

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

Benson VFW Post 2503

JUNE 2022

www.VFWPost2503.org

**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
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AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2021-2022

*President: Micky Dorn
Sr. Vice President: Linda Humphrey
Jr. Vice President: Jan Davis
Treasurer: Sue Stark
Secretary: Luanne Rosso
Chaplain: Mary Dalton
Conductress: Marcia Jones
Guard: Jeanne Shadden
Patriotic Instructor: Luanne Rosso*

From the Commander

Comrades!

I hope you will make it to our Memorial Day Ceremony at the Post on Monday May 30th at 1:00 PM. It is a time to remember how indebted we are to those who gave their lives for our Country and our freedoms.

Wednesday, June the 1st you are invited to our weekly dinner. Because it is a holiday week we are having hamburger or cheeseburger baskets to give Linda Humphrey a little break. Please come to the Post and have a fun dinner on Wednesday.

As we move forward into summer you should make plans to use our Post as often as you can. We have done so much work to make it a great place to bring your friends and family, now is the time to use it. Pay attention to the events going on at the Post by following what messages we have on our tv screen at the Post. Our calendar is another good source, but sometimes new events pop up you may want to be aware of.

Over the next year, I intend to work very hard on getting new members. Phil Burris (402) 739-0441 is our membership chairman who would love to hear from you if you know of a potential new member. Please call him or direct your eligible friends to him.

It is no secret that membership numbers are declining at most VFW Posts, not because there are not enough veterans who have served, but because they believe we don't offer our younger members activities to make it worth their time. I disagree with that premise because every veteran can be involved with our Post and enjoy our facility. I agree there is more for us to do. And with some people already on board with great ideas, we will be offering more in the months ahead. As a veteran you deserve recognition for your service and should have a welcoming place to be with others who have also served. As we move ahead I hope when you meet a fellow veteran, you will encourage them to come to our Post and see with their own eyes: We are a positive welcoming place to be.

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From the Auxiliary President

Hello to all, Happy Spring/Summer!

May 19th Dixie Hild, Past National Auxiliary President, installed the officers for 2022-2023 year. President Micky Dorn, Sr. VP Linda Humphrey, Jr. VP Jan Davis, Treasurer Sue Stark, Sec'y Lu Rosso, Conductress Marcia Jones, Chaplain Mary Dalton, Guard Jeanne Shadden. Trustees: Judy Erb, Geri Brown, Judith Sedlacek.

Wear a hat! Come to a Mad Hatters Tea Party on Sunday June 5th 1-3 pm. All are welcome to bring a friend, check on a member who may need a ride.

This is the end of our Auxiliary year. New programs will be coming out after convention.

Convention is June 10-12 in Kearney, NE

Next meeting is June 16; plan to attend; if you need a ride please call.

We have had a very active, successful year. Thank you to all Post Auxiliary members and friends for your support and participation in activities.

Wednesday night Desserts: we need cakes, cookies, pie, or ice cream for Wednesdays June 8, 15, 22, & 29. Call me or bring something to the Post to donate for dessert any Wednesday! Thank you!

Condolences to the families of our Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers who have passed this year. Their names will be read at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Looking forward to a new Auxiliary year!

**Respectfully submitted,
Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075**

From the Commander

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June 11th ABATE is having their motorcycle show and gathering at RiverWest Park starting at noon. ABATE is an organization that serves the motorcycle community and offers special training for insurance discounts for bikers. They have been a huge supporter of our Post, and offer food and music at the event along the Elkhorn River. Please make every effort to attend the event and support their group.

Finally on June 12th will be a great morning to rise and shine and come to our Post for a great breakfast, followed by a car show of classic hot rods.

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.



**Proof you can be any age
to play Darts at the Post.
LENA WILSON and LEE TERRY**



BE REMEMBERED.

**JOIN THE VFW POST 2503
HONOR GUARD.**

**IT'S A BLESSED FEELING
TO HONOR THE MEN AND
WOMEN WHO SERVED
OUR COUNTRY.**

**THE FAMILIES OF THESE
AMERICAN HEROES WILL
FOREVER HOLD YOU IN
THEIR HEARTS.**

Chrome At The River

Eastern Nebraska's Annual Ride In Bike Show

Saturday, June 11, 2022

RiverWest Park, 233rd & West Maple Road



Prizes | Live Music | Food Truck
Beer Garden | Camping (optional)



SCHEDULE

11 a.m. - Noon	Bike Show Registration/Entry
1 p.m.	Bike Rodeo
	Bike Show Judging Starts
4:30 p.m.	Bike Show Winners Announced
6:30 p.m.	Raffle Winner Announced
7-11 p.m.	Byron James Gang Concert

DETAILS

ABATE MEMBERS \$5 (lifetime members free with membership card);
non-members \$10; 12 and under free; 13-20 \$5

Beer Garden - 21 and older event after 6 p.m.

