



"For God and Country"

NOVEMBER 2024 POST 3 NEWSLETTER



Meetings For November 2024

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	11/12/24
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	11/12/24
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	11/14/24
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	11/21/24
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	11/19/24
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	11/19/24
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	11/21/24
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	11/22/24
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	11/15/24

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

First, I want to thank all 450+ members who have already renewed their American Legion membership for 2025. Your continued commitment to supporting veterans is commendable.

If you are an annual renewing member, you should have received your dues notice a week or so ago. If you have not yet renewed for 2025, please consider doing so at your earliest opportunity. Also remember that if you renew your membership for 2025 before November 11th, you will be entered into the Early Bird drawing for a chance to win one of five \$200 prizes. The easiest way to pay your dues is online at: www.legion.org/renew. Of course, you can still send in a check or stop by the office if you prefer.

November is a month that has some important dates that we should all be aware of:

- Election Day: Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. As a rule, veterans consistently vote at higher rates than their civilian counterparts. We need to maintain that status for which we not only earned the right to do, but for the service we gave to our Nation to maintain our right to vote! Shortly after The American Legion was formed, it went on record urging all American Legion men and women to become qualified voters. Since then, the organization has passed countless similar resolutions advocating Legionnaires to not only exercise their constitutional responsibility to vote, but to also encourage others to do the same. Elections are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. Remember to vote.

- Lincoln Veterans Parade: On Sunday, November 10th, the Lincoln Veterans Parade Group is holding the 2024 Veterans Parade. It will be held along K Street on Sunday November 10th at 2:00pm. The parade will start at 21st and K Street. Parade participants will walk west on K Street toward a reviewing stand in front of the Capitol where the parade will end. Come and join us!

- Veterans Day: Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day and posts across our great nation will be participating in local observances. Post 3 is no different. We will be participating in, and conducting a number of events in the days leading up to, and even after, Veterans Day.

(Commander's Call – Continued)

It is important for all of us to take the time to step back and reflect on the positives in our families, communities, and world. Today, Veteran's Day in the U.S provides one of those great reasons to pause, reflect, and recognize.

On that day, be sure to thank a fellow veteran for his or her service. In 1954, when November 11th was officially named Veterans Day, United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower called upon all citizens to join to "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom." Today, our troops continue to serve, with dedication and honor, all around the world. We recognize the commitment, and sacrifices of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Space Force Guardians, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners – and their families.

- Thanksgiving Day: Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th, is traditionally a time when we gather as families to reflect on our blessings and focus on our gratitude for them. Because of that focus on family, Thanksgivings spent separated from loved ones is often tough for military members and their families. As you gather with your family to reflect on your blessings, take a moment to reflect on what this day is truly about. To appreciate and recognize those who serve today and did so in the past. Remember the sacrifices, the service with honor, and the dedication of those who serve. Take the extra time to extend your thanks to those who have served, or are serving, their country. It is because of them, and their families, that we can enjoy the freedoms that we, as Americans, often take for granted.

I strongly encourage you to visit our meeting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm, at the Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58th Street. November's meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th. There are many ways to serve not only the Post, but our community. Come to a meeting and ask how you can help.

Please keep all veterans and their families in your prayers. And please pray for all currently serving members of our Armed Forces, and their families, wherever they may be dispersed.

For God and Country,

Bruce Gubser

Post 3 Commander

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



2025 Renewals:

July started the renewals for Legion Year 2024-2025. Your 2024 membership card is good through 31 December 2024. After that, you are classified as expired, you will stop receiving The Legion magazine, and you could be denied entry into a Legion Club.

National has mailed renewal slips to current members who were in good standing at the end of Legion Year 2024. They should have reached your mailbox around the first of October.

The dues for Legion year 2025 are now \$56.00 dollars, as National and Nebraska Department both increased their dues by \$5.00. Post 3 did not increase its dues for 2025, remaining at \$11.00.

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

On Line Renewals:

Doing renewals online is quick and easy. Log onto Legion.org and click the link for renewal. I want to thank those who have taken the opportunity to renew their membership online for 2025.

Our current 2025 paid membership is approaching 500. Our 2025 goal is 1067 members.

