

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

## Benson VFW Post 2503

### FEBRUARY 2022

[www.VFWPost2503.org](http://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  
Sr. Vice President: Linda Humphrey  
Jr. Vice President: Jan Davis  
Treasurer: Sue Stark  
Secretary: Luanne Rosso  
Chaplain: Nora Van Cleave  
Conductress: Marcia Jones  
Guard: Mary Quilliam  
Patriotic Instructor: Luanne Rosso



### FINAL PRINT ISSUE FOR MAIL DELIVERY

Printing and mailing costs need to be reduced. If you receive our monthly newsletter by mail and are willing to receive it by email, please call me with your email address. Just leave a message if I don't answer. I moved here from the West Coast four years ago and kept my cell phone number which is why the area code does not start with "402." Looking forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

*Larry Quilliam*, Post 2503 Commander **PLEASE CALL (503)-970-7061**

#### From the Commander

Greetings to you all!

Let's have a Super Bowl party at the Post on February 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 PM! Bring a desert and soup/chili along with \$5 for each dish and we will have a contest on which is best. You will all get a chance to taste and vote on each item and the winner takes home the pot. Two winners, best desert, and best warm dish. Should be a great game and a fun time at your Post.

Remember, the 13<sup>th</sup> will be a full breakfast at the Post with bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, juice, and coffee. A great way to start your Super Bowl Sunday. We will start at 8 AM and end at noon.

Those using our Post regularly have seen the improvements to your Post over the last year. Please be generous in our annual building fund drive as we are very close to completing our Post improvements. Remember our drawing will be on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

As we move ahead this year, plan on attending our events and take full advantage of your Post. Follow our calendar on our web page at <https://vfwpost2503.org> Now that we have refreshed our building, it is time for our members to use our building. It was our intention to make our Post welcoming to as many as possible. Whether it is a weekly dinner, a special event, or a place to meet with friends you should be using and enjoying our Post. Remember, family and friends are always welcome.

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#### From the Auxiliary President

Happy Valentine's Day,

Thank you to all annual members who paid your dues by Dec 31. Annual members who have not paid your annual dues by June 30, 2022, will lose all benefits (cancer grants, scholarships, etc.). You will need to reapply as a new member after that date.

PLEASE: Notify us of a change in name, phone, or address. Forms will be in the Canteen or call me.

Scholarship applications are due ASAP. Deadlines are coming in March! Call me! I will direct you to the Scholarship chairman for this year, Mary Quilliam. Come join us on Wednesday Hamburger Nights. We will continue to have desserts available for donations. Choose a Wednesday to donate pies, cakes, or desserts, or mostly we need a helper every week to serve and to help me.

Donations from desserts are going to the Veteran/Family Relief Fund. We are supporting our local veteran programs with these contributions. The auxiliary is so grateful for your generous support of our programs this year!

Thank you for coming to our Auxiliary Breakfast!

We are planning some spring fun! Stay tuned for our plans!

Respectfully submitted,

Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

### From the Commander

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We are really excited to be working with Jay Miralles on the 50 Mile March from Lincoln to Omaha in August. Over the next few months, they will be using our Post as a meeting place to organize the event and the volunteers. The march last year raised over \$100,000 that has all been given to veterans in need. If you are interested in getting involved with this very special organization please do so!

We are missing out on too many eligible veterans who are not regularly attending our Post. If you know of any veterans please encourage them to come to our Post. The more we have, the more we can help our veterans in need, the more we have influence in our community and the VFW, and the more type of events we can have at the Post you want. Word of mouth is the most powerful way to attract new members, so please talk to as many as you can.

We want all veterans enjoying our Post!

Larry Quilliam VFW Post 2503 Commander

### 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.



**SUPERBOWL PARTY AT THE POST  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, CANTEEN OPENS 4 PM  
BIG SCREEN TV, GAMES, RAFFLES**

### **VFW POST 2503 HONOR GUARD Lost Two Members in January**



**JAY DONOHO USAF**



**DANNY LANG USMC**



### **REV ROD MESSAGE OF HOPE**

Good ol' Charlie was sitting at the local tavern bar when a good looking woman came in. Out of the blue she asked him for a dinner date. Of course, he replied. But she had to return to her hotel to change her clothes, and she asked Charlie to accompany her.

While she dressed in the bathroom, Charlie noticed the knob of the hotel room door was turning. Her boyfriend charged in and Charlie went feet first out the window. Holding on to the sill, Charlie had hot scalding water poured on him, and then the window was slammed down on his hands.

But all that wasn't so bad, according to Charlie. What was worse, Charlie said, was when he looked down to see that he was just a couple of feet from the ground.

Try to make Valentine's Day a month-long event and beyond!  
With love,  
Rev Rod

## **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](mailto: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.

Contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at 503-810-1216 or [maddog.528@aol.com](mailto:maddog.528@aol.com)

### **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) VFW Auxiliary 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

Contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at 503-810-1216 or [maddog.528@aol.com](mailto:maddog.528@aol.com)

## **VFW POST 2503 OUTREACH UPDATE**

50 Mile Walk is now holding planning meetings at our Post. They currently represent Moving Veterans Forward and Guitars for Vets. We will partner with 50MW for fundraising and other support through 2022.

Keep up to date with all the news to come. Together, we will provide assistance for more Veterans than ever!



## **MOVING VETERANS FORWARD**

for FEBRUARY!

For Foster Visits with Veterans & kids: Fritos, Potato Chips, Goldfish, all small bags. We need pudding cups, Jello, etc. The Auxiliary is purchasing Lunchables for the kids.

Popcorn and the popcorn butter oil for the popcorn machine. Can be donated as well.

Questions?

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

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




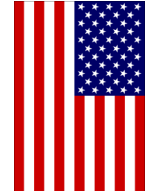
## **FROM THE JR-VICE COMMANDER**

The committee I am on for the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial is beginning to collect recorded interviews. The interviews will be sent to the Library of Congress and will be available on the NVVM website. Any Vietnam veteran who is interested in being interviewed should contact me. The interviews are being done at Bellevue University now on Fridays. Later we will have the ability to do interviews at Post 2503, Immanuel Village, or other places we have groups of Vietnam veterans. They can call me at 402-492-9004, text to 402 676-5253 or e-mail to [<purplebelt@cox.net>](mailto:purplebelt@cox.net) We will be collecting names and calling when we have an opening. Presently, we schedule 3 interviews each Friday.

Thanks,  
Sharon  
Cooper



# FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>KITCHEN NEWS for FEBRUARY</b> <b>KITCHEN MANAGER NEEDED FOR EVERY HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 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 !						
<b>VFW POST 2503 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY</b>		<i>mmm good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	2 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>SHRIMP BASKET</b> Crew—Cabin Crew	3 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm <i>mmm good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW	4 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	5 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>
6 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>		<i>mmm good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	9 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>TURKEY POT PIE</b> Crew—The Bayers	10 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm 172nd Trans 7:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00pm <i>mmm good!</i> – Pizza	11 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	12 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>
13 <u>BREAKFAST 8 am to NOON</u> <b>RE-OPEN AT 4PM FOR THE SUPER-BOWL</b> 	14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15 <b>BOB FIELDS BAND</b> 	16 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK</b> Crew—Am Legion #112	17 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm <b>POST/Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm PP/VD AWARDS</b> House Comm Meeting @6:00pm	18 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	19 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>
20 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>	21  PRESIDENT'S DAY	<i>mmm good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	23 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>SALISBURY STEAK</b> Crew—Jerry Becker	24 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm <b>MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm</b> <i>mmm good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	25 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	26 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>
27 <b>Room Rentals Available</b>	28					

**HAPPY Valentine's DAY**



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**SEE INSIDE FOR:**  
**SUPERBOWL PARTY**  
**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**  
**50 MILE MARCH**  
**ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

*From Your Honor Guard Captain Dan Raabe*  
**MILITARY RITES: DECEMBER 2021**

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
12/01/2021 Walsh, Thomas	Resurrection	12	36
12/01/2021 Radermacher, Cyril	Omaha National	12	36
12/02/2021 Smith, Buddy	Evergreen	8	24
12/03/2021 Wilson, Harley	Westlawn	8	24
12/09/2021 McCree, Richard	Omaha National	11	33
12/10/2021 McNulty, Charles	Omaha National	10	30
12/14/2021 Schnider, Greg	Omaha National	8	24
12/20/2021 Kellogg, Kermit	Mount Hope	7	21
12/21/2021 * Baughman, Brad	Omaha National	6	18
12/21/2021 Millsap, Thomas	Heafy Chapel	8	24
12/22/2021 Torres, Fermarch	Westlawn	8	24
12/27/2021 * Downey, Larry	Omaha National	10	30
12/27/2021 Beck, Charles	Omaha National	8	24
12/28/2021 * Fornoff, Ray	Springfield Cemetery	9	27
12/29/2021 Jones, Myron	Westlawn	8	24
12/30/2021 Giebler, Dale	Omaha National	8	24
12/30/2021 Nelson, Jonathan	Omaha National	8	24
* Post Member			

Months' Total: 17 Funerals, 149 Member Participation, 447 Hours

**EVENTS**

12/09/2021	Honor Guard Photos	18	54
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Months' Total: 1 Events, 18 Member Participation, 54 Hours

**DECEMBER 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, FEBRUARY 19th, for the MARCH 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 memorials for living or deceased people. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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