

**POST &
AUXILIARY
MEETINGS**
3RD Thursday
both 7 p.m.

Benson VFW Post 2503
JANUARY 2022
www.VFWPost2503.org
(402)-571-8397

**Honor Guard
Meeting**
2nd Thursday
every month
7:00 pm



POST 2503 OFFICERS 2021-2022
Commander: Larry Quilliam
Sr. Vice Commander: Al Dorn
Jr. Vice Commander: Sharon Cooper
Quartermaster: Dan Raabe
Chaplain: Dennis Kerr
Surgeon: Jim Sorensen
Judge Advocate: Tom Penke
Officer of the Day: Mike Rosso
Adjutant: Leigh Freeman
Guard: Ron Karm
Service Officer: Bob Brown



AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2021-2022
President: Micky Dorn
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Conductress: Marcia Jones
Guard: Mary Quilliam
Patriotic Instructor: Luanne Rosso

From the Commander

Greetings to you all!

I hope this newsletter finds you ready for the New Year! **SAVE THE DATE!! April 29, 2022!** The Post has already started work on the preparations for its 90th Birthday celebrations the weekend of April 29, 2022! Last December 2020 a committee was formed to start planning for the upcoming celebrations! Part of that planning was to rejuvenate the Post building. The North and South rooms have been completed just leaving the canteen. You will notice that in the upcoming weeks and months, there will be volunteers working in the canteen starting with painting and replacement of ceiling tiles. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters and website postings regarding the big birthday party celebration in April 2022!

I would like to take a moment and briefly talk about the benefits of being a VFW member. Did you know all VFW members have access to 1) exclusive insurance and life planning products; 2) Cell phone plans; 3) Auto Rental; 4) Hotels and entertainment; 5) Financial planning; 6) Medical Services; 7) Technology and electronics; 8) Retail Discounts; 9) Travel Planning; 10) Transitioning to Civilian Life; 11) VFW Store; and 12) End of Life Services? For more details go to www.vfw.org. or come see your Commander, Larry Quilliam.

Darts starts Saturday January 8th at 12:30 with the Sons of AMVETS sponsoring a Tournament for \$10 per person. New dart machines that look great and add many new games. Should be great fun. We start the league the following Tuesday at 7 PM. Practice now at the Post. All team games are a random draw, so everyone has a chance to win. Skill is not a requirement. Breakfast at the Post will be Sunday the 9th starting at 8 AM. Always a good hot breakfast perfect for the winter season. We really enjoy those who come by so don't miss it.

We really need new members to join to continue to add more events at the Post. Supporting Veterans is our mission, and we encourage all veterans to take advantage of our Post and reach out to others to join. We have accomplished a lot this year and want to keep the momentum going.

Larry Quilliam VFW Post 2503 Commander

From the Auxiliary President

Happy NEW YEAR Auxiliary and Post!

Membership: **FOUR** New members last month. Welcome and hope to see you often. Please come to the meeting at 7 PM, January 20, 2022.

Goodie bags and Good Wishes were delivered to our Veterans Independent Living residences and hospitals. The elves also delivered hats, scarves, blankets and Christmas goodies all over town!

Coming Attraction: **Special BREAKFAST!!** On Sunday, January 30th the Auxiliary is having a breakfast with a choice of entrées, a choice of meat and more! 8:30-11:30am Thanks to you all for donating to the Auxiliary desserts and ice cream treats! We will continue in 2022. Please call me to donate a dessert and/or to help serve from 5 to 7:30 pm any Hamburger Night Wednesday.

Let us know if you have ideas for the coming year.

So many thanks to our members for all the work in 2021.

Your auxiliary is working.

Respectfully submitted,

Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075



**TWO KOREAN WAR US MARINES and
LONG-TIME VFW POST 2503 HONOR GUARD MEMBERS:
Marion Charron and Danny Lang**

VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Recognizes up-and-coming artists and encourages patriotism in youth

The contest consists of students in **grades 9-12**.
First-place winner from each Department (state) advances to
the National contest and competes for one of 12 National
awards totaling \$33,000.

National Scholarships: First Place – \$15,000; Second Place – \$7,500; Third Place –
\$3,500; Fourth and Fifth Place – \$1,500; Sixth Place – \$1,000; Seventh through
Twelfth Place – \$50.

Entries and a typed explanation of the entry are due to local
VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2022.

Contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at
503-810-1216 or
maddog.528@aol.com

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! Singing “The Star-Spangled Banner”

The contest consists of two grade divisions: **K-8 and 9-12**.
\$500 National Prize

There is one National winner in each grade division, with
awards for first, second and third place in each grade division.
Video entries and signed entry forms are due to local VFW
Auxiliary by March 31, 2022.

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Illustrating America Art contest

The contest consists of three grade divisions:
K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

There is one National winner in each grade division, and
awards for first, second, and third place in each grade division.
The first, second and third place in each grade division will be
displayed at National Convention.

