

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

Benson VFW Post 2503

MAY 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 Hackenberg
Adjutant: Leigh Freeman
Guard: Ron Karm
Service Officer: Paul Riccio*



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

Comrades!

Cheers to all! We are celebrating our 90th year as a Post this Friday starting at 5:30 PM and Saturday starting at 4:30 PM. Please come to our Post and enjoy both events and recognize our accomplishments. Our journey has been storied with countless volunteers and wonderful veterans and loved ones who have made us a very special Post over the years.

We had some veterans who came to Omaha from all over our nation to participate in the ceremony at Memorial Park for the Airborne Gold Star families on April 23rd. Those that came to our Post the day before raved about how our nice Post. We are welcoming, cheerful, and present a proper VFW image. Many volunteer hours have gone into the improvements over the last year and a half. I hope you will be appreciative of their hard work and thank them.

If you are not coming to our Post, I believe you are missing out on a much nicer facility with a welcoming environment. Our events and activities deserve your involvement. You can start by coming to breakfast on May 1st and stay around for a terrific car show and lunch. Breakfast begins at 8 AM and all the cars should be there by noon. Still hungry after our terrific breakfast? Buy lunch starting at noon.

Starting May 1st, the Post will be open on Sundays from 12 PM to 6 pm. We hope you will come up and enjoy our Post on that day. Please contact me with ideas for activities at the Post that will attract more folks to use our Post on Sundays or any other time.

We will be serving breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, from 8 AM to noon. You can't beat the price so bring your mom, wife, family, and friends with you.

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From the Auxiliary President

Hello Auxiliary Members, We're on Facebook vfw2503

The Auxiliary elections were held April 21st. Officers for the next year are Micky Dorn, President; Linda Humphrey, Sr. Vice-President; Jan Davis, Jr. Vice-President; Sue Stark, Treasurer; Mary Quilliam, Chaplain; Marcia Jones, Conductress; and Jeanne Shadden, Guard. Trustees are Judy Erb, Geri Brown, and Judith Sedlacek. Congratulations! We will install the officers at the May 19th meeting with a joint ceremony starting at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend. There will be cake!

The Post officers will need the support of all our members to have a successful year. Consider getting involved in some way. We need help serving ice cream and the desserts on Wednesday Hamburger Nights. We need 2 people each week. Call me or bring something to the Post in the afternoon to serve about 5 PM. Thanks to everyone who helps. The sewing group meets weekly on Thursdays at 1 PM, sewing supplies, fabric and sewing machines are available.

Saturday, May 14th, is the Craft & Vendor Show. Lunch is available for \$5, Come and shop! June 5th at 1 PM is the Mad-hatter's Tea Party. Wear a hat and meet at the "Rabbit Hole" at the Post! You don't want to miss this party! Bring a friend or family member. Refreshments will be served! To RSVP or ask questions, contact Micky Dorn at (402) 850-5075.

Department Convention is in June. I will bring back information at the June meeting.

Thank you to the Auxiliary officers for a job well done this year! Our year ends in June, but our work never does! Keep working on program ideas. Consider getting involved with us for the coming year. Call me to discuss anything or for questions. Respectfully submitted,
Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

From the Commander

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Saturday, May 14th, will be a spectacular craft show at the Post from 9 AM to 3 PM. Thanks to our auxiliary for all the work they have done to put on this event. It is a great event and well worth your time to see what is offered at great prices!

Monday, May 30th, we are celebrating Memorial Day at the Post. Starting at 1 PM, we will have a formal celebration at the Post with some great speakers and our Honor Guard ceremony. Always an honorable celebration for all veterans and their families to attend this day of memory.

On Memorial Day, American flags go up around the parking lot at 7 AM and come down at 5 PM. With enough volunteers it usually only takes 30 minutes to raise or lower the flags. Please come to the Post a few minutes early so we can organize our teams. The canteen will be open from noon to 6:00 PM on Memorial Day.

