

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

Benson VFW Post 2503

AUGUST 2022

www.vfwpost2503.org
(402)-571-8397

**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!

My wife and I went to the VFW national Convention recently and learned a lot about programs offered to members. The mission of the VFW is to support all veterans and their families, but there are also benefits for all members. Those benefits include discounts on insurance and financial benefits, technology and electronics, publications, subscriptions, financial planning, medical services, retail discounts, travel planning, transitioning to civilian life, end of life services and the VFW Store. I strongly encourage you to go online at VFW.org and explore for yourself some of their opportunities.

While at the convention, the VFW stressed the importance of getting new members to join. By gaining new members, we will keep our Post strong and help ensure the VFW continues to promote your benefits to our State Legislatures and Congress. Many of our younger veterans have different issues than those of us who served decades ago, but their issues are no less severe. Their health in the immediate and longer term should be addressed by Congress now, such as passing the PACT Act. Recruiting new members is not only the responsibility of your Post Commander, but also the responsibility of everyone who belongs to the VFW. If you know of a veteran who is eligible to join, ask them to come to our Post and see that we are a welcoming friendly Post that is very active in serving our veteran community.

We have spent two years updating our Post for your enjoyment. However, only a fraction of members attends regularly. Many of you know members who are not showing up. Why not contact some you know and encourage them to come to our Post for one of our events. Please call your buddy, your friend, or family and meet them at the Post to renew your friendship while enjoying our surroundings and friendly atmosphere.

We have some great events in August including a breakfast and a car show at the Post starting at 8 AM on Sunday the 14th. Donations will go to the Post for our efforts to assist veterans in need.

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From the Auxiliary President

Hello Auxiliary!

This is the first month of the new Auxiliary year! We are off to a great start with one new member, and the first of our annual member renewals are already rolling in. Dues notices are out, and please send a check right away so you don't forget! I have a mailbox in the Canteen. You can bring your dues to the Post on Hamburger Night. Save a stamp!

The Buddy Poppy is 100 years-old this month! Chairwomen, Jan Davis and Jan Brown are joining with the Post to distribute and collect donations for Buddy Poppies. Three Poppy events have been held already with more planned. Proceeds go to the relief funds of the Post and Auxiliary. Notice the donation cans and some sweet Poppy displays. Give generously to this traditional Program.

The Auxiliary offers Department scholarships for college or trade schools and art, singing, and coloring contests for grade schoolers. Ask one of us or pick up applications in the Canteen. Coloring contest pages for grade schoolers are available from Luanne Rosso and are to be returned to her for judging and submission for prizes.

Fly your flags proudly every day! Contact us if you do not know how to properly display your flag.

Activities for September: 9/11 Patriots Day and First Responder Recognition Day 9/11/2022. The Post and Auxiliary are planning a Missing Man Table ceremony for POW-MIA Remembrance Day. It is September 16, 2022. More details will be announced soon. Plan to attend since it is a very moving ceremony.

Thank you to members and friends for your generous donations to our Auxiliary in June and July.

Respectfully submitted,
Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

From the Commander

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If you enjoy golf or watching some of the best golfers in the world you should plan to attend the Pinnacle Bank Championship at Indian Creek on August 11th – 14th at Indian Creek Golf Course in Elkhorn. Veterans, Military, and First Responders are admitted for free! You are also invited to the hospitality tent on the 9th green. One day or all four is a great time to see these players take on a very difficult course. The Viet Nam Veteran Convention is August 11-14th in Kearney. Please plan to attend if you are eligible. Go to www.vetsreunion.com to find out more information.

The 50-Mile March is August 20th and 21st. It will end at the Nebraska Brewery the afternoon of the 21st. I urge you to attend and support those tired walkers. They are completing a two-day non-stop walk with a 50 lb. pack on their backs from Lincoln to Omaha for the benefit of Veterans in need. They need to see how we support and care for our veterans.

