiences) that I use (and modify continually based upon the situation):

Hi, I'm Bruce Gubser, and I'm a member of The American Legion Post 3 here in Lincoln. I'm an Army veteran and I continue to serve my community, state and nation by being a member of The American Legion. Have you ever served in the military? (wait for their answer and depending on their answer I might respond in a couple of ways) If they have, then I might say something like, "Great! Thank you for your service! What branch? What did you do in (that branch)? What I've found in The American Legion is a way to stay connected with people who have also served, and together we support programs in The American Legion like Boys and Girls State, Junior Law Cadet, American Legion Baseball, the American Legion Oratorical scholarship program, and many other programs that support and enhance the lives of veterans and their families. Have you ever considered joining The American Legion?"

Or, when asked if they ever served in the military, and they say they never served, I might say something like, "Has anyone in your family ever served?" Many times, this answer will be yes... Oh, my dad was in Vietnam, or my grandmother was a nurse in World War 2, or something like that. Then, I might say something about The American Legion Auxiliary or The Sons of The American Legion.

Bottom line, I always keep this statement in mind... "If you don't ask, the answer is always NO."

(Commander's Call – Continued)

Tell them what they are missing and how they will enjoy our Legion and our Legion Family. Not long ago I made a list of what Post 3 worked to support. The list included charitable events, higher education scholarships, civic events, Honor Guard, Boys & Girls State, Junior Law Cadet and other veterans' causes. That list was quite lengthy and when I took time to read and really absorb it, it made me feel great. Share that feeling with the people you meet.

We need to see not only the faces that have made our post great in previous years but also some new members. I am encouraged to see more and more new faces at our meetings. Thank you for showing up!! And thank you for getting involved! Our Legion Post needs you.

Thanks for your hard work on membership. As I have been mentioning for the past couple of months, we are struggling to meet our membership goals. As I stated last month, even if everyone we currently have on the rolls renews their membership, we will not meet our goal due to the deaths that occurred in 2024 and 2025. While part of the issue was the delay in the initial membership renewal mailing from national headquarters, we cannot blame our current situation on that. Please, if you have not already renewed for 2025, do so today.

I want to thank each one of you for being a member of Post 3. Just the fact that you send in your dues allows us to support the many causes of the Legion at the local, state, and national level. Remember, our membership year is the calendar year. Your 2024 dues expired on December 31, 2024. While true that the Legion sends out dues notices as early as August (for the upcoming year) and accepts previous year's dues just about any time (even up to a couple of years in the past), your timely payment of dues is what allows our organization at the local, state, and national level, to continue to provide the outstanding programs of The American Legion to our community, state and nation.

We all have time, treasures, and talents we can give to this organization. If you are looking for something new to do, come to a meeting and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Elks Lodge #80 at 7:00pm, except in August. The Elks make available a hamburger meal, with all the fixins, (and for a very reasonable price) starting at 6:30pm.

As always, keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers, particularly those who may be in need. Keep our active-duty service men and women in your thoughts and prayers as well.

For God and Country,

**Bruce Gubser
Post 3 Commander**

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



It is hard to believe it has been 52 years since I returned from Southeast Asia, after spending 14 months in Thailand. I joined the American Legion a month after my return to Lincoln. Checking the membership roster, I see that the Vietnam Era veterans now make up the majority of our current membership.

I want to thank all my fellow Vietnam Veterans for their service. March 29, 1973, was the date that the last combat troops left Vietnam, and is celebrated as Vietnam Memorial Day. As we get older, we need to stop and review our service there. Thanks again.

This past week we have been working on 50 plus years of continuous membership certificates. Below is a list of those receiving continuous year certificates for 50 - 75 years in 2025. We have 4 WWII, 5 Korean War, and 14 Vietnam veterans receiving awards.

