

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

# Benson VFW Post 2503

## JULY 2022

[www.VFWPost2503.org](http://www.VFWPost2503.org)

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



### POST 2503 OFFICERS 2022-2023

*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: Richard Runnels  
Guard: T Trotty  
Service Officer: Paul Riccio*



### AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2022-2023

*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!

The Post will be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. No hamburger night on the 6<sup>th</sup> to give our kitchen volunteers time to rest and recharge. If you are having a difficult time while the fireworks are going off, please contact the VA Hospital. They are prepared to give you aide.

For the eight families who purchased bricks to be engraved and laid around our Post flag, you can find them in the Northeast section.

Recently, I sent out emails requesting volunteers to help in the kitchen. Our volunteers know it is rewarding work for one day every 6 weeks. Please join our terrific volunteers, have some fun and help either one Wednesday every 6 weeks, or you can work with Linda Humphrey for a few hours each week. The meals we make do play a huge role in helping our Post serve our community. Become a hero in our Post!

Lots of activities are going on this summer at the Post in which you can participate. Breakfast will be at the Post on Sundays: July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and September 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM followed by a Car Show in our parking lot. The Car Shows sponsor a valuable service group each month and we need your support. The July Show supports the 50 Mile March. Bring your car, your friends, your family, and your walking shoes to enjoy all these events.

July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM, the Quilts of Valor will be honoring those who have served by giving them a glorious quilt. Plan to attend these events at the Post. It means a great deal to those receiving a quilt and to their families who are honored.

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### From the Auxiliary President

Hello Auxiliary!

It is now the New Year for the Auxiliary. New officers have been installed, and 2503 brought home many awards for last year's programs: membership, 1016 hospital volunteer hours, youth scholarships, Veteran/Family Support, Poppy programs, and the Outstanding President/Auxiliary award to name just a few.

Our membership reached 100% paid annual member dues, Life members do not pay dues, consider life membership. We have 401 members now! Dues notices will be mailed soon for your 2022-2023 annual dues to be paid by December 31. We need to update files, especially email addresses, home addresses and phone numbers.

Thank you for supporting your auxiliary!

What is next? All new programs. Donations for desserts, fundraising to help veteran activities, emphasizing our women veterans' programs: mental health, suicide prevention, and community involvement. We still need weekly donations for desserts and to buy ice cream every week, so please bring a cake or pie (store bought is just fine)! Thanks for all the donations this year. People loved having dessert available and donations made our income this year. Our Mad Hatters tea party was "hopping" good fun! Outrageous hats were everywhere!

Please let us know if you or a friend in the Auxiliary are ill or have passed. We want to send a card or memorial, and we offer a short ceremony at the visitation for deceased members. Thanks for your ongoing support of the Auxiliary. Welcome to our new year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

**From the Commander**

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July 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> is the VFW National Convention at the Convention Center in Kansas City. It is a short drive to get there and worth your time to join in.

You can register for the event at the Convention Center.

Our VFW Post is here to serve you. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to serve you. Volunteers and ideas are always welcome.

Carry on,

Larry Quilliam  
VFW Post 2503  
Commander

**ROOM RENTALS at  
VFW POST 2503**

**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.



DEMOCRACY  
WOULD BE PERFECT  
IF EVERYONE  
AGREED WITH ME

**The Voice Of Democracy 2022-23**

theme is:

**"Why is the Veteran Important?"**

and

**The Patriots Pen 2022-23**

theme is:

**"My Pledge to Our Veterans."**

Voice of Democracy is for grades 9-12, and Patriots Pen is for grades 6-8. Copies of the entry information will be placed on the Canteen tables at the Post.

Entry deadline is 31 October 2022.



VFW Post 2503 Honor Guard Raises the new Flag at the Post for Memorial Day.

L to R: Les Hardesty, Greg Peteler, Duke Humphrey, James Beerman, and Leo Harrington.



The new Defibrillator has been installed in the Post Canteen. Honor Guard member Sherry Kaminski helped to procure it for the Post for a reasonable cost, which was paid for by anonymous donors. Thanks to all who helped the Post acquire this needed heart-emergency equipment.



**L to R:** Ron Hernandez, Mary Dalton, & Larry Quilliam. VFW Post 2503 Honor Guard sponsored a Hole at the Awaken Chiropractic Annual Golf Tournament at Eagle Hills Golf Course on June 24th.



**L to R:** Dan & Kathy Raabe, Larry Quilliam & Mary Dalton. VFW Post 2503 & Auxiliary supported the Guitar for Vets Concert at Nebraska Brewing on June 26th.

MAIN NUMBER (888) 421-0819  
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### 3RD ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE POKER RUN & PARTY

SAT JULY 9TH

**POKER RUN** FREE SWAG, RAFFLES & PRIZES  
-8AM-10AM REG & FREE BREAKFAST  
-RIDE AT YOUR OWN PACE  
-MILITARY THEMED STOPS  
-4PM AWARDS (\$100 CASH TO BEST HAND)

**PARTY**  
-LIVE MUSIC 2PM-5PM  
-FOOD TRUCKS & COLD BEVERAGES  
-VENDORS  
-ENTER TO WIN

**1ST HAND \$20 PER PERSON & \$5 EACH ADDITIONAL HAND**

**IKS** 100% OF RIDE PROCEEDS BENEFITING  
**MOVING VETERANS FORWARD**  
**CDDT** CUSTOM DIESEL DRIVERS TRAINING

Check our Facebook page for complete event details



## JULY DONATIONS

We are in need of these groceries:  
Coffee, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Hamburger Helper, Ketchup, and Mustard.

