



“For God and Country”

July 2026 Post 3 Newsletter



July 2026 Meeting Schedule

Organization	Location	Time	Date
Legion Post 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	07/14/26
Auxiliary Unit 3	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	7:00 PM	07/14/16
SAL Squadron 3	Post 3 Office, 123 S 84 th St	7:00 PM	None
ALR Chapter 3	Denton Legion Club	6:00 PM	07/16/26
40 & 8 Voiture 103	Elks Lodge, 5910 S 58 th St	6:30 PM	07/21/26
8 & 40 Salon 832	Elks Lodge, 5910 s 58 th St	6:30 PM	07/21/26
8 & 40 Salon 92	VFW 3606, 3340 West A St	1:00 PM	None
Buddy Check	Enclosed Shelter, 1650 Antelope Park	6:00 PM	07/22/26
CoffeeHaus	Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park	10:00 AM	07/17/26

Commander's Call



Fellow Legionnaires,

Happy 250th Anniversary to our beloved USA! Hope you are all enjoying this important milestone that was made possible by the blood, sweat and service of all the who have performed their duty in the United States Armed Forces and to the countless families that supported them. Our country's continued existence was at the cost of so many brave patriots going back to even before 1776. As Legionnaires I know that you appreciate our cherished heritage.

By the time you receive this July Newsletter our annual Nebraska American Legion Department Convention will be history. We have many new commanders and officers installed this month. Congratulations to all! Especially our own Rich Lemmerman and John Ottoson who were sworn in as District 15 Commander and District 15 Vice-Commander, respectively. Our recently retired adjutant, Ed Schnabel, was awarded the Citizenship award from District 15. Additionally, I would like to thank Post 3 members for electing me for a second term as Post 3 Commander. I appreciate that responsibility and will do my best to live up to the trust you have shown in me.

The State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Veteran Affairs (NDVA) has developed a Challenge Coin for our Korean War Veterans. In June we reached out to our Post 3 veterans of the Korean War Era to inform them of presentation ceremonies and how to receive this coin. At the Department of Nebraska Headquarters Open House and dedication ceremony two of our Post 3 members were the first to receive their coins.

On July 24th the NDVA and Governor Pillen will be hosting a special ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol to present coins and Post 3 will have at least one of our members there to receive his coin. Additionally, we plan to recognize our Korean War Veterans and present coins at our monthly Post 3 meeting in September and have offered to coordinate ceremonies at retirement homes that our Veterans reside in. Given the options we sent out to our Korean Era Veterans, they can decide on how they would like to be presented with these coins representing their service.

Finally, thank you for renewing your membership this last year as we are preparing for the cycle to begin again. Notices for 2027 will be out soon and your continued dedication to the American Legion and Post 3 is appreciated.

Go USA!

For God and Country,

Ron Hindmand

Post 3 Commander

Department Convention Summary

The 108th Annual Department of Nebraska American Legion Convention just concluded in Columbus on June 28th. Post 3 had great representation with fourteen Post 3 attendees at one or more days attendance at the four-day convention. Attendees included: Fred Craigie, Dave Salak, Burdette Burkhart, Mark Novak, Bruce Gubser, Gerry Wolf, Ed Schnabel, Rich Lemmerman, Steve Bartos, Steve Fowles, Wade Graft, Brendan Moore, John Ottoson and Ron Hindmand.



The American Legion National Commander, Dan Wiley, attended and presented our own Steve Bartos with a certificate of recognition/appreciation for his great work on Legion membership from 1988 to 2026. As we see every month Steve is always generating ideas and working on increasing and maintaining membership in the American Legion. Well done Steve!



Our own Ed Schnabel received a well-earned medal, recognizing him for Citizenship. Ed for over eight years was our Finance Officer and Adjutant. Additionally, Ed is the American Legion Representative at the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, a member of our Post 3 Honor Guard and volunteers for numerous other projects in the community.

Our Department Finance Officer Mark Novak gave the annual Finance Report. We are well within our annual budget and looking in positive financial shape. An Independent Audit was conducted within the Last year. We were presented with a budget for the next fiscal year.

Ten Resolutions were presented and considered at the Convention. Seven were approved and three rejected. Resolution No. 4-26 Increase Stipend from Department to Nebraska Veterans Homes was approved. Resolution 5-26 Department Organization & Administration to clarify Department Officer duties was approved. Resolution No. 1-26 Four Rules of the American Legion adding the rules to the By-Laws was rejected due to the rules being now included in the American Legion Officer's Guide. Resolution No. 2-26 Cornhusker Boys State Town Names was rejected, and current Town Names will continue to be used. Resolution No. 3-26 Expansion of Sons to include Daughters was rejected as it needs broader coordination. Resolution No. 6-26 Establish Team Nebraska Committee naming a Standing Committee "Team Nebraska" and establishing rules for expenditure of funds was approved. Resolution No. 7-26 Standing Committees to clarify those Department Standing Committee duties was approved. Resolution No. 8-26 Department Finances to clarify the Department Finance procedures was approved. Resolution No. 9-26 District Organization & Administration to simplify appointments of District Officers was approved. Resolution No. 10-26 Delegates to National Convention to clarify the reimbursement for delegates for National Convention was approved.