Byron	Barner	Lincoln	NE	50	Vietnam
Terry	Blackman	Lincoln	NE	50	Vietnam
Wallace	Brown	Lincoln	NE	50	WWII
Dennis	Brydl	Lincoln	NE	50	Vietnam
Charles	Cummings	Lincoln	NE	50	Korea
Jerome	Davis	Lincoln	NE	50	Korea
James	Easom	Lincoln	NE	50	Vietnam
Delayne	Loseke	Casa Grande	AZ	50	Korea
James	Peschong	Lincoln	NE	50	Vietnam
Thomas	Spanel	Amarillo	TX	50	Vietnam
Waren	Spencer	Waverly	NE	50	Vietnam
David	Webb	Lincoln	NE	50	Vietnam
Dennis	Weixelman	Wamego	KS	50	Vietnam
Dayle	Williamson	Lincoln	NE	50	Korea
Frank	Condello	Lincoln	NE	60	Vietnam
John	Quinn	Lincoln	NE	60	WWII
Andrew	Stasenka	Brookings	OR	60	Korea
Chandler	Tyrrell	Lincoln	NE	70	WWII
Jack	Caldwell	Lincoln	NE	75	WWII

2025 Renewals: We are still running behind 2024. The current 2025 membership stands at 916, about 86 % of our 2025 goal. We should be at 95%. If you know a current or past member who has not paid their 2025 dues, please ask them to do so.

For those who have not yet renewed for 2025, your 2024 membership card expired as of 31 December 2024. As of January first, you were classified as expired, you will stop receiving The Legion magazine, and you could be denied entry into a Legion Club. Those who are in the Legion Insurance program, your coverage also ended as of 31st of December 2024. You must be a member in good standing to be covered. If you have not yet signed up for Legion Insurance, it is easy to do, just go to their website and enroll.

I want to thank those members who have renewed. If you happen to receive a notice and you KNOW that you have received your 2025 membership card, please just throw the notice away. No need to let us know. If you have paid and have not received your 2025 membership card, then call or drop us a note.

We are still receiving a few checks from those who have already paid their 2025 dues. I will try and contact those members and ask if they would like to apply this extra payment to pay their 2026 dues. Otherwise, I will return the checks or destroy them.

Post 3 membership for 2025 is 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.

Post 3 has 50 Department Life members and 122 PUFL members. 57 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.

Member Information: We would like to thank those who have provided the request for mailing address, phone numbers or email address information. We have many members who moved and we do not have correct contact information. 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, but many locations respond with, "no longer living here."

The same goes 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 postage on renewals which 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 filling claims and links to other VA services to which you are entitled. The VFW, DAV, etc. do an excellent job of keeping track of Congressional activities that can or will affect veterans. VA News (veteransaffairs@messages.va.gov).

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 org) and if not, ask them to please join. They may not be using VA service now, and may wish to in the future, 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. Also remember to thank your fellow Veterans for their service.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



The Lincoln CBOC food drive to collect food items for our homeless veterans in the Lincoln area is ongoing. Items requested are shelf ready, power bars, easy to open items (pull tabs), etc. They will be collected during the week of 10 – 14 February. During this week, VSO groups are being asked to provide treats for our veterans.

Planning is in the works for a Health Information Fair to be held at the Lincoln CBOC. The hope is to draw in veterans in the Lincoln area that do not take advantage of the services available to them within the VA Health Care System.

If there is a hiring freeze, it should not affect the VA health care network. Lincoln has many staff positions that need to be filled. It just takes so long for a person to work through all the steps to be hired. If there is a hiring freeze, no new volunteers will be added in the Lincoln CBOC. The Lincoln CBOC clinic sees about 220 veterans a day.

Flu shots and Covid shots: Shots are available only to 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 waiting for a nurse to be free to give you the shot. There are no mask requirements at VA clinics and hospitals. Masks are available for those who 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.

Want to serve your fellow Veterans? The VA can use more volunteers at your local clinic or hospital. You 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 activities bags for younger kids to have when they come to the clinic or hospital with a parent for their appointments.

(Lincoln CBOC/VA News – Continued)

There is always a need for the younger kids who come with parents, grandparents or other trusted adults when they are too young to be left at home alone.

Clinics and hospitals can always use books, magazines, etc. 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.

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.

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

With the signing of the PAC act, more veterans have become eligible for services, not only for those who serviced "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. It 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 also make the Copay payments online.

Thanks for your service to your fellow Veterans and thanks for your service to this great country.

Ed Schnabel

American Legion Representative to Lincoln CBOC

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



Greetings fellow American Legion Riders and Legion Family,

Although May marks the traditional beginning of "riding season" in Nebraska, we have sure had some days with perfect (or near perfect) riding weather already in March. Nevertheless, the warmer temps in April and May will be bringing more and more motorcycles on the road. Whether you are on two-, three- or four-wheels, keep your focus on the road and watch for other vehicles sharing the road. One tip I recently saw was to teach your children to watch for motorcycles by making it a game. I remember "Slug Bug"... whenever we saw a VW Bug on the road, we'd slap our sibling crazy. Well, not really, but it usually garnered a friendly (or not-so-friendly) tap on the shoulder. I think you get the idea. Anyway, motorcyclists, please watch for cars... car drivers, please watch for motorcyclists.