August 27th will be Huskers Saturday! Potluck at the Post from 11:30 to 4:30. Bring food and cheer for our team on this first game of the season. The Post will have mini-pizzas available for \$2.50. We will have fun!

Finally, we must appreciate the hard work of every volunteer. We always need more volunteers to help, and it is very rewarding work. Do you have time each month to help us out? Call me at 503-970-7061 and we can make a good fit for your efforts. You won't regret it.

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.



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.

CONTACT SHARON COOPER at 402-676-5253 or e-mail to purplebelt@cox.net



L to R: Tom Adams, Leo Harrington, Barry Abel, Leigh Freeman, Tom Dyrda, Sharon Cooper, Ron Braun

VFW POST 2503 COLOR GUARD Independence Day Parade, Ralston, NE

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL 2022

Nebraska Cornhuskers **Aug 27, 11:30 AM** @ Northwestern Wildcats



**SEE YOU AT THE POST
BRING A POTLUCK DISH OR SNACKS**



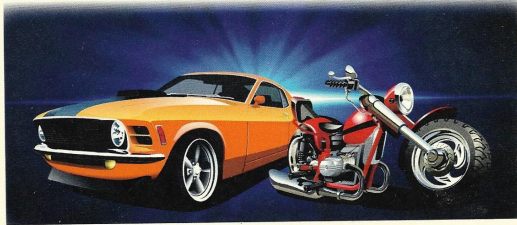


VFW Post # 2503
8904 Military Rd
Omaha, NE



Show & Shine for 2022

JOIN US FOR OUR SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW.
SUNDAY 14 AUGUST
BREAKFAST
8AM - 11AM
SHOW & SHINE
NOON - 3PM



Bring out your sweet ride! All makes, models, and bikes welcome. Come and support your local VFW Post 2503!
\$50 Prize to the "Crowd Favorite Ride"

PTSD: IT'S NOT THE PERSON REFUSING TO LET GO OF THE PAST, BUT THE PAST REFUSING TO LET GO OF THE PERSON.

VFW Post 2503 SPONSORS EVENT FOR AID TO VETERANS, AND GETS RESULTS!

The Post's Honor Guard sponsored a Hole at the Awaken Chiropractic Annual Golf Tournament at Eagle Hills Golf Course on June 24th.
\$4,000 was raised for Moving Veterans Forward.



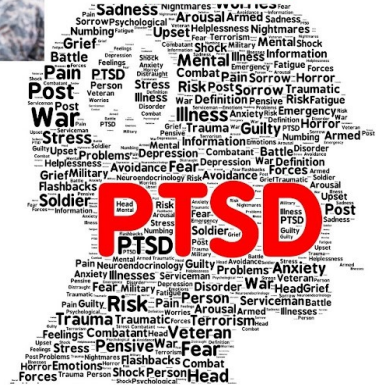
"Silouan Green's journey of overcoming incredible personal trauma to find passion and purpose in life is both inspirational and timely. I look forward to helping spread the word and reach those who need to hear his message."
To register, email: donna68701@yahoo.com

"TALK SAVES LIVES"

Sun. Sept. 25, 12-4pm VFW Post 2503, 8904 Military Road, Omaha, NE 68134



12-12:45pm Lunch served
1-2pm Guest speaker Silouan Green
2:15-3:15pm Talk Saves Lives training AFSP
3:30pm Closing and Q&A



Sponsored by Northeast NE Suicide Prevention Coalition

CONTACT Kathy Raabe at kfr14819@cox.net



ATTENTION

TRAVELERS to Hotels, Motels, Inns, ABNBs, & etc.

Please SAVE

UN-USED and UN-OPENED

Personal care products from the places you stay while traveling and bring them to the POST.

We will take them to the Veterans Home in Bellevue, NE.



AUGUST DONATIONS

We are in DESPERATE need of these items: 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

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.



Do you remember the feeling

of pride and honor you had

when you

put on your uniform?