Outgoing Department Commander Judy Walters was thanked and commended for her service. A new Department Commander, Doug Frahm, was elected and installed. Our new Senior Vice Commander is Richard Colson, and our new Area C Vice Commander is Don Nelson. As mentioned in my Commander's Call, Rich Lemmerman and John Ottoson were installed as our new District 15 Commander and Vice Commander, respectively. Congratulations to all!

Notes from the Adjutant's Desk



Fellow Legionnaires,

Currently, our membership is at 896 paid for 2026, which is just over 95% of our goal of 938.

The membership cards for 2027 were given to the Post at the Department Convention. If you haven't paid your dues for 2026 you can still do so. You will get a notice for 2027 probably in July or August. To continue your years of service, 2026 dues will have to be paid.

The Department Convention was held in Columbus on June 25-28. There were by-law changes introduced. Voting was held on Sunday June 28.

Our Honor Guard has been busy as of late with funerals, graduations, and veteran ceremonies.

Officers for 2027 were elected at our July Post 3 meeting. The results are:

Commander --- Ron Hindmand

1st Vice Commander --- Rich Lemmerman

2nd Vice Commander --- John Ottoson

Executive Committeeman (3-year term) --- Ed Schnabel

Our Consolidated Post Report for the year was submitted prior to the Department Convention. This report shows what we've done for the past year.

To quote Past National Commander John P (Jake) Commer:

" When we hear, We forget

When we see , we remember

It's when we do, we understand "

Thank you for being a member of Post 3.

Steve Fowles

Post 3 Adjutant

Lincoln CBOC/VA News



Happy Fourth of July, the 250th Birthday of our Great Country. Take time to celebrate.

The VA is currently requesting Veterans to update their VA Identification Cards. If you receive a notice from the Department of Veteran Affairs, you can update your VA ID cards while in the Clinic. You will need to bring some form of a State issued ID, like a Driver's License, with you.

The Lincoln CBOC Volunteer Services can always use Bus Passes, Gas cards, and Grocery Cards. Gift cards to Sam's or Walmart are used to buy clothing as the needs come up during the year. Currently there is a need for summer items. Items include small, travel size items that can fit into small hygiene kits, soaps, sunscreen, hand towels, and wet wipes. Other items requested are handheld USB fans, USB cables, batteries, and box fans.

Flu shots and Covid shots are now being given for those with appointments, walk-ins, or through urgent care. When you have an appointment, you will be asked if you wish a flu, covid shot, or to update any other vaccines that show up as overdue on your VA Health records. If you do not have an upcoming appointment, call your local clinic to schedule one. Covid shots are being given by appointment only

If you receive a statement from the VA for co-payments, remember that most CBOC do not have finance offices. IF you have a billing question, you need to call the number that is listed on your statement. Mail payment to the address shown on your statement. You should find a finance office at most of the VA Hospitals, but they may have limited hours. This is true for the Omaha VA hospital.

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 county, or state service officer, or registered VSO, only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for an increase, or a new VA disability rating.

The Lincoln CBOC is trying to fill open staff positions. Podiatrist, including a NP or nurse to provide foot care for Veterans in the Lincoln area.

Only trained service animals should be brought into a VA Health clinic or hospital. Trained service animals that qualify under DAV requirements are always welcome. Other pets or comfort dogs do not qualify and should be left at home. If you do bring a comfort or emotional support dog into a VA clinic, you are responsible for cleaning up after them. Please do so. Don't leave a mess for others to clean up.

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

Ed Schnabel

American Legion Representative for the Lincoln CBOC

ALR Riders, Chapter 3 Director's Remarks



Greetings Fellow Riders and all,

Summer has arrived with a few days of h-e-double-toothpick temperature days, but overall good riding weather. Your Riders have already participated in a number of events in June, notably the Ride for America - Nebraska 250 Flag Escort on Flag Day weekend. It was a real privilege to ride the entire ride from Scottsbluff to Lincoln! Several Chapter 3 riders picked up the ride on the second day. The weather could not have been better. It was a real treat to meet Riders from around the state.

Your Riders have also participated in a number of poker runs hosted by other Nebraska ALR chapters to help raise funds for the Veteran causes they supported. We will be participating once again in the Seward Grand Parade on July 4th. I do not know how many years we have participated in that parade, but it is a bunch! It is a real pleasure to represent the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders in what is arguably the most recognized celebration of America's Birthday in the State. Thousands of people come to Seward each year and we are proud to represent the American Legion Family.

Coming up in July are a number of events, including the aforementioned Seward Parade (July 4th), and the Nebraska ALR Legacy Run Across Nebraska (July 17-19).

In August, Lincoln will be hosting the start point of the National Legacy Run. Riders from across the nation will be gathering in Lincoln for the National Legacy Run, August 23-27. It is a great honor to have been selected for this high-profile event. We are looking forward to the event.

Until next time, Ride Safe!

Bruce Gubser

Director, Lincoln Chapter 3 ALR

Post 3 Honor Guard



Post 3 Honor Guard retiring “Old Glory” at Veterans Freedom Musical Festival

In June, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors teams at 10 funerals. Their civic involvement included: Presenting the Colors at a Veterans Treatment Court Graduation, raising and lowering the Colors at the Veterans Freedom Musical Festival, raising the Colors for the Riders “Nebraska 250 Flag Escort” at the State Capitol, and with the help of the Chapter 3 Riders, we assisted in the Scheels annual Flag exchange.

