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Current Membership	520	As of Aug 2026
2027 Goal	893	58.2%

The voice of American Legion Post 3 and its family of veterans affiliated organizations in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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"Pledged to serve the disabled, the distressed, the widowed, and the orphaned. Devoted to the cause of service to the community, state and nation."

COMING EVENTS

September 2026

- 7 Labor Day
- 8 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 10 SAL Meeting
- 11 Patriot Day
- 15 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 17 Legion Riders Meeting
- 17 Salon 92 Meeting
- 22 First Day of Fall
- 26 Touch-A-Truck Event

October 2026

- 8 SAL Meeting
- 13 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 15 Legion Riders Meeting
- 15 Salon 92 Meeting
- 20 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 31 Halloween

November 2026

- 10 Post 3 / Unit 3 Meetings
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 SAL Meeting
- 15 Lincoln Veterans Parade
- 17 Voiture 103 / Salon 832 Meetings
- 19 Salon 92 Meeting
- 19 Legion Riders Meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving



LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

At our July meeting, we installed our Post 3 leadership for the 2026-2027 year. Thank you for again electing me as Post 3 Commander, Rich Lemmerman as 1st Vice, and John Ottoson as 2nd Vice. Additionally, Ed Schnabel was elected to a three-year term on our Executive Committee.

During this last quarter, Governor Pillen and the Nebraska Department of Veteran Affairs (NDVA) initiated a program to recognize Korean War veterans of Nebraska who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955. Additionally, they must be a current legal resident of Nebraska or demonstrate Nebraska residency at the time of entering service and must have been honorably discharged from the service.

On July 24th, the NDVA held a Korean War Veterans Recognition Ceremony at Memorial Stadium. This ceremony honored over 80 Nebraska Korean War veterans, including 10 Post 3 members. Governor Pillen personally presented Korean War challenge coins to each of these veterans. The program featured remarks by the Governor and the Republic of Korea Consulate General. Over 400 family members were in attendance, and it was a very professional ceremony.

The intent of the program is to present coins to every living Korean War veteran, estimated to be approximately 2,400 in Nebraska. Several of our Post 3 Korean War veterans have been presented these challenge coins at various other venues. We have sent letters to all of our Post 3 Korean War veterans (90+) informing them of ceremonies and options to receive coins.

Post 3 is proud to support this program. Please contact us if you are a Korean War era veteran, and we will assist in getting you a challenge coin. We have already participated in three ceremonies and presented coins directly to several of our Korean War veterans. We would like to see all of our eligible members receive these coins.

Our Honor Guard continued to support funerals this last quarter. Additionally, in August, our Honor Guard and Legion Riders supported the National American Legion Rider Legacy Run that began in Lincoln on August 23rd with a starting ceremony at the Harley-Davidson dealership adjacent to Department Headquarters --- and then a first-stop program at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum in Ashland. The Legacy Run ended later in the week at Ft. Knox, Kentucky; to coincide with the beginning activities of the American Legion's National Convention in Louisville.

My Summer was highlighted by vacation visits to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, and to Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. The library is unique as a Presidential Library in its use of Artificial Intelligence to impart history and allow individual participation. It is a beautiful facility.

Mount Rushmore is an awesome monument. The evening program there features patriotic music, historical commentary, a video presentation, lighting

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Commander Post #3
Ron Hindmand

of the four presidential sculptures, and culminating in a recognition of veterans, current service members and Gold Star Families on stage. I highly recommend both the Library and Mount Rushmore.

September is upon us, and our Post 3 meeting on September 8th is shaping up to include lots of information. Tentatively, both of our Junior Law Cadet Academy attendees will join us to tell us about their experiences. And, hopefully, we will have Dr. Charles Craft to provide feedback on how this year’s Dental Mission of Mercy (held August 28th and 29th) went. Also at our September meeting, we will present for consideration the budget for Post 3’s 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Of course, on September 26th, our “Touch-A-Truck” family event will be held, and we will be discussing and advertising it at our meeting.

Thanks to the work of many, our 2026 paid membership stands at just over 95% of our goal of 938 members. (You can still renew if you haven’t done so!) We are well into our 2027 Post 3 membership renewal process --- and are already over 58% of our 2027 goal of 893 members. This is a great start, but we have a long way to go. Please get those renewals completed online, or get your checks in the mail in response to the national renewal notifications.

Thank you for your continued loyalty to our Post and the American Legion!