If you know of someone who is eligible to be a member, please invite her or him to come to our Post to see for themselves. Wednesday dinners are always a good time for anyone to see our Post. Over the coming twelve months, I intend to focus on growing our membership. I would greatly appreciate your help.

Veterans and their families are always welcome.

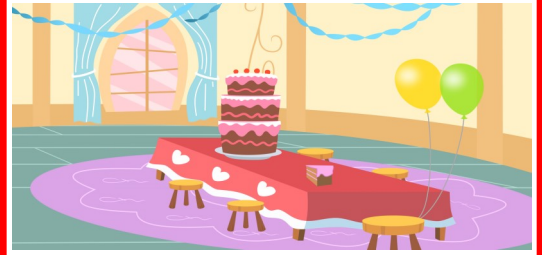
Carry on,
Larry Quilliam
VFW Post 2503 Commander

**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.



Happy Mother's Day



**MOTHER'S
DAY
BREAKFAST
AT THE POST
SUNDAY,
MAY 8th, at 8 AM to NOON.**



VFW POST 2503



SHOW & SHINE

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



CHECK IN 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
AWARDS AT 3:00 PM
BREAKFAST - 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

TROPHIES IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES: BEST FORD / BEST GENERAL MOTORS / BEST MOPAR / BEST TRUCK (ALL MAKES) / BEST ORPHAN CAR / BEST MOTORCYCLE (ALL MAKES) / COMMANDERS CHOICE FOR BEST OF SHOW / DAVE'S AUTO BODY CHOICE FOR BEST OF SHOW / TROPHIES BY: CROWN TROPHY

THERE WILL BE FOOD FROM THE GRILL ON SALE & BEVERAGES OF YOUR CHOICE FROM THE CANTEEN

THIS WILL BE A NICE GET TOGETHER NOT A BLOOD THIRSTY POINTS SHOW

LOTS OF ROOM, PARKING & LAWN AREA TO RELAX

QUESTIONS CALL DUKE 402-830-0331 ~ COME HAVE FUN WITH US AT THE VFW!

Special thanks to our sponsor:

**DAVE'S
AUTO BODY CO.**
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POST CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE OF FAITH

One thing I remember from my Drill Sergeant: he said, "I won't ask you to do anything I wouldn't do." As your chaplain, I am asking you to do what I should do, and what I am sincerely working on. Each Sabbath day, we pray *The Lord's Prayer*. The key to this prayer is the most difficult thing of all that God asks us to do: forgive those who have done us wrong. I can share this one experience with you. If you take *The Lord's Prayer* seriously, you will eventually come across something you thought was a sin to be forgiven, but it really isn't. Nobody needs us to be judgmental. Right now, there are veterans of the US Army who are living on the Mexican side of the border. There are veterans who stand up for our freedom, but who are not yet free to love who they want. Jesus never asked us to hold these grudges, and neither do I. In the long run, I have faith in those who have stood up for freedom, like our VFW members. The same people who will not abandon our fallen in the field, and will not abandon them during the hard part of their lives.

That is why I am proud to be a member of the VFW.

Dennis Kerr

2022-2023 VFW POST 2503 ELECTION RESULTS

COMMANDER.....Larry Quilliam

SENIOR-VICE COMMANDER.....Al Dorn

JUNIOR-VICE COMMANDER.....Sharon Cooper

QUARTERMASTER.....Dan Raabe

CHAPLAIN.....Dennis Kerr

THREE-YEAR TRUSTEE.....Bill Hackenberg



**VFW
POST
2503**

**SPRING CRAFT
& VENDOR
SHOW**

FOOD & RAFFLES
ALL DAY LONG


**SATURDAY
MAY 14, 2022
9AM TO 3PM**

Free Admission



**MEMORIAL
DAY**

**POST FLAGS UP at 7 AM
POST OPENS at NOON
POST CEREMONY at 1 PM
POST FLAGS DOWN at 5 PM
POST CANTEEN CLOSES at 6 PM**



**MOVING
VETERANS
FORWARD**

MAY DONATIONS

With the heat and summer coming, we need to keep the movers and other volunteers hydrated. If you locate a great deal on bottled water, Gatorade, or Powerade, that would be great. Just bring it to the Post Quartermaster's closet to be delivered to Ron.