In calendar year 2026, the Honor Guard assisted the Military Honors Teams at 47 funerals and have been present at 19 civic functions.

The dedication of the Honor Guard in paying tribute to our fallen veterans and appearances at civic functions is truly valued. I sincerely thank all those who continue to offer their support.

Post 3 TAPS – June 2026



ARMY



MARINE CORPS



NAVY



AIR FORCE



SPACE FORCE



COAST GUARD

LEGIONNAIRE	WAR ERA	BRANCH	YEARS
Darrell Buss	Vietnam	Army	19
Dean Crewdson	Vietnam	Unknown	42
Jerome C. Davis	Korea	Army	50
Edward V. Dwyer	Korea	Air Force	42
Renee Ojeda	Vietnam	Army	54
Jerome Wieser	Korea	Navy	22

Chaplain's Remarks



No matter
where you are in life,
no matter the circumstances,
hold on to this truth:
God Loves You
You Are
& **NOT Alone!**

God Created the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis 1 in six days, then rested.

Included in His Creation were the moon, the planets within our Solar System, and probable life on distant stars within the “Goldilocks” zone of Earth-like, colonizable planets. Some of those planets are a mere four light-years—six trillion miles—from Earth, once humans can attain close to the speed of light—186,500 miles per second—and travel for at least a 100 years while in “torpor”—suspended animation—for that entire voyage.

Now don't think that all of this sci-fi stuff is a bit much for God, let alone for our nation's scientists, educators, military cadre, and related professionals. When you look at the heavens, it should be a reminder of HIS glory, and not what humankind has done with what God has given us. Be assured in God's keeping as He's blessed us with all we have-do-will know. There's no situation—be it in space, submerged beneath our seas, or flying through our atmosphere—where the Lord our God can not look after us. Our fervent prayers keep us within God's grace (Philippians 4: 6 – 7).

We must never forget who put us here on this the most perfect home for living beings. We must not allow ourselves to be fooled by naysayers who spend their time trying to tear up God's handiwork—you, me, and our God-given accomplishments—in favor of Satan's continuing struggle to destroy all of God's accomplishments.

Most of us know the Lord our God, especially displayed by Jehovah's incarnation-birth-life-death-resurrection, was no joke. He loves us.

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

Regular Meeting of American Legion Post 3

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 - June 9, 2026

Commander Ron Hindmand opened the June 9, 2026, meeting of American Legion Post 3 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 with about 25 Legionnaires present.

Introduced as a new member and providing a brief self-introduction was Larry Poppema.

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

The minutes of the May 12th April meeting of Post 3 were read and approved.

Finance Officer Bruce Gubser gave the financial report for May showing a balance on hand of \$ 46,598.00.

For the Legion Riders, Bruce reported on a number of activities, including the Ride 250 across the state which is taking place this coming weekend.

Adjutant Steve Fowles reported 2026 membership at 894 --- 95.3% of goal.

Dr. Jackson gave an Americanism report.

Steve Bartos indicated that he hadn't heard any bad reports about Boys State, so it must have gone well

Commander Hindmand reported that we still have 2 participants scheduled to attend the Junior Law Cadet program.

Squadron 3 Commander Brendan Moore reported briefly for the SAL. No meetings until September.

Gerry Wolf reported for the Memorial Squad. In addition to funeral details, they have a number of activities coming up --- including the Veterans Music Festival and the flag-raising following completion of the Ride 250.

Ron Hoppes made brief comments about the Stephen Ministries.

Commander Hindmand went over a long list of activities coming up in June, July, and August.

(Meeting Minutes – Continued)

Commander Hindmand read the “Convention Call” for the upcoming Department Convention to be held June 25-28 in Columbus. He reported that District 15’s delegate strength at the convention will be 11 delegates plus an additional vote for several department officers if present and registered.

Using a Power-Point presentation for reference, Commander Hindmand reviewed several resolutions that will be considered at the department convention.

Commander Hindmand presented the uncontested slate of candidates who had been nominated at the May meeting. They were as follows:

Commander --- Ron Hindmand

1st Vice Commander --- Rich Lemmerman

2nd Vice Commander --- John Ottoson

Executive Committeeman (3-year term) --- Ed Schnabel

Upon motion by Craigie and a proper second, the adjutant was directed to cast a single ballot representing a unanimous vote for the entire slate of candidates as presented. The motion carried.

The chaplain read the TAPS report, and the meeting was closed at about 8:00 PM.

Steve Bartos

Recorder

\$ 1000



NEBRASKA LEGIONNAIRES

BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 2027!

The first NATIONAL renewal notice to Nebraska for the 2027 membership year HAS BEEN mailed from Indianapolis, and the Department Membership Committee is again this year sponsoring an Early Bird Drawing.

ALL regular members (those who pay their dues annually or are multi-year members) whose 2027 dues are paid and received in Department Headquarters by September 8, 2026 will be in a drawing for \$1000.

5 names will be drawn for a \$200 prize each this year!

HELP US BUILD MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!

BE IN THE DRAWING!!

Ride for America: Nebraska 250 Flag Escort

In honor of the stars and stripes officially adopted in the US and in celebration of 250 years since the Declaration of Independence, our nation's flag was carried across Nebraska with a motorcycle escort. Its final destination was at the Capitol building in Lincoln, with a ceremonial raising.