Event will be held rain or shine

No dogs allowed for insurance purposes



POST CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE OF FAITH

The cold war loomed large. I knew the older brothers of my grade school friends, and they were sent to Vietnam for a hot war. We smaller kids did not understand why, exactly. I wanted to find out why, and I watched Walter Cronkite with my parents after cartoons were over. Imagine being a parent trying to explain the "why" of a stupid cold-hot war. And it seemed it would all go on forever, even after Vietnam ended. In 1979, however, Pope John Paul II visited Poland. He told them "Be not afraid." And because he is Polish, and because Christianity is the religion of forgiveness, he told them to forgive the Russians, and in news reports, they did. At that moment I felt the ground move. The mood had changed, the real mood under everything changed for the better. I had no way of knowing that while I was in the U.S. Army the first time, the Berlin Wall would fall and the Soviet Union would collapse. I trace it all back to that moment when the Polish and Russian people began to realize the cold war was just a giant and hateful waste of time. John Paul taught us a valuable lesson about a life of faith in times of hardship, and forgiving others as Jesus tells us to do. And, I invite you to join me in prayer for Ukraine and Russia, that this war will end justly, and soon.

Dennis Kerr



JUNE DONATIONS

We are in need of dish-drain racks, ice-cube trays, hand mixers, electric can-openers, silverware trays, toilet brushes, shower curtains and rings, bathroom rugs, and kitchen rugs.

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

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



JUNE 2022

SUNDAY Post Closed	MONDAY Post Closed	TUESDAY Post Open	WEDNESDAY Post Open	THURSDAY Post Open	FRIDAY Post Open	SATURDAY Post Open
<p>KITCHEN NEWS for JUNE</p> <p><u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u></p> <p>Volunteers to head up or work a Wednesday night crew. Also needed is someone who can come in during the day EACH Wednesday to help with prep and setup for Wednesday night hamburger nights. It takes a team to make this happen so please think about helping out. Please contact Linda at 531-205-5641</p>	 <p>THANK YOU! MEMORIAL DAY</p>		<p>1 <u>Hamburger Night</u> HAMBURGER OR CHEESEBURGER BASKET</p> <p>Crew—Shirley Schaefer</p>	<p>2 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>3 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>4 Room Rentals Available</p>
<p>5 Room Rentals Available</p>		<p>7 <i>Thank good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>8 <u>Hamburger Night</u> HAMBURGER STROGANOFF</p> <p>Crew—The Bayers</p>	<p>9 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm 172nd Trans 5:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>10 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS @ 6 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>11 CHROME AT THE RIVER RIVER WEST PARK 11 AM Room Rentals Available</p>
<p>12 POST OPENS @ 8 AM BREAKFAST 8 AM to NOON</p> 		<p>14 FLAG DAY</p>  <p>Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>15 <u>Hamburger Night</u> ITALIAN SAUSAGE SANDWICH</p> <p>Crew—Pat Petersen</p>	<p>16 POST/AUX Meeting 7:00 pm House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00pm <i>Thank good</i> Pizza</p>	<p>17 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>18 Room Rentals Available</p>
<p>19 FATHER'S DAY</p>  <p>Room Rentals Available</p>		<p>21 BOB FIELDS BAND @ 7 PM</p>  <p>SUMMER BEGINS</p>	<p>22 <u>Hamburger Night</u> POLLOCK</p> <p>Crew—Cabin Crew</p>	<p>23 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>24 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>25 Room Rentals Available</p>
<p>26 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST—KIDS EAT FREE— 8 AM TO NOON</p> 		<p>28 <i>Thank good</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>	<p>29 <u>Hamburger Night</u> CHICKEN FRIED STEAK</p> <p>Crew—The Bayers</p>	<p>30 <i>Thank good!</i> – Pizza Everyday at VFW</p>		



Happy Summer Solstice



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& CAR SHOW
CHROME AT THE RIVER
HAMBURGER NIGHTS**

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

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
4/01/22 Wayne Shrycok	Calvary	9	27
4/02/22 Robert A. Iseline	Westlawn	6	18
4/04/22 * Robert N. Eggers	Evergreen	12	36
4/05/22 Michael J. O'Neil	Heafey - 78th Center	12	36
4/08/22 James A. Woods	Omaha National	13	39
4/09/22 Patrick J. Hergoz	Heafey - 78th Center	10	30
4/11/22 Berl L. Thomas	Omaha National	11	33
4/11/22 Mark McKenzie	Omaha National	12	36
4/14/22 Robert Frazier	Forest Lawn	8	24
4/14/22 Lee Bernstein	Evergreen	9	27
4/18/22 Janet L. Fields	Omaha National	11	33
4/18/22 Edward Hale	Omaha National	11	33
4/20/22 Ivo G. Sung	Resurrection	9	27
4/21/22 Richard Roth	Resurrection	11	33
4/22/22 * Jay Donaho	Omaha National	14	42
4/22/22 Leonard Linafelten	Forest Lawn	13	39
4/22/22 John Rankin	Omaha National	12	36
4/23/22 Fred Ward	Westlawn	8	24
4/25/22 Ronald Parr	Omaha National	14	42
4/26/22 Antonio Calabro	Westlawn	8	24
4/27/22 William Baggett	Evergreen	10	30
4/28/22 Mark Crockett	Omaha National	5	15
4/30/22 Michael Simsitch	Holy Sepulchre	8	24
• Post Member			

Months' Total: 23 Funerals, 236 Member Participation, 708 Hours



APRIL 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, JUNE 18th, for the JULY 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.

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Phone # _____

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Checks Only—No Cash / Return this form to the Post