Entries are due to a local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2022

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Continuing Education Scholarship Pursue a College Degree or Career at a Vocational/Technical School

Applicant must be **18 years of age or older**

Applicant **must** be one of the following: 1) Current VFW Auxil-
iary Member; 2) Spouse of current VFW Auxiliary Member;
or 3) Son or daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in
each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences.

Entries are due to national VFW Auxiliary
by February 15, 2022

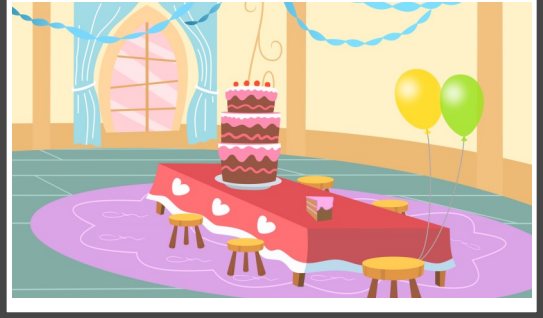
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ROOM RENTALS at VFW POST 2503

NEW RATES: NORTH ROOM . . .
\$700
SOUTH ROOM
\$600

Contact Geri Brown at 402-943-9067 to
reserve your date. Spread the word to
your friends and family.

The Post's rooms look great decorated
for weddings, birthdays, and graduation
parties.



This is the M-1
Garand Rifle,
the standard U.S.
service rifle
during World
War II and the
Korean War. And
it performed a
limited service
role in the
Vietnam War.
Join the Post
2503 Honor
Guard to fire this
rifle, providing
Military Honors
for our country's
deceased
veterans.



MOVING VETERANS FORWARD

for JANUARY!

Not asking for donations this month for MVF.

They are taking a week off and Foster Care Visits are on hold for a bit due to COVID. Thank you for all your support in 2021.

Questions?

Please contact Kathy Raabe kfr14819@cox.net OR (402) 392-0210

Thank you all for your continued generosity. Your donations are making a difference for Veterans.

BREAKFAST AT THE POST SUNDAYS: JANUARY 9th & 30th



DART TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th,
12:30 pm
\$10 Entry Fee**



VFW POST 2503 OUTREACH UPDATE

50 Mile March Recruitment Briefing

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022, 11:00 AM,

VFW Post 2503,8904 Military Rd., Omaha.

Calling all walkers, volunteers, crew, sponsors for THE 50 Mile March taking place in 2022. This walk benefits Moving Veterans Forward and Guitars for Vets.

This is our first meeting for The 50 Mile March in August.

You should attend if you are interested in walking, volunteering, sponsoring, or just want to get involved.

There will be many people from years prior and a full informational meeting to answer all the questions you may have. Due to limited space, RSVP asap to Jay Miralles, Ron Hernandez, Taylor Frye Ullom, or Kathy Raabe.

SAVE THE DATE !

APRIL 29th

VFW POST 2503 90th BIRTHDAY



POST CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



A popular phrase on FACEBOOK says, "I'm spiritual."

It's significantly different from "I'm faithful."

The difference is much more than fast-food versus a home-cooked meal.

Being faithful is more like sharing that home-cooked meal with a stranger in need.

Faith is not about having the correct opinions about everything all the time. For instance, I have ALOT of opinions on the correct way to perform religious services. I sometimes even fall into the temptation of justifying my opinions with scripture. For instance, I don't like overhead projectors in worship. But if I wrote off every church that used them, along with all my other opinions, I could not find anyone to worship God with... ever. And that is hardly being faithful.

The Marine motto, *Semper Fi*, tells us of those who are always faithful. There's something to learn there.

While other nations and groups abuse religion to create martyrs, we have a simple and faithful trust in our Marine friends to help protect our freedom.

My new year's resolution is to be watchful and mindful of all the little ways people are faithful, even when they are spiritual or not.

And I wish everyone a happy and faithful new year.

Dennis Kerr, Post Chaplain

REV ROD'S MESSAGE OF INSPIRATION

I. C. U. : INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY or the school of hard knocks.

We need to improve our physical and emotional health. Hopefully, you can de-clutter your surroundings (as I have with both sides of my wonderful family) by giving much needed help to others.

For example, I can be a better Alzheimer's caregiver to my wife.

Recently, I was viewing former Kansas Senator Bob Dole's funeral. One of Senator Dole's words of wisdom was that people need to work together as one, standing up for what is right for America.

1 Timothy 4:8: Physical exercise has value, but spiritual exercise is much more important: for it promises a reward in this life and the next. The physical acts of kindness to the poor and giving a helping hand to folks down on their luck also help us spiritually:

if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.






Give what you can to a fund for those folks whose lives have been devastated by recent storms and tornados.