For God and Country,
Ron Hindmand
Post 3 Commander

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Unit 3 members,
Fall is right around the corner, and we are getting ready for a new ALA year. Our unit has a new lineup of officers and ideas to share.

There is a slight chance that you'll be reading this before our September meeting. If the Lincoln Legionnaire landed in your mailbox in time, please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80, 5910 S 58th Street. If anyone needs a ride, let me or any one of our members know. We will arrange to have someone pick you up.



The department convention was held in Columbus the weekend of June 26-28, with three Unit 3 members attending. Unit Chaplain Jeannie Harris won first place for her prayer book. Congratulations to Jeannie! Great job, as always.

At the department convention, Vicki Cyboron was elected as our Department President. Doug Frahm was elected as Department Commander for the Department of Nebraska American Legion.

The National Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 28 -September 3.

The District 12 Fall Roundup will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Cornhusker Bank Lower Level Community Room, 8310 “O” Street, Lincoln. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM, with the meeting starting at 9:30 AM. Our Unit 3 will be hosting the Roundup this year.

Dues notices will be coming out soon. Please pay your dues in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please give Lynne Wild a call.

Thank you!

For God and Country,
Lori Gubser
President, Lincoln Unit 3

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The summer is just about over, and we will resume our meetings at the Post 3 office on 84th Street on the 10th of September.

Fred Craigie has sent out membership renewal notices, and we are off and running with that. So far, so good --- as we have had a couple of new members waiting in the wings to join. So, we have a good chance to have a 100% membership year again. Thanks to all those who have renewed already.

I have very recently learned that the Big 10 Blood Drive is going to happen again this year. From the time of this writing until early December, your blood donation will be counted. You must list Nebraska as the school to be credited. As I remember, they are again giving T-shirts for the donation.

The first year that Abbott offered one million dollars for the winner, I was able to donate three times because of the timing. I had just donated at the end of July, so I may only be able to donate twice this year.

I am looking forward to another successful year for the squadron. I hope to see more of you at our meetings.

Brendan Moore
SAL Squadron 3 Commander

ADJUTANT

Once again, it is time to let our members know what the office is doing. Membership is currently a little over 500 members paid for the 2026-2027 year. Thank you for your support.

If you have not yet paid your 2026 dues, you can still do that --- and keep intact your continuous years of service to this great organization that we all proudly support. Our honor guard has been busy with funerals honoring our deceased veterans and participating in other events for which our assistance was requested.

Events coming in the future will include the “Touch-a-Truck” event that will be held in conjunction with the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80. This event was a big hit last year where people could bring their families and take photos of vehicles, motorcycles, and other types of equipment. Attendees can also get information on the American Legion and the Elks and learn about what we do. This event will take place on September 26, 2026 at the Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 located at 5910 S 58th Street in Lincoln.

Our next Post 3 meeting will be September 8th, at 7:00 PM at the Elks Lodge 80.

Steve Fowles
Adjutant, Lincoln Post 3

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings, fellow Riders and Legion Family!
Once again, summer has been a busy one for your Lincoln Chapter 3 American Legion Riders! Lots of rides, supporting lots of parades, participating in ceremonies honoring departed heroes, a 1,000-mile ride around Nebraska, hosting the start point for the American Legion National Legacy Run, and a host of other activities.

Summer typically means a ton of parades in various communities in our area. We were represented at the Beatrice Homestead Days Parade, Weeping Water Limestone Day Parade, Seward 4th of July Grand Parade, Dwight Czech Festival Parade, Hickman Hay Days Parade, Wilber Czech Festival Parade, and the Milford Fun Days Parade.

I may have actually missed a couple that we attended. We also supported other fundraising activities in the form of poker runs sponsored by other organizations that support veterans.

We had several Riders participate in the Department of Nebraska American Legion Legacy Run Across Nebraska. This three-day, thousand (plus) mile adventure was a fundraising activity for the Department, and the proceeds were presented to the National Commander at the 2026 National Convention.

We also participated in the Flag Exchange at Scheels again this year, numerous Patriot Guard Rider missions and flag lines, and in Post 3’s Dignified Flag Retirement/Disposal Ceremony well, you get the picture. We have been pretty active!

As I write this article in mid-August, our annual Poker Run fundraiser is only ten days away and will have already happened by the time you read this. The proceeds this year will be split between the Veterans Mission of Mercy and the JAVALAN service dog project. Also, by the time you read this, Lincoln will have hosted the starting point for the annual American Legion National Legacy Run. Several Chapter 3 Riders participated in one or more days of that Run.