3 Year Renewals:

For those who would like to renew for three years, you will be given the opportunity to do so. The rate of renewals will be at the current rate of \$56.00. You can do so by logging into Legion.org and clicking the RENEWAL link. Once there you should be given the opportunity to renew for up to three years.

Nebraska Department Life members:

2025 membership cards were mailed to the address we have on file for you. If you have not received yours, and 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 and email information. We have many members who have moved and who 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 for. We try to track down those members who have moved. Many locations respond with, "no longer living here."

(Adjutant's Notes – Continued)

This also 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. I want to thank those that do let us know of the passing of a member.

The same 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, that makes it so much easier to reach out to you if needed. I want to thank those who have responded and provided their missing information.

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. 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.

On a sadder note, while checking post membership cards, I found that 46 members did not renew for 2022 and 32 did not renew for 2023. Of these only 12 were Korean war veterans. Thus, the remaining 66 are veterans from our most current conflicts: Vietnam, thru Middle East/Gulf war.

These 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 being a member of Post 3. Remember to thank your fellow Veterans for their service and thank you for your service this Veterans Day.

Ed Schnabel

Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



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 waiting area for a nurse 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, 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 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. 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, 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.

(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 Van:

DAV Transportation is looking into acquiring a new Van. 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 animals that qualify under DAV requirements. Other pets or 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, I would call your local, county, or state VSO. 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 make the Copay payments online, etc.

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

God Bless,

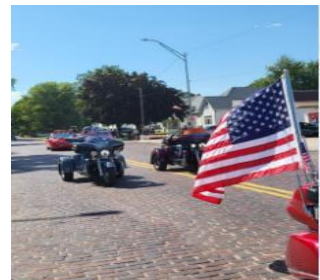
Ed Schnabel
Adjutant

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



The American Legion Riders participated in two parades in August: In Wilber on the 4th, and in Milford on the 17th. Our poker run was held on September 22nd. 90 poker hands were sold, and all 1000 rifle raffle tickets were sold also. The proceeds are divided evenly between the Wheels 4 Warriors project and the American Legion Disaster Relief Fund. Nothing exciting happened in October. We are planning on participating in the Veterans Day Parade in Lincoln on November 10th.

The attached photos are from the Wilber parade (1st 3), the Milford parade (2nd 3) and the poker run (3rd 3).



**Neil Larson,
Director**

Post 3 Honor Guard



In October, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 7 funerals and will be present at 10 activities preceding and on Veterans Day. These activities will include visits to local schools, visits to local retirement facilities, the Veterans Parade and attendance 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 74 funerals and will have made appearances at 43 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 – October 2024



LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	Years
Larry J. Chrastil	Vietnam	Army	30
Richard B. Conradt	Korea	Navy	68
David C. Moore	Vietnam	Army	32
Daniel E. Wheeler	Vietnam	Navy	8

**Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80
October 8, 2024**

Commander Bruce Gubser opened the October 8, 2024 American Legion Post 3 meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with about 25 Legionnaires and guests present.

Al Topil, a new member, was introduced; and he made a few remarks

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

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Ed Schnabel gave the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2024, showing a balance of \$35,528.07. Upon proper motion, the report was filed for review.

Adjutant Schnabel also reported that dues were still slow coming in and there was no evidence that the first dues notice to Nebraska was actually out yet. Bartos indicated that it is scheduled to be in the mail this week.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Ron Hindmand reported on Bellringers.

It was announced that the District 15 Oratorical Contest is scheduled for 4:30 PM on November 5th at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. (Election Day) Ed Schnabel indicated that the church could accommodate the contest as well as serve as a polling place.

Gerry Wolf reported on Memorial Squad activities for the past month. He also indicated that due to the dry conditions and fire warnings, the flag retirement ceremony is being postponed from October 12 to a date uncertain.

Brendan Moore reported for the SAL. Squadron 3 will be meeting this week. He also reported that the Big Ten Conference is sponsoring a blood donation contest among the conference schools.

It was announced that Voiture 103 of the 40/8 will meet next Tuesday.

Commander Gubser reported for the American Legion Riders. Their Poker Run was a success, and they raised about \$1400 to be donated to Patriot Productions and Wheels for Warriors.

The Birthday Card project continues.

Upon motion by Fred Craigie, Steve Bartos was recommended to serve another 4-year term on the Legionnaire Club Board.