The first day of the “Ride for America: Nebraska 250 Flag Escort” was a cool start in Scottsbluff at the Western Nebraska Veterans Home. Many residents came out (all bundled up) to see us off. About 14 riders started out. Next stop was the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery in Alliance, where the riders placed a wreath honoring the heroes buried there. Fast Fuel stop in Mullen, then lunch in Thedford. They made a stop in Broken Bow for fuel, then ended the day at Kearney American Legion Post 52. It was windy in the Sandhills, but otherwise near perfect weather.

The second day of the “Ride for America: Nebraska 250 Flag Escort” was an equally cool start in Kearney at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home. Many residents came out (all bundled up) to see the riders off as they circled the campus and rode past each housing pod. There were about 20 riders to start the day. After a quick stop to top off fuel tanks, the next stop on Sunday was the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery in Grand Island, where they placed a wreath honoring the heroes buried there. They also picked up another 15 or so riders. They then rode by the main entrance to the VA Hospital in Grand Island and saluted a number of Veterans there.

There was a scheduled fuel and lunch stop in Wahoo, where they picked up about 20 more riders. Approximately 50 bikes departed Wahoo, route to a driveby at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home in Bellevue, followed by a stop at the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Papillion. The final stop for the day was the Nebraska State Capitol, where a short ceremony was held in the Rotunda.

Immediately following the ceremony, the riders and guests proceeded to the flagpole on the north steps, where the Lincoln American Legion Post 3 Color Guard raised the flag that had been escorted across the state and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The flag will fly at the Capitol until July 4th. After that, the flag will be displayed at the American Legion Department of Nebraska Headquarters museum.

("Ride for America: Nebraska 250 Flag Escort" – Continued)



Department Headquarters Open House



Commander Walters, Bob Ruyle, Curtis Sanford



Legionnaires visiting with Curtis Sanford

To celebrate the third anniversary of moving into our new Headquarters Building, the Department of Nebraska hosted an open house on Flag Day weekend.

Food and snacks were available as well as a personal tour of our museum and office building

Events included a USA 250 Birthday celebration, a Korean War recognition of two Post 3 Korean War Veterans, Bob Ruyle and Curtis Sanford, and activities for the family.

Scheels' Annual Flag Exchange



On Friday, June 26th, Scheels, in partnership with The American Legion Post 3 and the American Legion Riders, Chapter 3, held their annual flag exchange. Customers were encouraged to turn in their old torn and faded American flags and were given a new 3'X5' American made flag.

In a 4-hour span, hundreds of torn and faded flags were turned in and new ones were given out. I would estimate that we gave out approximately 350 new flags and probably took twice that number of old flags because many people turned in flags because they didn't know how to dispose of them and wanted no new flag. Also, numerous people brought many flags from family and friends.

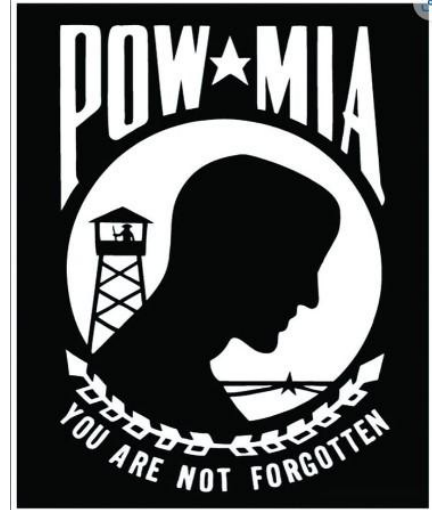
Members from Post 3 and Chapter 3 who came out to help are too numerous to list here, but I would like to thank all who came out to help with the distribution.

Post 3 will dispose of the old flags collected at the flag exchange, flags turned into our Department, flags turned in at local ACE Hardware stores, as well as those that were turned in at our local Post 3 office. I would estimate over a thousand flags will be retired.

Tentatively, we are planning for a "Dignified Flag Retirement Ceremony" on July 18th at 7:00. The flag retirement will consist of a ceremony and dignified flag burning at Dave Timmerman's "Compound", 10320 S 120TH CT, BENNET, NE

In addition, I would like to thank Scheels for their excellent assistance and willingness to help. If you are thinking of purchasing some new sports clothing or equipment, I would encourage you to give Scheels a chance at your business. Scheels is a very Veteran friendly organization.

Soldier Accounted For From Korean War



In late 1950, Carroll was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, during a major battle near the Jangjin (Chosin) Reservoir, North Korea. The U.S. Army issued a presumptive finding of death for Carroll on Dec. 31, 1953.

In 1954, during Operation Glory, North Korea unilaterally turned over remains to the United States, including one set, designated Unknown X-15841 Operation Glory. The remains were reportedly recovered from prisoner of war camps, United Nations cemeteries and isolated burial sites. None of the remains could be identified as Carroll and he was declared non-recoverable on Jan. 16, 1956. The remains were subsequently buried as an Unknown in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. On May 16, 2022, DPAA personnel disinterred Unknown X-15841 as part of Phase Four of the Korean War Disinterment Plan and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory for analysis.

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

Carroll'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.

Carroll was buried May 22, 2026, in his hometown.

Lieutenant Awarded The medal Of Honor



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty: Second Lieutenant Nicholas Dockery distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on October 2, 2012, while serving as a Platoon Leader, 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan.