What an honor it is to represent Post 3 all around southeastern Nebraska and beyond!

Thank you for your support!

Until next time,

Ride (and Drive) Safe!

Bruce Gubser
ALR Director

STEVE BARTOS RECOGNIZED

At the Department Convention held in June, Post 3 Legionnaire Steve Bartos (post commander in 1984) was surprised with a Certificate of Appreciation presented by National Commander Dan Wiley of Kansas.

The certificate read — in part — *“Since October 13, 1988, his service on the Membership & Post Activities Committee has provided nearly four decades of leadership, institutional knowledge, and unwavering commitment to the growth and vitality of our organization. His contributions at the national level have helped shape policies, strengthen membership, and further the ideals of The American Legion throughout our communities, states, and nation.”*



In addition to serving on the Membership & Post Activities Committee, Bartos also serves as the Membership Chairman for the Department of Nebraska.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Each year, the Department of Nebraska presents a Citizenship Medal to one Legionnaire from each district. The recipients are selected by the district.

This year, at the Department Convention held in Columbus in June, the District 15 Citizenship Medal was presented to Ed Schabel.

Ed is a past Post 3 commander and just this year completed a 10=year stint as Post 3 Adjutant. Pictured is Ed receiving his medal from then-Department Commander Judy Walters.



COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC) LINCOLN, NE

September is Mental Health / Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

The Lincoln Clinic is asking local VSOs for support during the month, and the VSOs can have a table to display ways they support their fellow veterans. They cannot use the table as a means to recruit new members. VSOs can provide treats and coffee --- as long as they follow the VA guidelines.

Changes

I’ve noticed a few changes while at the Lincoln VA Clinic. There is a new counter as you enter the building, and it gives the greeters a place to sit while helping veterans fill out travel forms, etc.

Seating areas have been changed, and unused television cabinets have been removed.

After my last appointment, I was provided with a summary of my visit --- from the vitals taken by the nurse to a listing of upcoming VA appointments and a listing of current medications. It was nice to have it all provided on one or two sheets.

Identification Cards

The VA is still requesting veterans to update their VA Identification cards

If you received a notice from the Department of Veterans 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, etc.

Current Needs

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, coats, etc, as the needs come up during the year. Currently, there is a need for summer items.

Other items include small, travel-size, items that can fit into small hygiene kits



--- such as soaps, sun screen, hand towels, wet wipes, etc. Other items requested are handheld USB fans, USB cables, batteries, and box fans.

Clinics / hospitals can always use books, magazines, etc. for patients. You would need to check with your local hospital / clinic / 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.

Flu Shots and Covid Shots

Flu shots and Covid shots are now being given to those with appointments --- as well as to walk-ins. When you have an appointment, you will be asked if you wish a flu or Covid shot, or need 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.

Finance Office

If you receive a statement from the VA for co-payments, remember that most CBOCs do not have finance offices. If you have a billing question, you need to call the number that is listed on your statement. Mail payments 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.

Mask Requirements

Currently, 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

Express Care is a walk-in service for those who wish to have a nurse check out minor items. Times might be different at your local clinic, so give them a call and see if they offer Express Care (walk in) service.

This care is available to those who might wish to see a VA nurse without an appointment during normal hours. The Lincoln Clinic treats about 300 patients a month as walk-ins.

VA Claims

With the signing of the PACT Act, more veterans have become eligible for services --- not only for those whose service was “boots on the ground,” but for anyone who has served since the Gulf War.

If you have any questions, call your local county or state service officer (or registered VSO). It only takes a few minutes to see if you might qualify for an increased or a new VA disability rating.

Veterans Affairs Website / My Healthy Vet Website

The Veterans Affairs websites are great places 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.

The My Healthy Vet site allows you to set up an account where you can view your VA medical records, track your meds, order meds, or contact your VA medical providers. It Is a quick and easy way to see notes on your latest appointment and track your upcoming appointments.

If you need help getting onto the VA website / My Healthy Vet, see it your CBOC has a VA staff member assigned to help you. The CBOC Education office in Lincoln is located just east of the main entrance. Most of these offices have limited hours, so check their schedule when you are at your clinic.

Patient Advocates

The Lincoln Clinic does not currently have a Patient Advocate on site. If you need to talk to an Advocate, you will need to contact their office by phone. There are numbers to call, based on your question, posted on the door of the Advocate Office in the Lincoln Clinic.