Adjutant Schnabel passed out copies of a proposed Post 3 budget for the current fiscal year. Upon proper motion, it was approved.

Commander Gubser also briefly summarized the assets held by Post 3 in accounts other than the checking account. He indicated that the post was in a good financial position. Steve Bartos commented that we need to be cautious about maintaining that good position and not be too quick to spend recklessly just because we have some reserves.

The Chaplain read TAPS, and the meeting was closed in proper form at about 7:45 PM.

Steve Bartos, Recorder

Dignified Flag Retirement, Saturday, November 9th

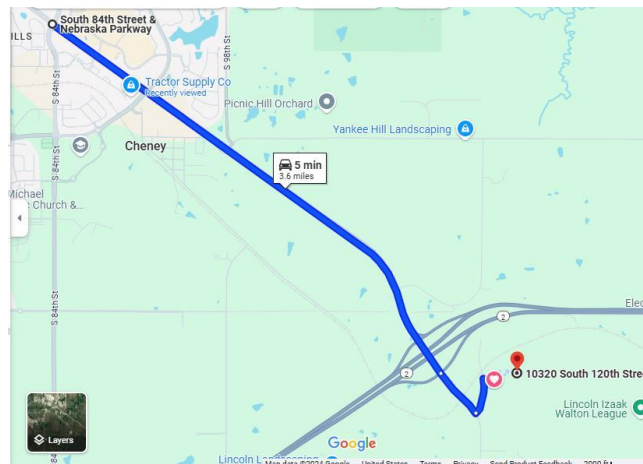
Americanism has been and should continue to be one of the major programs of The American Legion. The observance of proper respect for the Flag of our country and the education of our citizens in the proper courtesies to be paid, the Flag is an essential element of such an Americanism program.

The Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is a ceremony that has been an integral part of American Legion. 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.

The approved method of disposing of unserviceable Flags has long been that they be destroyed by burning

On Saturday, November 9th (A Nebraska Football Bye Week) at 8:00, Post 3 will conduct a Dignified Flag Retirement Ceremony at Dave Timmerman's acreage, 10320 S 120th Ct, Bennet, NE. (See map below). If you are available and willing, please join us in this worthwhile endeavor.

84th & Nebraska Parkway to Timmerman's Acreage



S 84th St & Nebraska Pkwy

Lincoln, NE 68526

↑ Head southeast on Nebraska Pkwy toward S 84th St

3.1 mi

↑ Continue straight onto S 120th St

0.3 mi

← Turn left onto S 120th St/S 120th Ct

0.2 mi

10320 S 120th St

Bennet, NE 68317

2024-2025 ORATORICAL SPEECH CONTEST



The American Legion will be hosting its 87th annual Oratorical “A Constitutional Speech Contest”. The 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 and the next two finishers taking home \$22,500 and \$20,000, respectively.

First-round participants in the national contest receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Second-round participants who do not advance to the National finals receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship.

District winners receive a check for \$100 if they compete in the Area competition. State contestants will receive 1st - \$1,500, 2nd \$1,000, 3rd \$800 and 4th \$500. The state winner will receive an additional \$2,000 for participation in the National contest.

Since Post 3 is the only post in District 15 all entrants from Post 3 will advance to the District 15 Competition to be held on Tuesday November 5th at 16:30 (4:30pm) at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We have volunteers, but could always use more if you have time available to assist or just to observe this contest.

Further information will be provided and questions can be addressed by the District 15 Commander Ron Hindmand at rhindmand@hotmail.com or by going to legion.org/oratorical.

Ron Hindmand

Oratorical Chairman

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



As noted in the October newsletter, we are registered for Post 3 and Legion Rider volunteer dates, times and locations. As in past years it is important to reach out and help the less fortunate in the Lincoln area.

During our October Post 3 meeting we had ten post 3 volunteers and two lady Auxiliary volunteers. Due to our number of volunteers we were able to volunteer for an additional day of bell ringing! Post 3 is registered to ring bells on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 December at the Hy-Vee store at Williamsburg Mall at 40th & Old Cheney for shifts from 12 noon until 7pm.

Our Legion Riders are registered on Friday 6 December for two hour shifts from 1pm to 7pm at the Hobby Lobby at 66th & O Street.