On this day, Second Lieutenant Nicholas Dockery's platoon and associated Afghan forces were ambushed by an estimated 150 Taliban fighters. Ordered to eliminate the threat, Lieutenant Dockery planned and led an assault on the enemy forces. Lieutenant Dockery traversed 100 yards of open terrain under enemy fire to reach U.S. forces in need of assistance. Hearing a U.S. soldier had been wounded, Lieutenant Dockery fought his way to soldiers who were taking cover in a building that was occupied by enemy fighters.

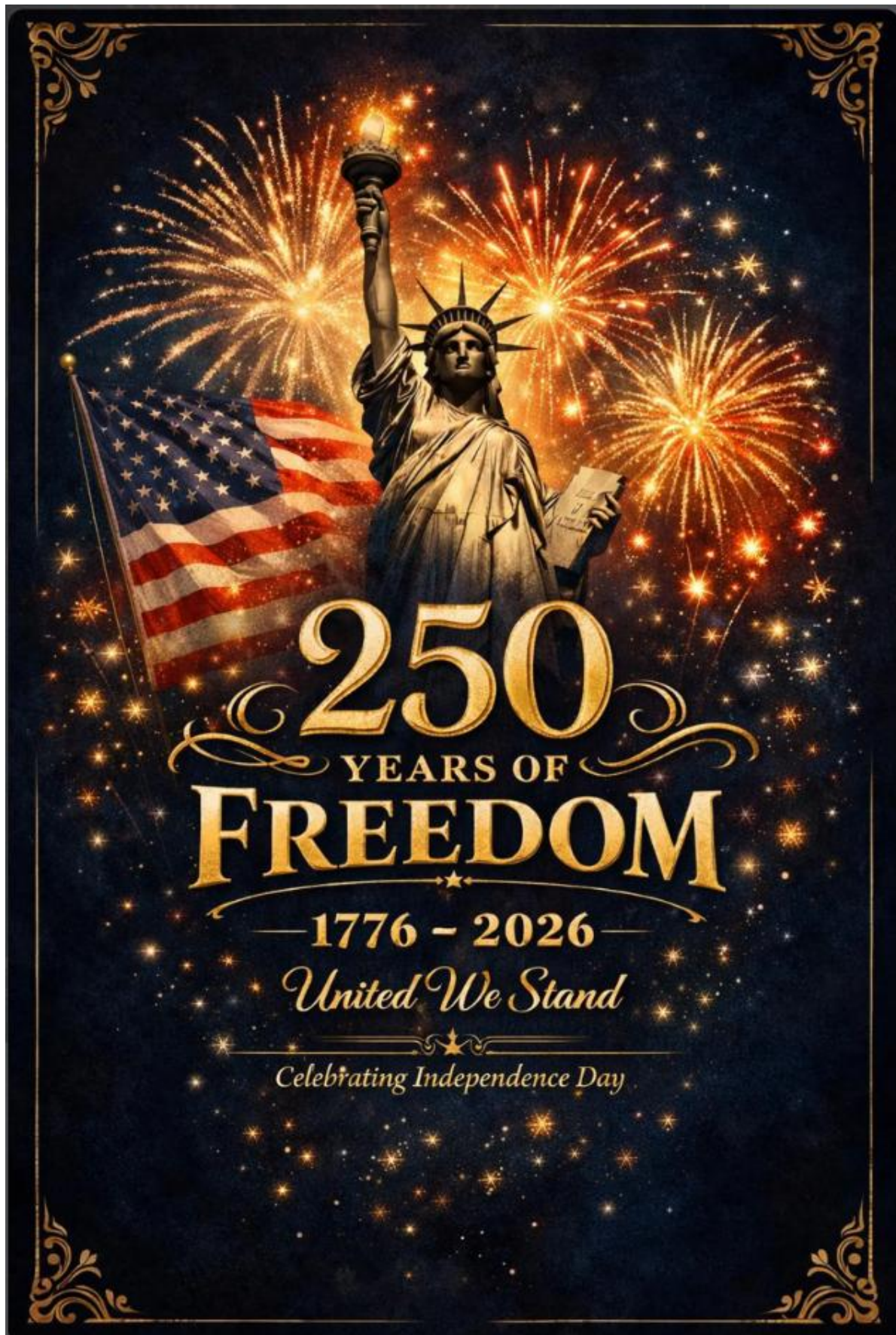
Realizing the immediate danger, he organized and led the forces in clearing six rooms of the multi-level compound, killing one enemy fighter and detaining two others. When an enemy grenade landed nearby, he shoved a team member behind cover preventing him from being killed or wounded by the resulting blast.

Attempting to regain momentum after the blast, Lieutenant Dockery led a four-man team to clear the compound's courtyard before the enemy used a rocket-propelled grenade, resulting in an explosion that incapacitated two soldiers. Although dazed and wounded himself, Lieutenant Dockery went to the aid of the wounded soldiers who were fully exposed to enemy fire.

After helping one soldier to his feet, he engaged and killed two enemy fighters who were attempting to approach the other injured soldier. Lieutenant Dockery provided first aid and used his own body to shield the soldier from further injury, saving his life. Air support assets could not differentiate between friendly and enemy positions, so Lieutenant Dockery marked his position on the building's roof, exposing himself to enemy fire on multiple occasions while providing covering fire to friendly forces evacuating the wounded.

He was the last individual to leave the battlefield. Second Lieutenant Dockery's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Celebrate the 4th of July



Friday, July 17th, 10:00-12:00 A.M.