Open Positions

The Lincoln CBOC is trying to fill two open staff positions --- a Podiatrist and a

Nurse Practitioner or Nurse to provide foot care for veterans in the Lincoln area.

Want to Serve Your Fellow Veterans?

There are many ways to serve them. The VA system has need of volunteers. The local clinics or hospitals can always use volunteers for greeters or escorts.

A food drive at the Lincoln CBOC to collect food items for homeless veterans in our area is still ongoing. Items requested are shelf-ready items, power bars, easy-to-open items (pull tabs), etc. Please do not bring in food items that are past their expiration date --- they must be thrown away. A can opener would be nice. There are a few requests for food items that need to be cooked, such as canned vegetables, baked beans, etc.

Other items that our homeless veterans could use are hygiene care items. They should be a small size that would fit easily into a backpack.

Household cleaning supplies are requested by those with limited incomes.

Volunteer Services has a list of the most requested items. In Lincoln, they can be reached by calling 402-486-7938 or emailing Ty. Andrews@va.gov..

Volunteering

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

Hours given by the volunteers are credited with saving the VA facilities at Omaha, Lincoln, and Grand Island 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.

Service Animals

Only trained service animals should be brought into a VA Health clinic / hospital. Trained service dogs, etc. that qualify under DAV requirements are always welcome. Other pets / comfort dogs, etc., 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 your fellow veterans --- and thanks for your service to this great country.

Ed Schnabel
American Legion Representative

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2026, Post 3 installed elected officers for the 2026-2027 year. Fred Craigie served as the installing officer.

Current Commander Ron Hindmand was installed for a second term. Other officers installed were:

- 1st Vice Commander --- Rich Lemmerman
- 2nd Vice Commander --- John Ottoson
- Executive Committeeman (3-year term) --- Ed Schnabel



DIGNIFIED FLAG RETIREMENT

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

The approved method of disposing of unserviceable flags has long been to destroy them by burning. The purpose of The American Legion in adopting this ceremony was to encourage proper respect for the flag of the United States and to provide for the disposal of unserviceable flags in a dignified manner.

On Saturday, July 18th, after a short Flag Retirement Ceremony, members of Post 3 conducted a Dignified Flag Retirement at Dave Timmerman’s acreage. In less than an hour, an estimated 1,500 flags were retired.

Thanks to all who helped --- especially Dave Timmerman, who provided the facility, burn barrels, set up, tear down, and clean up. Also participating were Pam Umphenour, Bruce Gubser, Gerry Wolf, Rich Lemmerman, John Ottoson, Steve Fowles, Ed Schnabel, Fred Craigie, and Steve Bartos.



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE

After having built and operated out of an office building at 56th and P Street since 1963, the department headquarters relocated to a newer and larger building at 150 NW 40th Street in early 2023. The Nebraska American Legion Family held a special open house and dedication at the Department Headquarters in Lincoln on Saturday, June 20, 2026.



About a dozen Post 3 Legionnaires attended the open house. Among them were Korean War veterans Robert Ruyle and Curt Sanford. While there, they received from then-Commander Judy Walters their Korean War Veterans Challenge Coins, which are currently being awarded by Governor Pillen and the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs.



CORRECTION

Recognized in the last issue of the Lincoln Legionnaire for having received a 50-Year Continuous Membership Certificate, Richard Wegener should have been identified as a Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran who served in the United States Army,



AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 FAMILY



LINCOLN ELKS NO. 80

5910 South 58th Street, Lincoln

Elks Care - Elks Share

Touch-A-Truck

A FAMILY EVENT

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

FREE ENTRY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES

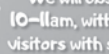
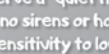
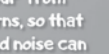
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

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.



















































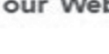
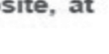












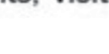
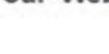
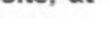
























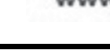


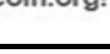






















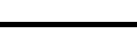








































































































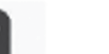


































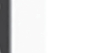




































































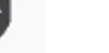






































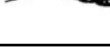














**20TH ANNIVERSARY
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
LEGACY RUN**

Beginning in 2006, the American Legion Riders have held a fund-raising ride each summer from some location in the United States to or near the city hosting the National Convention of the American Legion. Since 2006, The American Legion Legacy Run has raised \$16 million for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. These funds have provided over \$6.2 million in scholarships to support children who lost a parent in active military service on or after September 11, 2001, or whose post-9/11 parent has a VA disability rating of 50% or higher.