We are well into planning our participation in numerous parades in the southeast Nebraska region, as well as attending many Poker Runs sponsored by other ALR chapters and other organizations. This is in addition to planning for our own Poker Run, which will be held on August 23rd. Please see the flyer for our Poker Run in this newsletter and add it to your calendar. You do not need to have a motorcycle to participate. It will be a fun day, with some great stops, and we will have some great prizes available. Please come and support our efforts.

Until next time,

Ride (and Drive) Safe!

**Bruce Gubser
Director, Lincoln Chapter 3, ALR**



- SILENT AUCTION
- 50/50
- BIDD PRIZES
- RAFFLE
- GIVEAWAYS

\$10/HAND OR \$20 FOR 3



\$300/HIGH \$200 2ND HIGH
\$100 LOW

Lincoln (Nebraska)
Chapter 3

POKER RUN

REGISTRATION: 10AM-NOON
FIRST BIKE OUT AT: 10AM
LAST BIKE IN: 4PM
PRIZES/AWARDS: 4:15PM

**SATURDAY
AUG 23**

-STARTS AT FRONTIER
HARLEY-DAVIDSON,
205 NW 40TH ST, LINCOLN, NEBR
-WITH STOPS IN MALMO, DWIGHT
& DORCHESTER
-ENDS AT DENTON AMERICAN
LEGION



BRING NONPERISHABLE ITEMS FOR
THE FOOD BANK (OR DONATE \$5)
AND GET AN EXTRA CARD!

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
CHARITABLE CAUSES
THAT SUPPORT
VETERANS



Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders

RAFFLE

HENRY GOLDEN BOY RIFLE, .22LR



TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

The drawing will be held in August at our poker run.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

YOU MUST BE OLDER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE A TICKET

PRIZE WILL BE TRANSFERED TO THE WINNER THROUGH A FEDERALLY LICENSED
FIREARM DEALER and ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FIREARM PURCHASE LAWS, RULES AND
REGULATIONS APPLY

The Chaplain's Remarks



NEW DAY, NEW LIFE

When does God ever expect us to know what He's thinking? Oh, sure, you know the answer to that, but how has your life reflected that reality as a believer in the Christ as our Saviour?

The Lord has said in His Word that He knows all things, even before you say it (Psalm 139:4; 1 John 3:20). So who are you going to believe about God's Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence? Satan?...or God?

In your wondering throughout the world that God has made available for all of us...Creation (Genesis 1 & 2)...have you ever pondered..."I can do better than that!" Real arrogant, huh?

Think about it: when have you made a decision, and thought..."God will cover me because I'm a regular church-goer. I'm only helping myself to what He had entitled me to (Genesis 3:16). But can you ever do what He did because of His Power and Glory; i.e., *creatio ex nihilo* (Genesis 1:1; Romans 4:17; Colossians 1:16)...something from nothing?

In retrospect, we're all human, but some of us fail to see our "writing on the wall", like in Daniel 5: 5-28. But has God given us the right to out do what He, and ONLY He, did/can/will do? Remember the Garden of Eden. That lesson has never been overturned, especially by us humans.

So why not accommodate your Creator as the one access to Him and His glory since He gave you an awareness of what you've been looking for: to be like Him. But in order to do that, you'll need to be "Him" as far as your behavior goes so all others will "see" God through your morally proper expression of His guiding though all your life's successes.

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

Post 3 Honor Guard



In March, The Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 8 funerals. The effort the Honor Guard makes to honor our deceased veterans is greatly appreciated. We did not participate in any civic functions during the month. I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

In the Calendar year 2025, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 21 funerals and made appearances at 3 civic functions.

Post 3 TAPS – March 2024



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Bryce W. Bonness	Korea	Army	56
Arthur R. Jones	Korea	USMC	56
Richard Ligenza	Vietnam	Army	12
Paul S. Mc Donald	Korea	Army	12
Leland D. Pavel	Vietnam	Air Force	26
Miles E. Sullivan	Korea	Navy	59

Arthur Raymond Jones – 1928 – 2025



Arthur Raymond Jones (Art) transferred to Post Everlasting on March 4, 2025. Upon graduation from High School in 1948, Art joined the United States Marine Corps. He served in the Korean War and survived the “Battle of the Chosin Reservoir”. Art also served 18 months during the Vietnam War. After Vietnam he continued his service with the Marine Aviation Group in Japan. Art’s final duty station was with the Marine Corps Reserve Unit in Lincoln, Nebraska. Art retired as a Gunnery Sergeant in 1970 after 22 years of service.