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!

Wednesday, July 22nd, 6:00-8:00 P.M.



Monthly Veteran Buddy Check

Each month, we come together to:

- Honor and remember our comrades lost to suicide
- Support those going through difficult or lonely times
- Celebrate the good days, milestones, and victories we share as a veteran community

When: Monthly on the 22nd from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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

Who: Open to All Military and Veterans

Details: No Cost to Attend
Coffee, Refreshments, Snacks Provided

Host: Veterans Advisory Group of Lincoln



www.vaglincoln.org

Working together to end veteran suicide.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

*State of Nebraska
Recognition Ceremony*



**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

**NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA
1445 K STREET, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

*RSVP required. Event details, eligibility,
and application at veterans.nebraska.gov/korea*

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Sacrifice.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS





The Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic will provide a range of FREE dental services, including exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, dentures* and more, to eligible Nebraska veterans, spouses, and surviving spouses. The two-day clinic will run:

- Friday, August 28, 8 am to 5 pm
- Saturday, August 29, 8 am to 3:30 pm

**limited number of dentures available*

Location: Army National Guard Titan Readiness Center, 789 County Road J, Yutan

Patient Eligibility: any individual who served in the U.S. Armed Forces or component, regardless of type of service—active, reserve, or guard—and spouses or surviving spouses of eligible veterans. If you were ever issued a U.S. military uniform by any component of the U.S. Armed Forces in service to our Nation, you and/or your spouse are eligible.

Register: veterans.nebraska.gov/dentalclinic





- SILENT AUCTION
- 50/50
- RIDE 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: 3:30PM
PRIZES/AWARDS: 4PM

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

SATURDAY
AUG 29

-STARTS AT ELWAY POWERSPORTS, 6600 N 27TH ST,
LINCOLN, NE
-WITH STOPS IN DAVID CITY, BEAVER CROSSING &
DORCHESTER
-ENDS AT DENTON AMERICAN LEGION



PROCEEDS GO TO THE
NEBRASKA VETERANS MISSION
OF MERCY AND OTHER
CHARITIES SUPPORTING
VETERANS IN NEBRASKA

MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

Sponsored by Lincoln Chapter 3, American Legion Riders



**2011 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited
42,000 miles**

**DRAWING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS IN NEBRASKA**

\$20 PER TICKET

ONLY 749 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Do not need to be present to win.





Lincoln Chapter 3
American Legion Riders

RAFFLE



Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport
.22 LR Rifle with Red-Green Dot Optic



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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 FAMILY



LINCOLN ELKS NO. 80
5910 South 58th Street, Lincoln

Elks Care - Elks Share

Touch-A-Truck



A FAMILY EVENT

FREE
ENTRY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES

Join us for a family-friendly
event where children can
explore and climb on a
variety of vehicles

- Activities like honking horns, setting off sirens, and kicking tires
- Questions and answers with truck operators

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

SEE • TOUCH • EXPLORE • HONK

From 10am until 2pm
5910 S 58th Street

We will observe a "quiet hour" from
10-11am, with no sirens or horns, so that
visitors with sensitivity to loud noise can
enjoy the displays.



Cold

War Recognition Certificate Program:

In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding the Cold War Recognition Certificate (CWRC) to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991, are eligible.

The CWRC is available to qualified individuals at no cost. Any other site offering these certificates or replicas for sale or purchase are not official sites and are not approved or endorsed by the US Army.

Individuals requesting a certificate will certify that their character of service was honorable. Acceptable supporting documentation for proof of service is any official government or military document with recipient's name, Social Security Number or Military Service Number or Foreign Service Number, and date of service. Please only send copies of supporting documents.

Please submit the completed and signed application along with copies of supporting documents to:

U.S. Army Human Resources Command
Cold War Recognition Program
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept 480
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Awardee Name (First, MI, Last): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province/Region: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

Requestor Email Address: _____

I confirm my faithful and honorable service to the nation during the Cold War Era.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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veterans.nebraska.gov

State Service Office

(402) 420-4021

NDVA.SSD@NEBRASKA.GOV

veterans.nebraska.gov/vso

State Veterans' Homes

Bellvue • Kearney • Norfolk • Scottsbluff

veterans.nebraska.gov/homes

State Veterans Cemeteries

Alliance

(308) 763-2958

veterans.nebraska.gov/nvca

Grand Island

(308) 661-1987

veterans.nebraska.gov/nvcgi

Department of Revenue

(402) 471-5728

Toll Free: (800) 742-7474

revenue.nebraska.gov

Nebraska Game & Parks

(402) 471-0641

outdoornebraska.gov

Department of Motor Vehicles

Driver's License: (402) 471-3861

License Plates: (402) 471-3918

dmv.nebraska.gov

Department of Labor

(402) 471-9000

dol.nebraska.gov

Department of Health and Human Services Licensure

(402) 471-2115

dhhs.ne.gov/licensure

Nebraska Veterans Benefits

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Benefit

Who's Eligible

State Veterans Service Office	Veteran, Spouse, & Dependents
Nebraska Veterans Cemetery System	Veteran & Spouse
Nebraska Veterans Homes	Veteran, Spouse, Gold Star Parents
Nebraska Veterans Aid (NVA) Fund	Veteran, Spouse, & Dependents
DD-214 Repository	Veteran & Next of Kin
Military & Veterans' Registry	Veteran, Active Duty, Guard, Reserve
Waiver of Tuition	Spouse & Dependents
Reservist Tuition Credit	Active Selected Reserve Members
Vets Get Pets	Veteran