And we are in need of the following utensils: Dish-Drainers, Coffee Makers, Tea Pots, Hand-Mixers, Silverware Trays, Pitchers, Toilet Brushes, Electric Skillets, Shower Curtain & Liner Rings, Bathroom Rugs, Kitchen Rugs, Colanders, Mops, Brooms, Buckets, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, New Pillows, and Comforters.

Questions?

Please contact Kathy Raabe at

[kfr14819@cox.net](mailto: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



# VA Show and Shine

LIVE MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS

## CALLING ALL VETERANS

You are invited to attend our Veterans Show and Shine Event on Saturday, July 30, at the Center Mall Parking Lot located at 42nd Street and Center Street in Omaha, Nebraska

Show off your Car/Truck/Motorcycle while also learning more about the services and programs that your VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System offers!

Entry Fee: Free!  
Date: July 30th, 2022  
Time: 1100-1200 Set up/Registration  
1200-1400 Show and Shine  
Location: Center Mall Parking Lot (42nd St. & Center)

# JULY 2022

## KITCHEN NEWS for JULY



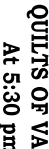




### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Room Rentals Available		Post Closed TODAY	 NO Hamburger Night Marine Corps League Meeting	 QUILTS OF VALOR At 5:30 pm	SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS @ 6 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
POST OPENS @ 8 AM <b>BREAKFAST</b> 8 AM to NOON and CAR SHOW 		<i>MEMOR GOOD</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	Hamburger Night PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SANDWICH Crew— Am Leg #112	Sewing Ladies 1:00pm 172nd Trans 5:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00pm <i>MEMOR GOOD!</i> - Pizza Everyday at VFW	HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>MEMOR GOOD!</i> - Pizza Everyday at VFW	DAUGHTERS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR meeting 10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	MEETS @ 7pm 	<i>MEMOR GOOD</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW	Hamburger Night BROASTED CHICKEN Crew—Jerry Becker	<b>POST/AUX Meeting 7:00 pm</b> House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00pm <i>MEMOR GOOD</i> —Pizza Everyday at VFW	HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 <i>MEMOR GOOD!</i> - Pizza Everyday at VFW	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST —KIDS EAT FREE— 8 AM TO NOON 	US Coast Guard Aux	<i>MEMOR GOOD</i> Pizza Everyday at VFW BOB FIELDS BAND @ 7 PM 	Hamburger Night CHICKEN FRIED STEAK Crew—Shirley Schaefer	Sewing Ladies 1:00pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm <i>MEMOR GOOD!</i> - Pizza Everyday at VFW	HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 QUILTS OF VALOR At 5:30 pm <i>MEMOR GOOD!</i> - Pizza Everyday at VFW	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
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Omaha, NE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**SEE INSIDE FOR:**  
**SUNDAY BREAKFAST  
& CAR SHOWS.**  
  
**KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED NOW TO SERVE  
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

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

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
5/02/2022 Bernie Kouza	Resurrection	7	21
5/02/2022 Clifford L. Baldwin Jr	Omaha National	6	18
5/04/2022 Martin Watson Jr	Forest Lawn	10	30
5/05/2022 Huey L. Vinson	Omaha National	5	15
5/05/2022 Marvin D. Jensen	Omaha National	6	18
5/06/2022 William Kline	Omaha National	10	30
5/10/2022 Roger Rhoads	Omaha National	5	15
5/10/2022 Allen Smith	Omaha National	5	15
5/12/2022 Lloyd Shalla	Forest Lawn	8	24
5/13/2022 Charles Baswell	Omaha National	9	27
5/13/2022 Edward Malashock	Temple Israel	8	24
5/16/2022 Sanford Beasley	Omaha National	8	24
5/17/2022 Ronald Alhann	Omaha National	6	18
5/18/2022 Donald Jensen	Westlawn	9	27
5/21/2022 Greg Cutchall	Forest Lawn	7	21
5/23/2022 Zach Cherry	Omaha National	10	30
5/23/2022 Bobby Howell	Omaha National	10	30
5/24/2022 Donald Gould	Omaha National	5	15
5/25/2022 William A. Schwisow	Westlawn	8	24
5/27/2022 Steven E. Schafer	Omaha National	11	33
5/27/2022 Steven McCarthy	Omaha National	11	33
5/28/2022 John Badliff	Omaha National	6	18

• Post Member

Months' Total: 22 Funerals, 170 Member Participation, 510 Hours



**MAY 2022**  
**All of our brave brothers**  
**And sisters**  
**who have**  
**Passed before us.**

**GULF WARS AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS**

**YOU SERVED WITH HONOR, VALOR,  
AND DISTINCTION.**



**VFW POST 2503  
STANDS WITH YOU.  
WELCOME HOME !**

**NOTICE:** All articles should be in the Newsletter Box, **IN WRITING**, at the Post no later than **SATURDAY, JULY 23rd**, for the **AUGUST 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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