Art was active with The American Legion Post 3 and was a 56-year continuous member. Art was a 30-year member of the 40&8 Société (an independent honor society of American veterans and service members), and served on the Post 3 Honor Guard for 26 years.

Art’s funeral was held on March 10th at St. Marks United Methodist Church with the Patriot Guard providing a Flag Line at the church and cemetery. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, Nebraska where members of the Marine Military Honors Team folded the burial Flag and presented it to his Granddaughter. The Post 3 Honor Guard provided the 3-shot volley and the playing of Taps.

Rest in Peace, Art. You will be missed.

Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 - March 11, 2025

Unit 3 Auxiliary provided some light refreshments prior to tonight's meeting.

Commander Bruce Gubser opened the March 11, 2025, meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with 22 Legionnaires present.

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

The minutes of the February 11th Post 3 / District 15 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Ed Schnabel gave the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2025, showing a balance of \$47,477.46. It was approved and filed for review.

Adjutant Schnabel reported 2025 membership as 910, a little over 85% of goal. Commander Gubser added a few comments regarding the need to keep working on membership.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Steve Bartos reported on Boys State. He said that after having only 12 candidates from Lincoln last year, it appeared we would have about 20 this year.

Commander Gubser indicated that the annual visit to the ROTC ceremonies at UNL would be coming up in the near future.

Gerry Wolf reported for the Memorial Squad.

Commander Gubser asked Memorial Squad members present to stand and be recognized. He then read a very nice "thank you" note from a family for whom the Memorial Squad had provided military honors.

Brendan Moore reported for the Sons of the American Legion. Their meeting will be this coming Thursday.

It was announced that the 40/8 would meet next Tuesday. Corned beef will be served.

Director Gubser reported for the American Legion Riders. They are beginning to get active with the better weather and had made a good showing at the Art Jones funeral.

Commander Gubser indicated that the birthday card program continues.

The Chaplain read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form shortly after 7:30 PM.

Steve Bartos, Recorder

WWII Soldier Identified



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced today that U.S. Army Sgt. Norman H. Drewes, 24, of Hamler, Ohio, killed during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 13, 2024.

In June 1944, Drewes was a member of Company D, 708th Amphibious Tank Battalion. He was killed June 15 during Operation Forager on the island of Saipan, in the Northern Mariana Islands. Marines ashore on the island were under constant assault from Japanese mortars, which caused heavy casualties and impeded American's movements. The exact cause of Drewes's death is unknown, but it is believed his unit was providing armor support to the Marines' initial landing on the beaches. Drewes's remains were not known to have been accounted for during or after the war. The War Department declared him non-recoverable in September 1949.

The American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) searched for and disinterred remains throughout the Pacific theater in an effort to identify fallen service members after the end of the war. Remains identified as Unknown X-58 were first reported as buried in the 4th Marine Division Cemetery on Saipan. However, the AGRS was not able to identify X-58, and the remains were buried at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines in 1950.

After thorough research, DPAA historians concluded X-58 was possibly associated with Drewes. In December 2022, Unknown X-58 was disinterred and sent to the DPAA Laboratory for analysis.

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

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

Drewes will be buried in Hamler, Ohio, in May 2025.

Army Soldier Awarded The Medal Of Honor



Captain Paris D. Davis, Commander, Detachment A-321, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an advisor to the 883d Regional Force Company, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, during combat operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Bong Son, Republic of Vietnam, on June 17-18, 1965.

Captain Davis and three other U.S. Special Forces advisors accompanied the Vietnamese 883d Regional Force Company on its first combat mission, a daring nighttime raid against a Viet Cong Regional Headquarters housing a superior enemy force. Captain Davis' advice and leadership allowed the company to gain the tactical advantage, allowing it to surprise the unsuspecting enemy force and kill approximately 100 enemy soldiers.

While returning from the successful raid, the Regional Force Company was ambushed and sustained several casualties. Captain Davis constantly exposed himself to hostile small arms fire to rally the inexperienced and disorganized company. He expertly directed both artillery and small arms fire, enabling other elements of the company to reach his position. Although wounded in the leg, he aided in the evacuation of other wounded men of his unit, but refused medical evacuation himself.