Nebraska Department of Revenue

Benefit

Who's Eligible

Homestead Exemption	Veteran, Surviving Spouse
Military Retirement Exemption	Veteran

Nebraska Game & Parks

Benefit

Who's Eligible

Veteran's Annual Small Game	Veteran
Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit	
Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit	Deployed Personnel
Permit For Deployed Military	(Upon Their Return to Nebraska)
Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Permit	Disabled Veteran
Nebraska Resident Disabled Veteran Vehicle Park Entry Permit	Disabled Veteran

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles

Benefit

Who's Eligible

Veteran Designator on Nebraska Driver License or State ID	Veteran
Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption	Disabled (10% service-connected or higher) or Blind Veteran
License Plates	
*Disabled Veteran	Disabled Veteran (10% service-connected or higher)
Ex-Prisoner of War	Ex-POW
*Purple Heart	Purple Heart Award Recipient
Military Honor	Veterans, Active Duty, Guard, Reserves
Gold Star Family	Families of Persons Who Died On Active Duty

*Available with or without International Wheelchair Symbol

Nebraska Department of Labor

Benefit

Who's Eligible

Priority of Service	Veteran & Spouse
Employment and Training Services	Veteran & Spouse



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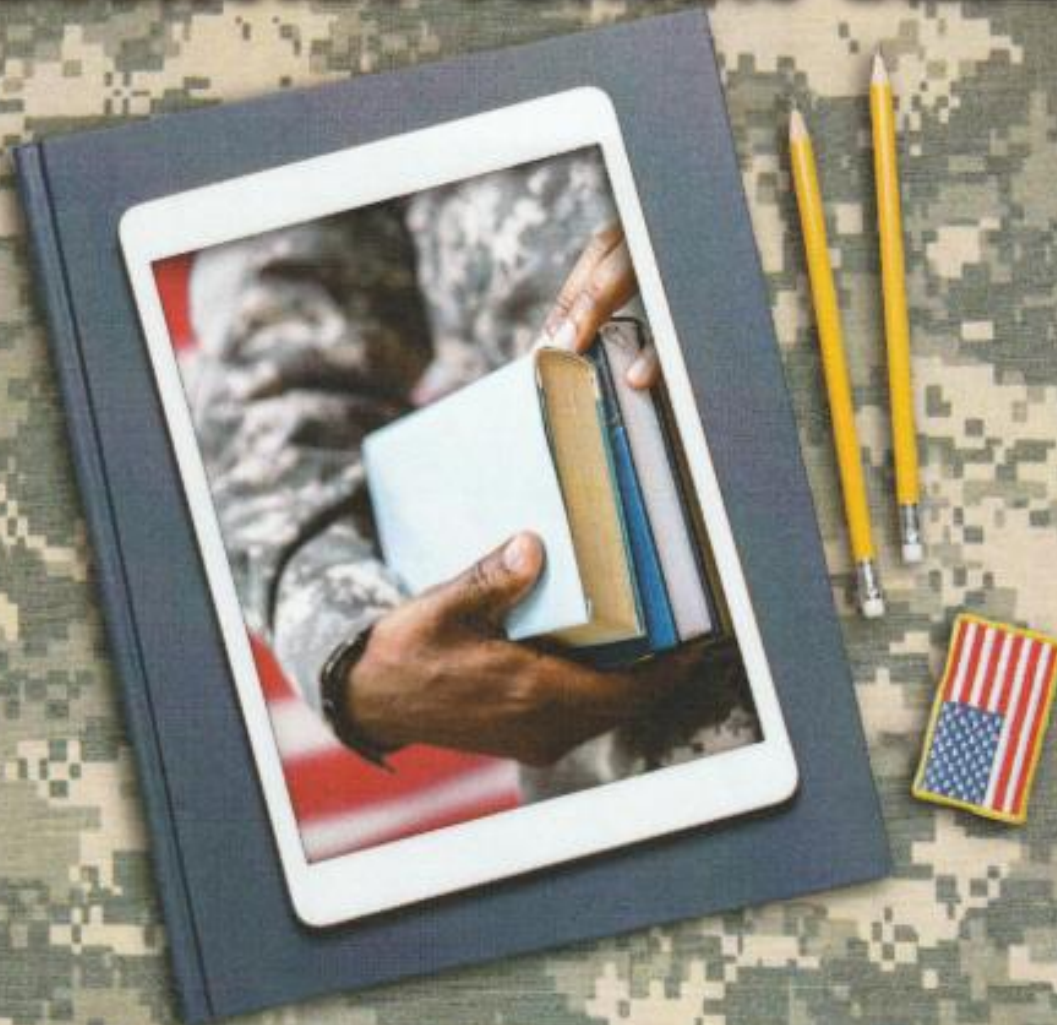
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RESERVIST TUITION CREDIT



**75% tuition credit for Nebraska residents
who are a member of a Nebraska-based
unit of the Active Selected Reserve**
**Learn more about program requirements at
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WAIVE 100% OF TUITION AND TUITION-RELATED FEES AT
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM
NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

LEARN MORE ABOUT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY AT
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Facing a financial emergency?