EXPERIENCE THAT FEELING

AGAIN BY JOINING

THE VFW POST 2503 HONOR GUARD.

When at the Post, just contact Captain Dan

Raabe or an Honor Guard Member.



AUGUST 2022

KITCHEN NEWS for AUGUST

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. Please contact Linda at 531-205-5641

PLEASE THANK

COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS and GOLD STAR FAMILIES for THEIR SACRIFICE FOR COUNTRY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Room Rentals Available		Crew— P Petersen	MEATBALL SUBS <u>Hamburger Night</u>		HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PURPLE HEART DAY 			<u>Hamburger Night</u> SHRIMP BASKET Crew— Cabin Crew Marine Corps League Meeting at 7 pm	Sewing Ladies 1:00pm 172nd Trans 5:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00 pm Pinnacle Bank Cham-pionship at Indian Creek Golf Course Veterans get in free	SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS @ 6 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 8/11 to 8/14: Vietnam Veterans Convention in Kearney	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
Room Rentals Available						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
POST OPENS @ 8 AM BREAKFAST 8 AM to NOON and CAR SHOW 			<u>Hamburger Night</u> BROASTED CHICKEN Crew— Bayers	POST/TAUX Meeting 7:00 pm House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00pm	HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	50 MILE MARCH DAUGHTERS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR meeting 1 PM 10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
50 MILE MARCH		US Coast Guard Aux MEETS @ 7 PM BOB FIELDS BAND @ 7 PM	<u>Hamburger Night</u> BAKED SPAGHETTI Crew—Am Legion #112	Sewing Ladies 1:00pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm	HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
Room Rentals Available						
28	29	30	31			
SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST—KIDS EAT FREE—8 AM TO NOON 			<u>Hamburger Night</u> CHICKEN FRIED STEAK Crew—Jerry Becker			
Room Rentals Available						



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Omaha, NE 68134

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SEE INSIDE FOR:
**SUNDAY BREAKFAST
& CAR SHOW.**

50 MILE MARCH

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL GAME

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

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
6/01/2022 Charles Wells	Omaha National	10	30
6/01/2022 Paul Beueckner	Omaha National	11	33
6/02/2022 Dwayne Honea	Omaha National	6	18
6/02/2022 Manuel Gonzales	Roeder	5	15
6/03/2022 John Marangille	Heafey	6	18
6/03/2022 Stanley Beckwith	Omaha National	9	27
6/06/2022 Larrs Filipis	Omaha National	7	21
6/07/2022 Curt Brunworgh	Omaha National	9	27
6/09/2022 James Lee Manzer	Omaha National	8	24
6/10/2022 Lane Whitaker	Omaha National	11	33
6/10/2022 Aioli Roehr	Calvary	14	42
6/13/2022 Kevin Mann	Omaha National	9	27
6/13/2022 Bryon Oberst	Calvary	10	30
6/16/2022 Michael Kielian	Omaha National	8	24
6/17/2022 Marvin Woosley	Omaha National	7	21
6/17/2022 William O'Brian	Resurrection	7	21
6/21/2022 Charles Haller	Omaha National	8	24
6/21/2022 Roger Anderson	Omaha National	8	24
6/23/2022 Michael Nelson	Omaha National	9	27
6/24/2022 Oscar Pulliam	Omaha National	6	18
6/25/2022 Robert Medley	Christ of Christ Church	5	15
6/28/2022 James Meehan	Omaha National	8	24
6/29/2022 Lewis Klandbrud	Hillcrest	5	15
6/30/2022 Ohn Fischer	Omaha National	8	24
6/30/2022 William Christoffersen	Hillcrest	9	27

• Post Member

Months' Total: 25 Funerals, 203 Member Participation, 609 Hours



JUNE 2022
All of our brave brothers
And sisters

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, AUGUST 20TH, for the **SEPTEMBER 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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