Questions?
Please contact Kathy Raabe kfr14819@cox.net
OR (402) 392-0210
Thank you all for your continued generosity.

BECOME A WALKER AND/OR BECOME A SPONSOR

See information at

The 50 Mile March Foundation

<https://www.50milmarch.org>

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.



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

**OPERATION
50 MILE
MARCH
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WARRIOR**

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KITCHEN NEWS for MAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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 OPEN at Noon ON SUNDAYS THROUGH MAY	MONDAY Post Closed	TUESDAY Post Open	WEDNESDAY Post Open	THURSDAY Post Open	FRIDAY Post Open	SATURDAY Post Open
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT 8 AM <i>Room Rentals Available</i>			4 Hamburger Night CINCO de MAYO MEXICAN CUISINE Crew—Cabin Crew	5 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW	6 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW	7  CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW 9 AM to 3 PM <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
8 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT 8 AM <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	9	10 <i>Thank good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	11 Hamburger Night SHRIMP BASKET Crew—The Baylors	12 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm 172nd Trans 5:00 pm Am Legion SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 6 pm Honor Guard 7:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza	13 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS @ 6 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW	14 <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
15 <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	16	17 <i>Thank good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	18 Hamburger Night BAKED HAM Crew— Am Legion #112	19 POST/AUX Meeting 7:00 pm House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00pm <i>Thank good</i> Pizza	20 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW	21 <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
22 <i>Room Rentals Available</i>	23	24 <i>Thank good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	25 Hamburger Night CHICKEN FRIED STEAK Crew—Jerry Becker	26 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW	27 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	28 <i>Room Rentals Available</i>
29 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST—KIDS EAT FREE—8 AM TO NOON 	30 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY at 1 PM  THANK YOU! POST OPENS at NOON	31 BOB FIELDS BAND @ 7 PM 				
All gave some... Some gave all Remember them this Memorial Day 						



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SEE INSIDE FOR:
CAR SHOW MAY 1st
CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

From Your Honor Guard Captain Dan Raabe
MILITARY RITES: MARCH 2022

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
03/01/2022 Went, Donald	Omaha National	8	24
03/03/2022 Wilson, Don	Omaha National	8	24
03/03/2022 Lasicka, Michael	Omaha National	8	24
03/04/2022 Ronnfeldt, William	Omaha National	8	24
03/04/2022 Reigenborn, Gregory	Omaha National	9	27
03/04/2022 Nieber, James	Omaha National	9	27
03/07/2022 Marshal, Thomas	Omaha National	8	24
03/07/2022 Lewis, Jerry	Omaha National	8	24
03/08/2022 Steen, Larry	Evergreen	8	24
03/09/2022 Hanson, Tom	German Cem. Blair	7	21
03/10/2022 Focher, Allen	Omaha National	5	15
03/12/2022 Javiero, Frank	Gentelmans 72nd St	6	18
03/17/2022 Villarrua, Jose	Omaha National	10	30
03/18/2022 Langan, Bervard	Omaha National	8	24
03/18/2022 Nielsen, Russell	Omaha National	9	27
03/21/2022 Jackson, Morris	Omaha National	11	33
03/21/2022 Becker, Neil	Calvary	10	30
03/22/2022 Jonas, Dennis	Calvary	9	27
03/25/2022 Bathen, Edward	Resurrection	10	30
03/31/2022 Nary, Leo	Omaha National	10	30

• Post Member

Months' Total: 20 Funerals, 149 Member Participation, 447 Hours

MARCH 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, MAY 21st, for the JUNE 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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Checks Only—No Cash / Return this form to the Post