

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

## Benson VFW Post 2503

**MARCH 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*  
*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*

### From the Commander

Greetings to you all!

I'm really excited about the beginning of March, starting out on Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) with a catfish fry prepared by John Helms. John is well known for his cooking skills, and this should be a meal you can't miss.

Starting that Friday, March 4, the Post will start five weeks of fish fries. We had fish fries last year during Lent, but this year will be better with more variety: hand dipped fried fish, fried shrimp, fish tacos, and pasta. Fish combined with our friendly atmosphere will make a great meal on Fridays from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

We are not having Hamburger Night at the Post on Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Instead, the next day is our traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef to satisfy the Irish in us all! Green beer will be available for your purchase. The Post opens at 1 PM.

Corned Beef will be served from 2 to 7 PM. Only \$12 a plate! You can not afford to miss this meal at the Post.

We usually have our Post meeting on the third Thursday of every month; however, that conflicts with St. Patrick's Day, so the Post meeting will be the following Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>) at 7 PM.

All members are welcome to attend the Post meeting.

Over the last year we have accomplished a lot at the Post, and I believe it shows in how the building looks, a warm and friendly atmosphere and great meals at the Post. We remain short of volunteers to help us get all the work done, and we want members who want to give us some great ideas on how we can improve our Post. We don't require full time help, but a few hours each month would mean a lot. Show you care about your VFW Post by getting involved. We'll need some members to manage some important programs at our Post.

I need to fill three positions: one or more members interested in managing Membership, one to take care of our Poppy program, and a group of members to work on Donations. I will gladly work with any volunteer to make the job as easy as possible.

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### From the Auxiliary President

Hello Auxiliary Members.

Thank you for your donations for our ice cream and desserts on "food nights" every donation helps with our programs. We have been able to contribute to scholarships, VA home and VA hospital activities, new veteran support programs, and Fischer House. We delivered Valentines and little bags of sweet goodies to the VA nurses and caregivers to recognize their dedication to the VA patients.

The Auxiliary Bake Sale will be on St. Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>. Marcia and Nora are working on details and donations of baked goods.

Welcome Jeanne and Susie our new members! Sandy is also a newer member helping with the dessert table on food nights. Give them a big thanks for helping when you see them.

Check out the Action Corp Weekly online. Sign up to receive this VFW publication reporting on veteran's issues before the legislature. It can be sent to your email weekly. Go to VFW.org and select Action Corp Weekly to sign up, or just to read the articles.

No meeting in March due to St. Patty's day feast!

Next meeting is April 21, 2022. Elections for all offices and trustees will be held at that meeting. Consider getting involved by running for an office, call me to discuss or for questions about anything.

Respectfully submitted,  
Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

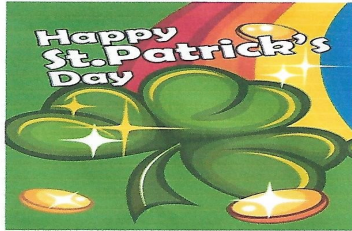
**FOR \$12 ENJOY A  
TRADITIONAL  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY  
CORNED BEEF  
MEAL  
AT THE POST  
ON MARCH 17th.**



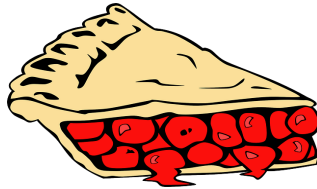
## From the Commander

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Darts continues every Tuesday at the Post at 6:30 PM through the middle of March. We will follow that up with cornhole/bags through April on Tuesday nights. I am terrible at both games, but it is a lot of fun, and sometimes you get a really good partner. Cornhole will pay out \$ to a winner every week. Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> will be our monthly Post breakfast from 8 to noon. Feedback on the breakfast is always positive, and it is a great way to start your week. Come up and enjoy.  
Larry Quilliam VFW Post 2503 Commander



Come look for the Rainbow  
March 17, 2022  
Post will open at 1:00 p.m.  
Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner  
Served between 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Green Beer  
Building fund drawing at 7:00 p.m.



**BAKED GOODS NEEDED  
FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
BAKE SALE**

Call Nora at  
402-571-5213

## ROOM RENTALS at VFW POST 2503

**NEW RATES: NORTH ROOM . . .  
\$550  
SOUTH ROOM . . . .  
\$450**

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.