At the monthly November Post 3 meeting we will have a signup sheet to fill the additional three time slots we still have to fill. Ideally, we get two volunteers to team up and sign up for an additional two hour time slot on 4 December (4-6pm) and two one hour time slots 6-7pm on 4 and 5 December.

If you have questions, please contact Ron Hindmand:

rhindmand@hotmail.com.

Please consider volunteering.

Thanks,

Ron Hindmand

Bell Ringing Chairman

Veterans Gratitude Service

St. Mark's United Methodist Church is hosting the largest Veterans Day event in Lincoln's history with over 1,900 expected guests on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. All veterans, active-duty service members, their families, and the public are invited to attend this free event. A reception will follow the service from 6:15 to 7:30. Doors open at 4:15.

This special service will honor and pay tribute to veterans and their families from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

The event will feature a performance by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band, Raptor. Raptor is known for its high-energy music and dynamic stage presence with performances including rock & roll classics, patriotic favorites, and chart-topping hits. An iconic, crowd-pleasing band, Raptor is usually booked out one year in advance.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Colonel Gerald D. Meyer (Ret.). The keynote address will be delivered by Major General Daryl L. Bohac (Ret.) with a reception to follow from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All veterans and active-duty service members are encouraged to wear their uniforms, hats, or colors — something that signifies their branch of service — and to sit with their families in the section designated for their branch. Remember to pre-register you and your family or guests @ <https://stmarks.org/veterans>



**Be our
Guest of Honor**

**VETERANS
GRATITUDE SERVICE**

Sunday, Nov. 10 | 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
St. Mark's United Methodist Church

**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

Join us for a heartfelt tribute at the Veterans Gratitude Service on Sunday, November 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at St. Mark's Methodist Church, located at 8550 Pioneers Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska.

This special service is dedicated to honoring and thanking our military veterans and active service members from all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Event Highlights:

- Performances by the USAF Heartland of America "Raptor" Band
 - Master of Ceremonies: Retired Colonel Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer
 - Keynote Address by Retired Major General Daryl L. Bohac
 - A Full Color Guard representing all six branches of the military
 - A display of all six service flags alongside the American Flag, featuring the anthems of each branch as we recognize our veterans, their families, and active duty personnel.
- Let us come together to show our gratitude and respect for those who have served and continue to serve our country. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information and to register visit:

<https://stmarks.org/veterans>

Airman Accounted For From World War II



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Air Forces Corporal Melvin L. Huff, 19, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 30, 2024.

In January 1945, Huff was assigned to 360th Service Group, Combat Replacement Training Center, Far East Air Force, and deployed in present day Papua New Guinea. As part of an attempt to neutralize the Japanese threat near Wewak, Territory of New Guinea, Huff's unit attacked enemy defensive positions on nearby Cape Wom. Huff, an aerial gunner, was reported as missing in action on Jan. 20, when friendly forces lost contact with the A-20G *Havoc* bomber he was aboard.

Following the war, the [American Graves Registration Service](#) (AGRS), the military unit responsible for investigating and recovering missing American personnel in the Pacific Theater, conducted exhaustive searches of battle areas and crash sites in New Guinea, concluding their search in late 1948. In June 1949, a board of AGRS officials concluded they were unable to locate any remains of Huff and the other two crew members. They were designated as non-recoverable.

DPAA predecessor organizations began researching and recovering service members from Papua New Guinea in the early 1980s. In December 2011, an Australian Defence Force officer reported seeing an aircraft crash site in a swamp near Cape Wom, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea. A local guide from the nearby Wom Village had discovered the site roughly six months prior and stated human remains had been seen in the crash. Between July 2015 and May 2016, DPAA personnel interviewed locals, collected crash materials and various life support items, and collected possible osseous remains. In late 2022, a DPAA Underwater Recovery Team conducted operations at the site, and recovered possible human remains, material evidence, and other life support equipment. The remains were sent to the DPAA Laboratory for review and analysis.

To identify Huff's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as material and circumstantial evidence.

Huff's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Huff will be buried in Iowa Falls, Iowa, on a date to be determined.

Medal of Honor Recipient Milton L. Olive III



In action near Phu Cuong, about 35 miles northwest of Saigon, PFC [Milton Lee Olive III](#) of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, throws himself on an enemy grenade and saves four soldiers, including his platoon leader, 1st Lt. James Sanford.