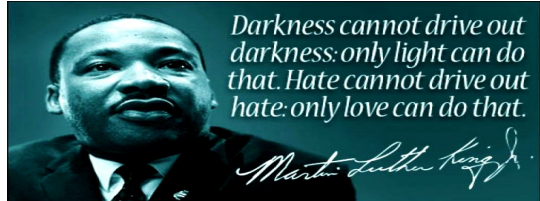
Hopeful blessings for the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Rod

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KITCHEN NEWS for JANUARY KITCHEN MANAGER NEEDED FOR EVERY HAMBURGER NIGHT VOLUNTEERS FOR KITCHEN, SERVING, BUSING, TAKING OUT TRASH & CLEAN-UP Please contact Linda at 531-205-5641 or Commander Larry at the Post. Thank you !						
SUNDAY Post Closed VFW POST 2503 2503 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS THROUGH JANUARY	MONDAY Post Closed	TUESDAY Post Open	WEDNESDAY Post Open	THURSDAY Post Open	FRIDAY Post Open	SATURDAY Post Open
9 VFW POST 2503 breakfast 8 am to NOON OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Room Rentals Available	10  DR. KING DAY	11  DART LEAGUE BEGINS 7 PM <i>Thank good!</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	12 Hamburger Night BROASTED CHICKEN Crew—Jerry Becker	13 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm 172nd Trans 7:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00pm	14 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	15  DART TOURNAMENT 12:30 pm \$10 fee Room Rentals Available
16 Room Rentals Available	17  DR. KING DAY	18  US COAST GUARD 7 PM	19 Hamburger Night BAKED SPAGHETTI Crew—Shirley Schaefer	20 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm POST/Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza	21 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	22 Room Rentals Available
23 Room Rentals Available	24	25 <i>Thank good!</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	26 Hamburger Night MEAT LOAF Crew—Pat Petersen	27 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	28 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	29 Room Rentals Available
30 VFW POST 2503 opens for AUXILIARY BREAKFAST 8:30 am to 11:30 am OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Room Rentals Available	31					



Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.



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- DART TOURNAMENT**
- DART LEAGUE BEGINS**
- SUNDAY BREAKFASTS**
- 50 MILE MARCH**

From Your Honor Guard Captain Dan Raabe
MILITARY RITES: NOVEMBER 2021

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
11/01/2021 Miloni, Anthony	Omaha National	7	21
11/02/2021 Pazderka, William	Calvary	5	15
11/08/2021 Berg, John	Heafy Chapel	8	24
11/08/2021 Jones, Dennis	Omaha National	8	24
11/12/2021 Julnancy, John	Omaha National	9	27
11/13/2021 Carstens, Robert	Ressurrection	8	24
11/13/2021 Hilmes, Edward Jr.	2nd Advent Church	8	24
11/15/2021 Zimmerman, Darrell	Springfield Cmtry	9	27
11/17/2021 Goodman, Elizabeth	St. Johns	9	27
11/18/2021 Ball, Howard	Omaha National	7	21
11/19/2021 Tunner, Charles	Omaha National	11	33
11/19/2021 Redel, Gary	Flower Hill	9	27
11/20/2021 Riley, Richard	Forest Lawn	8	24
11/23/2021 Barber, Bryan	Ressurrection	7	21
11/24/2021 Hoenman, Elmer	Westlawn	9	27
11/26/2021 Schroder, Dennis	Omana National	7	21
11/27/2021 Swertman, James	Mary Our Queen	7	21
11/30/2021 Stratbucker, Robert	Westlawn	9	27
* Post Member			

Months' Total: 18 Funerals, 145 Member Participation, 435 Hours

EVENTS

11/05/2021 Immanuel Courtyard Present Colors	6	18
11/06/2021 Bellevue Veterans Day Parade	8	24
11/06/2021 Mount Hope Cmtry Lost Brothers Run	4	12
11/10/2021 Lakeside Village Present Colors	4	12

Months' Total: 4 Events, 22 Member Participation, 66 Hours




November 2021
All of our brave brothers
And sisters
who have
Passed before us.

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NOTICE: All articles should be in the Newsletter Box, IN WRITING, at the Post no later than SATURDAY, JANUARY 22nd, for the FEBRUARY Newsletter. If articles are not submitted by the deadline, they will have to wait for the next newsletter. *Thank you.*

The Post is selling Memorial Bricks around the memorial walk and flag. Memorial Bricks are being sold by Post 2503 to be put around the outside of the Memorial flag pole. These bricks will cost \$60.00 each. They will be for VFW, Auxiliary, AMVET & Auxiliary members, their families, and people they sponsor. They will be ordered once a year on April 1st, for installation by Memorial Day each year. Max 16 spaces per line, 3 lines, and cost \$60.00 per brick.



Name _____

Phone # _____

WORDS ON BRICK

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