The Legacy Scholarship Fund has become self-sustaining for the foreseeable future, and the Legacy Run expanded its mission in 2024 to begin fundraising for The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) to continue meeting the evolving needs of veterans, service members, and their families.

Lincoln Post 3 and the Department of Nebraska were very excited when they learned that the 2026 Legacy Run to Ft. Knox and Louisville, Kentucky would begin on August 23rd from Lincoln, Nebraska. Legionnaires from both Post 3 and the Department of Nebraska helped coordinate with and assist Riders and staff at the national level to make sure the Run got off to a good start. The Post 3 Color Guard presented the colors at a briefing for Riders held at Towers’ Frontier Harley-Davidson on Saturday, August 22nd and at the Run’s first stop on Sunday morning when a ceremony was held at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum near Ashland.

About 250 Riders, including Post 3 member Bruce Gubser, departed Lincoln promptly at 7:30 AM on Sunday, August 23rd. The Run ended 5 days later at the General George Patton Museum of Leadership at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.



Legacy Run Banner



Nebraska Legionnaires welcomed about 250 Riders and numerous other Legionnaires and staff to the Department Headquarters --- located immediately Adjacent to Towers’ Frontier Harley-Davidson.



Towers’ Frontier Harley-Davidson



Bikes!!



More bikes!!



And still more bikes!



Riders briefing held on Saturday afternoon.



Department Commander Doug Frahm welcomed Riders to NE.



Past National Commander Mike Helm, a strong supporter of the Veterans & Children Foundation, addressed the briefing and related his experiences riding in the Legacy Run the year he was National Commander.



An assistant coach and several members of the American Legion World Series Championship baseball team --- Lincoln’s own Carpet Land Post 500 Rugs --- were introduced. They expressed their appreciation to the American Legion and were properly applauded.



Bruce Gubser awaits the start of the Run



Riders gathered at dawn on Sunday for a 7:30 AM departure.



The Ride kicks off!!



The Legacy Run approaches the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum.



The Riders stopped at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum for a group picture, tour, and ceremony. The Post 3 Color Guard presented and retired the colors.

RECRUIT A MEMBER FOR POST 3
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Yes! I want to help my community and my fellow veterans by becoming a member of the American Legion. I certify that I have at least one day of active military duty during one of the periods identified below and was honorably discharged --- or am still serving honorably. Enclosed is my check made out to
"American Legion Post 3" for \$56. (Effective 7-1-2024 for 2025 membership year)
Please fill out the information requested below and submit your application and payment to:

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

Eligibility Periods (Check One)

- ☐ April 6, 1917 thru November 11, 2018
☐ December 7, 1941 thru the present
☐ Merchant Marine: December 7, 1941 thru December 31, 1946

FOR DEMOGRAPHIC PURPOSES (Please check)

- | DATES OF SERVICE | BRANCH OF SERVICE |
|---|---|
| ☐ April 6, 1917 – November 11, 2018 | ☐ US ARMY |
| ☐ December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 | ☐ US NAVY |
| ☐ June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955 | ☐ US AIR FORCE |
| ☐ February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 | ☐ US MARINE |
| CORPS | |
| ☐ August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984 | ☐ US COAST GUARD |
| ☐ December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990 | ☐ US SPACE FORCE |
| ☐ August 2, 1990 – PRESENT | ☐ US MERCHANT |
| MARINE | |
| ☐ Other Conflicts (LEGION ACT) | |

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
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BE THE ONE
LEGION

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 107th National Convention of the American Legion was held August 28 – September 3, 2026 at the Kentucky International Convention Center located in Louisville, Kentucky.

With a delegate strength of about 1,700 members, up to 3,400 delegates and alternates met to conduct the business of the American Legion. About 30 delegates and alternates, including Post 3 members Fred Craigie and Steve Bartos, represented Nebraska.

Jay Bowen, from the Department of Colorado, was elected national commander for the 2026-2027 American Legion year.



The Ohio River reaches its widest point just north of downtown Louisville, measuring one mile across as it separates Kentucky from Indiana. Paddle-wheel riverboats still travel the river --- primarily for excursions.



Fred Craigie and Steve Bartos attended their respective meetings of the Internal Affairs Commission and the National Membership and Post Activities Committee.

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