# FISH FRY



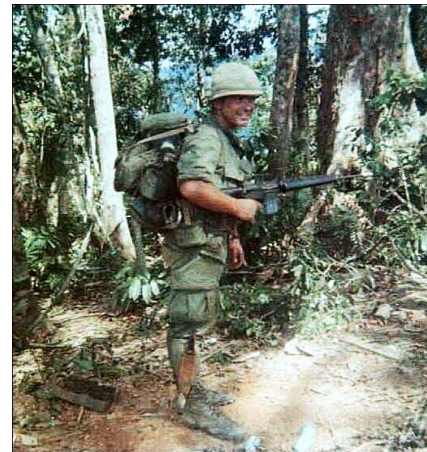
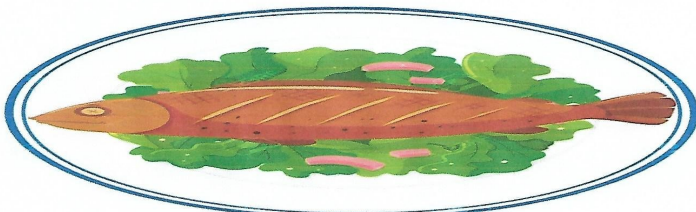
**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
Benson Post 2503  
8904 Military Road  
Omaha, NE 68134**

**\$12.00 Dinner – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

- March 2 – Ash Wednesday Catfish Dinner

**\$12.00 Dinner During Lent – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

- March 4 – Pollock or Shrimp Dinner
- March 11 – Pollock or Fish Taco Dinner
- March 18 – Pasta or Pollock Dinner
- March 25 – Pollock or Shrimp Dinner
- April 1 – Pollock or Fish Taco Dinner



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**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, IS VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

**REV ROD MESSAGE OF HOPE: To Ponder**

Home is where the story begins. As for me and my home, we will serve the Lord: *Joshua 24:15.*

Words of Wisdom: Great things come to those who believe.

May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere. *Psalms: 67:2.*

Words from **GUNSMOKE:**

*You don't leave a lot, if you don't bring a lot.*

A must read:  
*1 Timothy: 5:8.*  
Also pray for world peace.  
With love,  
Rev Rod

**"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."**  
*1 Timothy 5:8*

## 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.  
Video entries and signed entry forms are due to local VFW  
Auxiliary by March 31, 2022.  
Contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at 503-810-1216  
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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.  
The first, second and third place in each grade division will be  
displayed at National Convention.  
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BECOME A WALKER AND/OR BECOME A SPONSOR  
See information at  
The 50 Mile March Foundation  
<https://www.50milemarch.org>

**50 MILE  
MARCH**  
AUG 20-21  
**2022**  
LINCOLN TO OMAHA



## VFW POST 2503 OUTREACH UPDATE

### 50 MILE MARCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

VFW Post 2503 is partnering with this  
non-profit to help raise funds for  
Moving Veterans Forward and Guitars for Vets.  
Guitars for Vets still has about 30 pair of guitar  
pick earrings for sale. \$15 for 2 pair.

For female veterans, families of female  
vets, or anyone who provides for our  
female veteran population. Looking for  
sponsorships as well to help us with this  
inaugural event. Please dm me for more  
information!



BOMBHELLPATRIOTS.ORG

State of Nebraska Female Veteran  
Conference | Bombshell Patriots

### BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Is APRIL 8-9

Contact Taylor Frye Ullom at Guitars for Vets  
for more information [taylor@guitarsforvets.org](mailto:taylor@guitarsforvets.org)













### MOVING VETERANS FORWARD

Please support Ron Hernandez's  
participation in the 50 MILE MARCH!  
ANY living WWII, Korea, or Vietnam veteran can tell about  
his/her military service Sunday, March 6, at the POST.  
It will be recorded for the Library of Congress.  
Gulf, Iraq, and Afghan veterans  
will be interviewed at a later date.  
If you are interested, please see the contact information  
below to schedule the recording of your military service.  
Questions?  
Please contact Kathy Raabe [kfr14819@cox.net](mailto:kfr14819@cox.net)  
OR (402) 392-0210  
Thank you all for your continued generosity.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Walk 50+ miles from Lincoln to Omaha to raise  
funds and awareness for Homeless Veterans &  
Veterans with Mental Health Challenges.  
The 50 Mile March Foundation's mission is to  
support local individuals and small local  
organizations that aid in the betterment of our  
veterans who are in need of assistance.  
The 50 Mile March is as close as we can get to  
a representation of endurance and immersion,  
so the fundraisers can empathize and connect,  
with challenges that veterans might feel.

# MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>POST CLOSED</b> Post Closed	<b>POST CLOSED</b> Post Closed	<b>POST OPEN</b> Post Open	<b>POST OPEN</b> Post Open	<b>POST OPEN</b> Post Open	<b>POST OPEN</b> Post Open	<b>POST OPEN</b> Post Open
<b>VFW POST 2503 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS THROUGH MARCH</b>	<b>1 DARTS @ 6:30</b>  Pizza Everyday at VFW	<b>2 ASH WEDNESDAY HAMBURGER NIGHT CATFISH DINNER \$12</b> Crew—Cabin Crew	<b>3 Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm</b> <i>WANK GOOD!</i> - Pizza Everyday at VFW	<b>4 FISH FRY 4:30 TO 7 PM</b>  HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	<b>5</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
<b>6</b> PODCAST with VETS 8 AM to 3 PM SOUTH ROOM	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b> Hamburger Night <b>BEEF STEW</b> Crew—Pat Petersen	<b>10</b> Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm 172nd Trans 5:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00pm <i>WANK GOOD!</i> - Pizza	<b>11</b> SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS FISH FRY 4:30 TO 7 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	<b>12</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
<b>13 POST OPENS @ 8 AM BREAKFAST 8 AM to NOON</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 	<b>14</b>	<b>16 NO HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 	<b>17 POST OPENS AT 1 PM</b>  \$12 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE at 2 PM at THE POST	<b>18</b> FISH FRY 4:30 TO 7 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	<b>19</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
<b>20</b>  SPRING BEGINS <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b> Hamburger Night <b>Goulash</b> Crew—Shirley Schaefer	<b>24 POST Meeting 7:00 pm</b> House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00 pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm <i>WANK GOOD</i> Pizza	<b>25</b> FISH FRY 4:30 TO 7 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 	<b>26</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
<b>27</b> POST OPENS AT 8 AM SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST  <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	<b>28</b> 	<b>29 CORNHOLE @ 630</b>  <b>VIETNAM VETERANS DAY</b> 	<b>30</b> Hamburger Night <b>BROASTED CHICKEN</b> Crew—The Baylors	<b>31</b>		

**KITCHEN NEWS for MARCH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

**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!





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Omaha, NE 68134

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**SEE INSIDE FOR:**  
FISH FRY FRIDAY  
VETERAN PODCAST SUNDAY  
BREAKFAST SUNDAYS  
ST PATRICKS DAY

*From Your Honor Guard Captain Dan Raabe*  
**MILITARY RITES: JANUARY 2022**

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
01/03/2022 Kobs, Steven	Omaha National	9	27
01/04/2022 Minning, Timothy	Omaha National	10	30
01/06/2022 Kurnel, Charlie	Evergreen	10	30
01/06/2022 Hansen, Michael	Braman Chapel 144th	10	30
01/07/2022 Grene, Michael	Omaha National	7	21
01/07/2022 Schilds, John	Omaha National	7	21
01/08/2022 Solderg, Randall	St Vincent DePaul	6	18
01/10/2022 Kuenning, Don	Omaha National	7	21
01/12/2022 Westhalen, Wayne	Omaha National	9	27
01/14/2022 Polivn, Michael	Omaha National	7	21
01/14/2022 Hoekstra, Gerald	Omaha National	8	24
01/17/2022 Hunter, Gordon	Omaha National	8	24
01/18/2022 Chapman, Harold	Omaha National	9	27
01/19/2022 VanRoy, Daniel	Omaha National	8	24
01/21/2022 Firzly, Leo	Omaha National	11	33
01/22/2022 Dankof, Lowell	Luthn Church of Master	10	30
01/24/2022 Honke, Curtis	Omaha National	12	36
01/24/2022 Feery, John	Omaha National	12	36
01/25/2022 Abbott, Brenda	Omaha National	9	27
01/25/2022 Hazard, Arthur	Omaha National	9	27
01/26/2022 Flynn, Michael	Omaha National	5	15
01/28/2022 Raether, Jerry	Omaha National	9	27
01/28/2022 Reimers, Charles	Omaha National	9	27
01/29/2022 Hare, William Jr.	Resurrection	8	24
01/31/2022 Miller, Tony	Omaha National	9	27

\* Post Member  
Months' Total: 25 Funerals, 218 Member Participation, 654 Hours




**JANUARY 2022**  
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, MARCH 26th, for the APRIL 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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