The action came during a patrol that made contact with Communist forces on the southern fringes of the infamous “Iron Triangle,” a traditional Communist stronghold. Private Olive’s body absorbed the full, deadly blast of the grenade and he died saving his comrades. Lieutenant Sanford later said of Olive’s act that “It was the most incredible display of selfless bravery I ever witnessed.” Olive, a native of Chicago, was only 18 years old when he died; he received the Medal of Honor posthumously six months later. The city of Chicago honored its fallen hero by naming a junior college, a lakefront park, and a portion of the McCormick Place convention center after him.

Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Pfc. Olive was a member of the 3d Platoon of Company B, as it moved through the jungle to find the Viet Cong operating in the area. Although the platoon was subjected to a heavy volume of enemy gunfire and pinned down temporarily, it retaliated by assaulting the Viet Cong positions, causing the enemy to flee. As the platoon pursued the insurgents, Pfc. Olive and four other soldiers were moving through the jungle together when a grenade was thrown into their midst. Pfc. Olive saw the grenade, and then saved the lives of his fellow soldiers at the sacrifice of his by grabbing the grenade in his hand and falling on it to absorb the blast with his body. Through his bravery, unhesitating actions, and complete disregard for his safety, he prevented additional loss of life or injury to the members of his platoon. Pfc. Olive's extraordinary heroism, at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.



6th Annual

LINCOLN VETERANS PARADE

Gratitude for their sacrifices

Nov. 10, 2024 | 2 PM

K st, S. 21st to 14th



LincolnVeteransParade.org



Wreaths Across America, December 14, 2024

Each December at Wyuka Cemetery we honor our deceased soldiers that are buried in the three military circles with a fresh evergreen wreath with a traditional hand tied red bow placed on their headstones. Donations are encouraged and appreciated to cover the \$17.00 cost of a wreath.

The ceremony is being 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.

Wyuka also has soldiers buried in other sections with their family, and through our "Grave Specific Program", you may purchase a wreath to place on their headstone. If you purchase a "Grave Specific" wreath, you need to pick the wreath up between 10:00 and 11:00 on Saturday December 14th. Please complete the form below with your check. All wreaths must stay at Wyuka or Fairview cemeteries and only placed on veteran's graves.

One wreath cost \$17.00, but Wyuka has a 2 for 3 offer: The purchase of two wreaths for \$34.00 will purchase a third wreath free. All donations must be received by November 15th. Funds received after the 15th will be credited to the 2025 campaign.

Please send your donation with "WAA" written in the memo and the form below to:

Wyuka Historical Foundation
3600 "O" Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

2024 Wyuka Wreaths Across America Order Form

_____ at _____ pledge my support for our
(Your Name) (Phone number)

American Veterans with my donation for _____ Wreaths.
(Number)

Please place my wreaths in the following manner:

_____ Place all wreaths on headstones for veterans buried within the soldiers circles:

_____ Place wreath(s) on the following headstones for Veterans buried outside of the Soldiers Circles:

Veteran's Name 1: _____ Plot location (if known) _____

Veteran's Name 2: _____ Plot location (if known) _____

I prefer to (choose one):


_____ Pick up my wreath between 10-11 am Saturday, December 14th by the main Soldier Circle, section 43, near the Wyuka Vine Street entrance.

_____ Have a volunteer place my wreath(s) on my behalf.

_____ A combination of the two options above. I have specified grave information above. Any remaining wreaths or excess funds should be used towards wreaths for the Soldiers Circles.

CHANGE!

Buddy Check will be held in the enclosed shelter at Antelope Park, 1650 Antelope Park, Northeast of Memorial Garden. We will have coffee and snacks and fellowship for all! The Venue is temp controlled for comfort.



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 Veteran's Memorial Garden

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

Coffee, refreshments, and snacks are provided.

CoffeeHaus will be held 15 November, 10:00 until noon. Snacks and beverages as usual. Entertainment will be the Howling Coyotes. With Quilts of Valor by Quilts of Valor Ladies.



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!

Veterans Day



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11, 2024

www.va.gov



**Happy Thanksgiving
to Soldiers
everywhere
who can't be
with their
families.**



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 23 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)	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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123 South 84th St. Suite L
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 466-3958

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

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Second Vice Commander – Rich Lemmerman – Cell: 402-694-9834

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