Nebraska Veterans Aid

could help.



Use NVA for

- Food
- Rent/Mortgage
- Utilities
- Eye Glasses
- Hearing Aids
- Dental Bills
- Medical Bills
- Transportation
- Daycare
- Funeral Expenses

For more information, contact your
County Veteran Service Officer or visit
veterans.nebraska.gov/nva



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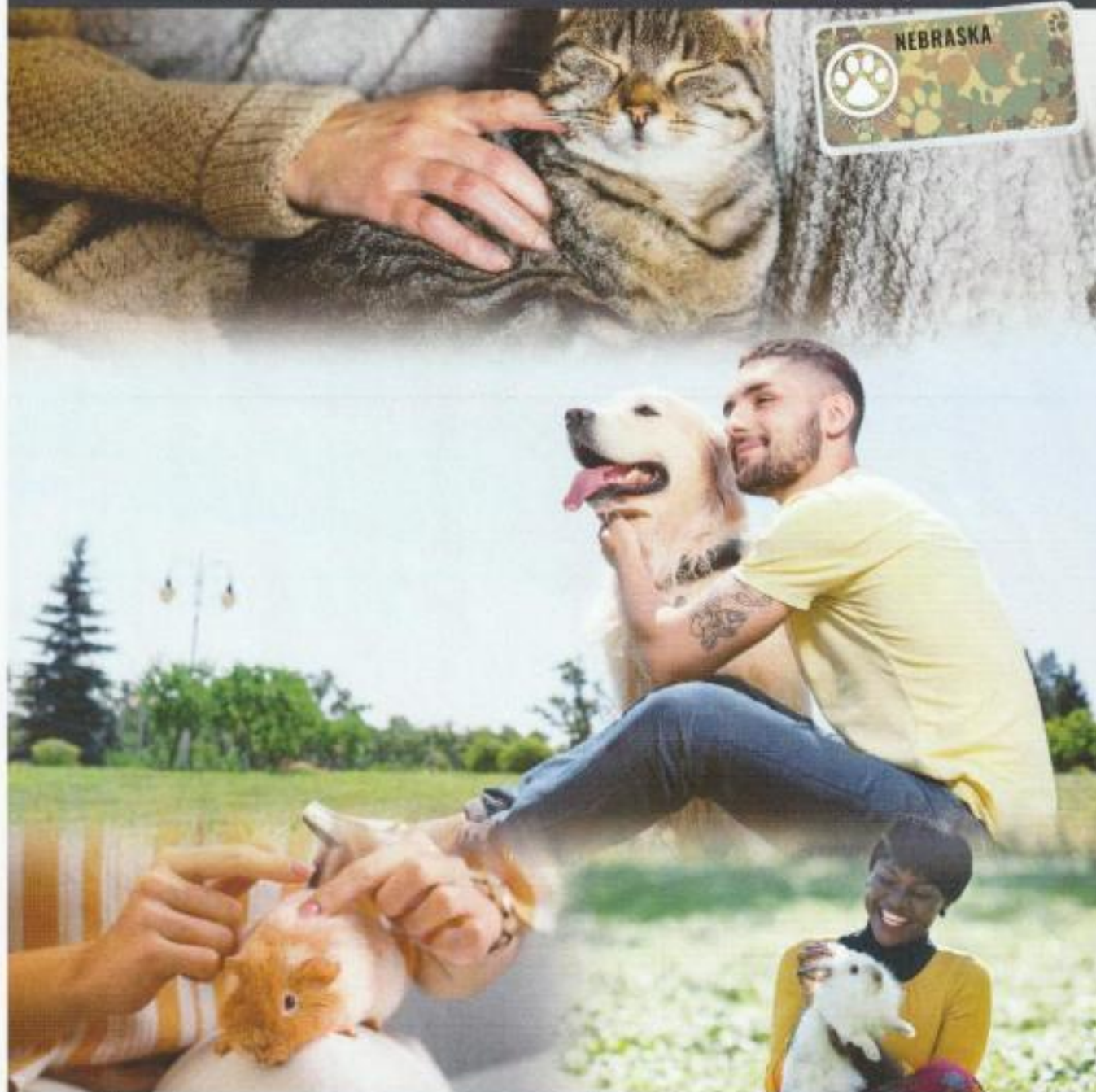
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LOOKING TO ADOPT A COMPANION ANIMAL? USE VETS GET PETS!



ELIGIBLE VETERANS CAN GET UP TO \$350 IN ADOPTION
EXPENSES COVERED THROUGH THE VETS GET PETS PROGRAM.



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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)	
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 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

LEGION Act

(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 2025, 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



American Legion Post 3

123 South 84th St. Suite L

Lincoln, NE 68510

(402) 466-3958

Email: Post3legionlincoln@gmail.com

[Web Site: lincolnpost3.org](http://lincolnpost3.org)

2025 - 2026 Post 3 Officers

Commander – Ron Hindmand – Cell: 254-291-1514

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

Second Vice Commander – John Ottoson – Cell: 402-314-8707

Adjutant – Stephen Fowles – Cell: 617-407-1841

Post Service Officer – Ed Schnabel – Cell: 402-480-8542

Chaplain – William Jackson – Cell: 402-613-9774

SAL Commander – Brendan Moore – Cell: 402-417-9586

SAL Adjutant – Fred Craigie – Cell: 402-499-0079

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