Following the arrival of air support, Captain Davis directed artillery fire within 30 meters of his own position in an attempt to halt the enemy's advance. Then, with complete disregard for his own life, he braved intense enemy fire to cross an open field to rescue his seriously wounded and immobilized team sergeant. While carrying the sergeant up a hill to a position of relative safety, Captain Davis was again wounded by enemy fire. Despite two painful wounds, Captain Davis again refused medical evacuation, remained with the troops, fought bravely, and provided pivotal leadership and inspiration to the Regional Force Company as they repelled several Viet Cong assaults on their position over a period of several hours.

When friendly reinforcements finally arrived, Captain Davis again refused medical evacuation until he had recovered a U.S. advisor under his command who had been wounded during the initial ambush and presumed dead. While personally recovering the wounded soldier he found him severely wounded but still clinging to life. Captain Davis directed the helicopter extraction of his wounded colleague, not leaving the battlefield himself until after all friendly forces were recovered or medically evacuated.

Captain Davis' heroism and selflessness, above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his own life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



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.



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!

Join us in our 18th YEAR of RUMBLING
the ROAD of children's Mental Health
Awareness

ALL modes of transportations welcome for ANY
distance you would like to travel.

Join us in any of the towns listed below

Please go to our Facebook page @ponyexpress or scan QR

For Route, lodging, community events and additional information



THE PONY EXPRESS



RIDE ACROSS NEBRASKA



WEDNESDAY MAY 15th

KICK-OFF AT
CIRRUS HOUSE
SCOTTSBLUFF

THURSDAY MAY 16th

SIDNEY
OGALALA
NORTH PLATTE
GOTHENBURG
KEARNEY

FRIDAY MAY 17th

GRAND ISLAND
YORK
COLUMBUS
NORFOLK
WAYNE
FREMONT

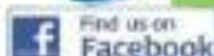
SATURDAY MAY 18th

UNO - OMAHA
PRE-RALLY at
Lincoln FRONTIER HD
NEBRASKA STATE
CAPITAL STEPS
1:30 P.M.

Please join motorcyclist from across the state reenact the Pony Express mail delivery while they pickup/receive letters from children, families, advocates and children's mental health supporters (at pick up sites listed above) and delivering the letters to government officials at the Nebraska State Capital. If you would like to submit a letter, join in on the ride at any point, or support in any way please contact:



PONYEXPRESSRIDE@GMAIL.COM or CALL 402-880-7635

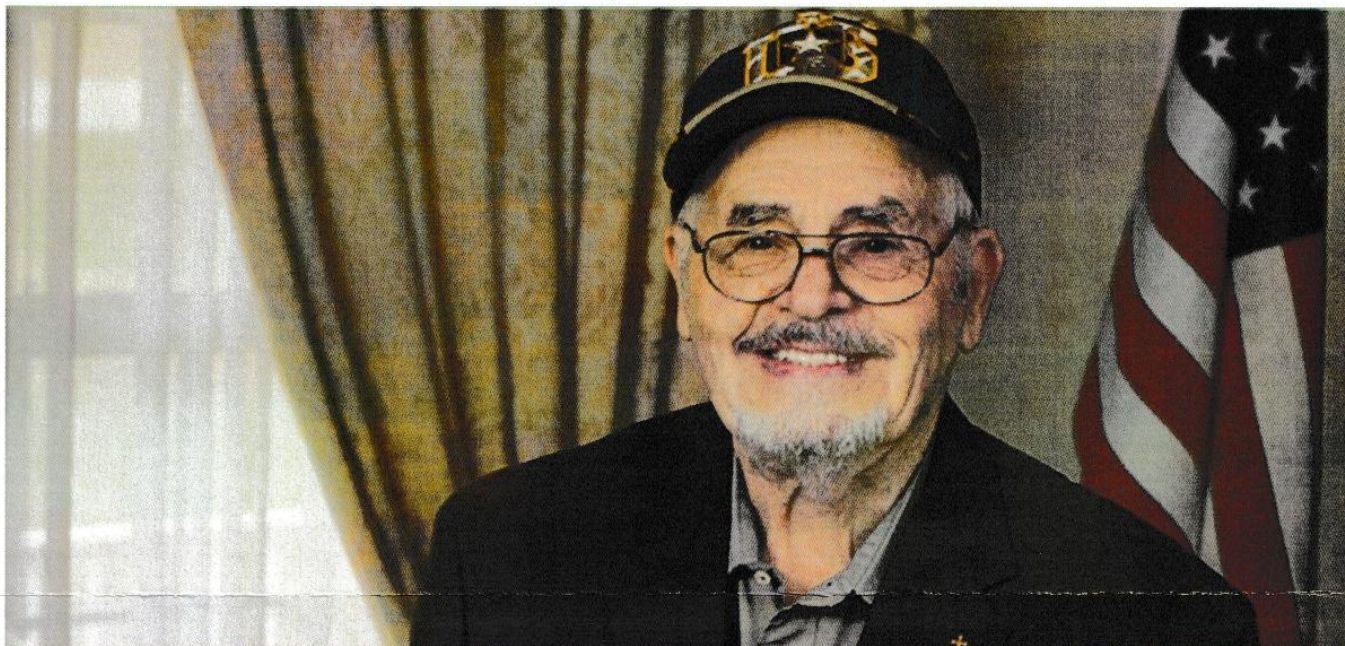


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A FELLOW VETERAN NEEDS YOU!

VETERAN VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF OUR VETERAN HOSPICE PATIENTS BY

- ♦ PROVIDING COMPANIONSHIP
- ♦ RECORDING A LIFE STORY
- ♦ CALLING OR VISITING ON A SPECIAL DAY
- ♦ PINNING A VETERAN PATIENT
- ♦ EDUCATING PATIENTS ON RECEIVING VETERAN BENEFITS
- ♦ PARTICIPATING IN VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, please contact
Jen Vogt, Regional Volunteer Coordinator at (402) 943-6871 or jen.vogt@amedisys.com

Ready to apply?

Visit <http://bttr.im/1fnah>

or scan the QR code with your smart phone!

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The Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band

FREE CONCERT



Saturday, April 19 · 7 - 8:30pm

Westside High School campus - 8701 Pacific Street Omaha

The Jazz Ambassadors is the official touring big band of the United States Army. Formed in 1969, this 19-member ensemble has received great acclaim at home and abroad performing America's greatest original art form, jazz.

Concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors are programmed to entertain all types of audiences. The band's diverse repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, Dixieland, vocals, and patriotic selections, many of which are written or arranged by members of the Jazz Ambassadors.

The Jazz Ambassadors has appeared in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and throughout Europe. Recent notable performances include concerts at the Toronto Jazz Festival, the Richmond Jazz Festival at Maymont, the Kennedy Center Honors, the Jazz Education Network Conference, and an appearance on the Colbert Report. Gordon Goodwin, Bobby Shew, Ernie Watts, and the Dave Brubeck All-Star Quintet are just a few of the outstanding jazz artists who have shared the stage with the Jazz Ambassadors.

The band has been featured in joint concerts with Marvin Hamlisch and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, the Seattle Symphony Pops, the Colorado Pops Orchestra, and the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. The Jazz Ambassadors' rigorous touring schedule and reputation for excellence has earned it the title "America's Big Band."

Sons Of The American Legion Application



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

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

Sons of The American Legion

ATTN: Brendan Moore

123 South 84th Street, Suite L

Lincoln, Ne 68510

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application	
Detachment of _____	Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____
Name _____ (First) (Initial) (Last)	Recruited by _____ (Initial) (Last)
Address _____ (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)	
E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____	
Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____	
(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No _____, Dept. of _____	
OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____	
(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____	
I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.	
Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)	
Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant)	

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

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 you, or do you know someone, who served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged or are currently serving honorably? Then they 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

The American Legion Membership Application			
(Name)		(Date of Birth)	
(Mailing Address)		(Phone Number)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Post #)
(E-mail)		☐ Male ☐ Female (Gender)	(Dues)
☐ I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.			
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below			
☐ Global War on Terror	☐ U.S. Army		
☐ Gulf War	☐ U.S. Navy		
☐ Panama	☐ U.S. Air Force		
☐ Lebanon/Grenada	☐ U.S. Marines		
☐ Vietnam	☐ U.S. Coast Guard		
☐ Korea	☐ Merchant Marines (WWII only)		
☐ WWII			
☐ Other Conflicts			
30-009	Signature of applicant	Date	Name of recruiter

To renew or transfer to Post 3, you only need to sign below and mail this application 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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123 South 84th St. Suite L
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